## LOOT EXPRESS CARS

BOLD THIEVES ROB ERIE TRAIN IN RUN TO CHICAGO FROM NEW YORK.

BOOTY MAY BE THOUSANDS

Wells-Fargo Company Guard News of Mysterious Robbery From State Authorities, But Put Their Own Detectives at Work.

Chicago.-Secret service men of the Wells-Fargo Express company, which company operates on the Erie railroad, are investigating a mysterious robbery of a through express train on that road while it was on its way from New York to Chicago last Saturday, the news of which was not made public until Monday.

The loot, which may reach into the thousands of dollars, was reported to the Chicago offices of the company, but so carefully was the news guarded that no report of the robbery was made to the police here, the express company preferring to use its own men until all clues were exhausted.

The train which was robbed is made up of nothing but express cars and carries no passengers. Cars on the train are sealed in New York and the seals are not broken until they reach Chicago. In spite of these precautions when the train reached this city it was found that one of the cars had been broken into and a number of packages stolen. The contents of these packages are not known, although the local officials of the express company declared that no money

In spite of the denials that money was stolen the first report of the robbery in Chicago was made to the money order department of the general offices here by telephone from the railroad station. Detectives in the employ of the company at once were called into consultation and made hurried examination of the car which bad been

"We have no idea how the robber or robbers worked," said H. B. Calkins, general agent of the company id Chicago, Monday. "The first we knew of the robbery was when the train reached here. I cannot say how much was taken, but I do not think the packages stolen were of any particular value. You see, that train doesn't carry much of great value. It is a solid through train, made up of express | \$12,000,000. cars only."

Cabinet Resigns Following Victory By Ony 16 Votes-Causes Sensation in Political Circles.

Paris.-Premier Briand and the members of his cabinet tendered their resignations to President Fallieres Mon-

The bare majority of sixteen, which the government received Friday night in a vote of confidence in the chamber of deputies, following the premier's arraignment on a charge of clericalism by the radical Socialists, Louis Malvy and Paul Meunier, was a sore blow to the premier and his assotimes in previous crises by much larger votes. In the end, M. Briand declared that he was "sick of it all."

The decision of the ministry to withdraw caused an enormous ponewspapers are sounding a note of alarm. They declare that the forces over sane and progressive reform, reraised as a mere pretext to attain Briand's downfall.

The vote in the chamber of deputies is interpreted as the result of an intrigue among Briand's adversaries in his own party, who have been plotting fortification. his overthrow since the great crisis in the rallway strike.

### MAY CANCEL 5.000 CHARTERS

Many Illinois Corporations Liable for Not Making Annual Report to Secretary of State.

Himois corporations are threatened an extra session. with the cancellation of their charters for failure to comply with the act requiring them to make annual report to the secretary of state, between February 1 and March 1, showing the President Decides on April 4 After location of their principal office, kind of business engaged in, number and addresses of officers, etc.

The act applies to all corporations, both foreign and domestic, except banks, building and loan associations and insurance companies, which re

port to other departments of state It is probable Secretary of State Rose will allow a few days' grace after next Tuesday, in which delinquents may save themselves, after which time actions will be instituted to cancel the charters of the corporations that have failed to meet the law's requirement.

Die From Cholera in Honolulu. Honolulu.-Four more deaths from cholera occurred Monday among the Hawaiians isolated at the quarantine station because of contact with infected persons. This makes a total of six deaths since the disease appeared here.

Hobson's "Spy Bill" Passed. Washington-The Hobson bill to prevent the disclosure of national defense secrets, which has passed the house, was passed by the senste Monday without discussion

### BEFORE THE DAY OF THE SCIENTISTS



NINE SLAIN IN FIGHT

EIGHT INDIANS AND POLICEMAN

FALL IN NEVADA FIGHT.

Redskins Open Fire on State Author-

Itles and Kill One-Only Four

Braves Left Alive.

Reno, Nev.-In a battle 60 miles

west of Tuscarora Sunday eight Indi-

ans and onep oliceman were killed and

For three hours the battle raged. It

of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The

victims' horses had been taken and

ponles which had been ridden by the

murderers were found shot near by

the outlaws apparently concluding

their own stock too weak to keep up

to Prevent Foreigners Getting a

Footbold on Industries.

try. The action of the government

KILLED LEADING OHIO POSSE

Farmer, Accusing Others of Stealing

Corn, Fatally Shot in

Burr Kerns, thirty-eight and

wealthy, was shot to death. Gibson

Beers and his father, John Beers, are

charged with being principal and ac-

cessory respectively to the killing.

was placed on watch. An accusation

was made against John Beers, and

Thirty Frozen to Death on Ship.

Monday in the discovery in the Cas-

death. The ship was a mass of ice.

Five Die in Flames.

Gabriel Gerotsky's family lost their

caused by the explosion of a lamp.

The fire destroyed two houses at

Oneida Monday

Hazleton, Pa.-Five members of

Odessa.-A tragedy was revealed

home Burr Kerns was killed.

Raid

of this county.

with them in their flight.

direction.

HOUSE DECIDES BY OVERWHELM-ING VOTE TO FORTIFY PANAMA CANAL.

### AID IS GIVEN BY DEMOCRATS

Twenty Republicans Refuse to Support Measure Providing for Batteries to Guard Big Waterway-Sentiment in Senate is Favorable.

Washington.-By an overwhelming vote the house of representatives Saturday night appropriated \$3,000,000 to force came upon them. begin work on the fortification of the tecting the big waterway will be about police force and eight of the Indians

There is no doubt of the result in four Indians surrendered. the senate, where the sentiment is said FRENCH MINISTRY IS OUT to be two to one in favor of protecting dians for a week, believing they were the waterway with land batteries.

The house disposed of the question after nearly five hours of debate. The desolate canyon on the eastern slopes real test came on an amendment proposed by Representative Tawney of Minnesota, chairman of the committee on appropriations, providing that no part of the \$3,000,000 should be used until the president of the United States had attempted to negotiate treaties with all of the leading maritime nations guaranteeing the neutrality and international protection of the canal.

The Tawney amendment then was Government Announces Determination voted down by 130 to 63. A motion by Representative Keifer of Ohio to strike out all provision for the fortificiates, who had been sustained many cation of the canal was lost by a vote

The real interest in the debate seemed to center in the Tawney The following memorandum was given amendment, and the speeches made to the press Monday by Sir R. W. Best, for and against it by Mr. Tawney and | minister of trade and customs: litical sensation. The conservative Mr. Sherley, Mr. Tawney, a stalwart Republican, looked to the Democrat open secret that representatives of ic side for sympathy and applause the American meat trust have been of extreme radicalism are triumphing and received both. Mr. Sherley, one visiting Australia, ostensibly with the of the Democratic leaders of the object of extending its operations garding the clerical issue, which was house, was accorded an ovation by here. The government is determined side of the Atlantic. the Republican members. The de- to take immediate and drastic action from the general policy of fortifica- hibit its operations in Australia. It is on the Democratic side in favor of secures vested interests in this coun-

In passing the sundry civil bill car- will extend to trust operations in Ausrying approximately \$149,000,000, and tralia, whether conducted directly or of which the canal fortification pro indirectly, and will not permit the repvision was the last feature to be con- etition in Australia of the scandals and sidered, the house made a new record. merciless methods characterizing mo-Never before has this biggest of all nopolles in other parts of the supply bills been put through in two world. days without any sort of "gag rule. It is taken as another evidence that Springfield. III.-More than 5,000 the house is doing all it can to avoid

## EXTRA SESSION DATE FIXED

Consultation With Champ Clark and Underwood.

Washington - So probable is it that an extra session of congress will be necessary in order to get action on the Canadian reciprocity agreement that President Taft has Daniel Kerns is held on a cross-warfixed April 4 as the date on which rant. such a session may be called. This decision was reached after a consultation with Champ Clark, who will be speaker of the next house, and Representative Underwood of Alabama. who will be chairman of the ways while leading a posse on the Beers and means committee.

### Port-au-Prince in Perll.

Kingston, Jamaica.—According to advices received here Sunday the British consul at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, has plan sea a few miles off Astrakhan of telegraphed for a warship to protect a derelict vessel. The whole crew, British interests. A general rising in numbering thirty, had been frozen to that city is imminent.

Carnegle Cash Held Tainted. Crooksville, O .- Andrew Carnegie's money is "tainted," say union potters of this city, and they have protested lives in flames supposed to have been the acceptance of \$20,000 from him to construct a Carnegie public li-

### RATIFY JAP TREATY

SENATE VOTES TO CONFIRM NEW CONVENTION

Japanese Give Written Assurance That Government Will Regulate Emigration of Coolles.

Washington -The new Japan treaty was ratified Friday by the senate on he understanding that Japan will not

mpose coolies on the United States. onsistently been that it did not throw ufficient safeguards around the immigration of Japanese to the United States. Opposition was made to it by the people of California, and by heir state legislature and by the peoale of the Pacific states generally. The sole basis for the belief that

mmigration is safeguarded is the folowing personal statement for his government of Baron Uchida. "In proceeding this day to the sig-

nature of the treaty of commerce and navigation between Japan and the United States, the undersigned Japanese ambassador in Washington duly authorized by his government, has the honor to declare that the imperial Japanese government are fully prepared to maintain with equal effecliveness the limitation and control which they have for the past three years exercised in regulation of the emigration of laborers to the United

This was deemed sufficient certainty by the president and the state department and the president was active in his efforts to impress the Callfornia legislature with his view of the treaty's efficiency and sufficiency.

### HILLES TO SUCCEED NORTON

Ohloan is Slated to Become Secretary to President Taft Immediately After March 4.

Washington.-Charles D. Hilles of Ohio will be secretary to the president to succeed Charles N. Norton of Chicago.

the other members of the Indian band The change will take place immediwere captured. The battle took place ately after March 4, when Mr. Norat Kelly creek, Humboldt county, 25 ton will go to New York to become miles from Golconda, in a northerly vice-president of the First National bank of that city. The Indian band, 12 in number, be-

Mr. Hilles is a man of considerable gan the fight when the state police force and ability, has tact, and knows politics. He has been assistant secretary to the treasury a couple of years as it has its own bill for passage and Panama canal. The total cost of pro- ended only when Ed Hoyle of the state and offered his resignation to take the senate bill is in the hands of the roads ad telephone companies. He dehad been killed. Then the remaining return to private work. He will be committee can kill the senate bill by panies have in fact defied the legislathe murderers of four stockmen, whose

Mr. Hilles is a man of engaging perbodies were found ten days ago in a sonality. He is lorty-three years old.

> \$130,000 IN GEMS STOLEN Widow of Marshall Field, Jr., Is Robbed of Jewels on Board Atlan-

> > tic Steamship.

New York .- As the Hamburs-American liner Amerika reached quarantine AUSTRALIA TO BAR TRUSTS Sunday a wireless message was flashed to the Hoboken police headquarters asking that a detective suget the vessel to investigate the theft of jewelry worth \$130,000 the property of Mrs. Maldwin Drammond who was the wid-Melbourne, Australia - Australia ow of Marshall Fig. Jr., of Chicago Some time between 10:30 p. m. Sat served noticed on the business world that it would not harbor foreign trusts. urday and five o'clock Sunday morning Mrs. Drummond's stateroom was entered and her valuable jewelry, that she had thrown into a drawer of her writing table, was stolen.

"For several months it has been an Most of the lewelry was purchased in New York and it is so well known that it will be a difficult task for the thief or thieves to dispose of ic on this

### fection of about twenty Republicans to discourage and, if necessary, to pro- FOUNDER OF A. F. L. IS DEAD

tion was offset by a similar defection not proposed to wait until the combine Hugh McGregor, Organizer of Many Trade Unione, Dies of Wounds Recelved in Battle

Washington - The death of Hugh McGregor on his farm in Prince George's county faryland, removes a founder of the American Federation of Labor. Mr. McGregor was the first secretary of the ederation and held that office for a number of years. He was also a well known magazine writer on trade union matters.

England, in 1841. During his 40 years in trade union the matter. work Mr. McGregor was the organ-

izer of many trade unions and so-Bellefontaine, O. One man is dead and three others are in jail as a result The cause of Mr. McGregor's death of a pitched battle fought by farmers

Garibaidi in Italy.

White for Coronation Envoy. Washington.- / report is current that Henry White, former American ambassador to France and Haly, has been selected to represent the presi-It is alleged that farmers who had dent at the coronation of King been missing corn organized a vig-George V. llance committee and that Burr Kerns

There is reason to believe the ap-Hammond, but something apparent of the most important ones were disly occurred to prevent his acceptance, cussed.

Name New Treasury Aid. Washington -- Robert O. Balley, who has been private secretary to Secre which might make regular board of President Taft to be assistant secre-

tary of the treasury. Ex-Gov. John Lee Carroll Dead. Washington. John Lee Carroll, governor of the state of Maryland from 1876 to 1880, died Monday at his home here after a long illness. He was born in 1820.

# A DECISION IS MADE OHIS Measure Debated in the Upper

INITIATIVE MEASURT SETTLED IN LOWER HOUSE.

The objection to the convention has Ten Per Cent Petition in Each, With a Five Per Cent Referring All Laws to the People.

> The initiative and referendum law went one more step toward its final ratification in the house of representatives on Thursday when the house version of it was recommended for passage. This action was accomplished without a dissenting vote and the house will pass it as it stands within a few days.

Aue senate bill is now in the hands. of the judiciary committee and must be disposed of. An effort will be made to send the house bill to the governor for signing.

When the bills started out they were alike, coming from the same source, Representative Hatfield and the Direct Legislation league, but now that the house has decided to pass a bill that differs in some essential ready passed, it becomes a question it finally passes.

The house bill differs from the senate bill in two provisions. Both bills lated." have a 10 per cent, petition evenly legislation and a 5 per cent petition for referring. The house bill has a provision that bills initiating constituhas the Skiles amendment, which pro- dered by the company. vides that the majority of votes cast in favor of a bill must be not only a majority of the votes cast upon the measure, but must be also 35 per cent or more of the total number of has a simflar provision in the bill which it will pass, but the restriction refers only to constitutional amend-

The house has now the advantage

### Stock Yards Bill Put Over.

The settlement of the stock yards fight in the senate, scheduled for Friday, failed to take place, and the bill over which the senate has fought and scrambled went over until this week. At the present time the bill is ready for passage, but the friends of the original measure. Senators Ollis and Kemp and a few of their backers, do not want it passed until it can be materially changed. The Albert amendment passed on Thursday takes away all penalty for violation, which practically nullifles the bill.

Levy for Bridge Bullding. The house recommended for pas sage Cronin's bill to provide for a one-fifth mill levy to support county boards in building bridges. The county boards are allowed to apply to the state board of irrigation for help in building any bridge over a stream more than 175 feet in length.

The Measure Postponed. Robert Smith, clerk of the district court in Douglas county, appeared beand succeeded in getting postponed for indefinite postponement, finally indefinitely s will changing the fee went upon general file after a fight system for court clerks.

### The Fremont Normal.

The house finance, ways and means committee returned from Fremont, where it went to investigate the proposal of the proprietors of the Fremont normal to sell that institution to the state. A bill appropriating was the adopting of one amendment make annual reports to the secretary \$130,000 for this purpose has been in-Mr. McGregor was born in London, troduced. The committee is not is a dieffrence between amending the and the first of March. ready yet to announce its decision in

### Lincoln Charter Bill.

The Lincoln city charter, S. F. 110, Is attributed to old buttle wounds by Selleck and Lancaster, was read a tion of 15 per cent of the legal voters which he received when fighting under third time and passed without a dissenting vote. The bill makes no rad-

### Will Draft Roads Bill.

The joint committee on good roads held a brief session at the committee rooms of the Lincoln hotel. The bills pending in both houses were pointment was offered to John Hays gone over informally and some points

Bartos' Bucket Shop Bill. A sweeping bill agaist bucket shops

tary of the Treasury MacVeagh since trade transactions illegal if it passed, the latter has been a member of the was offered in the senate Friday by cabinet was Monday nominated by Senator Bartos of Saline. The principal amendment to the act prohibit ing bucket shops, as it now stands on the statute books, is that a definition is given including "an office, store, or board of trade room" wherein commodities such as stocks, grain or pro- work faster. In consequence it has visions, shall be dealt in without an actual delivery being contemplated and a half longer each day than and accomplished

STOCK YARDS BILL.

House.

Discussion of the Ollis stock yards bill took up the entire day Tuesday in the senate. Senators Ollis and Hoagland spoke for the bill and Senators Bartos and Merchead against the measure.

Senator Ollis, author of the bill, snoke at length, detailing his reasons for introducing the measure and declaring that the main feature of the bill is to but the stock yards under the control of the state railway commission and to provide for the physical valuation of the yards in South Omaha and elsewhere.

He argued that the stock yards are public service corporations, the same as the railways, and that the state should have the power to regulate them just as the railroads are regu-

Senato Bartos charged that the Ollis bill is an attempt to destroy the South Omaha stock yards; that such a measure will result in great loss to gress by Senator Jonathan Bourne, in the yards and that the charges made are not exorbitant in any degree.

Senator Hoagland was in favor of putting the South Omaba yards under the control of the state railway commission so as to eliminate the stock speech took the senate by surprise. yards "lobby" from politics.

In the discussion Wednesday advocates of the Ollis bill, ostensibly designed for the protection and conveniparticulars from the senate bill al ence of the shipper, described the corporation as a cormorant of more or | sion. what form the measure win take as less greedy nature which had long fattened upon the shipper and should now come forward and be "regu-

Senator Jansen of Gage, who is one distributed as a basis for initiating of the chief shippers of sheep in this state and probably in control of more sheep than any other one man in this part of the country, is against the bill. tional amendments shall have a 15 He asserted that he had never had per cent petition, a provision lacking any complaints to make and was enin the senate bill. The senate bill tirely satisfied with the service ren-

Senator Ollis, who is himself a shipper of cattle and the author of the bill, remarked later in the discussion that it was probably the fact that Senator Jansen is so important a shipper that he had no complaints to make.

Senator Kemp in his argument for the bill sought to establish only the one point that the stock yards are a public service corporation and are for in settling the fate of the two bills, that reason subject to just the same regulatory laws as are applied to raileffect early next mouth in order to house committee on judiciary. This clared that the attorneys of the comsucceeded in the treesury department indefinite postponement and then try ture to undertake any regulation beby Robert O. Bailey, a former news- to get its own bill through the upper cause the yards are a private enterprise.

### Scheele Gets Bouquet. the United States.

Representative Henry Scheele received the following telegram of congratulation from fifty-one business men of Utica, his home town: "Congratulations on your splendld victory. We believe the man most capable to represent the people of Seward county has won'

Telephone Bill.

ion of telephone companies under su- fense. pervision of the state railway commission. It is understood that both Bell and independent interests have agreed on this bill.

Students Votes Under Ban. A bill to disfranchise students livtowns was recommended for passage press service on that railroad. by the senate after a hard fight

Goes to General File.

The appropriation bill for a \$20,000 troduced by Representative Anness fore the house committee on fudiciary and recommended by the committee

by its author.

The Referendum Bill. Slowly the house is amending the initiative and referendum bill into passable shape. That body celebrated Washington's birthday by spending constitution and adopting statutory legislation. The amendment was ining the day to receive the sanction of the house. It provides that a peti- a hundred operations recently. of the state shall be necessary to ini-

County Option Reported. The house heard the report of the committee on miscellaneous subjects and its recommendation to pass the county option bill to third reading without any debate in the committee of the whole was accepted without

was carried by a vote of 49 to 41.

discussion. Scheele is Seated. Scheele was seated as a member of the house of representatives by a vote of 54 to 43 and the case of Charles Wertman, the republican contestant,

was denied. House Working Overtime. The house has come to the conclusion that if it is to get through by spring plowing time it will have to

hitherto

## **NEWS OF A WEEK IN** CONDENSED FORM

RECORD OF MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS TOLD IN BRIEFEST MANNER POSSIBLE.

ABROAD

**Happenings That Are Making History** -Information Gathered From All Quarters of the Globe and

Given in a Few Lines.

### Washington

President Taft, by inference, was charged with using his appointive power to intimidate members of cona speech delivered in the senate. Until recent trouble over an Oregon appointment, Senator Bourne was the intimate friend and golfing companion of the chief executive and the

The Hobson bill to prevent the disclosure of national defense secrets, which has passed the house, was

The national house of representatives passed the sundry civil bill, which included an appropriation of \$3,000,000 to begin the work of fortifying the Panama canal. The senate is overwhelmingly in favor of protecting the big waterway.

The Sutherland amendment, which, it is expected, will accomplish the defeat of the resolution for the direct slection of senators, was adopted in the United States senate by a vote of 50 to 37. The senate also agreed that the final vote on the resolution as a whole should be taken on February 28.

Without any recommendation whatever the finance committee ordered the McCall bill, which is designed to carry out the Canadian reciprocity agreement, reported to the United States senate. The vote against a recommendation was 7 to 6, and to report it without recommendation the vote was unanimous.

The new United States-Japan treaty of trade and navigation was ra after a two-hour executive session of the senate, on the understanding that Japan will not impose coolie labor on

## Domestic

Anna Bertha Grunspan, who is suing William English Walling for \$100,000 for breach of promise at New York collapsed on the witness stand on cross-examination when counsel for the defense asked her if she knew A bill will shortly be introduced in certain men and women in the courthe legislature allowing the consolida- room who are to appear for the de-

Mysterious robbery of through fast express train No. 13 on the Erie railroad while it was running at top speed between New York and Chicago is being investigated by secret service men of the Wells-Fargo Exing in Lincoln and other university press company, which operates the ex-

The vast fortune left by Winfield Scott Stration, the Colorado mining king, is claimed by a woman, who says Stratton married her in Texas memorial armory in Otoe county, in- 87 years ago, took \$10,000 of her money and disappeared.

> No less a sartorial authority than President Taft has introduced the latest in red neckwear. The chief executive recently appeared with a tie of more gorgeous hue than Champ Clark's.

Illinois corporations to the number of 5,000 are threatered with cancellapractically the entire day upon the tion of their charters for failure to bill. The net result of the day's work | comply with the act requiring them to which recognizes the fact that there of state between the first of February

Using plain city water as an anaestroduced by Speaker Kuhl and was thetic, Dr. Joseph F. Saphir, attending the only one of three voted upon dur- surgeon of the People's hospital, in New York, has performed more than R. W. Hollenbeak, formerly a mem-

tlate a constitutional amendment, but ber of the Iowa legislature from ical change in the city government of leaves the percentage required to ini- Adair county, was struck by a Rock tiate a statute at 10. The amendment Island train in driving across the track at Casey, Ia. He was killed instantly.

In a battle 60 miles west of Tuscarora, Nev., eight Indians and one policeman were killed and the other members of the Indian band were captured. The Indian band, 12 in number, began the fight when the state police force came upon them.

Two hundred insurrectos captured the town of Fronteras, the capital of the district immediately south of Douglas, Ariz. Fifteen civilian soldiers attempted to resist and fired upon the rebels, five of whom were

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Prouty says that if the railroads do not obey the law as laid down by the commission they must pass into the hands adopted the policy of working an hour of the government, as government ownership has no terrors for the commission.