VITAL STATISTICS MILLER REPLIES

Them for the Year.

DEATH TAKES TEN THOUSAND, OBJECTS TO HIS STRICTURES.

Twenty-six Thousand Six Hundred Births During Same Period-Boys Leading Girls in Number-Stehr Case Briefs Filed.

Lincoln, Dec. 24.-The state board H health has prepared a statement of the vital statistics of Nebraska, which shows some interesting figures.

In the matter of divorces, 1,861 were canted in the state during the year 2; of this number Douglas county tributed 549; Lancaster, 277; Gage, dams, 48; Buffalo, 53; Dodge, 38, Hall, 39. Every county in the

e were 10,402 deaths reported

the lungs contributed 360; 568; hemorrhage, 515; heart se, 535, and congenital debility, is, scierema, etc., 1.138. One suicide in the following manner: Poison, 56; hanging, 31; firearms, 44, and other means, 30. There were thirty-eight cases of accidental drowning. Only three people were killed by geles Times disaster. lightning, while one died by starvation. One died by being stung by a swarm of beez, while thirty-nine were burned to death. There were 438 cases of stillborn, while seven people died from excessive cold and six from excessive heat. One hundred and sixtyone died from the popular disease, appendicitis, and forty-five from alco-

one from smallpox. There were 26,697 births reported to the board during the year, against 10,-402 deaths, showing that Nebraska is gaining in population from natural causes. Of these, 13,783 were male and 12,914 female. The number shows 26.563 as being white and 134 colored. The Americans take the lead, with 21.869, the Germans second with 2.040, the Scandinavians with 818, the British with 375 and the Bohemians 512. The number who did not know where they were at were 183. Douglas county stands at the head as having the most colored bables, with 52, while Thurston county stands next with 39. Lancaster takes third place with 17 According to the statistics no Irish were born in Nebraska last

which will come up later.

Briefs were also filed in the case of Saloonkeeper Gorey at North Bend. He was convicted of manslaughter and has appealed to the supreme court.

Investigate Near-Beer. The office of the pure food commission received samples of a near-beer temperance drink. The man who sent it wrote the commissioner that the taining no alcohol. It shows every indication of being a pretty good representation of the liquid which made the commissioner, contains as much alcohol or more than the average bot-

tled beer. Department Leaves State House. of the railway commission, after seek- of the sale the Great Western Cereal ing for several weeks to find a suit- company did 30 per cent of the oatable room in which they could move meal business of the country. during the session of the legislature. finally was successful and moved to the rooms in the Farmers' and Merchants' building formerly occupied

Abbott Gets Old Place.

state house that Professor N. C. Abbott, superintendent of schools at Plattsmouth, would be appointed superintendent of the school for the blind at Nebraska City. This is a position held by Professor Abbott under Governor Shallenberger, and he will therefore not be new to the position.

County Superintendents to Meet. The county superintendents of the state will meet in Lincoln, Jan. 7 and 8, according to information given out by State Superintendent Delzell, and will stay over to the inauguration of Governor Morehead

Fire Escapes on Schools. Labor Commissioner Guye has nottfied all school boards in the state that they must comply with the law in regard to fire escapes at once.

Boy Burned Playing Santa Claus.

Dolen, son of Prather Dolen, a farmer el having been banished from public living northwest of town, was slightly buildings and conveyances in Wiscon-Christmas entertainment at the Hoag against the accondhand school book. school house. The conventional inand his father smothered the flames importation into any community of by throwing a blanket around him, secondhand books,

OF NEBRASKA TO SENATOR KERN

State Board of Health Compiles District Attorney Denounces His Neglect of Duties in Senate.

> Says Advocate for Alleged Conspirators Should Be in Washington.

Dares Attorneys to Make Plea for

Hockin or Munsey. Indianapolis, Dec. 25.-Replying to Senator Kern's argument for the alleged dynamite conspirators, District Attorney Charles W. Miller said to

"A United States senator, paid by the people to serve the people and who ought to be in Washington attending to his duties, stood here for two hours raising his voice in defense of had its divorce except one. Per such consummate criminals as Herbert S. Hockin. This United States senator, paid to enforce the law, has state board, of which tubercu- dared to defend these criminals. He has denounced a sworn federal officer because this federal officer did not 535; pneumonia, 726; Bright's conduct a childish cross-examination of these defendants. The only argument made here in defense of these hundred and sixty-one people commit- men was in the name of the defendants' wives and children. But no voice was raised in behalf of the relatives, the women and children of twenty-one persons killed in the Los An-

> District Attorney Miller, in open court, challenged any of the twelve lawyers for the defense to speak in behalf of Herbert S. Hockin of Indianapolis and J. E. Munsey of Salt Lake.

"Who of the lawyers will stand up and say Hockin is not guilty? Who will say that Munsey is not guilty? shouted Mr. Miller toward the attorneys. "I will give twenty minutes of holism. Four died from measles and my time to any lawyer who will de fend Hockin or Munsey."

No one accepted the offer. Repeating his offer, Mr. Miller paused and looked at each attorney.

Senator Kern was not present. "No answer," asserted the district attorney "I hear no answer. There is not a lawyer who will defend Munsey or Hockin. Not a voice has been raised in Hockin's behalf, and the only defense of Munsey was that given by Thomas Kern a United States senator, who said Munsey's reputation was

PROBING CEREAL COMBINE

Government Starts Investigation of Oatmeal Business at Chicago.

an alleged attempt to secure control The attorney general's office filed of the natural business of the United with the supreme court briefs in the States has been started by the fedcase of Henry Stehr of Norfolk, who eral grand jury here. Purchase of the was convicted of murder in the dis- Great Western Cereal company by the trict court, the charge being that he Quaker Oats company will be inquired allowed his boy to remain exposed to late first. Robert Gordon, secretary the cold until his feet were frozen, of the Quaker Oats company, and from which he later died. Stehr asked | Laniel Pekterkin, private secretary to for a hearing in the supreme court, Joy Morton, head of the Great Western company, have been ordered to appear before the grand jury. A num-Allen H. Pruyn, convicted of killing ber of other employees have been subpoenaed to tell of the transaction. It is charged that virtual control of the catmeal business resulted from the transaction. The cereal company went into bankruptcy in New Jersey.

The investigation follows conferwhich has been selling in temperance ences by government attorneys with towns in some parts of the state as a Attorney General Wickersham in Washington. United States District Attorney James H. Wilkerson was distuff was represented to him as con- rected to open the inquiry and proceedings were started here.

The price paid by the Quaker Oats Milwaukee famous, and according to \$1,000,000. The Cereal company had factories at Peoria, Ill., and Fort Dodge, Ia. Shortly after the purchase ted his identity here and confessed to the plants were closed and the com-The physical valuation department ceiver. It is reported that at the time

Missing Gem May Be Clew.

Chicago, Dec. 25.-A missing diamond, weighing two and a half carats. by the insurance company of that of exceptional brilliancy and valued at key to the solution of the mysterious information was received at the murder of Joseph H. Logue, the diafor sale with Logue by a blonde woman shortly before the victim's body was found bound and mutilated.

> Blease Pardons Eighty Convicts. Columbia, S. C., Dec. 25.-All records in this state for the number of pardons granted in one day were broken when by order of Governor Blease, eighty convicts including a

Christmas presents. WAR ON SECONDHAND BOOKS

From Public Schools. Madison, Wis., Dec. 25.- The com-

It is declared that a book is one of flammable whiskers worn by Dolen the most effective carriers of disease Gootha's at Culebra. This evening him. caught fire as he was handing down and that it cannot be disinfected. One the presents from the Christmas tree, method advocated is prohibition of the by the American minister, and after sweeping search for evidence to debar

PEACE DDVE'S CHANGE

St. James Palace, London, Where Delegates Meet, and Greek Premier Venizelos.



RAIL HEADS PLEAD NOT **GUILTY TO CHARGES**

Mellen and Chamberlain Placed on \$10,000 Bail Each.

New York, Dec. 25.-Charles S. Melen, president of the New York, New of the Grand Trunk railway of Can- long interval. ada, indicted for criminal violation of the Sherman law, entered pleas of not guilty and were placed on \$10,000 6 to change their pleas if they should so desire.

bail in either case and said at first he ent councils of the nations should be would release the defendants on their peace, for which he rejoiced that own cognizance. Counsel for the gov. there was new and additional hone ernment, however, objected to this. The pope deployed the attempt to asand called the court's attention to the sassinate the vicercy of India at Delhi. fact that neither resided within the He looked remarkably well in spite of jurisdiction of the court. Bail was the arduous task of receiving many furnished by a surety company.

Frank L. Crawford, Mr. Chamber him the greetings of the season. lain's counsel, said: "No jury will ever convict my client. The only rea son why the work on the Grand Trunk extension was abandoned was because Judge Landis Enters Final Order in of high money rates. We are sure of acquittal."

Chamberlain would appear to plead of the indictment, and requesting him to appear to plead.

Escaped Forger Arrested.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 25 .- Arrested in Petaluma, James Williams, a bank company for the Cereal company was forger with a criminal record stretching across the continent and a violated narole behind him in Colorado, admithis latest swindle, when he obtained the First National bank of Sebastopol.

Charged With Misuse of Mails. Kansas Chy, Dec. 25 .- W. W. Fellers of this city was arrested by postthe mails to defraud in connection with a collection scheme, which is said to have been worked in several \$600, is sought by the police as the eastern cities and to have netted its originators thousands of dollars.

mond merchant. The stone was left Wilson to Summon Congress March 15 Trenton, N. J., Dec. 25.-Congress will be called into extraordinary session by President Woodrow Wilson sult in material increases, particularshortly after his inauguration, perhaps ly in connection with wages paid unon March 15, and the particular legis- skilled laborers. lation that will come before it will be tariff revision

Libels King; to Be Sent Back.

New York, Dec. 25.-Edward F. number of negroes, confined in the Mylius, the Englishman convicted in state penitentiary and serving on London of libeling King George and ernor Aldrich, who ordered that warchain gangs throughout the state were sentenced to serve a year in prison, rants aggregating \$1,800 be drawn in liberated, their pardons being as was ordered deported by the commisthe name of the South Omaha police sloner of immigration at Ellis Island, chief,

TAFT REACHES COLON

Wisconsin Plans to Banish Them Presidential Party Guests of Colonel Former President of Venezuela May Goethals at Culebra.

United States warship Arkansas.

Porras of Parama

ALLIES AGREE ON ALBANIA

Propose to Make Saloniki and Immediate Territory Neutral.

ALL EYES NOW ON AUSTRIA.

sian Military News-Allies Sure Turkey Will Make Peace After Delay.

London, Dec. 25.-The Turkish delegates to the peace conference, although they realize that eventually they must accept the conditions laid down by the allies to bring about peace in southeastern Europe, are following their usual course of procrastination and will take advantage of every diplomatic device to postpone the inevitable dismemberment of the territory which has been their armed camp for 500 years. Meanwhile, however, the allies are

negotiations will be in line with their demands that they already have agreed on the boundaries for an autonomous Albania.

so confident that the outcome of peace

It is purposed to make Saloniki and the surrounding territory within a radins of 100 miles neutral under the protection of the allies.

The question looming sinsiter before Europe is not when peace will be signed by the belligerents, but why, in view of the settlement of the quarrel between Austria and Servia Austria does not demobilize. The failure of that country to demobilize coincides with the announcement from St. Petersburg of the enforcement of the drastic censor of news of military

The present long break in the negotiations of the peace delegates is in all probability only the first of several, for when the plenipotentiaries come together again in St. James' palace on Saturday the Ottoman response to the conditions of peace laid down by the Balkan allies will doubtless be found to be merely a series of counter-proposals, which will have to Haven and Hartford Railroad com- be referred to the Balkan governpany, and K. J. Chamberlain, president ments. This will necessitate another

Pope Asks Prayers for Peace.

Rome, Dec. 25.-The pope during his bail each. They were given until Jan. Christmas reception to the cardinals referred to the peace conference saying that all Christians should unite in Judge Hough was loath to demand prayer that the outcome of the presdelegations who had come to bring

SWEATED ORANGES SEIZED

Confiscation Suit.

Chicago, Dec. 25.-Federal Judge Counsel for the government said Landis entered a final order in the that no word had been received as to government's suit to confiscate eight whether Alfred W. Smithers, chairman carloads of oranges shipped east from of the Grand Trunk board of directors. California and seized for alleged vioindicted with Messrs. Mellen and lation of the pure food law, the inspectors asserting that the fruit had They added that they would write to been artificially treated by the "sweat-Mrs. Smithers in London, nothing him ing" process to give it the proper color.

The decree signed by Judge Landis directs the United States marshal to but a paper wrapped on each of the 450,000 oranges, bearing the printed words, "colored by sweating," and then to discose of the fruit to the best possible advantage and turn the proceeds into the treasury department.

Cetone Given Three Years.

Columbus, Dec. 25 .- A sentence of pany went into the hands of a re \$200 on a bogus letter of credit from three years in the penitentiary was passed upon State Senator George K. Cetone of Dayton by Judge Evans in accepted a bribe of \$200 during the office inspectors on a charge of using last session of the legislature. His attorneys will probably appeal the Gore of Liberty was the purchaser.

> Steel Trust to Increase Wages. New York, Dec. 25 .- Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation, announced that the corporation was planning the adjustment of wage scales soon which would re-

> Briggs Gets \$1,800 Reward. Lincoln, Dec. 25.-Chief of Police John Briggs was given credit for the capture of the three convicts, Gray, Dowd and Morley, last spring by Gov-

CASTRO MAY BE BARRED

Not Be Allowed to Land.

said to be en route from Paris to New burned while playing Santa Claus at a sin, agitation is now being directed cival Dodge, a number of canal offi- admission to the United States if suf-The United States minister, H. Per York, in all probability will be denied cials and President Taft and party ficient grounds can be found under the were the sucsts of Colonel G. W., American immigration laws to deport

warf a ball in the palace of President the deposed president. The power to deny admission is broad.

MILLER FORMS SYNDICATE

Beatrice Capitalists Interested in Winnipeg-Gulf Road.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 25 .- H. Leon Miller, a railroad promoter, who was arrested at Kansas City a few weeks ago on a charge of misusing the mails and who was released on bond of \$5. 000, seems to have interested a number of local capitalists in his scheme to build a line from Winnipeg, Man., to the Gulf of Mexico, to be known as the Winnipeg, Kansas and Gulf road According to a letter received here, Miller has organized a syndicate of twenty men at Kansas City, each te

contribute \$2,500, making \$50,000 for Failure to Demobilize Coincides With the preliminary expense. The officers Announced Drastic Censure of Rus. selected are: J. A. Reuling of Wymore, vice president; J. C. Penrod of Beatrice, secretary; J. A. Barnard of Beatrice, treasurer. Miller visited Beatrice recently and was in conference with a number of business men, but they say no action was taken in the matter and no money was paid him.

The bond issue of \$30,000,000 with which Miller proposes to build the line will be delivered to a syndicate of Paris bankers to dispose of and the proceeds of the sale will be deposited with a responsible trust company in Kansas City.

TOOMAN PARDONED; SERVED 14 YEARS

Governor Aldrich Decides to Free Man Held for Murder.

Lincoln, Dec. 25 .- Jesse Tooman, serving a life sentence for murder, received a Christmas present from Governor Aldrich in the way of a pardon and walked out of the penitentiary a

Tooman was convicted of murdering a farmer in Franklin county fourteen years ago and has been serving time ever since. His son-in-law, who was of the blennium was \$1,269.05. The arrested with him, was set free, but the old man was found guilty of the other sources amounted to \$4.416.15 crime and sentenced by Judge Beal

The murdered man owned a farm in Franklin county, which the son-inlaw of Tooman took possession of, claiming that he had rented it. As the owner did not turn up the authorities became suspicious and a search was made, resulting in finding the body in a shallow grave in an outlot. Both Tooman and his son-in-law were arrested, but the latter was set free.

pardon, but it was denied. al murderer and that the old man

be in very destitute circumstances.

RAILROADS TO USE WIRELESS State Chemist Finds Alcohol in Drink

Union Pacific Applied for License to Install System.

cific railway made application to the for his judgment, and it showed 3.8f appartment of commerce and labor at per cent alcohol. According to the and maintain a wireless telegraph sys- considered pretty strong beer, for the tem along its lines. The company average bottled beer contains only wishes to install a technical experi- about 3.5 per cent alcohol, and some ment station, and the government is times hardly going over 3 per cent requested to give permission for such and seldom as high as 4 per cent. As a station, which, it is said, will be the a temperance drink for Christmas and second of the kind in the country.

Liberty Churches Combine.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 25 .- In the district court Judge Pemberton granted an order permitting the sale of the Presbyterian church at Liberty. There were formerly three churches at that place, but the churches combined some time ago and organized the First Conthe common pleas court. Senator Ce- gregational church. The trustees filed farm near Merna, has been dispos tone was convicted recently of having a petition asking for an order to sell the old Presbyterian church, which ouster proceedings recently instituted was abandoned at the time. A. B against Radcliff by the county boars

Woman Robbed at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 25.-Mrs. Frank tacked by a highwayman on Phillip cordingly furnished with a writ ane avenue, on her way to the depot to take a train. She says he struck her twice in the face, knocking her down and seized her handbag.

Boy Crushed to Death by Elevator Omaha, Dec. 25.—Bennie Broomfield a colored bell boy, was crushed to death in an elevator shaft at the Savoy hotel.

Upholds Indiana Tax Law.

Washington, Dec. 25 .- The constitu tionality of the Indiana statute taxing an owner of stock in foreign corporations was upheld by the supreme court

STATE BAR TO MEET

Frank B. Kellogg, Well Known "Trus" Buster," to Be Guest.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 24.—Hanaford mon drinking cup and community tow his party arrived here on board the tro, former president of Venezuela, ing of the Nebraska State Bar asso clation will take place in this city at the Rome hotel Friday and Saturday It will be followed Saturday evening for Christmas dinner and left homby the annual dinner, which will be tendered by the association to Frant Ty me." A minute later he was found B. Kellogg, who is the visiting guest and to the judges of the state supreme and the federal courts. Mr. Kellogs is familiarly known as the "Trus"

NEED MONEY AT SCHOOL FOR DEAF

Board of Trustees Files Its Report With the Governor.

MILLER TELLS OF BUILDINGS.

State Architect Calls Some of Them So Old and Dilapidated as Not to Be Worth Repairing - State Chemist Finds Alcohol in Temperance Drink

Lincoln, Dec. 25.-The board of trustees of the state school for the deaf has filed its report with the gov ernor, together with the report of Su perintendent F. W. Booth of that institution. The general health of the stu dents of the institution has been good during the blennium, according to the report, but the board deplores the con dition of some of the buildings at the institution which are sadly dilapidated and can only be made serviceable by entirely taking them down and put ting new buildings in their place.

In this statement they are rein forced by the report of State Archi tect Burd F. Miller, who also filed a report with the governor regarding the condition of the buildings of this institution. Mr. Miller says in his report: "This is another one of our institutions expressly important in its nature and in which repairs to the buildings have been sadly neglected through failure of the legislature to appropriate necessary funds. While repairs have been made as far as per missible, a great part was money thrown away, because the majority of the buildings are so old and dilapi dated and absolutely unfit for an edu cational institution."

The cash on hand at the beginning receipts from the farm, tuition and making a total of \$5,685.20, which was received by the institution outside of the appropriations. There was paid out of this fund, \$4,777.96, which leaves a balance on hand of \$907.24.

The board asks an appropriation for the school for the next biennium of \$97,800. In addition to this an appropriation is asked for a boy's depart ment building to cost \$50,000, a power house and equipment costing \$35,000 and machinery for the industrial de In August last Tooman made ap partment, which will cost \$2,800 more plication to the pardon board for a Omaha Contractors Win Lincoln Suit

By an opinion of the supreme court At that time Judge Beal made the F. P. Gould & Son, contractors of statement that he believed that the Omaha, can proceed to build the new son-in-law, and not Tooman, was the high school building at Lincoln, cost ing \$33 and a grade school, to acted more as an assistant. No evi cost \$115,215 more, according to the dence other than of a circumstantial contract let to them, but which has nature was placed in evidence at the been held up on a suit of Contractor trial, and after the investigation Gov- Gaddis of Lincoln, who got out an in ernor Aldrich became convinced that junction forbidding the contractors to the old man had served long enough. begin the work. The injunction was Tooman will go to Muscatine, Ia., granted on the ground that the school where his family lives and are said to board had no right to build more than one building until revenue had accu mulated sufficient to build the other.

State Chemist Redfern completed the analysis of the temperance drink called "Golden Brau," which was sub-Omaha, Dec. 25.-The Union Pa mitted to the pure food commissioner Washington for a license to operate pure food commissioner this would be New Year it might not class with Ton and Jerry, but would do in a pinch,

RADCLIFF FORCIBLY OUSTED

Superintendent of Poor Farm at Merns Ejected by Sheriff.

Broken Bow, Neb., Dec. 25 .- J. T Radcliff, superintendent of the poci sessed by a writ of ejectment. In the of supervisors, Judge Holcomb de cided in favor of the board, but Rad cliff continued to live on the farm which did not meet with the views of Smith told the police how she was at the board. Sheriff Wilson was ac proceeding to the poor farm in com rany with the board of supervisors served the papers on the superin tendent. Radeliff again refused to vacate and the sheriff, assisted by the members of the board, turned to and set the household effects of the su perintendent into the road. Radelit was granted plenty of time in which to move his effects, but he refused for take advantage of it, declaring that ! they wanted him to get out they ----ulhave to move him. Ex-County Super visor Cushman has been placed is temporary charge of the poor farm.

HASTINGS MAN KILLS SELF

Jesse James Wrench Commits Suicid-After Quarrel With Parents,

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 25.-Jess-James Wrench, aged twenty-five, qua: reled with his parents on his return from spearing fish in the Blue rive saying, "When I come back you'll car gasping for breath by the road it front of the house, the pistol by hi side, and as the family carried him back to the house he died in thet arms as a result of a pistol wound.