

## MEAT TRUST MENACE

Judge Springer Calls on Cattle Men to Thwart Merger Plans.

**URGES THAT EVIDENCE BE SUPPLIED**

Tells Convention Delegates to Strengthen Hands of Those in Power.

**PEOPLE'S WILL CAN KILL ALL COMBINES**

If Nation Invents Corporations and Officials Must Bow to Storm.

**ASSOCIATION PREPARES REGULATING BILL**

Joins Good Points of Existing Law with Certain Clauses in Pending Measures and Asks Congress to Pass It.

## KANSAS CITY, Jan. 16.—

The sixth annual convention of the National Live Stock association adjourned this afternoon to meet next year at Portland, Ore., after electing all the old officers for the ensuing year and taking the initiative in a systematic campaign against the packing house merger.

William M. Springer, general counsel of the association, in a spirited address outlined a bill "to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies," and which he said was merely an adaptation of the Sherman anti-trust law and the other bills now pending in the senate.

In the discussion that followed President John W. Springer said that a bill along the lines suggested by Judge Springer would be printed within a week by the association and sent to every legislature in the land, and that if the proposed merger was ever consummated the National Live Stock association would string packing houses from Chicago to San Francisco. In response to an appeal from the executive committee for a legislative working fund, \$1,500 was subscribed in less than thirty minutes.

**Condemns Packing Merger.**

A resolution introduced by Frank M. Stewart of South Dakota, protesting against the packing merger was adopted. It says: While we fully appreciate the natural desire of the men who have risked such enormous wealth in the live stock packing industry to protect that capital from uncontrolled and unscrupulous competition with which they would not wish to compete, we believe that the plan proposed will lead to the more feared dangers of uncontrolled trusts, and that the interests of the people of this country require that we will not tolerate a monopoly of the live stock packing industry.

During an address at the afternoon session, Jerry Simpson favored tariff reform and said the enactment of the tariff law by Germany was a discrimination against American products and should be nullified. He also urged that the present tariff system be revised to protect American industries against other countries. He asked those members of the Wool Growers' association present if it were not a fact that wool was worth as much in London and Liverpool as in America.

Lieutenant Bergen will probably be a member of the party, which will also contain several senators. Dr. Charetot says France has hitherto left Arctic exploration to foreigners, but he hopes to revive the French interest.

**ROSEBERY ATTACKS ALLIANCE**

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**REICHSRATH SITS TWO DAYS**

Attempt to Break Obstructionist Rank Forces Members to Sleep on Duty.

VIENNA, Jan. 17.—The session of the Reichsrath which began on Thursday, continued until 6 a. m. on Friday morning. It was resumed at 10 and at 3 this morning shows no sign of ending.

**CUBAN VETERANS THREATEN**

Anonymous Manifesto Says Cash Must Be Paid by March or Towns Occupied.

HAVANA, Jan. 16.—An anonymous manifesto was issued here yesterday saying the liberating army of Cuba will not wait longer than March 1 for the payment of the soldiers but will occupy every town from Point Mayaj to Cape San Antonio, peacefully.

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## TREATIES ARE TO STAND

German Reichstag Decides Not to Denounce International Agreements.

**BERLIN, Jan. 16.—**By 141 yeas Reichstag today adopted a substitute resolution asking the government to denounce the most favored nation treaties. The substitute requested the government to denounce treaties with countries where experience showed the most favored nation clause were favorable to Germany's interest. The socialists and the radicals composed the minority.

During the debate today Herr Gothein, radical leader, said the United States observed the treaty of 1823 loyally for the favored nation clause in the present sense was unknown prior to the Anglo-French treaty of 1861.

**TAKE SHELTER BEHIND KING**

Victims of London and Globe Failure Seek to Prosecute Whitaker Wright.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—At a meeting today of the supporters of the movement to prosecute Whitaker Wright and others connected with the failure of the London & Globe finance corporation, limited, in which considerable American money was lost, it was resolved to raise a fund of \$25,000 for the purpose.

**FRANCE TO TRY FOR POLE**

Dr. Charetot Will Start in May Under Auspices of the Government.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—Dr. Jean Charetot has announced plans for an Arctic trip, under the auspices of the Academy of Science and the Ministry of Public Instruction. A ship is now under construction at St. Nazaire. The party will leave France on May 15 for Spitzbergen and then proceed to St. Josephland. The expedition will be exclusively French.

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**MANILA, Jan. 16.—**Constabulary Inspector Fletcher, while traveling alone in the provinces of Albay, Luzon, last week, was attacked by thirty Bolomena. He killed five, but was himself wounded. He escaped and formed a party which pursued the bandits, overtook them and killed six more.

## CALLS UP THE LEASE BILL

Senator Dietrich Simply Desires to Have it Referred to Present.

**TWO IOWA CONGRESSMEN HAVE A TILT**

Department Announces the Case of Postmasters Under Re-adjustment Act Have No Merit In Law.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Dietrich called up his bill relative to the leasing of public lands in the state of Nebraska before the public lands committee of the senate today. He stated to the committee that he desired to see the bill at this time, but would only ask that it be sent to the secretary of the interior for a report as to its merits. He stated to the committee that he hoped to be fortified with considerable important matter when the measure should come up before the committee for consideration. He stated he hoped that the legislature of Nebraska would assist by its affirmative action in placing the bill upon the statute books of the United States. Beyond that he did not desire it to go at the present time.

**Iowa Congressmen Clash.**

Representative Walter I. Smith of Council Bluffs, and Thomas Hodge of Burlington became involved in a lively tilt today over a war claim growing out of equipment in the matter of clothing for the famous Third Iowa infantry regiment during the early days of the civil war. Judge Smith stated that he had introduced a bill in the absence of his colleague, Judge Rumble of the Second district, who is lying critically ill in a Chicago hospital with cancer of the throat. He briefly outlined the measure and said the contract was made with the firm of B. P. Moody & Co. by Cyrus C. Bussey, colonel of the regiment, and on order of General John C. Fremont, major general of the United States army, as agent of the United States in pursuance of a letter addressed to Samuel J. Kirkwood, then governor of the Hawkeye state.

**Claim Agents Stir Up Postmasters.**

Through claim agents in Washington, postmasters in Nebraska are calling upon their members of congress to secure back salary for them by reason of readjustment of salaries. So persistent have these postmasters become that Senator Dietrich decided to ascertain from the Postoffice department whether these postmasters have a right of additional compensation as alleged. In reply to Senator Dietrich's inquiry Assistant Postmaster General Wynne stated in a letter received today that there are erroneous impressions prevalent regarding the readjustment of postmasters' salaries. Mr. Wynne says that the adjustments are largely due to claim agents who are informing postmasters that there is due them back, unpaid salary, and who offer for a fee to furnish facts and data relative thereto.

**LOVE LEADS TO TRAGEDY**

Crazed Man Shoots His Sweetheart, Wounds Her Companion and is Slain.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—F. J. Conlin, lying in wait for his sweetheart, Jennie Fry, who had gone to a party with another suitor, shot and killed her on her return home tonight. He also shot Frank Britt, whom he was jealous, and then turned the weapon upon himself and will die.

**MISSING ST. LOUIS SIGHTED**

Passes Nantucket Lightship, Going Dead Slow, as Though Wanting Steam Power.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The American line steamer St. Louis was sighted off Nantucket lightship at 6:46 p. m. going dead slow. Signals were made to the south abeam lightship, but owing to the heavy gale they were unintelligible.

**RIO GRANDE TRAIN WRECKED**

Thirty Passengers are Injured, Four of Them Somewhat Seriously.

GUNNISON, Colo., Jan. 16.—Westbound passenger train No. 317 on the Denver & Rio Grande was derailed three miles east of Sargent at 9:20 o'clock this morning and thirty of the sixty passengers were injured, but only four seriously. They are: S. P. Gutschalk of Montrose, Colo., head and back cut; internal injuries.

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## NAVY FACES FUEL FAMINE

Castron Contracts Have Kept Up Supply, but Contractors Now Run Short.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The Treasury department today received an official certified copy of the act approved yesterday placing coal on the free list. Upon its receipt the department telegraphed the necessary instructions to collectors of customs throughout the country directing them to put the act into immediate effect. The telegram read as follows: Admit all coal imported on or after 15th inst. free of duty under the act of 15th inst. Copy by mail.

**RAILROAD CASES ARE CARRIED OVER**

Attorneys for Companies Are Not Ready and Board Also Wants Opinion of City Attorney on the Subject.

The city council, sitting as a board of equalization, yesterday afternoon made reductions aggregating \$125,000 in the assessments of three of the leading jobbing houses of the city. They were those of Paxton & Gallagher, M. E. Smith & Co. and the Leese-Glass-Andresen company. The reductions were the result of sworn statements of representatives of the firms as to the value of the company property.

**LOBBECK OBJECTS TO DELAY.**

Mr. Lobbeck and several of the other members of the board objected to the delay on the ground that the companies had been given ample notice and must be as well prepared at this time as they would be one day later.

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## CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Saturday and Sunday, Colder Sunday.

Hour	Temp.	Hour	Temp.
6 a. m.	35	2 p. m.	40
7 a. m.	32	3 p. m.	40
8 a. m.	31	4 p. m.	40
9 a. m.	30	5 p. m.	40
10 a. m.	30	6 p. m.	40
11 a. m.	30	7 p. m.	35
12 m.	26	8 p. m.	34
		9 p. m.	32

**TAX COMMITTEE IS AROUSED**

Emergency Meeting Held to Take Steps Needed to Oppose Reductions.

When the city council, in its capacity of Board of Equalization, set down the assessment rolls \$125,000 yesterday afternoon in its reductions on the valuation of three jobbing houses, it sounded a general alarm for the members of the Real Estate exchange. The tax committee of the exchange held an emergency meeting last evening at the office of Graham & Ure to consider the situation and it was decided to protest against the reductions.

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## ADOPTS SEARS IDEA

House Passes His Revenue Resolution by a Vote of 78 to 17.

**ONLY ONE AMENDMENT IS TACKLED ON**

This Provides for Bills for Rebuilding or Repairing Structures.

**DOUGLAS HAS COMPANION RESOLUTION**

Authorizes Appointment of Committee to Frame a Revenue Bill.

**MEASURE TO BE REPORTED IN FEBRUARY**

Attorney Baldwin of Union Pacific on Hand to Fight the Omaha Charter Tax Revision Clause.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—As was anticipated, the opposition to the Sears resolution, blazoning the way for the enactment of a revenue law by subordinating all public building measures, withdrew itself in the house today when Sears of Burlington called up his resolution as the special order. The result was the adoption of the resolutions, amended by Memminger of Madison, permitting bills carrying appropriations for rebuilding and rebuilding state institutions to reach their third reading and be placed upon final passage. Irrespective of the passage of a revenue bill, Sears did not offer to resist this amendment and seemed content with the proceedings.

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**HELLO GIRLS GO ON STRIKE**

Topeka Trouble May Extend to All Telephone Operators in Missouri and Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 16.—National officers of the Telephone Workers' union are here looking after a strike that has been begun by the Missouri and Kansas employees in this city.

**ASK POWER FOR COMMISSION**

Commission Men Wish Congress to Strengthen Interstate Commerce Decisions.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Congress is asked by the National League of Commissioners of the Interstate Commerce Commission to pass a law granting more power to the Interstate Commerce Commission to enforce its findings.