and Colder.

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10 n. m 34

11 a. m..... 37

12 m..... 40

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

LOOKING FOR LOST SATCHELS

Two Have Disappeared from

Mrs. Chadwick.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21. - Still another

satchel, one thought by Receiver Losser to

wick, was today found to be missing.

contain valuables belonging to Mrs. Chad-

This developed in an examination of Mrs.

Mary Londraville, Mrs. Chadwick's former

ruptcy Remington. The discovery is in ad-

dition to the missing trunk and grip that

disappeared from the Holland house in

Mrs. Londraville was the only witness

examined today. She told of accompany-

at the latter's request, and of taking two

adjoining room. She heard no conversa-

tion. Asked as to what had become of the

"I was instructed to give the large one to

The satchel, she said, contained letters

and papers. She did not know what had

become of the other satchel. The hearing

effort will be made to have Mr. Pine ap-

pear for examination as to the wher abouts

When the hearing was resumed in the

bankruptcy court in the afternoon, Mr. Pine

satchel and kept it until Emil Hoover, Mrs.

Chadwick's son, called for it last Sunday

night. Emil told him that his mother's

attorney, J. P. Dawley, wanted it. He said

he was not curious as to what the satchel

contained, but he thought there were pa-

ask the attorney to tell the contents of the

TRAIN STALLS IN TUNNEL

Lives of Many Passengers Endangered

by an Accident Near St. Louis

Union Station.

Flyer, an in-coming passenger train on the

gas from the locomotive before the cars

If the derailment had occurred at a point

distant from the ventilating fan the pas-

sengers would have become ill if not sui-

ocated by their long stay in the tunnel.

The tunnel is the property of the Terminal

Railroad association of St. Louis, which

also controls the Eads and Merchants'

the track and plowing along the floor of

the tunnel was similar to that of an earth-

quake on the big buildings, along Eighth

street, from St. Charles to Olive street.

Pittsburg and Vicinity

Since 1895,

today on account of no water.

Test Has Not Been Given the

Anti-Canteen Law.

It was determined to make a fight for the

will aslo be made for sufficient additional

appropriation to complete army post recrea-

tion halls, for effective prohibitory legisla-

tion for Indian Territory should it be

granted statehood, and for the passage of the Hepburn bill to prohibit the shipping

The league will insist on a fair test of

the anti-canteen law. This, it was claimed,

has not been given the statute. The league

will ask for an appropriation of \$330,000 to

build and complete the recreation halls at

various army posts, which are intended in

Movements of Ocean Vessels Dec. 21

for New York.

At New York-Arrived; Perugia, from aples. Sailed; Bovic, for Liverpos; nited States, for Christiansand; Kroon-

Prinz Adelbert, for for Boston, Arrived:

a way as a substitute for the canteen.

of liquor into the new territories.

committee of the American Anti-Saloon at the mercy of the Japanese and have

eague met here today and outlined plans been sacrificed without hope of inflicting

water for the cattle.

for a legislative campaign.

bridges. The effect of the train leaving

satchel.

Friday morning.

could be taken out.

those in the building.

of the satchel and what it contained.

was continued until this afternoon and an

D. L. Pine of this city. I called him up

Judge Alabaugh of Canton and several

satchels into a room

satchels, the witness replied:

York and I gave it to him."

4 p. m

6 p. m..... 7 p. m.....

8 p. m

9 p. m 41

Hour, Deg, Hour. D 5 s. m..... 30 1 p. m..... 6 s. m..... 30 2 p. m.....

Two Members of Executive 1 22 -f National Association Are Dis

TAKE TOO ACTIVE PART IN POLITICS

Plans Made to Defeat Congressmen Who Would Not Make Promises.

OVERSTREET OF INDIANA SPECIAL TARGET Chairman of Committee on Postoffices Re-

fused to Commit Himself.

BILL TO ENLARGE RURAL SERVICE

Measure that Contemplates Handling Packages Weighing Two Hundred Pounds Within Limits of Ench Route.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-Postmaster General Wynne today removed two more rural carriers for alleged efforts to influence legislation, the employes being H. E. Nivin of Berthold, Colo., and J. W. Whitehead of Medina, O. Nivin to chairman of the executive board of the National Rural member of the executive board and is he be apprehended. secretary of the Ohio state organization of the association is said to have called purposes. on the members of the national comthey would give to the interest of the police the description of a man and a the office January 31 revoked. carriers. The plans for this organization woman who were seen twice in Bear creek carried on before the November election canon by himself and Mr. Maunder on Deby President Cunningham and Secretary comber 6 and 8. Mr. Childers thinks the Tumber, both of whom were recently dismissed as the result of an investigation of Cutler mountain. their work, were, it is charged by the postal authorities, approved and endorsed HEARS LAWSON'S DEMURRER by Nevin and Whitehead.

Plan of Campaign.

The report on the investigations points out that Nivin's plan was that the rural carirers in each state should look into the question of supporting the candidates for election and re-election to congress in their state and such of these candidates as proved "true" to the carriers, the association would pledge its support for any political honors sought in the particuresults in favor of their cause, and set of the Buffalo City Gas company and 140 men of the old postmaster. out that the association must be free \$1,000 debentures of the Buffalo City Gas from entanglements with any particular company, support such men, regardless of party, as correspondence indicates that Representa- ware company to the uses of the conspirative Overstreet of Indiana was a special target of attack by the carriers because he refused to give them any pledges or promises as chairman of the house committee

Letter Carriers to Meet.

ing these matters and other developments are expected shortly. It is understood that meeting of the executive board of the National Association of Letter Carriers, comprising the carriers in the city service, will be called immediately after the Christmas holidays to take action in connection with the recent dismissul of President Keller of that organization from the government service. This meeting is made especially necessary by the fact that Keller having been dismissed as a carrier will not be received or recognized in any way at the Postoffice department, and the power of the association thereby will be seriously crippled. The question of continuing the present expense accounts incident to the office of president also is expected to be considered.

Bill to Extend Rural Service. Representative Henry of Connecticut introduced a bill today "to secure the full use of the United States rural mail equip ment and to place the rural service on a

paying basis." The bill provides: "That within the limits of the respective rural routes served by post wagons, parcels of mail matter shall be contained and delivered house to house. by the carriers, in weight up to 200 pounds and in dimensions up to a barrel-no parcel, however, to be more than six feet in length The bill specifies that the rates on parcels shall be 1 cent for eight ounces or less, 2 cents for a pound, 5 cents for from one to eleven pounds, 10 cents for a half bushel thirty pounds; 15 cents for a bushel, 20 cents for a half barrel and 25 cents for a barrel."

President Discusses Freight Rates. President Roosevelt discussed today with Judge Whiting held that an affirmative several callers proposed legislation regard- vote was required every year before a ing the question of railroad freight rebates license could be issued and in this he ha and the question of empowering the Interstate Commerce commission with authority to adjust freight rates where found to be ex- the state except in the towns where license cessive. Among those who talked with the president were Secretary Morton and E. P. Bacon, chairman of the executive committee of the Interstate Commerce commis

The president is anxious that legislation The president is anxious that legislation in the interest of shippers be enacted at the earliest possible date, and the matter has been considered by him with many of his recent callers. It was stated today by one of the president's callers that Attorney General Moody now was engaged in the preparation of a bill which, substantially would embody the views of the administration on the question, and that the measure would be presented to congress probably soon after the holiday recess. The president has announced that the bill he is willing to support must be fair to both the willing to support must be fair to both the railroads and the people. He believes that SEVERAL MURDERS BY INDIANS the initial steps toward the desired legislatien should be taken at the present session Settlers in Northern Minnesota Orof congress, and, if possible, that the legis lation proposed should be crystalized into

Senator Heyburn of Idaho had an extended talk with the president today on the the large number of murders and robberies subject of federal charters for corporations that have been committed recently by Cadoing an interstate commerce business. The nadian Indians in the northern part of senator indicated his intention to introduce Itasca county, near the international vessel that it will have to go into the in the senate after the holiday recess a boundary, the settlers and homestenders, dry dock. measure providing for the incorporation according to Enoch Leighton, a settler who In the basin when a fierce squall swept under United States laws of all corporations doing an interstate business. bill, as proposed by Senator Heyburn, will pose of avenging the deaths of some of was securely tied to the Connecticut and provide that corporations now in existence their comrades. provide that corporations now in existence their comrades.

The latest tragedy in the north country decks. The strain caused by the heavy such corporations as may be organized which has come to light is that of a wind caused the cables to break and the thereafter shall incorporate under federal settler. Thomas McKinsley, aged 80, who derrick started up the bay toward the warlaws. All such corporations will be under while alone in his cabin at Pelland, was ships. the supervision of the Department of Com- attacked by two Indians and in order to corporations. The bill has not been ma- one of them. The other fied across the hopes to have it ready for introduction im- he saw. McKinsley's life is now men-

mediately after the holidays. Presidential Elections in September, protection. Dan Cameron, a fur trader, Representative Livingston (Ga.) intro-

duced a joint resolution today, providing (Continued on Second Page.)

is Buried and Excite-Judge Norris Helping Them to Retain ment is High. Lecation of Land Office.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 21.-

the description been followed by further

George Childers, who with W. S. Maun

Stock in Gas Com-

panies.

sion. He declared that it was the aim of

son and Widenfeld. Judge Braley reserved

KNOCKS OUT DAKOTA SALOONS

Supreme Court Renders Important

Decision on License

Law.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 21 .- (Special Tele

gram.)-In the surreme court today a num-

ber of opinions were handed down, the one

of the greatest interest being by Haney

in the case of the State of South Dakota

ex rel., P. R. Crothers and J M Bundy

against L. W. Barber, T. T. Thoerson and

Henry Mauch, trustees of the town of

Hetland, appellants, Kingsbury county, in

which Judge Whiting of the circuit cour-

This was the case to test the liquor

icense law of the state in which the point

at issue was the right of a town board

to grant a license where there had been

no affirmative vote at the last election.

been affirmed by the supreme court. This

was voted in the election last spring and it

Charles Harmon, appellant, against John loggins et al., Clark, affirmed, George O. Voodford et al. against C. A. Kelly, Beadle,

ganize a Vigilance Committee for

Mutual Protection.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 21.-Incensed over

affects most of the towns of the state.

Other opinions by Haney were:

neans that there is not a legal saloon in

was affirmed.

growth of halr was very heavy.

te pollee are as far from a clue to the KINKAID BUSY WITH SETTLERS' BILL solution of the Cutler mountain murder

mystery as over, but their efforts are being Congressman Burkett Coming Home edoubled. The last clue played out to fay when Mrs. Ona D. Hoyt, a hairto Remain Until After Legislature dresser of Colorado Springs, who was Chooses a Successor to Senreported to have disappeared, was found ator Dietrich. Inquiries continue to come from other

cities for a detailed description of the dead girl, but in no case has the sending of (From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 .- (Special Tele-An additional fact in the description of gram.)-The people of McCook are indigthe dead girl is the conclusion of the nant over the action of the general land officers that she had an unusually large office in ordering the land office at McCook head of hair. The coroner has in his closed and the records sent to Lincoln. possession no less than forty hairpins Congressman Norris is making strenuous taken from the coll of hair that remains efforts to get the secretary of the interior on the head of the girl. They are made to reconsider his action in closing the of stiff wire and the number and strength of the pins is taken to indicate that the office, which is represented to be very greatly needed. Judge Norris had a long An increased number of officers are today conference with Secretary Hitchcock, but the secretary would not give the congressengaged in searching the hills for evidence that may lead to clues. It will be kept man any encouragement Today Mr. Norbeen thoroughly searched. The ground sloner Richards, showing that the office sion is rocky and precipitous and the search was self-supporting, notwithstanding re- After Mr. Robert became associated with viction of the murderer. The excitement tries that have been made in that section over the crime is growing daily and there under the Kinkaid bill and these entries Carriers' association. Whitehead also is a is talking of backing the murderer should will have to be proved up on. Congressman Norris says there is a great deal of busi-Coroner Law today had the girl's remains ness west of McCook and to close the office of the carriers. The executive board held buried in Evergreen cemetery, in a lot a meeting in St. Louis, as the result of provided by the county. The jaws and whose instructions President Cunningham the hair have been saved for identification all over at the failure of Secretary Hitchcock to appreciate the necessity of keeping the McCook office open, and he pro-

Kinkald Pushing Bill.

Judge Kinkald will go after Commissioner Richards at once in order that a favorable woman is the one who was found dead on report may be made on his bill extending the time of settlement under the 640 acres bill to May 1. There is an impression abroad in the Sixth district that Judge Kinkaid's bill amends the homestead law. Boston Man Objects to Parting with This is a mistake. The bill is designed to give settlers a longer time in which to make settlement instead of compelling them to settle on the land in dead of winter. BOSTON, Dec. 21.-Judge Braley, in the Congressman Kinkaid said today that he Victor Daudet. supreme judicial court today, gave a hear- would push matters so that the public lands ing on the question of allowing the demurcommittee of the house can take up the rer of the defendants in the suit of the Bay bill immediately after the holidays.

State Gas company of Delaware against Judge Kinkaid sent in the name of Tracy lar state. Some letters which the depart- Thomas W. Lawson and others to restrain Smith as postmaster at Naper, Boyd ment now has on file indicate that the Lawson and Weldenfeld from parting with county. Mr. Smith has been acting postcarriers had outlined an elaborate plan 50.290 shares of Bay State Gas company of master since the death of the former postwhich they expected would effect important | Delaware stock, 371 \$1,000 5 per cent bonds master, being placed there by the bonds

Representative Norris of Nebraska today introduced a bill which provides for political party, but must select for their It is asked that these securities be deliv- shortening of the hours of employes of ered to the plaintiff because of an slleged railroads, that is the class of railroad emwere most friendly to their interests. The conspiracy to divert the funds of the Dela- ployes who have to do with the actual running of the trains. The bill provides tors. The answer and demurrer of the de- a penalty or fine of \$500 on conviction for fendants and Lawson are denials of the each offense of working men overtime and Handwriting Experts Testify in Matallegations of the plaintiff. The defendant places the enforcement of the proposed Lawson and Weidenfeld \$488,434 as a result of dealings begun in 1895.

Counsel for Lawson presented a motion to require or analysis of the superson of the city and the station, as the result of an accident that to the supreme court today by the hand
Writing experts who examined the first speaker, spoke in favor of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city, leading to the union station, as the result of an accident that to the supreme court today by the hand
Writing experts who examined the first speaker, spoke in favor of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city, leading to the union station, as the result of an accident that the first speaker, spoke in favor of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the city. In the tunnel, under the downtown business section of the c with gas matters and declares that the Bay merce Commission. The measure in its State Gas company of Delaware still owes provisions states that it shall be unlawful. that a paragraph of the plaintiff's bill re- man, engineer, fireman, train dispatcher ward, of this city showed that of 256 votes service would be a disturbing factor in the to collusion and conspiracy be or telegraph operator who has worked in 144 were apparently fraudulent. One hun- politics of the state." stricken out. The plaintiff's attorney main- his respective capacity continuously for dred and forty ballots with the democratic tained that the charges of Lawson against twelve hours, except in case of casualty heading were reported to have been writ- portion of his extended remarks to a declarmade and allowed, appeared to show collu- had eight hours for rest, and in all cases where any train passing over such railthe litigation to show Receiver George W. road is stopped or held between division Pepper of the Delaware company the exact stations thereon, time of such stops shall relation between that company and Lawnot within the meaning of this act be considered or held as hours of rest for the engineer, fireman, conductor and brakeman having such trains in charge.

Burkett Comes Home. Congressman Burkett left for his home in Lincoln last evening to remain until after the legislature has elected a senator to suc-

ceed Senator Dietrich. Bones of Army Officers Senator Millard has forwarded to Secre-Calhoun, Washington county, wherein Mr. stationed at old Fort Atkinson, later known as Fort Calhoun. According to Mr. Woods' statement he has nearly all the bones of the army officers buried there, and that he them. Senator Millard submitted the mat-

early action be taken. Postal Matters. Guthrie Center, route 2; Thomas E. Maris. diction. carrier; Glenn Johnson, substitute. Man-Florence Arduser, substitute. Woodbine, route 5; Arthur S. Rice, carrier; Charles J.

Shorell, substitute. Iowa rural routes ordered established February 1: Audubon, Audubon county, route 5; population, 424; houses, 106. Burt Kossuth county, route 2; population, 555; Emmet county, route 1; population, 600;

houses, 120. Mrs. Eliza Mannagh has been appointed ostmaster at Dumont, Lawrence county, S. D., vice William J. Enright, deceased.

BATTLESHIP TEXAS DAMAGED Floating Derrick Breaks Loose from Moorings and Crashes Into Stern

of Fighting Machine, NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-Breaking five great cables as if they had been threads, erations and is "determined to uphoid the the 100-ten floating derrick Hercules, moored to the side of the ship Connectiin Wallabout bay today and crashed into ing several plates and so injuring the war

was here today, have formed themselves over it were the Texas, Illinois, Kentucky, The into a vigilance committee for the pur- Tacoma and Minneapolis. The Hercules

merce and Labor through the bureau of protect himself, the old man fired, killing were hastily despatched to catch the fleecorporations. The bill has not been ma- one of them. The other fled across the ing derrick, which was making directly tured thoroughly yet, but Senator Heyburn line and informed his fellow braves what ing derrick, which was making directly tured thoroughly yet, but Senator Heyburn line and informed his fellow braves what

RURAL CARRIE TOUT POLICE STILL IN THE DARK PEOPLE OF M'COOK PROTEST SENSATION IN BLAIR CASE MAY TONE DOWN MR. ODELL NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

a Number of Deeds of

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21 .- At the hearing to day of the testimony in the suit before Special Master F. A. Schofield of Hannibal, Mo., appointed by the United States circuit court to take testimony in the action brought by the Mutual Lire Insurance company of New York to annul James Blair's \$300,000 insurance policy. Edward S. Robert gave sensational evidence Mr. Robert told of the conversations held between Blair and himself when he discovered that Blair had forged deeds belonging to the Blow estate.

On cross-examination by Judge Mc-Keighan Mr. Robert said he had acted as a co-agent for the Blow estate with James L. Blair, the heirs of which were Susan E. Blow and Mrs. Martha Blow Wadsworth of New York state.

Blair had been an agent or trustee for the estate for sixteen or seventeen years, and Dr. William Taussig had been his cotrustee up to 1899, when Robert succeeded him, he said. For a year after Dr. Taussig's retirement and Mr. Robert's succession all the deeds and other papers of up until at least ten square miles have ris talked the matter over with Commis- the estate had been in Blair's sole posses-

fraught with no small amount of danger. ports to the contrary. Judge Norris showed Blair's management of the estate, they The county commissioners today offered how important it was to maintain the went together to a safety deposit box in pressed intention of proceeding to the Union a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and con- office, in view of the large number of en- which the Blow securities were held, to League of Republican clubs for an extended which the Blow securities were held, to There Mr. Robert says he found deeds of

trust purporting to have been by John Dwight for \$20,000 and Michael O'Laughlin not cognizant of it. "I do not know what for \$12,000, for loans on certain properties. Among other deeds of trust alleged to be given were those of John T. Wil. whoever is chosen by the republican orllamson and Victor Daudet.

Mr. Robert then detailed the particulars of the meeting at the office of James L. mittees of both the republican and demo- der is engaged in mining in Bear creek poses to go to the president tomorrow to Blair in September, 1993, in which Blair's cratic parties to ascertain what support canon, west of this city, today gave the see if he cannot have the order closing transactions with the property of his em-Blair's subsequent resignation as trustee when requested.

said:

the pile of bad deeds he had placed the personnel. John Dwyer and Michael O'Laughlin the names of John T. Williamson and

"I gave the bad ones to Mr. Blair," Robert said, "after he paid us for them." "How much did he pay you?" Judge McKeighan asked.

"About \$63,000, I think," Mr. Robert replied. "He paid us only for the amounts represented by the deeds, not for the checks and possibly other forms of indebtedness; I do not remember all the details. The amount was calculated by a Mr. May, whom we hired from Jones, Caesar & Co., accountants, to go over the books.

MORE EVIDENCE OF FRAUD ter of the Flection in

persons. There were in the box 177 demo- importance. cratic and twenty-eight republican ballots

which appeared to be regular. at least 100 ballots which appeared to be Governor Black and those who appear to be regular would prove to be fraudulent, behind Mr. Depew, and Mr. Depew should George H. King, democratic expert, also be abandoned, I fear that two years from

The court later heard further testimony on the contempt charges against Isaac we would be in the minority." Goldman and Edward Sweeney, election judges. Sweeney and Goldman, who contary Taft a letter of W. H. Woods of Fort ducted their own defense, disclaimed knowledge of the fraudulent ballots, and denied Woods states that he recently exhumed that they had wilfully violated the court's bones of army officers buried eighty years orders. Both threw themselves upon the or more in the burial ground for officers mercy of the court. Sweeney said his wife was dead and he wished to take her remains to Chicago. Chief Justice Gabbert took the case under consideration.

Each of the twenty-three men now serv does not know what disposition to make of ing sentences in jail for contempt of court has filed a petition for a rehearing and aiter to the secretary of war, asking that leviation of sentence. The grounds upon which they are based are solely technical, the principal one being a challenge of the Rural carriers appointed for Iowa routes: right of the supreme court to assume juris- BIG DEAL IN NEW YORK HOTELS

chester, route 1: J. J. Arduser, carrier; SUGAR COMBINE IS BROKEN Alleged Secret Agreement No Longer Binds the Pacific Coast Dealers.

houses, 111. Fenton, Kossuth county, route secret agreement among the wholesale this city secures three large hotel properpopulation, 585; houses, 117. Ringstod, grocers of the coast for the past year and ties in New York City, giving in part pay-

> two members, believe that their withdrawal will mean disorganization of the ombination and that the trust will be obliged to go out of business. Its manager, H. D. Loveland, says, however, that the association will go ahead with its opmarket."

cut, broke adrift in the navy yard basin COLUMBUS FIREMEN INJURED the stern of the battleship Texas, smash- Explosion in Ohio Fire Threatens Lives of People in Finta.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 21.-Fire today or High street destroyed \$225,000 worth of explosion during the fire five firemen were injured. The flames started in the Mithoff is probable that the headquarters will building in the rear of the First National at Portsmouth, N. H. bank. The second, third and fourth floors were occupied as flats and fifteen families esided there, but all were rescued.

Krauss, Butler & Benham company, one of est carpet and rug dealers in central Ohio, and the Wheeler grocery adhe saw. McKinsley's life is now menaced. He appealed to the authorities for
protection. Dan Cameron, a fur trader,
was shot to death several days ago near
Mine Central onto the derrick
Mine Central onto, and the Wheeler grocery adjoining. While the firemen were at work
on the second floor of the Mithoff building
there was an explosion of Russian
from New York.

Hercules when almost upon the warships
on the second floor of the Mithoff building
there was an explosion of gas. Five firemays, a prominent lawyer of Portland, was
findicted today in connection with the land
minton reservation Indian, is now held at
Fort Francis, charged with the crime.

Isad France.

Isad France.

Arrived:
Italia, from New York,
At Copenhagen—Arrived: Mellig Olav,
from New York,
At Copenhagen—Arrived: Bempress of
China. from Vancouver.
At London—Arrived: Minnehaha, from
strong forts at Dainy and around frauds investigations now before the grand
frauds investigations now before the grand
New York.

At Queenstown—Arrived: Oceanic, from
New Yor

Mr. Platt Says This Will Be Result of Yesterday's Conference.

DEPEW MEN AT FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL

All the Speeches Are Favorable to Re-election of the Junior Senator-Allege Violation of Implied Agreement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-The conference of republicans called by United States Senator Thomas C. Platt in the interest of the reelection of Chauncey M. Depew by the coming state legislature, was held according to program at the Fifth Avenue hotel this morning. It was in session about three hours and adjourned without day after appointing a committee of seven, headed by tormer Lieutenant Governor Woodruff, to wait upon Governor Odell, who was not invited, and inform him of the sentiment as expressed at the conference. Mr. Wood- housekeeper, held before Referce in Bankruff did not meet Governor Odell, as he expected. He drove to the Douch mansion, where the New England society dinner was held tonight, accompanied by Senator De- New York the day before Mrs. Chadwick pew. There they joined the governor, Later was arrested. the three left the mansion with the ex-League of Republican clubs for an extended ing Mrs. Chadwick to the Holland house,

Asked regarding Senator Platt's conference today, Governor Odell said he was took place at the conference at the Fifth Avenue hotel today, but I do know that ganization will be elected."

The morning conference was attended by seventy-five well-known republicans, most by telephone and told him about it and of them being classed as being in favor of asked him to come for it. He arrived Senator Depew, but there were also not a after Mrs. Chadwick had left for New ployers were first made public, and told of few who were believed to be opposed to his candidacy.

The speeches made in the conference were Asked what brought up the subject of almost without exception strongly in favor the charges against Blair, the witness of Senator Depew's re-election. No vote was taken and estimates of the numerical "The discussion of affairs of the two classification of those present vary with the estates, the one closed and the other just closing." sympathies of those estimating. After the conference Senator Platt declared himself Mr. Robert said he remembered that in as greatly pleased with its character and

"I am proud of it," said he. "It was deeds, also deeds of trust made out in truly representative and clearly showed, what I have all along claimed, that the sentiment of the people of the state is strongly in favor of the re-election of Senator Depew. I imagine its result may be to tone down Mr. Odell."

William Barnes, Jr., Presides. Senator Platt himself called the conference to order and at his suggestion William Barnes, jr., of Albany, chairman of the executive committee of the republican state committee, presided. Twenty-seven members of the new legislature, who will have the actual votes upon the senatorship, were present. Messages of regret were received from Speaker Nixon of the assembly and several other senators and assemblymen. Word was received from Cornelius N. Bliss that he sympathized with the object of the conference and had spoken his sentiments at the so-called Odell-Black meeting in the tunnel, under the downtown business night and made public today:

Senator Raines devoted a considerable the Delaware company were excessive and or unavoidable emergency, to again be on ten by five persons, one of whom had ation of cordiality toward Governor Odell that the fact that excessive charges were duty or perform any work until he has written 119. Four ballots with the repub- and former Governor Black. He held the lican heading had been written by two welfare of the republican party to be of

"If the contest which appears to be pending now," he declared, "is to be carried to M. M. Hamma, republican expert, testi- the last issue and the utmost force is exfied to his belief that on closer examination erted by those who appear to be behind testified that there probably were some now, even next fall, in the city of New fraudulent votes which had not been de- York, and two years from now in the state, tected in the hurried examination of the whatever chances or prospects the republican party may see before them today. those prospects would be dissipated and

Mr. Woodruff's Speech. Mr. Woodruff spoke several times, always

strongly for Mr. Depew's re-election, which he declared was demanded by overwhelming sentiment in Kings county. Said he: I have not heard a single person say that Governor Black, but I have heard men say that it would be nothing short of a crime not to re-elect Chauncey M. Depew. I believe that the republican party in the state and in the United States will be scriously injured if Senator Depew is defeated. If the people of the state, among them the people of Kings county, felt that in the last campaign they were voting for Chauncey M. Depew for senator just as much as they were voting for Higgins for governor.

Pittsburg Parties Acquire Three Large Hostelries in the Metropolis.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 21 .- It is announced here that a real estate deal of unusual SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21 .- The Exam- proportions was closed in New York toner today says that the existence of a day by which the E. M. Rush estate of a half to control the price of sugar was ment real estate in Pitteburg valued at revealed by the withdrawal Monday of six \$1,100,000. The aggregate value of the proplocal bouses from the Pacific Traffic and erties involved is in the neighborhood of Commercial association, the name used \$5,000,000. According to the statement the to cover the joint operations of the mem- Rush estate has acquired in consideration of 4,150,000 the Breton Hall, the Regent These six big firms, whose combined cap- and the Aberdeen, all thirteen-story hotels ital equals that of all the other forty- in New York, the combined rental of which Is \$200,000 per annum.

INFORMATION ABOUT WOMEN National Federation of Clubs May Soon Open an Intelligence Office.

DENVER, Dec. 21 .- Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, announced today that she had practically completed arrangements for the establishment of a bu reau of information.

Information concerning the work of women in this country, their clubs and all the matters in which they are interested property in the business district, and in an will be collected and disseminated. Outlines for study also will be prepared. It

PORTLAND LAWYER INDICTED

The fire spread to the stores of the Federal Grand Jury Holds Prominent Attorney for Complicity in Land Frauds.

west Portion. Friday Rain or Snow Japs Hold Five of the Seven Forts Defending Pert Arthur.

ADMIRAL TOGO MAKES OBSERVATIONS

He Tells Tokio Officials that the Sevastopol is Disabled.

EXAMINATION OF THE SEIZED VESSELS

Referee in Bankruptcy Learns that Presence of Parole Breaking Russian Offi-

cers is Not Definitely Determined. RESERVES CALLED TO FILL VACANCIES

Russian Advices Partially Confirm Japanese Reports of Destruction of Vessels in Harbor of Belenguered City.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE JAPANESE THIRD ARMY BEFORE PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 21.-Via Fusan.-The capture of the orth fort of East Keekwan mountain, December 18, by the Japanese is of much importance because it opens a way up the gorge to the higher hills and will render easier the capture of the mountain. It gives much additional foothold for a general assault on the western half of the men, the witness said, were present in an eastern fortified ridges. The Japanese now

hold five of the seven protecting forts. Admiral Togo Makes Observations, TOKIO, Dec. 21 .- Admiral Togo has personally made a series of observations of the Russian battleship Sevastopol, and telegraphs to the Navy department expressing the opinion that the Sevastopol is disabled. Great weight is attached to Togo's personal observations and opinion, instanced by the fact that when the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk was sunk Togo was one of the few officers of the entire Japanese fleet whose eye caught the vision of speedy disaster.

Commander Yezoe, who was killed while torpedoing the Sevastopol, has been promoted and has been given other posthumous was present. He admitted he secured the honors.

Examine Seized Vessels.

The examination of the cargo and crew of the British steamer Nigretia, which was seized by the Japanese cruiser Tsushima December 19, is progressing at Sasebo. Seemingly it is undetermined whether pers in it. Attorney Loeser said he would parole-breaking Russian officers are on board the Nigretia. The Japanese are carefully investigating this feature of the The hearing was then continued until case because of the question of the ability of the Chinese officials to properly conduct the internment of Russians who seek refuge at ports in China. It is considered vitally important.

The Japanese transport Manshu leaves Japan for Port Arthur about December 26, carrying the foreign naval attaches and parliamentary delegations. The trip is intended to give the attaches an op-ST. LOUIS. Dec. 21.-The West India portunity to make technical observations. The following report from Manchurian Mobile & Ohio railroad, was today stailed headquarters was received at 11:30 last

On Monday at 5 in the morning the enemy's artillery cast of Da mountain bombarded the neighborhood of Sinlintung. At 1 in the morning of Tuesday the enemy's At I in the morning of Tuesday the enemy's infantry attacked us south of Pieniuhungpao and at Tatupao. By 4 in the morning he was repulsed. Simultaneously the enemy's infantry attacked Chinshantung, Heiluntung and Huangti and made a most vigorous attack in the neighborhood of Chinchantung. The fighting continued about an hour when the enemy was completely repulsed. We had no casualties.

Japa Capture Guns. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-The following cablegram, dated Tokio, December 21, has been received at the Japanese legation: Port Arthur army reports our trophies at the battle of the North fort of Tunkeekthe battle of the North fort of Tunkeek-wanshan were four quick-firers, whereof two are usable, four machine guns, aid usable, and five field guns, which are under examination, beside rifles, shells, am-

nunition, grenades, etc.

Many thought an earthquake was in prog-Reserves to Fill Vacancies. ress and ran from the buildings. The con ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.-The mobilicussion was so great that in the federal zation announced yesterday of the reserves building the electric lights were extinin seven military districts of Russia affects guished, adding to the apprehension of a portion of about half of the military districts. While some of the reserve men called to the colors will be used to complete the DROUTH CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE strength of the regiments going to the front, by far the greater portion will be Lowest Stage of Water Prevails at formed into reserve units to replace troops which have already gone to the far east, This year the conscripts number about 500,000 men, being about double the number usually called to the colors. The number of young men annually liable to military PITTSBURG, Dec. 21 .- The scarcity of water caused by a three months' drouth is service is over 800,000. The new mobilizaassuming alarming proportions in this vi- tion will entail additional relief measures cinity. Not since the drouth in 1895 has the for the families of reserve men, which water supply been so short and serious con- probably will be met by increasing the credits of the zemstvos for this purposes. sequences are feared if the drouth is not While declining to give details, the adoon broken. Coke ovens, mines and railroads have been compelled to partially ses- miralty admits that Russian advices from pend operations and unless relief comes | Port Arthur, sent by General Stoessel, subsoon the mills also will be seriously af- stantially confirmed the Japanese advices fected. The public schools of Wilmerding of the partial wrecking of the Russian and Wilkinsburg near here were dismissed ships in the harbor, and the censor has been instructed to permit the publication The output of the coke ovens has been of the dispatches. It is claimed that sevreduced one-third and the loss is estimated eral of the largest ships and a number of at \$1,000,000 per month. The water in the torpedo boat destroyers are still seaworthy, rivers is low and is filled with sulphuric but they are not being considered as a facacid, causing much damage to the machin- tor in the coming fight between Admiral ery in the mills and botters of locomotives. Togo's ships and the Russian second Pacific In the country districts the farmers are squadron. The whole series of misforobliged to melt snow in order to obtain tunes which have attended the Port Arthur squadron is a bitter chapter in Russian naval annals, but since the arrival of the ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE MEETS latest advices there has been no disposition to criticize Admiral Wiren's failure to make a sortie, General Stoessel having de-Executive Committee Says that a Pair cided that further defense of the fortress would be impossible if the guns of the warships and the sailors were re-embarked. Had the ships been able to go under the COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 21.-The executive conditions existing, they would have been

relieved it is believed that most of the retention of the anti-canteen law. An effort, ships will be raised and saved. The reports that a Japanese squadron of forty vessels had already safled to meet the second Pacific squadron is regarded at the admiralty here as being incorrect and circulated for a purpose.

commensurate damage. If the fortress is

Military critics here do not attach vital importance to the character of the North fort of Keckwan mountain. They declare it is not a part of the main line of defenses of Port Arthur and therefore is without direct influence on the fale of the fortress.

British Steamer Runs Blockade, LONDON. Dec. 21.-The Telegraph's Che Foo correspondent says that the steamer Lady Mitchell, which sailed from Tsingtau with supplies, ammunition and dynamite, reached Port Arthur during a snow storm four nights ago. He says also or Antwerp.
verpool-Salled: Siberian, for Hall- it is reported that the Japanese were compelled to evacuate their position on Etsi mountain owing to a flacking fire from Canople for Boston. Arrived: other forts and the explosion of Russian hagen-Arived: Hellig Olay, shells, from which they lost heavily. The