

SHAW TO SUCCEED GAGE

Governor of Iowa Tendered Treasury Portfolio.

LEAVES AT ONCE FOR THE EAST.

Hurries on Secret Trip to Washington—Declines to Commit Himself in Regard to the President's Offer. Crane Declines the Post.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A tender of the office of secretary of the treasury to succeed Secretary Gage has been made to Governor Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa, but it is understood that no response had been received from Governor Shaw to the inquiries sent to him. At the white house no information is obtainable pending a definite authorization of the fact that a successor to Secretary Gage has been obtained.

Des Moines, Dec. 24.—Governor Shaw left for the east last night. He said: "I have seen the newspaper dispatches which state that I have been selected by President Roosevelt to succeed Secretary Gage as secretary of the treasury. I have no other information on the subject. I cannot discuss the matter. I have not received any information on the subject from Washington, neither from President Roosevelt nor from any Iowa friends there."

The governor declined to state his purpose in leaving the city for the east, but said he had not been called to Washington. It is generally understood here that Governor Shaw has been determined on for the treasury portfolio, but the impression prevails that he probably will not accept the position. While he is well-to-do he has not a large fortune and it is possible he finds himself unable to accept. At any rate he could not determine before consultation with some of his friends who are high in the councils of the party in Iowa and the nation.

Crane Declines the Post. Washington, Dec. 24.—Governor Crane of Massachusetts has declined the treasury portfolio tendered to him by President Roosevelt last Friday. It was officially announced at the white house that he had declined for business and domestic reasons.

NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY DINES. Name of Admiral Dewey Signal for Outburst of Applause.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—The 21st annual banquet of the New England society of Pennsylvania was held last night in Horticultural hall, covers being laid for nearly 400 members and guests. The dinner was presided over by New York, Baltimore, Washington, Boston and other cities. Assistant United States Attorney General Beck, president of the society, opened the speech-making with a brief address. In coming down the line of the illustrious New Englanders, President Beck mentioned the name of George Dewey. This was the signal for an outburst of applause such as was not repeated during the remainder of the evening.

Predicts Uprising in Cuba. Lexington, Ky., Dec. 24.—"You will see insurrection on the island of Cuba before a year has passed," said Dr. F. O. Young, who returned yesterday from a visit to his brother, Lieutenant Lucien Young, who has recently been relieved as captain of the Havana port. Dr. Young says that the thinking class of Cubans desire annexation and that if the question was submitted to a vote it would carry. As matters stand, he predicts that the Cuban will prove incapable of self government and that their unrestrained prejudices and the ignorance and discontent of a certain class will soon result in uprisings.

Strike Vein of Gas. Fergus Falls, Minn., Dec. 24.—Men drilling a well on the farm of Willet Brunk, near Pelican rapids, yesterday, struck a vein of gas which came up with a terrific noise and when lighted burned to a great height. The fire was finally extinguished and the pipe, which is only two inches in diameter, was closed. There is great excitement in the neighborhood and people from all the surrounding country have been visiting the place this afternoon.

Asks Withdrawal of Name. Washington, Dec. 24.—Charles F. Weneker, who was nominated for the position of collector of internal revenue for the St. Louis district just before the holiday recess of congress, but whose nomination was not confirmed, has telegraphed the president to withdraw his name. Weneker was not an avowed candidate for this position, but was selected by the president as a compromise between opposing factions in Missouri.

A. H. McVey on the Bench. Des Moines, Dec. 24.—Governor Shaw yesterday appointed A. H. McVey to the district bench to succeed the late Judge Conrad. McVey has been a practicing attorney here for many years, but his name had not been discussed in connection with the place left vacant on the bench, and was not known to be a candidate.

Spends Holidays in Capital. Washington, Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt's present intention is to remain in Washington during the holiday week, but he desires to obtain a respite from official duties and will see only such visitors as have urgent and important public business to present.

PLANS TO RELEASE MISS STONE.

Spencer Eddy Has Novel Method for Securing Liberation of Missionary. Washington, Dec. 23.—Spencer Eddy, United States charge at Constantinople, has adopted a new and ingenious plan for securing the release of Miss Stone. Naturally the officials do not care to make public any details of this project, lest publicity cause its failure. Mr. Dickinson, our consul general at Constantinople, who has been working hard in Miss Stone's behalf, has again complained bitterly to the state department of the evil effect upon his enterprise of the free newspaper publications in this case.

Constantinople, Dec. 24.—A correspondent here of the Associated Press was informed that the American legation had no agreement had been arrived at with the brigands who hold Miss Stone captive, concerning the missionary's release, and that it was unlikely that anything would be settled in this connection for another ten days.

RATHBUN FOUND GUILTY.

Jury Reaches a Verdict After Being Out Two Days. Jeffersonville, Ind., Dec. 24.—Newell C. Rathbun, who was tried on the charge of murdering Charles Goodman by giving him poison, was found guilty of manslaughter and his punishment was fixed at from two to fourteen years in the penitentiary.

Charles Goodman, Rathbun's alleged victim, was found dead last month in a hotel in this city after he had spent some time with Rathbun. His body was shipped to Little Rock, Ark., where Rathbun's wife lives, as that of Rathbun, on whose life an insurance policy for \$4,000 had been issued. Following the discovery that the body was not Rathbun's came Rathbun's arrest at Louisville, where he had enlisted under another name in the United States army. The corpse was later identified as that of Charles Goodman, a wanderer who came to Louisville from Evansville, and met Rathbun in front of the Salvation army headquarters here.

MINISTER LEAVES CHILE.

Resources of Diplomacy Almost Exhausted to Settle Dispute.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from United States Minister Wilson at Santiago de Chile confirming the report that the resources of diplomacy had been exhausted in the effort to settle the dispute between Chile and Argentina and that diplomatic relations had been broken off through the withdrawal from Chile of the Argentine minister. Touching the proposition emanating from the Argentine side to refer the dispute to Great Britain as an arbitrator, the Chilean representatives claim that this was their original proposition. This being the case, it is believed there is a way open for a peaceful adjustment of the trouble. Valparaiso, Dec. 24.—It is reported here that the governments of Argentine and Chile have signed a protocol by which they agree to submit the questions pending between them to the arbitration of Great Britain.

BRITISH LOSE HEAVILY.

Kitchener Sends Reports of Hot Fighting in South Africa. London, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Johannesburg, dated Dec. 21, sends reports of sharp fighting in the Orange River and Transvaal colonies. The engagements occurred Dec. 18, Dec. 19 and Dec. 20, at points widely apart. The casualties so far as known aggregate about 150, equally divided, but heavy British losses, the totals of which have not yet been reported, have occurred in the Transvaal.

The news convinces the newspapers that it is hopeless to expect peace in the immediate future. That this is also the government's view of the situation is apparent from the fact that between now and January the drafts of troops proceeding to South Africa from home and from the colonies aggregate 15,000 men.

BAD FOR THE HOMESEEKERS.

Official Action Against Probate Judges Delays Process of Settling Lots. Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 24.—Charges were filed with Governor Ferguson and with Secretary Hitchcock against Probate Judges Crum of Caddo county and Brown of Comanche county, and additional charges against Probate Judge Finley of Kiowa county, alleging extortion and gross fraud practiced by these officials in proving up the townsites in the new country. The officials have been ordered to Guthrie for investigation and all townsite lot deeds have been held up, affecting at least 10,000 settlers.

Foul Play Suspected.

Atchison, Kan., Dec. 24.—It is generally believed that Dennis Begley, the clothing clerk who was found in a field last Friday in a dying condition from exposure, was murdered. Begley died without regaining consciousness. Marks on his throat indicated that he had been choked, but why he was assaulted and how he got nine miles from town is a mystery. No motive for the crime is known.

Expect Revolt Against Turkey.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 24.—A revolutionary demonstration against Turkey took place here last night. The police experienced difficulty in preventing the rioters from wrecking the residence of the Turkish commissioner. Thousands of people who were not actually engaged in the rioting participated in the disturbance by shouting for a revolution.

SIX ARE KILLED OUTRIGHT

Passengers of Electric Car Meet Sudden Death.

SEVERAL SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Car Jumps the Track While Rounding a Sharp Curve at Foot of Mountain Near Allentown, Pa.—Accident Due to Wet Rails and Snow.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 24.—Six persons were killed and a number injured last night by reason of an electric car jumping the track at a sharp curve at the foot of the high mountain between here and Coopersburg. The accident was due to the wet rails and snow. The dead: Rev. Tobias Kessler, Albert Yeager, Mrs. Dr. Jacob Fetzer, Ambrose Reinhard, Irwin Renner and Frank Wesley.

Seriously injured: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Witt, Mrs. Albert Yeager, Mrs. C. E. Newcomer, Conductor A. L. Leidlich, Motorman Charles Stocker, Rev. B. P. Hottel.

Motorman Stocker tried hard to stop the car when it slipped on the steep grade, but the car flew around the curve and swung against a guypole, which tore off one side of the car and the roof. Those killed sat along the broken side of the car, and were crushed by the post. The new Coopersburg line, on which the accident occurred, began operation only last Wednesday.

TRAIN ON FIRE IN TUNNEL.

Seven Employees on Liverpool Railway Are Burned to Death.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—An explosion in a fuse box set fire to a train on the overhead railway at Dingle station today. Several of the railway employees were terribly burned and seven were killed. It appears that the burning train entered a tunnel stored with stocks of creosoted railroad sleepers. These were also set on fire and the tunnel became a roaring furnace. The fire brigade had the greatest difficulty in extinguishing the flames.

Death of Jennie June.

New York, Dec. 24.—Mrs. "Jennie June" Croly, organizer of women's clubs, died yesterday in this city from heart failure. Mrs. Croly, who was 72 years of age, was born in England. She became a newspaper writer in this city under the nom de plume of "Jennie June" in 1855 and achieved a wide reputation. She organized Sorosis over 30 years ago and through her efforts the Federation of Women's clubs in this country was formed. At the time of her death, Mrs. Croly was president of the New York Women's Press club.

Report on Legion of Honor.

Boston, Dec. 24.—A special committee appointed to inquire minutely into the financial condition of the American Legion of Honor has made public its report. Summarized, the financial status of the organization, taking into consideration all its resources, is shown to be a balance of \$338,537 on hand. The membership, however, is shown to have suffered a further decrease. The report is accepted by the officers of the order as a complete vindication of Supreme Secretary Warnock and his management.

Court Grants Writ of Error.

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 24.—The supreme court granted a writ of error and certificate of probable cause in the case of S. H. Wright, which will act as a stay of proceedings until the case can be heard in the supreme court. Wright is a Centerville attorney who a few days ago was found guilty at Sioux Falls on a charge of embezzlement and sentenced to a year's imprisonment.

Young Gartrell Goes Free.

Butler, Mo., Dec. 24.—William Gartrell, charged with complicity in the murder of D. B. Donegan, a Colorado miner, for which crime his father, Dr. J. L. Gartrell, is under sentence to hang, was released today and the case against him dismissed. The testimony at the trial of Dr. Gartrell showed that the son was asleep when Donegan was killed.

Muskegon a Total Wreck.

Ludington, Mich., Dec. 24.—The wrecked car ferry Muskegon is slowly sinking into the sand and the prospect of saving the steamer and cargo grows less every hour. Government Inspector of Hulls Honor of Grand Haven made a survey yesterday and says she is broken in two and will be a total loss.

Kaiser to Visit London.

London, Dec. 24.—The World announces the probability of a visit from Emperor William to London on Jan. 20. He will remain as the guest of King Edward until Jan. 24. The purpose of his visit is to attend the memorial service for the late Queen Victoria at Frogmore.

Hagen Secures His Release.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 24.—By writ of habeas corpus yesterday, Thomas E. Hagen, sentenced from North Dakota for soliciting bribes while deputy collector of customs, secured his release from the Sioux Falls penitentiary.

Dr. J. G. Malcolm is Dead.

Hutchinson, Kan., Dec. 24.—Dr. J. G. Malcolm, author of several standard medical works, died here yesterday, aged 71 years. He was an authority among homeopathic physicians. He was born in Scotland.

STATE COLLEGE GETS CATTLE.

Chicago Stock Yards Company Lends Them to Iowa Institution.

Des Moines, Dec. 23.—The trustees of the Iowa state college in their meeting at Ames entered into a contract with the Union Stock Yards company of Chicago by which the college experiment station may enter upon the work of conducting experiments in live stock without any great expenditure by the state or any risk. The experiment work of the station has heretofore been largely confined to experiments with soil products and the work of experimenting with live stock has not been entered upon because of the great cost of herds of fancy cattle and other animals. Now the Union stock yards of Chicago offer to lend to the experiment station 50 head of live stock, all of pure breed, to be used for experiment work. The stock is to be returned to the company at the pleasure of the college, or may be purchased by the college. In this way the college will enter upon experimental work in live stock.

VESSEL IS STILL MISSING.

All Hope of Safety for Crew of Discovery is Now Abandoned.

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 23.—The steamer Dolphin, which arrived from the north yesterday, brought no tidings of the United States mail steamer Discovery, which left Juneau, Nov. 4, for Dutch Harbor and was sighted at the steamer Elk on Nov. 14 at Wood Island, and since that time nothing has been seen nor heard of her. The Discovery having failed to reach her destination, her owners dispatched the Elhu Thompson to look for her, but, according to advices from Juneau, the Thompson returned on Dec. 10 without having seen anything of the missing vessel. Shipping men, as well as friends and relatives of the crew, have about given up all hopes for the safety of the steamer and those on board.

Transport McClellan Arrives.

New York, Dec. 23.—The United States military transport McClellan, from Manila, arrived in quarantine at 1 o'clock this morning. The McClellan has on board several companies of the engineering corps, besides several hundred discharged soldiers and others. The vessel arrived at Gibraltar on the 4th inst. and was expected to reach here early last week, but was delayed owing to the fact that she had to put into Bermuda for coal, from which port she sailed Thursday.

Platinum Found in Wyoming.

Laramie, Wyo., Dec. 23.—Avery T. Holmes, one of the owners of New Rambler copper mine on Douglas creek, in which platinum in paying quantities was discovered, has returned with experts and reports that careful tests of the ore from the New Rambler show that almost all of the ore contains the precious metal.

Stage Robbed by Lone Man.

Ukiah, Cal., Dec. 23.—The south-bound stage between Laytonville and Willits was robbed half a mile above the latter place. A registered pouch and the express box were taken. A man named Evans has been arrested and is now in jail at Willits.

Excitement at Lima Runs High.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 23.—Excitement prevails here. Cablegrams from Buenos Ayres report that the Argentine government has ordered the Argentine minister at Santiago de Chile to retire if Chile maintains the position she has assumed.

Paper Mill Burning.

Hamilton, O., Dec. 23.—The Champion Coated Paper company's mill, the largest in the United States, is burning and the flames are beyond control. The mill will be completely destroyed and 400 persons thrown out of employment.

Dismisses Carrie Nation Cases.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 23.—All cases in the district court against Carrie Nation and her saloon-smashing colleagues were dismissed Saturday, the supreme court having decided all important points at issue.

Fred W. Pettigrew Succumbs.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 23.—Fred W. Pettigrew, brother of Senator Pettigrew, died Saturday night of injuries sustained two weeks ago, when he is supposed to have been run over by a team driven by an intoxicated driver.

Receiver for Hail Insurance Company.

Kansas City, Dec. 24.—A receiver has been appointed for the Farmers' Mutual Hail Insurance company, which was incorporated Jan. 21, 1900, to insure crops against hail on the mutual assessment plan. While the company was incorporated in Missouri and had offices here it operated only in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Montana and Colorado. The company did more than \$2,000,000 worth of business, but heavy losses in Colorado and South Dakota, with the shortage of crops, are stated causes of the failure.

Hill Letter Has No Effect.

St. Paul, Dec. 24.—Attorney General Douglas, in an interview, states that the published letter of J. J. Hill, in explanation of recent transactions in the stocks of western railroads and the purposes of the Northern Securities company, would not in any way influence the action which has been contemplated by the state officers of Minnesota.

General Seamans Stricken.

Washington, Dec. 24.—General William H. Seamans, adjutant general of the state of California, is dangerously ill here, the result of an attack of inflammatory rheumatism, which has left his heart in a very weakened state.

MACLAY ASKS FOR TRIAL

Claims Protection of the Civil Service Law.

HISTORIAN REFUSES TO RESIGN.

Declares He Cannot Be Dismissed Without Formal Charges, Trial and Conviction—Long Intimates MacLay Will Be Summarily Removed.

New York, Dec. 24.—Edgar Stanton MacLay, whose connection with the Schley case led President Roosevelt to request his resignation as special laborer in the navy yard, made formal demand yesterday for trial by usual naval procedure. He averred that his case came under the civil service and that he could not be dismissed without formal charges, trial and conviction. The request for his resignation was sent to him by Rear Admiral Barker, commander of the navy yard at Brooklyn, and he replied at once by letter, formally setting forth his position.

Discussing the case, MacLay said: "The president cannot have me dismissed under the law, as I see it. I do not see how he can force me out. I am protected by the civil service laws enacted by congress, whose enactments the president is bound to execute. I do not know positively, but I believe my position under the civil service furnishes me complete protection so long as I violate no rules of the service, and that I have not done, and that I have so stated in my letter to the commandant, in answer to the request for my resignation. I have not been suspended and am working here today, as I have been doing for 15 months. I have tried to do my duty here and have broken no rules and shall simply stand by my rights more for the principle of the matter than anything else, for my position here pays me very little and is chiefly valuable because of the experience and information it affords me as material for my books."

President's Order Will Prevail.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary Long said that he had not received the reply of Mr. MacLay to the request for his resignation. Pending its receipt the secretary said he did not wish to enter into a discussion of the matter for publication. In his informal discussion of the matter Secretary Long made it perfectly plain that the president's intentions in regard to MacLay would be carried out regardless of the latter's declaration that he is protected by civil service rules. It is expected if he does not resign he will be removed summarily.

COSSACKS ROB MANCHURIA.

Murder the Defenseless People and Prove Worse Than the Chinese. New York, Dec. 24.—A St. Petersburg correspondent says all accounts agree in representing the state of Manchuria as being very unsettled. The presence of the Russian troops has led to most serious abuses. Private letters describe shocking outrages perpetrated by bands of Cossacks on defenseless inhabitants. A typical case is that of 23 Mongols, Russian subjects, who were sent in pursuit of horse thieves. They were attacked by Cossacks, and because they were unable to produce passports, five of them were tortured and then beheaded in spite of their prayers and entreaties.

QUEEN'S CONDITION SERIOUS.

Plans for Christmas Festivities at Royal Castle Are Abandoned.

London, Dec. 24.—The Associated Press learns that the condition of Queen Alexandra is more serious than had been given out and that it causes some anxiety. Doctors are in constant attendance upon her majesty. A bulletin issued at noon says the queen is progressing favorably, but that the extensive arrangements made for Christmas festivities at Sandringham, including large shooting parties, have all been upset and that their majesties will spend Christmas at Marlborough house.

Do Not Want Islands Sold.

Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—A petition against the sale of the Danish West Indies, unless the matter shall have been first submitted to a plebiscite, has been circulated and will be sent to the rigsdag tonight. This petition bears very few signatures of members of the former parliamentary committee, who reported in favor of selling the islands. Bankers and business men are taking a last and desperate stand against the sale of the islands. During the coming holidays they will draw up certain proposals in the premises to be submitted to the rigsdag immediately when that body reassembles.

Robbers Bind the Watchman.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Six robbers last night entered the Chicago House Wrecking company's building, bound and gagged two watchmen and blew open the safe. They took \$33 from the clothes of the watchmen and escaped. After three hours' captivity one of the watchmen, still bound, managed to crawl to a fire alarm box, which he pulled. It is said the amount taken from the safe was not large.

General Alger's Condition.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—Dr. Longyear, attending surgeon on General R. A. Alger, stated that the general's condition is good. "The general says that he feels better than he has for some time," continued Dr. Longyear, "and I have no apprehension at present of a change for the worse."

POPE FEELS MORE HOPEFUL.

Anticipates Appointment of American Representative to Vatican.

London, Dec. 24.—The Pall Mall Gazette publishes the following dispatch from Rome: The vatican is becoming decidedly more hopeful that the United States will yield to the pope's great desire and appoint a diplomatic representative to the vatican. So anxious is the pope for the success of his project that he would be satisfied at present with a semi-official representative, in the hope that he would be eventually turned into a minister or ambassador. It seems that Washington is not unwilling to discuss the matter and the vatican has intimated in return its desire to meet American wishes in Cuba and the Philippines and possibly create another cardinal in the United States. The pope is somewhat opposed to the latter step while Cardinal Gibbons lives, but he may compromise the matter by creating Archbishop Ireland or Archbishop Corrigan cardinal of the curia, entailing living in Rome.

CANNON BUYS NEBRASKA LAND.

Congressman, Acting for Syndicate, Acquires 10,000 Acres in Farms.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 23.—Acting for himself and capitalists of his state, Congressman Joe Cannon of Illinois has just purchased 10,000 acres of Nebraska land. The farms are all improved and in an advanced state of cultivation. They lie mostly in Cass and Saunders counties.

Mr. Cannon says he has made the investments because in his belief the country will be obliged to look west for grain and stock, and that values are bound to increase throughout this region.

The most valuable farm acquired is that of Roy Baldwin, who has cultivated 2,400 acres. Mr. Cannon paid \$50 an acre also for the Wilbern place on Salt creek, near Greenwood.

Shooting Results in Three Deaths.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Three deaths will be the result of the shooting of Dave S. Payne near Ducktown. Payne was a fugitive from justice, having broken jail at Benton, Tenn., while charged with murder. Payne's wife, who was seriously ill, sent Payne's brother to tell her husband to come in from his mountain hiding place and see her. When within two miles of Ducktown, the Payne brothers had a dispute over the possession of a gun and fell to fighting. William Flannigan, while trying to separate the men, was shot in the abdomen by Dave Payne, who in turn was killed by Flannigan. Payne's sick wife died shortly after being told of her husband's death. Flannigan cannot recover.

Robbers Get Away With Payroll.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 24.—At 5:55 p. m. yesterday two masked men with drawn revolvers entered the office of the Abernathy furniture factory and got away with the entire payroll, amounting to between \$800 and \$1,000. The robbery occurred when the men were about to be called in for their triweekly pay. Three shots were fired at Omar Abernathy and the clerks, but none took effect. The robbers escaped without being identified. One of the clerks was knocked down in attempting to defend the money.

Ohio City is Out of Coal.

Lima, O., Dec. 24.—There has not been a pound of hard or soft coal in this city since last Wednesday. The fuel famine is unprecedented and there is no sign of relief. Wood has gone as high as \$10 a cord and hundreds of people walk miles into the country to meet wagons coming into the city and make purchases before others can get to them. Railroads report thousands of carloads of coal between this city and Cincinnati waiting to be moved.

Bystanders Shot.

Dalhart, Tex., Dec. 24.—One man was killed and another mortally wounded during a fight here yesterday in which Deputy Sheriff John L. Sullivan and J. V. Cammack attempted to arrest Thomas Meyers and A. L. Timmerman on a charge of murder. Gus Beck, a bystander, was killed and Paul Hininger, another non-participant, was mortally wounded, while Meyers, one of the men wanted, was shot in the chin.

Quashes the Hinsey Indictments.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Judge Dunne quashed the two indictments found several months ago against John A. Hinsey, former secretary of the endowment fund, supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, charging him with perjury. The charge was that of making false affidavits and resulted from the investigation of the management of the funds of the order. Judge Dunne held that the affidavits could not constitute perjury.

O'Grady Named for Congress.

New York, Dec. 24.—Joseph F. O'Grady was nominated for congress in the Seventh district last night by the Democrats who refused to participate in the convention last week which nominated Perry Belmont.

Steamer is Quarantined.

Hamburg, Dec. 24.—A Levant line steamer which arrived here recently has been quarantined, owing to the discovery on board of the vessel of the bodies of a number of rats which had died from bubonic plague.

Judge Powell Passes Away.

Omaha, Dec. 24.—Judge Clinton N. Powell died last evening at 8:15 at the Presbyterian hospital after a battle of several weeks' duration, during which he was practically at the point of death many times.