TO DEFEND COAST

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PRESIDENT SENDS A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

A COMPLETE SYSTEM IS NEEDED

Increased Wealth of Country Offers Inducements to Attack-Cost of Completing Defenses is Estimated at \$50,879,399.

WASHINGTON - President Roose velt sent a message to congress accompanying plans for coast defense prepared by a joint board of army and navy officers, in which he emphasized the necessity for further defenses and reviews the history of the defensive works in this country. The president calls especial attention to the recommendation of the board that the entrance to Chesepeake bay be added to the list of places in the United States to be defended. He says the insular possessions cannot be longer neglected if the United States desires to hold them.

Defenses are recommended for Manila bay Pearl harbor, Guantanamo, Guam, San Juan and Honolulu, because of their strategic locations. Defenses are also recommended for entrances to the Panama canal.

The president's message concludes: The necessity for a complete and adequate system of coast defense is greater today that twenty years ago, . for the increased wealth of the country offers more tempting inducements to attack and a hostile fleet can reach our coast in a much shorter period of time. The fact that we now have a navy does not in any wise diminsh the importance of coast defenses; on the contrary, that emphasizes their value and necessity for their construction. It is an accepted naval maxim that a navy can be used to strategic advantage only when acting on the effensive and it can be free to so operate, only when our coast defense is reasonably secure and so recognized by the country.

It was due to the securely defended condition of the Japanese ports that the Japanese fleet was free to seek out and watch its proper objective-the Russian fleet-without fear of interruption or recall to guard its home against raids by the Vladivostok squadron. This, one of the most valuable lessons of the late war in the east, is worthy of serious consideration by our country with its extensive coast line, its many important harbors and its many wealthy manufacturing coast

"The security and protection of our interests require the completion of the paaving plan merits and should receive

cities.

Famine Sufferers. WASHINGTON .- The American national Red Cross through the state de partment cabled to the Japanese Red Cross \$5.000, making a total of \$25.000 contributed by the American people and transmitted to Japan through that

SENDS MONEY TO JAPANESE.

American Red Cross Society Helps

organization for the relief of the suf ferers in the famine stricken provinces. The latest official report from Japan

shows that thousands are destitute and that the famine is the result of an almost total failure of the rice crops, due to an unusually cold and rainy summer, and the absence from the rice fields of the able-bodied tillers of the soil who were serving their country in the battlefields of Manchuria.

IRRIGATION COMMITTEE **MAKES FAVORABLE RHPORT**

WASHINGTON-The house committee on irrigation of arid land de cided to make a favorable report on ably lost. At 8:45 o'clock this eventhe French bill in an amended form As agreed upon the bill provides that the secretary of the interior may establish town sites of 160 acres in connection with irrigation projects and supply water for the sites. It also authorizes the secretary of the interior to deliver water to towns already established which have the same source of water supply that the government irrigation project uses. Where power plants are constructed in connection with the projects the secretary of the interior is empowered to lease a surplus power and to lease the right to develop power for ten years.

FAVORS THE CONTRACT PLAN.

Prof. Burr Believes it is Best Way to **Build Canal.**

WASHINGTON-The examination of Prof. William H. Burr of New York, formerly a member of the isthmian canal commission and a member of the board of consulting engineers appointed by President Roosevelt to report on the most feasible type for a canal across the isthmus of Panama. occupied a whole day before the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals. The examination closed with testimony favoring the contract plan for constructing the waterway.



PARIS-M. Lockroy, former minister | ers, wives and children. The last of marine, took advantage of the dis- mine disaster in France occurred in chamber of deputies to make a power- eighty injured, but that and all others | twenty-eight.

A MINE DISASTER ELEVEN HUNDRED MEN LOSE THEIR LIVES.

GREATEST OF SUCH DISASTERS

Catastrophe Occurs in Coal Mining Regions of Northern France-People Stand Appalled at the Terrible Tragedy.

PARIS-A mining catastrophe of incalculable horror nad magnitude has stricken the great coal center of northern France. An explosion of fire damp at 7 o'clock Saturday morning carried death and destruction throughout the network of coal mines centered at Courrieres, and fire followed the explosion, making rescue work difficult and almost impossible. The intense excitement and confu-

sion in the vicinity prevented early estimates of the exact loss of life, but a dispatch received here at 4:35 p.m. gave 1,404 miners entombed and probing a brief dispatch from Lille announced the total of 1,193 dead.

All France has been profoundly shocked by the magnitude of the disaster, which is said to be the greatest in the history of continental mining. President Fallieres sent his secretary accompanied by Minister of Public Wroks Gautier and Minister of the Interior Dubief, on a special train to the scene of the disaster. The ministerial crisis was temporarily forgotten, senators and deputies joining in the universal public manifestations of sorrow. The scene of the catastrophe is the

mountainous mining region near Lens, in the department of Pas de Calais. Here are huddled small hamlets of the mine workers who operate the

most productive coal mines in France. The subterranean chambers form a series of tunnels. Six of the outlets are near Lens and

others at Courrieres, Verdum and many other points. The output of these mines is particularly combustible and is largely used in the manufacture of gas and smelting. About 2,000 miners work the group of mines, and, with their families, make a population of from 6,000 to 8,000 souls.

LATER-The worst fears as to the enormity of the mine disaster in the Courrieres district of the Pas de Calais Saturday morning have been realized. The death list numbers 1,100 and the whole of the region stands appalled

at the terrible tragedy, which has brought sorrow to 6,000 fathers, moth-

NOT UP TO ESTIMATES. House Committee on Appropriations

Economize.

tee on appropriations agreed to report

a legislative, executive and judicial bill carrying appropriations aggregating \$29,134,181, as against \$29,822,580 in 1905. The amount agreed on is a reduction of \$1,135.573 from the esti-

mates submitted to the committee by the various departments. Salaries are carried in the bill for

sixty-five less persons than were provided for in the last bill, and the number of salaries contemplated in the estimates was reduced 236 by the committee.

Many limitations on the appropriations are stipulated. The most radical of these is designed to relieve the department pay rolls of high salaried aged clerks. It provides that no clerk over sixty-five years of age is to receive more than \$1,400 a year; no to 35, after having been lost by the clerk over sixty-eight years more than still closer vote of 36 to 35. \$1,200, and no clerk over seventy more than \$840.

After June 13, 1913, no person in the classified service more than seventy years of age is to be retained in any department. 1 . 2 4

THE LUMBER DEALER'S SEEING PROSPEROUS DAYS

WASHINGTON-The fourteenth annual meeting of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' association be gan here. The sessions were occupied entirely with reports of officers and committees.

President Lewis Dill, in his address insisted that in the heyday of their prosperity was the time to fix the status of the "poacher," who dared to sell wherever he pleased and to whom he pleased, and to fight to a finish the car-stake equipment difficulty which exists between the association and the railroad companies. The president said the prosperity of the dealers had been such as to "startle the participants and alarm the world."

SALOON LICENSE IS RAISED.

Chicago City Council Advances It From \$50 to \$1,000.

CHICAGG-As a step toward stamping out crime in Chicago, the city council passed an ordinance increasing the price of saloon licenses from \$500 to \$1,000. Unless Mayor Dunne vetoes the ordinance it will go into effect May 1.

With the licenses costing \$500, Chicago has 7,070 saloons. The saloon element put up a bitter fight against the high license plan, but the ordidefenses of our coast and the accom- cussion of the naval budget in the 1885, when 293 persons were killed and nance carried by a vote of forty to



WASHINGTON-The house commit- OKLAHOMA AND INDIAN TERRI-TORY ADMITTED.

THE NEW STATE IS OKLAHOMA

Senate Drops Provision for Joint Admission of Arizona and New Mexico -Provision is Made for the Creation of Only One Commonwealth.

WASHINGTON-Friday at 5:35 p m. the senate passed a bill for the admission of a new state to be called Oklahoma and to be composed of the territory of Oklahoma and Indian Ter-

ritory. It was the house joint statehood bill, with all the provisions relating to Arizona and New Mexico stricken out. The motion to strike out was made by Mr. Burrows and it was carried by the close vote of 37 Immediately after the disposal of

the statehood bill the house railroad rate bill was made the unfinished business, but as the senate adjourned over Saturday and Sunday, the actual

formal consideration of the measure will not begin until Monday. The vote on statehood came as the climax of a day devoted exclusively to that bill. Most of the time was given to the discussion, but the voting on the bill and amendments consumed an hour and a half. The speech making excited comparatively little interest, but there was pronounced excitement throughout the voting period and it culminated when the success of the

motion to eliminate Arizona and New Mexico was announced after the second vote on that proposition. The test vote, upon which the op

ponents of joint statehood showed their greatest strength, was on the Foraker amendment, which provided that Arizona and New Mexico should have an opportunity on the question of joint statehood. This was carried by 42 to 29. Previous to this action provision for increased appropriations in the bill was striken out in order to afford an opportunity for a motion to concur in the senate amendments when the bill is sent to the hcuse.

Just before the voting began Mr. Cullom, who has been absent from the senate on account of illness the greater part of the session, entered the chamber. He was warmly welcomed by his colleagues.

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ceeds of the sale of public lands.

tinuing it in that capacity until 1915

NEW YORK-Boris Klebanoff, re

Mavrikivna, has extended the score of

Railroads Made Defendants.

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VICTIMS OF THE WAR

As amended by the senate, the bill provides for the creation of the state of Oklahoma out of Oklahoma and Indian territories upon the adoption of a constitution. The state is allowed the usual quota of executive, judicial and legislative officers, two United State senators and five m nt law provisions are carried in th the national house of representatives. measure, one forbidding the govern-A constitutional convention with 110 ment departments franking anything members, fifty-five of whom are to be through the mails which an individual chosen by each of the territories comcannot mail at regular postage rates, prising the state, is provided for, and and the other prevents committees, organizations or associations of citiall male citizens or male Indians 21 years of age are made eligible to memzens from enjoying the franking privibership in it. There is an especial leges.

BIG BATTLE IN JOLO.

General Wood Reports Sanguinary Struggle in Southern Archipelago, MANILA-An important action between American forces and hostile Moros has taken place near Jolo. Fifteen enlisted men were killed, a commissioned officer was wounded, four enlisted men were wounded and a naval contingent operating with the mil itary sustained thirty-two casualties.

The Moros lost 600 men killed. Major General Leonard Wood, commander of the division of the Philippines, reports as follows from Jolo, capitol of the Sulu islands:

"A severe action between troops. naval detachment and constabulary and hostile Moros has taken place at Mount Dajo, near Jolo. The engagement opened during the afternoon of March 6 and ended in the morning of March 8. The action involved the capture of Mount Dajo, a lava cone, 2,100 feet high, with a crater at its summit and extremely steep. The last 400 feet were at an angle of 50 degrees and there were fifty perpendicular ridges covered with a growth of timber and strongly fortified and defended by an

invisible force of Moros. "The army casualties were fifteen enlisted men killed, four commissioned officers and thirty-two enlisted men wounded. The naval casualties numbered thirty-two. Ensign H. D. Cooke, Jr., commanding the Pampanga, was severely wounded and Coxswain Gilmore was severely wounded in the elbow.

"All the defenders of the Moro stronghold were killed. - Six hundred bodies were found on the field.

The attack was made under the most hazardous circumstances. Starting early in the afternoon of March 6, the assailants climbed for a distance of 2,100 feet up a lava cone, the thickly wooded ridges of which furnished the only foothold. The last 500 feet of the ascent was at an angle of sixty degrees, and the last fifty feet almost perpendicular. At the 109 were 600 fanatical Moros armed with rifles and knives and supported by native artillery. The fortified crater was almost invisible and seemingly inaccessible. At the word of command the troops rushed into the crater and a hand-tohand encounter followed.

MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE POSTAL SERVICE

WASHINGTON-An appropriation bill carrying \$191,358,848 for the postal service was finally agreed upon by the house committee on postoffices and post roads and will be reported to the house in about ten days. Two impor-

WAS CUT OUT FOR FINANCIER.

Young Man's Early Proof of Posses sion of Requisite Qualities.

Some years ago, when the West was wilder than it is to-day, a young man. since grown rich and now famous as financier and capitalist, was a regular boarder at a hotel in a frontier town. He and a number of his friends were wont to resort every evening to the smoking room of the hotel, which they used as a sort of club, and their wants were attended to by a fair waitress who may be called Miss White

She was a nice, quiet girl, and attended to the wants of her patrons with regularity and promptitude.

One evening after she had retired for the night the landlord informed the company that this was the last time she would wait upon them, as she was going to be married next day. When the landlord had gone out Jimmie Hughes, the young man referred to, got up and said he thought it only, right that they should show their appreciation of her services by making her a little present on this auspicious occasion.

He took a sheet of paper, and wrote his name down for \$200 and passed it around. The girl was popular and the idea caught on, and when it came round again to generous Jimmie the total amounted to something over \$2,000. They summoned the landlord, handed over the amount to him and asked him to give it to Miss White next morning with their hearty good wishes for her happiness.

Next day she was married, and the happy bridegroom was-Jimmie Hughes.-Exchange.

MEANT TO STAY TO THE END.

Coachman Liked Job Too Well to "stand For" Dismissal.

In Washington not long ago Andrew Carnegie was in conversation with a friend when reference was made to the servant "problem." Mr. Carnegie mentioned the fact that in many Scottish families the old man servant is something of an institution. Such a servant usually enters the employ of a particular family when he is a boy. adheres faithfully to his place for a long time and resigns only when the

infirmities of years crowd upon him. As illustrating the sturdy independence of the Scottish servant Mr. Carnegie told the following:

"A certain lady in the north of Scotland had in her employ a crusty old servitor, long in the service of her family, who gave her no end of annovance by an imperious disregard of her instructions. At length, the situation becoming unbearable, the mistress determined to see what effect dismissal would have upon the refrac-

the generous support of the congress."

It his letter transmitting the report of the board to the president. Secretary Taft says the board estimates the cost of completing the defenses at \$50,879.399 or \$22,896,606 less than the sum proposed by the Endicott board. The secretary says the growth of the country, the improvements of the ordinance and the increase of the navy in the last twenty years have brought about a rearrangement of, and additions to, the list of ports made by the Endicott board.

CIVIL WAR ARMY OFFICER DIES IN THE SOUTH

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla.-Lieutenant General John M. Scofield, U. S. A., retired former head of the army died here. He was attacked with cerebral hemmorrhage, his wife and young daughter were with him.

WASHINGTON - Gen. John M. Schofield, who died at St. Augustine, Fla., was secretary of war during 1868-69, and his career was marked by a continuous service in the army from the time he entered West Point in 1849 until he retired September 29, 1895, with the rank of lieutenant general, the highest military honor that

is permitted by law of congress.

HAD BOMB IN HAIR.

Woman at Moscow Seeks Life of Dou bassoff

MOSCOW-A boldly planned at- by President Roosevelt, who issued an tempt on the life of Vice Admiral Dou- order to the heads of all deportments bassoff, governor general of Moscow and member of the council of the em- their duties in combatting the disease. pire, was frustrated. The would-be assassin was a woman. Representing GREAT DANAGE DONE that she came from personal friends of the governor general she gained admittance to the chancellory, but her agitation attracted the attention of an aide, who noticed particularly the luxuriance of the woman's hair, which was coiffed high upon her head. When she was interrogated she attempted to three days have entailed a loss up to fice, but was seized and searched and the present time of upwards of one a small bomb was discovered concealed in her tresses.

Wants Absolute Free Trade.

providing for absolute free trade beippines after July 1, 1906.

Ex-Governor Hogg is Dead.

HOUSTON, Tex .- Former Governor James Stephen Hogg died at the residence of Franc C. Jones, his Florence, a house where a dance was law partner. Governor Hogg had been in progress took fire. In the panic in failing health for a year or more, which ensued the floor gave way and but his condition was not considered sixteen persons perished, while many dangerous by his physicians and he others were injured. was planning a trip to Battle Creek. Mich. Governor Hogg reached Houston Saturday night and feeling indisposed took to his bed. He died at 11 Henry Billings Brown of the United

ful appeal for the strengthening of the sink into significance before Cou navy, which aroused the enthusiasm of rieres. Four hundred soldiers have arthe whole house. Comparing the rived at the mine to assist in holding French and German navies M. Lockroy in checks the crowds of distracted pointed out that if the present program mourners. For a time hope had been of France is not augmented Germany held out to the people that tappings will soon outstrip France. Should on pipes by the imprisoned men had war between France and Germany been heard, but gradually this hope break out, the speaker said, it would vanished and the people demanded adbegin with a naval battle and therefore threatened to break through the cordoubly powerful French fleet was necessary to defend herself both in the don of troops, who had the greatest dif-North sea and in the Mediterranean. ficulty in keeping the crowds from

EASTERN RATE WAR BEGINS.

Cuts Fare From Chicago to New York and Boston to \$16. gas and perished.

CHICAGO-The eastern passenger **NOT BRICADIER GENERAL** rate war, which 'has been threatened for some time owing to the differential trouble, was precipitated by the Grand Trunk railroad, whose official wired to Washington a notice of reduced schedules, to take effect next Saturday. The not to appoint at this time as a brignew rates will affect the eastern points edier general, Capt. John J. Pershing wherever differential fares now apply of the Fifteenth cavalry, wno, it is over any railroad. These rates, which understood, had been slated for the have been filed with the Interstate promotion, but whose appointment Commerce commission, make the firstwould have been unpopular because of class fare from Chicago to New York the hundreds of his senior officers, \$16 and second-class \$15.

FIGHT AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS.

Government Takes Steps to Prevent Its

Spread Among Employers. WASHINGTON-A crusade against the spread of tuberculosis among the employes of the government service in Washington was Thursday directed

SENATORS BY DIRECT VOTE. Ohio Senate Passes Resolution Degiving them explicit instructions as to COLUMBUS, O .- The senate adopt



AUSTIN, Tex.-According to reports received prairie fires that have been sweeping the extreme western section of the Panhandle for the past million dollars. The fire did the most damage in Lamb and Hockley counties, burning over many acres of land and destroying hundreds of cattle. In-WASHINGTON - Representative asmuch as it will be six weeks before Birdsall of Iowa, introduced a bill the spring grass will come forth it has been found necessary for all cattlemen tween the United States and the Phil- in that section to move their cattle

Sixteen Killed in a Panic.

FLORENCE, Italy-At the village of Fucrechio, twenty-three miles west of

into New Mexico for range purposes.

Justice Brown Will Retire, WASHINGTON-Associate Justice LAND RESERVATION FOR AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT

WASHINGTON - Representative Mondell introduced a bill authorizing the secretary of the interior, on request of the secretary of agriculture, mission to see the bodies and even to reserve public lands for agricultural experiment stations. The proposition is that, upon request of the secretary of agriculture, there may be reserved the pit. A man named Sylvester suc- from entry or disposition under the ceeded in entering the mine, but he public land laws such tracts of unnever returned. It is believed he reserved and unappropriated public groped about inside until overcome by lands, not exceeding two sections in any body or tract, and not more than three bodies or tracts in any one state

or territory, as the secretary of agriculture shall deem necessary, for the AT THE PRESENT TIME purpose of carrying on or conducting any agricultural work or experiments WASHINGTON - President Roose authorized by congress. velt has changed his mind, and decided

REMOVES THEM FROM OFFICE.

President Dismisses Land Officials of Oklahoma.

WASHINGTON - President Roose velt has removed from office John D. Oliphant, register; J. A. Trotter, reovetr whose heads he would have ceiver, and I. J. Chapman, clerk, of jumped. Captain Pershing, while popthe land office at Mangum, Okl., for ular with his brother officers, is still irregularities in the conduct of the a very young man, and his promotion business of the office. He appointed to be a general officer over the heads George B. Roberts to be register of the Manugum land office in succession to Oliphant. The appointment is only temporary, as the Mangum office is to be discontinued in April.

> Peace Continues in Uruguay. arrived here and will make his headquarters in this city. Owing to recent MONTEVIDEO. Uruguay - Peace events in Russian, which left many continues to reign throughout the rethousand victims of war and riot, the public. A number of additional arrests Russian Blue Cross, which is a philanhave been made, but the revolutionary thropic organization under the patron movement has completely collapsed. age of the Grand Duchess Elizabeth

BETTER FEELING BETWEEN AMERICANS AND CHINESE

HONG KONG-The friction existing for some time between the vicerov of Clinton and the American representatives there has given place to more pleasant relations which state of affairs has been signalized by an ex- | fendants in a complaint filed with the change of courtesies. The viceroy gave a banquet in honor of Rear Ad- the Howard Mills company of Wichita, miral Train March 7, while the viceroy and a number of high officials attended a reception at the American dealers, manufacturers, dealers and consulate March 7.

Death of John D. King.

WASHINGTON-John D. King, chairman of the rural carriers' examining board of the civil service commission, and who had been connected providing a uniform system of natur- with the railway postal service for about forty-five years, died here.

Improvements at Army Posts. WASHINGTON-Senator Burkett either position. I have large holdings introduced in the senate an amendin the Clover Leaf and will continue ment to the army appropriation bill, to act as the nominal president. Notho'clock Sunday. Funeral arrange- States supreme court intends to retire an American citizen. The bill is to asking \$200,000 with which to begin ing. however, will be allowed to inments have not yet been determined from the bench and has so notified the continuing order when appropria- the building of Fort Niobrara as a reg- terfere with my work on the canal

provision protecting the Indians in Last year's appropriation for the their right and continuing the prerogpostoffice department was \$181,022,093. ative of the national government to It is estimated that the amount of control their affairs. The sale of inmail increases 10 per cent annually. toxicating liquors in what is now and the increase in appropriation agreed upon is considered by the comknown as Indian territory is prohibited for twenty-one years and longer, mittee as being as small as will satisunless the constitution is changed. factorily meet the growth of the mails. Sections 16 and 36 of each township

of land in Oklahoma are set aside for SENATORS BY DIRECT VOTE. tem, as is also 5 per cent of the pro-

Favorable Report of House Committee on Norris Bill.

WASHINGTON - The house com-There is an appropriation of \$5,000,-000 from the national treasury for the mitee on election of president, vicebenefit of the schools. Provision is president and representatives in conmade for the support of higher educagress has agreed to make a favorable tion and charitable institutions. Two report on a bill by Representative districts for United States courts, one Norris of Nebraska providing for exin Oklahoma and the other in Indian tending the term of members of con-Territory are provided for. Guthrie is gress to four years, and for the elecmade the temporary seat of governtion of members of the senate by popment, but the house provisions conular vote.

THOMPSON REACHES MEXICO.

New Ambassador from United States Presents Credentials.

TO BE TAKEN CARE OF MEXICO-The American ambassador Mr. Thompson, presented his credentials to President Diaz in the presence of a large and brilliant assembly. recently named as the representative in Complimentary speeches were made by America of the Russian blue Cross, has the ambassador and President Diaz regarding the friendly feeling existing between the two republics.

MUST GET BUSY AND COMPLETE CANAI

its work and is sending representa-WASHINGTON-The application of Messrs. Robinson & Maney of St. Louis, for an extension of time for the completion of the work on the interstate canal, North Platte irrigation WASHINGTON-The Atchison, Toproject in Nebraska, under their conpeka & Santa Fe, the Missouri Pacific, tract of June 12, 1905, and supplement the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and al contract of December 14, 1905, which other western railroads were made delatter contract provides for completion of the work by May 1, 1906, has been interstate commerce commission by denied by the secretary of the interior. The present conditions do not warrant Kas., alleging unjust discrimination granting the extension asked for, and in transport rates in flour in favor of if the force employed is properly increased it is believed the work can shippers of flour on the Pacific coast.

Shonts to Hold Both Places. Knox Don't Want the Job. CHICAGO - Theodore P. Shents,

WASHINGTON-Associate Justice chairman of the Isthmian Canal com-Henry Billings Brown of the supreme mission, who arrived in Chicago on court intends to retire from the bench, Friday, stated positively that he has and has so notified President Rooseno intention of resigning his position velt. The president offered to appoint as the president of the Clover Leaf Senator Philander C. Knox to the vanor his chairmanship of the commiscancy, but the latter declined. sion. He said: "I shall not resign

be completed on time.

Spanish Editor in Trouble. BARCELONA. Spain.-The editor of El Divulivo, a local daily paper, has been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for printing an insulting

ory servant. Accordingly she summoned him and said:

"'Really I can stand this no longer. You must seek another place. At the end of the month you leave my service.'

"At these words an expression of grim amusement spread over the countenance of the servant, but the characteristic 'loyalty' asserted itself.

"'Na, na, my lady,' he said. 'I drove you to the kirk to be baptized, I drove you to your marriage, and I'll stay to drive you to your funeral." "-Harper's Weekly.

Plea for the Simple Life.

"Speaking of the woeful waste of noney, we wish to interrupt the meeting long enough to give a few figures on an important matter that seems to have been entirely overlooked." says Homer Hoch. "We refer to the four buttons on the sleeves of men's coats. Now, there are probably 600,000 men in Kansas and they probably have on an average two coats apiece. That makes 1,200,000 coats and 4,800,000 or 400,000 dozen sleeve buttons. The buttons cost about twenty cents a dozen, and at that rate the men of Kansas alone are carrying around on their coat sleeves in the form of buttons that have no use on earth or in the sky an investment of about \$80,-000. And the estimate is most conservative. Fellow-countrymen, in the name of economy, and thrift, and philanthropy, and business sense, and all sorts of other things, is there no way to stop this reckless extravagance?"-Kansas City Journal.

Silence Well Paid For.

In a certain village church the congregation had been greatly disturbed during the singing of the hymns by a certain set of women who would persistently gossip in a loud tone. At last the minister devised a plan

to stop this disturbance. At a given signal by him every one

in the choir was to stop singing abruptly.

So, during the singing of a hymn he gave the signal-at this every one stopped singing.

One of the offenders who was unable to check herself was heard to say in a loud tone, "I always fry mine in lard."

"As we now know," announced the minister, "that she always fries hers in lard, we will proceed with the singing." And there was silence after that.

British M. P. Well Known Here.

R. C. Lehmann, the English journalist and oarsman, who is well known in the United States, is a member of the new parliament, representing the South, or Market Harborough, division of Leicestershire in the liberal interest. Mr. Lehmann. who coached the Harvard varsity crew some years ago, is a critic and man of letters in the best sense of the term.

get away from gay companions and lead a quieter life. Citizenship to Be Prized. WASHINGTON-The house on Friday passed four hundred and eight

private pension bills and devoted three hours to the consideration of a bill alization, the chief features of which require an alien to write his own or

the English language and to speak and read the latter and then declare his intention to reside permanently in the United States before he can become



of hundreds of his seniors would have

been a severe blow to the army and

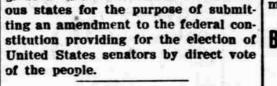
manding Change.

ed a joint resolution requesting con-

gress to call a convention of the vari-

most unpopular in military circles.

the late Congressman Harris, and worth \$50,000, joined the Third company of the coast artillery at the barracks. He said he joined the army to



цров.	President Roosevelt.	tion bills are not under consideration.	imental post.	commission."	dispatch concerning King Alfonso.	Avoid Waste.
charges that the German emperor is seeking there an excuse for trouble with France, rather than an agreement about Morocco, which have been cur- rent in Washington for some time, re- ceived an emphatic reply this after- noon from Baron Speck von Stern- burg, the German ambassador, who contended that Germany was contend- ing for an important principle at Al- gecira and did not want resort to	Longworth, O., returned to his duties in the house Monday. He brought with him to the capital, and presented to Speaker Cannon in his room a huge cigar, at least eighteen inches long, a product of Havana, Cuba. Buffalo Pasture Bill Passes. WASHINGTON—The senate passed a bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to lease land in Stanley coun-	appointed to take the census of the Isle of Pines, and who was arrested by the Cuban authorities because he did not have their permission to do so, arrived here. He says the census was practically completed before the Cubans stopped the work. He says there are less than 2,000 inhabitants on the island and estimates the num- ber of Cubans at 1,000 and actual Americans at about 700. He says that the number of male Cubans of voting	chairman of the committee on Indian affairs, introduced a bill appropriating \$157,000 to enable the secretary of the interior to issue patents in fee simple to allottees of the Sac and Fox of Mis- souri and Indian tribes now residing in Nebraska and Kansas. WASHINGTON—Delegate Kalanian- cle of Hawaii, introduced a bill to pay former Queen Lilioukalani of Hawaii, \$200,000 in satisfaction of her claims	velt removed from office Horace Speed, United States district attorney for Oklahoma, as a result of charges pre- ferred against him. These were to the effect that he had entered into a con- tract with a certain county commis- sioner to render services and that he had paid improperly to that commis- sioner certain sums of money in con- cention with that employment. The charges were investigated by the De-	pass bill was offered in amended form Wednesday to the entire house " com- mittee on judiciary by a sub-commit- tee, and was made a special order for Friday. Accepts Resignation. WASHINGTON—The president has accepted the resignation of Past As- sistant Paymaster George Deeting, United States-navy, tried by court martial and convicted of irregularity	Making Cavalry invisible.