

PEACE PARLEY HALTS

Venezuelan Embroglio Seems as Far from Settlement as Ever.

MAY FINALLY GO TO HAGUE TRIBUNAL

Arbitration Negotiations, However, Preliminary Protocol of Terms

PROBLEM IS TO GET POWERS TO MEET

Bellicent Allies Insist on Preference Over Peaceful Claimants.

CASTRO MAY ALSO DEMAND DAMAGES

Blockade Has Imposed Injury on Republic and Bill of Costs Has Been Prepared by Bowen for Presentation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—No answer has yet come from the allies to Mr. Bowen's last proposition.

The British ambassador sent a long cablegram to Lord Lansdowne yesterday, stating what might be expected in case Great Britain and its two allies insisted upon the preferential treatment, blockading the other powers. The text of the cablegram cannot be published, but it informed the Foreign office that Mr. Bowen, in the event of a refusal of his proposition would call on the representatives of the other claimant powers in Washington and explain to them that Venezuela was being forced by the triple alliance to plan which would affect seriously the interests of France, Belgium, Norway and Sweden, Denmark, Spain, Holland and the United States.

When this step is taken it is expected France will make representations at once to London, Berlin and Rome protesting against any interference with the Venezuela for the settlement of claims. France may be joined in this protest by the other claimant nations.

France Sounds United States.

There is reason to believe that the French government already has sounded the United States government, to learn how much in common there may be between their interests in Venezuela. It is said that there is a strong resemblance between the claims of the two nations, perhaps enough to link them together in resistance to any policy on the part of the allies, which would tend to destroy those interests.

For instance, the United States, through a regular tribunal, the Venezuelan claims commission, has secured judgment against Venezuela for a considerable sum of money which Venezuela has been paying in installments. Recently these payments have been delayed, and as the money comes in large part from the Venezuelan customs the United States may have a sound legal right to protest against any conduct on the part of the allies which will prevent its debt from meeting its obligations to the United States.

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The Hague tribunal comes naturally into sight as a part of safety. But to place a case before the tribunal necessitates the previous acceptance of certain basic propositions of the matter to be arbitrated and as to the limitations to be placed on the arbitrators, and it is difficult to conjecture how the different parties at issue can be brought together on the complex and difficult propositions involved in an arbitration protocol. For instance, one point which undoubtedly will be difficult to agree on would be the results of the present blockade and whether Venezuela might properly regard the damages inflicted on it as offsets to the claims of Holland.

Mr. Bowen, already looking ahead, has prepared a long list of such injuries, and this list grows with every day's continuance of the blockade, but the representatives of the allies here would certainly resist to the utmost the proposition of any such claims.

FRANCE OBJECTS TO ALLIES' ATTITUDE.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—The Foreign office here received today lengthy official advice giving details of the rejection by the allies of the proposal that France and other countries receive equal treatment in the Venezuelan settlement.

The French officials had not doubted that equal treatment would be recognized and this unexpected turn of events has caused much surprise and concern. For the present it does not appear to be the purpose of French authorities to assume an imperative position, but rather set forth what they regard as the manifest equities of the case.

After conferring with those in authority an official said that the French position is based on two essential principles:

The first is that a pacific settlement between two sovereign nations is entitled at least to equal treatment with a war settlement. If not a precedent would be established which would be an incentive to war, as countries first adopting force in the collection of claims would have superior rights to those observing the usual pacific means of settlement.

The view is freely expressed here that the United States, France and Belgium are, in effect, pacific allies, as they did not resort to force against Venezuela. It is insisted that the present attitude of the allies tends not only to prejudice the rights of the pacific allies, but also establishes the dangerous principle that a resort to war is preferable to efforts to maintain peace.

The second principle of the French argument is in the form of a treaty which en-

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WIRELESS NEWS FOR SHIPS

First Attempt is Made to Supply Incoming Steamer with a Service.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The first attempt to supply incoming steamers with a news service was made today, when Reuters' Telegram company filed with the Marconi Wireless Telegraph company 100 telegrams for news for the Cunard line steamer Lusitania, which left New York Saturday last, and which is due to arrive at Queenstown today or tomorrow.

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SHARP FIGHT WITH LADRONES

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PUSHES POLISH PROTESTS

German Reichstag Member Instances Many Cases of Violence in Poland.

BERLIN, Jan. 30.—Dr. von Diemrich, member of the Reichstag today, instances many cases of violence in Poland, alleged discriminations against Poles, cited many examples of alleged injustice.

Young men who were eligible to volunteer for one year's service in the army were compelled to serve two years, he said, as they were punished for slight offenses in the systematic work by prolonged terms of service.

A German teacher at Bucholz was dismissed for attending a Polish meeting. Continuing, he said the government, disregarding the terms of Count Radziwinski's treaty of his famous library Posen, had appointed a German librarian, "a person who did not know one word of Polish, though the will stipulated that the librarian should be a Pole."

He asserted that a Polish girl, who had received a dancing boy, was not given the Prussian rescue medal, because the authorities said her father voted for Polish candidates.

In conclusion he referred to the alleged German boycott of Polish merchants and the invasion of Polish churches by the gendarmes, and said German letter carriers were insulting remarks on letters addressed in the Polish language.

Interior Secretary von Posadowski-Wehner replied that no Poland, in an international sense, existed for Germany. The Prussian Polish provinces would remain Prussian so long as a soldier could be placed in the field.

BIG STRIKE IS THREATENED

Seventeen Thousand Men Involved in Labor Trouble on Holland Railway.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 30.—Three hundred engineers and fitters, belonging to the state railroads have joined the strike of the employees of the transportation companies.

A meeting of the railroad employees' union has passed a resolution to the effect that if the Dutch Railroads company persists in carrying the dock company's freight it will proclaim a general strike of railroad and tramway employees throughout the country. About 17,000 men will be involved.

A body of troops numbering 650 is expected to arrive here during the night.

A conference was held during the day of representatives of the strikers and directors of the Dutch Railroads company with a view to arriving at some arrangement, but the meeting came to nothing. The services on the state railway is entirely suspended. The crews of steamers leaving Flushing this evening refused to sail if passengers arriving by the state railway were embarked. Travelers for London via this route were therefore unable to proceed.

RATES PORTO RICAN MAYOR

Attorney General Says Civic Conditions Are Without Parallel in Municipal Mismanagement.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Jan. 30.—Governor Hunt, in issuing an executive order yesterday removing the mayor of San Juan, Manuel Escudé, from office, said he was in possession of facts that showed that the mayor's negligence and wrong doing.

Criminal action against the mayor is still pending. In the meanwhile there is excitement and consternation in certain circles at the firm stand taken by the governor and the general.

The mayor's letter to the governor, containing a thorough indictment, covering Escudé's entire career, has been commended by the federal press. The attorney general shows that the city lost \$95,157 in one item of expenditure. Bowen says he found that the fraud and gross ineptness in every department of the city government was so extraordinary that it is difficult to find a similar instance in the history of municipal mismanagement.

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RAILROAD TURNS TABLES

Sued for Discrimination, Claims Grain Dealers Have Also Conspired.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 30.—The Illinois Central Railroad today turned tables on the grain dealers by suing them for discrimination. The railroad claims that the dealers conspired to drive farmers' elevators and independent grain dealers out of business.

The railroad, in answering charges of refusing care to the Illinois Central Grain company of Mason City, Ill., introduced evidence to show that A. W. Lloyd, a former traveling representative of the Illinois Grain Dealers' association, had served notice on several members of the association, warning them not to transact business with independent dealers, but the defense was made that Lloyd had no authority for this action. Lloyd resigned his position on January 16 under duress, it is stated.

E. P. Costello of Decatur, former president, and H. N. McKnight of Monticello, the present president of the Illinois Grain Dealers' association, and other members of the association, denied any knowledge of any attempt to injure the independent dealers.

RAILROADS STOP COMPETING

Santa Fe and Rock Island Pool Their Business in the South-west.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 30.—General Manager Judge of the Santa Fe today said of the Santa Fe-Rock Island alliance:

"The Santa Fe will build from Dodge City to Liberal, Kan. the route from Liberal to some point in New Mexico. Where the new Santa Fe cutoff crosses the Rock Island, a distance of 30 miles, the Santa Fe will use the Rock Island tracks. From this point the Rock Island will use the Santa Fe tracks to the Pacific coast. This is probably the best of the plans of both roads for building here-tofore proposed New Mexico opposition lines."

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WABASH MEN ARE TO CONFER

Firemen and Trainmen Arrange to Meet Ramsey and Present Demands.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 30.—Committees of Wabash firemen and trainmen have arranged with Ramsey for a conference at St. Louis next month to present grievances growing out of certain rules of the company. The wage question also will come up.

P. Morrissey, grand master of the Order of Railway Trainmen, will represent the trainmen. The conductors and engineers are not involved.

Santa Fe Wages Raised.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 30.—General Manager A. G. Felts of the Santa Fe railway lines west of Albuquerque, has announced that the wages on all the coast lines of that company will be granted an increase in wages amounting, it is said, to 5 or 6 per cent. The firemen requested an increase of 10 to 15 per cent.

LAND SWALLOWS HALF HOUSE

Utah Subsidence Engulfs Part of Residence, Instantly Killing Two Children.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 30.—An accident occurred in one of the slopes of the Old Telegraph mine at Bingham today, wrecking the residence of James Johnson, a miner, and instantly killing two of Johnson's sons, aged 3 and 5.

The sudden sinking of the ground split the Johnson house in two. One half, in which the two children were playing, was completely swallowed up. Mr. Johnson, his wife and three other children were in the other portion of the house and escaped without injury.

OPERATORS IGNORE COURT

Will Not Leave Indiana to Stand Trial to Be Held in Chicago Today.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 30.—Hugh Shirke of Clinton, Ind., and six of the other Indiana operators under indictment in Chicago, said today that they would not go to Chicago tomorrow, and would not absent themselves from the joint wage conference, which is now in session in this city.

Walter S. Bogle, one of the indicted operators, said today:

"I am a resident of Chicago, and have given bond to return here on the 31st. I cannot reach Indiana and extradite the Indiana operators."

SPARK FIRES MELLE'S CAR

Northern Pacific President Has Exciting Experience in Arizona.

TWO CORONERS PROBE WRECK

Hival Tucson Officials Claim Right to Hold Inquest and Accidentally Summon Juries.

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 30.—Conflict of authority between the two justices of the peace of Tucson is regarding the investigation into the train wreck at Vail. Under the laws of Arizona, justices of the peace act as coroners. Tucson has two justices, and therefore two coroners, and both claim the right to investigate the wreck. Two juries were summoned. The Justice of Parker, conductor of the west-bound train, was taken before Ritchey's jury, although Culver's deputy was first on the scene.

Superintendent Scrone of the Tucson division testified before both juries. His evidence placed the responsibility for the nondelivery of orders to No. 7, the west-bound passenger train, upon Operator Clough at Vail station.

Brakeman Lees of No. 8 said immediately after the collision he was ordered to Vail station, four miles east to notify the conductor of the wreck. "I don't remember seeing the west-bound passenger train, upon Operator Clough at Vail station."

When he arrived at Vail he found Operator Clough standing in the door of his office. Clough said: "Is anyone killed?" He saw nothing and he did not see any wreckage. He saw no one on the ground. "I don't care much about the cars being destroyed, but I am sorry I killed any passengers."

Clough added that Parker, conductor of No. 7, did not take all his orders, and that was the cause of the wreck. He appeared to be much excited and exceedingly nervous.

Agent Mann of Vail station said Clough called him a few minutes after No. 7 had pulled out of Vail, and said Parker, the conductor, did not take all his orders. "He left this morning and still has orders on the counter, and which was the order to pass No. 8 at Edmond siding."

Both juries have taken the testimony of all the witnesses, except Clough, who cannot be located, and Fireman Gilbert of No. 8, whose condition will not permit of his appearing or testifying.

The sensation of today is the disappearance of Operator Clough, who, it has been alleged, was responsible for the disaster. It was stated last night that Clough would be found this morning and all his orders in the affair; but, notwithstanding the fact that officers of both juries have been searching throughout the city, Clough has not been found.

The railroad officials profess ignorance as to Clough's whereabouts, but a report from Benson is current that he was seen yesterday on an International train, presumably bound for Sonora, Mexico.

FAST FLYER RAMS FREIGHT

Pennsylvania Trains Collide Near Hazleton and Two Men Die.

HAZLETON, Pa., Jan. 30.—The fast express from Wilkesbarre for Philadelphia on the Seelye railway, division of the Pennsylvania railroad, collided head-on with a freight train this evening near Hazleton, Pa., killing two men.

The locomotives came together with a terrific crash. The freight train leaped over the top of the express car and plunged into the chair car. Passengers in this car were hurled in every direction.

The porter, Harry Hayward, was thrown against the roof, and probably fatally injured.

The hot coals from the firebox set fire to the chair car, and it was destroyed in a short time.

A relief train was sent out from Hazleton and the injured brought to the hospital.

It is said the engineer of the freight train in order to take the siding and let the freight pass, but failed to reach the station before the passenger arrived.

ANOTHER JERSEY VICTIM DIES

Twenty-Two Are Now Dead as Result of Eastern Railroad Wreck.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Jan. 30.—William M. Clark of Plainfield, one of the victims of the railroad wreck near Graceland, died tonight.

The condition of Samuel McCarthy, fireman of the Reading flyer, is critical, and J. Everett Reighton of Plainfield, another victim, is low. The death of Mr. Clark brings the list of dead to twenty-two.

GOEBEL SUSPECT GIVES UP

Frank Cecil Surrenders to Charge Connecting Him with Governor's Murder.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 30.—Frank Cecil of Bell county, under indictment as an accessory before the fact to the murder of William Goebel, surrendered today. He was immediately presented in court, pleaded not guilty, and, by agreement, released on \$3,000 bail.

Cecil came into Frankfort secretly, by agreement with the commonwealth's attorney, and not more than a dozen persons saw him here, as he was spirited away after he had spent several hours in the grand jury room. Cecil was indicted in January, 1902, and has been a fugitive for a year.

BANK BANDIT REVEALS CASH

Seize Money Was Given Him by Robbers with Whom He Was Not Connected.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 30.—Jerry Richtmyer, who was arrested yesterday, charged with robbing the Steelville (Ill.) bank, was taken to his room on Pine street this afternoon and gave up \$215, part of the \$2,500 stolen from the bank.

Richtmyer declares the money was given to him by one of the men who robbed the bank. He has waived requisition papers and probably will be taken to Steelville tomorrow.

THOMPSON TAKES THE OATH

Receives His Final Instructions Before Sailing for Brazil.

CHARGED TO AVOID COMPLICATIONS

Several Bills Pass the House for the Relief of People in Nebraska and Other Sections of the West.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—D. E. Thompson, minister to Brazil, took the oath of office today, and will sail next Saturday on Kaiserin Maria Teresa, via way of Gibraltar, for his post of duty. He will take train from Gibraltar to Lisbon, and then steamer direct to Brazil.

With Senators Dietrich and Millard and his sponsors the new minister was presented to Secretary Hay and the assistant secretaries with whom he will come into communication. There were no general instructions given. Mr. Thompson by the secretary of state or assistant secretary.

The only charge that he received was to avoid complications. This, however, had been advised through letters of the State department before he left Nebraska.

Tomorrow morning the senators will present Mr. Thompson to the president, and beyond that he has no program for the day, except to call upon his friends in the department before leaving for New York on Sunday night or Monday morning.

Mrs. Thompson will meet her husband in New York next Friday, and sail with him to Brazil. Mrs. Thompson recently sustained an accident, and while not entirely fit to make the journey with her husband, hopes that the voyage will prove a benefit to her.

Secretary Hay informed Mr. Thompson that definite instructions as to his office would meet him at Rio, and that he wished him all measure of success in his diplomatic position to which he had been appointed by the president.

Mr. Thompson was the guest today at luncheon at the capitol of the Nebraska senators, in conjunction with Representative Burkett.

Day for Special Bills.

The house today passed Representative Mondell's bill to pay David Tweed of Lander, Wyo., \$5,000 for the loss of two feet as a result of being caught in a snowstorm while guiding a squad of soldiers from Fort Hancock to Fort Lincoln in 1875.

Senator Clark today introduced a bill to increase the limit of cost of the public building at Evanston, Wyo., to \$175,000.

Representative Martin secured the passage in the house today of a bill authorizing the secretary of the treasury to pay Mrs. Clara H. Tullford of Sioux Falls, S. D., face value, together with accrued interest to date of maturity, on two government bonds owned by her which were destroyed by fire.

Representative Lacey today secured the passage in the house of a bill authorizing the secretary of the treasury to refund \$75 to the Bank of Colfax, Iowa, a sum collected as penalty by reason of delay in receipt of special tax.

T. C. Mungen of Lincoln is in Washington upon private business.

Collector Stephenson of Omaha is in Washington.

The postoffices at Sappa, Harlan county, and Day, Deuel county, Neb., have been ordered discontinued.

Rural free delivery carriers were appointed today as follows: Iowa—Albia, regulars, Arthur N. Hickman, John Z. Bennett; substitutes, Charles S. Hickman, Richard Ingham. Joico, regular, Talford H. Underwood; substitute, Sever Hoyeland. Taintor, regular, Clarence I. Garner; substitute, Ernest R. Garner. South Dakota—Yankton, regular, Newell H. Hopkins; substitute, Julia C. Hopkins.

The Central National bank of Kearney, Neb., has been authorized to begin business with a capital of \$450,000.

A board of officers consisting of Majors Daniel H. Brush, William C. Butler, Captain Ross L. Bush, Twenty-fifth Infantry; First Lieutenant Shockey, assistant surgeon; Contract Surgeon Preston S. Kellogg and Captain William H. Chapman, Forty-second infantry, recorder, has been appointed to meet at Fort Niobrara for the examination of officers ordered before it for promotion.

CONDICION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Saturday, Sunday Probably Rain or Snow, with Color in West portion.

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1 p. m.	32	3	11 p. m.	42	10
3 p. m.	32	3	1 p. m.	43	10
5 p. m.	32	3	3 p. m.	44	10
7 p. m.	32	3	5 p. m.	44	10
9 p. m.	32	3	7 p. m.	44	10
11 p. m.	32	3	9 p. m.	44	10

ROBBERS CALL ON A SALOON

Emil Gall's Place Visited and Comparatively Small Amount Secured.

Emil Gall's saloon at Ninth and Douglas streets was held up at 1:30 o'clock this morning by two men with red handkerchiefs, masks and large revolvers. The plunder which they divided was between \$25 and \$30 and a gold watch. John Martig, the bartender on watch, was the only one of those in the house to be searched and deprived of the timepiece and a watch. Martig, George White, Edward C. Spencer and Clarence Tiesen, the other bartender, who had come off duty at midnight, were in the saloon when the robbers entered. Tiesen, who was near the Douglas street door, was the only one who saw the pair enter and ran to the Eagle saloon at the next corner, where he selected what might be called a safe place, and lay low, without telephoning for the police. He had \$9 in his pocket.

There are three doors to the saloon, one at the corner and one each on Ninth and on Douglas streets. The robbers entered simultaneously, the corner and Ninth street doors, with pistols in hand. They ordered the men to hold up their hands and go into the billiard room at the rear. One covered the bartender as he saw the pair enter the register and the barkeeper. They expressed disappointment at the smallness of the take. When they had the money they went out the Douglas street door and were not followed. Martig telephoned the police.

SOCIALISTS CHOOSE OMAHA

National Headquarters Will Be Moved to Nebraska from St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 30.—On charges of disloyalty to the principles of the socialist party five members of the executive body of the national committee were removed at the committee meeting tonight.

It was after a heated discussion lasting throughout the afternoon that a vote was taken and the quorum disqualified to hold office further. Their successors will be elected tomorrow. The members removed all live in St. Louis and have been practically in control of the executive work of the party. They were charged with having attempted to fuse the interests of the socialist with other political parties and trade unions.

Members of the ousted committee say the principal reason for their removal was the fact that five delegates representing five other states objected to Missouri representing the controlling interest of the party, inasmuch as all of them lived in St. Louis. In the selection of headquarters for the ensuing year, Omaha was chosen against St. Louis. The committee meeting will continue until Monday.

CHARGE THEFT TO TRAINMEN

Four Brakemen on Union Pacific at Cheyenne Accused of Robbing Cars.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—A sensation was sprung here today when four well known young men, all employed in the train service between Cheyenne and Sidney, were placed under arrest by Chief Canada and his secret service men of the Union Pacific. It is alleged that an organized gang of about fifteen men has been robbing cars enroute between Cheyenne and Sidney. At first the officers were unable to trace the thefts, but the gang dispersed of many of the stolen articles here in Cheyenne and the peddling furnished a clue. It is said that two more members of the gang, who are well known brakemen, have been placed under arrest at Sidney. Deputy Sheriff Snow left tonight to bring them to Cheyenne, they having agreed to come without requisition papers. Efforts are being made to get the others said to be implicated in the wholesale theft and that arrests will occur tomorrow.

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LATTER DAY SAINTS' MEETING

North Nebraska Conference of the Church Opens Its Annual Session.

The annual conference of the northern Nebraska district of the Latter Day Saints opened in Omaha Friday evening in the Saints chapel, corner of Clark and Twenty-first streets, and will continue over Sunday. The conference was quite largely attended and is being presided over by President C. E. Butterworth. Among the prominent members of the denomination who are in attendance are: A. H. Smith, patriarch of the general church of Lamona, Ia., and Rev. Wright, one of the general missionaries.

At the session last evening the ministerial reports of the various districts were rendered, showing a general increase in the church throughout the entire state. The membership of the Omaha branch has grown to 1300. The college fund, ten prelates and ten elders, besides five teachers.

The report of the district treasurer showed the receipts for the past year to have been \$878, while the expenditures were \$589, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$289. The college fund of the denomination has enjoyed a very liberal increase, it was reported, as there is now on hand in that fund \$106. Included in the business of last night's session was the recommendation of the president and that branch and church was reorganized. It was also voted to raise a fund which will be exclusively devoted to maintaining the tent missionaries in the fields of the state, and also to making up new territories which the representatives of the Saints' church have not been able, through lack of proper funds, to work of all.

About fifty delegates are in attendance. The conference will be continued today and Sunday, this morning's session being devoted to business and Sunday school work. The conference will close Sunday evening.

W. R. PARKS IS IN CHICAGO

Man Who Disappeared from Lincoln Hotel a Month Ago is Found.

After nearly a month of most distressing uncertainty among his friends as to his fate, W. R. Parks of Chicago, who disappeared from his hotel in Lincoln, Neb., has been found in his home city and taken charge by his friends. Mr. Parks, who is a member of the firm of Hirsch, Wickwire & Parks of Chicago and is well known in this city, visited Lincoln about a month ago on business and suddenly disappeared from his hotel, leaving no word and failing to take his baggage with him. After he had been missing for some days the management of the hotel communicated with his friends and from that time a search has been continued until Wednesday night, when Mr. Parks was found in Chicago by O. W. Ware of his firm. As far as the general public is concerned, the mystery surrounding the strange absence of Mr. Parks has not yet been cleared up, for when questioned Mr. Ware would only say that Mr. Parks had been found and was among friends who would care for him until he was so far recovered his health as to be able to return to his business.

DECAYS AT FORTY-SEVEN

Indiana Men Live Half a Lifetime in Less Than Twelve Months.

LA PORTE, Ind., Jan. 30.—Physicians attending Charles F. Schultz, city treasurer, who died tonight at the age of 47, declare that he died of old age, having lived half a lifetime in less than a year.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Jan. 30.

At New York—Arrived: Teutonic, from Liverpool; Celtic, from Liverpool; Auguste Victoria, from Hamburg; Amsterdam, from Rotterdam; and Boulogne, from Genoa.

At Naples—Sailed: Trave, from Genoa, for Gibraltar and New York.

At Prawle Point—Sailed: Manitou, from New York, for London.

At Palermo—Sailed: Perugia, for New York.

At Cinale Head—Passed: Devonian, from Boston, for Liverpool.

At Liverpool—Sailed: Georgia, for New York.

At Merville—Sailed: Mongolian, from Glasgow and Liverpool, for St. John, N. F.

At the Laird—Passed: Main, from New York, for Bremen; Penland, from Antwerp, for Philadelphia.

At Hamburg—Arrived: Assyria, from Philadelphia.

FIGHTING FOR TIME

Revenue Revision Committee Finally Clarifies