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## JAPS START FIGHT

Orientals at Vancouver Attack Three Firemen with Knives.

ACCIDENT TAKEN AFFRONT

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CITY COMPARATIVELY [illegible]T

Four Japanese Arrested and Will Be Given Fair Trial.

ENGLAND'S POSITION DELICATE

**Attack of Subjects of Its Ally on Officers in Uniform Raises Question that May Be Difficult to Handle.**

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 2.—Three city firemen, Frost, Anderson and McDonald, were set upon by a mob of armed Japanese yesterday at the corner of Powell street and Gore avenue, two blocks from the police station and in the center of the Japanese district.

The men were clothed in uniforms with brass buttons and the attack of the Japanese is all the more serious for that reason.

By accident a fireman named Frost fell against the window of a Japanese store and smashed the plate glass. In an instant the Japanese proprietor rushed out and many of his countrymen came to join the fight. The firemen were overpowered after a fight, when the flesh of their faces had been torn into ribbons by the razor-like knives, which the Orientals carried.

Frost was seriously hurt; his neck was cut, slashed and laid open for four inches and two inches deep alongside the jugular vein. The other two firemen were frightfully cut about the arms and breasts, but were still fighting over the body of Frost when a squad of police arrived. Four Japanese were arrested and the three firemen were taken to the hospital.

The Japanese fought like demons and the knives they carried were a foot long.

There is no excitement, either in the oriental quarters or throughout the city, over the stabbing of three members of the fire department by Japanese. It is considered that the affair was primarily an incident to a New Year's celebration and inflamed by a mistake on the part of the Japanese, who fancied the jovial firemen were attacking them, whereas one white man fell against a window and broke it. No reprisals against the Japanese are expected unless Frost, one of the wounded firemen, should die, but this does not seem probable. The two other firemen, Allen and MacDonald, are reported improving by the hospital surgeons. Members of the Anti-Asiatic league do not attach special importance to the affray, although it may have a certain influence on the civic elections to be held next week. No meeting of the Anti-Asiatic league has been called, but in any case the chief of police says he is sufficiently on his guard to prevent a race riot. The Japanese arrested in connection with the stabbing affray will be given a fair trial in the police and county courts.

**England's Delicate Situation.**

LONDON, Jan. 2.—England is experiencing what might well be called a startling awakening to the grave problems caused by the emigration of Asiatics to its white colonies. The principal political topic for a week has been the situation in the Transvaal, where several thousand East Indians and Chinese were given the alternative of submitting to what they consider a degrading system of registration or of being imprisoned and expelled. The reports of further racial rioting at Vancouver come at a particularly inopportune time, on account of the negotiations now under way between Canada and Japan, and they are very annoying to the British government, officials having hoped that Japan's willingness substantially to restrict its emigration would soften the anti-Japanese prejudices on the Pacific coast.

**Great Britain's Problem.**

It is recognized that the race question is more serious for Great Britain than for America, because the Indians are British subjects and the Japanese are its allies. The Transvaal has temporarily refrained from taking measures against those Indians who have refused to register, other than to decline to renew the traders' licenses, all of which expired December 31. It is proposed, however, to execute the law in a few days. Two thousand Indians, from all parts of the Transvaal, met recently in Johannesburg and voted to refuse to submit to the law.

ANSWER GIVEN SECRETARY ROOT

**Japanese Government Submits Note on Immigration.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Secretary Root today received from Ambassador O'Brien at Tokio a transcript of the reply of the Japanese government to the memorandum submitted by him some time ago in relation to the regulation of Japanese immigration into America. The reply is very long, discussing Mr. O'Brien's proposition in the greatest detail. So far Secretary Root has not had an opportunity to carefully consider the reply, but it is stated that in the opinion of the State department it exhibits a disposition on the part of the Japanese government to meet the desires of America in a satisfactory manner. Ambassador O'Brien coincides in this view of the Japanese response.

## CAPTAIN ADMITS HIS DEED

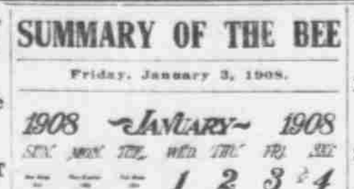
**German Officer Canonired with Wife of Major to Kill Her Husband.**

ALLENSTEIN, East Prussia, Jan. 2.—Captain von Goeben of the army has confessed that he killed Major von Schoenbeck, a brother officer on Christmas day, after he had dined with the major and his wife in their house. After saying good night the captain pretended to leave the house, but instead he stole up to the major's room, where he put on a mask. The major entered and hearing a suspicious rustling in the darkness called "Who is there?" Von Goeben responded: "I want to speak with you." Von Schoenbeck did not reply, but drew his revolver and endeavored to shoot. The cartridge missed fire. Von Goeben then drew his revolver and shot the major, leaving the house by means of a key previously given him by Mrs. Von Schoenbeck.

It is evident that Von Goeben, in his incomplete confession is endeavoring to shield the wife of the major, with whom it is alleged he conspired to kill her husband.

## SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Friday, January 3, 1908.




**THE WEATHER.**

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Friday and Saturday fair.

FORECAST FOR IOWA—Fair Friday and Saturday. Warmer Friday.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

| Hour. | Deg. |
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| 5 a. m. | 19 |
| 6 a. m. | 20 |
| 7 a. m. | 21 |
| 8 a. m. | 21 |
| 9 a. m. | 18 |
| 10 a. m. | 32 |
| 11 a. m. | 33 |
| 12 m. | 33 |
| 1 p. m. | 35 |
| 2 p. m. | 40 |
| 3 p. m. | 42 |
| 4 p. m. | 44 |
| 5 p. m. | 42 |
| 6 p. m. | 40 |
| 7 p. m. | 38 |
| 8 p. m. | 37 |
| 9 p. m. | 37 |

**DOMESTIC.**

Senator Burkett asks Nebraska editors to help him push the grazing bill. Senator Brown favors early convention to elect delegates-at-large. Move to abolish the Broken Bow land office. **Page 1**

Sunday school workers are in session in Boston considering a change in the Sunday school lesson methods. **Page 1**

Physicians are seriously considering plan for shortening the number of years' preparation necessary for students. **Page 1**

Attorney Hart of Minneapolis defends himself against charge of insulting the supreme court. **Page 1**

Eight years' sentence is given Roy Howard at Des Moines for murder. **Page 1**

France and the United States are likely soon to arrive at a trade agreement. **Page 1**

Captain Pillsbury has been appointed chief of the bureau of navigation. **Page 1**

Tobacco war at Hopkinsville and throughout Kentucky may be settled by the action of the American Tobacco company. **Page 2**

The Powers jury has a difficult time reaching an agreement. **Page 2**

Leslie M. Shaw has not made up his mind whether he will be a candidate for the presidency. **Page 1**

Women are now allowed to smoke in some of the first-class restaurants in New York. **Page 1**

House and senate at Washington are likely to engage in rivalry over financial legislation. **Page 2**

**NEBRASKA.**

Governor Sheldon will take his staff with him in the near future and present the silver service Nebraska has donated to the battleship Nebraska. **Page 2**

**FOREIGN.**

Count Boni de Castellane and his cousin engage in a fist fight in Paris. **Page 4**

Japanese at Vancouver attack city firemen, severely wounding one as result of mistaking New Year's carousal for hostile demonstration. **Page 1**

The Bank of England reduces the rate of discount from 7 to 6 per cent. **Page 4**

One Russian colonel was killed at Samara. **Page 2**

**SPORT.**

Coach Yost of Michigan university responds to the attacks of President David Starr Jordan of Leland Stanford university by declaring no money was given to secure the presence of C. W. Gregory at Ann Arbor. **Page 2**

**COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.**

Live stock markets. **Page 7**

Grain markets. **Page 7**

Stocks and bonds. **Page 7**

**MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.**

| Port. | Arrived. | Sailed. |
|---|---|---|
| NEW YORK | Finland | |
| NEW YORK | Cuba 40 Messina | |
| NEW YORK | Amsterdam | |
| NEW YORK | Kroonland | |
| SOUTHAMPTON | Majestic | Oceanic |
| NAPLES | Gallia | |
| NAPLES | San Giovanni | |
| NAPLES | Italia | |
| LIVERPOOL | | Haverford |
| BOSTON | Cymric | Winifredian |

BY WIRELESS.

SABLE ISLAND—Mindenhana, from London to New York, 130 miles east at 6 p. m.

QUEENSTOWN—Arrived off, steamer Saxonia, from Boston for Liverpool, and proceeded; unable to land passengers on account of rough weather.

## STRIKERS ATTACK THE CARS

**Rioting Resumed at Muncie and Nine Persons Are Injured in Fight.**

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 2.—Rioting was resumed today between the striking employes of the street railway company and the strike breakers. Two thousand men began stoning the cars shortly before 11 o'clock. Shots were fired and nine persons were injured.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 1.—Three companies of the Indiana National Guard spent the night under arms at the barracks and are being held in readiness. Companies at Winchester, Kokomo, Greenfield and Lebanon have been ordered by Governor Hanley to be ready to move at once in case of further trouble on account of the street railway strike at Muncie and other places along the line of the Indiana Union Traction lines.

## EIGHT YEARS GIVEN HOWARD

**Maximum Sentence for Manslaughter to Trooper of Second Cavalry at Des Moines.**

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 2.—Nineteen-year-old Roy Howard, convicted of murdering Miss Martha Picray on the night of November 29, was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary at Anamosa today. He was given the maximum for manslaughter. Howard attempted to shoot down a jealous rival and shot Miss Picray instead. He pleaded an accident as an excuse. He was a trooper of the Second cavalry stationed at Fort Des Moines. His home is at Peoria, Ill.

## ATTORNEY HART IN DEFENSE

**Minneapolis Lawyer Says He Was Within Rights in Criticising Supreme Court.**

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 2.—The special supreme court appointed by Governor Johnson to consider the resolution of the State Board of Law Examiners that Attorney Francis D. Hart of Minneapolis be disbarred because he insulted the supreme court, met today. Mr. Hart addressed the court and reviewed all the circumstances of his sensational attack upon a number of directions made by the supreme court and contended that he had been strictly within his rights.

## TAFT FIXES OHIO DATES

Primaries to Select Delegates Will Be Held February 11.

STATE CONVENTION MARCH 3

**Supporters of Senator Foraker Favored Later Dates for Both Events — Hughes Starts Organization.**

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 2.—The republican state central committee tonight after a protracted session decided to issue a call for state primaries, to be held on February 11, and for a state convention to be held in Columbus on March 3 to select delegates to the republican national convention. James R. Garfield, secretary of the interior, will be chairman of the state convention. The friends of Secretary Taft were in control of the committee. The supporters of Senator Foraker on the committee favored later dates for both the primaries and the convention.

**Hughes Organization Started.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Plans for a state organization, in the interests of the nomination of Governor Hughes for president, were made today at a conference of republicans, legislators and others, at the Kenmore hotel in this city. State Senator Alfred R. Paige of New York presided, and there were also present Congressman George E. Waldo of Brooklyn; State Superintendent of Prisons C. V. Collins; State Water Commissioner John Slaicher; Republican State Committeeman H. G. Tennant; Charles H. Young, president of the New York Republican club, and A. B. Humphrey, who introduced in that club the recent resolution endorsing Governor Hughes for the presidency; Senator John Raines of Ontario, republican leader in the senate; Superintendent of Public Works Frederick C. Stevens, Speaker Wadsworth and Senator Saxe of New York, the attitude of each of whom is of special interest in this connection, were none of them present.

The conference was called somewhat informally, Senator Paige said, under the auspices of the committee appointed at a conference in the same interest held just before Christmas at the Manhattan hotel in New York City. This committee consists of Senator Paige and Messrs. Slaicher, Humphrey, Young and A. B. Smith.

"Those present at the conference," said Senator Paige, "declared that there was a strong public sentiment in favor of the nomination of Governor Hughes and it was agreed that a provisional organization should be instituted by the selection of a man in each assembly district. Further meeting was left subject to the call of myself as chairman."

The organization, he said, will be confined to republicans.

"I believe the state republican convention will instruct its delegates in favor of Governor Hughes," he concluded.

The governor was informed tonight of the action of the conference, but declined to make a comment.

## ARGUMENTS ON INSTRUCTIONS

**Pettibone Case Goes Over Until Tomorrow on Request by Court for Citations.**

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 2.—Judge Wood was not ready to furnish the attorneys copies of his instructions to the jury in the Pettibone case this morning and an adjournment was ordered until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The jury was brought into court and only a brief session was held. Requests for instructions were presented by both sides yesterday and Judge Wood then asked that authorities on them be submitted.

The defense asked that the jury be instructed that a verdict of guilty could not be returned on the ground of conspiracy if the evidence showed that Pettibone was a member of such conspiracy, Haywood having already been found not guilty. The defense maintained, in asking for this instruction, that the Haywood verdict was binding on all of the defendants, inasfar as the conspiracy charge is concerned. The prosecution asked that the jury be instructed that if the defendant had in his possession evidence which was not presented either by himself or otherwise, the fact may be considered by the jury. Attorneys on both sides agreed to submit authorities on these two phases at once. It was announced by Judge Wood that night sessions would be held, if necessary, in order to get the case to the jury this week. The condition of Pettibone is improved, but he returned to the hospital after court adjourned.

## POLICE COMPLETELY PUZZLED

**No Clue to Identity of Woman Found Dead in Pond at Harrison, N. J.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Repeated failures to discover the identity of the woman who was murdered at Harrison Thursday night have left the police with no apparent tangible clue to work. The work of the police has been greatly hampered by the misleading statements made by many persons who have attempted to identify the body as that of some missing friend, of which the number in and around New York appears to be innumerable. The talk of employing the hounds owned by the New York police department in an effort to trace the movements of the murderer has been abandoned. A diver has been employed to search for the underclothes and shoes of the murdered woman, which are still missing, in the hope that some marks may be found upon them which will reveal her identity. The wife of Albert Thompson, one of the two men who occupied a boat near the place where the crime was committed and who has been detained by the police, has been found in Sheffield, England, eliminating all suspicion that she was the murdered woman.

## SMELTERS MAY NOT CLOSE UP

**General Manager of Colorado Concern Takes More Hopeful View of Situation.**

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 2.—Franklin Guterman, general manager of the smelting and refining company, when asked today regarding the truth of the dispatch from Helena, Mont., last night, that the smelters of Colorado were to be closed down or wages reduced, said he was very optimistic over the situation. The matter was considered at a conference some time ago, he said, and it was agreed in a tentative way to reduce production. This was because there was no market for lead, one of the principal production of the smelters of Colorado. Since that he has received advices from New York that there is an increased demand for lead and believes the decision will be revoked.

## RUSSIA MAKES CLEAN SWEEP

**Indictments Are Returned Against Executive Committee of Popular Socialist Party.**

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2.—Indictments were returned today against all the members of the executive committee of the popular socialist party, and their trial before the court of appeals for alleged attempts at revolution will begin shortly. The accused men belong to the intellectual section of the social revolutionists. They are mostly veterans of the revolutionary struggle, who withdrew from the social revolutionary party in order to participate in the elections to the third Duma. Among them are M. Argunsky, who in 1906 was exiled on account of his political activities; Ivan Maksotin, the well known Russian author who shared Maxim Gorky's imprisonment in a fortress in 1905; M. Latugin, the organizer and first president of the League of Leagues, which co-operated with labor organizations during the era of strikes which preceded the issuance of the October manifesto, and several prominent attorneys. The men are accused of being members of a secret organization which aimed to overthrow the government. The penalty on this charge may be penal servitude for eight years. The case has the same general features as the trial of the social democratic members of the Duma and that of the former deputies who signed the Viborg manifesto.

## HARDEN NOW SERIOUSLY ILL

**Editor on Trial for Libel Unable to Appear in Court Because of Serious Condition.**

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The closing scene of the Harden-Von Moltke libel suit was not enacted today because Harden was again too ill to appear in court. The court's official physician was sent to Harden's house and verified the fact of his illness.

The prosecutor asked the court to conclude the proceedings in Harden's bedroom. The suggestion was rejected and court adjourned until tomorrow. The Tageblatt affirms the report that Emperor William has concluded to restore Count von Moltke to active service and give him a high position in his immediate entourage.

## FANATICS GO MINUS CLOTHES

**Doukhobors in Ontario Try Benefits of Cold Air and Land in Jail.**

FORT WILLIAMS, Ontario, Jan. 2.—Twelve Doukhobor pilgrims started out yesterday, without clothing, for one of their strange marches through the streets. They were finally rounded up by the police. Seven men and five women were in the party and they marched a half mile in scanty attire before being stopped.

## RUSSIAN COLONEL MURDERED

**Chief of Provincial Gendarmes Fatally Shot on Crowded Street at Samara.**

SAMARA, Russia, Jan. 2.—Colonel Bobroff, chief of the provincial gendarmerie, was shot and killed in a crowded street here today.

**Trace of Immigrant Steamer.**

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 2.—A steamer, thought to be the Canadian Pacific liner Mount Royal, twenty-five days out from Antwerp, for this port with 304 immigrants aboard, was passed Monday night off Sable Island by the steamer Lake Champlain of the Lake line, which arrived here last evening from Liverpool. Captain Webster of the Lake Champlain reports that when off Sable Island he passed a four-masted schooner about fifteen miles away on the same course he was steaming, but was moving slowly. No signals were seen. As Captain Webster did not know of the anxiety about the Mount Royal he did not attempt to identify the steamer he passed.

## MONEY LEGISLATION LIKELY

**Rivalry Develops Between House and Senate Over Financial Measure.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—With the approach of the reconvening of congress there is renewed talk of financial legislation. The house and senate committees will both resume sittings on the subject and it now looks as if there might be something of a rivalry between the two bodies as to which will report a bill. While the house committee is apparently inclined to what is known as an asset currency, the senate committee is proceeding on the theory that only a very limited list of securities should be accepted for the increased issue to be provided for in the bill.

So far there has been no agreement as to the percentage of increase in the volume of the currency, but the inclination of senators seems to be to permit as large an augmentation as the conditions of the banks justify.

Senator Bailey expressed the opinion today that if the bill to be suggested by republican members reasonably approaches the demands of the democrats it will be permitted to pass without extended opposition. He decined to give his views of what its character should be.

## TOBACCO WAR MAY BE ENDED

**Official of American Tobacco Company in Kentucky to Deal with Growers.**

WINCHESTER, Ky., Jan. 2.—R. K. Smith, vice president of the American Tobacco company, is here today to meet members of the district boards of the Burley Tobacco society and inspect 40,000 pounds of white burley samples representing the pooled crops of 60,000,000 pounds with a view to the purchase of the entire crop. If the purchase is made it will mark the settlement of the long controversy between the American Tobacco company and the white burley growers. Hundreds of growers are here to attend the meeting. Practically two-thirds of the counties composing the white burley belt have voted not to raise tobacco in 1908.

## SHAW'S MIND NOT MADE UP

**Former Secretary of Treasury so Tells Denison Friends on Visit There.**

DENISON, Ia., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Hon. L. M. Shaw who is here, spent New Year's day at Denison visiting old friends and looking after business affairs connected with the bank with which he is interested. When questioned as to the connection of his name with the nomination for the presidency he stated while he had received many letters urging him to ask the support of Iowa in the convention, he was far from decided that he would do so. He believes the delegation from New York will come to the convention supporting Hughes.

## SHOPS OPEN ON OLD SCALE

Union Pacific Mechanics Resume Work After Lay-Off of Week.

NEITHER FORCES NOR TIME CUT

**Officials Say Exactly Same Conditions Obtain as Existed Before the Holidays and They Hope Will Continue.**

Work was resumed in the various shops of the Union Pacific Thursday morning after a week's layoff for the holidays.

The company has not, and it says it will not, reduce the workday from eight to seven hours as a means of curtailing the volume of labor. Officials announce that exactly the same conditions that obtained before the Christmas week layoff will remain in vogue and that no changes whatever are contemplated.

It was stated at the general manager's office that all the men who wished to return to work had been put back on their old jobs and that no cut in the working time had been made. In October the working time of the mechanics at the shops was cut from nine to eight hours, but since that time no further cut has been made. The men in the shops at Omaha, North Platte and Grand Island were laid off for the week between Christmas and New Year's. Officials of the road say they hope to continue with the present force and not make any reductions in forces or time, but that it will depend entirely upon conditions that arise.

## DECISION ON COMPTROLLER

**Judge Redick Will Determine Validity of Law Creating County Office.**

The validity of the law creating the office of county comptroller will be decided by Judge Redick either Saturday morning or Monday. At the close of two days of argument Thursday evening he said he would decide the case Saturday if possible and if not then he would announce his decision Monday morning. The closing arguments of Attorney John P. Breen, who is seeking to have the law declared null, were based on his contention that the companion bill merging the city comptroller's office with that of the county comptroller was void, because it amended the city charter of Omaha without specifically setting forth the section of the statute repealed or amended. He held that the larger part of the work performed by the comptroller would be the checking of city officers and that if this law were void the law creating the office of county comptroller should fail, too.

## RUSH LOOKS FOR SURPRISE

**Says if Government Brings Harriman Suit it Will Be Man from the East.**

"If the suit to dissolve the relations existing between the Union and Southern Pacific is brought in Omaha, I suspect it will be filed by an attorney from Washington, who will quietly drop in here without any heralding of his coming and file his papers before we are aware of his presence in the city," said Special Attorney Rush for the government, when asked about the reported plan of the government in the Harriman case. "I have no right to speak with authority on the subject," added Mr. Rush, "for no advices have been sent me. I know nothing of any action taken or contemplated."

Union Pacific officials are still unadvised on the subject, they say.

## VESSEL SINKS IN COLLISION

**Schooner Elizabeth Palmer Meets Ship and Succeeds in Saving Crew.**

BALTIMORE, Jan. 2.—Captain Delano of the steamer Porto Rico, which arrived here this morning from New York, reported passing the schooner Elizabeth Palmer at 4 p. m. on January 1, ten miles southeast of Hog Island, the last named vessel reporting that she had been in collision off Barnegat last Saturday night with a vessel whose name Captain Delano could not understand. The unknown vessel was sunk and the Palmer took off the crew and has them on board.

A dispatch from Cape Henry to the Maritime exchange says the tug Imperial passed in the capes towing the schooner Elizabeth Palmer at 11:40 a. m. today. The schooner's bowsprit was damaged.

## GUILD ASKS FOR REGULATION

**Governor of Massachusetts Sends Message to Legislature Concerning Railroads.**

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Governor Guild in his message to the legislature of Massachusetts today said no steam railroad in the state is giving the public the service it should. He added:

Existing law is inadequate to deal with public control of railroads. The Massachusetts Railroad commission, the pioneer in state control of public corporations, should be clothed with ample powers. It should at least be given the same control of railroads within Massachusetts that is given to the Interstate Commerce commission in regard to roads doing an interstate business.

## ANTI-FUTURES ACT IS VALID

**Federal Judge Rules Arkansas Legislature May Protect People's Morals.**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 2.—Judge Trieber in the federal court here today upheld the constitutionality of the anti-futures act. The court declares that the state did not exceed its power in enacting the statute as a police regulation to protect the morals of the public. The suit was begun by a Chicago brokerage firm on the basis that the law violated interstate rights.

## CAPTAIN PILLSBURY SELECTED

**President and Secretary Metcalf Select Him for Chief of Navigation.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—After a conference with President Roosevelt today Secretary Metcalf announced that Captain J. E. Pillsbury had been selected as chief of the navigation bureau of the Navy department. Captain Pillsbury participated in the conference between the president and the secretary just prior to the announcement.

**Escaped Prisoner Arrested.**

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 2.—William A. Tracy, wanted on the charge of having participated in the robbery of the Odin, Ill., National bank in September, 1906, was brought here today from Cooperstown, S. D., where he was recently arrested for vagrancy. The Odin bank was robbed of $2,900, and after a fight with citizens Tracy and Henry Coleman were captured. Coleman was sentenced to the penitentiary. Tracy, who was out on bond pending trial, jumped his bond.

## SHORTER PERIODS OF STUDY

**Doctors of Country Realize Too Much Time is Now Required in Preparation.**

PITTSBURG, Jan. 2.—An important meeting of leading medical men and educators of the country convened here today in the hall of the Carnegie institute. Presidents of colleges and universities of the country and medical men, both professors and practitioners, representing the American Academy of Medicine, are in attendance. The meeting here is not the convention of the academy, but the work of this council, as it is termed, will furnish the leading thoughts for the annual convention of the American Academy of Medicine, to be held the second week of June at Chicago. Two great questions, probably the most important from a sociological and educational viewpoint, will be discussed and the influence of this meeting carried to nearly every state in the union to bear fruit.

First—Realizing that four years in college and four years in a medical school are too much of a man's life to ask in preparation for his profession, the Academy of Medicine proposes so to arrange the college courses and the medical courses that six years only will be required. This question will be discussed from the viewpoint of the college by President Jacob G. Schurman of Cornell university, David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford, Jr., university; James H. Moffatt, president of Washington and Jefferson college, and other leading men.

Second—State medical examination laws. Each state requires a state medical examination before a doctor can practice within its borders. The academy proposes that a uniform examination be held in every state and that a doctor who has passed this examination in one state may be admitted to practice in any other state without again taking an examination.

## MODERN SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

**Men in This Branch Gather at Boston to Confer Over Desirability.**

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 2.—Men representing all phases of Sunday school work in North America are in Boston today to attend a conference called by W. N. Hartshorn, chairman of the executive committee of the International Sunday School association. The executive committee, the uniform lesson committee, the Sunday School Editorial association and the denominational publishing concerns of the country were represented in the assembly of the leaders, who are authorized to speak for nearly all the denominations of the Christian church, representing some 14,000,000 members connected with 155,000 Sunday schools. Topic for discussion is "How Can We Improve the Lesson System?"

The international lesson committee, prompted by action taken at the last triennial convention at Rome in 1907, has under consideration the question of changing the system to meet advancing conditions, and there has been much discussion of plans by members of the editorial association and the publishers of lessons of various denominations.

While various conferences have been held by several branches of the international association, this is the first time in the history of the organization, founded in 1872, that the four great branches of the work have been represented at such a meeting.

## COLORADO BANK SUSPENDS

**Rocky Ford Institution Forced to Close Its Doors Following Severe Run.**

ROCKY FORD, Colo., Jan. 2.—The State bank of Rocky Ford closed its doors today following a run. State Bank Examiner Beatty is making an investigation of the bank, which has been regarded as one of the soundest in the Arkansas valley.

The liabilities of the bank exceed $400,000 and the assets are placed at over $525,000, mainly loans on high grade farm lands in this vicinity. The bank is capitalized at $10,000 and the surplus is $30,000.

The officers of the State bank are: President, J. E. Godding; vice president, Senator Swink; cashier, E. H. Smith; assistant cashier, D. W. Barclay.

There are two other banks in Rocky Ford, the First National and the Farmers and Merchants. Neither of these has been affected by the suspension of the State bank.

The officers of the State bank hope to resume business in a short time. One of them made the charge today that certain other financial interests in this city conspired to secure the closing of the State bank by starting rumors last week that its solvency was questionable.

## POWERS JURY HAS HIS CASE

**Actual Consideration of Evidence in Murder Trial Begins at Georgetown.**

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Jan. 2.—The jury in the trial of Caleb Powers, former secretary of state, charged with complicity in the murder of Senator William Goebel at the time the latter was contesting the gubernatorial vote, began the consideration of the verdict today. Arguments were closed late yesterday evening and the jurors retired, but decided to postpone their actual consideration until today.

Up to this afternoon no verdict had been reached in the Powers case. An impression is growing that the jury may not be able to agree upon a verdict.

## WOMEN NOW FREE TO SMOKE

**Some First-Class New York Restaurants Let Down Bars New Year's.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—So successful was the plan of allowing women to smoke in the public dining rooms, introduced at one of the prominent Broadway restaurants for the first time in New York New Year's eve that another of the famous Broadway eating places has followed suit. It is expected that several more of them will fall in line immediately. The big hotels and the Fifth avenue restaurants will not, so the managers say, follow suit, for the present at least. Until last night no first-class restaurant in New York had permitted women to smoke in the public rooms.

## ONE MAN INJURED BY BOMB

**Explosion Laid to Black Hand Wrecks Tenement in New York City.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A dynamite bomb, believed to have been set off by members of the Black Hand society, wrecked the entire lower floor of a five-story tenement house on East Eleventh street last night and caused a panic among the occupants of the building. One man was injured by the explosion.

**Robbers Blow Bank Safe.**

FORT SMITH, Ark., Jan. 2.—Robbers early this morning blew open the vault of the McCurtain State bank at McCurtain, Okl., forty miles from here, secured $2,000 in gold and silver and escaped, leaving no clue.

## BURKETT ASKS HELP

Wants the Newspapers to Assist in Pushing Grazing Bill.

WRITES LETTERS TO ALL OF THEM

If Measure is Objectionable Requests Them to Point Out Where.

LANDS NOT PRODUCTIVE ENOUGH

Thinks it Would Deprive Water Front Owners of Their Snap.

BROWN FOR EARLY CONVENTION

**Interior Department Contemplates Closing Up the Broken Bow Land Office and Nebraska Delegation Objects to It.**

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Burkett proposes to ascertain the sentiment in Nebraska in relation to the grazing bill he has introduced by addressing a letter to every newspaper publisher in the state, asking his assistance in bringing before the people of Nebraska the provisions of the Burkett bill.

Following is a copy of Senator Burkett's letter to the editors: "I enclose a copy of the grazing bill that I introduced. You will notice changes from last year's bill—they are intended to protect more the homesteader and to promote homestead entry. Homesteaders and small cattlemen we always want to protect; and then we want all the land put to use. The government land is certainly not being used as well as it should be. It is not being utilized for the best interests of the federal government of the state or the people of the community. I believe these great tracts of government land should be made a source of income to the states rather than be permitted to remain a source of expense forever. The state makes its own lands produce an income—why should government lands remain idle and unproductive? Authority should be lodged somewhere to devise a plan to make them a source of income and also for their more economic use. There is no reason why anything should be wasted simply because the government owns it. Privately owned lands in the same community are sustaining more cattle than the public lands on an average. I was told the other day of officials of a cattle company opposing the bill because they owned all the water front of a certain community and nobody would want adjacent government land without water. But reverse the proposition and perhaps nobody would need all that water front without unlimited range behind it free. My position is that if the government had someone looking after its grazing lands as it has after its forests, then water front owners will have to make terms instead of dictating them.

"I want you to help me get this bill before the people. If the bill is right I want your support and the people's support for it. If it is wrong I want you to point out the errors. I shall be glad to hear from you and everyone who will help take interest enough in it to write to me. I am determined to help get some legislation that will settle the controversy over the public lands that has waged so long."

**Brown for Early Convention.**

Senator Brown said today that he was in favor of an early convention to select delegates-at-large to the national republican convention.

"I see the state committee will meet on January 8, and as the law provides that thirty days must elapse before the meeting of the state convention it occurs to me that February 6 would be a good date on which to hold the convention to select delegates-at-large. Our primary law expressly exempts the selection of delegates-at-large by the primary, but the people of the state have a perfect right to vote their choice for president at the primary at which time delegates to the state and district conventions are chosen. Of course that is a matter for the state committee of the republican party to determine at its meeting on January 8."

Among republicans hereabouts there is a feeling that the delegates-at-large will be Governor Sheldon, Senators Burkett and Brown and Victor Rosewater.

**Proposes to Close Land Office.**

Secretary Garfield of the Interior department has about decided to close the land office at Broken Bow and transfer the books and records to Alliance. The strongest kind of a protest will be made to this action by the Nebraska delegation, notwithstanding it is in line with the policy of the department of consolidating offices in districts where the lands are pretty generally proved up. In closing the Broken Bow office it will throw out of employment two old soldiers, Messrs. Reese and Amberry, whose records are first-class. An inspector, however, has reported in favor of the discontinuance of the office at Broken Bow and placing the records at Alliance. The entire Nebraska delegation will fight this consolidation and has already entered its protest against the proposed action.

**Reece Would Go to Congress.**

W. M. Reece, who has been a clerk in the committee of public lands of the house since the Fifty-fourth congress under Major John F. Lacey of the Sixth Iowa district, leaves for his home tomorrow, the defeat of Major Lacey and the selection of Congressman Mondell of Wyoming as chairman terminating Mr. Reece's work with the committee. Mr. Reece has campaigned for years in the Sixth district and he has about decided to enter the race for the Sixty-first congress in the event Major Lacey does not desire to seek a vindication by again running for congress. There is some talk of Lacey being a candidate for governor, which would simplify matters in the Sixth district considerably and old Reece has the ambition to represent that district in congress. Reece says he is going to get into a pair of hobnailed shoes and campaign the district from one end to the other.

**Refunds to Grain Firms.**

The Interstate Commerce Commission today announced a special reparation order has been issued, directing the Union Pacific Railroad company to refund $1,[illegible] to the Omaha Elevator company [illegible] shipments of grain from various points in Nebraska to Council Bluffs. Also [illegible] against the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha to refund $1,75 to the Tri[illegible] Mississippi Grain company on a carload of oats from Winside, Neb., to Council [illegible]

**Minor Matters at Capital.**

Robert J. Marsh has been reappointed postmaster at O'Neill, Neb., on recommendation of Congressman Kinkaid.

The body of Rollo Kirk Dryan, who is