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News in Brief

The latest reports estimate that the cotton crop of China will be 70 per cent of the average.

Senator Albert J. Beveridge has been given the degree of doctor of laws by Depauw university.

The postoffice at Althamor, Ark., was burglarized and registered packages containing $2,000 are missing.

A dispatch to a London news agency from Monte Carol announces the death there of Baron Arthur de Rothschild.

The town of Abbott, Tex., was almost wiped out by fire. Fifteen buildings were destroyed, entailing a loss of $75,000.

Edward Larkin, who killed Harvey Bardonnar at Salina, Kas., on October 29 last, was found guilty of murder in the second degree.

The charter of the Houston, Beaumont & Northern Railroad company has been approved by the attorney general of Texas and recorded in the department of state.

Building contractors from nearly every large city in the country met in Chicago to form a national association. The labor unions were the principal topic of discussion.

After eighteen months of litigation the case of the National Salt company against the United States Salt company of Cleveland, O., has been settled in common pleas court.

The Southern Hosiery Manufacturers' association at Chattanooga, Tenn., decided to the advance the prices 4 cents on January 1, with a contemplated advance of 10 cents shortly.

A unknown man hurled a stone through the window of the E. H. Kostkamp Jewelry company at St. Louis, seized a tray of diamond rings valued at $6,000 and escaped.

Hal S. Ray, general agent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific in Denver, has been appointed general eastern agent of that system, with headquarters in New York City.

Rev. E. M. Peteat, president of Furman university, Greenville, S. C., has just returned from the north, where he secured a gift of $100,000 for Furman university from John D. Rockefeller.

Notice that the will of the late Gordon McKay of Newport, R. I., who queathed several millions to Harvard university, will be contested, was filed in the Suffolk county probate court at Boston.

While Fred Olds, a farmer, and his wife, who reside near North Coventry, Conn., were visiting friends, their house caught fire, and four children, who had been left in bed, were burned to death.

Commander Booth Tucker of the Salvation army has returned to New York. He went abroad soon after the death of his wife to consult with his father-in-law, General Booth, head of the army.

An explosion in the Euclid mine of the Pittsburg Coal company at Port Royal, Pa., resulted in the instant death of Milton McMillen and the serious burning of W. A. Williams and Edward Oliver.

The state treasury of Pennsylvania has a balance, including the sinking fund, of $15,800,000. It is believed to be sufficient to carry forward the work of constructing the state capitol building for a few years.

Baron von Sternberg, the German ambassador, says that the emperor is profoundly touched by the many sincere expressions of sympathy which have come from America to Berlin regarding his majesty's illness.

J. O. Rice, formerly manager of the recently suspended International Bank and Trust company of America, has been arrested and is now in prison in Mexico on criminal charges, which were brought against him in connection with his conduct of the bank's affairs.

Telegrams from Chief of Detectives Desmond and Sheriff Dickmann, now in the City of Mexico, lead the St. Louis police authorities to believe that Charles Kratz, former member of the city council indicted on the charge of bribery, will be returned to St. Louis within two weeks.

Investigation by the government officers shows that a reign of terror exists on forks of the Coeur d'Alene river in Idaho. The settlers have been driven from their homes and settlement discouraged, while millions of feet of pine have been stolen from the government and sold to the mills.

Governor Heard, in his message to the special session of the legislature, which convened at Baton Rouge to discuss the boll weevil situation and to pass necessary laws to check the evil, urged the appointment of a commission to conduct the war of extermination.

The American Anti-Saloon league at Washington re-elected President Luther B. Wilson of Washington. Resolutions were introduced looking to closer organization and centralization of control of the anti-saloon movement.

The Fortress Monroe, Va., Young Men's Christian association building, donated to the soldiers of the fort by Miss Helen Gould of New York, was formally dedicated in the presence of a large assemblage, Miss Gould being present. She was given a reception in the new building.

Powell Clayton, United States ambassador to Mexico, reported to Acting Secretary of State Loomis the conditions in Mexico as he left them. The ambassador says that the relations between the United States and Mexico never were more harmonious.

At the navy department it was announced that the marines contingent on the isthmus would be reinforced by 300 men now on the Prairie, orders having been sent to Admiral Barker, commanding the North Atlantic squadron, now at Guantanamo, to dispatch the Prairie to the isthmus.

A FIGHTING LOOK

UNITED STATES MARINE FORCES ARE LANDED IN COLON.

THEY WILL BE SENT WEST

Latter are Reported to be on Way to the New Republic — Significant Shrug of General Reyes—Columbian Minister Says There Will be no War Till He Goes Back.

COLON—A company of marines from the United States cruiser Prairie was landed here this morning, under the command of Captain Smedley D. Butler, and immediately started by train for Panama. The destination of the marines is said to be Yavisa, up the San Miguel gulf and Tuira river. It is believed that the decision of the naval authorities is to station marines at Yaviza may possibly be owing to the reports that Columbian troops have been sent in that direction, but up to the present time there is no reason to believe that any large force is under orders to march on Panama from Cauca. The opinion seems to prevail that the few Columbian soldiers seen were probably scouts who were endeavoring to learn what preventive and protective measures were being taken by the Republic of Panama, and that it was their presence which gave rise to the exaggerated rumors of a speedy attack by Columbia on the isthmus.

It is more likely that the movement of marines to Yaviza is in conformity with the policy of the naval authorities to concentrate forces at points which offer the best facilities for getting immediate information of any movement of Columbian troops toward Panama and at the same time of affording the marines some relief from their confinement to the ships. The marines carried with them all requisites for camp life, and also a number of machine guns.

WASHINGTON—If elected to the presidency of Columbia by the overwhelming majority which Bogota dispatches indicate, General Rafael Reyes, Columbian minister to the United States, would regard the call of his country as a command which it would be difficult for him to refuse to obey.

It is learned that General Reyes is still undecided as to the nature of his note to the state department formally setting forth Columbia's views on the Panama situation. It can be stated, however, that Columbia will first express its protest against the events of the isthmus, but further that this General Reyes has not decided what form his statement shall take.

General Reyes called at the state department and was closeted with Assistant Secretary Loomis for nearly an hour. In reply to a question the general said he had given assurances to this government that, pending his diplomatic mission to Washington, there would be no hostilities upon the part of the Columbian troops.

Bills Favorably Reported.

WASHINGTON.—Favorable reports were made by Senator Stewart, chairman of the committee on Indian affairs, on the following bills:

Providing for the entry of unsold lands of the Fort Hall Indian reservation; authorizing the secretary of the treasury to adjust and pay upon the administrative action of the secretary of the interior all claims against the United States of the confederated bands of Indians, and authorizing the sale of a part of what is known as the Red Lake Indian reservation, in Minnesota.

Fuel and Iron Company Sells.

DENVER—President T. J. Hearne of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company has stated in an interview that the recent transfer of all the fuel properties of that company to the Rocky Mountain Coal and Iron company was made merely as a convenience from a business point of view. The Rocky Mountain is one of the subsidiary companies organized to assist in carrying on the work of the parent organization, the Colorado Fuel and Iron company. The transfer of holdings included thirty-five coal mines.

Appointed by President.

WASHINGTON — The president Monday sent the senate the following nominations:

Receivers of public moneys: Daniel J. Foley, at Eureka, Cal.; Fred Butler, at Leadville, Colo.

Postmasters: Alaska—William R. Sampson, Skagway.

Idaho—George E. Hovey, Burke.

Montana—Lawrence Hauck, Philipsburg.

Crime in Paris.

PARIS.—The local police have completed gathering of statistics relating to crime in Paris. During the year ended December 1, a total of 70,000 cases occupied their attention.

Dreyfus Expects Revision.

PARIS.—Victor Mercier, one of the directors of the ministry of justice and reporter of the Dreyfus commission, has completed his examination of the documents submitted to the commission by the ministers of war and justice. He will now begin the preparation of his report, which he expects will be finished in another week. M. Mercier's conclusions are not authoritatively known, but Dreyfus' friends are confident that he will advise a revision of the case.

Anarchist Attempts Murder.

PARIS.—Following the arrest here of Paul Brissel, an anarchist, charged with an attempt to murder his employers, the police found a large quantity of anarchistic literature in the prisoner's room inciting him to plan the crime. Brissel's declaration that his object was to kill his employers has aroused suspicion that this may be the purpose also of other anarchists with whom he was in correspondence, and who have been placed under police surveilance.

FREMONT GETS THE CANAL.

The Canal Board of Arbitration Selects that City.

NEW YORK—The board of arbitration, consisting of T. W. Klowman of the John F. Kelley Engineering company, New York, and George H. Kimball, the well known western engineering expert, met here Monday and decided to make an award in favor of the Fremont Canal and Power company, which concern will build a large hydraulic plant for the purpose of generating electric energy for light, traction and general power purposes in and around Omaha, Lincoln, Columbus, Fremont and several other cities in Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The Fremont proposition was considered more feasible than the one submitted by the Nebraska Central Irrigation company, which concern proposed to build a big plant at Columbus.

WILLIAM M. SPRINGER'S WILL.

Leaves Bulk of Property to Wife—Son as Executor.

WASHINGTON—The will of the late Representative William M. Springer of Illinois, filed here Monday, directs that his remains be interred in Oak Ridge cemetery, near Springfield, Ill., and the grave be marked by a plain stone, bearing this inscription under his name:

"Member of congress from Illinois, 1875 to 1895, and judge of the United States court for Indian Territory, March 30, 1895, to December 11, 1899."

Mr. Springer expressed the wish that the remains of his wife be interred in the same lot when she dies and that on her tombstone beneath his name shall be inscribed the titles of the books she has written. The bulk of his property is left to his wife, his son, Outer W. Springer, being named as executor.

RESISTS STANDARD OIL COMPANY

Roumania Opposes the Formation of an American Monopoly.

VIENNA—Reports from Bucharest indicate that the Standard Oil company is meeting with much opposition in its efforts to obtain a footing in Roumania. At a private meeting of the supporters of the government, M. Stourdza, president of the council of ministers, declared that the Americans had come to Roumania for the purpose of monopolizing the national petroleum industry and that they must prevent the country from submitting to such an economy yoke. It is stated that the Standard Oil company has now abandoned its intention of combining any of the existing oil concerns of Roumania, but that believing the country has large and valuable oil fields at present undiscovered, the company will endeavor to obtain them for its European trade.

SHIP SUBSIDY COMMISSION.

Bill Providing for Investigation of Merchant Marine.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Representative Gardner (Mass.) introduced a bill creating a commission to consider and recommend legislation for the development of the American merchant marine. The commission is to be composed of the secretary of the navy, postmaster general, the secretary of commerce and labor and three members each of the senate and house. The commission is to investigate and to report to congress at its next session what legislation is desired for the development of the merchant marine, and incidentally for a national ocean mail service of adequate auxiliary naval cruisers and naval reserves. The investigation is to be conducted by hearings.

HOLD MID-WINTER MEETING.

Good Roards Congress, January 28 and 29.

CHICAGO, ILL.—W. H. Moore, president of the National Good Roads association, and Colonel A. S. Mann of Florida, met in Chicago Monday and arranged to hold the mid-winter good roads meeting of the association at Ormonde Beach, Florida, January 28 and 29, in connection with the automobile races at that place. The two events will be followed by similar meetings in the north.

At the St. Louis World's Fair automobile races will be held by the National Good Roads congress, at which time all civilized countries will be invited by the state department at Washington to send delegates.

To Print General Wood's Accounts.

WASHINGTON.—Senator Platt of Connecticut, chairman of the senate committee on relations with Cuba, introduced a resolution authorizing the printing of all the accounts of the government of Cuba during American occupation. The resolution is in accord with a request of Secretary Root and will cover the accounts of General Wood as governor general of Cuba.

William J. Bryan at Rome.

ROME—William J. Bryan, accompanied by his son, was received in private audience by the pope Sunday. Mr. Bryan was presented by Monsignor Kennedy, rector of the American college, who acted as interpreter. His holiness spoke of having great interest in the Catholics in the United States. After the audience Mr. Bryan expressed himself as highly pleased with the pope's kindly bearing. Before going to the vatican Mr. Bryan visited several of the interesting sights of Rome.

Reported Troops Withdrawn.

WASHINGTON.—Information has reached the navy department to the effect that the Colombian troops which were said to have landed at the mouth of the Atrato river to march on the isthmus, have been withdrawn.

Send Uribe-Uribe as Envoy.

CARACAS—According to advices just received here the Colombian government has decided to send General Rafael Uribe-Uribe as special envoy to the South American republics.

THE CUBAN BILL

SOON TO BE VOTED UPON IN THE SENATE.

MR. BAILEY OF TEXAS OPPOSES

Question of Postal Investigation by Senate and Right of Panama to Make Treaty Will Be Considered—This Week in the Lower House.

WASHINGTON—The senate will vote on the Cuban reciprocity bill on Wednesday in accordance with the unanimous agreement entered into during the special sesion and until the vote is taken practically the entire time of the senate will be given to the discussion of the bill.

Senator Bailey will be the first speaker of the week, and it is understood will consume the greater part of the day. He will oppose the bill and will devote himself particularly to a presentation of the constitutional aspects of the question. He will be followed by Senator Spooner who also will discuss the constitutional questions involved, but from a standpoint favorable to the bill. In addition to these there will be a number of short speeches for and against the measure. There is no doubt that the bill will pass without amendment.

No program has been arranged for the remainder of the week after the disposal of the Cuban bill, but it is understood that the way will be prepared for the taking up of the Panama and Chinese treaties immediately after the Christmas holidays.

It is probable there will be further discussion bearing on the current questions and an effort will be made to secure the passage of the Penrose resolution looking to an investigation of Postoffice department affairs. The democrats will continue their efforts to have it amended so as to make it mandatory. It is expected Senator Hoar will seek to secure consideration of this resolution relative to the recognition of the government of Panama by the United States. Senator Mitchell has given notice of a speech for Thursday in the interest of the proposed exposition at Portland, Ore. Senators generally hope to secure an adjournment for the Christmas holidays Friday or Saturday.

When the house convenes consideration of the pensions appropriation bill in committee of the whole house will be resumed. During the week a number of the most important committees will take up pending bills for consideration, but beyond the passage of the pensions appropriation bill, it is not believed that much will be accomplished on the floor of the house in the way of senera. legislation before the Christmas holiday recess, which probably will be taken at the end of the week. It is possible that some minor matters will be disposed of under unanimous consent after the pension bill is out of the way, and opportunity will be given during the week for further debate on such topics as members may desire to bring to the attention of the house.

MR. ROOT DID NOT SAY "SOON."

Says War With Foreign Country Will Come Some Time.

WASHINGTON—Considerable comment was occasioned here by reports that Secretary Root, at a dinner held Saturday night by the Carboa society, an organization of army and navy officers who have seen active service in the Philippines, had predicted that a war would soon come between the United States and some foreign power, but the interest displayed in the report and the speculation it aroused as to what the secretary had in mind were dissipated Sunday afternoon when it became known that the word "soon" was a misquotation.

Secretary Root himself said that he had not predicted that a war would come soon, but in his speech of Saturday night merely had stated what he has given utterance publicly on several occasions, namely, that "when the time comes—as we know it will come some time, we do not know when and we do not know whence, but we know it will come some time—when you (referring to both the army and navy) are called upon to defend your country, you will do it with mutual helpfulness and comradeship."

This speech of Saturday night, it was stated, was merely an expression of confidence that in the event of war the army and navy would co-operate and stand shoulder to shoulder, each in support of the other, in the cause of the common country both are charged to support and defend.

Iowa Judgeship Unsettled.

WASHINGTON—The Iowa delegation in congress met to consider the judgeship contest for the northern Iowa federal district, but adjourned until after the holidays without taking any ballot.

St. Louis Needs More Money.

WASHINGTON—A report was current Thursday that the Louisiana Pruchase exposition company would ask congress for another appropriation, amounting to $4,000,000, to complete the plans contemplated by the company. A committee of the exposition officials is now here with the St. Louis men who are seeking to have the next republican convention go to St. Louis. They are not yet prepared to make a definite statement as to the matter.

Takes Aim Before a Mirror.

WASHINGTON—Standing before a looking glass to make sure aim, Joseph Harnie Thibadeau, 61 years of age, of Falls Church, Va., shot himself through the forehead in a local hotel some time between 9 o'clock Saturday and 1 o'clock Sunday. He was formerly a clerk in the paymaster general's office. A letter found on the bureau, believed to have been written just before the suicide, shows Thibadeau to have been in financial straits.

HEARD A RUMOR.

Colombian Troops Are En Route to Panama.

WASHINGTON—Secretary Moody has received a cablegram from Rear Admiral Glass saying a rumor has reached Panama that a small body of Colombian troops has landed on Colombian territory, with a view to marching overland to the isthmus. Rear Admiral Glass has been unable to confirm the rumor.

M. Bunau-Varilla, the minister from Panama, had a conference with Acting Secretary of State Loomis, the nature of which he would not disclose. When asked regarding the reported attempt to create a division among the members of the Panama canal company and its probable effect on the ratification of the canal treaty by the United States senate, M. Bunau-Varilla said that while the matter is completed so far as Panama is concerned, it is advisable to move quickly, because delays tend to affect the imagination and that so long as a thing is unsettled complications are likely to arise. He declined to enter into a discussion regarding any action which the Panama Canal company may take.

Some of the Colombian contingent in Washington are of the opinion that the agitation in Paris of this question is simply a reopening of the bitter controversy that raged for some time between the conflicting interests in the original Panama Canal company. The officials here, however, do not see how any regular and orderly proceedings in France can materially affect the relations between the canal company and the United States government, nor do they feel that the engagement between the two to sell the canal between the two states is in the nature of a contract which cannot be broken by either party so long as the other insists a regarding it as in force.

General Reyes, Dr. Herran and Wayne MacVeagh were in conference for some time at the Colombian legation, preparing a statement setting out the Colombian position. Rumors are afloat that by this means of settlement, the Colombian are trying to secure a submission to The Hague tribunal of the questions growing out of the separation of Panama, and that this will appear in the statement.

It is the intention of the navy department to increase its force in isthmian waters by the addition of a torpedo boat destroyer, which will act as a dispatch boat.

Information has reached the navy department to the effect that the Colombian troops which were said to have landed at the mouth of the Atrato river to march on the isthmus, have been withdrawn.

AS TO THE NEEDS OF ALASKA.

Wants Pioneers and Home Builders and More Roads.

WASHINGTON.—Governor Brady of Alaska in his annual report to the secretary of the interior urges provisions for Alaskan representation by a delegate in congress and says that Alaska's main need is for pioneers and home builders. He urges abolishment of the fee system for United States commissioners and extension of the homestead laws. He says congress can do no better thing for Alaska now than to encourage the construction of roads.

Governor Brady says that those who have traveled throughout the territory this year are certain that Alaska today has a less white population than it had in 1900, and that it is migratory, almost simultaneously with "wild ages." In view of these facts the governor deprecates the agitation for a change of government of Alaska from district to territorial, though aspiring to statehood when Alaska fills with a desirable population. He asks what reason there is for requesting congress to organize an expensive system of government that will plunge the Alaskans into debt and all manner of excesses, involving taxation to its utmost limits.

TRIED TO LYNCH MARSHAL.

He Had Accidentally Killed a Man in Quelling a Fight.

BRAZIL, Ind.—An unsuccessful effort was made to take Town Marshal Harmon from the jail here last night, it is believed, for the purpose of lynching him. Harmon was trying to quell a fight at Diamond, a mining town Wednesday night and accidentally shot Dennis McCann, a miner, who later died. Harmon surrendered to the authorities here. Last night four Darlington men arrived at the jail and represented themselves as officers to take Harmon to Rockville for trial. Harmon recognized them as friends of McCann, who had sworn to take his life, and the sheriff refused to give him up. The men returned to Darlington, wrecked the home of his son, Sheby Harmon, and drove his family into the street. They have not been arrested. Harmon was taken to Rockville and placed in jail there.

Man Who Ate Matches.

COLUMBUS, O.—A burial permit taken out here disclosed the identity of the man known as "Frank Wilson," said to have committed suicide in the county jail at Chicago and whose body was brought to this city, his real name being W. N. Greenleaf. The cemetery authorities refused to permit the burial of the body under a fictitious name. Greenleaf was 38 years old. He was a son of Albert Greenleaf, a former prominent citizen of Columbus, who moved to Chicago about 10 years ago.

Call of the Democrats.

WASHINGTON.—James H. Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee, has issued a call for the committee to meet at the Shoreham hotel in this city Tuesday, January 12, for the purpose of deciding upon the time and place for holding the democratic national convention.

Rear Admiral Gherardi Dying.

STRATFORD, Conn.—Rear Admiral Bancroft Gherardi, U. S. N., (retired), is dying at his home here.

ARMY MADE OVER

NEBRASKA GOES INTO NORTHERN DIVISION.

HEADQUARTERS AT ST. LOUIS

General Bates in Command of Northern Division and Sumner Will Have Charge of the Southwestern—Philippines Division Unchanged.

WASHINGTON—The secretary of war on Tuesday approved the recommendation of the general staff establishing military divisions and somewhat changing the present boundary lines of departments in the United States.

There will be four divisions in the United States and one in the Philippines.

The Northern division will be composed of the present Department of the Lakes, the Department of Missouri and the Department of Dakota. The Department of Missouri is enlarged by adding thereto the state of Wyoming, which has been detached from the Department of Colorado. The headquarters of the Northern division will be at St. Louis.

The Atlantic division will constitute the present Department of the East, except the state of Louisiana, with the state of Tennessee added thereto, and will be composed of the Department of the East and the Department of the Gulf. The headquarters of the Department of the Gulf will be located at Atlanta, Ga., and the headquarters of the division will be at Governor's Island, New York; headquarters Department of the East will temporarily be Governor's Island.

The Pacific division will be composed of the present Departments of California and Columbia. The headquarters of the division will be San Francisco.

The Southwestern division will be composed of the Departments of Colorado and Texas. The Department of Texas will be enlarged by the addition of the states of Louisiana and Arkansas, and Oklahoma and Indian Territories. The headquarters of this division will be Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Philippine division will remain as so constituted. The following division commanders have been decided upon: Atlantic division, Major General Corbin; Northern division, Major General Bates; Pacific division, Major General MacArthur; Southwestern division, Major General Sumner; Philippine division, Major General Wade.

The order becomes effective January 15.

HEARS UNION PACIFIC CASE.

Charged With Giving Preferential Grain Rate.

WASHINGTON.—The interstate commerce commission Tuesday gave a hearing in the case of the Union Pacific railroad, charged with giving preferential rates to Peavey & Co., who operate elevators at a number of western points, including Kansas City and Council Bluffs.

John N. Baldwin of Council Bluffs represented the Union Pacific, and contended that there was no discrimination in rates and that its allowances are not excessive. He said there was an agreement with the Peavey company through the Midland Elevator company at Kansas City, and the Omaha Elevator company at Council Bluffs, under which the Union Pacific pays the elevator companies 1¼ cents per 100 pounds for handling grain which passes through those elevators.

Crown Prince is Punished.

BERLIN.—Crown Prince William Frederick was required by his mother to remain in his room for three days for having raced a steeple chase against the emperor's wish. The race took place near Potsdam three or four weeks ago. The crown prince is a venturesome rider and had been reprimanded by the emperor for riding up the steps of the Sans Souci palace at the head of the Second company of the First regiment of the guards, of which he was recently appointed captain of the guards.

Senator Morgan Wants to Know.

WASHINGTON—Senator Morgan introduced a resolution directing the attorney general to inform the senate whether he has made or is making on behalf of the United States a purchase of the property of the new Panama company, its franchises and concessions, and if so, what authority on the isthmus is recognized in the transaction, and whether any agreement has been entered into between France and the authorities on the isthmus.

Buchanan Sails for Panama.

NEW YORK—William I. Buchanan of Buffalo, N. Y., the first United States minister to the republic of Panama, sailed Tuesday for Panama to take up his new duties.

Statehood for Each or Not at All.

WASHINGTON—Governor Otero of New Mexico, Solomon Luna, a member of the republican national committee from New Mexico, and Delegate Wilson of New Mexico saw the president Monday. While the people of Arizona and New Mexico are urging their claims to statehood, it was stated they do not approve of the proposition to make a single state of the two territories. Delegate Wilson said he would fight that idea as long as he could stand.

Chicago Gets National Convention.

WASHINGTON—The republican national convention will be held in Chicago beginning at noon, June 21, 1904, the republican national committee reaching this conclusion. Pittsburg and St. Louis were rivals of Chicago for the convention. Each city was well represented in oratory before the committee and each also had cash offers to make. Pittsburg offered $100,000, Chicago $75,000 and a hall, and St. Louis $40,000 and a hall. The vote 43 for Chicago, 7 for Pittsburg.

OWES LIBERTY TO SON.

Boy Secures Pardon for His Erring Father.

If it were not for the devotion of his fourteen-year-old son George, Charles Norris, a former Lehigh Valley railroad car inspector, would still be in a cell at Dannemora prison instead of with his family at Ithaca.

George Norris is the newsboy who interceded with Gov. Odell and secured a pardon for his father. The

elder Norris had been sentenced to five years and four months for stealing $70,000 worth of bonds and jewels from the private car of Denman Thompson, the actor, as it lay in the station at Ithaca. He had served just one year when, one day last week, the prison doors were opened to him.

Gov. Odell was on a visit to President Schurman of Cornell university, and young Norris wrote him begging him to pardon his father. He could not summon up courage to deliver the letter until the governor was stepping aboard a train for Albany. Then, with a few hesitating words, he handed the letter to the governor, who patted him on the head and said he would look into the matter. Later, after reading the letter, which proved to be a touching appeal, in boyish language, he made an investigation and concluded that Norris should have a chance for an honest life.

In accord with the governor's command, young George is now the custodian of his father, who will go to work to support his wife and five small children.

WANTS SAN DOMINGO.

Senator Heyburn Introduces Resolution to Annex Republic.

WASHINGTON.—Senator Heyburn of Idaho introduced a joint resolution requesting the president to acquire by annexation the portion of San Domingo comprising the dependencies of San Domingo and Hayti.

Mr. Simpson, the United States consul at Puerto Plata, San Domingo, has cabled the state department that a revolution has broken out at Santiago and that the movement is extensive and serious.

This is supposed to be the result of the failure of the provisional government to secure recognition at the hand of United States Minister Powell, which fact prevented that government from obtaining money necessary to maintain itself through a foreign loan.

Nothing is known officially of the reported plots against the life of United States Minister Powell, but the navy will take all necessary precautions to protect the American legation in San Domingo.

Bills Introduced in the House.

WASHINGTON—A bill was introduced in the house Friday by Mr. Vreeland (N. Y.) to provide for the allotment of lands in severalty to the Indians in the state of New York and to extend the protection of the laws of the United States over such Indians.

Mr. Hearst (N. Y.) introduced a bill to establish a parcels post. It provides for a classification of mail matter, defining the kind that shall be carried in the different classes.

Mr. Gardner (Mass.) introduced a bill to create a committee to recommend legislation for the development of the merchant marine.

Postal Receipts Increase.

WASHINGTON—The gross postal receipts at the fifty largest postoffices in the United States for last month, compared with November, 1902, were $5,402,580, an increase of over 7 per cent. The highest increase was 25 per cent at Los Angeles. The heaviest of the six decreases reported was 15 per cent at Jersey City. New York receipts increased almost 9 per cent and Chicago over 8 per cent.

Russians to Protect Him.

TOKIO—Korea's war minister and M. Pavloff, the Russian minister to Korea, have entered into an agreement by the terms of which, in the vent of an emergency, Russian officers will be employed to guard the royal palace.

To Cut Price of Soft Coal.

CLEVELAND, O.—A meeting of soft coal operators was in session here to discuss trade conditions generally. There is very likely to be a cut in the selling price of coal, especially in grades used by manufacturers.

Wages Cut for $5,000.

BOSTON, Mass.—A reduction in wages averaging 10 per cent and involving 6,000 operatives was made Monday in the cotton mills at Adams, North Adams, Mass., and Norwich, Conn.

Miners Are to Be Called Out.

ALTOONA, Pa.—National Secretary William B. Wilson and the district officers of the United Mine Workers at a conference held here have decided to call a strike of the miners employed by the Somerset Coal company because of a reduction of 12½ per cent in wages. The company has sixteen mines in the bituminous fields of western Pennsylvania. It is not known whether the miners will obey the order, as many would rather continue at work at reduced wages.