

SCHLEY CASE NOT ENDED

Resolutions Introduced in the House Commend Admiral.

ENDORSE DEWEY'S OPINION.

Wheeler of Kentucky Makes Move for Investigation—Efforts Will Be Made to Place Schley on Retired List With Full Pay and Emoluments.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Representative Wheeler (Ky.), a member of the house committee on naval affairs, yesterday introduced a resolution for an investigation of the Schley case. Provision is made for a report to the house of representatives and authority is given to send for persons and papers.

Representative Griffith (Ind.) introduced a resolution for an investigation of the navy department and of the Schley case. The preamble expresses confidence in Admiral Schley, recites the allegation of the Maclay history, and refers to reports that Captain Crowninshield and other naval officers were furnished proofs of this history. The large amounts of prize money received by Admiral Sampson and Captain Chadwick, and the small amounts received by Admiral Schley and the captains of the ships participating in the Santiago battle are set forth as among the subjects to be investigated.

Representative Schirm (Md.) introduced a resolution to place Schley on the retired list with full rank, pay and emoluments.

Butler (Mo.) introduced a resolution that the views of Admiral Dewey be accepted as the views of congress.

Schley's Counsel Ready.

Baltimore, Dec. 18.—Attorney General Rayner, counsel for Admiral Schley, yesterday finished the draft of the formal document to be delivered today to Secretary Long protesting against the finding of the court of inquiry. First of all, the protestors will claim that the findings of the court should be set aside on the broad ground that they are not in accordance with the evidence, and following this each point in the report, such as charges of dilatoriness, disobedience of orders, the sending of misleading dispatches, the controversy with Lieutenant Hodgson, the famous loop, etc., will be touched upon in turn, and the salient features of the evidence disproving these charges pointed out.

Practically the protest will be a review of the evidence in the case, submitted in such a way that Secretary Long will have an opportunity to pass on the whole controversy.

STRIFE IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Colombia and Venezuela Ready to Begin Hostilities.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Semi-official advices received here indicate that active hostilities are about to begin between Colombia and Venezuela. The delay in proceeding to extremes has been largely caused by the lack of a suitable stock of arms and ammunition in the Colombian government. This is about to be remedied. The news that comes today is to the effect that the British steamer Ban Rich, which recently excited suspicion by loading a large cargo of arms in European waters, supposedly intended for the Boers in South Africa, really was chartered by the Colombian government. She is now near Colon, and the advice is to the effect that when her cargo is distributed among the Colombian troops hostilities will begin between Colombia and Venezuela.

Marconi Not Allowed to Experiment.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 18.—Marconi was visited officially at Signal Hill yesterday by Governor Boyle, Premier Bond and the executive council. They were shown the wireless apparatus, which was explained to them. No attempt was made to get signals from England, because of the hostility of the Anglo-American cable company. The government officials before visiting Marconi had to consider the protest against their going made by the superintendent of the Anglo-American cable company, who claimed that the government should not identify itself with either party. There is a widespread feeling of indignation over the Anglo-American Telegraphic company's attitude toward Marconi.

DANGER OF RUPTURE IS OVER.

Chile Proposes a Final Basis of Settlement With Argentina.

New York, Dec. 17.—In its latest reply to the Argentine proposal for the settlement of the dispute Chile endeavors to firmly establish the rights of both countries and evade future controversies, says a dispatch to the Herald from Valparaiso, Chile.

Argentina's minister, Senor Portela, expresses the opinion that all danger has passed. The same belief is entertained in official circles.

Miss Stone Now in Servia.

London, Dec. 17.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, writing from Sofia, says George R. Washburn, president of Robert college, Constantinople, has ascertained that Miss Ellen M. Stone is not now in Bulgaria. Mr. Washburn also learns that the majority of the band holding Miss Stone captive are Bulgarians. It is rumored that Miss Stone is now in Servia.

Zero Weather at Davenport.

Davenport, Ia., Dec. 17.—Zero weather continues here. The Mississippi was frozen over yesterday and ferry and all other boats were driven to winter quarters.

CAPTURES BOER COMMANDER.

Report That Kruger Abandons Demand for Independence.

London, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated from Belfast (about halfway between Pretoria and the frontier of Portuguese East Africa), received here yesterday, announces that Commandant Kritzinger, the famous Boer commander who has figured so prominently in connection with the invasion of Cape Colony, has been captured, badly wounded, by General French.

The capture of Kritzinger, who has been styled the Dewet of Cape Colony, is regarded as very important. He has been a troublesome invader of Cape Colony, and is credited with more barbarities than any other commander except Scheepers. In a recent proclamation he called himself the chief commandant of Cape Colony.

During the last few days most persistent reports emanating both from South Africa and from Boer headquarters in Europe of an approaching crisis in South African affairs have been current. It is alleged that Mr. Kruger will abandon his demand for independence and that the Boer leaders in the field are inclined to cease fighting and seek the best terms obtainable. In a speech yesterday at Cape Town, Sir J. Gordon Sprigg, the premier of Cape Colony, declared that the outlook had never been brighter than at the present time.

TWO COUPLES COMMIT SUICIDE.

Young Men and Women Enclosed in Rooms Take Chloroform.

Columbus, O., Dec. 18.—Two young women and two men were found dead last night in rooms at a boarding house at 52 East Russell street, and evidence points to a quadruple suicide deliberately planned.

The dead are: Pearl Warner, aged 28, second cook at the Manhattan restaurant; Lou Kline, aged 18, third cook at the same restaurant; Sherman Lothouse, a cab driver, and John Jacobs, chief cook at the Manhattan.

The four persons went to the boarding house Sunday and secured adjoining rooms. Yesterday nothing was seen of them, and though the rooms remained locked and no response could be secured to repeated calls, suspicion was not aroused until last night. Finally the doors to the rooms were forced and the occupants were discovered lying on the beds dead. The keyholes had cracks around the doors had been closed with rags, and the fumes of chloroform filled the rooms, disclosing the cause of death. It was evident that both couples had planned suicide, but the motive is not known.

FRENCH STEAMER STRANDED.

Kleber Ashore Off the Mouth of River Rhone.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Dispatches received here from Marseilles announce that the French steamer Kleber is ashore east of the mouth of the River Rhone. The Kleber mistook the entrance of the river during a heavy fog last Monday night. During all Tuesday lifeboats attempted to assist the Kleber, but the heavy seas prevented them from reaching her. The customs boat from St. Louis-du-Rhone succeeded in getting near the Kleber and learned that the captain of the ship was ill, and that the mate had disappeared. It is supposed that the latter was swept overboard.

The Kleber lies 300 yards off shore. It is feared she will become a wreck, if the weather does not moderate. The Kleber carries a crew of 52 men. Her rudder and stern post have been carried away. The latest dispatches from Marseilles say the wind is now changing and hopes are entertained that the vessel may be floated today.

MORE DEATHS FROM FLOOD.

Reports of Disaster Continue From Submerged Districts in East.

Towanda, Pa., Dec. 18.—Two more deaths from the flood were reported last night, making five lives thus far known to have been lost in Bradford county. A telephone message from Austinville states that Mr. and Mrs. Abner Richards, well-to-do residents of that place, aged about 50 years, were swept down the stream and drowned while trying to save their poultry from the rushing waters.

Burlington Employe Killed.

Plattsburgh, N.Y., Dec. 18.—Frank Renner, 30 years of age, who is working in the Burlington blacksmith shop here, was instantly killed yesterday while passing between two cars in the yard. A train was being made up and the engine pushed one car back against another and Renner was crushed in between the two. Mr. Renner was a soldier in the First Nebraska in the Philippines. Renner makes the third employe of the Burlington company who has recently been killed by the cars of the company.

For Reciprocity With Mexico.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 17.—As a result of a conference held yesterday between Governor Stanley and representatives of a number of business interests of the state it was decided to hold a meeting next Monday, Dec. 23, of representatives of all the Kansas business, agricultural and live stock interests to take action in favor of a reciprocity treaty with Mexico.

Keaighon's Victim Dies.

Salt Lake, Dec. 17.—Willard S. Haines, the Chicago traveling man who was shot by Roy Keaighon, a 19-year-old boy, while the two were conversing in the foyer of the Knutsford hotel, about three weeks ago, died yesterday. The body will probably be shipped to his old home in Bushnell, Ill., for interment. Keaighon is in jail.

PAYNE TO SUCCEED SMITH

Postmaster General Sends in His Resignation.

BUSINESS DUTIES THE CAUSE.

Will Return to Active Editorial Work. Nomination of New Postmaster General Will Be Acted on Immediately After the Holidays.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Charles Emory Smith of Philadelphia has tendered to the president his formal resignation as postmaster general, to take effect early next month, and Henry C. Payne of Wisconsin, vice chairman of the Republican national committee, has accepted the tender of the office, to which he will be nominated immediately after the holiday recess. Mr. Smith has agreed to remain until Jan. 15, if necessary, but will return immediately thereafter to Philadelphia to resume the editorship of the Philadelphia Press.

This change in the cabinet was formally announced at yesterday's cabinet meeting. All the members of the cabinet expressed their profound regret, and the president paid a very impressive tribute to the services and personality of the retiring member of his official family. He said that he had sought to persuade Mr. Smith to alter his determination and to remain in the cabinet, but without success and he had finally accepted Mr. Smith's reasons as decisive.

Mr. Smith first announced to the president the latter part of last month that he had decided to return to his editorial duties. The president at that time urged him to remain. Mr. Smith, however, had been frequently reminded by his business associates of the duties devolving upon him and was anxious to return to them. He had several talks with President Roosevelt on the subject and finally on Saturday last formally tendered to the president his resignation.

FIRST DEBATE OF SESSION.

House Begins on Bill to Provide Temporary Revenue for Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The bill to provide temporary revenues for the Philippines was debated in the house yesterday and will be voted on today at 4 o'clock. It was the first debate of the session and was conducted calmly and without display of temper. Several lively exchanges and an impassioned speech by Dagwood (Mo.), who has just returned from a trip to the Philippines, in opposition to the retention of the islands, were the features. Payne, the floor leader of the majority, opened the debate. Owing to the indisposition of Richardson, the duty of opening for the minority devolved upon Swanson (Va.). The other speakers were Grosvenor (Rep., O.) and Robertson (Dem., La.) for the bill and Shafroth (Sil., Colo.) and Dearmond (Dem., Mo.), Thayer (Dem., Mass.) and Patterson (Dem., Tenn.) against it. Robertson said he would support the bill because free trade with the islands and reciprocity with Cuba, which was threatened, would destroy the sugar interests of his state. Today McCall, a Republican member of the ways and means committee from Massachusetts, will open the bill, time having been granted him by the Democrats.

OFF TO TREAT WITH BRIGANDS.

Officials Will Try to Secure Miss Stone's Release.

Constantinople, Dec. 18.—W. W. Peet, treasurer of the Turkish mission in Constantinople, accompanied by M. Gargilo, dragoman of the United States legation here, started last night to meet the brigands who hold Miss Stone captive. In accordance with instructions received from Washington, they will attempt to secure the release of the prisoner in exchange for the ransom money now available.

Peasants Burn Castle.

London, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says a remarkable revolt, alleged to be due to the harsh treatment of the peasantry, has taken place on the estate of Count Palen, near Mitau. The peasantry rose in a body, besieged the castle, set fire to it and danced around the blazing building. The police were powerless against the mob and troops were summoned. The latter, however, were too late to be of any service. Everything was destroyed.

Pope Complains of Reports.

New York, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Rome describes an interview with the pope, in which his holiness complained about the false reports in regard to his health. "You see," the pope said, "that it is not all over with me. I work six or eight hours a day and I work is not easy, for it embraces the whole church. Please say that I am not yet dead."

Collision Sinks Steamer.

Boston, Dec. 18.—The British steamship Isle of Kent put in here yesterday with her bows crushed in and her stern battered. She brought the entire crew of the Spanish steamer Amesti, the latter vessel having sunk in half an hour after a collision with the Isle of Kent on Saturday last, when 300 miles east of Cape Cod.

Root Denies the Request.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary Root has addressed a letter to Sidel G. Pirerra, the representative of the Maso party in Cuba, who is at present in this city, denying his request for a postponement of the Cuban elections.

BROOM MAKERS IN SESSION.

Price of Corn So High as to Take Profits Out of the Business.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The National Broom Manufacturers' association met here yesterday. Over 80 per cent of the manufacturing plants of the United States were represented. The principal topic discussed was the high price of broom corn. It was said that the crop in Missouri and Oklahoma is far short of the average this season and this, together with the fact that the Union Broom Supply company has gathered in nearly all the available corn, has brought the price of that commodity to a place where it is said there is no profit in the manufacture of brooms at the present price. Officers were elected as follows: William F. Lang of Pittsburg, president; C. R. Lee of Lincoln, vice president; Ben C. Graham of Columbus, O., secretary and treasurer.

HEAD END COLLISION IN IOWA.

Freight Crashes into Passenger at Potter—Mail Clerk Killed.

Marshalltown, Ia., Dec. 18.—A passenger train westbound and a freight train collided head-on at Potter, a little station on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, five miles west of Tama, yesterday. Mail Clerk J. E. Carpenter of Columbus Junction was instantly killed and Engineer Ben Giles of Perry was severely injured. Seven passengers were slightly hurt. The trains met on a curve just east of the station. Engineer Freit says the air-brakes failed to work.

Hennepin Without a Sheriff.

Minneapolis, Dec. 18.—Hennepin county is without a sheriff. Coroner Williams walked into the sheriff's office yesterday and took possession, under his authority as coroner. Sheriff Mogaarden was not in his office and every book and paper that was his personally had been taken away, making room for the coroner without opposition. Sheriff Mogaarden was removed by Governor Van Sant, who charged that the sheriff had illegally applied to his own use fees of the office, aggregating thousands of dollars.

Panic on Ferryboat.

New York, Dec. 18.—The ferryboat Princeton of the Pennsylvania railroad, while crowded with passengers and teams, collided with the Hudson City of the same line last evening on the North river. A hole was driven in the latter boat's side. There was a tremendous panic among the passengers on each boat, though the Hudson City carried few. Joseph Creamer and Joseph Richardson, both actors, were seriously injured.

Sultan Is Terrorized.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Constantinople correspondent says Sultan Abdul Hamid is, as usual, painfully apprehensive about his annual visit to Stamboul at mid-ramadan in order to kiss the prophet's mantle. It is the only day in the year when he will venture out of the Yildiz kiosk. Many "preventive arrests" are consequently being made every day.

Objects to Religion in Public School.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 18.—The 10-year-old son of J. W. Willard, a prominent grain dealer of this city, was expelled from the Quincy street school for refusing to take part in the religious exercises at the opening of the school. Mr. Willard says the boy was acting under his instructions, and threatens to take the matter into court for settlement.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

John Gray and Brigham Braggert, negro cotton pickers, were frozen to death near Trenton, Ark., Tuesday.

Arbuckle Bros. and the National Sugar Refining company have reduced the price of refined sugar 20 points. The city jail at Hazelhurst, Miss., burned Tuesday and the sole inmate, Bud Sojourner, a farmer, was cremated.

Tom Sharkey has commenced training for his bout with Peter Maher, which will be decided in Philadelphia on Jan. 17.

Thomas Kelly, one of the most widely known men in the west during frontier days, is dead at his home in Liberty, Mo., aged 87 years.

The A. R. Jones Commission company was expelled from the Chicago board of trade at a meeting of the directors Tuesday. The charge was bucket shopping.

A Pittsburg traction car jumped the tracks on the steep hillside of Mount Washington Tuesday and besides injuring seven people, crashed into a jivory stable and wrecked it.

Verni Brown, a prosperous farmer, and Miss Dora Wilkins, his cousin, were run down and killed by a Big Four passenger train at a crossing near Cartersville, Ind., Tuesday.

Reuben C. Pickett, convicted at Minneapolis, of being the slayer of his wife, through his failure to make any attempt to rescue her from burning, was sentenced to 12 years at hard labor.

James C. Fargo, president of the American Express company, announced that each of the 10,000 employes of the organization in the United States would receive a Christmas gift of \$10.

The proposed visit of King Edward and Queen Alexandra to Ireland, which was to have taken place in the spring, or after his majesty's coronation, has been abandoned on account of the disturbed state of that country.

All doubt regarding the attitude of the Southern Pacific toward the Rock Island on account of the latter's El Paso extension was removed Tuesday when traffic relations were entered into by the traffic men representing both companies.

FOR INDUSTRIAL PEACE

Sentiment of Capital and Labor is to Get Together.

HARMONY IS THE WATCHWORD.

Executive Committee is Appointed Consisting of Representatives of Capital, Labor and Outside Public. Civic Federation Conference Closes.

New York, Dec. 18.—The conference between the leaders of labor and capital closed yesterday with a decision to give the plan to harmonize their divergent interests a practical test. It was unanimously agreed that the working details of the scheme shall be perfected by an executive committee of 36, to be chosen in equal number from the ranks of organized labor, great industrial and financial leaders and from such of the public not identified with either of the two interests. After several hours of consultation the following names were announced:

To represent the employers and capitalists—Senator Mark A. Hanna, James A. Chamber, president of the American Glass company; William H. Pfahler, president of the National Association of Stove Manufacturers; Lewis Nixon, shipbuilder; Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation; H. H. Vreeland, president of the Metropolitan Street Railway company; Charles A. Moore, president of the Machine Manufacturing company; John D. Rockefeller, Jr., E. D. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe railroad; Marcus M. Marks, president of the National Association of Clothing Manufacturers; Julius Kruttschnitt, general manager Southern Pacific.

To represent organized labor: Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor; John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers; Frank P. Sargent, grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen; Theodore J. Shaffer, president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers; James Duncan, secretary of the Granite Cutters' union; Daniel J. Keefe, president of the International Association of Longshoremen; James O'Connell, president of the International Association of Machinists; Martin Fox, president of the Iron Molders' union; James E. Lynch, president of the International Typographical union; E. E. Clark, grand master of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors; Henry White, secretary of the Garment Workers of America; Walter MacArthur, editor of the Coast Seaman's Journal, San Francisco.

To represent the public: Ex-President Grover Cleveland, Archbishop John Ireland, Bishop Henry C. Potter, Charles Francis Adams, Boston; Cornelius N. Bliss, ex-secretary of the interior; Charles W. Elliot, president of Harvard university; Franklin McVough, Chicago; ex-Comptroller of the Currency James Eckles, John J. McCook, a lawyer of this city; John G. Milburn, Buffalo; Charles A. Bonaparte, Baltimore.

Archbishop Ireland's Address.

Archbishop Ireland made the closing address of the conference. He said, in part: "May the winds carry the news over the continent and around the world that such a meeting as this has taken place in the great city of New York. The hope of the 20th century is that the great principles of brotherhood, charity and justice announced by the holy one of Palestine shall become wider and deeper at this time than at any other. Let us have industrial peace. Let employer and employe know that they are brothers. Let charity and justice, and justice more than charity, be the prevailing light of this great nation." The principal officers of the American Federation of Labor attended the closing session of the conference and gave the project their commendation. Samuel Gompers disavowed antagonism of organized labor toward capital and said that he welcomed them industrially. He protested, however, against their alleged interference with the political affairs of the country and notably with the national judiciary.

Court Hears Argument.

New York, Dec. 18.—Argument was heard by Justice Scott in the supreme court yesterday on the application of Wolf Bros. & Co. and other plaintiffs to enjoin the Northern Pacific Railway company from carrying out a plan of reorganization adopted in November to retire its preferred stock of \$75,000,000. The preferred stockholders of the company claim that they are excluded from purchasing certain bonds, which privilege they allege is given to the owners of the common stock.

To Lease Grazing Lands.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones decided today to authorize for the first time the leasing of grazing lands in the Cheyenne River and Standing Rock Indian reservations in the Dakotas. The action followed a hearing given representatives of cattle interests in the northwest who wanted immediate approval. The leases, however, will be under advertised calls for bids.

Wreck on Union Pacific.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 18.—An east-bound fast mail train on the Union Pacific crashed into the rear end of a freight train near Rawlins last night. The passengers were shaken up and Fireman Brown seriously injured. A wrecking outfit and doctors have been sent to the scene. Several freight cars are on fire.

RUSH FOR LAND CLAIMS.

Many Anxious Farmers Seek to Perfect Their Titles.

Lincoln, Dec. 17.—The restoration of Burlington railroad lands in Saline, Greeley, Otoe, Cass and Lancaster counties yesterday brought many anxious farmers to the United States land office in this city. Record was made of the claims as fast as presented and J. W. Johnson, register of the office, will begin the consideration of contested cases within a few days.

Yesterday was set by the government as the time for the return to the public domain of several thousand acres of land once regarded as part of the Burlington and Missouri railway grant, which by recent adjustment has been determined government land again. These tracts are in Saline, Greeley, Cass, Otoe and Lancaster counties. People claiming priority to the lands were obliged to present their claims of entry yesterday. Later a hearing will be had on the proofs offered and when Mr. Johnson is satisfied with the representations made and the testimony of possible challengers he will forward his recommendations to the land department for final record.

FLOODS ARE SUBSIDING.

Many Mines and Mills in Pennsylvania Are Idle.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—Advices from all sections of the eastern parts of Pennsylvania over which Sunday night's storm raged furiously are to the effect that the waters covering the flooded districts are receding and that railroad and telegraphic communication are slowly being restored. The damage to property and the pecuniary loss from enforced suspension of many industries will reach many hundreds of thousands of dollars. Dozens of coal mines are flooded, along with hundreds of industrial concerns, thus throwing idle thousands of men.

It is estimated that more than 40,000 persons have been rendered idle. The Susquehanna, which rose at some points 29 feet above low water mark, is going down gradually, except in the lower end of the state, where it is reported to be rising two inches an hour. The good reports from up-river points, however, have allayed fear and the indications are that the southern end of the state will suffer little from the swollen river. The railroad situation is gradually becoming better.

FLOODS RAGE IN MAINE.

Towns Inundated, Railroad Traffic Blocked and Houses Wrecked.

Portland, Me., Dec. 17.—This state is suffering from one of the severest storms in its history. Floods and washouts have done tremendous damage. The Maine Central railroad has moved no trains since Sunday. The great mills on the Androscoggin, Kennebec and Penobscot rivers were almost all unable to start their machinery because of high water and thousands of men are temporarily without work.

Many cities and towns report that great damage has been done to streets, families have been driven from their homes and street railways are inoperative from floods. Only one death had been reported, that of a fireman named Patten, on the Canadian Pacific railroad, whose engine plunged into a washout. A similar accident on the Maine Central resulted in the injury of three persons, one of whom may die.

Madison sustained the greatest damage from floods of any place, it being fully half a million dollars. Logs and ice crushed buildings and overturned many others.

Buries Knife in His Own Breast.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 17.—At Swift's packing house yesterday Ed Young attacked Stephen Crockett with a large butcherknife. Crockett warded off the blow and in Young's frantic brandishing of the knife he accidentally buried its blade into his own breast, death resulting instantly. Both were employes at the packing house and quarreled over a trivial matter.

Santa Fe Passenger Train Burns.

Garden City, Kan., Dec. 17.—An explosion of gas occurred on eastbound Santa Fe passenger train No. 8 near here last night. The smoker, chair car and one sleeper were entirely burned and the passengers, none of whom was injured, were brought here. Conductor John O'Day and Porter Robert Pennington were badly cut and burned about the head and face.

Nitro-Glycerine Factory Wrecked.

Butler, Pa., Dec. 18.—Thomas L. Edward and Charles D. Parker were instantly killed last evening by an explosion of nitro-glycerine, which completely wrecked the nitro-glycerine factory of B. S. Humes & Co. near here. Not a shred of the two unfortunately could be found and the site of the magazine was marked by a hole 20 feet deep and 40 feet in diameter.

Hayward's Preliminary Trial.

Lincoln, Dec. 17.—C. E. Hayward was put on preliminary trial yesterday morning for the mysterious murder of John J. Gillilan. After the opening statements of counsel the taking of unimportant testimony was hurried along. The defense is relying upon an alibi.

Alleged Murderer on Trial.

Red Oak, Ia., Dec. 17.—Gustave Thele, the man charged with stabbing his wife to death at Villisca last June, was placed on trial yesterday in the district court, Judge O. D. Wheeler presiding. The defense will put in a plea of insanity, but it is hardly likely to save him.