First Parliament of Empire Formally Opened by the Cuar.

SPEECH FROM THRONE CONCILIATORY

Legislators Are Urged to Work for Good of the Fatherland.

Tailure to Proclaim Release of Political Offenders Arouses Members.

MOUROMTSEFF IS ELECTED PRESIDENT

Parliament Votes to Draft Reply to Address from the Throne-Celebration Held in the Evening.

dent to mar the memorable day the Rusweather was superb and the stage man- ute limitations. agement of the impressive ceremony at the Winter palace, where Emperor Nicholas, surrounded by courtiers and all the pemp and panoply of power, delivered the speech from the throne to the members of the weakers, was perfect.

The amount of the impressive ceremony at through Mr. Bechtel other amendment adopted was offered by Senator Warren. It gives the government business preference over all other traffic in time of war.

A long series of changes was also of the two houses, was perfect.

newing his pledges and asking the co- company. The company Parliament led the cheering, but the mem- \$40,000. bers were ominously silent, expressing The Minneapolis auditorium building. neither approval nor disapproval.

when the members assembled in the Tau- for the building and that it was sold to ride palace away from the spell of the the company at a profit to Bechtel of throne room, many of them were with dirficulty restrained from precipitating mat-The constitutional democratic leaders, however, who dominated everything, were anxious not to weaken the reply which the lower house will prepare to the speech from the throne in which issues with the crown will be joined and succeeded in staving off premature action.

I shall keep inviolate the institutions which I have granted, with the firm assurance that you will devote all your strength to the service of your country and specially to the needs of the peasantry, which are so close to my heart and to the education of the people and their economical welfare, remembering that to the dignity and prosperity of the state, not only freedom, but order founded upon justice is necessary. tice is necessary.
desire from my heart to see my peo-

ple happy and hand down to my son an empire secure, well organized and enlight-ened.

May God bless the work that ites before me in unity with the council of the em-pire and the imperial doums. May this day be the day of the moral revival of Russia and the day for the renewal of its

Approach with solemnity the labors for which I call you and be worthy of the responsibilities put upon you by the emmay God assist you.

Scenes at Tauride Palace. The scene around the Tauride palace was in striking contrast with that at the the and told an eloquent story. At the Tauride port on the trade of the United States for palace tens of thousands of people were the year 1906 by British Commercial Agent fore by the hundreds cheered for the em- partment of Commerce and Labor through percy. Nevertheless the proceedings of the its bureau of statistics. The report refers lower house were not spectacular, in fact to the absorption of over 1,000,000 immithey were almost tame in comparison with grants "without affecting the labor marthose at the Winter palace.

Will Demand Amnesty. only genuine flashes of fire which showed the real temper of the members of the house were when Prof. Mouromtseff. liberty, who now filled the prisons and | pro whose arms were stretched out in confi-Constitution and amnesty were the keynotes of President Mouromtseff's speech.

"Poolish Dream" is Realized. By the irony of fate, Ivan Petrunkevitch, whose first mention of the word constitution twelve years ago was dismissed by emperor Nicholas II as "a foolish dream. oday stood in the front rank of the members of the Representative chamber while Emperor Nicholas put his final seal upon the Russian Parliament and begged the representatives of the people to co-operate with him in working for the welfare of the

The lower house of the Parliament adaurned until tomerrow in order not to nterfere with the opening exercises of the Council of the Empire and also to permit the committee of the constitutional demo crais to consider the reply to the speech

Dispatches received here from all parts f Russia Indicate that the opening of Parifament was celebrated everywhere

Parifament was celebrated everywhere

Proceedings of First Session.

The lower house of Parisament was called to order at 5 p. in. by Baron Frieb and Baron Lexkult. Secretary of the empire, with the half from one-half to two-thirds filled. Baron Frisch read an imperial phase convoking Parliament and invited the members to come forward and sign the oath. A recess was then taken.

The most striking feature of the assembly was the most striking feature of the assembly of Xenis. C.

was the multiplicity of races and clasues and the culars of the contumes of mem-There were noblemen and other men of high-station sitting beside simple peasants or workmen glothed in the contuof the shops or the villages; turbaned Susselmans and Buddhists from Bokhara, from the Kirghin steppes, orthodox 1 is in black cassocks, Catholic bishops in perple enspecks, Armenians and animas and Esthonians from the Baltic

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### SURPRISE IN BECHTEL CASE ALLISON AMENDMENTS TODAY Insurance Man Says He Paid \$5,000 in Marked Bills to Former

Minnesota Official. MINNEAPOLIS, Mfnn., May 10 .- The attorneys tomorrow will begin their summing NUMBER OF IMPORTANT CHANGES MADE

up in the case of state against W. F. Bechtel, former president of the Northwestern National Life Insurance company, who is charged with grand larcency in having appropriated to his own use \$3,500 of the funds of the company. The cross examination of Mr. Bechtel was completed NO MENTION OF AMNESTY IN ADDRESS at such a late hour this afternoon that the court ordered an adjournment until to-

to begin their arguments. direct examination and the information reading of sections 3 and 4 without conelicited from the witness on cross-examina- sidering any amendments offered to them. tion by Attorney Dahl, was sensational in The purpose of this reading was to bring the extreme. The charge Mr. Rechtel made, the consideration of the bill up to the point that a former insurance commissioner of of taking up the Allison compromis-Minnesota had accepted a bribe of \$5,000 amendments, which will be done tomorrow. for a favorable report on the proposed con- A number of very important changes solidation of the Northwestern Mutual and were made in the second section, includ- Proposed Beneficiary Dies Before the National Life association, had been con- ing a provision restoring the imprisonment sidered by the grand jury which brought penalty of the act of 1887 and an amendthe indictment against Mr. Bechtel and in ment suggested by Senator McCumber, ST. PETERSBURG. May 10.-Without a its report the grand jury severely repro- imposing a penalty of fine and imprisonsingle hitch and with only a minor inci- bated the alleged conduct of the insurance ment against shippers who secure rebates commissioner, but said that he was ex- from transportation companies. The latter sian Parliament was inaugurated. The empt from prosecution because of the stat- amendment was incorporated for the

cted to reoperation of Parliament was only nega- imburse an lowa company, out instead of a disposition to increase the time allowed tively satisfactory. Courtiers and spec-doing it Bechtel turned the contract over tators other than members of the national to a California company at a profit of speaking on amendments to amendments

which the Northwestern National Life What rankied most was the failure of the erected, also was gone into and it was emperor to mention amnesty, and later, shown that Bechtel owned the site selected.

Sensational testimony was given late yesters by offering resolutions on the subject. terday afternoon by W. F. Bechtel in the district court, where he is on trial on a charge of having misappropriated \$3,500 of the Northwestern National Life Insurance company's funds.

Bechtel went on the stand in his own defense and told of paying \$5,000 in marked bills to former State Insurance Commis-

he had simply reimbursed himself for a

Colo., in which he made the statement that he had used \$3,500 to reimburse himself for money paid for the good of the company then adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock toas legislative expenses, during a session of morrow morning. this the legislature.

## PROSPERITY IN UNITED STATES British Commercial Agent Sees Bright

Year Ahead for All Amer-

ican Pactories. WASHINGTON, May 10 .- A British view Winter palace. Each, indeed, was typical of American prosperity is presented in a reaccisiming their representatives, at the Bell, a copy of whose report to the British Winter palace legions of military and court- Foreign office has just reached the De-

ket," the increase of money in circulation, etc., and among other things says: In dealing with the exports from the United States during 1905 the first thing that strikes one is the fact that, notwiththe house were when Prof. Mouromtseff, who had been elected president of the lower house. Invited government officials and clerks to leave the hall, and when Ivan Petrunkevitch, in a few eloquent words from the rostrum, told the auditors that the first throught of the Parliament should be for those who had suffered in the cause of theory, who now filed the primary and products, are obliged to look for extended. works to meet the extra demand for the products, are obliged to look for extend, markets outside the United States in ord

whose arms were stretched out in condi-dence to the people's representatives. More enthusiastic cheering than that which greated this appeal never was heard in a political convention in the United States. it possible for the majority of the manufacturers in this country to compete in foreigh markets, one can realise how essential
it is that they find neutral markets where
their surplus products can be disposed of
so as to avoid accumulation of stocks.

There are no signs at present of this
great activity decreasing. On the contrary,
there is every indication that the present
year was quite as prosperous as the last, or
more so. The country was never more more so. The country was never more prosperous than at present. Industrial op-erations are carried on upon a larger scale

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEET

Missionary Society at Des Moines Elects Officers and Revises Its Program.

DES MOINES, May 16.-The Woman's success. Missionary society of the United Presbyterian church of North America voted today to install Woman's Christian Temperance union work as departmental work and elected the following officers:

# COTTON DAMAGED BY FROST

Alabama Experiences Cold Weather and Much of Crop Has Been Lost.

DECATUR, Ain., May 10.-There was another heavy frost last night in the Tennes-Virture from the Caucusus, Jews from the see river valley and this, with the frost of Pals, Implants from central Asia and Lithu- Tussday night has probably killed much of the cotton in that section of the state, place was partially destroyed by fire to-In some places it is said the entire erop night, entailing a loss of a few hundred I will have to be replanted.

Senate Arranges to Take Up Compromise Sections of the Bate Bill.

Provision Added to Measure Making Acceptance of Rebates Punishable by Fine and Imprisonment.

WASHINGTON, May 10.- The senate tosorrow before permitting the attorneys day completed the consideration of the second section of the railroad rate bill and The testimony given by Mr. Bechtel in his just before adjournment listened to the avowed purpose of hitting the trusts. An-

of the two houses, was perfect.

The message in reality was less a throne speech than a greeting and required only three minutes for its delivery. Emperor Nicholas read slowly. The admirable and even cordial tone of the sovereign in renewing his pledges and asking the cotle complaint that senators manifested and also by speaking in the time of other senators. Senator Tillman stated prithese practices continue he would make an effort tomorrow to have the speeches limited to five minutes duration,

Text of Rebate Amendment. Following is the text of the rebate

amendment: Any person, corporation or company who shall deliver property for interstate transportation to any common carrier, subject to the provisions of this act, or for whom, as consigner or consigner, any such carrier shall transport property, who shall knowingly or wifelly, by employe, agent, officer or otherwise, directly or indirectly, by or through any means or devices whatsoever, receive or accept from such common carrier any sum of money or any other Text of Csar's Speech.

The text of the csar's speech follows:

The supreme Providence which gave me the care of our fatheriand moved me to call to my assistance in legislative work elucted representatives of the people. In the expectation of a brilliant future for Russia, I greet in you, the best men of the empire, whom I ordered my beloved authered to choose from among themselves.

A difficult work lies before you. I trust that love for your fatheriand and your earnest desire to serve it will inspire and unite you.

I shall keep inviolate the institutions which I have granted, with the firm assurance that you will devote all your strength to the service of your country and sapedially to the needs of the people and their sconomical welfare, remembering that the company's suryles and to the scinomical welfare, remembering that the follows and to the scinomical welfare, remembering that the company's suryles and their sconomical welfare, remembering that the company's suryles and the total amount of such property, so fixed by the Ryan hotel in St. Paul. Mr. Bechtel said of spaying Scover, receive or accept from such comming sports and room in the Ryan hotel in St. Paul. Mr. Bechtel said of spaying sports in a room in the Ryan hotel in St. Paul. Mr. Bechtel said of spaying sports in the population of such property, so fixed by the schedles of rates provided for in this act, which is schedules of rates provided for in this act, which is shall be from the regular charges for transportation of such property, so fixed by the Ryan hotel in St. Paul. Mr. Bechtel said of said means of demanded the money, so fixed by the schedules of rates provided for in this act, which is shall be deemed guilty of fraud, which is shered when the plan and the sanction of such property, so fixed by the Ryan hotel in St. Paul. Mr. Bechtel said of said means of office or any sum of money or any office which said the money, so fixed by the Ryan hotel in St. Paul. Mr. Bechtel said of sand frame from the regular charges for transportation of he had simply reimbursed himself for a legitimate expenditure.

Attorney Dahl introduced a letter written by Bechtel to Albert H. Reed, Boulder, Colo., in which he made the statement that The senate sat until 6 o'clock and it

HOUSE AMENDS NAVAL BILL

Shells and Projectiles to Be Purchased in Open Market. WASHINGTON, May 10 .- Shells and projectiles will after June 30 be purchased by the bureau of ordnance in the open market instead of as is now the practice in secret markets from firms engaged in the manufacture of these articles. This change in existing conditions was brought about by the efforts of Mr. Tawney of Minnesota. who offered an amendment to the navai appropriation bill which the house had inder consideration today, directing that the secretary of the navy should advertime for proposals for shells and projectiles. so that all firms may have an opportunity to compete. Much time was spent today in considering the question of enlistments in the navy and the failure of recruiting officers to properly enforce the law as to

minors. An amendment offered by Mr. Kelliher of Massachusetts was adopted prohibiting naval recruiting officers from enlisting seamen, ordinary seamen or apprentices unless their application is accompanied by certificate of birth and written evidence other than the applicant's own statement that he is of the age required by naval regulations.

The debate on this amendment at times grew decidedly animated and a bit acri-

After defeating amendments designed to enlarge the Washington, D. C., navy yard and the yard at Pensacola, Fla., the house at 5:15 p. m. adjourned until noon tomorrow, having completed but a few pages of the naval appropriation bill.

LID ON IN NEBRASKA CITY As Result Sunday Excursions May Be Run to Omahn for Refreshments.

Dahlman's successful campaign, has been tion pro-lid campaign has been an unqualified dows.

"You can't even shake a gume of diin Nebraska City on Sunday," says Mr. Rogers. "The town is tighter than a drum. A movement is under way to run excursions for the liberal population to Omaha Sundays. While doubt exists if Omuha will be an open Sunday town again, yet the liberal people there want to show the business people of Nebruska that they are losing money, which will go to Omaha, not only for amusements and recreation Sundays, but to the merchants of the metropolis. This is the way they hope to

# FIRE RECORD.

Twenty-Nine Horses. MASON CITY, Ia., May 10 .- (Special.) Twenty-nine horses were burned to death state ponitentiary here for robbing the in a fire at Austin at 2 o'clock this morning. Feeney Bros.' barn, with a lot of harness valued at \$7,000, and the twenty- for robbing a mail pouch and probably will nine horses were entirely destroyed.

Coal Chute at McCook. M'COOK, Neb., May 10.-(Special Tele-

# **EDWARD ROSEWATER IN ROME**

In The Bee on Sunday will appear the first of a series of letters written by Mr. Edward Rosewater. on the work of the Universal Postal congress, which met in Rome and to which Mr. Rosewater was a delegate from the United States. These letters will give an account of the workings of the congress, what it has accomplished and the interesting sidelights that make up so great a part of the proceedings of such an honorable distinguished body. They will be illustrated from photographs taken in Rome.

## IN THE BEE NEXT SUNDAY

PENSION BILL IS TOO LATE Measure Can Be Pushed Through Congress.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, May 16 .- (Special Telegram.)-Recently Senator Burkett introduced and secured favorable action in com- principal winter wheat states the permittee on a bill to increase the pension of William B. Ashton of Lincoln to \$40 per sown last fall that is now reported as month. Today Senator Burkett was in- sbandoned, also the averages of condition formed of the death of the veteran, who on May 1 and April 1, 1906, and the mean was an inmate of the Nebraska Insane of the May averages of the last ten years: asylum, and on the floor of the senate moved the indefinite postponement of the bill. Ashton served in Company D, Sixteenth Illinois volunteers, during the war

of the rebellion. Senator Gamble today called at the Postoffice department to urge additional rural free delivery service in Gregory and Sanborn counties. He stated the needs of these counties and the department will look into the situation, and if found practicable additional facilities will be granted. vately when the senate adjourned, that if He also urged that additional railway mail service be given the tewn of Stickney. It has been practically agreed by the postal authorities, after Senator Gamble's interview, to establish daily mail service in and out of Stickney after July 1.

Representative Pollard today was notified of the issuance of a pension of \$10 to George Warren of Tecumseh. Congressman Kennedy has been advised that the pension of Thomas G. Hawell of Omaha has been increased to \$10.

D. F. Driscoll of Omaha has been appointed assistant packer in the signal service at Omaha. A. J. Thorman of Brighton, C. C. Sum-

mers of Charles City, H. N. Boyle of Me-Gregor, F. A. Hill of Winfield, Ia., have been appointed raffway mail clerks. Charles Vequist has been appointed postmaster at Ray, Holt county, Nebraaks vice E. Ross, resigned. E. S. Glaze has been appointed regular

and Estella Glaze substitute rural carrier for Route 4, at Pierce, Neb. INDIANA BANKER

Insane Brother Commits Murder and Barricades Himself to Bullet-Proof Bust.

MONTEZUMA, Ind., May 10,-W. H. Sylvester, president of the First National the shooting, was injured several years ago the schools.

by a fall and his mind has been affected built by him, with an iron roof and wooden and their influence augumented." walls eight inches thick. In this he had placed a number of revolvers, rifles and ammunition. He entrenched himself in in support of one paper whenever practicside shouting through the door that he

would never be taken alive. While running through the streets, Stephen Sylvester was pursued and fired upon several times by neighbors of the dead banker, but did not return the shots and

was not hit, so far as is known. At this hour the sheriff of the county started to drive from Rockville, eight miles away. He has several deputies with him Sylvester is barricaded in his stronghold Over 1,000 persons are watching the shed from a distance.

Sheriff Carter and Marshal Boyd arrived here this afternoon from Rockville, after ern confederacy, is dangerously ill of the a hard drive across the country. The two officers approached the shed where Stephen Gerard in West" Forty-fourth street, this Sylvester was concealed and called on him city today. As Mrs. Davis is nearly 80 Granger. The third member of the comto surrender. After a moment's hesitation he said he be fatal.

This assurance was given and Sylvester. after him. He then surrendered and, accompanied by the two officers, started for is frequently visited by her daughter. Rockville to be locked in fall.

### STRIKE RIOT IN BOLOGNA Officers and Soldiers Wounded and Building, Including Hospitals,

Are Stoned.

ROME, May 16.-Disturbances of a grave fortable day. nature have occurred at Bologna in cor nection with the general strike. Several officers and soldiers were wounded and

many buildings, including some of the hospitals, were stoned. At Milan the strike has not resulted in any disturbances and is generally condemned, as it greatly affects the attend

George Rogers, the cigar man, who ran ance at the International Simplon exposidown to Nebraska City and brings back. In this city the strikers today astacked the information that Mayor Steinhart's several shope and broke a number of win-

> Looking for Nihilists. PARIS. May 10 .- The police authorities ntinue to make active investigation and are seeking to connect the recent bomb explosions with a widespread Nibilistiorganization. The porce are not disclosing the results of their inquiry, but they declare that they believe they are on the trail of an extensive revolutionary organ-

Imation.

### ALBERT BELL IS REARRESTED Matt Robber Taken by Pennsylvania Authorities on Belease from Kansas Pricon.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., May 10.-Albert Bell, who had just finished a term in the mails, was arrested as he left the prison gate today. Hell is wanted at Philadelphia be taken to that city within a few days.

Ball also is wanted at Kansas City, Mo and at Joplin and at other places on sram.)-The Burilagton's coal chute at this charges of mail pouch robberies, but the Rell has already served two terms in jail longing to Mr. Rogers was one of the points for robbing the mails,

Average for United States Six Points Above Mean for Ten Years.

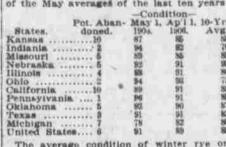
NEBRASKA IS OFF ONE POINT

Percentage of This State for May I is 92, Against an Average of 93 for the Ten Years.

WASHINGTON, May 10.-The crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the Department of Agriculture, from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the bureau, finds the area under winter wheat remaining in cultivation on May 1 to have been about 29,623,000 acres. This is 6 per cent, or about 1.718,000 acres ess than the area reported as sown lasfall and 1 per cent, or about 941,000 acres, less than the area of winter wheat reported as harvested last year.

The average condition of the growing winter wheat crop on May I was 91, as compared with 89 on April 1, 1966; 92 on May 1, 1966; 76 on May 1, 1904, and 86, the mean of the May average for the last ten years.

The following table shows for the eleven centage of the acreage, of the acreage



The average condition of winter rye on May 1 was 13, as compared with 91 on April 1, 1906; 94 on May 1, 1906; 81 on May 1, 1904, and 89, the mean of the May averages of the last ten years.

The average condition of meadew mowing lands on May 1 was 92, against 83 on May 1, 1906; 55 on May 1, 1904, and 90, the mean of the May average of the last ten years. The average condition of spring pasture on May 1 was 91, against 92 on May L 1905; 80 on May 1, 1904, and 89, the mean of the

May averages of the last ten years. Of the total acreage of spring plowing contemplated, 64 per cent is reported as actually done up to May 1, as compared with 72 per cent at the corresponding date last year, and a ten-year average on May 1 of 67. Of spring planting 53 per cent is reported

as having been completed on May 1. SOUTHERN METHODISTS BUSY

Sentiment in Payor of Pederation with Northern Church Meets with Approval.

BIRMINGHAM, Asa., May 13-A; the opening of the seventh day's session of the general conference of the Methodist Euroco-

The committee on publishing interests jurors: recommended that the number of official Stephen ran from the house to his own organs should be "substantially reduced in ome and took refuge in a shed recently order that their excellence may be increased It further recommended that annual con-

ferences contiguous to each other combine able. A minority report favored leaving the entire matter to the annual conferences "free from outside interference." An effort to recommit the reports failed.

## MRS. DAVIS SERIOUSLY ILL Widow of Confederate President Has Dangerous Attack of Grip in New York.

NEW YORK, May 10,-Mrs. Jefferson Davis, widow of the president of the southgripe in her apartments in the Hotel years old it is feared that the attack may mittee is still to be chosen.

would surrender if he was assured safety. Her daughter, Mrs. J. Addison Hayes, has been summoned from her home in opened the door, stepped out and locked it Colorado Springs. Mrs. Davis has been party and the matter went over for furliving at the Gerard for several years and ther conference.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., May 10.-Addison Hayes, president of the First National bank of this city, and con-in-law of Mrs. Jefferson Davis, stated this morning that Mrs. Hayes had received no word of the reported Illness of her mother. Mrs. Hayes is at her home in this city. It was reported tonight that Mrs Davis is somewhat better, having spent a com-

RETURN POSTAGE COUPON Postal Congress Arranges for Prepay-

ment of Charges on Inter-

national Letters.

ROME, May 10.-The plenary meeting of the international postal congress today approved by a majority of one the British proposition for the establishment of a coupon system for return postage. Under this rule any nation represented in the congress may issue coupans to be sold for five cents, exchangable at destination for stamps. It was definitely decided to raise the maximums of weight of letters from fifteen to twenty grammes, maintaining the rate of five cents, but establishing a reduced rate of three cents for each addi-

SPIER'S ACCOUNTS INVOLVED Expert Accountant Finds Indications of Discrepancies Which May

Have Caused Suicide.

NEW YORK, May 10 .- Interest in the in

tional twenty grammes.

vestigation of the mysterious killing of Charles L. Spier, a confidential agent of H. H. Rogers, was mainly confined today to the status of his financial affairs, which have been found to be badly involved Accountants were at work on his books today and it was reported that they have already discovered indications of discrepancles, which might account for the suicide theory in explanation of Mr. Spier's death. Pennsylvania charge is the most serious. The whereabouts of certain ascurities be

investigated by the accountants

# CONDITION OF WINTER WHEAT | NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST | HOW

Pair Friday and Saturday, Conler Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

 
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# KILLS SELF ON DANCE FLOOR CLERKS AND TEAMSTERS ARE BRIBED

Jesse Smith Takes Acid When Hi Divorced Wife Tells Him She is to Marry Another.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., May 10 .- (Special Telegram.)-Because Maud Holton, his former wife, from whom he was divorced several nonths ago, told Jesse Smith while they were dancing together at the Long Branch restaurant at Yankton, S. D., last night f her engagement and coming marriage to another man, Smith left the woman in the middle of the floor and with a cry of "then here goes" swallowed a big dose of carbolic acid, dying a few minutes later. Smith and the Holton woman were married about a year ago, separating some time afterward. Last night they met at the Long Branch hall and danced together several times. During the next dance she old him she was going to marry again, whereupon Smith committed suicide. The Holton woman is about 17 years old. She was first married when about 15 years of age to John Holton, who, after a disagreement with his vouthful wife, tried to kill himself by cutting his throat.

## LEGISLATORS BEFORE JURY was held under an order of congress, and Novel Scheme in Boston When Lawmakers Are Called Up for Examination.

BOSTON, May 10.-The Suffolk county court house was a place of unusual activity today when members of the legislature appeared in answer to summons by District Attorney Moran calling upon them to testify before the grand jury on the subject of bribery charges. The unprecedented proceedings of the entire membership of the Massachusetts general ascembly being directed to appear before the grand jury attracted a large number of people to the corridors of the court build-

Seventy-five members of the house had been summoned to appear today. As these legislators were making their way to the court house, process servers armed with summons for the remaining members of the legislature had started for the state house and other places to deliver papers to the remaining members of the house and

### MORE FEDERAL COURT JURORS Additional Panel of Fifteen Drawn for Service at the May Term.

to come before the United States courts Oil company he had, in following out the pal church, South, Rev. E Sanford of New for the May term now on, it has been York, secretary of the interchurch com- found necessary to draw an additional nilttee ou federation, said he was sure the panel of fifteen petit jurors for the term. bank of Monteguma, was shot and killed church could accomplish more as a united Omaha is represented on the new panel order to obtain information of the details at noon in his home by his brother, whose body than by working as separate bodies. by I. W. Carpenter, president of the Car- of the business done by the rivals of the The entire church recognized the fact that penter Paper company. The new panel is Standard Oil compan Stephen Sylvester, the brother who did many changes would have to be made in ordered to report Monday, May 14. The agents of the Standard Oil company are following is the list of the additional held personally responsible for all oil sold

> Lucien Bernard, Julian, Neb.; Lucien Bernard, Julian, Neb.; I. W. Carpenter, 3626 Lafayette avenue, Omaha; Timothy Casey, Ashland; R. E. Countryman, Weeping Water; H. H. Foust, Schuyer; William E. Gowen, North Loup; John Gossard, Herman; Thomas M. Howie, Edholm; George Holmes, Lincoin; Charles W. Ludden, Surprise; L. A. Poliman, Pierce; Arthur P. Rush, North Loup; Jacob J. Sierk, Fort Calhoen; George Bort, Indianola; Albert Watkins, 920 D street, Lincoln.

#### DOWIE AND VOLIVA AGREE Finances of Zion Will Be Managed by Board Named by Them.

CHICAGO, May 10. - John Alexander Dowie and Wilbur G. Voliva reached an agreement in court today upon the proposition for mutual representation in the management of financial affairs at Zion City. The Dowie forces appointed John A. Lewis, while Voliva named Alexander

but this was not agreeable to the Dowie

## SOUTHERN BAPTISTS GATHER Conference at Chattanooga Will Have

Five Thousand Persons in

Attendance Friday, CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 10 .- The indications are that the attendance at the southern Haptist conference, which opens to 20s gallons from a 200-gallon lead of oil tomorrow, will reach 5,000. The Missionary | The company explained this by saying that union held a session today. Reports were the oil expanded in the wagon." read by the corresponding secretary, Miss

E. V. Ricker, both of Maryland. The Baptist Young People's union The educational conference opened its

education in the south were present. WRECK IN OHIO SERIOUS Chesapeake & Ohio Limited Goes Into

Ditch and Many Are

Injured. PORTSMOUTH, O., May 10.-The Chesapeake & Ohio New York limited, which left Cincinnati at 9:10 last night, was wrecked near Buena Vista station about midnight. The sleeper was ditched, but of the sixteen passengers on that car only four women were injured. Mrs. J. D. Me-

but will recover. The other three women are not identified The porter, Thomas Gray, and Brakeman Alfred Flinton were badly hurt. A broken rail caused the wreck.

Kelvey of Cincinnati was seriously intured.

ST. LOUIS. May 10.—A. Smith Bowman, president of the American Reserve Bond company, which is in the hands of various receivers, appointed by the federal courts, departed for Chicago hast night after staying a day in St. Louis in an effort to learn the truth of a rumor that warrants had been issued against him and eight of his associates. United States District Attorney Dyer refused to say whether there had been an indictment returned against him. Hend of Bond Company Anxious.

Peculiar Methods of Bookefeller Combine Disclosed at Chicago Hearing.

THREE KINDS TAKEN FROM SAME TANK

Drivers Expected to Sell 205 Gallens from Wagon Containing 200 Gallons.

Former Agent Tells of Keeping Track of Business of Competitors.

'FRISCO RAILROAD PAID REBATES

Subsidiary Companies of Standard Charged 2-Cent Rate and Others Ten Times as Much for Same Service.

CHICAGO, May 16.-Corruption of railroad employes and agents of independent oil companies, dishonest methods of procuring land leases, the giving of short measure and the selling of three different kinds of oil out of the same tank and misrepresentations as to the quality of the oil sold were charged against the Standard Oil company at today's hearing before the Interstate Commerce commission. Incidentally it was charged that the 'Frisco road gives a rate of 2 cents a hundred to the Standard Oil company, when it charges competitors of that corporation ten times as much for the same haul. The inquiry the session held here today was along the same lines as that held some time ago in Kansas City.

The principal witness of today was E. M. Wilholt of Springfield, Mo., formerly for ten years agent of the Standard Oil company at Topeka. It was he who made the charges of bribery and dishonesty against the company and said that the Prisco road discriminated in favor of the Standard Oil company. Other witnesses for the day were H. C. Deran of Fremont O.; E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santz Fe road, and M. Maxon, a former agent of the Standard Oil company in Illinois. The last witness gave testimony which in many instances was the same as that given by Mr. Wil-

The inquiry by the government through the Interstate Commerce commission into the relations between the Standard Oil company and the railroads of the country ommenced here today.

Two of the ponits upon which it is said the investigation will endeavor to throw light are the matter of the pipe lines of the Standard Oil company which are laid along the railroad's right-of-way and the purchase of Galena oil by the railroads for headlight and signal purposes.

The first witness was E. M. Wilhoft of Springfield, Mo., now an independent oil operator, but ten years ago an agent of the Standard Oil company. He testified Owing to the big grist of business yet that while in the employ of the Standard instructions of his superior officers, bright cierks in the offices of railroads and en ployes of independent oil concerns in

in their territory by independent companies and that drivers of tank wagons are expected to keep up their stock by selling 205 to 308 gallons from a wagonload of 200 gallons. He said that the actual tests of tfle products of the Standard Oil company to determine the quality are carefully guarded and that when it was found necessary to cut thep rice to meet the figure of a competitor a cheaper quality of oll was substituted and guaranteed to be of a higher grade than it really was

Rallway Clerks Bribed. Several letters were read by the witness in which he was instructed to watch ship ments in his territory and report the name of every customer of the independent companies and the quality and quantity of oil received by him. He said he had bribed clerks in the offices of the Rock Island, Santa Fe and Missouri Pacific to give him lists of shipments to the customers of independent companies. He told also of bribing teamsters in order to obtain in-

formation. "Cylinder oil is the most profitable sold." said the witness, "and the Standard Oil Judge Wright suggested that the court company dislikes to have any independent appoint the third man on the committee, sell any of this grade. Our instructions were that if we found a competitor selling this oil in our territory to cut the price so as to get the orders, and then substitute an inferior grade of oil and guarantee it to be of superior quality."

> As to Short Measure. "Did you ever give short measure to your customers?" asked Commissioner Prouty. "Well, we did not call it that," replied the witness. "I was frequently advised by agents of the company that my stock was not showing up as it should and was told that it was a simple matter to sell 26

Attorney Miller, atorney for the Standard A. W. Armstrong, and the treasurer. Miss Oil company, broke in at this point to in quire the scope of the investigation. He said that it was his understanding that the with Dr. L. Dawson of Tuscalones, Ala., power of the commission was limited to an investigation of the relations of the company with common carriers and so far not convention at the First Methodist Episcothe slightest evidence upon the point had pal church. Leading representatives of been given. He was opposed, he said, to the raking over of muck and scandal by going back ten years in history

"For your information I will assure you that the Standard Oll company is doing the same things today," said Mr. Wilholt. "I object to that statement," shouted Attorney Miller. Commissioner Clements, in answer to the inquiry of Mr. Miller, said that it was desired to obtain all the information possible and report it for the

consideration of congress. "Then, as I understand it." said Mr. Miller, "the commission takes the position that for the purpose of this inquiry its power is equal to that of the bureau of commerce and that the commission will simply report the results of its investigation to congress without attempting to eg-

ercise any of its remedial powers,' "That is the position of the commission, as I understand it," replied Commissioner Clements.

Mr. Wilhoit said that frequently three grades of oil were sold from the same tank by agents of the Standard Oil com-Ohio Record Introduced. Mr. Deran was asked for the official rec

ord of the trust agreement of the Standard Oil company, as contained in a case tried in Ohio. and is was introduced into A pipe line man dramp by the company