The Commoner.

Senators Warren and Clark of Wyo- | Commerce Commissioner Clark at Sali ming deny that they used any influence to prevent an investigation into the charges made in connection with the entry of coal lands owned by the Union Pacific Railway company.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Guthrie, Okla., November 30, follows: "The actual formation of a constitution for Oklahoma was inaugurated this afternoon when propositions were introduced in the constitutional convention for two planks providing respectively for railway regulation and separate coaches for whites and negroes. The railway regulation bill, introduced by Delegate Clint Graham, is summarized as follows: 'Railroad, express, sleeping car and oil pipe line companies shall be declared common carriers; to provide for stock inspection; to prevent consolidation and prohibiting free passes.' The 'Jim Crow' resolution was offered by Judge Ledbetter of Ardmore, I. T. Both propositions were referred to the committee on railroads. The rules were adopted this afternoon. A feature of this morning's session was the address of Delegate Ledbetter, who opposed the adoption of a resolution recognizing the federal constitution as paramount to that of the state of Oklahoma. He declared that state sovereignty should be strictly observed."

has decided the Moyer-Hayward case to prison for bank wrecking. in favor of the state of Idaho. This means that these labor leaders must be tried in Idaho.

General L. Victor Baughman, well known as one of Maryland's foremost democrats, died suddenly at his home in Frederick. General Baughman was First National bank, Omaha, Neb., is a member of the democratic national dead.

Lake City startling revelations were made with respect to land frauds. The two senators from Wyoming, Warren and Clark, and Land Commissioner Richards, are placed on the defensive by the testimony at Salt Lake City It is claimed that the two Wyoming senators used their influence against vigorous prosecution of inquiries in these land deals.

Forty persons were killed in an ex plosion near Dortmund, Germany.

A new cabinet for Spain has been formed and accepted by the king.

Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco has returned from his trip abroad. Immediately on his arrival in San Francisco he was placed under arrest, but was released on bond. He says he will have no difficulty in establishing his innocence.

Iowa railroads have, during the past year, increased their business \$3,753, 000, or more than twelve per cent.

Paris cablegrams say that France i about to abolish the death penalty.

Chauncey L. Graham, vice president of the Steele-Ball company of Chicago has been arrested on the charge that his concern owes the Stensland bank The United States supreme court \$270,000. Stensland was recently sent

> New York republicans gave Governor-elect Hughes a banquet. Mr. Hughes took occasion to say that he would be his own boss.

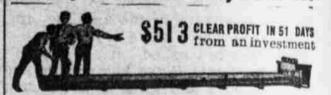
nounced for his action in dismissing three troops of negro soldiers from the United States army. At the conclusion of the service, which was held in the Mount Olivet Baptist church, nearly everyone present made a contribution to a fund which is being raised for the relief of the dismissed soldiers. The sermon of the day was preached by the Rev. W. H. Brooks, pastor of St. Mark's Episcopal church. In the course of his address Mr. Brooks said: 'It has been the pretense and contention of the south that the shiftless and ignorant negro was the one she despised, but the real south appears in her true colors when she took pains to run down, humiliate and outrage the most intelligent, thrifty and upright people of the community. This was scarcely over before the chief magistrate of the nation covered himself with eternal shame and disgrace by his unjust, unkind, undemocratic, un-American and czarocratic, cold, cruel, drastic and infamous orders against as brave, as heroic, as self-sacrificing a set of men as ever wore the blue or bore "old glory" on a field of strife. We will not be resentful or revengeful; but we are bold enough to denounce the act as an outrage and aggressive enough to demand justice at the highest court of earth and before the bar of heaven. Let him of the "square deal" deal square; him of the "fair play" play fair; him of the "door of opportunity" not shut it and bolt it forever in the face of black veterans. Has the world's peacemaker lost his head and tired of his job that he can ruthlessly mistreat a suffering, hysterical woman on the one hand and outrage a battalion of soldiers on the other? If 'peaching' on comrades is such a soldierly virtue he should have a chair of peachment at West Point, Annapolis, and especially at Harvard. But in spite of all we have reason to be thankful, for again we have disappointed the world, for the soldiers in disgrace have acted as brave men, not resentful children; thankful that the press of the country, with but few exceptions, has condemned such drastic measures; that Herman Kountze, president of the the conservative people north and south do not countenance such impulsive action. If a republican congress refuses to correct the wrongs thus inflicted every black in the south ought to pack up his belongings and move to a doubtful state and vote the whole thing out of existence. It is by the ballot and not by vengeance we shall win.' "

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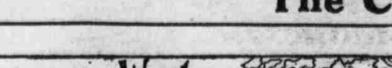
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Richard R. Garvey, representativeelect from the Second Missouri district, died at his home in St. Joseph, November 30, age forty-two years.

Colonel Theodore Ewart of Springfield, Ill., formerly assistant adjutant general of Illinois, died at the Soldiers Home, at Quincy.

by the Associated Press follows: ment of John A. McIlhenny, of Louisiana, to fill the vacancy on the civil service commission caused by the promotion of A. W. Cooley, to be assistant attorney general of the department of justice. Mr. McIlhenny was a member of the regiment of rough riders of which the president was colonel during the Spanish war. McIlhenny is a democrat, and his appointment makes the board a democratic one, Commissioner Black also being of that political faith."

A collision took place on the Southern railroad near Lynchburg, Va. Six people were killed and a number of others seriously injured. Among the dead was Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railroad company. Mr. Spencer had a wide reputation as a railroad man and took conspicuous part in the opposition to railway rate legislation.

Russian authorities are face to face with a scandal involving the famine relief contract.

Samuel Gompers was re-elected pres ident of the American Federation of Labor. This is Mr. Gompers' twentyfifth election to this office. There was no opposing candidate.

## DISMISSAL OF NEGRO TROOPS

Negro citizens throughout the north and west have held mass meetings to protest against the dismissal by A Washington City dispatch carried President Roosevelt of three troops of negro soldiers because of the riots "The president announced the appoint- at Brownville, Texas. Thousands of petitions have been forwarded to the White House urging the president to withdraw his order of dismissal. The president has yielded to the extent of agreeing that if any of the members of these troops shall show themselves to be innocent of participation in the Brownville riots they will be restored. The feeling aroused between the races showed itself plainly at Chicago when it was announced that Senator Tillman would speak in that city for the benefit of a children's hospital. The negroes protested against the Tillman address. Finally Mayor Dunne declined to preside at the meeting. A large number of people met Senator Tillman at the train and the senator was given a police bodyguard during his stay in Chicago. No trouble occurred at the Tillman meeting.

In connection with the dismissal of the negro troops, an Aslociated Press dispatch under date of New York, November 29, will be interesting. That dispatch follows:

"At a union Thanksgiving service, in which the members of four negro churches of this city participated to-In the hearing before Interstate day, President Roosevelt was de

## In the Old Parlor

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Ida-Yes, but Tom was always pressing Katherine .-- Ex.

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