EASTERN RAILROADS

ASK PERMISSION TO

Five Per Cent in All Freight

Charges Proposed.

Operating Expenses.

Wages Are Now Excessive.

or Twenty Per Cent, to Pay of

Employes-Public Would

Have to Pay It.

the district lyng east of Chicago and

a move looking to increase freight rates,

from the roads. Briefly, the request to

the Interstate Commerce commission will

be made in the form of an application

to reopen the eastern advance rate case,

\$17,000,000, or 20 per cent per annum. The in-

crease would be equivalent to placing on

these properties a lien of \$425,000,000 of

4 per cent securities, which would nave

"If the railroads are forced to pay

of these factors are making it impossible

Calls Demand Extravagant.

"In making demands for extravagant

wages-wages entirely out of accord with

the railroads' obligations as a whole-

railway employes apparently act on the

assumption that a strike would tie up

traffic and can never be permitted by the

public. They seem to think that if a

strike is to be avoided the railroads must

give way-that the public will force them

to give way, believing that arbitration

must take place and that in the end the

splitting of differences between what they

demand and the wages they receive will

"In other words the employes have

The submission of the railroads' answer

today followed a series of conferences be-

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everything to gain and nothing to lose."

result in their favor

preference over first mortgage bonds.

public interest paramount.

public require

Mr. Willard's statement says:

of all characters

Baltimore & Ohio.

north of the Ohio river.

ously impaired."

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OMAHA, FRIDAY MORNING, Y 78 1801

# CITY COMMISSION TO TRY TO FORCE DOWN WATER RATES

Governing Body Decides to Make Effort to Give the Public Cheaper Water.

SAY RATES ARE EXORBITANT Vote Will Be Taken on Subject at Meeting Monday.

ALL FAVOR THE MOVEMENT

Water Board Arraigned in Resolution on First Reading.

SOME ABUSES ARE RECITED

Some in Favor of Having the Reso lution Passed at Once-Council Says Rates Raised Instend of Lowered.

Instructions to City Corporation Counse Ben S. Baker to at once institute legal

of the opinion that It would not involve the city in a tangle of legal proceedure. "Pass It now." said Commissioner C. H

It was agreed, however, to postpone action until Monday, when all commisdoners will vote for it, unless they change their minds in the meantime.

To Bring Action.

Judge Baker will bring the action in the "The railway executives feel that the for increased wages and shorter hours, district court. The resolution, instructing changed conditions which have come Employes of hardware and five and ten- bim to proceed without delay arraigns the Water board in strong terms. This is the resolution

tween income and outgo that a lo pet cent increase of all freight tariffs would be justified. They recognize, however, the importance of obtaining the necessary revenue in such a way as to cause the least possible disturbance of commercial conditions and on that account feel that it would be better to ask for an increase of a per cent only at this time. Unless the carriers are enabled to increase their revenue in some manner, and the plar above proposed seems likely to meet with less opposition than any other, their ability—already limited—to provide such sufficients as will total equipment and facilities as will to the center of the interest of the center of the provide such sufficients and the plar above proposed seems likely to meet with less opposition than any other, their abilitional equipment and facilities as will total to the provide such sufficients as will total to the plant to the propose of the ment cierks is demanded, with a minimum wage of the for ment cierks is demanded, with a minimum for boys of the for ment cierks is demanded, with a minimum for boys of the for drivers and chauffeurs of the per week. The employees also demand an eight hour work day. Saturday half holiday at full pay in July, August and September, and to the plant to the propose of turnishing water to consumers at a lower rate than they were being served by the form the plant half holiday at full pay in July, August and September, and to the plant to the propose of turnishing water to consumers at a lower rate than they were being served by the full pay in July, August and September, and the plant to the propose of turnishing water to consumers at a lower rate than they were being served by the full pay in July, August and September, and the plant to the propose of the full pay in July, August and September, and the resolution.

The present average weekly wage for strick is said to be only \$5. The present averag

Guests Disgusted such complaints in the pand refuses to city; and, Whereas. The Water board refuses to confer with the city council of the city of Omaha on any matter concerning the management, operation or extension of management, operation or extension of

### Taxi Driver for Miss Wilson is Fined for Driving Too Fast

fined \$5 today for driving Miss Margaret Wilson, the president's daughter, and her escort up Broadway at a speed of rate on sugar or asked for free sugar, twenty-four miles an hour. The policeman who appeared against Greenwood said that when he stopped the taxicab yesterday evening Greenwood told him that his passengers were the president's daughter and Boyd Fisher, manager of the Social Center and that they were hurrying to a hotel to pick up a Princeprofessor, who had to catch a train for Princeton. The policeman let the car proceed after summoning the chauffeur to court today. Mr. Fisher was in court

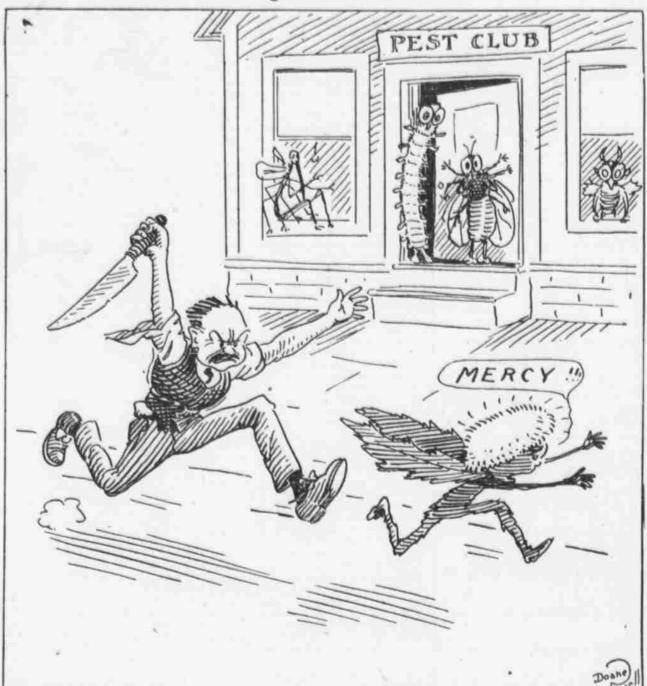
#### Bank Reports Show Increase in Loans

WASHINGTON, May 1.-Reports of the lition of national banks in response to the call of the comptroller of the currency on April 4 show a large increase in loans, but large losses in cash and deposits as compared with the previous call of February 4. The loans increase \$3.077,-213; the cash decreases \$45,133,405, deposits decreased \$16,645,250, but showed a gain since April 18, 1912; of \$256,735,956. The total reserve of the banks of April

MIDDLETOWN, O., May 1 .- A fireman and a passenger were probably fatally injured and nine other persons more or less seriously hort when Big Four passentheir head is Ben Tillett, secretary of the ger train No. 25 ran head-on into a freight

> two hours late. The crew of the freight train claim to have had orders to take a siding a few rods north of here to let the passenger pass. They fulled to reach this, however, before the other train bore down upon them. The locomotives telescoped and the tender of the passenger train was pushed through the baggage coach.

TWELVE PAGES. Chasing the Yellow Pest



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

Mayor Dahlman has set apart by proclamation two days to be devoted to exterminating the dandelion.

#### FIGHT OVER SUGAR STARTS Several Hundred Metal, Wood and Lumber Schedules Forced Through House.

ORIENTAL LABOR IS INVOLVED Representative Broussard of Louisiana Joins Republicas in Attempt to Keep Sugar Off the Free List.

WASHINGTON, May 1.-With the legslative machinery running smoothly and rapidly the house today reached the first of the big, rough places in the democratic tariff bill, the sugar schedule.

le drove the democratic majority steadily ahead, disposing of the last paragraph of the metal schedule and plowing through Powers Suggest that Joint Force Octhe lumber and wood schedule without allowing an amendment. A fight to restore to the dutiable list shingles, which the bill placed on the free list, provoked a wealth of oratory, particularly from representatives of north Pacific coast states. They made much of the "orien tal labor" troubles on the coast, citing the present anti-Japanese agitation in 'alifornia

When the sugar schedule was reached t became apparent that more oratory in arge volume was clamoring to be let ose, and Representative Underwood, to put on the screws, secured an agreenent to allow two hours' debate on the sugar schedule and all amendments. Representative Broussard of Louisians epresenting the democrats who oppose the free sugar provision of the bill, joined the republicans in futile bat'le to alter

the committee rates. Fordney Predicts Disaster. Mr. Fordney declared that throughout the tariff hearings and even in the speno person appeared interested in a lower except importers and manufacturers of refined sugar from imported taw sugar. "If sugar goes on the free list," he "the domestic cane industry and the beet sugar industry either will be crushed or greatly injured. The public (Continued on Page Two.)

## Supposed Dead Man Returns to Topeka

TOPEKA, Kan., May 1.-After an absence of more than seven years, during which time the courts declared him legally dead and gave his wife judgment for a \$3,000 insurance policy on his life, W. H. Caldwell came to Topeka today to testify for the insurance company in an application for a rehearing of the Caldwell had been declared legally dead on the testimony of Jane Caldwell. his wife, who said her husband mystericusly left home and that all efforts to locate him had failed.

In a deposition today Caldwell said he quarreled with his wife before leaving Topeka. He had been in the undertaking business since in Berkeley, Cal., he said.

#### LOUIS W. MURRAY NAMED FOR COLLECTOR IN IOWA

WABHINGTON. May 1.-Nomination oday by President Wilson included: Commissioner of Corporations-Joseph E. Davies of Wisconsin.

Assistant Comptroller of the Treasury-

Waiter W. Warwick of Ohio. Collector of Customs for the District of Jacksonville, Fla.-John W. Martin-Surveyor of Customs for the Port of Louisville-Warner S. Kinkaid. Collector of Internal Revenue, Third District of Iowa-Louis W. Murray.

United States Marshal, District of New Mexico-Andrew H. Hudspeth. Surveyor-General of Washingtonard Roediger of Washington.

### CALIFORNIANS NOT EXCITED Wattles Does Not Think General

Public Excited Over Land Bill. ALL SHOULD SHARE DISASTER

Financier Believes that Burden of Such a Calamity as That of Easter Sunday Should Be Borne by Community.

alien land owning oill in the California egislature," said G. W. Wattles, returnwinter home at Hollywood, Cal. "There in the legislation, as there are many states that have a similar law, even Necraska, but everyone happens to know that this particular bill now is aimed at

the Japanese. "There is a peculiar legislature in California this winter, anyway. It is largely a legislature of the progressive party. and they are enacting all kinds of freak legislation. The Los Angeles Times has

vective to the Long Parliament in asking not be ultimately subject to the same the legislature to dissolve." Views Tornado District. Mr. Wattles returned from California Wednesday. He was in California when tively to preserve all treaty rights, and the tornado swept over Omaha, and any bill that might be passed upon the when he reached home. He made a drive would, from our standpoint, endeavor in over the devastated strip immediately to the most emphatic fashion to protect our

naturally was much interested in the loss subject of alien land-ownership, of course, and repairing, but I can still see that cuted and none of us would impair-no ster to Montenegro presented a curt note the destruction was something awful, (Continued on Page Two.)

# War College Staff

FREDERICKSBURG, May 1-Four undred and sixty-five miles will be covered in the twenty-day horseback ride troops as a further demonstration to King of the war college staff brigade which Nicholas that the powers are resolved rode from here today on a journey over the civil war battlefields of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Thirty-six officers, including two surgeons and the war college instructors and student officers, galloped away over the quiet Virginia roads. The riders will reach Gettysburg on May 17.

#### President Wilson Off for New Jersey

WASHINGTON, May L-President Wilson left here at 3 o'clock today over the Pennsylvania railroad for Newark, N. J., where he is due to arrive at 7:33 p. m. for the first speech of a two-day tour. Albania. At the same time Montenegro He was accompanied by Secrtary Tumulty, Major Rhoades and Dr. Cary Grayson ion and reserves the right of bringing

WASHINGTON, May 1.-The senate late today confirmed the nominations of Charles P. Neill as commissioner of labor statistics; J. F. A. Strong of Juneau as governor of Alaska and H. M. Smith as missioner of fisheries.

#### FEARS LYNCHING IF TAKEN SOUTH ASKS HABEAS CORPUS

CINCINNATI, April 30.-Pearing that he wil lbe lynched if returned to the south, the Rev. Joseph P. Lang, a negro Receiver of Public Moneys at Leadville. | waiting for the "compensation" which is prevent the latter from turning him over to Florida officials.

# DEMOCRATS GIVEN MORE TIME TO READ ANTI-ALIEN BILL

Minority Members of California Senate Succeed in Delaying Vote Until-This Morning.

TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT

Attention Called to Wording of the Proposed Bill.

BRYAN SEES JAPANESE FARMS

Secretary Makes Automobile Trip Through Oriental Colony

TAKES AN OPTIMISTIC VIEW

He Wires President Wilson thas Satisfactory Solution of Problem WHI Be Found-Starts East Tonight.

SACRAMENTO, May 1.-When the Webb redraft of the anti-alien land bill was reached on file in the senate shortly before noon, Senator Curtin introduced . resolution proposing that the legislatura defer to the wishes of President Willon, as expressed by Secretary of State Bayan. The resolution set forth the facts suprounding the visit of Mr. Bryan to Callfornia and his conferences with the legs islators, and promised that the alien tone bills would not be passed thus cession. However, it urged President Wilson to endeavor to secure such treaty agreement as would reach the desired end.

At the earnest plea of the democrats for more time in which to study the Webk redraft of the anti-allen land bill, the majority leaders in the senate agreed to a postponement of further consideration of the measure until 11 o'clock tomor.ow

The agreement was made with the inderstanding on all sides that the bill should come to a final vote tomorrow and that no motion to reconsider shall be made on behalf of either side after the last roll call.

During the argument of a motion by Senator Curtin to postpone, nearly every member of the democratic minority o the floor declared he had not not read the bill thoroughly, if at all.

On this representation Senator Thomps son, majority leader, said there was no desire on the part of the proponents of the bill to embarrass any one and unanimpus approvel was given to Senator Curtin's motion.

Another Protest from Wilson. The following telegram from President Wilson was received heretoday by Governor Johnson:

"No, the general public in California is not much excited about the proposed anti-alien land owning oill in the California long and delicate litigation."

Governor Johnson Immediately replied: ing from his several months stay at his sestion. The fault may be due to the fact that we have endeavored to preserve is really nothing so very objectionable affirmatively upon the face of our bill the existing treaty. I have referred the matter at once to our attorney general and I would be extremely grateful for any suggestions that would avoid the object tion you mention

Governor Johnson's Comment. Governor Johnson transmitted the correspondence to Senator Thompson, one of the authors of the original bill, with this

"In consultation with Attorney General called upon the legislators to disperse and Webb we are unable to see how any go home, using Cromwell's famous in- language can be employed which might objection that is suggested in the president's telegram. The attorney general in the bill prepared has endeavored affirmaview the wreckage. "I see that wonders national good faith in the matter of have been done in the way of rebuilding treaties that have heretofore been exematter what might be the legal question involved—the obligations of any treaty that may have been heretofore made. This being our desire, it seems to the attorney general and myself that no lunguage can be employed that will not be Starts on Long Ride equally open to the objection suggested. "in order that the widest publicity may

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## Good Advertising Is Like Good Seed Sown in Fertile Ground.

The farmer, the semi-professional agriculturist, and amateur gardener plant their seeds in the Springtime, seeing to it previously that the soil is suitable.

In due time the crops are raised, harvested and housed, to the profit of all concerned.

Consider advertising along similar lines, for it is seed-the seed of business when planted in good mediums like THE BEE, where it thrives finely, producing excellent harvests of customers.

But as the farmer, the semiprofessional agriculturist and the amateur gardener are careful to buy good seed, so must the merchant see to it that his advertising is good.

He must plant the seed of advertising as intelligently as the tillers of the soil plant their seeds; in other weeks, he must know his business

The advertising acrease of this land of ours is one of the most productive in the world if properly cultivated.

## The Weather Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity Rain: colder. Omaha Yesterday.

## Carnegie Shows that Peace Congress Not Afraid of Japanese

RAISE THEIR RATES ST. LOUIS, May 1.-The fourth Amercan Peace congress began a three days' ession this morning, with delegates from all parts of the country. The chief ad-Proposition for Flat Increase of dress was delivered by Andrew Carnegie. While Mr. Carnegle was speaking some me in the audience interrupted with: "How about Japan?"

"Well," replied Mr. Carnegie, "Japan MORE REVENUE IS NEEDED has nineteen battleships and we have thirty-three and more coming.

The questioner admitted this, but said Changed Conditions Add Greatly to Right now we are in mortal teror." Then Mr. Carnegie appealed to the CONDUCTORS' DEMAND REFUSED

"Let everyone who is not afraid or span stand up," said Mr. Carnegle. Practically the entire audience, which Railway Executives Reply, Saying filled the large music hall where the sesions are being held, stood up Mr. Carnegle then turned to his ques-

PROPOSED SCALE EXTRAVAGANT tioner, saying: "Nobody is in mortal terror but you." Benjamin F. Trueblood, secretary of the It Would Add Seventeen Millions, American Peace society, spoke on "The Present Demands of the Peace Move-

"We must urge," he said, "that all controversies not susceptible of adjustment by direct negotiations be submitted NEW YORK, May 1.-The railroads of the eastern territory, having discussed to the court of arbitration at 'The Hague the freight rate problem, have decided to or to other tribunals, which it may be Water board and, if possible, force the ask the Interstate Commerce commission found advisable to create. We have board to lower its "exorbitant water heard too much about "national honor rates," are contained in a resolution subto allow a 5 per cent increase on freight and 'vital interest' and hair-splitting dis- mitted to the city commission by Counfinctions between justifiable and non- climan Thomas McGovern, and which will ment issued by President Willard of the justifiable disputes. Are we not trying be discussed and recommended for passto conceal a hankering after war and age Monday. pillage every time we use these vague and Police Commissioner Ryder asked that of rallway presidents representing the indefinable terms? There are no un-action on the resolution be deferred until principle lines in what is known as the arbitral controversies in our day between Monday, when, he declared, he would nations whose independence mutually is vote for it if the legal department were official classification territory, that is,

#### **Employes of Buffalo** For some time there has been talk of Department Stores but today's statement is the first coming Strike for More Pay

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 1 .- Over 2,500 heard and passed upon by the commission department store employes, involving all such stores here, went on strike today

about have so narrowed the margin he cent steres also participated. A minimum wage of \$8 for tween income and outgo that a lo per

#### tional equipment and facilities as will be necessary to take care of the growing Thief Gets Carcass demands of the country will be very seriof Dog Instead Sheep; Mr. Willard and the president of the New York Central have been appointed to take up the question with the com-

More Pay Refused Conductors.

Managers of eastern railroads declined today to grant higher wages to conductors and trainmen. The managers, in a reply sent to the Order of Railway Conductors and Brotherhood of Railway trainmen say that the present wages are liberal and in many cases excessive and that the request for an increase is declined "in the interests of owners of railroad securities, in the interests of the public s a whole.

"The wages and working conditions which you request," says the reply. "would increase the pay of the 100.000 conductors and trainmen of the railroads in the eastern district by approximately the sastern district by approximately and the eastern district by approximately in the eastern district by approximately and the eastern district the city of omaha of the eater say afternor time to catch the water plant, claiming to east catc conductors and trainmen of the railroads The eaters appeared uncomfortable and, in the eastern district by approximately making various excuses, left the table.

## Woman Shoots Son Instead of Father

extravagant wages to men in train serv-CHICAGO, May 1.- Clarence Murphy, 23 ice the burden must fall on the public. years, old, son of a Gary (Ind.) saloon You will readily see, therefore, why, in keeper, was shot and instantly killed considering your demands we hold the early today while in his father's place of business by Mrs. Grace Smith, 25 years "Already the traffic of a growing coun- old, when he atttempted to eject her. Mrs. Smith fled in an automobile to try has overtaxed the existing facilities, and the heavy burdens incurred through the home of her sister, Miss Lizzie Colill-advised legislation, such as extra crew mar, in Chicago, where later she was arrested. Arthur Greyson, 37 years old, bilis-for which the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen is alone responsible- was with the woman when she was taken have forced on the railroads, and con- into custody. They were taken back to sequently on the public, needless expendi- Gary to be held until the inquest has tures of millions of dollars annually. All been concluded.

The shooting followed a quarrel tween Mrs. Smith and Henry Murphy, for many of the roads to provide those facilities which prudent foresight de- proprietor of the saloon, over attentions mands and which the interests of the the saloon keeper is alleged to have paid meant to shoot old man Murphy

#### "He treated me cruelly and I wanted to get revenge." Golf Balls Worse

Than Highballs WILMINGTON, Del., May 1.-Rodney Warren, a 12-year-old caddle, who heard players at the Wilmington Country club discussing "highballs' yesterday, gathered the idea that the drink was in some way connected with the golf ball, . He cut open one of the halls and found it filled with a liquid which he drank. stomach pump saved his life. The doctor found the liquid in the ball was highly

#### impregnated with arsenic. BRITISH WORKMEN HOSTILE TO PEACE DELEGATION

LONDON. May 1.-An extremely hos tile attitude toward the British delegation now on the voyage to the United States to arrange for the Anglo-American peace centenary has been taken up by section of British workingmen. At Dock Workers' union. An appeal, sent by cable on their behalf today to Samuel Gompers, is as follows:

British workers appeal to the American trades unions not to mask the Carnegle peace delegates' mission to America. They hope America will not support the auggestion that it should assist England in making war against Ger-

To charge any sum for meters installed (Continued on Page Two.)

NEW YORK, May 1.—William J. Greenwood, a taxicab chauffeur was

# and not his son," Mrs. Smith told the today and paid Greenwood's fine.

4 was \$1,475,795,674-\$36,226,295 above the

#### amount required by law. Eleven Persons Hurt in Head-On Wreck

train a few miles north of this city early The passenger train, southbound, was

# Have Narrow Escape from Suffocation

CHICAGO, May L-Several hundred workmen narrowly escaped death by suffocation today when fire broke out in ah eight story building at 126 South Clinton street, occupied by several manufacturing concerns. When the employes at empted to leave they found the stairway filled with smoke. There were many thrilling escapes. Fifty men were carried down ladders by firemen and others fled down fire escapes.

# Representative Underwood at the throt- AUSTRIA IS ASKED TO

cupy Ports of Montenegro.

KING NICHOLAS SENDS ANSWER Reply to Request to Evacuate Scu tari is Noncommittal and Opens Door for Further

> Negotiation. BULLETIN.

LONDON, May 1.-The powers will not take steps to coerce Montenegro for the following his declaration that he intended present. The ambassadors at their meeting this afternoon came to the conclusion that, in view of the concillatory attitude shown by Montenegro, it was unnecessary to proceed with measures of coercion.

BULLETIN. CETTINJE, May 1.- The Russian minto the government today urging immediate compliance by Montenegro with the cial Sugar trust investigation a year ago demands of European powers for the evacuation of Scutari and intimating that a policy of deflance was likely to lead to the ruin of Montenegro.

> LONDON, May L-A proposal that the Montenegrin seaports of Antivari and Dulcignno shall be occupied by a joint force of Austrian. Italian and British to carry out their decision in regard to Scutart was made at today's meeting of the ambassadors in London. Should Austria-Hungary accept this

middle course its adoption would allow time for further pressure on Montenegro and for an arrangement to provide it with compensation of some kind. The reply of Montenegro to the demand of Europe for the exacuation of Scutari, as received today by the powers was non

commital and kept the doors open for further negotiations. The little kingdom of "the Black me tain" tells its neighbors that it has the greatest deference for them and denies the caputre of Scutari was in any way a defiance of their announced decision to give the former Turkish fortress to suggests that there is room for discus-

up the question of Scutari in the peac negotiations. In the meantime arrangements are in progress for the definite conclusion of eace between the Balkan allies and Turkey. The European powers have requested the respective governments to appoint plenipotentiaries who, upon meeting in London will be invited to sign draft of the preliminaries which the powers have already drawn up. This course has been adopted in order to prevent pro-

longed discussion. Compromise is Expected. The moderate tone of Montenegro's re ply to the European powers has cleared much of the electricity out of the diplo matic atmosphere. There is now a feeling that an early agreement will be reached.

Colo.-Mrs. Annie G. Rogers of Colorado. to be offered him to quit Scutari.

Senate Confirms Neill's Nomination

The impression derived by diplomats minister of Marianna, Fia., had a writ here from the Montenegrin note is that of habeas corpus issued today against King Nicholas is extending his hand. Chief of Police Copeland of this city to