

SENATE CONTROL

PRESIDENT HAS AN EYE ON VACANT CHAIRMANSHIPS.

OVER THIRTY ARE TO BE FILLED

Committees That Will Have a New Head—The Chief Executive Wants to Know Where His Friends Are in Upper House.

WASHINGTON—Chairmanships of at least thirty senate committees, regular and select, will be changed when the Fifty-ninth congress meets in December. Already many of the members of the upper branch of congress have been casting about to ascertain what other members desire in the way of committee chairmanships, so that they may take advantage of the knowledge thus gained for their own personal use. These inquiries, so far in advance of the meeting of congress, have had a tendency to focus the spotlight on the reorganization of the senate committee, for it is generally conceded that in the upper body will come the supreme fight for many of the principles for which the president irrevocably stands.

As to these inquiries regarding chairmanships, and chief committee places, the president, it is understood, has had full knowledge, and appreciating that there is a strong minority in the senate against many of the questions he will discuss in his forthcoming message, he has, as quietly as the senators, been looking after chairmanships with a view to helping his side when the battle royal is on. One thing seems certain when the curtain rolls up on the Fifty-ninth congress, that President Roosevelt will know where his friends are, and by the same reasoning will know where to put his finger on his opponents.

The fact that the president has already commenced to inquire from his senatorial visitors as to the makeup of committees in the upper body has directed the attention to the large number of chairmanships to be filled, larger than in any previous congress since the last Cleveland administration.

A NATIONAL ARMY

OF 250,000 MEN

LONDON—The Daily Chronicle announces that Arnold Forster, secretary of state for war, is working out with an army council new scheme to organize a "national army" of a million of men to be composed of militia and supplemented by regulars and volunteers available for foreign service. The project, the paper says, includes the building of barracks throughout the country for the new force with special depots.

NEW CONSUMPTION REMEDY.

Prof. Behring Creates Considerable Attention by a Statement.

PARIS—At the closing session of the International Tuberculosis congress today Prof. Von Behring made a statement relative to his new curative principle for tuberculosis. It was decided to hold the next congress at Washington in 1908.

Prof. Behring's statement attracted much attention. Distinguished medical men from many countries occupied the platform and filled the salon of the grand palace. The professor said:

In the course of the last two years I recognized with certainty the existence of a curative principle completely different from the anti-toxine principle. This new curative principle plays an initial role in the operation of the immunity derived from my bovo-vaccine, which has proved effective against animal tuberculosis during the last four years. This curative principle reposes upon the impregnation of the living cells of the organism with a substance originating from tuberculosis virus, which substance I designate "T. C."

Kansas-Colorado Case.

WASHINGTON—In the supreme court of the United States tomorrow Attorney General Coleman of Kansas will enter a motion for the advancement of the Kansas-Colorado irrigation case on the docket so as to insure a hearing during the present term of court, and the motion will be antagonized by Colorado's representatives.

The case involves the right of the people in Colorado to control the entire water supply of the Arkansas river. The testimony taken in the case covers 8,559 typewritten pages, but under the order of the court it is being abstracted.

Hungarian Program Hangs Fire.

VIENNA—General Baron Fejervary, the Hungarian premier, had another interview with the king-emperor today, but it is reported that his majesty has not reached a decision concerning a ministerial program.

Fatal Fight With Bandits.

WILD ROSE, Wis.—One bandit was killed, two were probably mortally wounded and one other was apprehended tonight in a desperate fight with a posse of fifty armed citizens of this village aroused by the burglary of the postoffice and attempted looting of the state bank early this morning. The bandits were caught in a forest eight miles from the village and fought with guns for an hour and a half. The fourth man did not surrender until his companions were shot down.

Present Portrait of Chase.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—An oil portrait of Salmon P. Chase of Ohio, for many years a member of the supreme court of the United States, was presented by a member of the bar of southern Illinois to the United States circuit and district court for the southern district of Illinois on Saturday, the ceremony taking place in the court room. Governor Deneen made the presentation speech, and was followed by Senator Foraker of Ohio, who delivered an address on "Salmon Portland Chase."

ARMY MAN GUILTY.

Lieut. Ross of the Artillery Is Reprimanded.

WASHINGTON—The papers in the case of Second Lieutenant Clarence B. Ross, Artillery corps, who was recently tried by court-martial at Fort Rodman, Mass., have been received at the War Department. Ross was found guilty of disrespect toward his commanding officer and of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline and was sentenced to be reprimanded by the reviewing authority and to be reduced ten files on the legal list of second lieutenant of artillery. One of the specifications in this case was that Lieutenant Ross referred to Captain Willoughby Walker, commanding the post of Fort Rodman, in the hearing of an enlisted man in a sneering and contemptuous manner as being "like a baby with a new doll," with intent to cast ridicule upon his superior officer, and on another occasion referred to him as "that cur."

General Grant, commanding the Department of the East, approved the sentence and administered the reprimand called for by it.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC TAKES DUTY OF FARM MACHINERY

WASHINGTON—The state department has been informed by Minister Beaurup, at Buenos Ayres, that the bill regarding American importations, more particularly American agricultural implements, has been amended and sent to a committee, and its acceptance may be expected in the near future. The bill admits all American agricultural machines and parts of machinery free of duty in the Argentine Republic, but the duty will be collected from all accessories such as bolting wrenches, asbestos, oil cans, belt hooks, washers, metal pins, nuts, chains, pulleys, steam packing, evers, saws, carriage poles and filters.

LAST WEEK OF EXPOSITION.

About 2,250,000 Admissions to the Show at Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore.—This week will mark the close of the Lewis and Clark exposition after a successful career not anticipated by even the most enthusiastic supporters of the project.

Before the closing day is over the fair will have recorded practically 2,250,000 admissions, which, considering the fact that the combined population of the old Oregon territory is hardly equal to that number, is almost phenomenal.

KRAUSES WILL APPEAL CASE.

Convicted Land Fencers Plan to Carry Action Higher on Writ of Error.

OMAHA—The Krause brothers, cattle men from Sheridan county, recently sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,300 and costs amounting to about \$1,200 for illegal fencing of the public lands, have determined to carry the case on appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals on a writ of error. Application for the writ will be made early during the coming week. The basis of the alleged error will be the impeachment of the testimony of the Osborns, the introduction of the Sylvester killing case as prejudicing the jury against the defendants, Krause brothers, which resulted in the jury finding against them, that the court erred in denying the motion for a new trial; that the offense was a statutory and not a criminal offense.

HAD BARRELS OF WEALTH WITH HAPPINESS LACKING

CHARLESTON—Lee Loeb, 58 years old, one of the wealthiest men in Charleston, a retired merchant and owner of over two hundred pieces of real estate, dressed for breakfast this morning and then telling his wife that he would be "down in a minute," stepped into a bath room and sent a pistol bullet into his brain. He was the largest owner of real estate in Charleston. The jury of inquest gave "melancholia" as the excuse for the deed.

CANAL COMMISSION MEETS.

Board of Consulting Engineers Will Inspect Ancon.

PANAMA—The entire Panama Canal commission held a session Saturday in the administration building and ratified all the acts of the executive committee. Tomorrow the board of consulting engineers will visit. An inspection will be made of Ancon on Monday. The board members will call on President Amador and will be given a breakfast by Governor Magdon.

As the result of an order of the secretary of the navy recalling Paymaster Tobey, Schaefer and Jackson, who have been on duty in connection with the canal commission, Paymaster Schaefer has resigned. It is reported that civilians will replace the recalled officers.

General Randall Retires.

ST. LOUIS—Having reached the age limit of 64 years Major General George Morton Randall, commander of the northern division of the United States army, with headquarters in St. Louis, has retired from command.

Buys Land for a Colony.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—S. B. Brundage of St. Louis, acting for eastern parties, closed a deal with ex-Senator A. H. Kerr of this city for 44,000 acres of land in McCullen county, on the Neches river.

Minneapolis Has \$75,000 Fire.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Fire Sunday afternoon gutted the store of the W. K. Morrison Hardware company, on Nicollet avenue, causing a loss estimated at \$75,000, covered by insurance.

Was Chief of Grant's Staff.

NEW YORK—General William Thomas Clark, only surviving adjutant general and chief of staff of General Grant's army of the Tennessee, is dying from cancer in St. Luke's hospital, New York.

TOOK \$100,000

A CLERK ABSCOND WITH THAT AMOUNT.

ADAMS EXPRESS IS THE VICTIM

An Employee Steals a Package of Money Sent by a Local Bank to Cincinnati. O.—No Clue to the Much Wanted Missing Man.

PITTSBURG, Pa.—The startling discovery was made that the Adams Express company has been victimized to the extent of \$100,000, supposedly through the peculations of an employee.

The following official statement of the affair is given the Associated Press for publication:

At 4:15 p. m. Monday, October 9, the Bank of Pittsburg, Pa., delivered to the Adams Express company at their office at 610 Wood street, Pittsburg, a package of currency containing \$100,000. Of this amount \$30,000 was in \$50 bills, \$10,000 in 50 bills and the remainder, \$10,000 in \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills. The package containing this large sum of money was consigned to a bank in Cincinnati, O.

This package was received and receipted for by Edward George Cumliffe, who was then acting in the place of the regular clerk, who was ill.

Cumliffe left the office at the usual time last evening and this morning, when he failed to report for duty, a hurried examination was made of his department and it was learned that about \$1,000 of funds entrusted to his care were missing. General Agent Hiner of the Adams Express company immediately called on detectives and placed the matter in their hands. Later developments brought to light the fact that in addition to the \$1,000 missing the bank package containing the \$100,000 had not been received at the money forwarding office at the union station, this city.

Inquiries made at his residence, No. 214 Lucerne street, West End, Pittsburg, showed that Cumliffe arrived home at the customary time last evening, and after changing his clothes, bade his family good-by, saying to his wife that he was going out for the evening, and nothing further has been heard from him.

Cumliffe has been employed by the Adams Express company since March 1, 1904. Previous to that he was employed in the Pittsburg service of the American Express company and the United States Express of Hartford, Conn., and bore a good reputation. He was methodical, accurate and an excellent clerk.

STATE OF KANSAS WAITING.

No Action Against Insurance Companies Until Inquiry Is Finished.

WICHITA, Kas.—State Insurance Superintendent Lullin, when shown a dispatch stating that his department would take action against the New York Life Insurance company and the Equitable Life Assurance society, in response to the advice of Thomas W. Lawson of Boston, authorized the Associated Press to say:

"I shall make no movement until the insurance investigation is finished and its findings are made public. The office of the insurance superintendent is not following the suggestions of Mr. Lawson. We shall act in accordance with an agreement reached by the convention in New Hampshire some weeks ago, at which it was decided to await the outcome of the New York inquiry, and then each superintendent was to use his own judgment as to the necessary steps. Action then will depend upon the nature of the findings of the investigation committee."

New Senate Office Building.

WASHINGTON—An agreement has been reached by Senators Cullom and Gallinger, members of the committee appointed to decide upon the bids and material offered by the contractors for the erection of the new senate office building, whereby the superstructure will be of marble, the base granite and the inner court limestone. Senator Cullom said the contract has not yet been awarded, but probably will be given to the Vermont Marble company.

A MARTYR TO YELLOW JACK.

North Dakota Doctor Dies on Louisiana Plantation.

NEW ORLEANS—A martyr in the fight against yellow fever, Dr. C. M. Shanley, formerly of North Dakota, died at his plantation home on Bayou Barataria, as the result of a relapse from yellow fever, his illness extending over the past two weeks.

Business Man Drops Dead.

MILWAUKEE Wis.—Robert C. Bradford, treasurer for the Cudahy Brothers Packing company, and for thirty years identified with the packing industry in Milwaukee, dropped dead as a result of heart failure.

Taft Going to Panama.

WASHINGTON—Secretary Taft will sail on a naval vessel from New Orleans for Panama about November 1. He goes to look after the canal situation as it now exists in the way of construction and preparation. At the conference with the president, when it was decided to leave the administration of the canal to the secretary of war, Secretary Taft made it plain that if he was to have the responsibility for the canal he would be supreme in its command and there would be no intermediary.

Decision Against A. O. U. W.

TOPEKA, Kan.—In the case of the grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Kansas against Jane Haddock, widow of John Haddock, the supreme court today held that a fraternal insurance order cannot be the adoption of a bylaw declaring that no person shall be admitted or retained as a member who is engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors make void the beneficiary certificate of such a member unless special action is taken in his case.

CROWE IN OMAHA.

Returns to the Scenes of His Former Exploits.

OMAHA—Pat Crowe of kidnapping fame, shackled to Detective Heitfield of the Omaha detective department, and accompanied by Chief Detective Dunn arrived in Omaha from Butte, Mont., where he was arrested a week ago. A crowd of 2,000 persons had gathered to see the prisoner. A large cordon of police opened an aisle from the platform of the train to a patrol wagon in the rear of the station, and Crowe, between the two detectives with a patrolman walking ahead and another behind, was marched to the wagon, amid the cheers of some and exclamations of others. The extraordinary precautions taken by the police for landing Crowe safely behind the bars seemed hardly necessary, for he gave little heed to them, and apparently had no wish to make his escape. In fact, he said he was glad to be under arrest and once more in Omaha.

In the patrol wagon five officers and three reporters furnished company for the prisoner to the police station. A large crowd followed the patrol wagon to the station, where another crowd had gathered to witness the return of the prisoner. Precautions were again taken to prevent friends from reaching the prisoner, and he was hurried into the captain's office, where he was registered. Opposite his name was placed the charge of shooting with intent to kill or wound. The prisoner shook hands with Chief of Police Donahue, Special Agent Vizard of the Union Pacific, and Benjamin Keegan, a life-long Omaha friend.

Crowe was not inclined to talk of his past, and refused absolutely to speak of his alleged connection with the kidnapping of Eddie Cudahy. He declared that much had been published of his alleged doings, confessions and other matters which were without foundation. Among these he mentioned a confession, said to have been signed by him at Butte, implicating young Cudahy in a conspiracy in connection with the kidnapping.

Crowe took particular notice of the crowd that gathered at the station and remarked that it was a flattering welcome that Omaha was giving to one of its former citizens.

FORMER WEALTHY BANKER GOES TO THE POOR HOUSE

NEW YORK—Jefferson P. Raplee, a wealthy New York banker and business associate of Jay Gould, Commodore Vanderbilt and John P. Blair, went to the poor house here Tuesday.

Raplee was one of the best known men along Broadway in his day. His father who was Judge Raplee of Yates county, New York, left him a large fortune. In 1856 he opened a banking house at 137 Broadway which was capitalized at \$200,000, and did a yearly business of \$500,000, which was a large sum at that time. Since 1867, when this bank made an assignment after some uniform speculation, Mr. Raplee's fortune, although invested in a new banking venture, steadily diminished.

DESIRES CONSUMPTION CURE.

American Will Give Professor Behring \$50,000 For It.

NEW YORK—Prof. Behring's announcement to the International Tuberculosis congress in Paris of a cure for consumption has aroused widespread interest in America, says the Herald. The full reports and comments, which have been fully cabled from Paris, have interested one of New York's wealthiest and best known citizens, whose name is withheld for the present. He has authorized the Herald to announce that he will contribute \$50,000 to a fund to present Prof. Behring if he will at once announce to the world his treatment and not withhold it to this year. The only qualification to this offer is that the treatment must be pronounced a success by a prominent committee of physicians, of which the donor's physician is to be a member.

Will Not Retire Because of Insurance Scandals.

WASHINGTON—Postmaster General Cortelyou, chairman Republican national committee, denies that he will resign either as postmaster general or as chairman of the national committee before insurance scandals are settled. The fire being started on him because of using insurance money he regards as uncalled for and he does not propose to recognize it by retiring from anything.

Uncle Sam's Cash.

WASHINGTON—Monday's statement of treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve, shows: Available cash balance, \$137,866,041; gold coin and bullion, \$67,624,831; gold certificates, \$51,038,410; total, \$256,529,082.

Americans Get a Franchise.

MEXICO CITY—Messrs. Scully, Perry and Newell, Americans, have acquired for the sum of \$2,500,000 a group of mining claims situated in the state of Durango. The first payment, \$1,400,000, has been placed with the national bank at Mexico.

Superintendent of Three Roads.

MARSHALLAON, Ia.—D. T. Noonan has been made general superintendent of the Minneapolis & St. Louis, Iowa Central and Des Moines & Fort Dodge railroads.

Says Cuba Is Tranquil.

WASHINGTON—Senator Quesada, the Cuban minister, had a long talk with Secretary Root Saturday at the state department respecting Cuban affairs in general and especially the recent Cuban elections. Minister Quesada said that conditions were reported to be very promising at present.

"David Harum" Netted \$125,000.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—"David Harum," the novel written by the late Edward Noyes Wescott of this city, netted the author's estate about \$125,000.

IN SAN DOMINGO

AGENT GIVES RESULTS OF HIS INVESTIGATION.

MUCH SMUGGLING IS GOING ON

Goods Brought by Mule Train From Points Along Haytian Border—Loss Dominican Government Has Suffered.

WASHINGTON—H. F. Worley, an agent of the insular bureau, who was sent to Santo Domingo to investigate the revenue conditions on the border between the Dominican and Haytian republics, has made a partial report to the war department. He estimates that the smuggling that has been going on across this border has cost the Dominican government from \$350,000 to \$400,000 a year. The method was to land goods at points in Hayti and send them by coasting vessels near the Dominican line. They were then carried over the border by mule trains. Some of the large mercantile houses in Monte Cristi had their warehouses far inland where these goods were smuggled across the border.

Mr. Worley was sent down there to establish custom houses in the interior between the two countries and he was warned that if he attempted to carry out his instructions he was liable to be assassinated, so determined are the smugglers to continue their traffic. But custom houses have been established to continue the smuggling. The department doubtless will send enough men to Santo Domingo to protect the revenues of the government. The tariff in Santo Domingo, according to estimates made by Mr. Worley, is about 73 per cent. ad valorem, which is a great inducement to smugglers.

Mr. Worley also made a trip into the interior of Hayti while he was on the island and says that reports were often brought to him of savage cannibalistic feasts where the victims are babies. These reports were sufficiently authentic to be believed by him.

OPTION TO E. H. HARRIMAN.

Has Chance to Buy Astoria & Columbia River Railroad.

PORTLAND, Ore.—According to the Oregonian, E. H. Harriman has been given an option on the Astoria & Columbia River railroad and it will be decided within the next thirty days whether the road will be purchased by him or not. The price is said to be \$40,000 per mile.

The Astoria & Columbia River road extends from Doble, a point forty miles north of this city, to the Pacific ocean, a distance of about 100 miles. It has a traffic lease over the Northern Pacific railway by which it secures entry into Portland, running ninety-five years more. The annual rental is \$26,000.

Treaty Soon to be Signed.

WASHINGTON—The treaty of peace between Russia and Japan will become effective upon its approval without waiting the formal exchange of ratifications at Washington. This information was imparted at the Japanese legation on Wednesday. This course has been decided upon in order that the speediest possible termination of the war may be had. The treaty, it is understood, has passed through the necessary preliminary stages of approval in each country.

THE BOYCOTT IN CHINA WILL BE SUSPENDED

WASHINGTON—News that the merchants of China, who have been prosecuting the boycott against American goods have decided to temporarily suspend that movement to await possible action of the United States congress in softening the exclusion laws is contained in official dispatches received today from Peking. The information comes from the merchants' guild of that place, and is to the effect that this course has been decided upon by merchants throughout the empire. The action follows the advice of the Chinese government in the matter which was given as a consequence of the attitude of President Roosevelt.

Appointed Assistant Engineer.

WASHINGTON—John G. Sullivan has been appointed assistant chief engineer of the isthmian canal commission, according to a notice received today from Chief Engineer Stevens at Panama.

Tapestries Worth \$150,000.

LONDON—Nine magnificent tapestries presented to the British nation by Baron Delongor of Paris were opened to public view at Hampton Court palace Saturday. The tapestries represent the famous Raphael cartoons, which were originally hung in Hampton Court, but afterward were removed to the South Kensington museum. The tapestries are valued at \$150,000.

The Hague Peace Conference.

ST. PETERSBURG—The Russian government has received a large number of replies to the peace conference invitations, all of which are favorable, but contain no suggestions regarding the subjects for discussion. The announcement of the program and the date for the meeting of the conference will be sent out as soon as all the replies are received. The time of the meeting will be fixed without greater delay than necessary to permit all the delegates to reach the Hague.

Will Reappoint Tinsley.

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt indicated in conversation with representatives Edwards of the Eleventh district and Bennett of the Ninth district of Kentucky that he will reappoint James H. Tinsley as United States attorney for the eastern district of Kentucky. Mr. Edwards presented to the president Mr. Tinsley, and Mr. Bennett introduced Judge Deering, whom he desired should be appointed. The president said he could see no reason why Mr. Tinsley should not be reappointed.

FOOTBALL BRUTALITY.

President Roosevelt Would Like to See It Eliminated.

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt entertained at luncheon, Dr. D. H. Nichols and W. T. Reid of Harvard, Arthur T. Hildebrand and John B. Fife of Princeton and Walter Camp and Mr. Owsley of Yale. The six guests of the president constitute the athletic advisers of the respective colleges named.

The president desired to consider with them particularly the morale of the game of foot ball, with a view to eliminating much of its brutality if possible. A general discussion of college athletics was had, but the talk centered around the game of foot ball. It is hoped by the president that, with the co-operation of the college authorities and the athletic advisers, the rules of the game may be so amended as practically to do away with much of the brutality which makes the game objectionable to many people. It is understood that no definite conclusions were reached. Indeed, none was expected, the idea of the president being simply to start the ball rolling in the direction of a modification of the rules of the game.

FIGHT OVER DEAD.

John Burnek Shoots Sister, Brother and Brother-in-Law at Hastings.

HASTINGS—Over the dead body of his mother, John Budnek shot his sister, his brother and his brother-in-law at an early hour Sunday morning. Miss Francis Budnek, aged 2 was shot in the right hand. Jacob Budnek, aged 52, shot above the right eye and may die. Peter Small was shot through the left lung, through the abdomen, in the left thigh and through the left shoulder. He is not expected to live throughout the night.

The tragedy occurred in the death chamber at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Small, 1350 East Second street, where Mrs. Mary Budnek, aged 62, died at 10:30 last night. John Budnek has been placed under arrest and is now in the county jail.

The tragedy was the culmination of a family quarrel that had existed for several years. The Budnek family are Polish-French and they have resided in Hastings for twenty years. John Budnek, who committed the deed, is a stonemason by trade. He is 50 years old and a bachelor.

TO EXCHANGE WAR PRISONERS.

Japs Get 1,866 and Turn Over 64,000 Russians.

St. Petersburg—Russia on Saturday agreed to the Japanese proposition to exchange prisoners of war, whereby 1,866 Japanese prisoners in Russia will be delivered at some point on the western frontier of Russia, and 64,000 Russians will be delivered at the ports of Kobe, Nagasaki and Yokohama, whence they will be conveyed to Vladivostok in ten Russian transports now interned at Shanghai and Saigon and two or three other ships which are being sent from Odessa.

A WOMAN FOR FORTY YEARS MASQUERADED AS A MAN

TRINIDAD, Colo.—For forty years masquerading as a man, Charles V. Vannaugh has been discovered to be a woman. In that time she has been a clerk, bank cashier and a score of similar things, but for the past twenty years has been a sheep herder in Las Animas county.

Finely educated, and reading and writing half a dozen different languages, she started out well equipped for life, but was unable to get anything to do as a woman, so, at the age of 43, she turned man. Her true sex was discovered yesterday by Dr. T. J. Forham, county physician, while examining her at the San Raphael hospital, where she had been sent for the infirmities of old age. She is now 84 years old.

SEES NO NEED FOR STRIKE.

John Mitchell Thinks Miners Will Get What They Want.

PITTSBURG—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America said: Regarding the possibilities of a strike next spring, Mr. Mitchell said: "As far as I can judge, after having been in the anthracite field for some time, everything will work out harmoniously in the end. I can see no reason why there should be a general coal strike next spring."

Zealous in Land-Grabbing.

WASHINGTON—A novel scheme of public land grabbing has come to light in the McCook land district of Nebraska. An enterprising father of a family, having himself acquired title to a piece of government land, conceived an original method of getting more of the land for the family. His scheme consisted in having his older children adopt his younger, thus making them heads of families and eligible to make homestead entries, three of which were thus acquired.

Kansas City Man President.

CINCINNATI, O.—The United States Railway Service Mutual Benefit association in session here Saturday elected as president C. E. Lancaster, of Kansas City, Mo.

North Dakota Bank Robbed.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—A special from Grand Forks, N. D., says: The safe of the Bank of Hensel at Hensel, N. D., was blown open by robbers early this morning and all the cash in it, \$3,500, taken.

Japanese Loss in the War.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Official returns of the casualties of the Japanese army throughout the war show 46,180 killed, 19,970 died of wounds and 15,300 died of disease, a total of 72,450 dead.

Pension Agent for Iowa.

WASHINGTON—The president has appointed W. V. Wilcox of Iowa, to be pension agent at Des Moines, Ia., to succeed Dr. A. H. Thompson, was appointed to temporarily fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of P. Clarkson.

THE TRIUMPHS OF IRRIGATION.

Romance of Agriculture Brought About by the Engineer.

Of the various papers read at the adjourned meeting of the British Association of Johannesburg, none is of more practical interest than Sir C. Scott Moncrieff's on irrigation. Only the man who has seen what has been done in Italy, in India, in Egypt and in California can appreciate the veritable romance of agriculture which the engineer has brought about.

In India the irrigation canal has turned millions of acres to fertility and saved tens of thousands of lives which must have succumbed to famine. In the Western States of America vast deserts have been converted into orchards, and the land which would otherwise be dear at \$5 an acre has become worth fifty. Much of the British triumph in Egypt is summed up in the word irrigation. English engineers—Sir C. Scott Moncrieff among them—came from India after the British occupation and have ever since been engaged in some of the greatest irrigation works in the world, so that Egyptian agriculture has developed beyond the dreams of the most sanguine.

Whether extensive irrigation would be good for South Africa or even possible, Sir C. Scott Moncrieff did not attempt to say, but there are many who believe that agricultural progress in South Africa will be small without the help of irrigation.—Saturday Review.

"KITTENS" NOT TO HER TASTE.

Lady Feared Egyptian Cook Contemplated Horrible Menu.

A lady living in Egypt tells of an amusing experience with her cook. One morning after his marketing he came and said he must go out again. I asked him why; he replied that he wished to buy some—(word incomprehensible) for luncheon. For about five minutes I tried to understand what this mysterious word was