# REBATERS PAY FINES AND GET OUT OF JAIL

Thomas and Taggart Plead Guilty in Federal Court at Kansas City.

#### ACCEPTERS OF REBATES ARE EQUALLY GUILTY.

Kansas City, Jan. 28.—In his decision, Judge McPherson took occasion to say he believed firms that accepted rebates were as guilty as the defendants and the railroads; that he had never been able to understand why they had not been indicted by the grand jury. He would have liked, he said, to have the members of these firms before him today, with power to pass sentence upon them.

"The railroads," declared Judge McPherson, "are hounded to death with rebate seekers. They are not entirely to blame for all the rebating that has been done."

Kansas City, Jan. 28.—George L. Thomas, a freight broker, of New York city, and L. B. Taggart, his clerk, pleaded guilty in the United States disconspiring to pay rebates to shippers.

Judge Smith McPherson then fined
Thomas \$7,000 and Taggart \$4,000
omitting the jail sentences previously
assessed. Both defendants were in
court and after sentence was passed

court and after sentence was passed checks covering the fines were tendered to and accepted by the judge.

Thus ends the case against these men. It was one of the most important rebate cases ever tried in this country. The jail sentence, which was omitted today, was the first sentence of imprisonment over passed for a similar imprisonment ever passed for a similar

Thomas who maintained a brokerage office in New York city, represented practically all the important shippers on the Missouri and Mississippi rivers

under contract to route their freight from the East and to collect the over-charges in freight bills. Thomas, with his clerk, Taggart, was indicted in December, 1905, charged with conspiring with Barton Brothers, wholesele sheet merchants of Kansas wholesale shoe merchants of Kansas City, to pay rebates on the latter firm's shipments. In the trial of the case it shipments. In the trial of the case it was brought out that Thomas had also agreedtto secure rebates for other mer-chants. They were found guilty June 22, 1906.

Thomas was fined \$6,000 and sentenced to serve four months in jail. Taggart was fined \$4,000 and sentenced

to serve three months in jail. This was the first jail sentence ever imposed in this country for rebating.

An appeal was taken and the verdict was reversed on the ground that the lower court had falled to instruct the increase.

jury on presumption of the innocence of the defendants, a technical point. At the time Thomas and Taggart were found guilty, the following other verdicts were also returned in the fed-eral court here, on charges of making eral court here, on charges of making concessions, accepting and conspiring to accept rebates: Swift & Co. and Cudahy Packing company, \$15,000: Armour Packing company, \$15,000: Nelson Morris company, \$15,000: Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway, \$85,000. The fines assessed against the packing companies were affirmed April 20 last by the circuit court of appeals at St. Paul. The Burlington case, which also was appealed, is still pending. also was appealed, is still pending.

#### BOMB IMPERILS 200 AT DINNER

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 28 .- While a hundred guests, men and women, were eating in the grill room of the fashionable Knickerbocker hotel, on the north side, and a hundred more were scattered in the dining rooms, an Italian was trying to explode a bomb containing three pounds

Attached to the bomb was a long fuse, reaching through the celiar window into a dark court. The bomb had been placed close to the battery of boilers. Had it exploded the boilers would have blown up and the entire building been wrocked. The police say in that event it would have been barely possible for a person in the six-story building to have escaped No motive is known for the attempt

Although the black hand is very active in this district. Henry Hagenach, the manager of the Knickerbocker, has re-

### LAMBERT GOES TO "PEN" FOR ASSAULT ON FATHER SCHELL

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 28. -Logan Lambert, a former saloonkeeper and alleged "boot legger" among the Indians on the reservation in Thurston county, must serve a sentence of one year in the penitentiary for an assault on Fa-ther Joseph Schell, a Catholic priest This was the decision of the supreme ourt yesterday. Father Schell was active in prevent

ing the illegal sale of liquor to the Ining the lilegal sale of liquor to the Indians and incurred the enmity of some of the saloon men. In April, 1905, at Dakota City, Father Schell while if the town in attendance at a trial, was assaulted by Lambert, knocked dowr and his jaw broken. Lambert was arrested, tried and the lower court sentenced him to a year in the penitentiary. He appealed on the ground that the sentence was excessive, but the suthe sentence was excessive, but the su preme court yesterday affirmed

Father Schell gained prominence by his activity in denouncing alleged land frauds practiced against the Indians.

## SIX SAILORS LOST BY THE WAYSIDE

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 28.—The police of this city have gathered up six sailors from the American battleships under Rear Admiral Evans who had either deserted or failed to return on board before their vessels had sailed from here three days ago. They will be sent after the fleet on a collier.

### LEADER CAUGHT AND KILLED: REVOLUTION IN HAYTI AT END

Port Au Prince, Hayti, Jan. 28 .- The revolution has been suppressed. Jean Jumeau, leader of the movement, was captured at Dessalines, a little hamlet close to Gonneres. He was at once shot to death by the government troops that made himeprismer. Gonalves has been occupied by government torces

## IN CONGRESS

PROHIBITION MOVEMENT EXPECTED TO PRODUCE RESULT IN CONGRESS

Washington, Jan. movement for prohibition in the various states probably will receive legislative encouragement

ceive legislative encouragement from congress.

A sub-committee of the Senate judiciary committee now is seeking to make a constitutional amendment to the existing federal statute limiting the alcoholic liquor traffic between the states. This sub-committee will report the bill to the full committee and through it, to the Senate constitution of the states. mittee and, through it, to the Sen-ate within a few weeks. As the House is on record in favor of the regulation of interstate li-quor traffic, the prohibition en-thusiasts are hopeful of legisla-tion during the present session.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\* TEACH FARMERS TO MAKE DENATURED ALCOHOL

Washington, Jan. 28.—Dr. H. C. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture, reported to the House committee on agriculture the results of experiments conducted by the bureau to determine the poisonous effect on the human system of such drugs as borax, benzoaic, benzoate of soda, sulphate of copper, sulphur dioxide, formaldehyde and salicylic acid when contained in foodstuffs.

Dr. Wiley said that the expulsion of those and kindred drugs from the of those and kindred drugs from the body is performed almost entirely by the kidneys and that he is satisfied the term of American life would be lengthened if the use of such drugs in foods were wholly discontinued. He said he was convinced that kidney disease so prevalent among Americans. disease, so prevalent among Americans is partly the result of constant intro-duction into the system of such pre-servative substances as benzoate of

servative substances as benzoate of soda carried in foods.

Discussing sulphur dioxide and its injurious effects, Dr. Wiley told the committee of a discovery just made by him that salt solution is a perfect substitute for sulphur in the whitening and drying of fruit. He exhibited samples of apples dried experimentally by the bureau. The sulphured fruit was not so white or tender as the salt cured. so white or tender as the salt cured.

The committee was informed by Dr Wiley of plans to teach the farmers of the United States to make denatured alcohol. Next August he proposes to erect a still at the bureau of chemistry and operate it himself for two or three and operate it himself for two or thremonths, producing denatured alcoho daily from damaged fruit and vegetable substances such as can be bought cheaply in the market. He has invited the agricultural colleges of each state

the agricultural colleges of each state and territory to send representatives to Washington to observe his still and master the process of distillation. "The law permitting the free distillation of denatured alcohol," said Dr. Wiley, "has not benefited the farmers of the country at all, for they do not know how to build a still or run one. I propose to teach them through the agricultural colleges if they want to learn. Denatured alcohol is an excellent fuel and makes a fine light. As it can be manufactured from farm it can be manufactured from farm waste the farmers ought to avail them-selves of the new law permitting it to be made without imposition of a revenue tax'

#### RAILWAY EMPLOYES BILL INTRODUCED BY KNOX

Washington, Jan. 28.-A bill of tremend-ous importance to hundreds of thousands of railway employes throughout the country has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Philander C. Knox. of Pennsylvania, and is now under consideration by the judiciary committee of that body. This bill is designed to take the place of the employers' liability bill, which was de-clared unconstitutional by the supreme court of the United States.

The Knox bill makes all railroads en-gaged in interstate commerce liable to of dynamite in the subcellar. The man was discovered by a big buildog and fied, but was seen and the police are rounding up all the Italians answering his de-trine is overturned by the Knox bill and the rule of contributors, need to their heirs in the event of a fatal accident. The fellow servant doctrine is overturned by the Knox bill and trine is overturned by the Knox bill and the rule of contributory negligence is greatly modified. Under its terms the mere fact that an employe is injured of killed through the negligence of a fellow employe does not relieve the employe from responsibility. Nor does contribu-tory negligence bar an injured employe from claiming damages. It merely lessens the amount of damage in proportion to the amount of damage in proportion to the percentage of negligence contributed Under the terms of this bill, no contract

Under the terms of this bill, no contract of employment, insurance, relief benefit atc., can constitute a bar or defense to any action brought to recover damages for personal injuries or death. Mr. Know is looked upon as one of the great lawyers of the country and it is believed that is nis bill he has met all of the objections asked to the former law by the sources. raised to the former law by the supremerourt. He believes that the railroad men deserves this greater consideration from their employers, and he has stated that he proposes to urge this bill to a vote at the earliest feasible time. In discussing his bill. Senator Knox said:

"I have drawn this bill with a view to meeting the objections of the supremcourt to the former law. Congress will be obliged to take up this question, for the men employed upon the railroads are en titled to a more humane law than that now in effect. The bill I have drawn will I believe, prove effective, but I am not irrevocably committed to its phraseology. Personally, I will welcome all suggestions bearing upon the subject, and I feel surthat from this and other bills that will be referred to the judiciary committee, the committee will be able to report a bill entirely satisfactory and that will stand the test of the courts."

## 100 GUESTS ESCAPE IN NIGHTIES; HOTEL BURNS

Pontiac, Ill., Jan. 28 .- Early today the Central hotel caught fire and was entirely destroyed. A hundred or more guests barely had time to make their escape in their nightclothes, leaving their personal effects and valuables. One woman and one man jumped from the second story windows and were severely hurt. Loss \$15,000.

Madison, Ill., Jan. 25 .- A mysterious explosion in a hard coal stove started a fire which destroyed the greater part of two city blocks in the heart of the business section today. The loss ceeds \$100,000. Forty persons are left

#### AFRAID OF DUCKING. PROMISES NOT TO SELL ANY MORE TOBACCO

Dawson Springs, Kan., Jan. 28. band of 50 masked Night Riders late last night took possesion of the Arcadia hotel here, after terrifying the guests

# FREIGHT TRAFFIC **MUCH IMPROVED** IN MIDDLE WEST

Big Movement of Grain Is Putting Idle Cars and Men Into Service.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—That freight traf-fic conditions are recovering from the financial stringency was the statement of special traffic managers and other high railway officials today. The improvement is said to be particularly no-ticeable in the traffic of the railroads of ticeable in the traffic of the railroads of the Middle West, where heavy grati-shipments, almost suspended while the stringency in the money market was at its height, now are being made.

While statistics of all roads through-out the country last week showed that 320,000, or 14 per cent, of 2,200,000 freight cars in service throughout the country were standing idle, and, in consequence, thousands of men had been thrown out of work, railroad officials expressed the belief that the crisis was passed and that no further reductions of the number of workmen would be necessary.

### REDUCTION IN UNION

PACIFIC SHOP WORK Omaha, Jan. 28.—The reduction of the working hours of the Union Pacific shopmen, which began last Monday is to be followed after today with a reduction of working days from six to

duction of working days from six to five per week.

At the headquarters of the Union Pacific it is stated that Omaha will not be the only place affected; that there soon will be a general reduction of the mechanical force of the road along its entire line. The reduction probably will affect several thousand men.

The World-Heraid today quotes Vice President Mohler as charging the re-

President Mohler as charging the reduction to "Roosevelt's mania for reform," indicating that his company would work with a reduced force as long as the president's activity against corporations continues.

#### MILWAUKEE OFFICIAL

ON WAY TO JAPAN Omaha, Neb., Jan. 28.—J. H. Hiland, vice president, and F. A. Miller, gen-eral passenger agent of the Chicago, eral passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad with their wives, and H. H. Hiland, secretary to his father, passed through Omaha in their private car en route to San Francisco, where they will take passage for Japan. It is understood that the object of the trip is a study of trade object of the trip is a study of trade conditions in the orient in the inter-ests of the Milwaukee's Pacific coast

### HENEY GOES AFTER SENATOR FULTON

Portland, Ore., Jan. 28.—In the Hall-Mays conspiracy case, F. J. Heney, the prosecutor, endeavored through ex-United States Senator W. W. Steiwer, to connect United States Senator C. W. Fulton with the case. According to the contention of the prosecution. Fulton saw John Hall and exacted a promise from Hall that civil proceedings would be brought against the Butte Creek Live Stock and Lumber company, in eastern Oregon instead of a criminal action gon, instead of a criminal action against the individual members of the corporation. The prosecution contends that Fulton wrote to Stelwer telling his arrangement with Hall, but this alleged letter is not in the possession of the government.

Stelwer testified that Fulton had re-

quested him to bring all the corres-pondence between them to Portland, and that while here Fulton selected this particular letted and either destroyed it or still has it in his possession.

session.
George O. Brownell, former state senator and republican leader, testified that at a meeting at Salem between Hall, Senator Fulton and himself in 1993, it was agreed that Brownell should succeed Hall as United States attorney and that he had the promise of the late Senator Mitchell of support in the race for the office. The witness déclared that he withdrew from the field in favor of Hall, after the latter had told him that Inspector Greene, of the interior department, was looking into his record and that his looking into his record and that his indictment would mean his political

death.
The famous Mitchell-Fullerton letter to Brownell, assuring him of the protection of both senators, was offered in evidence.

#### LABOR PLANS TO ERECT FINE \$1,000,000 TEMPLE

Washington. Jan. 28.—A committee of the National Temple of Labor association, which has been organized to raise a million dollar fund to construct in Washington a magnificent temple for labor organizations, called on Secretary Root and Assistant Secretary Bacon at the state department to enlist their aid and service in the project. The purpose is to interest business men and representatives of organized labor in joint efforts to minimize business losses and other social ills "resulting from such crude agencies" ills "resulting from such crude agencies as the strike, the boycott and the lockout, and to secure a more general ap-plication of arbitration and community

of interests of capital and labor."
President Roosevelt, Vice President
Fairbanks, members of the cabinet, supreme court, public officials generally and prominent labor leaders and all employes are being interested in the

employes are being interested in the project.

Secretary Root gave a letter of hearty indorsement, and it is stated that every member of the cabinet likewise has approved the project excepting Secretary Taft. who has not yet returned an answer to the appeal.

#### SUES FATHERINLAW FOR \$1,500,000 FOR ALIENATING WIFE'S LOVE

New York, Jan. 28 .-- Aurel Batonyi today began suit against Frank Work, his fatherinlaw, and two others, for \$1,500,000 for the alleged alienation of affections of his wife.

### KAISER BEGINS TO CELEBRATE 50TH YEAR

Berlin, Jan. 28.—Emperor William today inaugurated the celebrations in connection with the beginning of his 50th year, which will take place next Monday, his birthday, by opening in this city a unique exposition which has been arranged in his honor. This consists of a loan exhibition of 40 master-pieces of British art with a total value. been arranged in his tone of 40 masterby "shooting up" the place, then took
John Heath, an independent tobacce
ouyer, who was a guest, to the river
nearby and upon threats of "ducking"
made him promise not to sell any more

been arranged in his tone of 40 masterpieces of British art with a total value
of \$3,560,000, at the Prussian Royal
Academy of Art. The pictures were
brought especially from England with
the consent of orivate owners.

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## IN CONGRESS

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* TAKE THE TELEGRAPH FRANKS FROM SENATORS.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Sneator La-Follette introduced a bill to deprive public officials serving under the constitution and laws of the United States of telephone and telegraph franks or passes. The bill also undertakes to prevent discrimination on the charges of interstate telephone or telegraph lines and provides for the preservation of all messages for a period of six years.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Dolliver, of Itwa, is working on a bill of which it is understood he has completed a draft, which aims to establish federal control of the capitalization of railroads. The bill will be introduced as soon as possible.

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The senator has spent many months of study in preparation for its molding. He began on it soon after the adjournment of the last session of congress, when he took up his study of the company laws of Massachusetts and of various foreign countries. He has recently submitted the draft of the measure to members of the Interstate Commerce commission, which in its last message to congress recommended legislation of the kind.

Whether the senator will recommend a valuation of the railroads by government authority, in order to establish a datum plane of values from which to proceed in the government control of future capital issues is not known. It is known that some high authorities to

future capital issues is not known. It is known that some high authorities to which the senator has submitted the draft of his measure have assured him that a valuation is absolutely necessary in order to inaugurate the system properly.

The general theory of the legislation is to provide that no capital shall be issued in excess of the actual needs of the property for development and construction, and that when issues are proposed they may not be legally made until the Interstate Commerce commission or some other duly constitutor of sion or some other duly constitutor of the federal authority shall have exam-ined the proposal and given the necessary authority under the law.

#### PUSH ACTION AGAINST

THE HARVESTER TRUST Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, endeavored to have nullified the effect of a resolution offered by him and adopted by the Senate on December 17, 1906, directtion offered by him and adopted by the Senate on December 17, 1906, directing the department of commerce and labor to investigate the affairs of the International Harvester company in order, he said, that the department of justice might proceed to prosecute the company. He explained that relations between the several departments makes them desire to act in harmony.

The resolution called forth a storm of protest, during which Senator Hansbrough declared that the International Harvester company is taking a hand in politics in North Dakota, and is trying to capture delegates who are to represent that state in the republican national convention.

"Not that alone," said Senator Hansbrough; "the edict has gone forth from this monopoly that I am to be defeated for the Senate of the United States because I had the temerity to offer a resolution to investigate it.

"The political fortune of a man is a grain of sand compared with the injustice that may be wrought by an

a grain of sand compared with the injustice that may be wrought by an institution of this kind. I brought this challenge, and am ready to meet it. If the people of my state desire to have this monopoly control their state they do not want me as their representative."

Senator Beveridge declared that this statement of the activity of the "har-vester trust" was much more important than the resolution to stop the investigation of the trust.

The resolution was, on motion of Senator Fulton, of Oregon, referred to the committee on agriculture.

## AGUON'S CALL IS

NO MYSTERY Washington, Jan. 27.—There is no mystery whatever about the summons of Governor Magoon, of Cuba, to Washington, according to the officials of the war department. Public works aggregating in cost many millions of dollars are involved in the governor's appearance here. Most important of these is the McGivney & Rokeby contract for the sewering and paving of Havana, amounting to over \$4,000,000. These contractors were the successors to Michael Dady in undertaking this class of work in Havana, and like their predecessor they have nad all sorts of Washington, Jan. 27.-There is no class of work in thayana, and like their predecessor they have and all sorts of trouble with the Cuban government during its brief administration, and Governor Magoon has been trying for many months to effect a satisfactory settlement of their claims.

## TAWNEY WARNS AGAINST

BIG DEFICIT IN TREASURY Washington, Jan. 27.—During consideration of the urgent deficiency appropriation bill by the House a surprise was sprung when Chairman Tawney, was sprung when Chairman Tawney, of the appropriations committee, warned the members that the country was confronted with the certainty of a \$100,000,000 deficit unless the estimates for the next fiscal year should be cut down materially. A discussion on tariff revision was injected into the proceedings in which leaders on both sides of the House tried to commit one another to a definite announcement as other to a definite announcement as to whether, if successful at the No-vember elections, there would be tariff legislation.

## NEW BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE

Washington, Jan. 27.—Among the bills and resolutions introduced in the House were the following:

Dawes, Ohio, providing for the payment of a pension of \$30 a month to every veteran of the Mexican and civil wars.

Thomas, North Carolina, making the police powers of the state applicable to interstate shipments of intoxicants im-mediately upon the crossing of a state line instead of not until arriving at

destination.
Thomas, North Carolina, to prevent
the issuance of federal liquor licenses in prohibition territory.

## JAPS SKETCH HONOLULU COAST Honolulu, Jan. 27.—Japanese have been discovered sketching Honolulu's coast line from the heights behind

## LISBON STILL IS QUITE EXCITED Lisbon, Jan. 27.—The transmission of the following dispatch was permitted by the authorities after due censor-

"Lisbon is filled today with disturbing rumors, but there have been no new developments in the abortive at-tempt of two nights ago to overthrow

# ORIENT WILL WIPE OUT OCCIDENT IF IT DOESN'T LOOK OUT

Scheme of Regulating Marriage Must Be Developed, Says Professor.

Washington, Jan. 25 .- "Unless west

Washington, Jan. 25.—"Unless western nations develop a scheme of regulating marriage so that the increase of population shall come from the better instead of the worse elements of society, western civilization in time will be unable to stand against the pressure of the older races of the East," was one of the striking declarations with which Professor C. W. A. Veditz, sociologist and statistician, addressed a meeting of prominent society women. "Unless systematic ingenuity and conscious control of the race's increase are soon introduced, western civilization will presently be wiped off the map," continually Professor Veditz. Compared to the blind and instinctive movement for race preservation, the forces that now work for the improvement of race and the triumph of western civilization are now so few and unimportant, that unless government steps in to regulate marriage and reproduction, that the most dire results cannot but follow."

Professor Veditz presented census and vital statistics of various countries. "Sooner or later conflict between the white race and the darker races must come," he said. "Numerically the white race is weak; it must be equipped with intellectual superiority if it would win. The final test is that of brute force. We must meet numbers with quality; and we are not equipping ourselves to do this successfully. Our self-complacency in assuming entire superiority is mistaken. Moral and physical courage, economy, thrift, industry, honesty, tenacity of purpose, amenability to discipline, cleanliness, temperance and rational habits in dress and food, are elements of the first importance in development of national character. Have we more of them than people of the Mongollan stocks? We are getting ready to realize that we have not.

"The silent invasion of the occident by the oriental people has been going on for a long time; we are just awakening to it. The overstocked countries of the East are sending their surpluses to us. They are reaching out for the opportunities that English and Americans h

## CHICAGO POLICEMEN **CLUB "UNEMPLOYED"**

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Preparation for a possible clash between police and "unemployed" commenced in earnest today. Police were massed in downtown stations in anticipation of trouble.

Last night thousands of copies of circulars telling usemployed to meet at 2 o'clock on the Lake front and from there march to the city hall and demand work were distributed in saloons and in the lodging house district.

Chief of Police Shippy has repeatedly declared to the managers of the parade that it would not be permitted. The fact that this was the coldest day of the winter aided the police greatly in keeping the people on the move.

A fight occurred between the police and a column of the "unemployed" at State and Madison streets in which several men were beaten.

A portion of the crowd formed another column at Clark street and Jackson boulevard and again was charged by the police. Several men were clubbed and the crowd scattered. Chicago, Jan. 25 .- Preparation for a

charged by the police. Several men were clubbed and the crowd scattered Dr. Reitman, who led the second de-tachment, was placed under arrest af-ter being somewhat roughly handled.

## ODD BURIAL REQUEST IN SPINSTER'S WILL

Greenwich, Conn., Jan. 35.—Peculiar provisions are made in the will of Sarah E. Scofield, a spinster. After the initial request that she shall be buried from the Church of the Transfiguration in New York, with "a low celebration of the holy communion, if the Rev. Dr. Houghton, the pastor, shall see fit," and interred in Stamford, with the Rev. Mr. Brathwaite, rector of Saint Andrews's church, to say prayers over her body. The will stipulates the kind of coffin in which she shall be buried.

This, it is requested, shall be "plain and inexpensive, covered with purple cloth and white canton flannel, the woolly side out, that my resting place may look warm and comfortable, not shiny, cold and costly." The number of carriages at the funeral is limited to

carriages at the funeral is limited to two, as "the living need the money, not the dead. The expense must, if pos-sible, be less than \$100."

#### CLAIMS GEN. STOESSEL MADE MONEY BY SELLING LUXURIES

St. Petersburg, Jan. 25.—Testimony showing the straits of the civil popu-lation at Port Arthur during the siege was given at the courtmartial of Lieutenant General Stoessel by Colonel Vershinin, who was civil commissioner of that place, and who fathered the charges against General Stoessel that he reaped a harvest by selling eggs and milk and other luxuries to the sick during the sleep.

and milk and other luxuries to the sick during the siege.

According to Colonel Vershinin mere existence was a luxury for civilians. Provisions were enormously expensive. A cow cost \$800, a pig \$500, eggs \$1 each and other things correspondingly. He testified that Mme. Stoessel had a large herd of cattle and a flock of chickens and charged exorbitant prices.

Shortly before the surrender, he tes tified, she summoned a merchant and attempted to dispose of these, the sup-position being that she had an inkling of the coming surrender.

### ROCKWELL CITY MAN CHOSEN 'PHONE OFFICER

Chicago, Jan. 25 .- At a final meeting today of the international independent telephone convention, the following officers were elected: President, A. C. Lindemuth, Richmond, Ind.; vice presidents, P. C. Holdvogle, Rockwell City, Ia. and E. B. Fisher, Grand Rapids, Mich.; secretary, J. B. Ware, Grand Rapids, Mich.; treasurer, Hantord Sav-age, Champaign, Ill.

## \$1,000,000 FIRE AT PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Me., Jan. 27 .- The Portland city hall, containing the municipal and county offices and the departments of the police, in which were the supreme, the police, in which were the supreme, judicial and municipal courts, was completely ruined by fire early today which endangered many lives and destroyed valuable records, dating back over a century. The monetary loss is estimated at over a \$1,000,000, but this sum will not cover the loss of papers and documents destroyed.

That there were no fatalities is remarkable, as there were more than 700 persons attending the western Maine Knights of Pythias jubilee gathered in the auditorium when the flames were discovered. Only a few persons were

discovered. Only a few persons were hurt, Chief Engineer Melville Eldridgs being the only one known to be seriously injured.

The fire was caused by crossed wires.

### **BALTIMORE HIT BY ANOTHER BIG FIRE**

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 27.-The biggest fire that has visited Baltimore since the calamity that made the city

since the calamity that made the city world-famous resulted in the death of three firemen and the injury of ten more, among the latter being George Horton, chief of the department. The damage is estimated at from \$400,000 to \$500,000.

Starting some time after midnight on the third floor of the building on the southeast corner of Holiday and Saratoga streets, occupied by the J. Regester Sons company, plumbers supplies, it spread so rapidly that a general alarm followed almost immediately on the first one sent in. A gale from the northwest spread the fire rapidly, and this and very cold weather made the work of the firemen more than ordinarily difficult.

### CAPITALISTS FORM **BOOTBLACK CONCERN**

New York, Jan. 27.—An indication of the important part that nickels and dimes of the public play in the every day life of this metropolis is the leasing of the bootblacking privilege in the new twin McAdoo terminal buffdings on Cortland street for 12 years at a rental aggregating \$124,000. This is at the rate of \$10,333 a year.

To handle the apparently insignificant job of shining the shoes of the permanent and transient population of this immense building, a corporation called the Hudson Terminal Bootblacking company has been formed. The names of the men who are putting up money have not been made public, but they are capitalists who have figured in deals involving millions.

## CHICAGO SOCIETY WOMAN TIRES OF HER "MATINEE IDOL"

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Friends of Mrs. Walter Newton Jones, 4342 Drexel boulevard, learned today that she is contemplating divorce proceedings against her actor husband, a matine dol and stage "tramp" of repute, who is now in New York with the Jones-Deyo Vaudeville company. A suit for absolute divorce is expected to be filed rext week.

absolute divorce is only rext week.

The complainant is wealthy and has been prominent in Chicago society. She attained much notoriety in the proceedings which attended the trial when she obtained a divorce from her former bushand a New York broker. The follows husband, a New York broker. The fol-lowing year she married Walter Jones.

## HEIRS OF GEORGE **WASHINGTON WILL** , GET \$1,000,000

Weatherford, Tex., Jan. 27.—The Brazelton family of this city, heirs of George Washington, first president of the United States, will soon receive part of an estate of 40,000 acres, valued at \$1,000,000 in the Clermont district, Ohio, according to messages received here from Washington, D. C.

There are three Brazelton brothers here, J. W. Brazelton, a benker, B.

here from Washington, D. C.

There are three Brazelton brothers
here, J. W. Brazelton, a banker; B. F.
Brazelton, a physician, and R. E. Brazelton, a farmer. A Georgia relative
also will receive share in, the estate.

Washington, having no children, left
the estate to his nephew, General Nathaniel Greene and his niece, Hannah
Greene. Jacob Brazelton, grandfather
of the Texas heirs, married Hannah
Greene.

## MILLIONAIRE TO SUE WIFE FOR DIVORCE

New York, Jan. 27.-Alfred E. Dieterich, whose wife went away about the same time that Harry S. Brenchley, a poor English horse trainer, disappeared, is about to start divorce proceedings. "It is about the only way out of the mess," said Mr. Diete: ch, who is a mil-

lionaire. The mother of Mrs. Dieterich has re-turned from Paris, where she made a vain appeal to her daughter to return. She is Mrs. Albert Young, and the scandal has so affected her that she is in poor health.

Mr. Dieterich has been devoted to his wife, and it would not surprise his friends if even at this late day he would welcome her should she decide to come back to New York and her little girl.

Since Mrs. Young's return to New York, ways and means of taking Mrs. Dieterich's \$8,000,000 from her control have been discussed, but no way has been found. The money is hers absolutely, and no action restraining her from doing as she pleases would hold, according to those consulted in the matter. Mr. Dieterich has been devoted to his

NATIONAL LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION MEETING Denver, Jan. 27.—H. A. Jastro, of Bakersfield, Cal., was unanimously elected president of the American National Live Stock association at the close of its 11th annual convention, succeeding Murdo MacKenzie, of Trinidad, Colo., who had served two terms and declined a re-election.

Other officers were elected as follows: First vice president—Murdo MacKen-

Executive committee—H. C. Wallace and A. Sykes, lowa; H. S. Boice and J. M. Coburn, Missouri; Robert Tay-lor and W. G. Comstock, Nebraska. Los Angeles was selected as the place

for the convention next year.

A resolution was adopted asking congress to establish a minimum rate of 20 miles an hour for stock trains ex capt where physical conditions present President MacKenzle announced last evening he notified President Roosevel-by wire that the association had in-dorsed his plan of administration is regard to the public kind