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HURRY TO FAR EAST

Russian Boats, Now at Tunis, with Others Will Proceed There Soon.

PREDICT TROUBLE FOR UNITED STATES

Senator Nelson Says Russia Interferes with Trade of This Country.

NEW TREATY WITH CHINA IS RATIFIED

Believed This Will Have Bearing on Settlement of Question.

TROOPS GO STEADILY TO PORT ARTHUR

Russian Officials Inclined to Discount Rumors of War and Say that Present Conditions May Continue.

BIZERTA, Tunis, Dec. 18.-The Russian naval forces now anchored here, comprising a battleship, three armored cruisers and several torpedo boats, commanded by Admiral Wirenus, will be reinforced in a few days by six torpedo boats and will proceed hence to the far east.

Situataion More Unfavorable. TOKIO, Dec. 18.-The situation here today is more unfavorable than yesterday. The letter of Mrs. Anlta Newcomb McGee, president of the Association of Spanish American War Nurses, offering to the government of Japan, through the Japanese minister at Washington the services of trained nurses in the event of war with Russia, has produced an excellent impreson and is warmly appreciated as a mark of the traditional American friendship for

Butifies Chinese Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. is.—The senate in executive sension today ratified the treaty "for the extension of the commercial-relations" between the United States and secreta. No opposition was manifested by any senator to the treaty, although Mr. Nelson, rep. (Minn.), made a long speech in which he cellulated the speech in which he criticised the convention as making insufficient provision for the trade of the United States. He said it indicated that the hand of Russia had been shown gainst this country, making it impossible for the United States to receive the conons needed in the way of open ports. He said that the ports of Mukden and Antung, which are opened under the treaty provisions, are in fact inland ports, accessible only to vessels of light draft. He blamed Russia for this condition of affairs and warned the senate that we may have trouble with that country over the Man-churian question, which he said had been sible for the inability of the United States plenipotentiaries to obtain the open-ing of other in portant ports under more

The attitude taken by Mr. Nelson was CAPITULATES WITHOUT FIGHT same time that this treaty is an entering wedge to our trade and that it was the best China was able to do under Russian

May Have Bearing on Question.

Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts urged the Importance of having the treaty ratified at once, and said the State department con sidered immediate action as essential. He that the ratification probably would have a bearing on the settlement of the far eastern question. Senators Morgan Cullom, Spooner and a number agreed with

It was stated by some of the speakers that if Russia had objection to the treaty it had not been apparent, and on the conpressed its approval of it. There was n division on the motion to ratify.

Troops Go to Port Arthur. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18 .- A traveler who has just returned from Manchuria ian troops are still moving night

The opinion here is that the Russo-Japa negotiations will proceed. It is pointed it that there is no reason why Japan, if not satisfied with Russia's reply, should break of the negotiations, since the reply is in no sense an altimatum, leaving the way open for counter-proposals. It is suggested as an expedient, in case no agree ment can be reached, that an arrange be made to maintain the present

Insurance Bates Advance. LONDON, Dec. 18 -- A special dispatch from Mt. Petersburg says: Optimistic anticipations of a pacific solution of the Rurzo-Japanese crisis are still entertained in the leading official circles in spite of some disguietude on the part of the public and slarmist press reports.

Risks at Lloyds rose about 5 per cent to day, 30 guineas per cent being quoted to the end of January and 25 to the end of February. Ordinary insurance on a cargo to and from Japan rose about 5 per cent, with a fair amount of business. Japanese bonds declined on the Stock

exchange from three-quarters to one point, but railied and c. sed unchanged.

Russians Active in Cores. SHOUL, Dec. 18.-The attitude of the Russians here indicates a possible determination to prevent Japan from gaining a foothold in Corea. The radicals, insist that Russia must reach the sea to insure protection in the future, and argue that Japan in possession of Cores would be a con-

stant menace. The emperor still studiously avoids an answer to the questions of United States Minister Allen in regard to Wiju. The latter is now pressing the matter and has asked for another audience. The Russians are inclined to resent American activity concerning Wiju and say that the Amer icans are playing the Japanese game. The Russians do not object to Americans coming in and trading with Manchuria, but assert that the opening of Mukden and An Tung admitted Japanese, whose presenlead to a repetition of this if Yougamphe and Wiju are opened. They say that Amer icans now enjoy a large trade with Man churia, which, except in the matter of flour, will largely increase in the future and insist that the present attitude of America only injures a friend and cus temer and favors a manufacturing rival.

Japan Would Bay Ships. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.-It is under here, says a Herald disputch from Bu yres. Argentine, that the reported offer

It is Scheduled for Early January,

with an Ex-President at MOBILE. Dec. 18 .- Advices received here by steamer indicate that another revolution

is imminent in Honduras and that it is expected to take place soon after the first of the year. It is expected to be fostered by ex-President Sierra, through a special envoy, with the purpose of ousting President

On his retirement from the executive chair of Honduras Sierra named Senor Arian for president and he was given the position. Then Bonilla organized a revolution and overthrew Arias, who is now an exile and in prison at Tegucigalpa. It is matter of the Honduras rallway. This was suilt by English capitalists. Since its con truction not a cent of interest or principal has been paid to bondholders and it is asserted that the English government will take cognizance of the matter and enforce the payment,

PLANS OF WAGE EARNERS Those of Australia Will Be for Com pulsory Arbitration and Other

Reforms,

largely increased labor representation in white labor in Australia, for the restriction of allen immigration and for generally pre serving Australia for the Australians. The efforts of the labor party representatives indoubtedly will be bent toward securing recognition of unions, a limitation of the hours of labor, compulsory arbitration and discrimination against foreign vessels in the const trade.

The ultimate labor program will include the nationalization of government control of many of the financial and commercial functions now left to private enterprise. Speaking generally, the labor party is strongly protectionist. Its attitude in regard to preferential trade will be to heighten the wall against the foreigher

ienn Salt Ment Under Low

PARIS. Dec. 18.-The agricultural group of the Chamber of Deputies met today and protested against the proposed law allow ing minimum tariff rates on American salt meats and appointed a committee to wait on the minister of agriculture.

Tariff.

The Chamber of Deputies today adopted by 53 to 255 votes urgency in favor of the proposition of M. Mirman (socialist) providing for the suppression of all decora tions. Premier Combes opposed the urgency motion, and the result, therefore, was slight ministerial reverse. The vote the main question was deferred.

upheld in speeches by a number of other senators, although it was argued at the Puerto Plata, in Northern San Do mingo, Lets Revolutionists Have All.

> NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- This city has been surrendered to the revolutionsists without fighting, says a Herald dispatch from Puerto Plata, San Domingo.

The government forces, after a sever battle, have been forced to abandon Santiago de Los Caballeros. They were short General Caceres, who announced that h

would support the provisional president, Merales, has fied and covered up his racks. This is reckoned as establishing the supremacy of ex-President Jimines in the northern part of the island.

MORE MEN ON COMMISSION Three Experts Announced as Members of Chamberlain's Tariff Law Committee.

LONDON, Dec. 18 .- Among the experts who have consented to serve on Joseph Birchenough, a member of the council o the Statistical society, a director of the mperial Continental Gas association and a silk manufacturer, who was sent to South Africa as a commissioner of the Board of Trade to inquire into the political ndition and prospects of British trade in that country; J. A. Corah, who is promi nent in the hosiery trade, and R. H. Read a leading spinner of Belfast, Ireland.

CHARLOTTE HAS NO CANCER German Government Officially Denie

- that the Princess is Even III.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.-The report publishe by the Journal of Paris that Princess Charlotte, sister of Emperor William, is of the physicians has created consternation in the German court is officially defined as "nonsense." The princess is not even ill. Emperor William shot two stags and three wild boars at Goehrde today. The foresters beat up the game past stations where the emperor and his guests stood, ground. The sport lasted two hours,

TRANSPORT KINGSLEY ASHORE Grounds on Philippine Coast with Ugly Rock Through Its

MANILA, Dec. 18.-The United States transport Kingsley is ashore at Murcielagos, north Mindanao, with a rock through

A small British steamer, the Kingsley. satisd from Mantla October 20 for the Phil ippine provinces. It may have been chartered as a transport by the authorities at Manile. Otherwise there is no United States transport named the Kings

EMPEROR'S SISTER HAS CANCER Vertict of Physicians Creates Consternation in German Court

and Upon Emperor.

PARIS, Dec. 18.-The Journal hears from Berlin that the Princess Charlotte of Saxe Meiningen, a sister of Emperor William by an English firm to purchase the Argen-tine war vessels built in Italy was made on behalf of the Japanese government. No decision has been reached by the Argentine German court and had a bad effect a German court and had a bad effect upon the recovery of the emperor,

HONDURAS REVOLUTION NEXT POPE RECEIVES TREASURE CONCERNS

Nine Million Dollars Given by Leo XIII to Cardinal Gotti Restored.

OTHER MONEY FOUND AT SAME TIME

Workman Removing Hangings from Walls Finds Role in Wall Containing More Than One Million Dollars.

ROME, Dec. 18 .- According to the Tribins, the Vatican had sudden wealth poured into its coffers today. For some time said the people are dissatisfied with the certain sums which were known to be pos-conduct of the government, especially in the out result, the search toward the end becoming somewhat feverish. Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the propaganda, accompanied by Monsignore Marzolini, one of the late pope's secretaries, drove up to the Vati-can today and getting out hurriedly began tugging at a heavy object in the carriage. Assistance was offered, but it was refused, and Cardinall Gottl and Monsignore Margolini, between them, carried the mysterious object to the apartment of Pope Plus. They were immediately admitted and remained for two hours.

Intense curiosity was aroused by this act, as it was believed to have some rela-MELBOURNE, Victoria, Dec. 18.-The tion to the missing wealth and the wildest rumors were circulated. It soon became the commonwealth Parliament is expected known, however, that the bag contained to give a great impetus to the demands for 45,000,000 francs, (\$0,000,000) in bank notes. When Cardinal Gottl entered the pres ence of the pope he sank to his knees and pointing to his burden, said:

Your holiness, the lamented Leo, just before his death, confided to me the money which I now lay at your feet, saying that if I succeeded him I was to use as I thought best, but that if another took his place I was to turn the money over to him after a period of four months had clapsed. This I do now in the presence of Monsignor Marzolini, who has been the only other person to share the secret. The pone was much affected.

The pope was much affected. The Tribuna goes on to relate that just about the time this scene was being enicted in the papal apartments an electrician, while removing the hangings in the late Pope Leo's chamber in order to get at the electric light wires, found in without lowering it in favor of Great a hole in the wall several bags, which were carelessly tied. These bags when opened were found to contain 9,250,000

Receives Negro Priest.

The Rev. J. E. Burke, rector of the New York City, was received in private audience by the pope today. The pontiff evinced great interest in Father Burke's count of his mission and said: "Carry our love and apostolic blessing

to the colored people."

The pope complimented Monsigner Kennedy, rector of the American college, on the high standing of the American stud-

HARDLY EQUALS FRIARS' DEBTS Price They Receive for Philippine Lands Said to Mean Small Profit to Them.

the Philippines. While the fact that a settlement had been arrived at had been received by the heads of the order at the Vatican, the orders learned from the Asso ciated Press correspondent the price \$7,250,000, to be paid. The friars were glad the negotiations had been concluded, but they think the orders got little for the lands, since the price they originally asked, \$12,000,000, was, they declare, under the estimated value of the lands, the value of which had been much increased, especially ince the American occupation of the Philppines and the re-establishment of order

in the archipelago. The friars claim the money they will reselve is scarcely enough to pay what they orrowed when they were deprived of they point out that only part of the money will go to the friare, as the lands were really transferred to private companies, although the friars retained a large numbe of shares in them. The Augustinians had their lands transferred to a company formed in Madrid by the Marquis di Comiflius, the head of the Spanish Transatiantic Navigation company. The Dominicans succeeded in so thoroughly their ownership of lands that the Vaticas itself threatened to punish them severely for having tried to deceive even the eccle-

BRYAN KNOCKS AT CZAR'S DOOR He Hopes the Russian Puler Will Let Him Look in a Minute

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18 .- William J. Bryan will arrive here Sunday. He hopes

to have an audience with the czar. WOMEN ARE HIS VICTIMS

Head of Modern Supply Club is Given Sentence of Six Months in Juit. CHICAGO, Dec. 18.-Housewives from different parts of the United States were in attendance in the United States district

court here today and heard Judge Humphrey announce sentence in the case of Wilbur Leach, six months in jail and a fine of \$500 The charge was defrauding women through Under the guise of an organization knows as the "Modern Supply club," Leach advertised that he would furnish a sewing out fit and materials, and would pay 10 cents

for each apron made by the members of the club. Deposits of \$1 were required from each of the victims. The defendant was charged with keeping the money and omit-ting payment for the women's work.

SENDS SCHEMERS TO PRISON bers of Fraudulent Western

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 .- Overruling a motion for a new trial, Judge Humphrey in the United States district court today sentenced Julius M. Nisson and Arthur J. Herbst to the penitentiary for eighteen

Supply Company.

ern Supply company the two men used the mails to defraud reputable business houses n all parts of the United States. would be shipped to New York, where it ory and William Ba-ker, Council Bluffs, would be disposed of. The men are said to have acquired small fortunes in the alleged swindle.

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CABLEGRAMS ARREST IN LAND FRAUDS

Smony is Sought in liding Receiver-

NF & A. Dec. 18.—When the hearing in ... ed States Shipbuilding receivership a was resumed today Mr. Unter-B. Alexander of the firm of Alexander &

hip Case.

It is recognized by counsel that the hearing will extend well into next year, Mr. Untermyer saying that he has a number of witnesses yet to call in addition to Messrs. Schwab, Pam and Young before the defense begins to present its case.

The hearing opened with a tilt betwee Mesers, Guthrie and Untermyer, Mr. Guthrie rising to state for Mr. Alexander that none of the cablegrams which he sent from abroad during the summer of 1902 in regard to selling securities referred to shipbuilding stock and that if Mr. Untermyer desired to "pry into Mr. Alexander's private busiaffairs" the cablegrams would be opened to his inspection. Mr. Untermyer esented the phrasing of the statement, and the examination then proceeded. Mr. Untermyer asked if a cable message in code of July 28, 1902, directing the New York office to "sell my rights on my tomb" ferred to shipbuilding stock, but Mr. Alexander insisted that shipbuilding stock was not "his tomb," and Mr. Guthrie augmented the merriment by asking how tomb" was spelled.

The cablegrams in question, over whose admission in evidence so strong a fight has been made, came to the knowledge of complainant's counsel through Mr. Dresser, but not in such a way that they could be used in evidence from that source. Mr. Alexander continued his tactics of declining to answer most questions about correspond-ence on the ground that it was privileged. Mr. Alexander told at length of the connection of his firm and himself with the early attempts to form a shipbuilding concern, but parried most of Mr. Untermyer's

attempts to obtain any important sensational testimony about the final attempt. In the course of his testimony Mr. Alexander said that he had told the Oppenhelms, the French underwriters, that he had heard that J. P. Morgan & Co., had taken some of the shipbuilding securities, at which the Oppenheims were "greatly excited." It was brought out that \$100,000 worth of shipbuilding securities had been

French press. Mr. Alexander was asked if he had not underwriters had not later been informed that these quotations were erroneous, but he claimed privilege on this line of inquiry, as he did when Mr. Untermyer asked: "Did you call on Mr. Harjes in July and obtain from him a promise to may every-thing good of the shipbuilding company?"

FATHER AND SON SHOT DOWN Officers Kill the Two Choissers in Los Angeles, Pleading Seif-Defense.

ROME, Dec. 18.—Considerable excitement prevailed in the mother houses of the Dominicans, Augustinians, Franciscans and Recollects over the announcement of the settlement of the friars lands question in a battle with Detectives Hawley, Murphy and Cowan late last night. The three offi- him arrested at this time.

cers escaped without injury. Telegrams were received by Chief of Police Elkton yesterday from Equality, Ill., requesting the arrest of Joe Choisser on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. There was no charge against oung Choisser, so far as known. The detectives immediately began a search, locating Choleser at the Broxboro lodging ouse, 323 West Fifth street. Shortly after 10 o'clock last evening the detectives searched the lodging house for the fugitives and entered without knocking for admittance. The elder Cholsser was lying on the bed and as the officers entered he reached for his pistol. Before he could get it Detective Hawley seized it and wrested it from him. At the same moment Louis Choisser opened fire upon They returned the fire, killing Joe Choisser nstantly. The fire from Louis Choleser's revolver became so hot that the officers retreated into the hall. The young man followed them, firing his weapon at Detective Murphy. Before he could take aim for a second time at Murphy, Cowan fired, dilling him instantly.

When the clothing of the dead men was cearched \$1,800 was found on Louis Choisser. The officers declare they were forced to hoot to kill in self-defense. The bodies were removed to the morgue to await instructions from Equality, DL

SASH AND DOOR MAKERS MEET Hold Convention in Chicago at Which Great Secreey is Ob-

served. CHICAGO, Dec. 18.-The Sash and Door Manufacturers' association, representing wenty-six of the leading sash and door actories throughout the United States, met in secret session here today and adjourned without revealing any of the questions discussed by the convention. The meeting was a special one, and it is claimed was called for the purpose of forming a combination embracing all the factories in the country, involving millions of dollars' orth of milling property. Secretary Green of the association scouted the idea of the formation of a sash and door trust, and declared that the meeting had been held simply to transact regular business of the Despite Secretary Greer's statement that nothing but routine business was talked of, stringent measures were taken to prevent other than members of the association from entering the hall or carning the nature of the business trans-

OMAHA MAN IS IN THE LIST With Member from Council Bluffs He Tries to Get Funds from Bontright.

JOPLIN. Mo., Dec. 18.-Claims aggregate ing \$250,000 have been filed here before the referee in bankruptcy, Arthur Spencer, alleged fake foot race promoter. One claim is for \$82,000 and the others range from \$2,000 to \$20,000.

Eighteen of the claimants from variou ending the hearing. They include: John W. Cobb, Corrigan, Tex.; P. A. Doucette, Wooffville, Tex.; H. M. Larey, Hills E. W. Kyle, Omaha: William DeGarme forest reserves and that by means of chandles it Logan, Ia.; Charles Zelvert, Charles Gree fraudulent entries immense tracts of such lands were obtained, and afterward exchanged for valuable public lands. The in-

Reputed Head of Conspiracy Taken in Charge at Mational Capital.

SAID TO HAVE OPERATED IN NEBRASKA

John A. Benson of San Francisco Accused of Bribing Officers of Government on Present Trip to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- John A. Ben in, a wealthy San Francisco real estate perator, charged by the Interior departent with being the head of the alleged land frauds extending over a number o western states and territories, to which Secretary Hitchcock referred vigorously and at length in his annual report, was arrested here today at the Willard hotel by Secret Service Officer John A. Burns just as he was preparing to leave the city for New York.

The charge on which the arrest was nade was bribery, it being alleged in the Midavit of Mr. Burns and in the warrant that Benson had paid \$500 to Woodford D. Harlan, formerly chief of the special service division of the general land office and now a clerk in that office, on March 15 of this year, for the purpose of extracting from him information regarding the investigation of his operations at that time being made by the land office.

The warrant was isued by United States Commissioner Anson S. Taylor, and as soon as Benson had been apprehended by Officer Burns he was taken before Commissioner Taylor. He wished to have a preliminary hearing of his case postponed and the date for such hearing was fixed for December 30. He gave ball for his appear ance on that date, when the governmen attorneys will ask to have him held for the grand jury.

A statement was made by an officer of the government that the information ob- the Illinois Central railroad at 9:40 o'clock, tained in regard to the alleged conspiracy implicates a number of persons at present employed in the Interior department at Washington and elsewhere.

Many Arrests May Follow.

Numerous arrests are expected to follow that of Benson in short order and some imployes who may not be arrested will set aside for the purpose of subsidizing the be dismissed from the service. It is said that Secretary Hitchcock and the special attorneys in the case have considered it procured the publication in Paris of state-ments quoting the shipbuilding securities at of the case that no action be taken with a premium in New York and if the French reference to the other alleged offenders until the principals in the case had been apprehended.

The government attorneys, Mr. Arthur B. Pugh, who has been the special attorney for the Interior department on the land frauds, and Mr. Oliver Pagin, assistant attorney of the Department of Justice, who has also been employed on the case, stated in asking for a large ball bond for Benson that he had been guilty of bribery during his present visit to Washington since last Monday, and in the Interior department itself, notwithstanding that he was aware that his connection with the alleged frauds was fully known by the Interior depart-

The statement tary Hitchcock was so incensed at the as the railroad officials available refuse to flagrancy of this offense that he told the give any facts. were shot to death in officers to have Benson arrested at once, ectives Hawley, Murphy although it had not been planned to have

Another assertion is that Benson came to Washington in answer to decoy letters with the intention of bribing people in the land office, who were acting for the secret service.

Says He Bribed Division Chief. The warrant on which Benson was arrested charged that on March 15 last he:

Unlawfully gave a sum of money, towit:

Five hundred dollars to one Woodford D.

Harian, who was then and there an officer
of the said United States, towit, chief of
the special service division of the general
land office of the United States, with intent
to induce the said Woodford D. Harian to
do an act in violation of his lawful duty
as such officer; that is to say, reveal to
him, the said John A. Benson, the contents of the reports of certain of the
subordinates in the office concerning an
investigation of the conduct of the said
John A. Benson and his associates in makhing fraudulent selections and entries of rested charged that on March 15 last he

was issued stated, in brief, that Mr. Har ian in his capacity as chief of the special division had charge of sending out special agents in suspected cases of fraud and re ceiving the reports of such agents on the cases, and that Benson had paid to him the sum of \$500 in return for being allowed to examine the reports of the special agents

Benson Taken by Surprise.

Attorneys Pugh and Pagin were yesterday sworn in as assistant United States attorneys for the purpose of prosecuting the case against Benson

Mr. Benson is said to have been taken witnesses put in an appearance. More wit entirely by surprise in his arrest, although nesses were subpoensed for this term than he has known that the government has for any previous grand jury. One hun been investigating the alleged land frauds. dred indictments were found. The last bi He had no lawyer in Washington, and when returned by the grand jury was at 19 o'clock he was taken immediately after his arrest Thursday evening. This was a statement before United States Commission Taylor a that sufficient evidence was not forth delay of an hour or more occurred while a coming in the Mathewson cases to warrant lawyer was sought for him. Mr. Benson the jury finding a true hift. The cost of made a formal plea of not guilty, and then the grand jury for the term has been, for his attorney asked that he be released on bail. The accused offered ball in \$2,000 in \$2,827.50; fees and mileage of witnesses cash, while the government attorneys demanded bond in the sum of \$10,000. Attorney Pagin, for the government, saying:

This man was at the head of a great in This man was at the head of a great land traud conspiracy extending over several western states. He has bribed officers of the United States in the west and in the District of Columbia. Since he came to this city a few days ago he has continued his bribery, and what is more in another care some years ago, when he was out on bonds, he left the country and went to a foreign country and remained away for several years. A heated argument followed this declara-

on, counsel for the defense asserting it was improper. Finally Commissione lor fixed the bond at \$5,000 and Mr. Ben son was released to appear December 30 when a preliminary hearing will take place. Allege Operation in Nebraska.

The accused declined to make any state-

ent further than to say he would appear when wanted. Mr. Benson is the senior member of the real estate firm of Benson & Hyde of Sar rancisco, and it is asserted has defrauc the government out of at least 100,000 ac of land by various schemes since the pas sage of the forest reserve act. provides that the owner of land which is wanted by the government for a forest re-serve shall be allowed to select in place of advance information as to the land that would be wanted by the government for

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THE BEE BULLETIN.

Forceast for Nebraska-Snow Colder Saturday; Sunday Fair. A Russia Hurries Ships to Far East.

Cardinal Returns Treasure to Pope Arrest Alleged Head of Land Fraud Assert a State of War Exists. Marshal Matthews' Papers Delayed Celebrate Louisiana Purchase Day. Senate Discusses Panama Affairs. News from Nebraska Towns.

American Trade in Gaining. From Freight Caboose to Palace. Worry Over Money Ends Fatally, Only Two Shells Reached the Mar Doings in Council Bluffs .

Happenings All Over lows. Ohlo Has Real Flying Machine. Lipton Heady to Challenge Again Financial Review of the Week.

Plans to Open a New Mission. Grain Exchange Getting Ready. Allen Bros.' Fire Smoulders. Review of Internal Commerce.

Story, "The Holiday Repentance." 11 12 Editorial.

13 Denver Gambling Houses Closed. 15 Financial and Commercial.

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WRECK ON ILLINOIS CENTRAL

"Dixle Flyer" Strikes Runaway Part of Freight Train Near St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18 .- The "Dixle Flyer,"

which left St. Louis for New Orleans on was wrecked tonight near Church station not far from East St. Louis, Ill., and is reported to be burning up. The fireman was killed and a number of passengers are reported injured, but how many or how padly they were hurt is not known here. A freight train came to a stop this evening at Church station and a flagman was sent back to warn the approaching passenger train. Before he could do so the freight train broke in two, the tall end rushing down the grade, past the flagman and crashed into the Dixle Flyer. How badly the passenger train was wrecked cannot be learned, but the report is that the engine and several of the forward cars were demolished and are burning. A relief and wrecking train has been sent

from East St. Louis to render what aid is possible and to learn the facts. The latest report is that only the baggage car and first coach are burning. These two cars were thrown on their sides and the fire is supposed to have started from

overturned stoves. The name of the fireman who was killed is Hastings. Dave McConicky, the engineer of the passenger train, is severely injured. As far as can be learned, none of the passengers injured is dead. It is impossible to learn the extent of the injuri

have INSIST ON AN EARLY TRIAL

Senator Districh and General Cowin Demand Hearing in Federal Court This Month.

United States Senator Charles H. Dietrich Hastings, with his attorney, General John C. Cowin, appeared before Judge W. H. Munger Friday afternoon for the purpose of arranging for the early appearance of Senator Dietrich for trial in the recent indictments found against him by the fed eral grand jury in the Hastings postoffice cases. Senator Dietrich was not required to give any bond. In the absence of District Attorney Summers at Lincoin Friday evening Assistant District Attorney Rush

Both Senator Dietrich and General Cowin neisted on the hearing being fixed for th earliest practical date, preferably at the beginning of the special session of the United States district court, fixed for De ember 28. Assistant District Attorney Rush was averse to assuming the responsi bility of fixing the date in the absence of mmers. The matter was deferred therefore until 10 o'clock this morning, when I is expected Summers will be pres

FEDERAL GRAND JURY COSTLY

Total Expenses of that Body Runs Up Above Eight Thousand Dollars.

The federal grand jury convened Noven ber 5. Three hundred and twenty-five wit nesses were subpoensed, but not all of th per diem and mileage of grand jurors \$5,426.62; cost of summoning witnesses, \$350 or a total of \$5,600.52 Of this amount about \$1,000 was expended in witness fees and of marines which has been ordered asmileage in the postoffice scandal cases of Hastings, Alma, Orleans, Oxford, Arapahoe and Wilsonville.

CONTRACTORS PAY ALDERMEN

Such Testimony is Said to Have Beer Presented to Kansas Grand Jury.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18 .- Testifying be ore the grand jury at Kansas City, Kaneday John Boddington, a contractor, said that the brick companies paid the city imen for awarding contracts, paid them well, and declared that the nclimen demanded 50 cents per 1,000 on all bricks used in paving streets.

GILLETT TO HAVE MEETING Attorney Says He Will Make Visit to His Former Home to

Kansas. ABILENE, Kan., Dec. 18 -"Grant GO lett will meet with his creditors at Kansas City, Mo., December 31," said his attorney,

Fostoria, O. He is anxious to settle and will make a good proposition. Gillett expects to make a visit to his old home in Kansas at that time also.

STATE OF WAR EXISTS

Such is Tener of Resolution Introduced in Senate by Alabama Senator.

MORGAN OPPOSES PRESIDENT'S ACTS

Says Use of Army and Navy on Isthmus is Unwarranted.

COLOMBIA SHOULD HAVE FREE HAND

Democratic Senator Says that Panama's Secession Can Be Overturned.

ALLEGES EXECUTIVE DECLARED WAR

Trenty Signed with New Republic Said to Be Formal Opening of Hostilities with South American Nation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-Senator Morgan today introduced a resolution declaring that the president has no right to wage war against any foreign power without the consent of congress, when such country is at peace with the United States; that the provision of the canal treaty between the United States and Panama guaranteeing the independence of the Republic of Panama is in effect a dictation of war with Colombia, and that the intervention of the United States in preventing Colom-bia to a ppress the secession of Pasama is contrary to the law of neutrality and the law of pations.

The important features of the resolution That neither the president, nor the president and the senate, as the treaty-making power of the United States, has the lawful power to wage or declare war against any foreign power without the consent of con-

That the president has no lawful right or power, without the consent of congress, and under the conditions that exist in Panama, to use the military and naval forces of the United States to prevent Colombia from enforcing its claim to the proper exercise of its sovereignty and to execute its laws in the Department of Panama.

The resolution of the senate and the house of representatives in 1889 is repe The sense of this is that the government of the United States looks with serious concern and disapproval upon any connection of any European government with the con-struction and control of any ship canal

Reyes Would Prevent War,

Because of the determination of General Reyes to support all the contentions he makes in his brief, that this or that phase against precedent, by historical references as well as by high authority of internation law, the preparation of the paper to be presented to the State department is taking longer than was at first expected. Indeed, General Reyes is not in any haste to send it, for this may be taken by the Colombians as the termination of their envoy's mission here and the country might seise on the opportunity to make war, a contingency which General Reyes has thus fat

used his utmost endeavor to prevent. No cablegrams reached the Colombian egation over night. The legation officials are not inclined to pass upon the right of the Atlanta to make a reconnoiter on Colombian territory, but it is evident that in their opinion such action was not strictly in accordance with the best international

General Reves is following with keen interest the canal debate in the senate. I was stated today he had been profoundly impressed by the speech of Senator Hoar, Copies of the speech will be sent to Bogota

publication Cabinet Considers Panama

At the cabinet meeting today the situation on relating to Panala formed the princ pal topics of discussion. At the conclu of the meeting Secretary Moody said that sponded in salient features with the news dispatches from the isthmus. Assurances are given that there have been no important developments to arouse concer-The Navy department is informed that the gunboat Petrel left San Francisco yeserday for Acapulco on its way to Panama, where it will be assigned to patrol duty with the other vessels of the Pacific squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Glass,

General Efficit May Go.

After a conference today between Secretary Moody, Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of navigation, and Brigadier General George Elliott, commandant of the marine corps, it was decided that if present conditions on the Isthmus of Panama continue General Elliott will sail for Colon on the Dixle from Philadelphia, when that vessel goes south with the new combled at Philadelphia for dispatch to the isthmus. The Dixie is now on its way north for this purpose. General Elliott has been anxious for some days to be given a field command, and it is the present intention of the officials to grant his request. It was said at the Navy department today that in view of the growing complications over the Pansma situation it was inadvis-able longer to announce the plans of the department with the freedom shown during the last few weeks, and for that reason a cablegram received today from Rear Ad-

miral Coghlan was not made public War is Third Alternative,

PARIS, Dec. 18.-The "United Colombian committee" here gave out a statement today saying that Colombia would first seek through a commission to induce the United States to recognize Colombia's rights under the treaty of 1846; second, if the commission fails Colombia will sak for the submission of the question to The Hague arbitration court; third, if its submission to The Hague court is refused Colombia will go to war and rely on the Latin republica to come to its aid.

Strike Another Gas Flow,

DOUGLAS, Wyo., Dec. 18-(Special.)-The Douglas Oil Fields company brought in another gas well yesterday on their claim near town. The pressure has not been tested, but is believed to be in excess of 100 pounds.