

Augusta, Me., March 25.—The legislature today defeated the proposed amendment to the Maine constitution to allow local option on the question of permitting the manufacture for sale of intoxicating liquors in all the cities and in such towns as accept the amendment's provisions. The democratic majority in the house failed to muster the necessary two-thirds affirmative vote on the final passage of the resolve and it was not carried.

New York, March 25.—Cracksmen set off so much dynamite under a safe in the office of a Staten island manufacturing company early today that the explosion was heard for miles and many persons thought there was an earthquake. The five safeblowers fled after an exchange of shots with watchmen. The safe was blown to pieces and some of its contents destroyed. There is no clue to the cracksmen.

He had planned to breakfast leisurely with several of his political lieutenants including Medill McCormick, of Chicago, and Matthew Hale, of Boston. Instead he pushed his way through a big throng at the south station. He jumped into an automobile, was cheered frequently on his way across the city and was given another ovation at the north station by a large crowd.

On the drive to the residence of the prime minister, General Linares Acandara, which had been selected for his occupancy during his stay in Caracas, Mr. Knox's eye everywhere met with interwined flags of the United States and Venezuela, multicolored bunting, triumphant arches, garland of flowers and medallions of Washing-

General Lehmann as to whether the excise tax measure passed by the House, will stand test in the courts. Mr. Lehmann advised him it would. In as much as Mr. Lehmann is regarded as the greatest authority on the corporation tax law in Washington having made the successful argument for it before the supreme court, the friends of the excise and income tax measure are confident.

The subcommittee with John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers of America as the chief delegate of the miners, may continue its sessions several days in an effort to effect a compromise agreement following the flat refusal of the operators to grant the miners' demands for a 1 per cent increase in pay and shorter working hours.

Swatow, China, March 23.—Business of all kinds has been suspended in this city and people are fleeing in thousands owing to fears of a massacre. Severe fighting has occurred between a body of Cantonese troops and a force of local soldiers at Chao Chow Fu, about 25 miles to the north of this city.

Sabastapol, Russia, March 25.—A double aeroplane fatality occurred here today. Sub-Lieutenant Albokrinof and his assistant, an engineer, were making a flight in a Farman biplane at the flying ground attached to the military aviation school, when the aeroplane was seized by a sudden gust of wind, which overturned it and hurled it to the ground. The two aviators were instantly killed and the aeroplane

bald W. Butt, personal aide to President Taft. Major Butt presented to the pontiff an autograph letter from President Taft, with which the pope was greatly pleased.

KELLEY-FARMER FIGHT TONIGHT
St. Louis, Mo., March 22.—Leo Kelley, local lightweight and "Kid" Farmer, of Peoria, Ill., will fight eight rounds before the Irish-American club here to-

St. Joseph, Mo., March 23.—Ever railroad train entering St. Joseph delayed by high water today. The bridges at many points are menaced by ice jams and in some localities many acres of farm lands are inundated. The Burlington has a large force of laborers protecting its tracks in the bottom between Forest City, Mo., and Council Bluffs, Ia., and like precaution has been taken by other roads.