In Japan the well-to-do have almost always in their houses one room called the "chamber of the inspiring view." Its essential is a beautiful view, but taste is catholic in Japan, and the delightful view may be a blossoming cherry tree, a glimpse of a river, a miniature garden or only the newly fellen snow. In that delightful countries to be a state of the contribution of the countries of the contribution of the try they get up parties to visit the ma-ple trees in the glory of autumn color, or the fresh, untrodden snow, as in country one gives theater parties

According to an English authority, we eat more than any other people. It takes 29 pence a day per capita to feed us. The Briton grows fat on 28 pence, the German on 21 pence, a Frenchman on 19 and an Italian on 9. The same authority talls us that we work and prothority tells us that we work and produce in proportion to our eating. Our annual exports are about in the same proportion. But we are not as sweetly inclined as our British cousins. They eat seventy pounds of sugar a year and we but sixty-seven per capita.

There are 22,400 publishing houses in the United States, with a working capital of \$314,000,000. The census figures show us that in 1900 the value of the product of the industry was \$347,005,000, to produce which involved an outlay of \$36,000,000 in salaries for officers, \$85,000,000 for wages, \$56,000,000 for rents, taxes, etc., and \$87,000,000 for materials, supplies and freight; 1,290,000,000 pounds of paper were used last year, and 80 per cent. of that went to the newspapers.

One-half of the world's production of coffee comes to the United States. We pay over \$1,000,000 a week for our coffee, and send the money out of the country. Germany and France together last year consumed only half as much as we did.

We consume \$00,000,000, or about ten
and one-half pounds apiece, every
year. Most of this coffee comes from
South and Central America, some from
Porto Rice, the Philippines and Hawaii.

Richard McMichael, managing proprietor of Congress Hall at Saratoga Springs sixty years ago and for a great many years after, died at his home in Brooklyn a few days ago. Congress Hall when he ran it was as famous a hotel as there was in the country and was the favorite resort of southerners when they came to drink the waters, remaining so until the outbresk of the rebellion.

Some statistician has figured that there are 600,000 Smiths in the United States. Three thousand are employed by the United States government and nineteen Smiths die every day. In New York alone there are 126,000. Including the Smythes and other variations, the family is roughly estimated to comprise 1,000,000 in this country.

They dug the bruised and battered form of the inventor out from under the ruins of his flying machine. "I want to say," he whispered hoarsely, want to say," he whispered hoarsely,
"that my invention is going to be a
maginficent success! I have found out
just what ails it!" Waving the surgeons away, he continued to talk to the
reporters.—Chicago Tribune.

William P. Frye of Maine boasts of being the only great-grandfather in the United States senate, a girl baby having arived at the home of his granson, William Frye White, in Washington. Mr. Frye is willing to acknowledge that there are great grannles in the senate, but revels in the distinction of being the only great-grandfather.

The ship Terra Nova has now sailed from England to relieve the Discovery. The British government, which has appropriated \$200,000 for the expedition, is acting without the advice of the Royal Geographical society and the Royal society, which originally sent out the expedition, assisted by a grant from the government. the government

London's social condition is distressng. Inside the so-called outer belt it has a pauper population of 107,600 souls, and this figure does not include vagrants or the insane poor. Twenty-one per cent. of the entire population over 65 years of age, exclusive again of vagrants or insane, are paupers.

The commerce of Colombia has not been reduced to figures for several years, because of the intermittent war. The total volume of trade in 1897 was about \$20,000,000. Of this about onefourth came to the United States in the shape of coffee, gold and silver ore, hides, tobacco and drugs.

William McAdoo, formerly a demoeratic member of congress from New Jersey, and assistant secretary of the pavy during Mr. Cleveland's second administration, is now mentioned as probable successor of General F. eene as commissioner of police in

Water plays an indispensable part in both the environment and the internal chemistry of life. It forms more than half the weight of most living things, and all the active parts of animals and plants consist of water holding the othe angredients in solution or sus-

The United Kingdom has increased its export trade about 7½ per cent. 50 per cent. In the same time. It exported to the United States and Germany \$580,000,000 worth of goods in 1872, and only \$365,000,000 in 1902. goods in

The coal from the Glamorganshire field in South Wales is regarded as superior to all other steam coal by the navies of the world. Its rival from the is the Pocahontas coal, from West Virginia.

According to the leading paper of Vienna, Austrian exporting circles are contemplating the fitting out of a steamship for a floating industrial ex-hibition to vist the ports of the East Indies and eastern Asia.

King Edward has conferred a baron-etcy on Lord Mayor Ritchie, of Lon-don, in commemoration of his recent intertainment of King Victor Emman-ael and Queen Helena of Italy, at Guild

President and Mme. Loubet, of France, have sent a bewildering collection of toys to the two little Italian princesses, Yolande and Mafalda, among which is a rabbit that plays the

There are in round numbers 2,500,000 telephones in use in the United States. Their use has increased ten fold in the past six years. There are nearly 250,-000 telephones in farm houses.

In Maine there are sixteen spool fac-tories that cut up enough white birch trees to make \$00,000,000 spools a year, about which are ultimately wound \$0,000,000,000 yards of thread.

## THE O'NEILL FRONTIER DEBT OF NEBRASKA GREATLY INCREASED

Semi-Annual Report Shows Deficit of Over Quarter of Million.

HAS HEAVY OBLIGATIONS

ment Filed With the Governor-State's Total Liabilities Are Over \$2,000,000.

io Declares State Auditor in His State-

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 15 .- Within si months the interest-bearing debt of the state has increased more than \$250,000. So declares the state auditor semi-annual report filed with the gov-

ernor The total interest-bearing debt of the state amounts to \$2,282,993.71. On June 1, 1903, the debt amounted to \$1,997,-671.98.

State Treasurer Mortensen declared that tax collections were halting and inconstant as a result of the revenue itigation, and the auditor said that the appropriations of the last legislature had raided the state funds. The two causes combined to increase the indebtedness of the state.

Much misinformation exists in regard to the revenue law. Its provisions will to the revenue law. Its provisions will have no effect whatever on taxes already assessed or on the labors of assessors during the last year. Whether the act be constitutional or not these rums must be paid. Taxpayers according to the state officials, have assumed that the contributions for the trate government would be increased. state government would be increased and then to have concluded that the aw was already in operation. State Freasurer Mortensen complains that taxation money arrives very slowly and he is struggling hard to provide the state with funds. State Treasurer Mortensen has al-

ready made arrangements to pay off 40,000 in warrants December 15. He has issued a call for \$50,000 more on De-tember 21, and he announced this morning that he intended to call in \$50,-

000 in warrants December 28, "We would like to retire \$150,000 in interest-bearing warrants if possible," said State Treasurer Mortensen. "At present we are sure of getting at least

\$140,000 out of the way."

The actual increase in the state debt is \$265,505.23. Should the state treasurer be successful in his effort the debt vould be reduced to \$115,505.23.

## WHY BLOODHOUNDS FAILED.

Whereabouts of Beulah Thomas

Now Explained.

York, Neb., Dec. 15.—For two days the county court room has been crowded. The preliminary hearing of John Blair, who is charged with interfering with justice in secreting and hiding Beulah Thomas, who is the prosecuting witness in another case against Blair, wherein he is charged wth assault, is being hold. being held.

Bryce, Blair's hired man, testifies that at the request of Blair he went to the Thomas house and drove the girl west of Arborville to Anderson's, and that he had scattered cayenne pepper over his trail immediately after to that no bloodhounds could follow. so that no bloodhounds could follow the trail. This account for the poor work of the hounds.

### TELEPHONE CO. TURNED OUT.

Fremont Council Orders Poles and Wires Taken Down.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 14.—The city souncil declared the franchise of the Fremont Telephone company forfeited. Contrary to the general expectation, no one appeared on behalf of the company. The council passed a resolution which leclared the rights of the company foron account of its raising rates, and instructed the street commissioner to cause the poles and wires to be removed within ninety days.

Houses Robbed.

North Platte, Dec. 15.—The residence of Lew Hastings and the Roy Vernon not be hastings and the Roy Vernon house, into which Alex Weston was moving, were broken into. Two watches, two or three diamonds, a revolver and a few dollars in money were stolen from the Hastings house, and from the other house three valises filled with miscellaneous articles were taken. The grips were found near the house in The grips were found near the house in the morning. A suspicious looking Howard, and a cripple named James Burke have been arrested. Burke had boarded a westbound train and was put off at Hastings. It is said that the tolen revolver was found on Burke.

Hand Hurt in Corn Crusher. Columbus, Neb., Dec. 15.—A. A Jones, a farmer living just across the Platte river, in Butler county, had his right hand ground off in a corn crusher. He was brought to this city and the injured member was amputated at the wrist. He was oiling the machinery when the accident happened and several large cogs were broken from the wheels in crushing the bones of the hand. Mr. Jones is a county commis-

Had Miraculous Escape.

Humboldt, Neb., Dec. 15 .- John Holechek, a young farmer who lives a few miles south of town, had a miraculous escape from violent death about dusk He had been hauling grain to Powers elevator and was just starting home When crossing the tracks he caught sight of the fast Billings-St. Joseph passenger train too late to stop and jumped from the rear of the wagon just as the train struck it with terrible Both horses were instantly killed, one of them being considerably mangled, and the wagon was carried quite a distance and completely wrecked. While it was a serious shock, the young man feels grateful to have escaped with his life.

Goes Up for Six Years.

Pender, Neb., Dec. 12.—Judge Graves today sentenced Andrew Lee, the overcoat thief who broke into the Wingert harness shop, to six years in the penitentiary. Lee pleaded guilty.

After Mother-in-Law.

Papilion, Neb., Dec. 15 .- Mrs. William Nelson, upon whom a warrant was sworn out by her son-in-law, George Sandy, charging her with threatening his life by dire methods, was placed under bonds to keep the peace.

Upon the death of William Nelson a

dispute arose over the disposal of his property. It was alleged that Mrs. Nelson made an assertion that if Sandy was out of the way all the property would be hers. Sandy grew afraid of the wrath of his mother-in-law and

#### IS GOVERNOR LIABLE?

Lawyers Think He Will Have to Pay

the Colby Shortage. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 11.-Is the governor of Nebraska liable for any shortage which may occur when the delinquent one is an official deputy? This question has been raised since the alleged shortage of Adjutant General Colby has become a matter of public discussion, and several lawyers are of the opinion that the executive may be held responsible for any peculations of an appointee who serves the state without

The governor provides a bond for \$50 .-000. A number of officers give no bond and are recognized as the governor's deputies. This is true of the deputy game warden, the deputy labor commissioner and the adjutant general. The governor is named in the statutes as the chief game warden and the labor commissioner. His deputies are responsible to him for their official acts. Is not the executive and chief of the department responsible on his bond to the people?

A test case will arise out of the Colby matter in case it is discovered that there has been a conversion of the state's money and a wrongful use of funds. It is claimed that Governor Mickey has been conversant with the situation for a long time and no effort has been made to straighten out the accounts, and he has failed wholly to take the people into his confidence. There were rumors and reports, but it remained for the grand jury to make a formal investigation.

Governor Mickey has been con-strained to remark that the legislature made a mistake when it failed to pass an act to have appointed a state ac-countant whose business it would be to check up the books of the various state institutions and offices at any

"Had the legislature enacted that law," said Governor Mickey, "General Colby's books would have been checked up by this time as well as the books of former adjutant generals. I did what I could to get such a law passed and I hope the next legislature will do it. There is no question in my mind that if we had had such an officer the Bartley shortage would never have

### COURT IS IN SESSION.

An Important Murder Case Has Been Continued.

Hartington, Neb., Dec. 11.—District court is in progress, Juage Guy F. Graves on the bench. The case of the state vs. August Smidt, for shooting and killing one Houser accidentally, while out at a Sunday beer drink, has been continued over the term.

The state of Nebraska vs. Alexander

The state of Nebraska vs. Alexander Blair, for killing Charles Ballet, his stepfather, in a drunken quarrel, has been tried. Blair was found guilty of manslaughter. He will be sentenced the last of this week.

Attorney Robert Hunter of Sloux City has been attending district court this

Nelson Bros., who opened up a general store at this place during the summer, have decided to quit business and are closing out their stock at auction. Holiday stocks are large, but mer-chants claim business is quieter than in ormer years.

#### DEATH FROM SCALDING.

Three-Year-Old Freddie Clausen Over turned Coffee Pot.

Fort Calhoun, Neb., Dec. 11.-Little Freddie Clausen met with a serious ac-cident which resulted in his death. He pulled a pot full of hot coffee over on himself. He was so badly scalded that when his clothing was removed the flesh came off with it. He was about 3 rears old.

### FATAL ACCIDENT.

Young Farmer Dies From Injuries in

Corn Sheller. Columbus, Neb., Dec. 11.-Herbert L. Crosier, 24 years old, a young farmer living in Walker township, is dead. While engaged in shelling corn. right hand was in some manner caught in the sheller, and before it could be extricated his entire arm was ground off to the shoulder. He was brought to the hospital, but had been so weak ever since that no operation could be oerformed.

Use of Telephones Successful. Columbus, Neb., Dec. 11.-The Union Pacific has recently put in here a long distance telephone, which is used to call up any of the Omaha offices at any time of the day or night. The telephone works over a telegraph wire, and gives the best of satisfaction. All important offices between Omaha and North Platte have been furnished these 'phones. It was first in the form of an experiment, but it is now said they vill be retained.

Veterans' Campfire.

Plerce, Neb., Dec. 11.—Plerce post 191, Grand Army of the Republic, held a campfire, which was attended by a fair-sized audience. Comrades W. W. Quivey, J. Dean and Charles Worker gave their experiences during the civil war, and Judge J. A. Williams made an excellent address. Music was furnished by Comrade J. Dean and Miss Cornelia Worker. The northeast Nebraska Grand Army of the Republic encamp-ment will be held here next summer, and the old vets are already beginning o work up enthusiasm.

Raise Values of Land.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 11.—Both Land Commissioner Follmer and Deputy Eaton have been out a greater portion of the last several weeks instructing the county appraisers in their work in the reappraisement of school lands. To date returns have been received from these counties: York, Webster, How-ard, Phelps, Harlan and Gosper. The increase in valuation by the appraise-ment in these countles is from 160 to 100 per cent.

Poultry Exhibit.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 11.—The Southeastern Nebraska Poultry association will hold an exhibit in this city December 15 to 19, inclusive. The associa-tion offers a large number of cash premiums.

### MYSTERIOUS REATH.

Body of Jack Robson Was Found in Cornfield.

Audubon, Ia., Dec. 11.-The coroner's jury investigating the death of Jack Robson, whose body was found in a corn field on his farm, decided to hold a post mortem examination. The bedy

was taken to Exira, and the post mor-tem will be held today.

It is reported that the body of Joe Robson, jr., who died this fall will be exhumed to investigate the cause of

## SAY BRIBERY CAN NOT BE PUNISHED

Effect of the Missouri Supreme Court Decision in Butler Case Startling.

OPINIONS OF LAWYERS

They Point Out That Decision Entirely Varies From a Like Case in New Jersey, and Almost Prevents Punishment.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.-Can a conviction of a briber be secured from the Mis-souri court when the supreme court

passes on the case?
This case is seriously asked by lawyers and publicists since the decision of the court in the Butler case. Many lawyers have frankly said they doubt if the crime of bribery, which President Roosevelt in his recent message declared one of the worst in the calendar, can be legally punished in Missouri, in view of the decision in the Butler case.

Criticism of the supreme court be-cause of its decision is swelling into a chorus which seems certain to bring some of the critics before the bar of the court for contempt. Last summer the court called up a country editor and fined him for contempt because he and fined him for contempt because he charged that a railroad company had too much influence on a certain decision. The people of the editor's home city raised a fund to pay his fine, and when he appeared before the court he had a telegram in his pocket telling him to draw on the treasurer of the

fund for the cash to pay the fine.

An attorney familiar with the boodle prosecutions said that the court's opinion established a precedent for making the question of a man's guilt of bribery dependent rather upon the legality of the act or measure which the bribery affected rather than on the act of giv-ing or accepting the money to influence official conduct.

"In the Butler decision," said this at-"In the Butler decision," said this attorney, "there is no question as to whether Butler offered Dr. Chapman money to influence his vote on the award of the garbage contract.

"All emphasis is laid on the fact that, therefore, Dr. Chapman had no vote on the theorem."

that question to sell. For this reason, it is argued, Butler was not guilty. "No cognizance is taken of the fact that legally or otherwise the board did award the garbage contract and that Dr. Chapman did vote on the award. No weight is given to the further fact that the awarding of the contract was soon to come before the board of health when Butler approached Dr. Chapman.

Those Charged With Bribery Escape. "Now under such a construction of "Now under such a construction of the law a man charged with bribery has only to prove that the measure concerned in the charge is illegal in or-der to clear himself of the charge. If he cannot do this he may be able to prove that he was not legally elected or was not holding office legally. Therefore, the offer of money to him was not bribery.
"If the indicted man is a briber in-

stead of an official all he has to do is to prove these same things regarding the official or the measure to secure a decision in his favor.

"Assuming that Kratz is returned for trial, his case is a good instance. Kratz was to have received money for voting for the Suburban franchise bill. voting for the Suburban franchise bill. He is charged with bribery. But the Suburban franchise was knocked out in the courts because when the municipal assembly passed it no petition of property owners along the streets it covered had been presented in its favor, as the law requires.

"Kratz may plead, therefore, that he had no authority or juvisdiction to yet."

had no authority or jurisdiction to vote for the franchise bill; that the money was offered him to induce him to do something which he could not legally that, therefore, he was not guilt of bribery. The case parallels that of Butler exactly.

Farris Case of Same Nature. "The Farris case is another of the same sort. The alum bill which Farris is said to have been bribed to support, has been knocked out by the supreme has been knocked out by the supreme court. Farris can say that the antialum money was paid to him for something which the supreme court has 
ruled he had not the right to do. Therefore, he is not guilty of bribery.

"These instances show how the issue 
is transferred from the act and intent
of the bribe giver of bribe taken to a

of the bribe-giver of bribe-taker to a purely technical question as to the le-gality of the measure the bribery is to

The contentions of Circuit Attorney Folk on this point before the supreme court, as stated in his submitted brief, are of interest in this connection. His

argument was as follows: "If Dr. Chapman had accepted the \$2,500 offered by defendant, it would be no defense that the ordinance giving him the right is unconstitutional.

'The consequence of any other doctrine would be that an official could take money to influence his official conduct and when prosecuted could go in-to the question of whether or not he really received a majority of votes at the election. All cases of bribery by elective officers would resolve them-selves into election contests.

where an official is paid money to do upon, and the petitioner then took as where an official dustomething outside of his official dustomething outside of his official dustomething an inspector to burn a distillery, gave him and allowed him to take up the petitioner then took as upon, and the peti There is a distinction between cases a de facto power by virtue of an un-

cry is to preserve official acts from and wouldn't speak, and that sort of taint and corruption. Supposing that an unconstitutional ordinance gave the with misconduct he is alleged to have members of the board of health the sworn at her and struck her so that right to vote to reject or accept bids she fainted, and then her mother, Lady for reduction of garbage, and one of the Lena Scott, who also gave evidence to members accepts a reward to vote in day, ordered him out of the house. Rumor has it that Mabel Cour ed the contract. If the constitutionality of the ordinance is not questioned the successful bidder enjoys the fruits of his contract obtained by bribery and the public interests are betrayed.

An opinion of the New Jersey supposes count is quested the enjoys to prove count is quested the enjoys to prove the country of the New Jersey supposes country and the enjoys to prove the country of the New Jersey supposes country and the enjoys to prove the country of the New Jersey supposes country and the enjoys the country of the New Jersey supposes country is quested the enjoys the country of the New Jersey supposes country is quested to the enjoys the country of the New Jersey supposes country is quested to the constitutionality and the contract of the constitution of the contract of the constitution of the con

preme court is quoted, the opinion being in the case of State vs. Ellis, in which a member of the common council of Jersey City was offered a bribe to vote for a street railway franchise bill. The defense contended that the council had no jurisdiction to pass the bill and that, therefore, the offer to a

### member was not bribery. The court in Ruling by New Jersey Court.

"It is contended in the next place that the facts set forth in the indictment constitute no offense inasmuch as the common council has not jurisdiction to grant the application for which the vote was sought to be bought. In our opinion, it is entirely immaterial whether the council had or had not jurisdiction over the subject matter of the application. If the application was in point of fact made, an attempt to secure votes for it by bribery was criminal. It need not be averred that the vote if procured would have produced vote, if procured, would have produced the desired result, nor that the official or that body of which he was a member had authority by law to do the thing sought to be accomplished.

"If the common council of Jersey City had not the authority to grant the application referred to, the act of the defendant in endeavoring to procure the grant asked for, was more criminal because he sought by the corrupt use of money to purchase from the council an easement which they had no au-thority to grant. He thereby endeavored to induce them to step beyond the line of their duty and usurp authority not committed to them."

#### BISPHAM SEEKS DIVORCE

Action in London Develops Interesting

Scandal in Aristocracy. London, Dec. 15 .- The hearing of the divorce suit of David Bispham, the opera singer, was commenced in the divorce court today just after Mabel. Lady Russell, was granted a separation from her second husband, William Brown, a coachman who had posed as noble.
Mr. Bispham charges his wife with

misconduct with Robert Newton Shaw a young American, and with Major Edward Studdert, an English officer. Both the corespondents deny all the allegations against them. Bispham, the petitioner, is now in America, and his evidence was read to the court by Bar-grave Deane, K. C., for the petitioner. He informed the judge that he had learned that Mrs. Bispham had gone away, taking both her children with

Shaw and Major Studdert were present in court. Both are spruce young men and the latter is conducting his own case with much coolness and deliberation. The husband's allegations as regards Shaw concern a certain night in June, 1897, when Bispham was away from his home in Kensington. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bispham are na-tives of Philadelphia and they first met their countryman, Shaw, at a din-ner given in London in honor of Mr. Bayard, then the American ambassa-

In his depositions Bispham declared his wife had asked him if he would change places with the good looking young man next to him, and when the company separated she greatly surprised him by asking Shaw, who was an absolute stranger, to call. He denied that the real reason why the change of seats was made at the din-ner was because another woman would insist on talking to him across several intervening neighbors.

Butler Accuses the Major. A circumstantial story of misconduct alleged between the two was related by William Boston, a former butler of Bispham's. Butler Boston also declared that Major Studdert had occupied Mr Bispham's room, sometimes as often as three times a week during Bispham's absence. Early one morning he stated he had seen the major coming

out of his bedroom in his pajamas and wearing Mr. Bispham's old dressing Bispham, in his evidence regarding the relations between his wife and Shaw, stated that immediately on his return his wife contessed to him that Shaw had kissed her. Shaw wrote a letter of abject apology and he over-looked the affair as a boyish indiscre-

love letter, and Mr. Bispham was horrified by the gross treachery to this woman in Shaw's handing this love letter to her husband.

Content of the difference states, the brief enters into specifications as to the reasons for the action.

The supreme court today began hear-

get me, or remember me only as a business friend who owes 4½ per cent. on \$5,000 every year? What is it all worth you are to be separated from me all

"Your devoted Kitten." The case was not concluded when the

court rose. Countess Russell Again Free. The Russell case was disposed with more expedition. Mabel La

Russell, attired in a flowing fawn colored ulster trimmed with ermine and wearing a hat of the same shade surmounted by an aigrette, told the story of her second marriage and obtained a decree nisi on account of her hus-band's cruelty and misconduct. No defense was offered. Bargrave Deane, K. C., narrated how the respondent, William Brown, in reality a groom and the son of a coachman, had come in the guise of Prince Athrobold Stuart de Modena and won the countess' hand. His subsequent trial and sentence at the Winchester assizes last July for having made a false declaration at the marriage registry were briefly touched upon, and the petitioner then took up

For some weeks she said he had beconstitutional law.

"The object of the law against bribgan to stay out late and became rude

B	
	New York Bank Statement.
9	New York, Dec. 12The bank statemen.
ĕ	is as follows:
	Loans, decrease
ö	Deposits, decrease 44,700
Ø	Circulation, increase 59,200
3	Legal tenders, increase 1,039,500
	Specie increase
a	Reserve, increase 1,761,500
8	Surplus, increase 1,772.673
ě	Ex-U. S. deposits, increase 1,774,575

### IT'S HARD TO AGREE.

Cuban Measure. cratic senators held a caucus today for the purpose of discussing the advisability of attempting to amend the Cuban reciprocity bill, but adjourned to meet again next Monday, without arriving

ing that numerous amendments should be presented, others holds Democratic Senatorial Caucus Didn't
Decide What to Do on the

IT'S HARD TO AGREE.

Ing that numerous amendments should be presented, others holding out against any effort whatever to change the character of the bill, and standing for a straight party vote against it.

The senate today resumed discussion

of the Cuban reciprocity bill.

again next Monday, without arriving at any conciusion. The caucus was spirited, and was sharply divided on the point at issue, some senators contend-

# MARINES LANDED AT A KOREA PORT

Japan's Excuse Is That There Was Rioting That Required the Step.

RUSSIA MAY SEND A SHIP

If Korea Makes Protest the Incident Would Give Russia Excuse to Precipitate Entire Eastern Difficulty.

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 16 .- The Japanese landed marines at Mokphe yesterday to suppress rioting caused by a strike among laborers. It is reported they fired upon the mob, killing several people. The strike was among the Korean. coolies, employed in the foreign concession, which precipitated clashes between Koreans and Japanese. The affair, it is thought, may cause local complications, and possibly Russia may send a warship, should the Korean gov-ernment resent the landing of marines. by Japan

Russian Reply. London, Dec. 16.—The terms of the reply of Russia to Japan have been communicated to the Japanese min-ister, Baron Hirsha, by the government at Tokio. The minister said the negotiations were still incomplete, but he significantly said he saw no reason to change his previously expressed opin-ion that a peaceful settlement would result therefrom.

After a careful examination of the Russian draft of agreement, the foreign office is inclined to the belief its immediate acceptance by Japan is unlikely, and that further parleying will

likely, and that further parleying willfollow, but regards the draft as a steptoward a pacific settlement.

Baron Hayashi said to the Associated
Press that the reply was in the form
of an agreement which, if satisfactory
to Japan, may be immediately signed,
in which all the pending questions receive final settlement. He had received
no communication from his government
regarding his participation in the matregarding his participation in the matregarding his participation in the mat-ter and expressed the belief the Russia-Japanese matter will be amicably set-tled. A synopsis of the agreement be-tween the governments is not available.

Fleets in War Paint. New York, Dec. 16 .- A cable from

London says: London says:

The Morning Telegraph announced today that the Japanese fleet has been painted black, the color used in war. The Russian fleet in the east has also been painted black. The special carrespondent of the Telegraph, who has gone from Tokio to Port Arthur, cables that on the way he passed the Japanese. that on the way he passed the Japanese war fleet off Sasebo engaged in evolutions and firing practice.

#### GOVERNMENT'S CASE.

Brief Filed in the Appeal of the North ern Securities Action From the Circuit Court.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The brief of the government in the case of the Northern Securities company and others against the United States, on appeal from the decision of the circuit court for the district. of Minnesota, was filed today. The document was prepared by Attorney General Knox and Assistant Attorney General Day, and covers 180 printed pages. After stating that the bill in the case was origition. Afterwards he was horrified to find that Shaw had left his wife \$5,000, and Shaw gave him Mrs. Bispham's receipt as proof.

This receipt, declared Bargrave Deane in his opening to the jury, was really a favorable to contention of the United States, the brief

letter to her husband.

Deane read the letter, which ran:
"Why this illness? Surely the gods have been sufficiently brutal to us. Ah, against the United States, on appeal against the United States, on appeal against the district court of Minnesota. from the district court of Minnesota. The decision was that the purchase of the greater share of the stock of the two companies constituted a merger, and was contrary to the Sherman antitrust law, and the case involved the community of interests principle. court room was crowded inside and outside the bar. Attorney General Knox was present with an array of assistants, while the opposition was represented by a long list of distin-guished counsel, including former Attorney General Griggs and John G. Johnson of Philadelphia. Justice Johnson of Philadelphia. Justice-Brown was the only member of the

court not present.

John G. Johnson, representing the securities company, made the first argument. He announced the three rail-ways and the securities company desired to be heard by their counsel, while it was stated for the government that only the attorney general would speak. Mr. Johnson said the purposeof the company in acquiring the stock of the railroads had been, not to prevent competition, but to conserve the interests of their own property, and contended that in holding the stock it had the right to control it.

### NO ROOM FOR SPENCER

Remains of the Greatest English Philosopher Cannot Rest in Westminster Abbey.

London, Dec. 16.-The Westminster Abbey authorities have declined to permit the ashes of Herbert Spencer to be sepuichered in the British Valhalla. They were informally approached, but expressed regret that it was impossible.

Prime Minister Balfour, who had many controversial bouts with the dead philosopher, expressed himself favorable to burial in the abbey, but the dean and the chapter proved adverse. It is said no question of religious belief could have entered into the matter because Darwin lies in the abbey.

### LOOKS LIKE WAR.

American Marine Landed at Colon to Oppose Colombia. Colon, Dec. 16 .- A company of ma-

rines from the United States ship Praiie landed here today under command of Captain Butler, and entrained for Panama. This step was in consequence of receipt of information that Colombian troops have landed in that direction with the object of marching in Panama. If this is confirmed it will mean the beginning of a long campaign of guerrilla warfare on the isthmus. The destination of the marines is said to be Yaviza, up San Miguel gulf and