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Senator Tillman Selses Upon Presi

dent's Reported Remarks to

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Omaha Mayor.

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Attorney General Thompson Files Petition With Supreme Court.

ASKS MANDAMUS AGAINST JUDGES Request That Burlington Suit Be Re-

manded to State Court.

RULING OF MUNGERS' ATTACKED

Allegation That Contention That State is Not Plaintiff Denied.

CHARGES IN THE PETITION

Railroad in Accused of Extortion and of Befying Nebraska Officers in the Discharge of Their Legal Duties.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 -Attorney General Thompson of Nebraska today filed in the supreme court of the United States a petition for a writ of mandamus compelling United States Circuit Judges William H. Munger and Thomas C. Munger to remand to the Nebraska supreme court the case of the state of Nebraska against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Rallroad company, which was originally brought in the etate supreme court, "to enjoin the rallroad company from injuring the public by charging for Its intrastate services as a common carrier in the state of Nebraska uniawful and extertionate rates and from defying Nebraska officers in discharging

their lawful doties. The case was originally instituted in the supreme court of the state on June 15, last, and in the following July was removed to the United States circuit court on the petition of the railroad company under the law of 1887, authorizing that court to exernise jurisdiction in sults between the citisens of different states, which involve over \$2.000. The state immediately made an offort to have the federal courts remand the case on the ground the state itself was not a citizen in the serme that word was used in the law, but Judges Munger and Munger, sitting as a circuit court, denied the petition on the ground that the state was not a real party to the case. The state then decided to present the matter to the federal aupreme court, as it did today in the shape of petition for an order compelling the United States circuit court to send the case back to the state courts.

New Rate Law Invelved. The law involved in the case is the stat-

ute enacted by the last legislature of Nebrasks, establishing a passenger rate of 2 cents per mile, prohibiting the issuance of pusses and reducing certain freight rates to the extent of 15 per cent of the other rates on intrastate business. In his petilion to the supreme court of the United States, Mr. Thompson says:

"After such statutes had gone into effect and when it was the duty of all common hicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad the modernists in the Catholic church. company disobeyed or threatened to violate them and defied the authority of the Nebraska State Railway commission in the Deputies results in severe injuries to sevenforcement of such laws. Prior to the erul deputies. enactment of such statutes, the interstate traffic of the railroad company was prac-tically without restraint or control and its gate at Fremont and class of 400 is ininfluence was then and is now so great. itlated. its capacity so formidable and its powers of oppression, discrimination and extortion a good word for Governor Sheldon as reso varied and far-reaching that individual publican candidate for vice president. citizens of the state were and are wholly unable to cope or litigate with it or protect themselves in controversies arising from unseasonable and extertionate chuyges.

Hence the contention that only the state itself was strong enough to stand against the company in a suit. '

WRECKER INJURES FOUR MEN Accident to Northwestern Machine at Work at South Belle

Plaine.

BOONE, Ia., Dec. 16 .- (Special Telegram.) A Northwestern wrecker at work putting a car on the tracks at South Belle Plaine FIUME this morning tipped over. Four Hoone men were seriously injured. All were nital. The injured: Charles Brannberg and scalded, able to walk from car; Perry Stout, burned on face and hands; Leighton Haller, bruised. It is thought all will re-

BIGELOW'S TER MINDEFINITE Colorado Youth Who Sent Dynamite Bombs in Mail Sent to Reformatory.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 16.-Kemp V. Bigelow, the clerk from Bryan, O., who last week pleaded guilty to charges of murderous assault upon Governor Henry A. Buchtel, Lawrence A. Phipps and Charles B. Kountse, to whom with others he mailed dyanmite bombs, was today sentenced to the state reformatory for an indefinite meriod.

DEATH RECORD.

Alexander H. Baker. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 16 .- (Special Telegram.)-Alexander H. Baker died this PROVIDES HOLIDAY morning, aged 85 years. He pre-empted a homestead on what is now Pleasant Hill, h Omaha, in 1857, selling to S. H. Clarke, He ance represented Douglas county in the genassembly. He was interested Omaha and Salt Lake freight transportation from 1804 to 1866. The body will be taken to Omaha tomorrow, where it will be interred beside his wife.

Mrs. Nancy L. Hinchman. GLENWOOD, Ia., Dec. 16.-(Special.) Nancy L. Hinchman, wife of Joseph V. Hinchman, who died in Glenwood in 1897, and who was Glenwood's most prominent tion of the income fund of the permanent banker, died at her home in Glenwood restorday, after an illness lasting several

Rev. Thomas E. Judge. CHICAGO, Dec. M.-Rev. Thomas E. Judge, editor of the New World, died yesterday of heart failure, brought on by bronchial troubles. He was professor of shilosophy at Maynoth, Ireland, and later was one of the faculty of St. Paul's seminary, St. Paul, Minn. The University of Chicago conferred se him the degree of

F. L. Parker. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18-L. P. Parker, general solicitor of the St. Louis & San Fran-

RATE CASE TAKEN UP SUMMARY OF THE BEE POPE CREATES CARDINALS DAHLMAN VERSUS ROOSEVELT CABINET

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DOMESTIC. Great fleet of sixteen battleships begin its voyage from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. Reviewed by President Rooseveit in Chesapcake bay. Page 1 Special agent of the Interstate Commerce commission takes testimony in the coal rate hearing on complaint or the

Nebraska Ratirond commission against the Page 3 Union Pacific road. Page 3
Senator Tillman says he fears Mayor Dahlman of Omaha is a candidate for the Ananias club in a speech before the Page 2 Union Avenue bank of Kansas City re-

opens for business. Page 1 seventy-five men. Director of the Chicago National bank testifies he knew nothing of the negotiations of Walsh which caused the wreak Page 1 of the institution, Comptroller Ridgely files his report of

the condition of national banks and favors the establishment of a central bank with Page 3 note credit system. Claim made that members of the Western Federation of Minera are resuming work in Goldfield territory. Page 1 National senate and house agree to ad-

journ Saturday ever until January 6 Page 1 Blind senator of Oklahoma draws two year term in the national body. Page 2 Caleb Powers admits he sent for me anything to do with the plot to murder Page 1

President Roosevelt's declaration against a third term is said to have been made at the solicitation of the manager of Secretary Taft's campaign. Page I to the Pacific coast is the main thing against low lumber rates. Page 1

FOREIGH. Pope Plus X creates four new cardinals

Page 1 Fight in the Austrian Chamber HEBRASKA.

Page 3 Railway Commissioner Winnett puts in

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brought to Boone and one taken to a hos- FIREMAN KILLED IN WRECK badly scalded; William Cartwright, bruised Union Pacific Passenger No. 6 Collides with Switch Engine at Green River.

RAWLINS, Wyo., Dec. 16 .- Union Pacific passenger traft No. 6, westbound, collided with a switch engine near Green River last night. Both engines were derailed and Fireman Bell of the passenger train was killed. Passengers were shaken up, but one seriously hurt,

TWO KILLED AT WATERLOO James and William Campbell Victims at Illinois Central Grade

Crossing. ST. PAUL, Dec. 16 .- A special to the Dispatch from Waterloo, Is., says: James and William Campbell and the Central passenger train at a crossing near Epworth last night and killed. They were

driving home in a carriage. House Passes Concurrent Resolution

for Adjournment Next Saturday to January Sixth. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.-The house to day passed a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment next Haturday

until January 6. School Population Increasing. PIERRE S. D. Doc. 16 - (Special Telegram.)-The state land department today made the December semi-annual distribuschool fund, amounting to more than 1100,000. The apportionment was on the basis of it is expected that a similar course will rears. Mrs. Hinchman was in her sev- Il cents for each school child of the state. enty-fifth year. Her funeral will be held The June semi-annual distribution was en will put a greater amount of gold coin in in Glenwood at 2 p. m. Tuesday. Decem- a basis of \$2.41 cents for each child. The circulation here than ever before. school population was increased 1,614 in the

> Dr. Brooks Goes to Panama. FORT MEADE, S. D., Dec. 16, -(Special.) night for Washington, D. C., where he will out to the subagencies, where several of Commerce and its assistants are workspend Christman with his parents. On thousand Indians are to be paid. The reds ing on their report of the condition of that

last year.

Kannas Liquor Cases Set. WASHINGTON: Dec. 16.-The supremcourt of the United States today set fo cleso road, was found dead today inthe hearing on January 6 next a number of bath tub at his home. Death resulted from cases involving the constitutionality of the anti-liquor law of Maneus,

Holds Secret Consistory in Vatican for

Purpose.

MODERNISTS AGAIN CENSURED

Severent Criticism for Men Who Pose as Catholtes and Still Are Enemies to True Paith.

ROME, Dec. 16.-Ptus X. teday held secret consistory in the Vatican, in which he created four new cardinals and promised several bishops.

The new cardinals are Monsigner Pietro Gasparri, secretary of the congregation of extraordinary ecclesialtical affairs: Monsignor De Lal, secretary of the congregation of the council; Monsigner Ludovic Henry Lucan, archbishop of Rheims, and Monsigner Paul Pierre Andrieu, archbishop finances, he said:

The pope delivered an address in which he been attacked from all sides in a warfare open or dissimulated. The rights of the financial stringency has operated. church had been trampled on by those Italy. To this must be added, he continued. authority and desire themselves authorita- times, tively to sanction a new faith and a new conscience. If the modernists would enlist themselves frankly among the enemies of the church this evil would be less; as it is, they proclaim themselvevs Catholics, partake of the sacrament and celebrate Page 1 mass. Fulfilling his chosen duty, the Mine explosion at Yolande, Ala., kills pope said, he had adopted against the modernists such measures as were neces-

clergymen from pervision. In conclusion the allocution reads: The Episcopacy has accepted the papal directions with eagerness and has applied them with seal, but the modernists persevers in their rebellion and give manifest proof of their attitude even in the press. May God enlighten these misled ones.

The pope made official announcement during the consistory of the appointment of Monsignor Kennedy, rector of the American college here, to be titular bishop of Adrianapolis and the appointment of Monsignor Dennis O'Connell, rector of the Catholic university of Washington, to be titular bishop of Sebaste.

from the mountains, but deales he had JAPAN IN NO NEED OF MONEY Ambassador to France Denies Report That Orientals Are in Need of Money.

PARIS, Dec. 16 .- Baron Kurino, the Jap-James J. Hill in testimony before the anese ambassador to France, has authorlumber rate hearing at Washington de- ized the Associated Press to deny the ruclares the return of empty lumber cars more that a new Japanese loan is about to be floated here and in London. He explained that as the Japanese budget for 1968 is expected to balance, there probably will be no occasion to appeal to foreign money markets next year. He was teclined to believe that the rumors have been circulated with the distinct purpose of creating a false impression in the United States.

FIGHT IN AUSTRIAN CHAMBER

Ruthenian Deputy Thrown Piece of Wood at President, Starting

VIENNA. Dec. 16 - Members of the Ruthenian party interrupted the proceedings in the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon. and a Ruthenian deputy threw a piece of wood at the president of the house. The Christian socialists retaliated by attacking the Ruthenians, using chairs as weapons. Several deputies sustained serious injuries

POISON IN OATMEAL FATAL Mrs. Kemmel of Miller, S. D., Dead and Her Son Ill, but Will

Becaver. MILLER, S. D., Dec. 16,-Poison in the Mrs. Kemmel, who lived northwest and arrests likely will follow the comple-

tion of the investigation being made by the coroner's jury. Black Hills Deanery Organized.

STURGIS, S. D., Dec. 18.-(Special.)-After the ordination services of Edward B Cross of St. Thomas' Episcopal church of this city had been concluded the priests of the Episcopal church in the Black Hills met and organized a deanery, which will be separate and distinct from the deanery of the eastern part of the state. Rev. Mr Sparling of Rapid City, rural dean, will preside at the meetings, call them and attend to the other duties of the presiding officer. The membership at the present time of the deanery consists of Rev. Mr. Montgomery of Lead and Deadwood, Rev. Mr Cross of Sturgts, Rev. Mr. North Tummon of Spearash and Rev. Mr. Sparling to Rapid City. The deanery will have latter's wife were struck by an Illinois no special time of meeting, but will assemble at the call of the rural dean or at the request of its members for the discussion of church affairs and for the transaction of such business as its organization calls

> Gold to Pay Soldiers. LANDER, Wyo., Dec. 16.-(Special.)-States cavalry from Fort Washakle, was ury to pay off the soldiers stationed at year term. the fort, a most unusual proceeding, the pay in checks. A number of employes of big Indian canal system, have not had their pay for more than two months and be pursued in making their payment. This

Indians Receive Lease Money. PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The indians on the Cheyenne river reservation are being paid a portion of their lease he has a much better position awaiting him. to get ready for Christman, and the traders upon and around the remryation are gath- days. ering in the shining metal.

Harmony Kultting Mills. TROY, N. Y., Dec. 16.-Fire early today Harmony Enitting milis. Loss, \$180,000, arrested at Fort Eranch, Ind.

Several Who Have Presidential As-WARHINGTON, Dec. 18.-In the course pirations May Cause Trouble. of a speech in the senate today Senator

TAFT'S CANDIDACY WILL BENEFIT

financial affairs. He said he believed that President Boomwelt was a patriot, and that wittle he had been guilty of many in discretions and said many things which is onter moments he would have been willing to take out of print, he did not believe that the president felt any satisfaction Ohto. whatever in having been instrumental in the present financial paratysis, as had been

charged "If we are not in the midst of a cenic we are in the midst of a chill produced by danger of a panic," doctaged Mr. Tillman. said that if he was responsible for the was a candidate in any sense of the term.

who should safeguard them and the im- is proud of it. At least Dahlman says the a second term and that he would not ac pious and vulgar press had fought it even president says he is proud of it. I cannot cept a renomination at the hands of the to the extent of disturbing the public quiet. believe he said it. He has said many republican party for a third term. The postiff cited the recent disorders in things lacking discretion, but I do not believe he is so callens as to feet any pleasthe disastrous propoganda in the bosom of ure in the condition of paralysis which con- to listen to the value of the people and Catholicism itself which is being carried on fronts us. I believe he is a patriot, again become their leader, but the pollby modernists who disdain to pontified though he has perhaps shown it badly at ticians accept Mr. Roosevelt's statement

The senator held sloft a clearing house certificate and loudly called upon the sen- thing Mr. Roosevelt's statement does do.

ate to look at H. propose to have it destroyed and lose a of the fight now on for delegates. dollar just to enlighten you on currency." He wanted only good greenbacks and in money, said:

you can't get it."

Company May Not Legally Vote Its Stock.

state, since to do so would be in conflict with the public policy of the state. Mr. Farrar had eighty-four law books on the table near him and he quoted liberally from these.

"This corporation," he said, "cannot ex ercise under the statutes of Illinois any only to these men themselves, but to their corporate powers or functions unless the statutes permit a similar body to be organized in the state."

POWERS AND MOUNTAIN ARMY Kentuckinn Admits Sending Them, but Denies Intent to Murder.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Dec. 16.-The sixth wek of the trial of Caleb Powers was marked by the beginning of defense testimony, the accused taking the stand as the first witness. The court room was packed with ladies in the audience. After detailing his early history and final election as secatmeal caused the death yesterday of retary of state, Mr. Powers was asked to of define his connection with bringing bodies Miller. The woman's son was also pol- of mountain men to Frankfort prior to the soned but will recover. The authorities assassination of Governor Goebel. The believe that they were victims of foul play witness frankly admitted his connection with the "mountain army," and said there was no secrecy about it. He said the pur- it was expected the president would make pose of it was for a moral effect on the contest then pending at Frankfort, and there was no threat or intimidation of vio- to the judgment of most public men, the lence or no instructions given to the moun- fight between the adherents of Taft, Cantalneers as to any threatened trouble, non, Fairbanks, Knox and Hughes will Powers denied emphatically that he directed Golden or Monkes, as they testified. antagonistic to Secretary Taft's ambition to get "mountain feudists" or fighting to sit in the presidential enair, and this men, but said that instructions were given will make the most interesting convention to get representative citizens, the best in the republican party has had in twenty their respective sections.

OWEN GETS SIX-YEAR TERM Lots Drawn in Senate Chamber to Determine Tenure of Okla-

homa Members. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 .- The two senators from Oklahoma were sworn into ized for failure to supply cars redentials of Robert L. Owen and Senater Culberson those of Thomas P. Gore, the blind senator. Senator Gore walked on the arm of the Texas senator. After the oath was administered to Senator Gore Captain W. F. Flynn, with a squad of his pen properly placed on the book before coopers from Troop M of the Eighth United him signed his name to the constitution. The terms of the two sensters were then here yesterday to receive a shipment of drawn by lot. Senator Owen secured the gold coin sent direct from the subtreas. *|x-yesr term and Senator Gere the two-

soldiers having heretofore received their UNION AVENUE BANK OPENS the reclamation service at work on the Receiver Will Soon Be Ready to Report on National Bank of Commerce.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 16.-The Union Avenue Bank of Commerce, one of the small banks affiliated with the National Bank of Commerce, which closed when the parent institution failed ten days ago, resumed business this morning. With the opening of the Union Avenue bank all of the banks affected by the National Bank of Com-Dr. John D. Brooks, who has been at money, amounting to B1.60 per head, and merce failure have now reopened. James this post for over alk years, will tenve to- all in silver, requiring a team to haul it T. Bradley, receiver of the National Bank December 30 he will sail for Panania, where are taking advantage of the opportunity bank and expect to have it ready for submission to the comptroller within a few

> Burgiar Suspects Arrested. CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram -John Hartenbehner and Edward Harvey. destroyed the feur-story building of the | wanted at Lincoln, Neb., for burglary, were

Announcement of President Rossevelt Said to Have Been at Request of Manager Verys of

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 -- (Special.) The meeting of the national democratic committee in Washington last week paied for greater than the revenue gained from Speaking of a published interview with into insignificance before the unqualified the president by Mayor Bahiman of Omaha, withdrawal of President Rossevalt from In which the president is alleged to have the race for a renomination. Not that he panic he was glad of it, as it brought to but Mr. Rousevelt's admigers made him a view the rotten conditions of the country's | candidate that the republican presidential situation might be clarified. The presi-"I fear that Mr. Dalilman is in imminent dent, however, true to his best instincts danger of joining the Ananias club. Per- and loyal to his standards, serewed the made reference to the persecution of the haps somebody here will use the telephone lid down on the third term proposition by Redeemer and said that his church had and find out out about that." He spoke of the manner in which the position he took on election night three years ago when he publicly declared that "And." he added, "the president says be he construed that he had been ejected to

There are those in and out of congress who still believe the president will have at its true worth and will from now on line up for their chosen candidates. One It insures an old-time republican conven is a specimen," he declared, tion minus the cut and dried features Looks like what you call confederate which have marked the conventions of money-shin plaster-and yet they are is- that party in the past dozen years and sued by national banks. Look at it. I am Chicago will see in June of next year going to have it engraved if it can be one of the great political conventions of done without destroying it and put it in the party, the character of the men who sary, striving particularly to save young the Congressional Record. But I don't are out and out candidates being earnest

> Ald to Taft's Candidney. The president's frank statement, it

rasping tones, speaking of the necessity of thought, will help Secretary Taft's candidacy, its publication at this time being "You will have to go to the beneyard if attributed to Mr. Verhys, of Ohio, Secretary Taft's campaign manager, who told the president that the effort made by his FARRAR'S DEFENSE OF FISH friends to send Boosevelt delegates to the convention was seriously hurting Judge Attorney Argues Railroad Securities Taft's canvass and that he owed it to his war secretary to once and for all nal down the coffin of a third term.

Rumors of the most startling kind are CHICAGO, Dec. 16.-Edgar H. Farrar, in circulation to the effect of an open ounsel for Stuyvesant Fish, today took up break between Secretary Taft and Secrethe argument in favor of the injunction tary Cortelyou growing out of the presirestraining E. H. Harriman and others dential ambitions of these two men, and from voting certain shares of stock of the it would not be at all surprising to see Illinois Central Railroad company. Judge both men out of the cabinet iong before Farrar asserted that the charter of the national convention time comes around. It Railroad Securities company of New Jer- is an open secret that powerful influences sey, which now holds the stock which Mr. are at work in New York state to secure Harriman wants to vote, contains the the New York delegation for Curtelyou power and serms of monopoly in its worst and that First Assistant Postmaster Gen-form. It was, he said, unlike the Northern eral Hitchcock has been through the south Securities company, not confined to the con- drumming up delegates and creating a arol of two corporations, but a security sentiment for the former postmaster gencompany which spreads its wings over eral and now secretary of the treasury. contended that suries corporation could not Mr. Hitchcock and it would not be at all come into Illinois and own and vote stocks surprising if there was a vacancy in the in the public service corporations of this office of the first assistant postmaster gen-

Working at Cross-Purposes. It requires no imagination to perc that with two members of the president's official family working at cross purposes some embarrassment may be caused, not colleagues, as well as to the president Everybody knows that the president is for Mr. Taft and the latter's adherents believe that he will continue to be so to the end of the contest. Mr. Cortelyou is no depending upon the active assistance his chief, although some of his friends expect that in the event Mr. Taft's canvass does not give promise of culminating suc cessfully he will turn to the secretary of the treasury and there is good ground for thus believing, for months ago it was currently reported that President Roosevelt's real candidate was Cortelyou and that he was using Secretary Taft as a stalking horse. This, however, is true Secretary Cortelyou is acting independently of his chief and having control of the national republican committee through Chairman New it is readily appreciated th power Cortelyou wields even though his name be not presented to the convention.

Having made his announcement, which in due time, and having eliminated him self wholly from consideration according grow in intensity, the field being openly

years. Big Railroad Questions. Immediately after the holiday recess the ommittee on commerce of the house and senate will take up various measures look ing to amendments of the interstate commerce law. One of the most important problems which congress will be called upon to solve is shall railroads be penal office today. Senator Money presented the needed by the shipper. Another is the question of reciprocal demurrage

Throughout the entire country there has come a cry for cars, which, during the slowly to the vice president's desk, leaning last two years, has been louder and more insistent than the demand for currency Yet while this demand for shipping facili he was conducted to the desk and having ties has been country wide, it has gained the force of a cyclone in the cattle sec tions of the southwest and in the grain shipping centers of the whole section west of the Ohio river. The cattle growers of Texas, Kansas, Wyoming, Colorado, Aria one and New Mexico have been the principal sufferers from the car shortage, an parently, and that is because they are compelled to drive their berds long distances before shipping, and the failure to have cars ready subjects the owner of the steers to great expense for feed, and to loss of weight, which sometimes reduces his r turns by as much as 5 per cent. It is admitted there will be great difficulty in preparing a bill which will be fust alike to the rullroads and the shippers.

It is proposed to require commo riers to have shipping facilities at designated points within a reasonable time after notification of the requirement of the shipper, and failure to have the neces sary cars after such notification shall sub fect the railroad to certain penalties presoribed either by the act itself or by the Interstate Commerce commission. The in terpretation of the term 'rousenable time' and the question of the proper penalties will tax the committee and provoke a and house

Reciprocal Damages. The legislature of the state of Washing-

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CLASH RETURN OF CARS DIFFICULTY Four Thousand-Mile Hauf of Lumber

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-James J. Hill.

hairman of the Board of Directors of the

last summer, and on investigation he found

that the cost to his road of handling the

"Emptica" Caused Halso in

Great Northern ratiroud, was the principal wilness today in the hearing before the Interstate Commerce commission of the complaints of the Washington and Ovego fumber associations against the railway lines of the north Pacific states with co spect to an advance in rates on the lumber and forest products. Mr. Hill said the his altention was attracted to the south

lumber traffic from the northwest was The difficulty was, in his judgment that the care had to be hauled by the railroads from the eastern points to Oregon and Washington practically empty. The haul of substantially 6,000 miles cost the Hnes about \$200, while the revenue per cur from the northwest to the points of destination of the lumber product was about \$900 This produced a loss of \$50 per car. This situation was so serious, from the viewpoint of the railway lines, that it was necessary to take some action that would remedy it. It was docided to increase the rates on lumber and lumber products, not with any idea of prohibiting the traffic to lumber from the northwest, but merely with the idea of protecting the Interests of the railway lines. From his point of view it manifestly was impossible for the

the only reason the reliconds had for making an advance in their tariffs. A rumor current today was that a compromise between the lumber shippers of the northwest and the railway lines was likely to be effected, by which the complaints of the lumber men would be with drawn and the pending cases settled without reference to the Interstate Commerce commission. It is said by parties to both sides of the present controversy that the rumor has no foundation in fact.

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MINE EXPLOSION IN ALABAMA Seventy-Pive Persons Reported Entombed at Yolande, Tusks-

looss County.

BIRMINGHAM, Aix., Dec. 16-An explosion, probably of dust, took place in No. mine of the Yolande Coat and Coke company at Yolande, thirty-five miles from Hirmingham, in Tuecalooss county, this morning. Ninety men were checked in today for work. Within an hour after the explosion fourteen men had crawled out of ber of men in the mine and as to whether Two dead bodies had been recovered before t o'clock.

While officials of the company were hopwas forcing its way into the mine. But little hope is expressed that many will get out alive. Little houses just cutside of the usine were destroyed by the immense hade then official adder amount of dust and timber blown out of Then for a journey of nearly ten miles the mine. A relief train went to the scene the president, as commander-in-chief of this afternoon.

oute to the scene. At the local office of the Yolande company the statement is given out that there will not be many found dead. The first work of the rescue party is giving encourage-

At 2 o'clock forty coffins were being prepared to be sent to Yolande. The rescue party was getting out dead and injured

men right along SANTA CLAUS CARED FOR All Such Mail Will Be Sent to Persons ing yacht passed up and down their lines. Likely to Give to Lit-

tle Ones. The Omaha postoffice officials already have begun the adoption of the rule recom- bound on a cruise which, as the president mended by the postmaster general rela- himself expressed it. "no fieet of such size tive to the disposal of Santa Claus letters has ever before undertaken." The guns now pouring into the Omaha office and will which had avoiced to the president on his see they are delivered to benevolently in- arrival in Hampton Roads uttered a goodclined persons who may be disposed to act live tribute as they passed the Mayflower as that venerable and beloved genius of the outward-bound. The salute of welcome Christmas time. Many letters were sent had been paid in unison; the farewell

out Monday morning. Some of the letters came into the office each one of the sixteen ships with full, insufficient and some with no. The fleet passed out in single column postage at all. However every one will be the big government-built Connecticut, fiagaddressed to someone.

Assistant Postmaster Woodard on showing a big handful of these letters Monday the Connecticut to the Kentucky, which rning that had just been received, said: We would much rather do this as recommended by the postmaster general than In space of time there was a stratch of send the letters to the dead letter office. & decade between the 16.886 tons of the That many of the letters are frauds, pure Connecticut to the little more than ILON and simple, there is not the slightest tons of the Kentucky. Five stages of doubt. But many more of them are genuine American battleship construction were and are deeply and touchingly pathetic, represented in the line and as an object But we cannot discriminate and will send lesson in the growth of the American navy

availing. MORE MAIL POUCH THEFTS Repetition of Crimes Convinces Offi-

cials Gang is Systematically "Nothing doing in the mail pouch robbery investigation," remarked Postoffice Inspector L. N. Thompson. "We have run

down several clues, but they did not develop into anything." The theft of a letter mail pouch at Logan. In. Saturday and the finding of the psuch Sunday, cut to pieces and rifled of its contents lends to the belief that a gang of

very shrewd mail pouch thieves is now operating in this section. A rumor was current Monday morning Northwestern depot at Norfolk Sunday night, but the rumor proved to be a false

wards found all right DIRECTOR WAS NOT POSTED Knew Little of Actual Affairs of Chicago National Bank, He

Testifies.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 16.-Maurice Resenfeld. who was a director of the Chicago Nahone bank, was on the sland today in be trial of John R. Walsh for misapplication of funds of the bank.

Revenfeld testified that us a director he knew that the funds of the bank were invested in companies in which Mr. Walsh was interested. The investments, however, he said, were never discussed at the meetings of the directors nor did he vote for them, nor did he know of any memorandum notice being hold in the bank, and he did not vote that such notes should be placed in the bank. He had no knowledge contried as cash,

OFF FOR THE PACIFIC

Battleship Squadron Begins Its Long Trip to Western Waters,

PRESIDENT WITNESSES START

Admirals and Captains Received on Deck of Mayflower,

JOURNEY IS WITHOUT PRECEDENT

Longest Practice Cruise Ever Undertaken by Big Modern Fleet.

FLOWER OF UNITED STATES NAVY

Cannons Boom Honors to Natton's Chief While Stateon Yessels of the Line Pass Proudly By 211:00.

OLD POINT COMPORT, Va., Dec. 16-The buckbone of the American news, appteen first-class britleships, under command of Rear Admiral Bobby D. Evans, set sati today for the Pacific ocean-g 14,000-golie cruise, which has set all the world to TALESTINE

Parading in review infore the greatdent carriers to hauf the lumber traffic from of the United States and saluting as they went; the stately white seems drew anthe east at the former rates and to obtain chors from the rendezvous ground of a fair and equitable rate on lumber was Hampton Roads, steamed out of the famous Old Virginia capes and were lost to view on the south sea-stern horizon, fliny, tell-tale cotomes of black coal smoke be ing the fast visible vestige of the departing floot. At ten knots speed they west, turning their backs on the coast which so long has been their home and headed for the eastern end of the West Indies. After threading their way among the reefs of those inlands the flort will bring up at Trinidad on Christmas eve-the first stage of its journey at an end. The belted sides of each armoraled were fairly strutted today with the press of heavy stores and nition, while decks resounded with the footfalls of a thebrand men in querters. On a mission as parific as the name of the waters it most will be plowing, the first was next away prepared in every do-

tall for any duty. Presidential Party Arrives. President Receivelt, accompanied by a party of guests, name down from Washington on the meval warht Mayflower. His arrival in the roadstend was signalized by a roar of valutes. When the regulting well the mine, all burned. Reports from the of powder had lifted from the ships the some of the accident vary as to the num- | Mayflower proceeded to anchor in the very center of the throbbing feet. There folthey will be found dead. The number is lowed the brief reception on board, the placed at between sixty and seventy-six. president having a farewell message for the four year admirals and the sixteen commanding officers who are taking the ships through Mageffice to Ban Francisco. ing against the worse, the rescue party At the conclusion of the meeting on the Mayflower's quarter deck President Boostwelt shook each officer cordially by the

hand and as they went over the side he the American army and navy, led the long fine of batricelits out into Chesapegies bay. They followed his flag to I Thimble shoul light, just five miles inside the capes, where the Mayflower turned saids and dropped its anchors for the formal review. As a naval pageant the review and departure of the fleet today was the most petable in American history. There have been several presidential reviews of the Atlantic first during the last eighteen months, but in these instances the great ships were lying ducile at the end of spreading anchor chains while the review-

Journey Without Precedent. Today the feet was under way, had cast off from the shore and wer putwardtribute was an individual offering from

ship of Admiral Hyans, leading the way, The yeards were 400 pards apart and from brought up the rear, the line reached a distarce of more than four miles.

them all out and hope that our selections the speciacle found one of its most strik-

of good, kind people will not prove un- ing features. A large number of puchts and excursion boats accompanied the feet down the bay and gathered at the reviewing ground

Those on the Maybower. President Rooseven's party on the Mayflower included Mrs. Prosevelt, Miss Exhal Roosevelt, Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Metcalf, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newberry, Rear Admiral W. H. Brownson, chief of the bureau of

navigation and Mrs. Brownson; Rear Ad-

miral and Mrs. Cowles and Lieutenant Communder and Mrs. Simms. The naval dispatch heat Delphin also came down from Washington with a party of congressmen on board to witness the

The day of departure broke fair and cool, with an eight mile breeze blowing from just a little to the south of west and ruffling that two pouches had been stolen from the the waters of the roads into sparking

WAYER At the time of the president's arrival the brilliant sun had set the bright work and polished danks dunning in its rays. The immaculate white built of the big fighting machines gleamed splendidly. Not a cloud Broked the sky.

The early morning scenes about the fret anchorage was most picturesque. Long before flaylight the tidy little scam baunches were making that had trips from the shore. some of them blowing impatient whistles for delayed mall orderlies, who were the last persons to be taken aboard.

Men at Posts Early. Man-of-waremen acone early. Five a clock found every deck of the sexteen

abins well filled with them. They were busy with the last oberes of acrubbing and politicing. Changing red and white signal lights allowed at times from mostheads, communitors having some last metroctions to meetre from the dist stonal liagsNips.

As daylight came the ship lights disays peared one by one until all were gone he said, that Mr. Walsh's checks were the sun ross, a great red ball to the east It seemed to hang for a time in the grain-