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# MILLER DENOUNCES KERN'S NEGLECT OF DUTIES IN SENATE

District Attorney Says Advocate for preme court of Idaho for the publication Alleged Conspirators Should Be in Washington.

OBJECTS TO HIS STRICTURES Says Paid Servant of Public Should Not Defend Criminals.

ALL ATTORNEYS CHALLENGED

He Dares Them to Make Plea for was cited as an alleged stockholder in Hockin or Munsey.

ADDRESS BY SENATOR KERN

He Criticises District Attorney's Methods of Conducting Case Attorney General McDougal opened the and Says Evidence Not Sufficient for Conviction.

leged dynamite conspirators. District At ness stand in behalf of Cruzen and as railroads. torney Charles W. Miller this afternoot

A United States senator, paid by the people to serve the people and who ought self the "goat" and shield the higherto be in Washington attending to his upa. duties, stood here for two hours raising | A. A. Frazer, attorney for Cruzen, conhis voice in defense of such consummate criminals as Herbert S. Hockin. This tions of his client to the Capital-News. United States senator, paid to enforce After counsel for Sheridan and Broxen it through." the law, has dared to defend these crim- had announced that no argument would ingle. He has denounced a sworn federal be presented, Attorney General Mcofficer because this federal officer did not Dougal briefly answered Frazer's arconduct a shildish cross-examination of these defendants. .

The only argument made here in defense of these men was in the name of the defendants' wives and children. But no voice was raised in behalf of the relatives, the women and children of twenty-one persons killed in the Los Angeles Times

Challenge for Defense. District Attorney Miller in open court his afternoon challenged any of the twelve lawyers for the defense to speak in belialf of Herbert S. Hockin of Indianapolis and J. E. Munsey of Salt Lake

Who of the lawyers will stand up and say Hockin is not gutlty? Who will say hat Munsey is not guilty?" shouted Mr. Miller toward the attorneys. "I will give wenty minutes of my time to any lawyer who will defend Hockin or Munsey. No one accepted the offer.

Repeating his offer, Mr. Miller paused and looked at each attorney. Senator Kern was not present.

'No answer," asserted the district attorney, "I hear no answer. There is not lawyer who will defend Munsey or Hockin. Not a voice has been raised in Hockin's behalf, and the only defense of Munsey was that given by Thomas Kerns, a former United States senator. vho said Munsey's reputation was good."

Senator Kern's Defense. of the farts defendants at the "dynamite | are sure of acquittal. conspiracy" trial today. He appealed to Mr. Mellen declined to make a statethe jurors to remember when preparing their verdicts that most of the defendanis came from distant parts of the coun-

"Plata workingmen," he said. "Some of them uneducated from workers, taken from their homes hundreds or thousands of miles away, and made to face a strange court with a district attorney hurling harsh and abusive language at them-is it any wonder that some of of the indictment, and requesting him them couldn't remember details of letters they wrote five years ago?

Some of these men did not know what they were charged with. They came to and asked me what it was all about I had to explain to them that they were not charged with dynamiting, but only with transporting explosives illegally You jurges can't convict these men o crimes with which they are not charged. You can't convict them of causing explosions, but only with carrying explosives on passenger trains or conspiracy to violate the federal laws." If you listen to the assertions of the

government, of the assertions of the defense, and without remembering the evidence you bring back verdicts finding these forty men guilty, it would be anarchy of the worst kind. It would be The party includes the president and Mrs. anarchy that would threaten liberty," asserted Senator Kern

Senator Kern attempted to show that the evidence against Olaf A. Tveitmoe and Eugene A. Clancy of San Francisco, Frank E. Painter of Omaha, Michael at Hannon of Scranton, Pa., and against other defendants "was not sufficient to convict them.

#### **ORANGES COLORED BY** SWEATING CONFISCATED

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 .- Federal Judge Lanils today entered a final order in the government's suit to confiscate eight caroads of oranges shipped east from California and seized for alleged violation of the pure food law, the inspectors asserting that the fruit had been artifleally treated by the "sweating" process to give it the proper color.

the opportunity of inspecting the canal The decree signed by Judge Landis diduring their visit. rects the United States marshal to put a paper wrapper on each of the 450,000 ESCAPED FORGER IS ranges, bearing the printed words, 'colored by sweating." and then to diswase of the fruit to the best possible advantage and turn the proceeds into the Treasury department.

### The Weather.

POR NEBRASKA-Fair: colder. FOR IOWA-Fair; warmer.

### Boise Editors Make No Argument in Case Charging Contempt

the people of Idaho during the recent

campaign together with editorial com-

ment on the court's decision barring the

progressive presidential electors from the

ballot, submitted their case without evi-

nounced that the decision would be given

The only evidence introduced in the

case was in behalf of A. R. Cruzen, who

the publication. Cruzen having repre-

sented to certain political leaders that he

controlled the policy of the paper. Evi-

dence was produced to show that he was

When court convened this morning

suming entire responsibility for the pub-

lication of the articles referred to in the

complaint, was endeavoring to make him-

fined his argument to the alleged rela-

gument, and the case was submitted.

Mellen Plead Not

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Charles S.

Grand Trunk Rallway of Canada, in-

Judge Hough was loath to demand

Mr. Smithers in London, notifying him

Assistant District Attorney Guiler said

that there was no way of compelling Mr.

Smithers to come to New York to plead

to the indictment. The crime charged,

Mr. Guiler added, is not one for which

Mr. Smithers' extradition could be asked

Party Reach Colon,

COLON, Dec. 24.-President Taft and

his party arrived here today on board

the United States warship Arkansas.

palace of President Porras of Panama

wireless dispatch to Colonel Goethals.

board the battleships Arkansas and Dela-

ware except the prisoners are to be given

ARRESTED IN CALIFORNIA

stretching across the continent and 'a

violated parole behind him in Colorado,

fessed to his latest swindle yesterday

when he obtained \$300 on a bogus letter

his specialty has been ingratiating him-

whom he would then persuade to intro-

Wis., and many other forgeries, success-

one to fourteen years in Colorado, pa-

roled, and broke his parole.

Start for Culebra

President Taft and

to appear for them to plead.

should so dezire.

by a surety company.

Chamberlain and

court, January 2.

in no way interested.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 21.-R. S. Sheridan, Commercial Club is Back of Strong publisher, and C. O. Broxon, managing Move to Force More Acditor of the Evening Capital-News, who was cited for contempt before the sucommodations.

OMAHA WILL INSIST

ON BETTER DEPOTS

of the message of Colonel Roosevelt to WORK IS BEING COMPLIMENTED Man Joins the Club Because of Its Newest Activity.

dence or argument today. The court an- TWO ROADS BLOCK THE DEAL on the first day of the January term of Business Men Propose to Force These Two Into Line.

REQUESTS ARE NOT HEEDED

One Railroad President Wrote in February that He Would Look Into the Matter, but Has Not Been Heard From.

Another name was added to the roster argument for the state. He declared of the Commercial club yesterday as a that the publisher and the editor stood direct result of the story in The Bee Monconvicted of contempt. He discussed day night telling of the resumption of INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 2.-Reply- newspapers at length, stating that Mana- the fight by the club to secure better ing to Senator Kern's argument for the ai- ging Editor Broxon, in taking the wit- depot and trackage facilities from the

A man whose name is not given went into Commissioner Guild's office and said: "I read in The Bee last night where this club is going after the railroads to secure better terminal facilities in Omaha, Here's my application for membership. I want to be identified with an organization that will go after this thing and see

That the Commercial club will "see it through" is the declaration of all those members who have been connected with the proposition since it was first brought up last February. Letters have been written this month to the presidents of the various rallroads centering in Omaha calling their attention to promises they made last year for better depot facilities and the fact that no improvements at the Guilty to Charges depot have been made.

Two Railroads Hold Back. There are two railroads responsible for there having been no improvement made, Melien, president of the New York, New it is said, and the efforts of the Com-Haven and Hartford Railroad company. mercial club will be centered on these and E. J. Chamberlain, president of the two. When the eight railroad presidents dicted yesterday for criminal violation were written to last February promises of improvements were received from of the Sherman law, entered pleas of seven of them, while one professed ignor not guilty today and were placed on \$10,000 ball each. They were given until ance of the situation and said he would make an investigation. Since the Com-January 6 to change their pleas if they mercial club has resumed its activities for more trackage and better depot faciliball in either case and said at first he ties, it has been found that one railroad which had promised a year ago to lend its would release the defendants on their aid has done nothing, while the road own cognizance. Counsel for the govwhose president professed ignorance of ernment, however, objected to this, and the conditions has made no answer. called the court's attention to the fuct

that neither resided within the juris-More Tracks Nected. diction of the court. Ball was furnished The Commercial club is not trying to secure a new depot, but is asking the rail-Frank L. Crawford, Mr. Chamberlain's roads to increase the number of tracks counsel, said before leaving the court. at the station from eight to twelve. There are new 122 trains trying to find room "No jury will ever convict my client, for their operation on the eight tracks or they are visiting friends in the coun-The only reason why the work on the at the Union station.

Grand Trunk extension was abandoned Rallroad men say that it is impossible was because of high money rates. We to increase trackage at the present depot; that another site and a new depot will be the only means of bettering conditions, There are rallroad men, not the "higher-Counsel for the government said that ups," who declare that if the Commerno word had been received from any ciat club will "push the thing" now, the railroads can be made "to come across." representative of the Grand Trunk as to whether Alfred W. Smithers, chair-It is said that with the exception of one man of the Grand Trunk board of dior two railroads, all are in favor of a rectors, indicted with Messra. Mellen and new depot and greater terminal facilities Chamberlain, would appear to plead. for Omaha; they realize the necessity They added that they would write to

### Wisconsin Begins War on Secondhand Books in Schools

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 24.-The commo drinking cup and community towel having been banished from public buildings and governments. This will necessitate anconveyances in Wisconsin, agitation is other long interval. now being directed against the secondhand school book.

that it cannot be entirely disinfected. The Arizona plan is advocated for Wissonsin Free text books are furnished and when the child has completed it the book becomes his property.

They landed at 8 o'clock this morning. Another method advocated is prohibition of the importation into any com-Tstt, Charles P. Taft, jr.; Miss Louise munity of second-hand books. Of the Taft. Charles D. Hilles and Mrs. Hilles. 20,000,000 school children in this country Beekman Winthrop and Mrs. Winthrop, about 5 per cent, or 1,000,000 have tubercular disease of the lungs, medical authori-

# Beekman Winthrop and Mrs. Winthrop, Major T. L. Rhoads, gode-camp; Lieutenant Commander J. Timmons. The trip from Ke, as an uneventful one. The weak age. The United States ministely, age. The United States min Garment Workers

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Representatives tend a dinner given by the American met behind locked doors today with naminister, and afterward a ball in the ment Workers union to determine when President Taft, before landing, sent a a general strike should be called in New asking him to have special trains in York City. readiness, as 2,000 bluejackets and all on

A committee of five men was appointed to fix the date. The strike was ordered last night by a vote of 25,786 to 2,322. It is believed the strike will be called within

#### OHIO STATE SENATOR IS GIVEN THREE-YEAR TERM

COLUMBUS, Dec. 24.-A sentence of SANTA ROSA, Cal., Dec. 24.-Arrested three years in the penitentiary was n Petaluma last night, James Williams, passed upon State Senator George K. bank forger with a criminal record Cetone of Dayton by Judge Evans in common pleas court today. Sengtor Cetone was convicted recently of having admitted his identity here today and conaccepted a bribe of \$200 during the last seasion of the 'exis'ature. His attorneys of credit from the First National bank will probably appeal the case.

The sentences of Senators Huffman of Sebastopol. For the last ten years and Andrews were affirmed in the su- insects. One day when he was not at preme court last week and they will en- home she suggested that I try It on one self into the confidence of clergymen, ter upon prison service of three years of her favorite plants and I obliged, someduce him at banks. He is 67 years old and nine months respectively, about the whatiproudly. For five minutes I steamed Williams is wanted for an attempted first of the year for accepting bribes. \$18,000 swindle on a bank in New London. arms of the senate, is now serving a after that." ful and unsuccessful, in nearly all the three-years' sentence and Representative George B. Nye of Pike county, who states between the two coasts. He was given an indeterminate sentence of from pleaded guilty and turned state's evidence

awaiting final judgment on his case.

# "And a Little Child Shall Lead Them"



## PEACE DELEGATES WAITING Government Starts

Counter Proposals by Turkey Are Expected Saturday.

MEANS FURTHER DELAY These Must Be Submitted to Bulkan Governments Refore Next Step

-Pope Asks Prayers for Peace. LONDON, Dec. 24.—The peace plenipoten taries of the Ottoman empire and of the

their diplomatic representatives in Lon-Two or three of them have gone to Paris to consult with the French premier Raymond Poincare, doubtless on the subject of mediation, which was mooted in

his recent speech before the chamber of deputies, and is practically everywhere regarded as the inevitable before the widely separated views of the Balkan allies and those of the Purks can be brought to a compromise.

More Delay Probable. The present long break in the negotiations of the peace delegates, is in all probability only the first of several, for when the plenipotentiaries come together the Ottoman response to the conditions of peace laid down by the Balkan allies will doubtless be found to be merely a series of counter-proposals which will have to be referred to the Balkan There remains little doubt in diplomatic

circles, however, that the crisis ulti-It is declared that a book is one of mately will be surmounted without a rethe most effective carriers of disease and sumption of hostilities. Despite the outward appearance of a unity of views, it is known , there is considerable latent jealousy among the allied nations and as time tends to sharpon the differences as to the amount of credit due to the work of the respective armies there are indications of a desire on the part of memberw of the Balkan league to yield some of the demands so as to hasten a settle-

Pope Asks Prayers for Peace. ROME. Dec. 24.-The pope during his Christmas reception to the cardinals today referred to the peace conference saying that all Christians should unite in Considring Strike prayer that the outcome of the present councils of the nations should be peace. for which he rejoiced that there was new of 300,000 garment workers in New York and additional hope. The pope deplored the attempt to assassinate the viceroy of tional officers of the United Male Gar- India at Delhi. He looked remarkably well in spite of the arduous task of recefving many delegations who had come to bring him the greetings of the sea-

#### WILSON TELLS OF ONLY TIME HE TRIED TO SMOKE

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 24.-The arriva of a gold-mounted amber-stemmed meerschaum pipe at the state house today friends in Vickburg, Miss., brought from the president-elect that once in his life and only once, did he smoke.

"It was this way," he said. "My father was s smoker of some attainment and had got to the stage where he liked a fat; black cigar. In his lelaure house. my mother took advantage of his habit and employed him to blow the pungent smoke over her rose bushes to kill the awayo like a furnace and then it hit me Rodney J. Diegle, former sergeant-at- with disastrous effects. I never tried it

"And you never had any ambition to learn smoking?" was suggested.

been any point to it."

# Investigation of Cereal Combine

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-Investigation of an catment business of the United States has been started by the federal grand jury here, it was made known today. Pirchase of the Great Western Cereal company by the Quaker Oats company will be inquired into first, Robert Gordon, speretary of the Quaker Oats com-Balkan ailies have for the most part pany, and Daniel Pekterkin, private sec-

The investigation follows conferences by government attorneys with Attorney on the train as it left Chandler, about 9 General Wickersham in Washington. United States District Attorney James H. where, encountering the conductor, he Wilkerson was directed to open the in held the latter up, took his watch and quiry and proceedings were started here, money and compelled him to lead the \$1.600,000. The Cereal company had fac- doctor to open a small safe containing tories at Peoria, Ill., and Fort Dodge, In. Shortly after the purchase the plants them to open the larger safe, when Danwere closed and the company went into lels, who had secured a revolver from a the hands of a receiver. It is reported passenger, shot him in the back. Several again in St. James' palace on Saturday, that at the time of the sale the Great shots were exchanged before W. S. Cor-Western Cereal company did 30 per cent of the oatmeal business of the country.

### Attempt Made to Kill Prince Yamagata in His Palace at Tokio

TOKIO, Dec. 24.-An attempt was made early today to assassinate Prince Aritomo Yamagata, the president of the Japanese privy council and supreme military councillor of Japan. The prince escaped un-His assaliant tried to commit

The would-be assassin broke into Prince Yamagata's residence just after midnight and endeavored to approach the prince. He was, however, observed by some attendants and he then tried to mmit suicide, but he was caught and prevented as he was in the act of stabbing himself. He was arrested and an investigation is now proceeding into the reason for his attempt.

Prince Yumagata was the chief general staff during the Russo-Japanese war. He is well known in all the Euro pean countries.

#### MISSING GEM MAY BE CLEW TO LOGUE MURDER

CHICAGO, Dec 24.-A missing diamond, weighing two and a half carats, of ex- also share in the new scales. ceptional brilliancy and valued at \$600, is Joseph H. Logue, the diamond merchant 419,000. slain in his office last Friday. The stone was left for sale with Logue by a blonde woman shortly before the victim's body was found bound and mutilated. Every effort made by the police to find this woman so far has proved unsuccessful. Captain Haipin thinks she might be

# W. L. MINOR TO BE CHIEF

Auditor-elect W. B. Howard announces that the position of chief deputy will be office, but it was not stated at that time ing search for evidence to debar the de what place it was to be. In making this posed president. selection Mr. Howard has given special consideration to the claims of the west-" he repiled. "You see. I never ern part of Nebraska, which has been provisions of the immigration laws, encin connection with the bribery cases, is was forbidden to, so there wouldn't have almost unrepresented in the official po- oring physical, mental and moral qualifisitions in the state house.

#### PORTER KILLS TRAIN BANDIT Negro Saves Treasure in Through

Safe on Frisco Line.

alleged attempt to secure control of the Robbers Explode Five Charges of Nitro-Glycerin in Vain Attempt to Open Strongbox on

Alton Train. ter Daniels, a negro porter, of Kansas The local weather bureau declared that City, should go the credit for saving the the storm would continue without abatevaluable consignments contained in the ment for some hours at least and that mementarily cast off the cares of office retary to Joy Morton, head of the Great "Through safe" of the express car of the wind would attain still greater vestand are enjoying the hospitalities or western company, have been optered to at Louis & San Francisco frain No. 112. locity. The indications were that New appear before the grand jurry. A num-ber of other employes have been sub-bed up near Chandler, Okla, last night, held up near Chandler, Okla, last night, snow in a generation. poensed to tell of the transaction. It is according to passengers on the train who operated that virtual control of the oatmeal business resulted from the transac-and killed the negro bandit while the tion. The cereal company went into latter was in the act of robbing the ex-and the United Fruit company

According to passengers, the robber got o'clock. He first entered the chair car, The price paid by the Quaker Oats way to the express car. The robber had company for the Cereal company was forced the express messenger and conlittle of value and was trying to force don, a private detective, re-inforced the porter. Wounded, the bandit fired wildly from the floor. Eighteen shots were fired before the negro lay still. The body, inidentified, was taken back to Chandler Porter is Not Scared.

"That porter was the only one of us not scared to death," said George Peterthe chair car when the bandit held up the conductor. "The porter sneaked into roads in Manhattan were similar. the next car a got a revolver while the rest of us were under the seats. As he of street traffic blocked and of vessels came back following the houldup man stormbound were received from eastern to the express car he asked somebody (Continued on Page Two.)

## Steel Corporation NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-Elbert H. Gary,

chairman of the United States steel corthe corporation was planning the adjustment of wage scales soon which would result in material increases, particularly in connection with wages paid unskilled laborers. Within a few days, he said, the amount of the increases and the day upon which they will be effective will be determined. It is understood that not less than 30,000

laborers will be benefitted, and it is con- nearly, 3,000, will feast and dance. sidered not improbable that many other employes in various minor capacities will

The United States Steel corporation had sought by the police as the key to the 156,888 employes on its rolls in 1911, with olution of the mysterious murder of total annual salaries and wages of \$161,-

#### Castro May Not Be Allowed to Land

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. - Chrisno able to throw important light on the mur- Castro, former president of Veneguela, said to be en route from Paris to New York, traveling under the name of Ruiz in all probability will be denied admission to the United States if sufficient STATE DEPUTY AUDITOR grounds can be found under the American immigration laws to deport him.

The State department today requested the Department of Commerce and Labor filled by W. 1. Minor of Morrill. Ie was to subject Castro to a rigid examination given out a week ago that Mr. Minor when he reaches New York on Saturday, would have a place in the state auditor's and in the meantime will make a sweep-

Officials point out that the power to deny admission is very broad under the

# BROKERS TAKE PART IN SNOWBALL FIGHT ON EXCHANGE FLOOR

Money-Making Forgotten on Day Before Christmas in the Old-Fashioned Pastime

SURPLUS OF TURKEY IN CHICAGO

Needy Persons of All Descriptions to Receive Christmas Cheer.

TAFT PROVIDES FOR EMPLOYES

Remembrances for White House Force Come from President.

BUSINESS MEN CARE FOR POOR

Homes of Five Thousand Residents of Kansas City Visited by Those Bearing Food, Clothing and Toys.

NEW YORK, Dec. 34.-Stocks and bonds were forgotten on the New York Stock exchange today while brokers engaged in an old-fashioned Christmas eve snowball fight. Great baskets of snow were brought in from the street and dumped upon the floor of the exchange, messenger boys were conscripted and became "powder monkeys" and for a while there was a battle royal.

A corporal's guard of wealthy brokers took up their positions in the visitors gallery and from their position of vantage bombarded the members on the floor, The latter, organized under half a dozen leaders, attacked from every side and forced the band within a few minutes the retreat. Meantime the attendants and messengers had been organized into an ammunition detail, and working in relays, brought in more snow from the

After the battle was over everybody oined in building a giant snowman in the oter of the floor. The creation was an object of wonderful and extravagant architecture. It stood until the water was forced out by steam heat and then tumbled in a mass of slush.

First Blissard of Winter.

A blizzard born at midnight and grow-SECOND HOLDUP IN ILLINOIS ing worse each hour, swept New York and northern Atlantic seaboard today, The storm blanketed the city with ten inches of snow and the wind, risen to a forty-mile gale, drove two vessels on the treacherous sands of the Uew Jersey coast. In the open places the snow drifted KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.-To Wal- this afternoon to a depth of many feet.

Philadelphia. The former, with about sixty passengers aboard, summoned aid early in the day and the revenue cutter Seneca was sent to its rescue. The John H. May, with its crew of six, was pounded by a heavy sea off Sandy Hook,

Four Liners Delayed. The snow in the harbor was blinding. Four ocean liners, one of them with Mrs. J P. Morgan aboard, lay at anchor off Quarantine, fearful of braving the thick weather to their docks. They were the Rotterdam, the George Washington, from Bremen; the Suriname, from Paramaribo, and the Catherine Cuneo from Port

Antonio. Earlier in the day a ferryboat and tug collided in the upper harbor, injuring four men, two of them fatally. Across the Hudson the roads were

choked with incoming passenger trains, some of them hours late and all of them son of Tulsa, a passenger, who was in beavily laden. Conditions in the yards of the Grand Central and New Haven

Reports of snowbound suburban trains, cities as the day advanced None to Go Without Turkey.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-No criminal, sane, sick or dependent person in this city will be without turkey this Christto Increase Wages Chicago needs to abstain from turkey and mas. None of the thousand of people in cranberry sauce tomorrow. Plans by the city authorities and charitable organizations are more extensive along this line poration, announced this afternoon that than any ever made here before, and there is more likelihood that hundreds of roast turkey will go uneaten than that anyone will go without.

Grand opera will be heard by the condemned murderers, bandits and lesser riminals in the county jail.

Music and vaudeville will feature the day at the public hospital and the county insane at Dunning, to the number of

Taft Remembers Employes. WASHINGTON, Dec. M .- Although President Taft is in Panama, he made arrangements before his departure where by all of the faithful employes of the White House should receive Christman remembrances, and today each of the 196 employes received a large, fat turkey, the gift of the president and Mrs. Taft.

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#### The Bee "For Sale Miscellaneous' column

is a great, silent auctioneer of the news paper world. You have but to make known what you have for sale in this column and you will be surprised at the speed with which some bargain hunter will swoop down upon you.