WANTS SAN DOMINGO

Senator Heyburn Introduces Resolution for Annexation of the Republic

ALLEGED PLOT TO MURE

Enemies of United States Minister Demingo Plan Assausination.

JIMINEZ ALSO TO HAVE BEEN KILLED

Work to Have Been Done by Opponents of Presidential Aspirant.

GUARD AMERICAN MINISTER CAREFULLY

Plot Abandoned Because of Objection Made by Member of Provisional Cabinet, but Government Takes No Chances.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- Senator Heyburn of Idaho today introduced a joint resolution requesting the president to acquire by annexation the portion of San Domingo omprising the dependencies of San Domingo and Hayti. Mr. Simpson, the United States consul at

Puerto Plata, San Domingo, has cabled the State department, under today's date, that a revolution has broken out at Santiago and that the movement is extensive and

This is supposed to be the result of the failure of the provisional government to secure recognition at the hand of United States Minister Powell, which fact pre- turn direct to Japan. vented that government from obtaining money necessary to maintain itself through

Nothing is known officially of the re-States Minister Powell, but the navy will take all necessary precautions to protect the American legation in San Domingo.

Plot to Kill Powell.

assassinate William Powell, United States minister to Hayti and charge d'affaires at Port au Prince, San Domingo, has been disclosed in a communication from an official of the present Dominican government to a fellow countryman in this city, who formerly was an official under Wos y Gil, the recently deposed president of the re-

The letter states that the plot had been overthrown, should be killed at about the same time.

The plot to assassinate Minister Powell, was asserted, was conceived because of is opposition to plans of certain officials. The plan, as reported, was to let two or three men get into a fight along the street which Mr. Powell was passing. It was arranged that in the melee other plot-ters should engage, and it would be an easy matter to kill the American "by acci-

serts that he was to be the victim of plain assassination and that already two ful attacks have been made upon his person. The first occurred December 6, when a shot was fired at him while he was driving. The second attempt was

Jimines was the candidate for the presidency in opposition to General Morales and the partisuns of the man who desires to ceed Won y Gil are said to be at log-

While the plot against Minister Powell is said by the author of the letter to have been abandoned because of a strong stand taken by a member of the cabinet, it is said the American diplomat is being carefully guarded wherever he goes.

AGAINST BELLEVUE HOSPITAL Charges of Mistreatment Are Made by Patient's Friend and Investi-

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 .- Investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death at Bellevue hospital last week of Adolphus rucker, a former member of the British Parliament, has been commenced by the police. Drucker, who was a wealthy mine owner of British Columbia, was placed in the prison ward of the hospital while suf-fering from alcoholism and died.

gation Will Follow.

The inquiry was brought about by a letter written to Eugene N. Robinson, Druck-er's lawyer, by James Murphy, now a prisoner in the Tombs, but who occupied a cot next to Drucker in the hospital. Murphy charged that the attendants dosed Drucke with frequent and heavy hypodermic injections of morphine, besides an internal dose of narcotic known as "snipe," and also beat him about the head frequently and unnecessarily. When Drucker died Murshy declares the body was hastily taken to the morgue, and it is charged the hour of death misstated

Another charge is that though friends of Drucker had several times telephoned to the hospital asking if Drusker was there, the answer was always that no such person was among the patients. It is also averred that when he was brought to Bellevue he had some valuable jewelry about him an that this has disappeared.

POLICE SUSPECT INCENDIARISM

Otherwise Cannot Explain Half-Million-Dollar Fire in Old New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.-It is believed today that the loss from the fires of last night will reach half a million dollars, about 50 per cent being covered by insurance. The first fire broke out shortly before nidnight to the Foster & Armstrong plane

factory, in Commercial street. The building was totally destroyed. A few minutes after the walls fell fire ras discovered in the shoe factory of Wil-Blam Hoyt & Co., and a few minutes later a fire started in the Wondell plane factory at Central scenue and North Water street The Foster & Williams and Hoyt fires wer extinguished after a fight, but the fire in

Wendell building is still burning opinion that the fires were set by incen

WORKING ON NEW CHARTER

Denver Convention Organized with Democrat as Chairman to Make Organic Low.

DENVER, Dec. 18 .- The city charter concent. Blary days are allowed by law for don of a charter for submission

COREANS WOUNDED IN RIOT CARMACK IS AFTER CRUZEN HOUSE TALKS MANY THINGS CHANGE ARMY ARRANGEMENT NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Japanese M.b Lays Out Seventeer of Them at Mokuhe-Russia Does Not Interfere.

SECUL. Dec. 15 .- More rioting has taken b wounded seventeen Coreans, an officials are hurrying to Mokphe and quell the disorders. So far Rusnot interfered.

tates Minister Allen has demite answer from the Corean regard to the opening of the Ju. Despite American, British and Ja seese pressure, Russian influence over the Corean government is apparently act at all.

the rioting and begin looting.

waters.

ROME, Dec. 15.-Lieutenant Colonel Kurada Torasuke, the Japanese military attache here, has received orders to leave Rome at the end of the month and to re-

PARIS, Dec. 15 .- Dispatches from Indo-China report the massing of French troops on the Siamese border, in anticipation of war. The officials of Indo-China are quoted orted plots against the life of United as saying that the occupation of a large silce of Siam has been decided upon. The rupture with Siam will occur and say the measures taken are merely precautionary.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- An alleged plot to TURKS ARE WHOLLY TO BLAME United States Legation So Reports on Consul Davis' Fight at

Alexandretta.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 15.-The United States legation has received an exhaustive report of the incident at Alexandretta, fully convicting the local authorso arranged that ex-President Jimines. Ities and police of making unwarranted under whose lendership Wos y Gil was attack on Consul Davis and of arbitrary interference with him in pursuit of his duties, and showing that although Attarian, the naturalized American, had been ten days in Alexandretta, he was not moested until he attempted to embark for Egypt under the protection of the consul. The legation has transmitted the report to Washington and is awaiting instruction regarding the course to be pursued to obtain satisfaction.

CROWN PRINCE IS PUNISHED prisoned in Ris Room for

BERLIN, Dec. 15.-Crown Prince Wiliam Frederick was required by his mother to remain in his room for three days for having raced a steeple chase against the emperor's wish. The race took place near Potsdam three or four weeks ago. crown prince is a venturesome rider and had been reprimanded by the emperor for iding up the steps of the Sans Souci palace at the head of the Second company of the First regiment of the guards, of which regiment he had recently been appointed colonel. The prince while at Bonn university was noted for driving tandem at full speed to see how close he could cut

CARDINAL DIES UNRECONCILED

Spanish Ecclesiastic Leaves Money to General Who Will Defeat the United States.

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- The will of the late Cardinal Herreroy Espinos contains, ac ording to a special dispatch from Madrid, the extraordinary bequest of \$10,000 to the first Spanish general landing in United States territory with an army sufficiently L. Gilliand has been appointed postmas-strong to avenge the defeats of Cuba and ter at Nugent, Keokuk county, Ia., vice the Philippines.'

Pending the happening of this event the egacy is to remain deposited in the Bank of Spain.

Conservatives Hold Their Own. LONDON, Dec. 18 .- Bye elections were held today in the Dulwith division of Camperwell and at Lewisham to fill vacancles caused by the deaths of Sir John Blundell Maple and John Penn, both of whom had represented their constituencies for many years in the conservative interests. In the borough of Lewisham, Major Contes. conservative, was elected by a majority of 2,012. At Dulwith, F. Rutherford Harris. conservative, was elected by a majority of

No Special Laws for Socialists. BERLIN, Dec. 15 .- The extreme conservatives have been demanding a return to epressive legislation against socialists as under the late Prince Blamarck's rule. Chancellor von Buelow in the Reichstag today said he did not believe in special firm enforcement of the present laws to

preserve order. Brutal Lieutenant Sentenced. METZ, Alsace, Lorraine, Dec. 15 .- Lieutenant Schilling, charged with maltreating his subordinates, was sentenced today by the military court to fifteen months' imcases of maltreatment.

Bryan fu Vicana.

VIENNA Dec, 15.-William J. Bryan arstay in Vienna, going on to Moscow, by way of Warnaw.

Earthquake in Ecuador. GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Dec. B .- A slight earthquake was felt here today.

ROBBED WHILE GUESTS SLEEP Erie House in St. Louis Visited by Four Burglars, Who Empty

Safe.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15 .- (Special Telegram.) -While see guests were asleep everhead in the Eric house, Fourth and Clark avenue, four armed burglars early this morning broke open the cash drawer and inner safe doors with hammers, stole \$60 and a sackvention organized today. Mr. Charles H. ful of gueens' valuables and fatally in-Marshall, democrat, was elected press- jured the night clerk, George Harding, and the porter. Victor Dausson. They frac-jured the employee skulls with harmers and platola.

Asks the Treasury Department for Report of Its Special Agent.

place at Mokphe and yesterday a Japanese BALDWIN TESTIFIES IN THE PEAVEY CASE

Says Union Pacific Company Paid Company for Grain Handled in Its Elevators at Terminal Points.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- (Special Teleunshaken and it is expected that Corea gram.)-Senator Carmack of Tennessee will procrastinate in dealing with the mat- wants to know about Collector Crusen of ter and possibly may refuse eventually to Porto Rico. Today the senator presented a resolution directing the secretary of the A feeling of unrest is growing among treasury to inform the senate if a report the Corean people, who fear that whether has been made by Special Agent Leslie it he peace or war between Russia and Cullom of the department in relation to A. Japan the extinction of the empire is immi. R. Cruzen's conduct of the office of collecnent. It is believed that the outbreak of for of customs of Porto Rico. This cace hostilities or the announcement of a pro- has been threshed out so completely that tectorate of any kind will precipitate the public is quite familiar with its featrouble. Foreigners in Seoul expect dis-order and the American residents desire a braska to the place and after being there war ship. The Corean army, numbering awhile he was charged with receiving 8,000 men, is considered one of the most money and articles of value from importdangerous factors of the situation. It is ers. It appears Cruzen became involved feared that the soldiers will be first to lead with officials of the government in the interpretation of the customs laws, partic-A part of the Russian squadron has ai- ularly with the navy, and it required an ready departed for Port Arthur and the re- appeal to Washington bring the matter to mainder of the fleet will follow, leaving a focus. Cruzen was called to Washington no war ships of that nation in Corean to explain and satisfied the department but his enemies have kept up a back fire and the Carmack resolution of inquiry today shows how effective the work has been. It is understood that Mr. Crusen intends to resign his office next spring. He is tired of the place. While he has been exonerated by the Treasury department Cruzen feels that he has been misrepresented, but he will not get out until he is

'good and ready." Mr. Carmack's resolution, which was orauthorities in Paris do not believe that a a debatable subject for an attack upon the administration.

Pay for Handling Grain.

The Interstate Commerce commission operate elevators at a number of western points, including Kansas City and Council try. Bluffs. John N. Baldwin of Omaha repre-

through those elevators Uncertain About Military Move.

The order of the general staff creating nilitary divisions out of departments aistood to be made for the purpose of giving the present major generals territory com-mensurate with their rank. It is not in-tended to move the headquarters of the De-tended to move the headquarters of the De-tended to move the headquarters of the Department of the Missouri from Omaha, but it is designed to give Major General Bates.

At 2:45 the house adjourned until tomor who is placed in charge of the northern division, which includes the present Department of the Lakes, Departm ent of the Missouri and the Department of Dakota. Senator Millard, while exercised about this new arrangement of division boundaries, believes in making the present headquarters of the Department of the Missouri as permanent as possible, and he will push wherever possible for military betterments in Omaha. Just what the general staff has in mind regarding the disposition of military headquarters remains to be seen. It is, however, asserted that the creations of divisions means the creation of division staff headquarters and the ultimate reduction of department headquar term. This would materially affect Omaha and to guard against any loss to Omaha the Nebraska representation in congress must be active.

Senator Millard introduced an amendment to the diplomatic and consular bill today increasing the salary of the consul at Solingen, Germany, to \$3,600. The present consul is J. J. Langer of Wilbur, Neb.

Routine of Departments.

L. Gillland has been appointed postmas-Frank C. Hanron, resigned.

A rural free delivery route has dered established January 15 at Stansgar, Mitchell county, Ia.; route embraces an taining a population of 515

Rural carriers appointed: Nebraska-Grand Island, Benjamin F. Thorne, regular; George W. Burnett, substitute, Iowa-Sherman L. Powers, regular: Martha E. Powers, substitute. William Eyhorn and Jonathan J. Hall. regulars; Rolly Eyhorn and Estus Metcalf. substitutes. Tripoli, William C. Johnson. egulars; Edward Johnson, Charles Otto and Ed Schungstein, substitutes.

The National Bank of Humboldt, Humholdt. Neb., has been authorized to begin usiness, with \$30,000 capital. J. H. Morehead is president; M. W. Harding, vice president; John Holman, cashier; C. L. Huml, assistant cashier.

INDIAN AGENT IS EXONERATED legislation. The government preferred a Leupp Reports No Discovery of Allotments to Dead Reds or Live Whites.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.-Indian Agent Randlett, in charge of Klowa, Comanche and Apache agencies in Oklahoma, and Indian Inspector Nesler and the general prisonment. Schilling was charged with 618 conditions at the agency are completely exonerated by the inspector, Francis E. Leupp, in his report on the investigation of charges against those officers. The charges were made by dissatisfied Indians and alrived here today from Venice. He made no leged, among other things, that allotments were made to dead Indians and white men.

Monsters at Target Practice.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- The Navy deariment today received a cablegram from Rear Admiral Cotton, dated Beyroot, announcing that the Brooklyn had left Beyroot for Alexandria for target practice. It is said at the Navy department than when the Brooklyn finishes this practice it will return to Beyroot and that the San Francisco will then go to Alexandria for prac-

Roosevelt at Proctor Funeral.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.-The meeting of the cabinet, which was to have been held oday, was postponed until tomorrow on account of the funeral of John R. Proctar, late president of the Civil Service commission, which was attended by the president the pure food bill at the first meeting after and Mrs. Roosevelt, _____ the holidays.

Southern Congressmen Complain of the Distribution of Rural Mail Routes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.-The house today on convening went into committee of the whole for further consideration of the pensions appropriation bill.

Mr. Crumpacker, the first speaker, addressed himself to the Panama question. saying that the attacks on the action of this government in connection with the new republic were unwarranted by the

Mr. Crumpacker, in a colloquy with Mr.

Williams, the minority leader, asked if it were not time the democrats were willing to accept the stolen goods if permitted to condemn the act of taking. Mr. Williams replied that while they could recognize the character of the child, they could treat it properly. Mr. Maddox (Ga.), replying to Mr. Crum packer, said he had arraigned the party for statements made by a few members of the minority. He then spoke on the rural free delivery. He produced figures and declared

cated in four states-Iowa, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois-and that the first two named states have more routes than twelve southern states which he named. Mr. Maddox said when his constituents asked him why he could not secure more routes the only reply he could make was that he could not get up to the "ple counter." He said he could show more

one district than could be found in a whole Mr. Hemenway replied to Mr. Maddox. whereupon colloquies with Mr. Clayton dem., (Ala.) and Mr. Robinson, dem., (Ind.) ensued relating to the number of routes in

different districts. Mr. Hepburn, rep., (Ia.) explained as to routes in Iowa. He charged the democrats division will be San Francisco. with having opposed the rural free delivdered to lie on the table until called up by ery route. Mr. Maddox replied that it was its author, is primarily thought to be only a democrat who introduced the first bill. Mr. Gardner, rep., (Mass.) replied to the remarks of Mr. Lind, dem., (Minn.) relative to freer trade relations with Canada. He said the cotton interests of this country would suffer if thrown into competition oday gave a hearing in the case of the with labor in Quebec, which he declared to Union Pacific railroad, charged with giving be underpaid, and where, he said, the preferential rates to Peavey & Co., who standard of living was lower than in the cotton manufacturing districts in this coun-

Mr. Gardner spoke of the fishing inter sented the Union Pacific and contended that ests and how they would be affected and there was no discrimination in rates and said the question of reciprocity should be that its allowances are not excessive. He approached seriously and studied with care. said there was an agreement with the He said he was not willing that the fishing Peavey company, through the Midland Ele- and cotton interests of his district should vator company at Kansas City and the be sacrificed that the people of Winnipeg Omaha Elevator company at Council might enjoy the strawberries of Minnesota.
Bluffs, under which the Union Pacific pays Mr. Rainey, dem., (III.) said the Panama Mr. Rainey, dem., (III.) said the Panama the elevator companies 114 cent per 100 canal is now an assured fact. He had no pounds for handling grain which passes criticism to make regarding the recognition of the new republic, but expressed the hope that free government would be given the Philippines, which, he said, yielded unwillingly to American authority. He saw no ready geographically indicated is underand the prevention of the landing of Co-

CHARGES BREACH OF FAITH

Former Superintendent of Instruction of Cuba Testifies in

Wood Case. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- In the General Stannard Baker, concerning the article reflecting upon the administration of Major General Brooke, made it necessary for the umber of questions concerning the origin of the article in question and stood by his former testimony to the effect that General Wood had knowledge of the story and that it was prepared principally at his sugges-

tion and dictation. The second witness today was General George H. Burton, inspector general of the army. He occupied the position of inspector general in Cuba under the administration of General Wood as governor general, and it was he who discovered the postal frauds. He was called for the purpose of telling the committee the date of that discovery, and also the date General Wood made the order revising the judicial system of Cuba for the admission of expert testimony. General Burton said that the discovery of the postal frauds was made area of twenty-three square miles, con- in April. 1900, and it was two weeks or more later when the order was issued by General Wood changing the jurisdiction and powers of the court.

Alexis E. Frye, formerly superintendent of public instruction, told the committee Hornick, that the schools of Cuba were organized under laws issued by General Brooke and that an order making a cut in salaries of teachers was issued by General Wood. John C. Johnson and John L. Schungstein. He declared that there had been a breach of faith on the part of General Wood, which interfered with the efficiency of the schools. He asserted that General Wood was untruthful in matters affecting public affairs. Secretary Root will be calle, before the committee tomorrow, when she committee

plans to conclude its inquiry. SHOULD AMEND LOTTERY LAW Senator Penrose for Postoffice De-

partment Introduces Bill Against Turf Concerns. WASHINGTON, Dec. B.-The senate

ommittee on postoffices and post roads today heard the objections of a number of representatives of insurance companies to the passage of the bill prepared by state the Department of the East. insurance commissioners, to bar fraudulent insurance companies from using the matia. Several of those heard agreed that the bill, as it is proposed to amend it, would not seriously injure legitimate business, but at the same time opposed the measure on the ground that it was a step toward dangerous tegislation. The committee decided to take no action at this time, but Chairman Pen- Department of the Missouri. rose expects to call another meeting after the holidays, when the bill will be further considered.

The senate finance committee today heard Director of the Mint Roberts in a report on small coins at the San Francisco mint. The Colorado delegation has asked that smaller coins he coined at the Denver mint. The chief point of Mr. Roberts' statement was the item of cost in transporting coins from the west to the curt. The postoffice committee of the house has received from the postmaster general the of the Missouri by the acquisition of Wyom-Bristow report and the Conrad and Bona- ing are garrisoned as follows: Fort D. A. parts report, which the committee today

ordered printed and made public. The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce today decided to take up

Five Divisions Created, Each to Be Commanded by a Major General.

DEPARTMENT BOUNDARIES ARE CHANGED

Wyoming, with Three Posts, Added to Department of Missouri and Arkansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory Taken Away.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15,-The secretary f war today approved the recommendation of the general staff establishing military divisions and somewhat changing the pres ent boundary lines of departments in the United States. There will be four division in the United States and one in the Phil-

The Atlantic division will constitute the present Department of the East, except the state of Louisiana, with the state of Tennessee added thereto, and will be composed of the Department of the East and that of the 15,000 router established last June more than one-third of them were lothe Department of the Gulf. The headquarters of the Department of the Gulf will be located at Atlanta, Ga., and the headquarters of the division will be at Governor's island, New York. The headquarters of the Department of the East will temporarily be at Governor's Island.

Department of Missouri Enlarged.

The Northern division will be composed of the present Department of the Lakes, the Department of the Missouri and the routes established in seven counties in Department of the Dakotas. The Depart- south. ment of the Missouri is enlarged by adding thereto the state of Wyoming, which has Colorado. The headquarters of the North-

this division will be Oklahoma, Okl. The Philippine division will remain as now constituted.

been decided upon: Atiantic Division—Major General Corbin. Northern Division—Major General Bates. Pacific Division—Major General Mac-Arthur. Southwestern Division-Major General

Fhilippine Division-Major General Wade. The order becomes effective January 15. The following officers have been designated to assume command of the several

nt of Visayas Department of Mindanao—Major General Wood. Commandant of Infantry and Cavalry School. Fort Leavenworth—Brigadier Gen-

eral Bell. News at Headquarters.

The first intelligence of the contemplated changes in the departmental lines and crea-Wood case today Major J. E. Runcie was tion of the four new military divisions was the first witness. Statements made by Ray conveyed to Department of the Missouri headquarters last evening by the press dispatches. Said Major General Sumner last evening: "I know virtually nothing about recall of Major Runcie. He was asked a the matter except what is stated in the dispatch. It has a personal interest to me In the fact that I observe that I am trans ferred to the command of the Southwestern military division with headquarters at Oklahoma City. No orders have yet been received at these headquarters in refer ence to the matter at all, and we may not know anything for several days, I regret that I will have to leave Omaha. It will Cashier of Connecticut Institution be noticed, however, that while the Department of the Missouri will lose Arkansas. Oklahoma and the Indian territories it gains Wyoming. It will therefore lose Fort Logan H. Roots, Ark.; Fort Sill, L. T., and Fort Reno, Okl., but will gain the fine military post of Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., and Forts McKenzle and Washakie,

in the same state."

while 6maha is not included in the distribution of division headquarters, the city will still retain its military importance as a department headquarters with a full staff of executive and administrative officials. The division headquarters constitute simply the commanding general, his two personal aides, chief of staff, adjutant general and judge advocate general. Neither the quartermaster, commissary or medical departments constitute a part of the divisional staff, these belonging to the department headquarters, which will comprise a chief of staff, adjutant general, assistant adjutant general, chief quartermaster, chief ommissary, medical director, judge advocate and the usual clerical force attached to departments as at present. Hence as a lodges of secret fraternities. matter of fact Omaha will not be particularly the loser by the new arrangement, The Department of the Missouri will comrise the states of Missouri, with the military establishments of Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis powder depot; lows, with the new Fort Des Moines; Kansas, with Ports Leavenworth and Riley; Nebroska, with Forts Crook, Niobrara and Robinson, and the Omaha military depot, and Wyoming. with Forts D. A. Russell, Washakie an McKenzie. It therefore remains the great-

From other sources it is learned that

est of the military departments, except Commander at Omaha,

Brigadier General C. C. C. carr, now at Fort Riley, is designated to temporarily succeed Major General S. S. Sumner in lishing the identity of offenders. command of the Department of the Missouri until the arrival of Brigadier General Theodore J. Wint, United States army, who ployes has been assigned to the command of the

General Wint entered the service as a private soldler of the Sixth Pennsylvania cavalry in 1861 and served throughout the civil war and was mustered out as first lieutenant. He was made a second lieutenent of the Fourth United States cavalry in November, 1965, first lieutenant in 1856, captain in 1872, major of Tenth cavalry in 1892, lieutenant colonel of the Bixth cavalry in 1809, colonel in 1901 and brigadier general in

The three posts added to the Department Second infantry: troop E. Touth cavalry; Thirteenth callry field arthlery. Fort Russell is a ton-company post, Fort

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Fair Wednesday; Thursday Cloudy, Probably Snow in Northern Portion

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LINCOLN HAS A COSTLY BLAZE ENDING COMPETITION RESTRAINS TRADE

Curtis-Bartlett Company Suffers Los of About One Hundred Thouannd Dollars.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15 .- (Special Tele gram.)-The Curtis-Bartlett manufacturing plant at Seventh and M streets was totally destroyed by fire tonight, entailing a loss of probably \$100,000. Two buildings with their contents were consumed, one a twostory brick 150x42 feet and the other a frame shell considerably larger which adjoined it on the east. The company carried \$39,000 insurance on the stock and buildings. The fire started at 8:10 o'clock and was

beyond control before an alarm was turned Within an hour all hope of saving it had vanished and it was with the utmost difficulty that the firemen were able to save the large warehouse of the company west of the manufacturing plant and the J. I. Case five-story brick building on the

The fire originated in the frame building which was used as an engine room and been detached from the Department of the workshop and before American District Telegraph Night Watchman Lane saw it ern division will be at St. Louis.

The Pacific division will be composed of and had spread into the brick building. He the present Departments of California and at once turned in the alarm, but before the of the Columbia. The headquarters of the arrival of the department the flames had leaped to the Case building and threatened The Southwestern division will be com- to destroy that. Heedless of the flames posed of the Departments of Colorado and which rushed from every opening from top Texas. The Department of Texas will be to bottom of the burning building, leaping enlarged by the addition of the states of across the twenty-foot alley to the Case Louisiana and Arkansas and Okiahoma and building. Chief Clement rushed into the al-Indian territories. The headquarters of ley, followed by twelve men, and turned a hose on the latter. He and his men were completely enveloped in smoke and flames and were threatened every minute with the The following division commanders have falling of a wall. They kept at their work, a constant spray being played upon them

by other firemen. When they finally came from between the buildings, some of them with their clothing burning, the Case building had been saved. They were greeted with tumultuous cheers. About five minutes later the wall feil, sendng a stream of sparks to spectacular heights. It was shortly before this that

windows, glass and manufacturing wood. Most of this had been moved into the new building. The old buildings were used as a sition settled by the transmissour that the manufacturing plant and about \$3,000 worth | joint traffic cases, but to do what he could started. The firm employs sixty men, but none of these will be affected. L. Paine. assistant manager of the company, said that the lors would be about \$100,000. Most of the comptiling interstate railroads is to restrain interstate commerce.

Second—That to bring the operations of Econd—That to bring the operations of the comptiling interstate commerce.

The fire was one of the most spectacular Lincoln ever witnessed and fully 8,000 people crowded the viaduct and the near vicinity of the buildings. Several freight cars on the tracks near the buildings were hustled out of the way by switch engines and barely escaped destruction.

COMMITS SUICIDE AT BANK Shoots Himself After Greeting Bank Examiner.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 15 .- After greeting a bank examiner, who had come mannounced to examine his accounts. Asa C. Bushnell, cashler of the Yale National bank in this city, went into the basement of the bank today and shot himself, death ensuing soon after at Grace hospital.

A statement given out by Edwin S. Greeley, president of the bank, this afternoon, said the investigation of the books said the cashler was indebted to the bank for between \$12,000 and \$15,000. The president added: "Until we hear tomorrow from our correspondents in New York and Boston and ascertain our balances in those places we can make no further statement." President Greeley said that Bushnell had

been with the bank twenty-one years and that he was the last man who would have been suspected of speculation. Bushnell was if years of age. He was treasurer of Grace hospital, where he died, of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church and of several

ALL HAVE TO WEAR BADGES Chicago City Hall Employes Who Handle the Public Suffer from Mayor's Accusations.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 .- All city hall employes whose work brings them in contact with the public will be required to wear a badge. An ordinance making the enforcement of this requirement imperative upon the heads of al departments has been adopted by the council. The object of the ordinance is to prevent irregularities among employes who hope to escape punishment because of the difficulty in estab-The ordinance is the outgrowth of the charges of "graft" by the mayor against the emof the inspection bureau.

DOWIE DEMURS TO PETITION Desires Dismissal of Bankruptey Proceedings for Number of Tech-

nical Reasons. CHICAGO, Dec. 15 .- A demurrer to the petition of creditors which resulted Dember 4 in the appointment of two receivers to take charge of all the property

was filed today in the United States court g counsel for Dowle. Dowle raises a number of technical legal bjections to the form of the creditors' etition and asks to have the bankruptcy

Kohlmar next week.

of John Alexander Dowle at Zion City,

Northern Securities Case is Submitted to the United States Supreme Court.

KNOX MAKES STRONG APPEAL FOR LAW

Says Federal Statutes Prohibit Merger Planned by Morgan and Hill.

Consolidation of Railroads Interferes with the Law of Competition.

COMPANY HAS POWER TO WATER STOCK

Present Deal Adds to Evil of Combination Power to Make Exorbitant Rates Appear Secessary to Pay Charges.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- Attorney General Knox resumed his argument in the Northern Securities case in the United States supreme court today. He declared that by the union of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern companies two competing interstate railroads have been brought into such relations that their dependence as competitive factors in inter-

state commerce is destroyed. The thing that has been done was declared illegal, he said, when brought about by the methods pursued in the joint traffic and transmissouri case. These were cases of contracts or agreement between independent and competing lines of railroad for the regulation of traffic charges. The government charges that these agreements restrained interstate octamerce, and this court sustained that orntention. Mr. Knox

The court heard the case patiently, and the arguments thrice presented by the rail-roads failed to disturb the court's concusions that the contracts or agreements in question violated the law. The exigencies of the cases rendered necessary a complete interpretation of the statute. The power of congress to enact the law, the application of the law to common carriers and specifically its application to contracts or agreements regulating rates were all denied. Dark forebodings of resultant commercial disaster, should the government's contention prevail, were solemnly and forcefully impressed upon the court by gentlemen of chinent personal and professional standing. These considerations invited and secured patient and full consideration of the cases and exhaustive analysis and interpretation of the statute in the judgment.

Decision by Other Court.

heights. It was shortly before this that three boys performed an heroic act. Adjoining the side of the brick building was a little shed which contained a barrel of gasoline. Charles Neher, Albert Crampton and Sam Shackleton secured this and, with sparks falling all over them, rolled it out of danger of the flames.

Curtis & Bartlett is a branch of a Clinton, Ia., firm and Paul Bartlett is the resident manager and secretary. The destroyed buildings were formerly the entire plant of the firm here, it having during the last year removed most of its stock to a newly propartment of Colorado-Brigadier General Les; Brigadier General Barry, temporarily.

Department of Texas-Brigadier General Les; Brigadier General Lac, Brigadier Gene his intention to reargue any of the propo-

of new machinery had just been installed to show their application to the facts in and the mill work had recently been this case. He, however, made the following statement of the great question settled by the court in those cases: First-That to shut out the operat

Scoond—That to bring the operations of two or more competing interstate railroads under the control of a single hody shuts out the operation of the general law of the competition and constitutes a restraint upon interstate commerce.

Third—That congress is competent to forbid any agreement or combination against companies competing for interstate commerce which restrains commerce among the states by shutting out the operation of the general law of competition.

Fourth—That in order to maintain a suit the government is not obliged to show an intent to restrain commerce if such restraint is the natural and necessary effect of the arrangement.

What the Testimony Shows.

He then said: He then said:
The testimony shows conclusively, I think, that as a matter of fact and law, the thing which these gentlemen did, was to create a combination in the form of a trust, a form specifically prohibited by act of congress, if it restrained interstate commerce and also, that the Northern Securities company was formed for the purpose of taking over the control of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads, and actually took over that control, and, with that control, absolute power over both roads, the thing which your honors have said constitutes such restraint under circumstances substantially the same as those of this case.

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Mr. Knox then discussed the end accomplished by the merger of the railroad interests and declared that Messrs. Morgan and Hill had the power to suppress competition between these two roads when they held the control of the majority of the stock of the two. He also asserted that they executed that power and actually suppressed and destroyed competition between them the moment they parted with the legal title to their segregated holdings and vested them in the Northern Securities company, with the power in that company, as its charter specifies "to exercise all the rights of ownership, including the right to

vote thereon." This, he contended, actually desiroyed competition between the two roads, saving: It is hed enough to bring the entire railroad facilities of an important section of the country under monopolistic control, but when to the power to
fix charges for transportation you add the
creation of scores of millions of flat stock
upon which those charges are expected to
pay dividends, you impose an trajustifiable
burden upon the people and exact too high
a price for a successful evasion of the law,
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George B. Young followed on behalf of the securities company, "his clients," he said, "do not seek to in any way limit the authority of congress over interstate commerce, nor was the securities company in any way seeking to evade the law. was not necessary to stretch a law novering interstate commerce to make it gover mething that is not interstate commerce. We are not dealing here with commerce or the operations of railroads at all," he haid, "but we are dealing with the question property." He was the last to present an argument in the case.

SMELTING COMPANY DIVIDEND American Declares One a One-Fourth Per Cent on Common, Payable

January 1.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.-The America Smelting and Refining company has declared a dividend of it per cent on its proceedings dismissed. The demurrer will common stock, payable January 1 next. be taken up for consideration by Judge This is the first dividend declared on the common stock.