## CORN HUSKS THICK: MUSK RATS BUSY

Snow Banks Higher Than Fence Posts and Rivers Frozen to the Bottom.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 24.—"The snow will drift higher than the fence posts, and many rivers will freeze to the bottom of their courses," is the prediction of Rufus Hamlin, the "muskrat and cornhusk seer" of Lake City, Ia., in a letter received today by U. G. Purssell, section director of the weather bureau. The local weather department, however, does not place much confidence in his predictions.

"I have noticed that all nature is preparing for a cold winter, and there is no more reliable weather bureau than nature," he wrote in his letter. "I have noticed that the cornhusks are heavier this year than in many seasons, and that the muskrats are building their homes three times as thick and three times as large as formerly. The black walnut shells are thicker and the squirrel's cache of nuts larger than I have evere seen before. I predict a white Thanksgiving and a white Christmas and the coldest winter in many years."

But the weather man will not be-

Christmas and the coldest winter in many years."

But the weather man will not believe that the seer is right. "The fact that the squirrels have gathered more nuts than usual simply shows that the season has been better for them, and the same is true as regards the larger houses built by the muskrats," said Mr. Purssell. "I hate to predict so far in advance, but I cannot see a bad winter in store for us. We certainly have been fortunate, so far, and I cannot see why the present conditions should not continue."

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For 31 years the average temperature for November is 31 degrees, and for the first 19 days of November of this year is 7 degrees above the normal for the month. If the present warm spell continues, November, 1908, will be a record-breaker for high temperature,

#### ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGE IS HEADED TOWARD THE COURTS

New York, Nov. 24.-Another inter-

New York, Nov. 24.—Another international marriage romance promises to end in the divorce courts in a short time, according to recent gossip in Newport. Social circles of New York also, according to the opinion of a relative of the wife, are concerned.

The report has to do with Count Alexander Von Beroldingen, of Austria, who four years ago married Miss Margaret Stone, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Stone, of New York and Newport, and cousin of the social favorite, former Miss Greta Pomeroy, now Mrs. Philip Clarke.

Clarke,
Mrs. Clarke said today: "All that I know is that the count and countess have been practically separated for 18 months. During that time the count has acted badly toward his wife. I should not be surprised if permanent separation and probably a divorce, be agreed upon."

#### QUARREL BREAKS UP YOUNG RYAN'S MATCH

New York, Nov. 24.—A lovers' quar-rel, according to Mrs. George F. M. Bond, of Yonkers, caused the breaking of the engagement that existed be-tween her daughter, Lillian B. Crall, tween her daughter, Lillian B. Crall, and Joseph J. Ryan, youngest son of Thomas F. Ryan. Mrs. Bond says there is no foundation for the report that the engagement has been broken because of the difference of opinion between her and the Ryan family over the character of the wedding. Mrs. Bond said: "The severance of engagement was brought about by the young people. Mr. Ryan is only 19 years old and is in his third year at Georgetown. My daughter is a few months older."

#### PRINT PAPER FAMINE IS SERIOUS MENACE

Appleton, Wis., Nov. 24—Unless sufficient rain falls within the next six weeks to enable the pulp mills to obtain enough water from the streams to tain enough water from the streams to furnish power to run the mills the country will face a serious print paper famine. According to the best judgment of the largest paper manufacturers of Wisconsin, never before have conditions in the paper industry been more dubious. They predict that if relief is not soon forthcoming the metropolitan newspapers will be forced to ropoiltan newspapers will be forced to curtail their size and the smaller pa-pers suspend publication for lack of print paper.

## CARR PLEADS GUILTY TO MURDER CHARGE

Shot Marshall at Gowrie and Will Receive His Sentence Next Wednesday.

Fort Dodge, Ia., Nov. 24.—Wilbur Carr was arraigned in the district court this morning and entered a plea of guilty to the murder of Marshal Tom Nicholson, of Gowrie, last spring. The judge will announce his sentence next Wednesday morning.

#### WEEMS, A "LIFER," **GETS HIS LIBERTY**

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 24.—Governor Cummins today reduced the sentence of George Weems, a famous life convict, to 30 years, giving him his freedom im-

## TWO KILLED IN MICHIGAN.

Howell, Mich., Nov. 24.—Two trainmen were killed and three fatally injured early today in a collision between two freights on the Toledo & Ann Arbor railway near Lakeland. Following a change of orders it is understood one of the trains ran by the signal.

#### MAN BURNED TO DEATH WHILE RESCUING HORSES

Worthington, Minn., Nov. 24.—Fire at 8:30 last night destroyed three barns and a number of outbuildings here. Albert Lestico, overcome by the flames while trying to rescue four head of blooded horses, was burned to death.

The loss is \$10,000, partially insured. The power plant is being repaired and consequently was crippled, causing delay in getting water on the flames. A strong wind threatened the north end of town with destruction.

## TWENTY WORKMEN ROASTED ALIVE IN **EXPLOSION OF GAS**

Victims Are Buried Beneath Tons of Debris in New York Street.

New York, Nov. 23-The explosion of a gas main in an excavation at Gold and Front streets, Brooklyn, today tore the street to pieces for rods on either side. Twelve men who were working in the excavation for a big sewer pipe were buried by the debris which fell in upon them.

So great was the mass of broken tim-bers and mud in the bottom of the trench that four hours after the explotrench that four hours after the explosion the police and firemen had been unable to find any other than one body, which was found in the street. It is believed the bodies of nearly 20 workmen and-an unknown woman and two children are buried in the debris.

Four of the buried men are reported to have escaped by crawling through the sewer. It is believed the others have been smothered or burned to death in the fire that followed the explosion.

Tries to Save Woman. Samuel Trout lost his li . in attempt-

Samuel Trout lost his list in attempting to save a woman who was passing through Gold street at the time of the explosion. Trout fell into the trench and was roasted alive. The woman was dragged out of the trench and saved by a boy.

The workmen were digging a trench through Gold street for the installation of a 36-inch sewer pipe. The excavation was to be nearly 40 feet deep. Where the laborers had removed the earth the walls had been shoved up by large timbers. The men were working at the bottom of the trench when an accumulation of gas from a main which had been accidentally broken during the course of the work exploded with tremendous force.

Geysers of Water.

Geysers of Water. The supporting timbers were ripped away and the high dirt walls toppled over on the men. A large water main also was broken by the force of the explosion, and a perfect torrent of water began to spurt up through the mass of wreckage.

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Almost side by side with these geysers roared flames from the gas escaping from the broken main. Firemen and workmen worked desperately together in an effort to check the flow of gas and water and to relieve the men who had been imprisoned. There seemed little hope, however, that any of those who were at work at any of those who were at work at the bottom of the trench could have escaped death.

## **DECLARES COLLEGES** MAKE DRUNKARDS

'Wine, Women and Song" in Student Life Send Men to Slums, Mercer Says.

Chicago, Nev. 23.—Higher education was given as a cause for the filling of prisons by E. C. Mercer, a reformed drunkard, now engaged in evangelistic work, who addressed the students at Northwestern University yesterday.
"During the last few years I have been

New York," he said, "and I have learned that one-third of the men who came there ragged and dirty and begging for food were college-bred. I have found them on the Bowery making up beds or waiting on table, and I have even met them in the street-cleaning brigades. During February of last year more than 400 of them stood in the "bread line" at our mission. Seventy-five per cent of the prisoners at Sing Sing prison are college-bred men.

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"'Wine, women and song' in college life are responsible for this condition. I could name man after man who because of that desire for strong drink cultivated while at college has pursued a downward course."

#### MISS ELKINS SAID TO HAVE REJECTED RING

Pittsburg. Nov. 23.—From the best of authority the story comes that it was Miss Katherin Elkins herself who turned back the \$5,000 ruby ring sent her from abroad, presumably from the Duke of the Abruzzi, and on which the duty had not been paid. The postmaster at Elkins, W. Va., is said to have taken his orders from the Elkins family regarding the ring, it having been considered at least "queer" on the part of the duke to attempt to ship such a costly thing through without paying the duty, which is now being estimated at from \$1,800 to \$3,000.

The ring has practically disappeared from here. It is supposed to be on its way to New York to be handed over to customs inspectors, who will fix the rate of duty. No one in the office of the Pittsburg postmaster or of the collector of the port here will discuss the matter. But the belief is general that the jewel was sent as an engagement ring.

Miss Elkins Asked Too Much.

Rome, Nov. 23.—The Italian press is daily growing more resentful against the newspapers of America for their comment on the affairs of the Duke of the Abruzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins, the daughter of Senator Elkins, Wast Virginia

of West Virginia.

The latest Italian contribution ap-

The latest Italian contribution appears in Italy Abroad, a review editor by Sig. Pillegrini, who was secretary to former Premier Zanardelli

It is written by Signor Mantegazza, a stanch monarchist, who is supposed to be the mouthpiece of the court, and

says in part:
"The Duke of he Abruzzi already
would have married Miss Elkins without giving her the rank of royal highness if she had been satisfied simply to become his wife. This, however, she refused, not understanding that a girl in her position in Europe would not have objected. Americans are con-vinced that their dollars can buy even relationship with one of the oldest reigning houses of Europe."

## KANSAS BANK CLOSES.

Fort Scott, Kan., Nov. 23.—The First National bank of Fort Scott, one of the oldest banks in the state, closed its doors this morning. The bank had de-

doors this morning. The bank had deposits of \$72,000.

The closing followed a run on the bank yesterday. President Hornaday stated the fallure was the result of malicious reports spread by enemies of the bank, and said that the bank assets exceed the liabilities by \$17,000, Depositors will be paid in full.

Even with hogs variety is one of the greatest essentials in feeding successfully.

# WHO WILL BE NEXT GENERAL OF "ARMY?"

William Bramwell Booth Is Scheduled to Receive the Mantle of His Father.

London, Nov. 23.—"Who will be the next 'general'?" is a question which has been pretty frequently asked of late, and, although the answer is common property among the rank and file of the "army," the views of the gen-eral public—so far as one can gather eral public—so far as one can gather in the course of casual conversations—are foggy. Although the name of the general's successor has never been officially divulged, it is almost universally accepted by those who are in touch with these matters that the mantle will fall on the shoulders of his eldest son—William Bramwell Booth—who already bears a considerable share of the general's burden. With a diplomacy and self effacement that is as praiseworthy as it is uncommon, the chief of the staff—to give him his official title—keeps himself in the background as far as possible.

The Armstrong Case.

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But on more than one occasion Bramweil Booth has been forced to stand under the fierce searchlight of an unfriendly and very critical public. He was one of the defendants in the unsavory "Armstrong" case, which resulted in W. T. Stead being sent to prison, and incidentally in the passing of the criminal law amendment act. Young Booth—he was not then 30 years of age—was discharged, but the unpopularity of the cause for which he stood at the time resulted in the loss of a number of warm friends from the army—although practically all withdrew their support at the time afterward returned, and became stauncher friends of the cause than ever. The Armstrong Case.

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Bramwell Booth has, as a matter of fact, a wonderful combination of gifts. He appears to have inherited his father's shrewdness of business perception and aptitude for organization, with the dieep sympathy and character reading ability of his mother. He feels acutely the buffetings which have fallen upon his father of late years—the withdrawal of his two brothers and a sister from the Salvation army, and the death of another sister in America more particularly. His hair, unlike his father's, is very sparse and thin. He is clean shaved, stands nearly six feet high, and is of military and commanding carriage. The fact that he is unfortunately very deaf tells against him, being reflected in his mannerisms. Although only 50 years of age, he is quite grey.

quite grey. In Uniform at Coronation. In Uniform at Coronation.

With the rank and fie of the army, and especially among the young people, he is exceedingly popular, mainly because of his unswerving loyalty to his father and strong "Salvationism." It is said that when he was invited to the coronation of King Edward VII. he replied that unless he was allowed to be present in full Salvation uniform he would be unable to attend. "Unless you wear court dress you will not be admitted," came the official supply. A missive was then forwarded to his majesty, regretting that the army would be unable to send a representative, but explaining that it was not for want of loyalty on their part. Inquiries resulted, and Bramwell Booth, in full Salvation kit, attended the service in the Abbey.

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From the army's headquarters in Queen Victoria street the whole of its operations throughout the world are directed, and the man at the wheel of the whole machine—the "power behind the throne"—is the prematurely grey-haired "chief." He has a hand upon the minutest particulars of the Salvation war, and is acquainted with practically its every movement throughout the world. From the num-

# IS PULLED THROUGH

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 23.—The big deal between the American Tobacco compa-ny and the Burley Tobacco society for the 1906 and part of the 1907 crops of tobacco, which has been hanging fire for several weeks, was closed here late

yesterday.

The price agreed on in the transaction, which was said to be the largest tion, which was said to be the largest of its kind ever put through, is an average of 20½ cents for the 1906 crop and 17 cents per pound for the 1907 product. The deal involves nearly 80,000,000 pounds of tobacco held in the pool by the Burley Tobacco society and an outlay of something like \$14,000,000 on the part of the American Tobacco company.

pany.

According to many who are in a po sition to know, the sale of the pooled crop will mark the end of night riding in central and eastern Kentucky, at least for the present.

#### SOME OF MORSE LETTERS TO A. HUMMEL MISSING

New York, Nov. 23.—An entirely new and startling chapter in the Dodge-Morse-Hummell scandal was uncovered Morse-Hummell scandal was uncovered today in connection with the \$40,000 suit brought against Charles W. Morse by Edward M. Brackett, his confidential agent—the delivery of a package of letters written to "Abe" Hummel by Morse to four New York lawyers who represented the then wealthy financier. This transaction took place at the incention of criminal proceedings against This transaction took place at the inception of criminal proceedings against Hummel. The scene of the transfer back to Morse of the letters which would have riddled the testimony of Captain "Uncle Jim" Morse into bits, was the Metropolitan club, Fifth avenue and Sixtleth street. The majority of the letters were signed "Wyman," a name under which Bracket declares 'Morse conducted his business with 'Hummel. When the package was opened and the letters were counted, a number were found missing. These missing letters never have been recovered, either by Morse or Hummel. Placing one of these missing letters in the hands of a fearless and energetic district attorney would mean the reopening of the entire Dodge-Morse-Hummel scandal.

#### SEVEN TRACK LABORERS KILLED BY A TRAIN

Chicago, Nov. 23.—Seven track laborers on a hand car were run down by a Burlington passenger train between Highland and La Grange, Ill., today and killed. Three others escaped with slight injuries.

The Young Men's Christian association of Chicago, the second largest in the world, has a membership of over 13,000, sustains 18 branches and owns property valued at \$2,022,000.

# MRS. CONGER TELLS OF LATE EMPRESS

Wife of Former Minister to China Says Tsi An Was a Remarkable Woman.

Pasadena, Cal., Nov. 19 .- "I look upon the death of the dowager empress of China as a personal loss," said Mrs. E. H. Conger, widow of the ex-minister to China, E. H. Conger.

"When my husband was United States minister to China I had special

States minister to China I had special opportunity of becoming acquainted with her. Since I have returned to this country and since Mr. Conger's death I have frequently received messages of friendship from her. I admired her greatly. She was a truly remarkable womar.

"We went to China in 1898 and shortly after our arrival in Peking, the dowager empress gave the first audience to foreign women ever given in the kingdom. She had never seen foreign women and the audience was naturally very formal. I saw nothing more of her until after the return of the court from exile in 1902. At that time I was dean of the women of the foreign embassies, a position which I held until we left China in 1905. The position gave me occasion to see a great deal of the dowages. held until we left China in 1905. The position gave me occasion to see a great deal of the dowager empress, an advantage to which her friendly regard for this country gave added force. I was allowed my own private interpreter and my interviews were frequent and in a sense, quite intimate. She was anxious to learn and showed a wonderful knowledge of outside affairs, particularly as relating to this country.

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"She showed the greatest respect for the United States. I remember at one time when she had been assailed most bitterly, I had an audience with her, General and Mrs. Nelson A. Miles and Mrs. Admiral Evans being with me. I made so bold as to ask permission to bring an American painter, a woman, with me for the purpose of getting her portrait, to be exhibited at the St. Louis exposition. She quickly consented, asking only that the work be done in such and such a month, that being counted a propitous month. I immediately sent for Miss Carroll, suggesting that she stop with me until the dowager empress should summon i.er. "She did so. The portrait was painted, exhibited at the St. Louis exposition and by the dowager empress position and by the dowager empress later presented to the American peo-ple as a token of friendly feeling for the people of this country."

#### BRIDE OF FORTNIGHT ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Pittsburg, Nov. 19.—Mrs. Minnie Thomas, a bride of 12 days, on her 13th night of wedded life attempted to suicide by taking bichloride of mercury, after a quarrel with her husband because he insisted on sitting up to read a book.

The beautiful young woman, after kicking about this thirst for literature at unseemly hours, retired to her room and locked the door against her husband, John, who was reading blissfully.

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Finally John finished the book and went to their room, only to find the door locked. He knocked and was answered by a moan. He became frightened and, breaking in the door, found his wife on the floor. A physician got there in time and the young wife will live.

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John, it is understood, has promised to go to bed at 4 p. m. daily if it will keep Minnie from trying suicide.

### ABRUZZI, REJECTED BY ELKINS' DAUGHTER, **BECOMES "GAY" DUKE**

New York, Nov. 19.—A New York paper prints the following dispatch from Turin: "The duke of the Abruzzi's action confirm the report that he has given up all plans to marry Miss Katherine Elkins, the American heiress. He has gone in, within the last few days, for the gayest of gay bachelor life.

"While no direct statement has come from the duke himself as to his renun-

"While no direct statement has come from the duke himself as to his renunciation of Miss Elkins—or vice versa—members of his suite, who hitherto tacitly have admitted the engagement, today said Senator Elkins was telling the truth when he announced that no engagement existed between his daughter and the duke. This is the way the duke's friends expressed the situation:

"The marriage has been abandoned on account of insurmountable difficulties raised by the Elkins family."

## RAILROADS WILL INSTALL

CLEANING AND PRESSING SHOP
Omaha, Neb., Nov. 19.—The fastidious traveler who whirls across the
continent will no longer fear that he
will have to meet friends at the other
end of the journey looking as if he
had been tossed about in a cyclone.
He may look as spick and span as when
he entered the train 4,000 miles distant.
The Union Pacific has installed tailor
shops on all of its overland trains for
the accommodation of its customers. Of
course nominal charges will be made,
but the principal reason for the innovation is to make the service more
complete. More than one traveler who
had apprehensions that his coat was
too wrinkled or that the stains of travel
were too evident on his lapel has writ-CLEANING AND PRESSING SHOP were too evident on his lapel has writ-ten the officials of the road and thanked them for the new plan of keeping their

## TWO LABORERS PERFORM

A DANGEROUS STUNT Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 19.—Two employes of the gas company, John Erwin and I. F. Yauney, performed a feat of heroism yesterday that prevented a tragedy of big proportions. A spark from the chimney at the gas plant happened to drop in a spot on the side of the helder where was leaking. the holder where gas was leaking. The result was a burst of flame that began to mount the side of the holder. Erwin to mount the side of the holder, Erwin and Yauney hurriedly climbed a ladder, and with a hand chemical kept the blaze in check till the fire department came and extinguished it. The damage was slight, but if the flames had been permitted to reach the holder top or had melted a plate, there would have been an explosion that would have shaken the town have shaken the town.

#### RECKLESS AUTO RACER KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 19.-In a car making a speed of more than 60 miles hour automobile record, Emile Stricker was killed early today on the fair grounds track here. Leon Barrows, of Birmingham, was seriously injured. A tire exploded while the machine was going around a curve. The machine is a total wreck.

# SAYS ABE HUMMEL GOT LOG CUT LESS BY MILLION FROM MORSE

Regarding Divorce Mixup Is Made by Detective.

New York, Nov. 21.—That Abraham Hummel received \$1,000,000 for acting as the scapegoat of the Dodge-Morse divorce sensation was one of the alledivorce sensation was one of the alle-gations made in open court today by Edward M. D. Racken, a private de-tective, formerly in the employ of Charles W. Morse, who has brought suit for \$40,000 against the convicted ex-banker and ice man. This \$40,000 is claimed to be due him for services ren-dered in connection with the divorce complications.

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Even more startling will be Bracken's sworn revelations that Hummel went to jall to save Morse and two prominent downtown lawyers from disgrace and possible imprisonment for their part in efforts to allow Morse to put aside his wife in order that he might marry another woman.

#### CHAIN OF COLLEGES TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE COUNTRY

Boston, Mass., Nov. 21.—Alarmed at what he considered the dangerous growth of socialistic teaching, Edmund D. Barbour, a retired merchant, is about to arrange for a chain of 30 colleges throughout Massachusetts, all directed by one administration. Mr. Barbour believes that most college educated persons flock to cities. His plan seeks to counteract this tendency by affording persons in the country training in the liberal arts. College professors in existing institutions will be employed for lectures, and for the buildings the vacant hours of public schools, lecture halls and libraries will be utilized. Such instruction will cost each student \$138 for an entire foureach student \$138 for an entire four-year's course.

Mr. Barbour believes his plan will develop the type of country gentlemen of England and France.

## CHINA SENDS NOTE TO FRIENDLY POWERS

First Acts of the New Government Show a Spirit of Progressiveness.

Pekin, Nov. 21.—Prince Ching, president of the board of foreign affairs, has forwarded direct to President Roosevelt a personal letter in the name of Pu Yi, infant emperor of China, setting forth the crisis through which the throne has passed during the last

week.
Similar letters have been sent to all the other powers friendly to China.
The communications make an appeal for sympathy for and an understanding of the new rulers of China, and emphasize the efficiency with which the events of the past week have been conducted.
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Several foreign legations here have expressed their surprise and gratification at the manner in which the government is managing the situation.

## DENVER EXTORTIONIST IS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Denver, Nov. 21.—Information charging Mrs. Allen F. Read with assault with intent to commit robbery and assault, with intent to do great bodily injury, in the alleged attempt made by her to blackmail Mrs. Genevieve Chandler Phipps, were filed in the criminal court today by District Attorney Stidger. Mr. Stidger discredits the theory that Mrs. Read was drugged or hypnotized by another with powerful influence over her. Ha claims the accused woman is not as sick as she has been represented.

#### MR. STILLMAN TO RETIRE FROM NEW YORK BANK

New York, Nov. 21.—James Still-man's retirement from the presidency of the National City bank again is reported in Wall street today, it being asserted that he plans to withdraw as head of the institution January I, and he will be succeeded by Frank A. Vanderlip, vice president of the bank. The report is regarded in banking circles as more likely to be fulfilled than previous ones. For a long period Mr. Stillman, who spends many months of the year abroad, has not given any attention to the details of the bank's affairs.

#### PROFESSOR WILL SPY ON MARTIANS

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 21.—R. W. Wood, who occupied the chair of experimental physics in Johns Hopkins university, has worked out a mercury telescope by which it is hoped that life, if it exists, may be seen on the planet of Mars. Professor Wood reported the invention today to the National Academy of Science.

Professor Wood refused to make any definite statements as to the future possibilites of the instrument. It is possible, he said, that a mirror 15 or 20 feet in diameter, mounted in the tropics at the bottom of a deep pit, might enable people to observe details on Mars and other planets which cannot be seen with smaller instruments.

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#### AMERICAN CONSUL'S WIFE DIES IN SWITZERLAND

Omaha, Neb., Nov. I.—A cablegram from Berne, Switzerland, announces the death there last night of Mrs. George Helmrod, wife of the American counsul at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Heimrod were former residents of Omaha.

There is no important seaport be-tween Portland, Me., and Portland, Ore., that has not one or more through railway passenger trains from Chicago

#### **BIG BROKERAGE FIRM** GOES TO THE WALL

an hour in an effort to lower the 24 ers, made assignment today to Lin-

# 119,000,000 FEET

This Sensational Declaration Minnesota Lumber Authorities Say Forest Activity Will Be Comparatively Slight.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 21.—The cut of logs in Minnesota will be 119,000,-000 feet less than it was last winter. That is the opinion expressed by Deputy Surveyor General C. E. Sinclair.

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A like opinion was expressed by other logging authorities, including R. H. Chute, representing the Weyer-hauser interests in Minneapolis, as well as the Mississippi and Rum River Boom company.

The reason is twofold: a large supply of logs on hand, and an unusually light demand.

A great part of the loss will come on the farmers, for whom last winter the surveyor general's department scaled between 75,000,000 and 100,000,000 feet, but for whom this year, Mr. Sinclair thinks, not 10,000,00 feet will be scaled. In addition, certain sections have been exhausted. In the Hibbing district, according to the surveyor general's office, where 18,000,000 feet of logs were cut last winter, there is practically nothing left, although this exhaustion of one source of supply would mean only increased cut elsewhere if the demand were high or even normal.

"In a general way," said Mr. Chute.

elsewhere if the demand were high or even normal.

"In a general way," said Mr. Chute, "I think the logging season will be unusually light, except where contracts are already in force. A good many logs have been carried over and then the demand for lumber is not at all what it has been."

"The cut will be considerably lighter than last year's," said Mr. Sinclair. "I should say lighter by 25 per cent anyway. In the three Minnesota districts, where there is much cutting, we scaled \$475,000,000 feet last year. While a good many up-river concerns will cut possibly as much as usual, there will be a decided falling off elsewhere. There is practically no market now for logs."

LARGE REDUCTION IN THE
FREIGHT RATES ON LUMBER
Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—One of
the most important railroad tariff reductions filed in the past year with
the interstate commerce commission
will be that for which special permission has been granted by the commission has been granted by the commission to the Southern Pacific company
and its connections. It is a direct
result of the order in the north Pacific
lumber cases, wherein the freight
rates on lumber and lumber products
were ordered to be reduced from
points in Washington and Oregon to
destinations in the east, particularly
Missouri river crossings.

The Southern Pacific tariff now is
in preparation, and when completed
will be filed and become effective on
three days' notice. It provides for reduced rates on all lumber, including
tamerials in carloads from points in
California, Nevada and Utah to destinations in Canada and that part of the
United States east of the Missouri
river and north of Tennessee and
North Carolina, and also to points in
Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Arkansas and Texas. The rates
will be substantially in line with those
fixed by the commission from north
Pacific points. They will provide for
a reduction of from 5 to 10 cents per
100 pounds on rough lumber, lath
and general lumber from points of
origin to Chicago. To points east of
Chicago as far as New York the general rate will be about 15 cents less
per 100 pounds than it now is. All
intermediate points between the south
Pacific coast territory and the Atlantic
seaboard will be affected by the new
rates.

# GOVERNMENT WILL SELL

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—Secretary Cortelyou has made public announcement that he would receive bids up to the close of business on December 5 next for \$30,000,000 Panama canalbonds or any part thereof, to bear 2 per cent interest. The bonds will be dated November 1, 1908, thus making this a new issue, and interest will begin as of that date. The bonds, by the terms of the law authorizing their fissue, will be redeemed in gold in 10 years from their date. As an evidence of good faith the secretary requests each bid to be accompanied by a certified check payable to the secretary of the treasury for 2 per cent of the amount of the bid.

The bonds will be issued in denominations of \$20, \$109 and \$1,000 of coupon bonds, and \$20, \$100, \$1,000 and \$10,000 of registered bonds. They will be exempt from all taxes or duties of the United States as well as taxation in any form by or under state, municipal or local authority. They will be available to national banks as security for circulating notes and receivable as security for public deposits in national banks. The law forbids their sale at less than par and provides that citizens of the United States shall have equal opportunity to subscribe therefor. In considering the bids the secretary will award the first allotment to the bidders offering the subscribe therefor. In considering the highest price; of two or more bidders offering the same prices, those asking for the smaller amounts of bonds will receive priority in the allotment.

RICH YOUTH, A COLLEGE

#### RICH YOUTH, A COLLEGE GRADUATE, ENLISTS AS PRIVATE, MARINE CORPS

Chicago, Nov. 21.—Opportunity came last night to Walter Howard McGarvey, aged 25, a graduate of Columbia university, to choose between inheriting the wealth of his father, a retired New Jersey banker, or enlisting in the United States marine corps as a private. He chose the military service, then sent this telegram to his parent: "Have enlisted in marine corps and know what to expect from you. Hope you may change your mind—I can't for four years. With love, Walter."

McGarvey presented an order for a suit of clothes on a New York tailor to Sergeant Holman, who had taken the enlistment, and left last night for the marine barracks at Mare Island, Cal. Previously he resigned his position as manager for the Detroit Electrical Co.

#### MRS. ELIHU ROOT HAS INHERITED RICH ESTATE

Philadelphia, Nov. 21.—The firm of John A. Boardman & Co., stock brokers, made assignment today to Lincoln L. Eyre.

The firm has a chain of 19 offices in Eastern cities. The assignment is voluntary and caused by the bull movement in the stock market.

While no figures are yet available, it is believed the failure will not prove an important one.