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## **MEXICAN FEDS** MINE RAILROAD TO THE CAPITAL

Explosives Said to Be Planted Every Half Mile from Vera Cruz to Mexico City.

READY TO TOUCH OFF FUSES

Road to Be Blown Up if Americans Start Inland.

THROWING UP ENTRENCHMENTS

Activity Near Vera Cruz is Worrying General Funston.

PREPARING TO SEND TROOPS Transports at Galveston Taking

Aboard Food and Supplies-BOTH BRIGADES ARE READY

Ten Thousand Men in Texas City Can Break Camp and Embark

> at Sounding of the Bugle.

BULLETIN. WASHINGTON, May 5. Secretary of State Bryan announced tonight the three South American mediateors in the Mexican difficulty would meet at Niagrara Falls, Canada, May 18 to receive representatives of the parties to the contro-

VERA CRUZ, May a.-Refugees arrivconflicting reports concerning the purposes of Provisional President Huerta. Some say he has agreed to retire from the presidency, fixing Thursday of this week as the date of his withdrawal. Other reports from the capital declare that Huerts, instead of yielding, has determined to play out the game.

WASHINGTON, May 5 .- Information came from Vera Cruz to the tempt a march on the capital.

No information had been received terlopers from the north." of reports that the San Francisco had been damaged.

the Mexican federal troops stronger, are known to be a source of worry to General Funston, and it is understood that Mexican capital at once.

Admiral Mayo, at Tampleo, has in-

Port of Tuxpam Closed.

Admiral Badger reported to the Navy all ports in the state of Vera Cruz.

The British consul has wired the gov-(Continued on Page Two.)

### The Weather

Porecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity Fair: colder, Omson Yesterday Temperature at



Comparative Local Record. Highest yesterday. Lowest yesterday. Mean temperature. Precipitation

Temperature and precipitation depar-tures from the normal: Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State of Weather.

Of Weather.
Cheyennet clear
Davenport clear
Denver partly cloudy.
Des Molnes clear
Lander clear
North Platte clear
Omaha clear Omaha, clear. Pueblo, clear. Rapid City, clear... Salt Lake City, clear... Santa Fe, cloudy... Sheridan, clear... Sloux City, clear... Valentine, clear...

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

Nebraskan Lines Up Against Brother Charles at Lincoln.

FOR JOHNSON FOR POSTMASTER

for Postmaster Whom palated realisated Paper Would Like to.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, May &-(Special Tele gram.)-Representative "Johnny" Maguire is convinced that A. V. Johnson will be the next postmaster at Lincoln. His conviction amounts to a dead certainty, and he said so this afternoon when interrogated about conditions political with reference to his suggestion of a man to take Ed Sizer's place.

based his conviction the gentleman from the First district refused to develop. He did say, however, that he had nominated the right man for the place and that the fight now being made against Mr. Johnson by certain influences in Lincoln would not win out.

Rumor has it herethat Richard Lee Metcalfe, late governor of the Isthmian Canal commission, is for Johnson, as against the formidable candidate for the costmastership of the capital city of Nebraska, F. W. Brown. This, if true. Attorney General Fred Farrar, may be accounted for in the fact that while there is a vast appreciation on the part of R. L. Metcalfe for his friend and o-laborer in the cause of democracy, the secretary of state, there is little or no love between Mr. Metcalfe and Mr.

Bryan's brother, Charles. Rumor persists that they never did

of his chief, Mr. Secretary Bryan. Now, it is understood Mr. Metcalfe has joined the 'Johnny" Maguire wing of the stands for Johnson against Brown. And summer is still on the way, hWat the fall will produce when these warring factions meet in the primaries it is pretty

Luther Drake and G. W. Wattles of ing here today from Mexico City bring several days, left this afternoon for the

E. W. Rossiter of Walthill expects to

### Villard Defends the Negro Against Baiting Politicians

BALTIMORE, May 5,-In an address the strikers in Huerfano county had re-War department today that the Mex- today before the sixth conference of the versed their decision to deliver up their SPEAKS AGAINST RATE INCREASE ican federal troops have mined the National Association for the Advance- arms and it was reported from Pueble ment of Colored People. Oswald Gar- that strikers had succeeded in smuggling railroad tracks from Vera Cruz to rison Villard, president of the New York arms and ammunition through there to Mexico City in preparation for the Evening Post, defended the negro of the some unknown place. The strike breakutter destruction of the road in the south against what he termed "negro era in the northern coal fields, centering event that the American forces at- baiting politicians," and said that he in Boulder county, yesterday openly debelieved the solution of the problem clared they would work no longer if the rested with what southerners term "in- mine guards were disarmed unless the

"We of the north boldly venture to be- property to protect them. bridge on the Inter-Oceanic railroad lieve that we can solve this great argu- The operators have taken the position ment of a titanic historical achievement The mines are reported to be located a solved the slavery problem in the face of given protection. By some this was pending for several months. half mile apart, and Mexican soldiers a practically united southern public sentitation for the fuses inent. The wisdom of the anti-slavery insist upon actual placing of soldiers on make it unlawful for any person to atshould hostilities eventuate. These prep- minority in the north, which, with the arations and the throwing up of defenses, which are daily making the position of which are daily making the position of coln to his emancipation proclamation, has since been justified of all men.

"As for the negro-baiting politicians, would welcome orders to start for the for one lose no opportunity to assail them with all the powers at my command. have no criticism too rasping, no words formed the Navy department that he too violent to devote to them, and the would have no trouble in taking Tampico michief and injury they are doing to our whole country.

"When the negro fails to rise certain southerners cheerfully assert that this department today the receipt of word proves the negro incapable of advancing from the torpedo boat destroyer Drayton, and half-brother to an ox. You same at Tuxpam, that Territorial Minister southerners deprive the negro child of Hacinda there had ordered customs offi- all schooling, as 5,000 are deprived in Atcers not to clear or enter any vessels lanta, turn him adrift to roam in slum from or to American ports. This order, streets, and then if he grows up an aniit was further reported, had been given to mal you say the responsibility is his; that that proves him a beast, and his race in- cide upon a definite plan of action until The Drayton also reported thirteen berently criminal. Never was there a he had been fully informed as to the sit-Americans had been detained against more brazen assertion that a people can- uation. their will at Metialoyuca, in the state of not rise in the scale of civilization and a

### Aged Beggar Leaves Large Sum to People Who Befriended Him

SUNBURY, Pa., May 5 .- For their 'kindness and self sacrifice," Mr. and Mrs. George Smith were bequeathed House Declares for nearly \$8,000 by the will of John Fell, & years of age, a beggar. The will was probated yesterday shortly before relatives of Fell arrived to contest the

Fell, who was believed to be almost penniless, went to the home of the Smith's several days ago and asked for shelter. He said he was friendless; that he felt lil and believed he was going to die. Although the Smith's had only one hed they gave it to the old man and themselves slept on the floor. Refore he died Sunday night he had made a will leaving his entire estate, said to consist of \$7,000 in a Wilkesbarre bank and stocks valued at \$500, to the Smiths.

### Olney Refuses to Accept Place on Reserve Board

BOSTON, May 5.-Richard Olney has addressed a letter to President Wilson. formally declining the appointment as governor of the federal reserve board of the new banking system.

here declined to discuss the declination has been seriously ill here for some by Richard Olney of the appointment as weeks, showed slight improvement togovernor of the federal reserve board, it day. south, would be named as governor.

# "MET" IS BACKING MAGUIRE COLORADO SOLONS PREPARE MEASURES

sort teral Draws Bills In-Solve Dispute Beon Miners and Owners-

ARBITRATION IS PROPOSED

Decisions of State Board to Be Binding on All Parties.

DISARMAMENT ISSUE IS ACUTE Rumor Miners in Huerfano County Are Hiding Their Guns.

Just on what grounds Mr. Maguire COLONEL LOCKETT IN COMMAND First Trainload of Troops Arrives from Georgia-Begins Outlin-

> DENVER, Colo., May 5 .- Five adminstration measures to carry out the program in the governor's call for the extra session have been prepared by senate and house leaders. The bills were drawn by

ing Plan for Handling

the Situation.

The first would submit a constitutional amendment empowering the legislature to create a state board of arbitration handle industrial disputes and providing punishment for refusal to abide by its

A bond issue to cover the state's indebtedness of approximately \$1,000,000 is get along together while Mr. Metcalie proposed in another bill providing that was editing the Commoner in the absence the bond issue be submitted to the people at the next general election.

Two others bills would give the governor authority to close saloons and prevent democratic party in the Fat district and the sale, gift or purchase of firearms and ammunition in times of internal disorder. A fifth measure covers the proposal for the establishment of a state police force.

When the senate convened today Senator H. E. Garman introduced a joint Omahs, who have been in Washington resolution requesting the state land board to file with the legislature a statement of all leases of coal lands, their conditions and dates of expiration and providing for the appointment of a Joint report whether the terms of the leases have been fulffilled. The resolution went over

Disarmament Question Acute. The question of disarmament of all factions today became the most important development of the industrial situation. Reports had it that federal troops were stationed on mine

their property, though no representative tempt to influence the commission in operator would discuss that particular phase of the question.

Colonel Lockett Takes Command. TRINIDAD, Colo., May 5.-Colonel James Lockett, commanding the Elev- aggregate of \$100,000,000." enth United States cavalry, arrived here at 7:40 this morning to take command of the federal forces in the Colorado strike fields. He was driven at once to army Major W. A. Holbrook on the strike sit-

The first troop train, carrying about 250 men, arrived shortly before 10 o'clock. Elev # th brought its horses and equipment and was ready to go into active and said that through this means news service.

The new commander of the federal forces in the state said he would not de-

"I am new here, and have come from a Puchia, about sixty miles from Tuxpam more determined effort to prevent their distant part of the country," he said. This information was given to the Brit- rising. Never did men so frequently "Until Major Holbrook has put me fully ish consul at Tuxpam by American refu- boast their racial superiority, and then in possession of the facts as to the situagees, who said the Mexican authorities as if in doubt about it, do everything to tion, I can make no announcement of gave an their reason for holding the handicap their black competitors so that policy. Particularly, I can say nothing Americans a desire to assure their safety, they shall not compete on equal terms," whatever regarding the matter of dis-

> Colonel Lockett said he was taking up the matter of distributing his forces throughout the strike district. His own headquarters, he thought, would be at grant interviews during the day to strike leaders and other parties to the labor

# Two Battleships

WASHINGTON, May 5.-The administration's two battleships program for next year in the naval appropriation bill was sustained in the house today when the one battleship proposal was voted down, 91 to 148, and a motion to strike out the two battleship provision was rejected by a vote of 41 to 152. During the debate Representative Madden of Illinois said that "if there should be war between this country and Mexico every citizen of the United States will

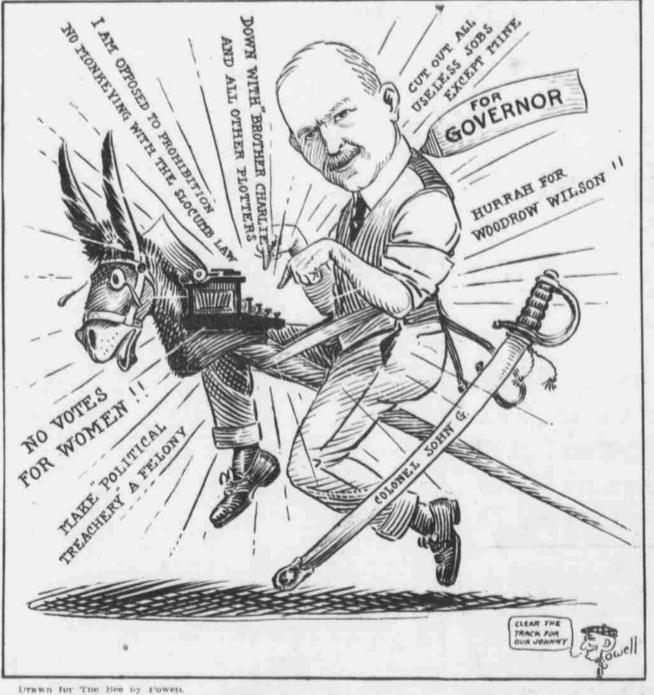
stand by President Wilson. Representative Witherspoon of Mississippi characterized the expenditure of 5,800,000 for two battleships as "damnable graft." Representative Hobson of Alabama favored an amendment for con struction of a super dreadnaught.

### Mme. Nordica is Reported Better

BATAVIA, Java, May 5 .- Madame Lil-WASHINGTON, May 5 .- While officials lian Nordica, the operatic singer, who

is known they are in search of another | Madame Nordica was shipwrecked near New England man to fill the board. It Thursday Island last December and her was reported as likely that W. P. G. experience resulted in nervous prostra-Harding, president of the First National tion which developed into pneumonia. bank of Birmingham, Ala., who has been Early in April she went to satavia and and the Western Union Telegraph com- which they were riding very fast upset tion as very grave.

### Colonel Maher Gets His Typewriter Battery in Action



### LA FOLLETTE CHARGES PLOT Instructions Sent

Alleges Conspiracy to Intimidate Interstate Commerce Body.

Declares It Would Lay on Consumers of the Country Aggregate of Hundred Million Dollars.

WASHINGTON, May 5 .- Senator La follette told the senate today he would Interstate Commerce commission" on our side. It was the north which federal troops when their property is increased freight rate case that had been

> reaching any decision, Senator La Fol-Jette declared the proposed 5 per cent increase, as asked by the railroads, would 'lay on the consumers of the country as Senator La Foliette declared "an at

tempt has been made to subject the commission to every form of influence and Another Boat with First and Second pressure which human ingenuity could headquarters, where he conferred with devise in order to force from it a de cision favorable to the railroads." He further asserted a Pennsylvania railroad publicity bureau at Philadelphia

issued acores of "anonymous bulleting The second train was close behind. The and circulars presenting exparte state ments of the railroads and their officials' papers were filled with "pro-railroad material.

He said thousands of letters had been president urging the rate increase. "Many of the letters from the general

this publicity campaign," he said. Washington papers friendly to the administration, Senator La Follette said,

have for months published that the president is known to favor the rate increase. "It is unbelievable," he declared, "that President Wilson could ever have entertained such a monstrous thought. He or any men of integrity of character would just as soon have attempted to resign Trinidad. The colonel had arranged to as influence the supreme court. But since the press has persisted in these gross misrepresentations, one is constrained to feel that he should have let it be known that he resented the imputation. He has again and again corrected matters of incomparably less sig-

# Ohio Man Held for

STEUBENVILLE, O., May 5.-Word reached here today that LeRoy Ault, 35 years old, of this city, is being held for a ransom by a band of Mexican federals near Vera Cruz.

His wife, a former Steubenville girl, is now in this city and is in a state bordering on collapse, fearing her husband may be killed before he is released. The prisoner's father, A. J. Ault, is here. striving to secure aid from the State department in behalf of his son. Benator Oliver of Pennsylvania has been interested and is investigating. Ault was manager of a rubber planta-

tion about ten miles inland from Vera Cruz, which is owned by Staubenville capitalists. When last seen. April 20, he was in company of Frank Hill of Bouider., Colo.

### FORMER JUDGE DILLON OF IOWA DIES IN NEW YORK

court of lows and more recently general sprained as a result of an auto accident protracted illness. He was 83 years old. has internal injuries.

# Militia Regarding Mobilization Plan

WASHINGTON, May 5.-Instructions to militia organizations throughout the country covering a possible mobilization of the National Guard were mailed to all militia officers by the War department today. The instructions cover particularly the financial operations incident to mobilization and the methods of securing railroad transportation. Under the regu-

### THIRTEEN SURVIVORS SAVED

ters.

Franconia Picks Up Men from Columbian, Which Caught Fire.

CHIEF STEWARD LOSES HIS LIFE

Officers and Seventeen Men is Reported to Be Still Adrift.

ON BOARD STEAMER RANCONIA, Via Sable Island, N. S.), May 5.-The thirteen survivors of the British steamer clumbian, bound from Antwerp for New York, which caught fire at sea Sunday night, were picked up today by the Cunard liner Franconia, bound from Liveraddressed to the commission, members pool for Boston. In the hoat with the of congress, cabinet officials and the survivors was the body o. the chief steward, Mattews.

Another boat containing the chief and public show they have been deceived by second officer and seventeen men was still adrift. The Franconia cruised in

Those Aboard Boat.

Those aboard the Franconia are: James rohan, wireless operator; Anton Elas earpenter; Ivar Iverson, boatswain mate, Unugse Prinze, Jens Jensen, Abelnick puartermaster; Gustav Schriborm, don keyman; Thomas Connor, Juri Lei and Arthur Brantik, able seamen; Anthony Cordones and Bennett Rother, firemen, and Frank Wedekind, mess room steward

Was Cargo Vessel. NEW YORK, May 5 .- The steamer Coimbian, which the Cunard liner Franmisrepresentations as to his action in conia tonight reported burned at sea. salled from London April 16 for Antwert and thence on April 23 for New York. The Columbian was a cargo vessel and is not believed to have had any passengers on board. It was 442 feet long Ransom by Feds depth. It was built at Belfast in 1880 forty-five feet beam and thirty-one feet and was owned by F. Leland and company, Limited, of Liverpool.

Message from Franconia. The Cunard line late today received a

which read; The wireless appartus was destroyed. "One other boat containing the chief shoop Panama. officer and second officer and seventeer men is adrift. The Franconia is making ROOSEVELT-WILLARD diligent search for it."

### TWO MEN ARE INJURED WHEN AUTO ROLLS OVER

FORT DODGE, Ia., May 5 .- (Special Telegram.)-Walter Weedman of Wool-NEW YORK, May 5 .- John Forrest stock is nearly dead and Roy Hockman Dillon, former judge of the supreme of Wollstock has his left shoulder badly counsel for the Missouri Pacific railway last night north of this city. The car is

# DURYEA SLAIN BY HIS SON

Aged New York Millionaire is Shot to Death.

PARRICIDE PROBABLY INSANE Pervants Say Younger Man Had Been Acting Queerly for Several

Days-Used Rifle and Automatic Revelver. NEW YORK, May 5 - Chester Duryea. Follette told the senate today he would lations the local United States disbursing father, a millionaire starch manufactories it "an organized conspiracy to control, to compel and to intimidate the country would be to compel and to intimidate the supplied with funds to move the militial came violent after being placed in a cell and gave every evidence of insanity.

> George Washington," and that he had present a united front and forget our difintended to take his own life. "I was the best friend my father had and he was my best friend," said Duryes, "I love him dearly. If he were here now he could explain the whole matter. I

really don't know why I shot him." While talking the prisoner dug his finger nails into his hands until they bled. A policeman was stationed outside

himself seriously. The murder occurred on the porch at the rear of the Duryea home, where father and son were in the habit of sleeping. About 1 o'clock this morning Chester, who is 43 years old, slipped from his cot into the house, where he kept a number of rifles, revolvers and shotguns for hunting purposes. He selected an automatic pistol and a magazine rifle, both of which he loaded, and returned to the open-air porch. Standing within a few feet of his sleeping father, he first fired the rifle, and

then emptied the revolver.

Chester Duryea would give no reason for killing his father when taken into custody. For the last few days, servants told the police, he has been acting strangely and they feared a return of a the forces of your command will raily previous breakdown. In 1909, when he showed signs of mental trouble, his father sought to have him removed to Bellevue hospital for observation, but as he was not violent, this request was refused. At the outbreak of the civil war Hiram Duryea organized the Duryea souaves and became its colonel. He served throughout the war, refiring at its close with the rank of brigadier general. General Duryea's father was the founder of the National Starch company and the

### active business life some time ago. Eight Persons Are Killed by Explosion in Panama Zone

general succeeded to the presidency of

the company. The general retired from

PANAMA, May 5.-An explosion this norning at the government of Panama duct. wireless message from the Franconia dynamite magazine resulted in the kiliing of eight persons. Nineteen others processes, have up to this time sought to Rescued thirteen survivors and Chief were seriously injured. The property was bring about North American intervention Steward Matthews, who is dead, of the dertroyed. The explosion was caused by in Mexico. It is known without doubt steamer Columbian from Antwerp. Crew a brush fire which made its way to the that the coming of the Americans was suffering from exhaustion, said to have interior of the building. Six of the dead een in boat forty hours. Columbian and most of the wounded are firemen. A aught fire Sunday night and almost im- man and a woman who were watching ediately a series of explosions occurred. the blaze from a distance were torn to pieces. The concussion of the explosion

# WEDDING TO BE JUNE 11

RICHMOND, Va., May 5.-The mar riage of Miss Belle Willard to Kermit Roosevelt will take place in Madrid June 11, according to a definite announcement contained in a cablegram from Ambassa for Willard to friends here.

Omaha Couple to Marry. CHICAGO, May 5 .- (Special Telegram.) -Harry R. Trumble and Mrs. Belle Ow. appointed member of the board from the recent reports have described her condi- pany, died at his home today after a and rolled over three times. Weedman both of Omaha, were licensed to marry here today.

## PLEA OF MAAS TO JOIN AGAINST U.S. SPURNED BY VILLA

Rebel Chief Absolutely Refuses to Ally Himself or Men with the Federal Forces.

INTERVENTION WAS PROVOKED

Huerta Seeking Foreign Trouble to Unite His Countrymen-

ACTION IS FULLY UNDERSTOOD

Constitutionalist Leader Adopts a Lofty Tone in Answer.

OWES POSTERITY EXPLANATION

Government General Had Part in the Madero Assassination.

"GRINGOS" BITTERLY ASSAILED

Defender of Vera Cruz Asserts North Americans Guilty of Hypocriti-

> cal and Undignified Conduct.

BULLETIN WASHINGTON, May 5.-Constitutionallst representatives here were advised late today of the arrival of their artillery at Tampico. This has been awaited before beginning a general attack on the

federal garrison there.

TORREON, Mex., May 4, Via El Paso, Tex., May 5.-The answer of General Francisco Villa to a request from Federal General Mass in command at Caltillo that Villa join the federals in avenging the American occupation of Vera Cruz, was delivered to the federal messengers

General Villa refused absolutely to ally himself or his men with the federals and declared that the Huerlistas had provoked foreign intervention for their own

General Mass' letter to Villa announced that in addition to occupying Vera Cruz the port of Salina Crus had been seized by the United States forces April 23.

Letter of Mans. The letter follows:

To General Francisco Villa: I have reeived instructions to notify the revolutionary chiefs that American intervention in Mexico is an accomplished fact. The United States of the north have commit who early today shot and killed his ted a grave offense against Mexico by disembarking troops in Vers Crus April turer and veteran of the civil war, be- 21 and by the taking similar action at came violent after being placed in a Salina Cruz two days later. This act He declared he shot his father when and this is the supreme moment to call he received a "spiritual message from on the patriotism of all Mexicans to ferences in the littense love of a country of which we are possessed. We can consider the enemy only as a foreigner, who in the most unjust and ignoble manner has stepped upon the holy soil of our

fatherland. 'It is well known that the North Americans, following the hypocritical and unthe door to prevent him from injuring dignified conduct which they have used all cases of intervention, have de clared that they will not fight against the revolutionists, but only against the government, but it is clearly to be seen that this conduct is for no other purposes than to keep us divided and make easie their conquests. As Mexican patriots we should not permit foreign nations to mix

> in our internal affairs. -"We, therefore, call upon our brothers to rally to the common cause for the defense of the national integrity. You could not more nobly yield your present position than for the purpose of rallying to the cause of the whole of Mexico that we may all march together against the invading Yankees. I have such faith in your patriotism that I do not doubt that to fight the invasion of the Americans. I relterate to you assurances of my distinguished consideration.

"J. MAAR. General-in-chief of the Division of the Bravo, Saltillo, April 28."

Villa's Answer.

General Villa's answer follows: 'In answer to your letter of April 28, which, in accordance with your instructions, you invite me to march with you against the foreign invaders of our country, I would say that I understand your actions fully and also the present diabolical machinations. I know that as an accomplies you took part in the infidelity and treason of February, 1813 (Madero's death). This is perfectly well understood and you should know that we cannot pardon it and also know that it will be the cause of your ruin.

"I, therefore, give you this answer only because your official request and my anawer are historical documents and I owe to posterity an explanation of my con-

"I know that the Cientificos, by various desired and provoked by you. The man-(Continued on Page Two.)

### The National Capital

Tuesday, May 5, 1014. The Senate.

Met at noon. Senator Stone speaks in favor of toll exemption repeal.

Resolutions asking President Wilson for verification report that he favors Villa for president of Mexico submitted by Senstor Lippitt of Rhode Island. The House.

Met at noon, Judiciary committee reports without recommendation prohibition and woman suffrage constitutional amendments reso-

Interstate commerce committee con-siders bill to provide federal control of railroad capitalization.

Debated naval appropriation bill.