HILL ON THE STAND IRISH

Great Northern Magnate Undergees Bigid Examination.

CAYS COMPETITION ADVANCES RATES of John Redmond's amendment of yesterday

Argues that Community of Interest Will

Lower Them.

PURCHASE OF BURLINGTON A NECESSIT.

Tel's of Reasons and Probable Effect of Northern Recurities.

Harriman and Hill Will Both Be Further Questioned by Interstate Officials on the "Associate Management."

CHICAGO, Jan. 24 .- James J. Hill, president of the Northern Securities company and president of the Great Northern Railway company, testified for three and onequarter hours before the Interstate Commerce commission here today. In answer to questions tending to show the effect of the community of interest plan on ratiroads the veteran railroader declared that competition does not lower rates, but on the contrary he believed that it advanced them. He declared that in the northwest, where the Great Northern and Northern Pacific have been at peace, where one road has agreed with the other on rates and maintained the agreement, rates were lower than in any other part of the country.

In regard to the purchase of the Burlington by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern, Mr. Hill declared that the purchase was a matter of necessity and was not due to a "movement in line with the trust idea."

He testified to the formation of the Northern Securities company, and in doing so gave a reason far simpler than has been

Origin of Securities Company. "There are some men, some very old

men, interested in the management of the Great Northern," said he. Two of the men are over 80 and several over 70 years. They wanted to form a close corporation into which they could confide their interests with the assurance that the road would be managed along the lines which have made it a success. It was to have taken over one-third of the stock of the road. The plan seemed to be a good one, and then it was proposed to let all the stockholders in-not alone the few holders of the onethird, but all of them. . The plan met with approval, and then it broadened into the idea of taking in the Northern Pacific also. The roads had worked in harmony for twenty years, and the change in the holder of the securities would make no difference. It can make no difference and will make no difference."

Mr. Hill talked vigorously and earnestly. At the close of the session, when Chairman for New York, if the latter felt that the seriously, Mr. Hill declared that his time tent of his ability. Chairman Knapp then the stand tomorrow morning.

It is the expressed purpose of the com mission to discover, if possible, what changes, if any, have been created between the general public and the railroads by reason of the "associate management" of the latter. The commissioners desire to find out if the carrying out of the community of interests idea has affected the rate situation in a way contrary to law, or, as claimed, if it is likely to effect to stability and non-discrimination of, and in, rates which the commission has long battled Messrs. Hill and Harriman both reached

Chicago during the morning and Mr. Hill. accompanied by Mr. Grover, his attorney, came at once before the commission. Says Burlington is Independent.

Darius Miller, first vice president and traffic manager of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and former traffic manager of the Great Northern, was the first witness. In answer to questions by Mr. Day, attorney for the commission, Mr. Miller stated that the Burlington was absolutely independent

"Have you received instructions from either Mr. Hill or Mr. Harriman in regard to making rates?" Mr. Day asked. "I have received none," the witness an-

its operations and in the making of

swered. Commissioner Prouty asked the witness to what extent the Northern Pacific and Great Northern were competitors, and Mr. Miller put the competitive tariff at about 25 per cent. He declared that the Burling-ton was not a competitor of the Great Northern. He said the two companies had made frequent agreements to maintain rates, but said he knew of no penalty ever having been imposed for violation of agreement.

J. C. Stubbs, traffic manager of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific, followed Mr. Miller. Mr. Stubbs stated that E. H. Harriman was chairman of the board of directors of both roads, but that he was appealed to only in extraordinary cases. Mr. Stubbs said no such case has arisen since his appointment, and that he had proceeded under his general instructions from Mr. Harri-

Stubbs on the Stand.

He said that rates had been generally fairly well maintained, but that there had been demoralization in Colorado and Utal He declared the Southern Pacific and Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe were competitors. "Is there no agreement between you and the Atchison read as to a division of the oil and sugar traffic?" asked Mr. Day.

None whatever," replied the witness There is a division of the orange traffic. but this is due to the fact that about 50 per cent of the crop is tributary to each line." The witness avers that the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific were competitors, although he agreed that he believed the Union Pacific controlled the Southern Pa-

cific. He believed this control could have no effect on rates, owing to the competi "A look at the map will show you what this competition is," Mr. Stubbs observed

parenthetically. Further questioning by Commissioners Prouty and Clements merely served strengthen Mr. Stubbs in his assertion that

the joint ownership of his roads had made (Continued on Fourth Page.)

ROOSEVELT Nationalists Declare President is in Full Sympathy with Their

Cause.

LONDON, Jan. 24 .- T. P. O'Connor, (Irish nationalist), made a strong fighting speech in the House of Commons today in support to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, at the opening of Parliament. He was frequently cheered.

Mr. O'Conner made a special point of the recent reception of the Irish delegates in the United States, by President Roosewho, he said, was in thorough symwith the Irish movement, and by the premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier,

ided, held the same views. r further asserted that the greates. obstacles to a good understanding Breat Britain was the Irish question, which baunted and would continue to haunt Great A C. STUEBS IS ALSO EXAMINED Britain in all parts of the world. The Irish members before now had made ministries and they would now make and unmake more ministries. Landlordism in Ireland was doomed. The government knew it was beaten all over Ireland on the question of compulsory land purchase, and the present debate marked the commencement of a new epoch in the progress of Ireland.

The Right Hon. J. Atkinson, attorney general for Ireland, in the course of a defense of the government, admitted there was no serious crime in Ireland and that lower ebb, but he said intimidation and leges. conspiracy necessitated the enforcing of been taught that intimidation and conspiracy were not crimes.

John Morley (liberal) strongly protested against the trumpery nature of the cases the State department officials believe that utilized to justify the application of coercion, and said that it was the first time proval of the United States senate. in nine years that the question of coercion had been raised and that Mr. Atkinson in endeavoring to make a case had admitted that there was no serious crime in Ireland. by a vote of 237 to 134.

PREPARING FOR MORE WAR Troops on Isthmus Are Quietly Perfeeting Plans for Cam-

paign. COLON. Colombia, Jan. 24.-The latest

report that all is quiet. News reached Panama that General Porwounded on board the liberal steamer Pedilla during the naval battle of Monday their Danish allegiance, and they may relast in Panama bay. The government is making proposals to a wrecking company ing whatever advantages in a commercial at New was sunk in the same engagement. Its islands to the United States. guns have been saved.

Canoes which have arrievd at Panama report that General Castro and his forces rest, after 10 p. m.

Reinforcements are expected momentar- taken. revolutionists are trying to land there. Knapp offered to allow Mr. Hill to leave the Colombian leader, had an engagement belong to it. About two miles to the north belonged to the commission and that he de- Tablas on the Azuro pesinsula, southwest ally known, Santa Cruz. sired in every way to aid them to the ex- of Panama), in which the revolutionary | The port of St. Thomas is a good one, said that Mr. Hill will again be called to report is awaited. The meeting of the there with safety. The islands are consid-

expected revolutionary attack upon Panama. PARIS, Jan. 24.—The government of Col- Grant's first administration. ombia has offered to purchase a number of

bave thus far had no result. TAKE MONEY TO BRIGANDS Ransom Bearers Hasten to Relief of Miss Stone and Mme.

Teilka.

SERES, Macedonia, European Turkey Jan. 24.-The bearers of the ransom of Miss cresse; Ellen M. Stone and Mme. Tsilka, having with them \$72,500, reached Demir-Hissar (Roumelia) January 21 and proceeded to the mountains on horseback, accompanied by a strong escort.

LONDON, Jan. 24.-The Daily Graphic will print temofrow an interview which its artist-correspondent had with Mme. Tailka, the companion of Miss Ellen M. Stone, in regard to the capture of the party Most of the story is already known. Mme Tsilka says the band numbered twentyfive men and that they were all Bulgarians. The leaders' faces were blackened with charcoal. This caused some of the capives at first to believe they were peasants playing a joke. After the brigands had led the party into a forest they brought up a Turkish peasant, whom they had previously captured, beat him with the butt end of their rifles, shot him dead, and then plunged their knives into his body.

Miss Stone and Mme. Tsilka were taken away and the rest of their party remained on the mountain side all night long. On the following morning the bandits led the \$25,826,211; increase, 25 per cent; miscelcompanions of Miss Stone and Mme. Tsilka to Raslog. The bandits did not offer any violence to the captives.

Mme. Tsilka supposed the murder was

committed in order to intimidate the mis-

NO PEACE TERMS PENDING Balfour Denies Rumors of English Negotiations with South

Africa.

LONDON, Jan. 24.-A. J. Balfour, the cent; cost of materials used, \$3,689,330; government leader, made a comprehensive denial in the House of Commons today of stories of negotiations of peace with Sout Africa. He declared that since the negotiations between Lord Kitchener and General Botha no proposal having in view the termination of war had been received from anyone professing to have the authority of the Boer leaders to make proposals, and that no discussions looking to peace were now proceeding.

STORY PROVES TO BE FALSE Rumors of Attempted Assassinatio of King of Greece is

Denied.

the life of King George of Greece in the to delay canal legislation. park at Phaleron proves the story to be without foundation.

Compact for Transfer of West Indies to United States Approved.

NOW AWAITS ACTION OF LEGISLATURES

Denmark Will Consult People of Islands Before Finally Assenting to the Transaction Begun by State Officials.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 .- The treaty of ession of the Danish West Indies Islands from Denmark to the United States was signed at the State department by Secretary Hay and Constantine Brun, the Danish minister. The treaty will be submitted to the senate for ratification immediately.

Following the invariable rule in such ases the State department officials decline to make public any of the details of the treaty so that it is not possible to state positively the price to be paid, though this is believed to be in the neighborhood of It is learned also that Denmark has abandoned the position it was inclined to oc-

cupy toward the conservation of the po-

litical rights of the inhabitants of the

island and gives the United States a free hand to deal with them without pledge of violent crimes there had never been at a American citizenship or of free trade privi-It is assumed that the status of the Danhe coercion act because the juries had ish West Indian islands, politically and commercially, should the treaty be ratified. will be similar to that of Porto Rico. Having gained these points in the negotiations

the treaty is certain to receive the ap-

House Must Concur. The new treaty is peculiar in that it will equire action not only by the senate and the Danish Rigsdag, but by the United John Redmond's amendment was rejected States house of representatives as well, since it will be necessary for the house to supply the needed appropriation to defray the expense of purchase.

It is regarded as a strong point by the framers of the treaty that the people of the Danish West Indian Islands are to have a voice in this question of cession. The treaty itself does not contain any reference to a plebiscite, but the Danish government has given notice that before it advices from Buena Ventura and Bogota ratifles the treaty it will submit the question of cession to the people of the islands. Not much objection is expected here from ras, one of the insurgent leaders, was these people, as the treaty is so framed that they are not called on to surrender main Danes in fact and name while enjoy-York to float Laurare, which way may result from a transfer of the

Will Consult Islanders. The plebiscite will not be in any way are at Las Tablas. Several liberals seen controlled by the the United States. It is in the neighborhood of his entrenchments stated distinctly that the Danish governhave been arrested. Nobody is allowed on ment itself will take steps to ascertain the the streets of Panama, under penalty of ar- inclinations of the people of the islands before the final steps in the transfer are

ily from Buena Ventura.

St. Thomas, the largest of the islands, is formed by a chain of high hills lumning CLOSE STUDY OF PHILIPPINES Pacora coast northeast of Panama, signal-east and west. It is thirteen miles long and and contains an acreage of seventeen square PANAMA, Jan. 24.-A report has reached miles. The sea surrounding this island is here that the forces under General Castro, filled with small islets, called keys, which with the troops under the revolutionary east lies the island of St. John, and some staying in Chicago would inconvenience him leader, General Herrera, in the neighbor- forty miles to the south is the third island, bood of Agua Dulce (in the vicinity of Las St. Croix, or, as it is perhaps more gener-

forces were defeated. Confirmation of this and it is stated that 200 vessels can anchor government troops and the revolutionists ered of great strategic importance. The Agua Dulce, would explain the initial efforts to secure them were begun by the United States during President

obsolete French gunboats. The negotiations LIQUOR MAKING ON INCREASE Number of Establishments, Capital Invested and Wages Paid Show Advances.

> WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 .- The census preiminary report on the manufacture of liquors in the United States in 1900 shows the following results with percentage of in-

> Number of establishments, 2,849; increase, 48 per cent; capital, \$457,674,087; increase, 70 per cent; wage earners, average number. 44,417; increase, 23 per cent; total wages \$28,005,484; increase, 20 per cent; miscellaneous expenses, \$183,099,796; increase, 61 per cent; cost of materials used \$70,512,042; decrease, 12 per cent; value of products. \$350,615.456; increase, 18 per cent. The distilled liquor statistics follow, with

> percentages of increase: Number of establishments, 967; increase, 120 per cent; capital, \$32,551,604; increase ! per cent; wage earners, average number 3,722; decrease, 22 per cent; total wages \$1,733,218; decrease, 23 per cent; miscellaneous expenses, \$73,218,227; increase, 12 per cent; cost of materials used, \$15,147,784; increase, 2 per cent; value of products, \$96, 798,443; decrease, 7 per cent.

> The lack of uniformity in reporting internal revenue tax accounts in a measure for the decrease in the value of distilled liquor products.

Malt liquor figures follow: Number of establishments, 1.523; increase, 22 per cent; capital, \$425,284,468; increase, 79 per cent; wage earners, average number, 39,532; increase, 31 per cent; total wages, laneous expenses, \$109,329,231; increase, 127 to the road and ordered them to return per cent; cost of materials used, \$51,674,928; decrease, 19 per cent; value of products, \$237,269,713; increase, 30 per cent. The vinous liquor figures with percent-

ages, follow: Number of establishments, 359; increase, 52 per cent; capital, \$9,836,015; increase, 70 per cent; wage earners, average number, 1,193; increase, 11 per cent; total wages, \$440,055; increase, 49 per cent; miscel-laneous expenses, \$552,368; decrease, 104 per crease, 180 per cent; value of products, \$6,547,310; increase, 130 per cent.

MORGAN AGAINST PANAMA Says French Company Cannot Give Good Title and Criticises Entire Movement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 .- Senator Morgan, hairman of the committee on interoceanic canals, has prepared a report, which he as sent to every member of the committee, relative to the canal situation, since the offer of the Panama company to sell its property for \$40,000,000 was made. The report takes the ground that the Panama empany cannot give the United States a ATHENS, Jan. 24.-Investigation of the good and sufficient title, and also criticises report than an attempt had been made on the whole matter as a movement intended

The report will be considered at the Imeeting next Monday.

CESSION TREATY IS SIGNED LEAVITY DENOUNCES TRUST MESERVE CIVES BAIL BOND CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Nebraskan in Cuban Debate Minces No Words in Arraigning Sugar Kings.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 .- (Special Telegram.)—The house committee on ways and means today gave another hearing to those opposed to any concessions being made to Cuba, especially so far as sugar is concerned. The interests represented this morning were those of Hawaii and the representatives of the beet sugar manufac-

Herbert G. Leavitt of Ames, Neb., devoted the ten minutes allotted to him to charging the Sugar trust with corruption and fraud, and he did not mince words in Thursday, had a brief session yesterday accusing the trust of being the most odious morning with parties who were among the and infernal monopoly that ever cursed this last indicted by the grand jury.

or any other country.
W. A. Green of Lincoln was today recommended by Senators Dietrich and Millard merly of the firm of Van Duyn & Green, and resident at 701 North Fortieth street. engaged in the bond brokerage business, but of late years has been in the real estate business. He has taken an active interest in politics and in the late senatorial fight was one of D. E. Thompson's most ardent supporters. Had Johnson been removed, as was contemplated at one time, Mr. Green would have been his successor.

Mr. Millard said it was his colleague's nomination and he joined the senior senator, as, he said, "just to make it conform to the requirements, not that I was needed." United States Attorney W. S. Summers

left for Omaha today.

and wife left for Omaha this morning. Seth Bullock of Deadwood, S. D., accom- Stuefer, his successor, checked them over panied by Senator Kittredge, called at the again and found a perfect balance. It is White House today and at the request of said he collected interest. Of course he President Roosevelt they remained with him did. He collected during his term in office for lunchecn. Mr. Bullock's call at the about \$50,000 in interest, but he accounted White House was social. He is to see the for every penny of it, and as treasurer it president tomorrow, with Representative was right that he should have made the Martin, on matters pertaining to the Black loans. No one down at the state offices ac-Hills forest reserve and in reference to the appointment of forest rangers in the Black business is merely the work of an erratic

Hills reserve. The census office today issued a bulletin concerning the manufactures of Nebraska for 1900. It shows the number of establishments, 5,414; capital, \$71,982,127; salarles, \$2,325,038; wage earners, 24,461; miscellaneous expenses, \$6,935,399; cost of material used, \$102,197,707; value of products, \$143,-990,102.

At Omaha there were \$37 establishments, having a capital of \$34,282,063; wage earners, 7,422; total wages, \$3,755,816; miscel-laneous expenses, \$3,854,688; cost of materials used, \$22,113,388; value of products, \$42,991,876.

The postoffice at Gilead, Adair county, Ia., and Maloney, Day county, S. D., have been ordered discontinued. Miss Jennie M. Tupper of Cheyenne, Wyo. was today appointed a clerk in the Evanston (Wyo.) land office.

k. B. Sharpe has been appointed postmaster at Hillsdale, Mills county, Is. Dr. G. A. McMullan was appointed pen sion examining surgeon at Neligh, Neb.

with View of Forming

Government. WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 .- The senate comnittee on the Philippines today decided to enter into a thorough investigation of the entire Philippine question, and Senator I odge, chairman of the committee, was authorized to present to the senate the usual resolution authorizing the committee to sit

and to send for persons and papers. The investigation will be undertaken for the purpose of arriving at correct conclusions to guide the committee in forming a government for the Philippine archipelago, and will be on the basis of the Lodge bill. It is expected that Governor Taft will be the first witness to be called Hearings will begin as soon as he arrives

in Washington. The committee will call all other available witnesses who can throw light on the Philippines. Especial attention will be given the relationship of the military and civil administrations of affairs in the Philippines. Subcommittees were appointed to and mining in the islands, but the full committee will consider all these questions involved. The subcommittee on coinage is McComas, Dietrich and Rawlins.

HOBSON IS KEPT IN SERVICE discharged from custody. Fails to Obtain the Physicians Recommendation for a Tem-

porary Retirement. WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 .- A naval retiring board has declined to recommend the retrement of Captain Richmond P. Hobson. He has complained of his eyes, which suffered from heat and glare while working on the Spanish wrecks at Santiago and labor at the dry dock in Hong Kong, where two of the Spanish vessels sunk by Dewey were

repaired Since his return from the east Captain Hobson has been on detached duty, first at Buffalo, in connection with the late exposition there, and now at Charleston, in charge of a department of the naval exhibit

Captain Hobson himself applied to be retired, but the board of physicians which examined him found that his eyes were not permanently injured and refused to recommend his retirement. He has been ordered to return to duty in connection with the Charleston exposition.

POWER TO MAKE TREATIES sul Fijita in Chicago today by an attache of Question as to Right of House Will Cause Debate in Con-Rress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 34.—The sub-committee of the senate committee on foreign tion the legal questions connected with the reciprocity treaties, today decided to report to the full committee their opinion on the treaty-making power of the executive and Woman is Bound and Gagged and Rethe senate on questions affecting the tariff, The contention is made on behalf of the house of representatives that under the requirement that all revenue laws should originate in the house, that body should co-

when they are contained in treaties.

Men with Indictments Hanging Over Them Appear in Court

W. C. BULLARD IS EX-TREASURER'S SURETY

Amount of Former Treasurer's Bon-Fixed at One Thousand Dollars and it is Given 11 a. m..... 17 Readily. 12 m..... 20

Judge Baxter, who formally succeeded Judge Baker on the criminal bench when the October term of court adjourned John B. Meserve, former state treasurer

indicted on a charge of embezzlement, was bound over to the next term of court under for register of the Lincoln land office, to \$1,000 bail, furnished by William C. Bullard succeed Joe Johnson. Mr. Green was for- of the Bullard-Hoagland Lumber company, Mr. Meserve arrived from Lincoln yesterday and returned at noon. At court he was attended only by his attorney, C. J. Smyth, and Mr. Bullard. Interviewers were referred to Mr. Smyth, who said:

"Mr. Meserve had no intimation or sus picton of this action until Thursday, when friends told him of the report. He considers it a wholly unjustifiable proceeding and one that has not even a semblance of an excuse for having been brought, because the only place where evidence could be ob tained that would give ground for such action would be in the office where the treas-Captain H. E. Palmer left for Nebraska urer had served, and we absolutely know onight, suddenly called home by the serious that no investigation has been made there.

illness of Mrs. Palmer.

J. J. Dickey and wife and F. J. McShane on Mr. Meserve at the end of his term and found his accounts correct to a penny. Mr cuses him of any deficiency and this whole grand jury."

School Directors Appear. From South Omaha came a delegation o

ve members of the school board who had been indicted for malfeasance in office. There also appeared two men charged with keeping gambling rooms and John B. Meserve, former state treasurer, charged with mbezzlement. All brought their bondsmen with them and the business was disposed of in twenty minutes.

For each of the school board members bail was fixed at \$200. Charles E. Scarr went bail for James H. Bulla, Frank Christmann for John Ficnec and Theodore Shroeder, G. E. Dunstome for James Murphy and C. H. Kubat for Joseph Kubat. Service has not yet been obtained on Alonzo Miller and John H. Loechner, who are supposed to be the other two of the seven members indicted. The former is a cattle dealer and out in the state at present.

Others who appeared were Myron Sher man, who furnished \$300 ball, the charge being keeping a gambling room, and Thomas H. Haley, woo had the same charge against him and who furnished the same

surety. Zachariah Coddington and B. E. Wilcox. composing a coal firm, furnished bail in the sum of \$200 each, with John Shultz as surety for both. They are indicted on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, the character of the suspected offense being that of falling short of the terms of their contract with the Board of Education.

This accounts for nearly all the indictments that were withheld from the press Thursday, and of these still out it is assumed that most are against salesmen or officers of tontine concerns who are now out of the city.

BLAMES OFFICIALS OF ROAD Coroner's Jury Exonerates Engine men and Holds Company Responsible for Wreck.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.- The coroner's investigation into the causes of the recent disaster in the New York Central railroad tunnel was brought to a close tonight when the jury, after being out three hours and nvestigate the two questions of currency five minutes, returned a verdict completely exonerating John M. Wischo and E. C. Fyler, the crew of the engine that crashed into the rear end of the train, causing the composed of Senators Allison, Beveridge death of seventeen people. The verdict and Dubois, and that on mining of Senators places the blame for the conditions leading to the accident on the officials of the road. Both Wischo and Fyler were immediately

After reciting the details of the acciden and exonerating the train crew, the verdict

continues:

We further find faulty management on the part of those of the New York Central road, and we hold said officials responsible, for the reason that during the past ten years said officials have been repeatedly warned by their locomotive engineers of the dangerous conditions existing in said tunnel, imperiling the lives of thousands of passengers, and they have failed to remedy said conditions; and also for the reason that certain improvements in the way of both visible and audible signals could have been installed and the disaster thereby avoided, and for the further reason that no regulation of speed at which trains should regulation of speed at which trains should run in said tunnel has been enforced thereby allowing engineers to exercise their own discretion

GIVES FUGITIVE TO JAPAN President Roosevelt Signs Extradition Papers for Return of

Francis Meyer.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.-Extradition papers, igned by President Roosevelt and calling for the surrender to Japanese authorities of Francis Meyer, an alleged forger from Yokohama, were delivered to Japanese Conthe Japanese legation at Washington. The presentation was followed by the departure of the Chicago consul for St. Paul, where Meyer is under arrest. Meyer is charged with having defrauded a laundry company which he organized in Yokohama out of a large sum through the forgery of debenture bonds of the company. He was enroute to relations, which has had under considera- his former home in England when arrested.

> ROBBED OF JEWELS AND MONEY lieved of Her Valaubles.

WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 24.-Mrs. Angeline operate in the consideration of all measures bearing on that subject.

The sub-committee will report that in its opinion such is not the case, and will take the ground that the treaty-making power of the president and the senate is unrestricted and that there is no obligaunrestricted and that there is no obliga- boy, who was taking care of her horse, and tion to consult the house on tariff questions is now sending him to a local college. The woman is said to be from Racine, Wis.

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair and Colder in East; Frobably Snow in West Por-tion Saturday; Sunday Fair; Northerly to Easterly Winds. Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: m 11 3 p. m..... 28 4 p. m..... 27 a. m 10 M 10 D a. m 13 10 a. m..... 15

ADMITS TAKING DIAMONDS

Negro Servant Says He Hid Dead Man's Valuables as Requested.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 24.-An important piece of evidence in the Cooper murder case developed this afternoon when H. A. Hall, proprietor of a drug store at Grand and Franklin avenues, near the bath house, announced that William Strother, the negro attendant who is held in connection with the tragedy, visited his place at 11:35 o'clock on the night of the murder and purchased two cigars. In all his statements Strother has not mentioned this absence from the bath house, contending that be was there continuously through the evening until he discovered Mr. Cooper unconscious on the cot.

Mr. Hall said Strother appeared to be perfectly calm and spoke of Mr. Cooper afthat Cooper had been assaulted about 12:05. o'clock that the assault had been made. This evening Strother confessed to Chief ring and the diamond stud found in the asement of the bath house.

This confession was made after a severe 'sweat" given the negro at the Four Courts on the return from the visit to the scene of the crime made by Chief Desmond and Strother this morning.

Strother says he took the diamonds at the murdered man's request. Strother says that Cooper told him he expected a visit from a party who would rob a snake. Strother says he had the diamonds in his mouth when he went over to notify the family of Mr. Cooper's precarious condition. When he came back, he says, one of the physicians asked him to get some hot water At this time, he says, he went down into the basement, and there hid the diamonds It was his intention to turn over the diamonds to the family later, but after his arrest he at first feared to tell about them.

DEPRECATE REPORT OF VIEWS

Authorities in Manila Object to Pub-Heatlon of Schurman's Address and Minority Action.

MANILA. Jan. 24-Both the civil and military authorities here deprecate the publication in the Philippines of Prof. Schurrgan's Boston speech and the minority report in the senate on the Philippine tariff bill, which they say are liable to have a bad effect on the Filipinos.

partment of the North Philippines, says men have been sent to prison here for remarks such as those of Prof. Schurman, and that if what he advocates were accomplished it would mean the expenditure of much treasure and the shedding of blood like water.

Now, as before, he adds, 50,000 soldiers are needed here and will be required in these islands for at least five years. It will then be possible to form a government on the basis of that of the colonies of Holland and Great Britain, they having proved the most successful managers of Oriental races.

MACCABEES BRING ACTION Sue to Recover Fifty Thousand Dollars, Alleged Default of Supreme Treasurer.

PORT HURON, Mich., Jan. 24.-Suit was begun by the Knights of the Maccabees against the Port Huron Savings bank today to recover judgment in the sum of \$100,000. The actual amount which the plaintiffs seek to recover is but \$50,000. This action collected and carried to the top of the is the result of the recent troubles precipitated upon the supreme tent by C. D. Thompson, the self-confessed defaulting finance keeper of the order. Thompson was also teller of the Port Huron Savings bank and the suit is the outgrowth of alleged manipulation of the funds of the order through the bank.

CLEVELAND IS AFTER DUCKS Former President, "Fighting" Bob Evans and Party Out

Hunting. GEORGETOWN, S. C., Jap. 24.-Former Robley D. Evans, Colonel E. C. Benedict, General Anson G. McCook, Captain P. B. Lamberton and Herman May, arrived here today. After a breakfast they bearded the United States ship launch Water Lily and left for Ford's Point, on the Lower Santee river, the shooting preserves of General E. P. Alexander, whose guests the party will be while here.

POLICE RAID THE BOWERY Close Resorts and Arrest Proprietors

in First Step in

Cruande.

Mr. Cleveland looks well and seems in

good spirits.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 .- A raid of unusual proportions was made by nearly 100 policemen on the Bowery tonight. Several notorious resorts were closed and thirty-two prisoners were locked up. The large number of policemen on the scene prevented any outbreak or difficulty in getting the prisoners to the police station. The raids foreshadow the doom of the Bowery, for they marked the preliminary step in the wholesale cleaning of that somewhat fa-

Movements of Ocean Vessels Jan. 24. At New York-Arrived: Hesperia, from Naples. At London—Sailed: Menominee, for New York.

mous thoroughfare. In nearly every raid

Twenty-One Lest Creek Workmen Killed by Dust Explosion.

LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY APPALLING

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PITIFUL SCENES OF STRICKEN FAMILIES

Disaster Occurs with Large Force of Miners at Work and Flames Threaten Destruction of Entire Plant.

OSKALOOSA, Ia., Jan. 24 .- (Special Telegram.)-Twenty-one were killed and eight others seriously injured by an explosion in the Lost Creek coal mine today. The dead were all badly burned and mangled, many fectionately, as had always been his cus- of them being mutilated beyond recognitom. According to the statement of tion, except from their clothing. Those Thomas K. Cooper, son of the murdered who escaped instant death were severely man, Strother woke him up with the news injured, and some who were taken out alive died afterward, or are in a serious condi-Strother says he discovered about 12 tion. The bodies of the dead men were recovered from the mine and lie tonight in an improvised morgue near the scene Desmond that he had taken the diamond of their destruction. The injured, all of whom are frightfully cut, bruised and burned, are under the care of surgeons in a temporary hospital equipped near the

> mine. JOE GASPERS. FRANK GASPERS. JIM STOVAL. SYLVESTER CREIGHTON. JOE BERTO. ANDY PASH. FRANK SECRESS. JOHN MARTIN. JOHN BIROS. MIKE HARRA JACK MANLEY. MIKE FOX, JR. MIKE FOX. SR. DAN FISH. RUSS FISH. A. B. CREWS JACK ELDER. DAVE WALTERS SAM HUMPHREY. JIM HUMPHREY. ALEX GRAY. Injured.

Ed Secress. Ed Swanson. Jonas Mable. Olive Mable. John Jenkin. William Harvey. George Gogo. Harry Derrock.

Geyser of Debris Shoots High The Lost Creek mine is ten miles southast of Oskaloosa and three miles north of Eddyville. The explosion occurred at the noon hour and was what is known as a dust explosion. The miners had just fired their usual noon shots, one of which proved to be a fizzle, the powder flame igniting the gas and causing the explosion. Smoke and debris were blown out of the mine in a column 200 feet high. A part of the ton works was torn away and the fans and cages wrecked. This made the work of rescue very slow, and it was 3 o'clock before volunteer parties dared to venture into the east entry, where the explosion occurred. The men of the rescue party fought their way into the mine, where a shocking sight met their gaze. The dead and injured were terribly burned and mutilated, some of them almost beyond recognition. Beyond where the bodies lay the fire was burning fiercely and for a time it was feared that the workings would be wholly destroyed and the bodies incinerated. Finally, how-

except those of the east entry escaped with only slight injury. Heart-Rending Scenes at the Shaft

ever, the flames were subdued, but not

until several of the rescue party had suc-

shaft. At the time of the explosion more

than 100 men were in the mine, but all

cumbed to the fumes. The bodies were then

It was nearly 6 o'clock when the last of the dead was taken out and the scenes of anguish among the families of the victims were most pitiful. Nearly all the men were married and leave families in poor circumstances. The mine is owned by the Lost Creek Fuel company of this city and has been in operation about one year. Charles E. and Frank Lofland, H. L. Spencer and Jap Timbrell of Oskaloosa, Ia., are the principal stockholders. One hundred President Grover Cleveland, with a party of and twenty-five men were employed by the friends, among whom are Rear Admiral mine at the time of the explosion. Forty of these were in the west entry, and they escaped practically uninjured. Sixty were in the east entry, where the explosion oc-

curred.

The explosion wrecked the hoisting cages so that it was nearly 2 o'clock before entrance to any part of the mine could be gained. Willing hands among the crowds that gathered put forth heroic efforts to reach the unfortunate men entombed beyoud the east entry. Again and again they were driven back by the terrible gas and many of the rescuers were overcome. Heart rending appeals of the wives, children and mothers of the sixty men imprisoned nerved the living on to a duty that seemed beyond the range of human endurance Every possible means of rescue that ingenilty could devise was tried, but it was after 3 o'clock before it was possible to ket into the east entry. By 3:30 o'clock eight b:4. ies had been found, their identity being generally at first unknown. At 4 o'clock all hope for those left in the mine been abandoned. The fans, which were badly damaged by the explosion were working again, but as several doors had been blown shut the gas did not clear read-

fly. Dead Bodies at Every Step

As fast as the rescuers could venture in.

the proprietor of the resort was arrested. they forced their way on, but only to find dead bodies at every step. All of the dead had been removed by 6 o'clock and taken to the company's store, which was turned into an improvised morgue. Some of the corpses were identified only by the clothing worn by the men. The scenes about the shaft and at the company's store beggar description. Physicians summoned to the scene from Oskaloosa and Eddyville arrived at 3:30 o'clock and rendered what At Glasgow-Arrived: Astoria, from New York. assistance was possible. The injured men were looked after and their wounds dressed. At Gibraltar—Passed: Peter Jebsen, from \$10,000. The total property damage will be about