

REPEALS WAR TAXES

Bill is Authorized by Ways and Means Committee.

REMOVES ALL REVENUE EXCEPT ON FLOUR

Will Cause Reduction of Seventy-Seven Millions

TAKES EFFECT ON MOST ARTICLES JULY 1

Allows Duty on Tea to Remain on Longer.

ACTION JUSTIFIED BY TREASURY BALANCE

Available Cash for Beginning of New Fiscal Year is Over One Hundred and Seventy-Four Million Dollars.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The ways and means committee by unanimous vote today instructed Chairman Payne to prepare a bill repealing all the war revenue taxes, except the tax on mixed flour. The action taken was in the form of a resolution to the effect that the bill should provide for the repeal of the remaining war taxes to take effect on July 1, 1902, except that the repeal of the duty on tea should go into effect January 1, 1903.

The only division in the committee was in amendments favored by democratic members. Representative Richardson of Tennessee proposed an amendment to put trust-made articles on the free list. This was defeated by a party vote, as was the amendment by Representative Robertson of Louisiana to continue the tax on "bucket shops."

Chairman Payne made the following statement on the proposed repeal:

Large Cash Balance on Hand.
"The treasury now has an available cash balance of something over \$174,000,000. It is not likely that this will be increased materially during the present fiscal year, as the treasury is buying bonds at a rate that will use up the surplus to accumulate \$200,000,000 available cash in the treasury. The committee deems it wise to have the repeal of the tax on tea take effect on the first of January next, in order to enable those, especially retailers and small dealers, who have stocks of the duty-paid goods on hand to dispose of them before the change becomes operative."

Rebate on Tobacco Tax.
"We can provide a rebate on the tobacco tax and guard against any fraud upon the rebate for the reason that the internal revenue department has this trade under close surveillance and can and will take an account of the stock in the dealers' hands on the first day of July next. But this will be impossible to do, since it has been attempted in the past and the government has no account, save as they are imported in large quantities by the importers. Continuing this tax to the first of January will give us six months' revenue in the next fiscal year upon tea and will make the estimate for that year for the next year considerably less than \$75,000,000."

The bill will be presented to the house as soon as it can be prepared.

The repeal will affect the remaining special taxes imposed by the war, viz., on bankers, brokers, dealers in stocks, bond brokers, custom house brokers, theaters, museums, circuses, etc., billiard rooms and bowling alleys, playing cards, dealers in and manufacturers of tobacco.

The reduction on fermented liquor will amount to 90 cents a gallon on wine, beer, and small liquors and 3 cents on the rate back to 6 cents per pound, as before the war. The rate on cigars and cigarettes was changed last year, but the further change now made will bring the rates back to those existing prior to the war.

repeal under schedule A, of the law, will include the tax on bonds, debentures, etc.; certificate of stock, sales or agreements, stock transactions, inland and foreign bills of exchange; bills of lading, indemnifying certificates of profit, brokers' contracts, custom house entries, warehouse entries, steamboat passage tickets.

The repeal under schedule B will include the tax of 1 cent per pint bottle on wine, beer, and small liquors and 3 cents on the rate back to 6 cents per pound, as before the war. The rate on cigars and cigarettes was changed last year, but the further change now made will bring the rates back to those existing prior to the war.

INQUIRY ON TREASON ACT
Bill to Determine Whether Philippine Commission Has Passed It.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Senator Hawley today introduced a bill making inquiry of the secretary of war whether "the new treason act in the Philippines" has been passed by the Philippine commission.

The resolution cites a circular purporting to give the language of the act. One provision makes the commitment of a traitor against the United States or the Philippines punishable by a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment for seven years. Another provides a fine of \$2,000 and imprisonment for two years for uttering seditious words, and a third provides a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment for one year for persons belonging to secret societies having for their object the promotion of treason. Another prohibition is against advocating the independence of the Philippines or their separation from the United States, "whether by peaceful or forcible means."

The penalty for the infraction of this requirement is a fine of \$2,000 and imprisonment for a year. The resolution went over for future consideration.

Senator Patterson today introduced a bill providing for the union of Oklahoma and Indian Territory and their admission into the union as a state, to be called Oklahoma.

The senate in executive session today ratified the extradition treaties recently negotiated with Denmark and Belgium and the treaty affecting the descent of property between the United States and Guatemala.

HEARTY OVATION TO SCHLEY

Reception by Louisville Knights Templar Given Upon an Elaborate Scale.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 30.—Admiral Schley, as the guest of the Louisville Knights Templar, had little opportunity to rest today. From 10 o'clock in the morning, when he visited the Girls' High school, until he left the Templar hall at the Galt house at midnight every moment of his time was occupied. The greater portion of the day was spent among children and the admiral shook hands with about 10,000 boys and girls, who expressed their pleasure by cheering their visitor and presented him with flowers.

This afternoon the most enthusiastic demonstration of Admiral Schley's visit took place when he was leaving the Penderick club, in the carriage which was to take him to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' home. As he stepped into the carriage it was surrounded by hundreds of cheering men, women and children who had been gathered in the street for half an hour and who pressed around him eager to shake his hand. The forward movement of the admiral's carriage and a platoon of mounted police, which acted as a guard of honor, finally got the admiral clear of the crowd.

The chief event of the day was the Templar reception and ball at the Galt house tonight. Several hundred uniformed knights and their ladies were present and the ballroom of the hotel was elaborately decorated with electrical designs of flags, anchors and Templar emblems, white potted plants and flowers and festoons of evergreen lent attractiveness to the scene.

The admiral and Mrs. Schley, the former in his Templar uniform, with Grand Commander H. T. Jefferson of Kentucky and Mrs. Jefferson, surrounded by a committee of fifty-six ladies, occupied a position of honor in one end of the room in front of an admiral's flag, surmounted by an American flag, while a long line of knights and their ladies passed by and shook the admiral's hand. Following the reception was a ball, which was given by Mrs. Jefferson and Mr. Jefferson and Mrs. Schley to the accompaniment of martial airs. Tomorrow morning Admiral and Mrs. Schley will take a much-needed rest and at 3 p. m. leave for Nashville in the private car of President M. H. Smith of the Louisville & Nashville railroad.

GIANT COAL COMBINE FAILS
Projected Consolidation of Indiana and Illinois Interests Defeated by Latta.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 30.—The giant coal combine of the Indiana and Illinois mines has failed. Positive information to this effect was contained in a private telegram received here tonight, from John S. Bays, Indiana, in charge of the promotion of the enterprise. The failure is attributed to the high prices demanded by the Illinois operators. The combination of the two states seems to have been made an impossibility, but it is not improbable that the mines of Indiana may enter a combination alone. Bays' telegram is:

"The combination has failed on account of the excessive prices demanded by the Illinois operators. I am returning the options. I will take the matter up in another form in Indiana as soon as possible. It has been attempted to form a series of companies without success. Last summer the matter was taken up again vigorously under the management of Attorney Bays and until late last fall the deal seemed certain of consummation. While it has never been definitely known what the price was, it is generally believed that J. Pierpont Morgan was behind it. The option as originally obtained expired November 1. Those held included 400 mines in Illinois and 200 in Indiana, representing an actual valuation of \$75,000,000.

A committee was practically organized which would have controlled the entire output of the two states, and it was intended that the capitalization should be in the neighborhood of \$150,000,000.

WINDOW GLASS MEN ORGANIZE
Will Form Corporation to Control Nearly All of the Industry.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 30.—Forty representatives of the Federation Co-operative Window Glass company, representing over 800 pots, held a meeting here today. The factories represented are the principal independent plants in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The principal business of the meeting was for the reorganization of the company, which was originally formed last May. At the meeting tonight the following officers were elected:

President, J. R. Johnston; treasurer, W. L. Monroe; secretary, J. M. MacIntyre.

A committee was appointed to take out a charter under the laws of New Jersey for the organization of a strong company similar to that formerly operated by the American Glass company.

The capitalization of the new company will be \$600,000, and the various plants will pay into the company \$200 per pot for working capital.

This company, together with other organizations of a similar character, will control over 90 per cent of the window glass industry. The headquarters are in Muncie, Ind., and Philadelphia.

SAMPSON ON RETIRED LIST
He and Rear Admiral Cromwell Are to Leave Active Service on Age Limit.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The Navy department today issued an order announcing that Rear Admirals Sampson and Cromwell will be placed on the retired list on the ninth proximo on account of age. Admiral Sampson is now in this city, his health having compelled his relinquishment of active duties several months ago. Admiral Cromwell is in command of the European station.

These retirements will result in the promotion of Captain F. H. Cooper and George H. Wadleigh to the grade of rear admiral. Rear Admiral John A. Howell, the ranking officer in that grade, who is now serving as president of the naval reviewing board, will retire for age March 16, and the vacancy thus created in the list of rear admirals will be filled by the promotion of Captain A. S. Crowninshield, chief of the bureau of navigation. As has been already stated, Admiral Crowninshield when promoted will succeed Admiral Cromwell in command of the European station.

TURKS PREVENT THE RANSOM

Governor of Raslog Refuses to Permit Exchange on Sultan's Soil.

BRIGANDS SHY OF SOLDIER ESCORT

American Dragoon Conveys Money for Release of Missionaries, but Porte Fears to Be Involved in Liability.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Jan. 31.—4.30 p. m.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The Constantinople correspondent of the London Daily News wires:

"The attempt to secure the release of Miss Stone has failed for the present. The Turks have taken to Raslog, a village in the mountains of Bulgaria, where the American dragoon Gargiulo, but insisted, against his wishes, on sending up fifty soldiers as far as Raslog, where the local governor refused to let messengers of money out of sight, adding that he would not allow the money to be paid on Turkish soil. Thereupon Gargiulo telegraphed to Constantinople for instructions, and was ordered to remain where he was, the negotiations meanwhile proceeding with its ports.

The brigands naturally refused to meet Gargiulo with Turkish soldiers in sight. "The American legation's information is that the cordon of Turkish troops has been largely increased on the Bulgarian frontier and that the porte fears it would be made liable in consequence of payment being made on Turkish soil."

RASLOG near Djuma, Jan. 31.—(Via Rumelia, East European Turkey, Jan. 31.)—A representative of the Associated Press here has had an interview with the delegates who have been negotiating for the release of Miss Stone and Madame Tekla. They said that their negotiations with the brigands had been unsatisfactory and that they had intended returning to Constantinople. Before starting, however, they say they received fresh information which induced them to renew their communications with the brigands and that these negotiations are now proceeding.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Unless Miss Stone's captors have abandoned her, despairing of being able to safely surrender her to the agents who have been trying to ransom her, she is not yet at liberty. It is quite certain that the ransom money has not been paid down, and that the agents referred to have completely lost touch with the brigands, who have been frightened off by the appearance of Turkish soldiers in their neighborhood. The efforts to secure the woman's release are not abandoned, but it is feared that they must be renewed in another direction, the present line having been broken.

EARLY BATTLE IS EXPECTED
Engagement Between Colombian Troops and Liberals Is Looked For.

PANAMA, Colombia, Jan. 30.—The fleet of the Colombian government, composed of the gunboats Hoyaca and Chautuco, is here last night. General Campo, called from armed launch General Campo, called from here last night, has received orders to proceed with the Colombian General Castro by all means. (General Castro is on the Azuro peninsula, southwest of Panama, and has not been heard from in some time.)

An engagement between the vessels of the government and the fleet of the Colombian liberals, composed of the gunboats Padilla, Darien and Galitan, will probably take place at Yeguela, thirty miles from here, the place where the government and liberal vessels had an indecisive encounter yesterday.

Upon investigation it is learned that the reported defeat of General Castro at the hands of the liberals is without foundation. General Lucio Velasco has been appointed military commander of the district of Panama by the president. General Velasco succeeds General Alban, who was killed recently, and is considered the best soldier in Colombia.

It is considered that within a month the government of Colombia will have 50,000 men on the isthmus.

PRINCE ELATED OVER PLANS
Says It Has Been Dream of His Life to Visit United States.

BERLIN, Jan. 30.—Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia is maintaining unusual privacy at the Schloss and speaking much of his time is spent in receiving and declining as many invitations as he can, his only engagement before his departure for Kiel being that to attend the dinner in his honor to be given January 30 by Count von Buelow, the imperial chancellor.

Prince Henry is taking every opportunity to meet well-informed Americans. An American to whom the prince granted an audience today describes Prince Henry as a pleasant-mannered.

"I was surprised to see how thoroughly and systematically the emperor's brother is informing himself about America," said this American.

"He looks forward to his trip with the keenest anticipation of enjoyment and instruction. I find him to be less interested in processions and external displays than in the men he expects to meet. He says he wants to meet American men, to talk with them and learn to understand America. The prince added, in a tone of enthusiasm: 'It has been the dream of my life to visit the United States, and this trip comes now like a gift from heaven.'"

REIGN OF TERROR IN IRELAND
Armed Men Visit Tenants Suspected of Paying Rent, at Night.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Dispatches received from Dublin contain alarming reports of a reign of terror prevailing in Roscommon county. Tenants who are suspected of paying rent are visited by night by armed men, notices are posted, threatening death to the traitors, and midnight meetings are of nightly occurrence, the people being assembled by beacon fires.

John O'Donnell, member of Parliament for South Mayo, is reported to have addressed a midnight meeting at Fairmount, at which he challenged the chief secretary for Ireland, Mr. Wyndham, to come into the open at the head of 5,000 or 10,000 men, either soldiers or police. If he (Mr. Wyndham) would give the men of Connaught a month to prepare, Mr. O'Donnell said, he did not hesitate to declare that he would meet them, event at great numerical odds, and settle the land question for good.

WHISKY FEEDS THE FLAMES

Barrels of Liquor Explode in Fire Which Results in Great Damage.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 31.—At 2:15 o'clock this morning a fire was discovered in the first floor of the Columbia building in Granby street, owned by D. Lowenberg and occupied by Brown's saloon, Nedder's restaurant and on the upper floors by about 150 offices. In fifteen minutes the flames were bursting through the roof and the fear was well founded in the city. Explosions of whisky barrels blew out the first and second floors and scattered the flames across the street. In less than half an hour the Atlantic hotel and Virginia club were in flames. Both of these structures adjoin the Columbia.

The four-story building on the corner of Plume and Granby streets, occupied by the Johnston China company, and apartments, together with four three-story brick buildings adjoining it, were burning briskly at 2:30, and it looks as though the entire eastern downtown section of the city is threatened. A half-million dollars may not cover the loss.

At 2:35 a. m. all the north wing of the Atlantic hotel is in flames. Wind is blowing from the fire steadily up to Main street. The Johnston china store and flats above are completely gutted.

At 3 o'clock the big department store of Watt, Rettew & Clay caught, and is burning fiercely. The Academy of Music is in this block and will probably go next. The walls of the Atlantic hotel, on the Granby street side, have fallen and those on Main street are ready to topple. The firemen seem utterly powerless to prevent the spread of the flames. No loss of life has so far been reported.

Five-Story Building.
CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Fire that broke out early today destroyed the five-story brick building at 190-192 Illinois street, with its contents, causing a loss of about \$150,000. The first and second floors were occupied by the Dauchy iron works and the upper floors by a hardware store. Heavy machinery in the upper part of the building caused the floors to collapse and the entire contents of the structure crashed through into the cellar.

In Heart of Oswego.
OSWEGO, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Fire which started at 2:15 o'clock this morning in a restaurant threatens valuable property in the heart of the city. Prominent residents were forced to flee from their homes in their night clothes. The property burning or immediately menaced is valued at \$150,000. The fire department is working hard, but it is intensely cold and a stiff wind is blowing.

Nearly Entire Town.
ROANOKE, Va., Jan. 30.—The little town of Ivanhoe, in Wythe county, was almost entirely destroyed by fire today. The stores of E. W. Miller, E. W. Huddle, J. C. Pierce & Co., a new brick block just completed and intended for a bank, two grocery stores, the postoffice and several dwellings were burned. Neither the origin of the fire nor the money values or losses have yet been learned.

Storage Warehouse.
CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Fire broke out late tonight in the two top stories of a five-story building at 2912 South Park avenue. The two upper floors will be cleared out and the goods stored in the floors will be damaged by water. It is impossible to estimate the loss at this hour. The building is occupied by the Griswold Storage company as a warehouse.

Drug Store at Wakefield.
WAKEFIELD, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—The drug store owned by C. W. Loug caught fire this morning at 6 o'clock, but the fire was soon put out. The loss, mostly from water, is estimated at \$800. The fire caught in the cellar.

Department and Furniture Store.
OAKLAND, Calif., Ind., Jan. 30.—Fire today destroyed S. V. Leiva's department store, W. H. Stewart's furniture and hardware store and some smaller buildings. Loss, \$50,000, covered by insurance.

MORGAN DENIES THE REPORT
Says Charles M. Schwab Has Not Resigned Steel Trust Presidency.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—A rumor that Charles M. Schwab had resigned as president of the Steel corporation went through Wall street today, but it was unqualifiedly denied by J. Pierpont Morgan. Mr. Morgan said:

"Mr. Schwab has not resigned nor is there any meeting scheduled for the consideration of his resignation, as has been stated. No meeting of the stockholders will take place for a month, so you see the rumors that an early meeting would be held to act on his resignation are untrue."

Another member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. said that Mr. Morgan had no faith in the reports of Mr. Schwab's alleged gambling at Monte Carlo.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation, was seen here today in connection with the Wall street rumor that he had resigned the presidency of that concern. He refused to confirm or deny the report. He repeated emphatically, "I won't say anything."

READY TO BUILD THE CANAL
Chicago Contractors Want to Bid on Nicaraguan Waterway Construction.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—The Chronicle tomorrow will say:

A syndicate of Chicago and New York contractors, representing a working capital of \$20,000,000 a year, is ready to take the contract for building the Nicaragua canal. Eight of the largest construction firms in the country have made careful estimates of the cost and when congress evinces a willingness to allow private enterprise to do the work they will offer their services. In congress does not act, however, the interests which have banded together will make no fight for the contract.

Lyman E. Cooley, the engineer who worked out the scheme for the Chicago sanitary canal, is the leading figure in this group of contractors. Working with representatives of each of the firms included in the syndicate, he has made thorough study of the situation in the isthmus and detailed plans for a canal have been prepared from personal observation and surveys.

Metcalfe's Appointment Confirmed.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of W. S. Metcalfe to be pension agent at Topeka, Kan.

BEEET SUGAR MEN REJOICE

Assured by Chairman Payne that Cuban Tariff Revision is Off.

OPPOSITION TO LAND LEASING BILL

Newell and Robinson Object to Forming Two Judicial Districts in Nebraska—Plan to Make Wind Cave a National Park.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee today said there would be no Cuban tariff revision and that action on the unanimous vote of the committee repealing all the war taxes would be all the legislation along that line that could be enacted at this session. This statement of the chairman is regarded as final and the fears of the beet sugar growers of Nebraska that Cuba would be taken care of in some reciprocal manner need trouble them no more.

H. G. Leavitt of Leavitt, Neb., one of the leading representatives of the beet sugar industry of that state, called on the president today and talked over the attitude of the domestic sugar producers in relation to Cuban reciprocity. Mr. Leavitt was given a cordial audience. He spoke with much earnestness as to the conditions that would obtain if they would be absorbed by the Cuban sugar beet growers. Mr. Leavitt told the president the beet sugar people had made a proposition they would like to see congress accept. The president assured Mr. Leavitt he would favor any plan that would aid Cuba with a minimum of injury to the sugar growers of this country.

Alert for Smaller Ranchmen.
Representative Shallenberger today said he was getting letters from the larger ranchmen of the western portion of the country asking his support of Dowersock's bill for the leasing of public domain, but that he was fearful that if the bill was passed it would work hardship upon the smaller ranchmen, those stockmen who have from 50 to 100 head of cattle, his beef being that they would be absorbed by the big fellows who had vast herds and large capital behind them. "The question," he said, "is necessarily bound to attract a great deal of attention in the western part of the state, and as I desire to vote intelligently upon the proposition, I would wish to hear from constituents as to their wishes in the matter."

"I am also beginning to hear reports in relation to the irrigation bill recently introduced in the house by Mr. Newland, and my opinion is that considerable discussion is going on over that feature of the bill which gives the gate control to the waters within the state and the use of the same for irrigation purposes. When in Cheyenne last summer attending the irrigation congress I heard a letter read from Mr. Rosewater wherein he set down upon the proposition that the interstate waters might be stolen, and it is just that question in his bill which is giving me considerable worry."

Senator Dietrich today decided to recommend H. G. Miller to be postmaster at Holdrege, Furnas county, vice O. P. Canberg, resigned.

Representative Stark today presented a protest from the merchants and manufacturers of Ashland against the passage of the parcels post bill.

Oppose Partitioning Nebraska.
Representatives Neville and Robinson announced themselves as opposed to making two judicial districts in Nebraska. Judge Newell says he favors two districts and that the senate want to remain in North Platte, where they belong, and do not want to be compelled, as Burket's bill provides, to travel hundreds of miles to Lincoln, when Omaha is directly on the line. Mr. Neville said, however, that he would like to see the country divided into three parts, Alliance and Chadron, if such a thing could be brought about.

Mr. Neville's bill pensioning Hiram S. Kingsley of Lexington, Dawson county, at \$30 has passed the house.

Representatives Martin and Burke of South Dakota today introduced a recommendation discontinuing the postoffice at Republican, Minnehaha county, and establishing a new office to be called Renner, near the same site, with Oscar Olsen as postmaster. They also joined in recommending John H. Fischer to be postmaster at Mount Clay, Cass county.

Representative Martin has in view the establishment of a national park in and about Wind Cave, which is but a short distance from Hot Springs. Some time ago the secretary of the interior reserved from sale certain sections of land adjacent to the Wind Cave, making a reserve two by three miles and touching the Black Hills forest reserve. It is now proposed to increase the boundary of this reserve so as to include the Cave of the Winds. An appropriation has been made of \$500 for underground surveys of the cave and as soon as this is done the delegation from South Dakota proposes to ask the president to issue a proclamation setting apart certain townships in and about Wind Cave as a national park, where buffalo, deer and other animals indigenous to that country will be permanently placed.

Relief of Forest Settlers.
A favorable report was made today upon Senator Allison's bill relating to former Indian agents with the Lower Brule band of Sioux Indians and making an appropriation to carry it into effect. The senator's bill for the relief of bona fide settlers in forest reserves was passed, as was also Senator Kittredge's bill for increasing the total cost of the public building at Abert.

Senator Allison's bill passed today granting an increase of pension to P. C. Monford. The bill to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building at Evanston, Wyo., introduced by Senator Clark, passed the senate today, also Senator Warren's bill granting to the state of Wyoming 50,000 acres of land to aid in the continuation, enlargement and maintenance of the State Soldiers' and Sailors' home.

Major Harding's Case Closed.
It is said at the interior department that the case of Major Harding, former Indian agent at Yankton, is closed. The president has reviewed the case and sustained the action of Secretary Hitchcock in dismissing Harding. Harding will not only not be reinstated, but the agency has been abolished, and from present indications the South Dakota delegation will have no success if a movement is made to have another agent appointed. Affairs at Yankton are in charge of a bonded school superintendent.

The board of officers appointed August (Continued on Second Page.)

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Snow Friday; Saturday Probably Fair; Variable Winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:	Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	7	1 p. m.	12	4
8 a. m.	7	4 p. m.	14	4
11 a. m.	5	7 p. m.	14	4
2 p. m.	2	10 p. m.	14	4
5 p. m.	3	11 p. m.	15	3
8 p. m.	3	12 m.	11	13
11 p. m.	3	1 p. m.	11	13
2 m.	0	4 p. m.	11	10

WOODWARD DENIES KILLING

Declares Willingness to Return with Sheriff Tubbs Without Registration Papers.

BILLINGS, Mont., Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Sheriff W. E. Tubbs of Casper, Wyo., arrived here this morning for Charles Woodward, alleged murderer of Sheriff Ricker of Natrona county, Wyoming, captured near Laurel Monday. A reporter for the Billings Bulletin, who reached here yesterday from Sheridan, to the jail to see Woodward, Woodward acknowledged his identity and talked considerably, but denied killing the sheriff. He is willing to return to Casper without requisition and the men started with him tonight.

Woodward says men are telling lies about his killing Sheriff Ricker, as they have a grudge against him. He claims he stole one gun found on him, and the other, he says, was given him by a fellow prisoner soon after they escaped jail.

The injuries received by Woodward at the time of his capture are troubling him somewhat. He asked this morning for his wife and wanted to know if she was in the city. He did not try to deny anything concerning his episode in Wyoming except the charge of killing the sheriff, and he maintains that he knows nothing of it. He says he will go back to Casper and show the people that his heart is in the right place.

ROUNDING UP THE ROBBERS

Officials Capture Men Who Are Believed to Be Outlaws in Train Holdup.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 30.—A United States deputy marshal today arrested Daniel Barr on the charge of interfering with the United States mails. He is supposed to be one of the robbers who held up the Southern railway passenger train near Branchville Monday night and rifled the express car. A warrant has been sworn out against Thomas Carson on the same charge.

It is thought that information will be obtained from business men leading to the capture of other members of the gang of highwaymen. The men were arrested at their homes near the scene of the robbery.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 30.—A white man giving his name as Frances A. Allen was arrested in Midway, Bamberg county, late tonight, suspected as being one of the highwaymen who held up the Southern railway passenger train near Branchville. When taken by officers to Branchville, it is said, he was positively identified by the negro whose horse and wagon were pressed into service to haul away the safe on the night of the robbery. Six watches were found in Allen's possession when he was arrested today.

OMAHA DEALERS IN COMBINE

Join Other Wholesale Dry Goods Firms for Carrying Traffic from East.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 30.—At least ten large wholesale dry goods houses on the Missouri river have entered into a combination as a result of which the entire trade from New York and New England will be controlled by one man, D. L. Thomas, at one time contracting freight agent of the Burlington in Kansas City, and for the last several years agent for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy in that road in New York. The combine is understood to include five Kansas City houses, three in St. Joseph and two in Omaha.

The traffic of these ten firms, and of such others as are in the combine, will be absolutely controlled by Mr. Thomas from his headquarters in New York. This means that he will route practically all of the dry goods shipped from New York and New England to the Missouri river and the railroad lines which may fall under the ban of his displeasure will be effectually stopped from participating in this business.

DIES FROM EFFECT OF SHOCK

Member of Wealthy Family Meets Death in Desperate Condition.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Mrs. Cora D. Baymire, the wife of a French physician and a member of a wealthy and fashionable Baltimore family, is dead as the result of shock experienced in the rapid transit tunnel explosion last Monday.

Mrs. D. Baymire, who was separated from her husband, lost her fortune in the last few years, and is said to have been in desperate circumstances. Her body would probably have been buried in the Potter's field had not friends appealed to her half-sister, Ida Day of Baltimore, who will see that she is buried in Greentown cemetery in that city.

She was 35 years of age.

SEEK RELEASE FROM AUSTRIA

Friends Start Movement in Behalf of Kansas Men in Foreign Army.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 30.—Efforts are being made to secure the release of two Kansas citizens from service in the Austrian army. Joseph and Michael Daniel left Topeka, Kan., some time ago for a visit to their native home in Austria. There they were apprehended by the authorities and forcibly placed in the army. The men used they took their first naturalization papers before leaving Kansas. The attorney general of the state will take the matter before the State department.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, Jan. 30.
At New York—Arrived: Nord America, from Genoa; Oceanic, from Liverpool; Sailed: Columbia, for Naples, etc.; La Albatross, for Havana.

At Glasgow—Arrived: Arcadian, from Portland, Or.

At Philadelphia—Arrived: Switzerland, from Antwerp.

At New York—Arrived: La Savoie, from New