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### MANY MINERS KILLED SUMMARY OF THE BEE STANDARD OIL MONOPOLY COST OF MEAT INSPECTION WORKING ON PRIMANY BILL MISSOURI AFTER ICE TRUST CHILD LABOR Evidence of Former Citizen Being Three Million Bollars Per Year Found Tuesday, January 29, 1907. Taken by State in Ample to Meet the Re-Interstate Commerce Commission Makes Legislative Committees Considering Two Drastic Measure Passes to Third Reading Virginia. quirements. Containing Radical Differences. Two Hundred Man Entombed by Explosion Report to Congress on Combinations. 1907 JANUARY 1907 in House at Lincoln. in Coal Mine in Prussia. (From a Staff Correspondent.) NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 28 .- The Ice "trust" TUE WED FRI SA SECRET RAILWAY RATES AID COMBINE WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 - (Special Tele-COMMITTEE BILL TO BE CAUCUS MEASURE rosecution by the state of Missouri against ø PROVISIONS OF ILL-CONCEIVED MEASURE 2 3 5 the Polar Wave Ice company, the Mer-4 HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO KNOWN DEAD gram.)-When the meat inspection measure was before the house during the last chants' Ice company and others came up 8 9 10 11 12 **Investigators** Find Competition Stiffed 6 7 session it was contended by some that the Colonel Patmer of Washington Being a Norfolk today for the taking of deposi-Effect of Proposed Law Would Be Farand Public Misled as to Relapermanent annual sum of \$3,000,000 would Fifty-Five Injured Taken Out, Thirty-Five tions made by F. A. Stillwell, formerly a Groomed for Department Com-13 14 15 16 17 18 19 Reaching in Extreme. tions Between Companies prove to be insufficient to meet the exrestaurant proprietor in St. Louis, who demander of the G. A. R .-- Hardof Whom Will Die, 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 pense of enforcing the law. While the clared that he had been buying ice from Offering Oil for Sale. ware Men Are Coming. sericultural appropriation bill was under the Merchants' Ice company in that city TERMINAL TAXATION BILL IS OFFERED FIRE INTERFERES WITH RESCUE WORK 27 28 29 30 31 consideration in the house on Satarday for 17% cents per 100 pounds, when the and the provision for meat inspection was WASHINGTON, Jan. 38.-The Interstate price was suddenly jumped to 25 cents per (From a Staff Correspondent.) Commerce commission has sent to congress up Representative Kennedy addressed a 100 pounds. Stillwell said he refused to pay Clarks of Deuglas Fresents New Measure THE WEATHER. Second Explosion in Which Number of LINCOLN, Jan. 38.-(Special Telegram.)a report of the investigations made by it note to Chairman Wadsworth which the increase and sought to buy from other FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA-Snow Fuesday and probably Wednesday; conter to Govern Assessment. The joint committee to draft a direct priice companies in St. Louis, all of which under the Tiliman-Gillespie resolution con- brought out the fact that the appropria-Relief Farty Are Hurt. Wednesday in south portion. FORECAST FOR IOWA-Snow Tuesday and probably Wednesday. cerning the relations of common carriers tion was ample and may prove to be more mary bill held an open session this evening refused to sell/to him, compelling him to which brought out an interesting discussion return and buy from the Merchants' comby rall to the production and distribution than sufficient to meet all requirements. NOT TO LESSEN THE GENERAL TAXES and probably Wednesday. Temperature at Omaha yesterday: of oil. The report covers the distribution Mr. Kennedy drew out the further stateof various phases of the question. At the **CONFLICTING REPORTS AS TO ITS EFFECTS** pany at the advanced price. of petroleum and its products east of the ment that the law is operating smoothly start E. P. Brown tried to get the com-Deg. Deg. Commonwealth Attorney John G. Tilton Hour 1 p. m..... 2 p. m..... 3 p. m.... Mississippi river and, incidentally, the and effectively and no amendments are Bill So Framed as Not to Interfere m ..... mittee committed to a state-wide primary of Norfolk appeared for the state of Mis-Statement That Total Number of Casby offering a resolution which the chair-Kansas and Texas fields. The report points souri. Attorney D. M. Kirby of St. Louis With the Action of the State contemplated or required. out generally the methods by which the Standard Oll company "has built up and \*\*\*\*\* man, McMullen of Gage, promptly ruled Members of the Nebraska delegation inappeared for the defendant companies. unliles Will Reach Three Bun-Board in Putting Valueout of order, and the committee showed \*\*\*\*\*\* troduced in the senate and house a reso-LA CROSSE, Wis., Jan. 28 -- Car shortage dred-Mine Property of perpetuated its monopoly." It is asserted no disposition to reverse his decision. The tion on Railroads. ...... is causing a famine in ice which promises lution of the house of representatives of 11 a. m. ..... 18 12 m. .... 21 Government. resolution was as follows: that "the ruin of its competitors has been Nebraska urging the Nebraska senators to have a serious effect over a large sec Whereas, The republican state platform of a distinct part of the policy of the Standard p. m. . . "to use all honorable means to bring tion of country next summer. On the 1905 declares: "We demand that the next legislature enact a direct primary law providing for the nomination of all state, county and vested each winter. This year the dealers (From a Staff Correspondent.) Oil company in the past, systematically LEGISLATURE. about such laws as will place a revenue Mississippi river between La Crosse and SAARBRUECK, Rhenish Prussla, Jan. LINCOLN, Jan. 28 .- (Special.)-The child Drastic child labor bill reaches third and persistently pursued. The report says: Drastic child labor bill reaches third reading in house of Nebraaka legislature. **Fage 1** Clarke of Dougias offers bill for the local taxation of railroad terminals in the house of Nebraska legislature. **Fage 1** Hearing before committee at Lincoin discloses that Chairman McMullen is op-posed to measure of state-wide operation. **Page 1** Railway committee has agreed on all inter of Nebraska commission bill tax on incomes," following the line of 28 .-- A fire damp explosion occurred this labor bill, sponsored in the house by Clarke thought expressed by President Roosemorning in the Reden coal mine at St. strict officers, including congressmen and United States senators, by direct vote," and in the senate by Thomas, seems to are unable to get cars, and as there are Johann-On-Saar, opposite Saarbrueck, and velt. have slipped through far enough to come United States senators, by direct vote," and, Whereas, The democratic state platform of 1806 declares: "We will pass a comprehensive direct primary law for the whole state under which party candidates for all offices shall be nominated by the direct vote of the people," and, Whereas, The populist state platform of 1006 declares: Senator Millard today introduced a bill not sufficient storage facilities on the caused the loss of from 150 to 200 lives. up for a third reading in the house without to increase the pension of Bridget Coadey ground, harvesting of ice for shipment has The mine is owned by the Prussian govstopped. Dealers predict this will mean drastic character of the measure. The bill any one realizing the far-reaching and of Omaha to \$15 a month. ernment an ice famine of serious consequence next Up to 6 o'clock this evening sev-Mrs. Ida F. Brown, at present clerk in is a lengthy one, evidently drawn by the bodies had been brought out 4 corpses were known to be u a Only fifty live men have been b and of these the doctors say at lea summer. The matter will be called to the the Omaha postoffice, has, through the ef--str paid promoters of some eastern child labor Torts of Senator Millard, been transferred attention of the Interstate Commerce comassociation, and shows its foreign origin to a similar position in the postoffice at Whereas, the primary 1996 declares: "We favor the enactment of a primary law for the nomination of all public ofby reference to all sorts of offices that do ferred to the Galena Oil company, a Stand-ard company. The Standard Oil company largely monop-lizes the handling of petroleum from the mouth of the well until it is sold to the re-taller, and sometimes to the consumer, and under ordinary circumstances its margin of profit is very large. Estimates made in the report show a profit on re-fined oil from the Sugar Creek refinery at Kansas City of from 5 to 8 cents per gal-lon. A much higher profit is indicated for gasoline. The sale of refined oil from the large Standard refinery at Whiting is cor-respondingly profitable. Los Angeles, Cal. Mrs. Brown is innot exist in Nebraska. If it should become "We favor the enactment of a primary law for the nomination of all public of-ficers," be it Resolved, That this committee deems it its duty to formulate a bill providing for state-wide primary elections for all po-litical parties to nominate state, county, district and municipal officers, including United States senators, by direct vote. At the invitation of the committee a sints of Nebraska commission bill. GREAT GRAFT IN ST. LOUIS five will die, as they are frightf. structed to report to the Lost Angeles a law, no child under 14 years of age can 11, sure gives the commission wide power jured through having been hurled as postmaster for duty February 1. be employed in any regular occupation Excise Man Revokes Saloon Licenses under heavy penalty on both employer and the walls of the galleries by the force 5, Representative Kinkaid today recom "ates. Fage 1 WASHINGTON. mended L. M. Van Pelt to be postmaster the child's parents or guardian, and no the explosion, and Law Partner Has Them 1.11 te Commerce commission finds An official report given out this evening at Van Pelt, Banner county, Neb. child between 14 and 16 years of age can Reissued. of Standard Oil company to form The pension bureau today advised Repeave the number of dead cannot exceed be employed except by going through a oly esentative Kinkaid that a pension of \$8 Page 1 formal procedure to prove his age and tes-ST. LOUIS, Jan. 28 .- Testimony taken by tify to his proficiency in the schools to the Schator Beveridge talks four hours in per month has been allowed to W. P. Os- number of persons present were invited Immediately after the explosion rescue the senate committee on municipal affairs, workers were hurried from all the adja- senate in support of his bill to prevent successively to give their views of the trand, Big Springs, Neb. extent of having passed through the eighth which is making an investigation into muinterstate commerce in products of child Congressman Hinshaw today received cent mines and boldly entered the Reden proposed primary bill. Victor Rosewater grade. The bill provides the forms for all telegrams from H. L. Duval, J. E. Hough, expressed his opinion on different aspects nicipal affairs, developed at today's hearshaft in great numbers. Page 6 Shrewd Advertising Plans. these certificates and requires the child to The evidence shows little basis for the contention that the enormous dividends of the Standard Oil company are the legiti-mate result of its economics. Except for its pipe lines, the Standard has but little legitimate advantage over the independent refiner. The Standard buys advertising space in many newspapers, which it fills, not with ing that E. C. Dodge, who has been the be publicly labelled more thoroughly than S. S. Hinitt, J. C. Bryant, L. C. Hullt, of the bill, emphasizing the need of sim-The work of rescue has been greatly DOMESTIC. Commissioner Lane probes Pacific rail Juhn Dillon and A. G. Spence, conductors plicity and conciseness and opposing the law partner of Excise Commissioner hampered by the poisonous gases resultis a penitentiary convict. Thomas E. Mulvihill since March 19, 1897. road merger at San Francisco. Page 1 on the Rock Island, with headquarters at rotated ballot scheme in the bill introing from the explosion and by a flerce fire Certificates Are Explicit. Fairbury, asking congress to assist in the duced by Representative Dodge. At the has represented thirty-five or forty saloon-Political speakers may criticise governthat broke out immediately afterwards. These certificates must show place and passage of the LaFollette sixteen-hour conclusion a running fire resulted in an- keepers whose licenses were attacked by ment, but must not advocate revolution This caused efforts at rescue to be susdate of birth, the school record of the child pended and the workers had to be ordered in Russia. The Standard buys advertising space in many newspapers, which it fills, not with advertisements, but with reading matter prepared by agents kept for that purpose olizes the handling of petroleum from the nary news. The assumption is that this literature furnishes many of the ideas touching the great benefits conferred upon the public by the Standard Oll company. Possession of the pipe lines enables the Standard absolutely to control the price of crude petroleum and the price which its competitors in a given locality shall pay. It can raise the price in one locality and and paid for at advertising rates, as ordi-verse the process when it desires to do so. Whoever controls the arenues of transpor-tation of the raw material or of the re-fined product can speedily drive his com-petitors out of existence, and the produc-tion and distribution of petroleum is no exception to the rule. The pipe line system of the Standard, the Excise Commissioner Mulvihill, and that Page 1 bill for railroad employes. swer to questions propounded by McMuland in "doubtful cases" a physician's cer-Thousands of head of sheep and cattie These appointments have been made to len, which showed plainly that the Gage he had collected in eleven of these cases out of the mine. tificate of "sound health and physical fees amounting to \$730. In one instance After all the rescuers had reached dayfreeze to death in the northwest. Loss to fill vacancies in the rural carrier service. | county man was not friendly to the direct ability." The certificate must further ad-Dodge admitted on the stand that he relight, acording to one version, a second stockmen in the northwest will exceed effective February 1: Iowa-Glenwood, primary, although professing to favor a vertise "the color of the heair and eyes, William H. Hittle regular, Cora M. Hittle bill for county nominations as the easiest ceived a fee of \$200 from a saloonkeeper terrific detonation was heard underground. \$1,000,000. Page 1 the height and weight and any distinguishnamed Vach for arranging to have his li-But, according to another report, many Two more junors secured for the Thaw substitute route 1; Manly, Frederick J. way to answer the popular demand with ing facial marks of such child." Of course, of the rescuers were still below when the trial. Statement from Pittsburg says cense reissued after Mulvihill had revoked Wadsworth regular, N. T. Knudson sub- half a loaf. a child between 14 and 16 years may change H. M. Waring explained and championed it. He also admitted that he had received second explosion occurred and it is es- theory of defense probably will be institute, route 1; New London, Edward L. in height and weight, but it is expected to the Dodge bill, with particular emphasis other fees. The committee is endeavoring timated that the casualty list from the two | sanity. Johns regular, Bud Redfern substitute, Page 6 carry its distinguishing facial marks route 5; Ridgeway, William O. Nesst reg- on the rotated ballot as its saving clause. to ascertain whether Dodge and Mulvihill explosions reaches a total of 300. NEBRASKA. through life, so that it can be identified ular, John H. Balsken substitute, route 2. George W. Berge, T. C. Munger, H. T. are still law partners and whether the firm Snow, from two to three inches deep, It is regarded as certain that the lowest forever after. As if this were not drastic levels of the mines are completely wrecked, is reported from many points in Nebraska. Dobbins and J. M. Devine, all spoke for a profited by the legal business of Dodge beenough, no child, under 16 years of age can direct primary legislation, citing examples fore the excise commissioner. Dodge asand the inspectors are deliberating upon CATTLE FREEZING TO DEATH Page 1 be employed in any gainful occupation from different places where it had been serts the partnership has been terminated which requires him to work before the further measures to get control of the fire. FOBEIGN. tried, and more particularly in nominating by mutual agreement. The managors are discussing the advisabil-Three hundred men killed and injured in Stockmen in Northwest Will Loss hours of 7 o'clock in the morning or after the hour of 7 o'clock in the evening, sum-

ity of flooding these levels as the only the coal mine belonging to the Prussian seans of extinguishing the fiames. It is government. Page 1 belived that all the men who were in the Chinese famine sufferers need cash lower levels assuredly are dead. It will more than supplies. Page 6 take a full week to enter and explore the LOCAL.

## Six Hundred Men in Mine.

disaster occurred 2,300 feet under Police Donahue. Mayor declares he has ground and is one and a quarter miles power over the officer and doean't propose from the floor of the shaft. It is the to have police enforce Sunday closing

from the floor of the shaft. It is the laws. Page 10 greatest mining catastrophe ever known in the finar region. About 600 men entered the mine for the day shift, but about 400 farming experiment stations will be es-tablished in the west. Page 5 shaft, which con Weighing of mail in this postal division not received rebates in recent years, so underground. At a late hour tonight it will begin in February. was still uncertain how many workmen still were in the mine, the reports being mulgates rule which makes trouble for conflicting. The entrance to the galleries "prize package" shippers. underground is blocked with dead horses. Firemen appear before Commercial club Most of the bodies brought to the surto argue in favor of "double shift" bill. face are mangled beyond recognition

The pipe line system of the Standard, the report contends, is not a natural, but, rather, an artificial advantage. It is argued

that the reason why long pipe lines com-Board of Fire and Police Commission peting with those of the Standard have ers dismisses charges against Chief of not been provided is found in obstacles in the way of such undertakings, having been opposed by the railroads, 'whose right-ofwas has generally stood as a Chinese wall against all attempts to extend pipe lines.

Million Dollars Owing to

Severe Winter. MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 28.-J. H. Howells last summer, and Chairman McMullen conof Minot, N. D., a leading buyer of cattle cluded the meeting by a statement of his and sheep, declared here today that the position, arguing directly against direct cattlemen of the northwest would stand to primary nominations and quoting a letter lose more than \$1,000,000 by the severe from Minnesota declaring the Minnesota

Secret Rates Secured. In the Alberta country, according to Mr. Page 5 far as has been discovered, but it has Howells, thousands of cattle had huddled Western Trunk Line association pro- nevertheless enjoyed secret rates possessing together along the railroad tracks and dead all of the element of fliegal rates, and the cattle were to be seen for 100 miles or Page 5 advantages so obtained over independent more, lying twenty deep in some places. shippers have been of very great value The same condition, he says, prevail in to that company. Numerous instances of Montana. Page 3 discrimination in favor of the Standard Mr. Howells says that while in Havre, resulting from the published railway rates Mont., last week, a ranchman offered him were found, says the report. In this con- 10,000 sheep for \$3,000, which last fail were worth \$30,000. Sheep were dying by hun-

city tickets in Lincoln. Representative Baker of New York, in answer to questions, gave information about the direct primary trial in his county

lose more than \$1,000,000 by the severe winter. He has made a tour of inspection along the transcorregental lines, both in the United States and Camada, and mays the losses will not be so great in North mittee decided to report such a measure. The Alamesta deciaring the Alamesta bureau tonight issued the following flood bulletin: The Ohlo river at Cairo is failing, the guage tonight reading 5.2 feet, a fail of one-tenth foot since Sunday night. The stage at Memphis tonight ways 35.9 feet, a



Below Except at New Orleans.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.-The weather

improved tonight.

any other identification, and refusal will involve fines and sometimes imprisonment. To cap the climax the bill winds up with

The mine inspectors this evening ordered the rescuers to return to their homes, but

to hold themselves in readiness for further orders. Emperor William has ordered that a full

report of the disaster be sent him. President Falleries. Foreign Minister chon and the municipal council of Paris have telegraphed Emperor William expressing the sympathy of France in the Baarbrueck disaster and recalling the generous assistance given by German miners at the time of the Courrieres catastrophe.

Explosion in French Mine. LENS, France, Jan. 25-A terrible disaster, involving the loss of many lives, has occurred in a coal mine at Lievin, in the Courrieres district. The catastrophe was due to an explosion of fire damp in one of pits.

A panie followed the explosion and the greater part of the population of the town rushed to the mouth of the plt, preventing the work of rescue until gendarmes

restored a semblance of order. The mayor of Lievin, who is an old miner, is superintending the work of rescue. Of the SII miners who descended into the pit this morning 680 had been brought to the surface at 2 o'clock this alternoon. The bodies of the chief engineer and his two assistants, horribly mangled, were re-

PARIS. Jan. 28 .- Advices received at the ministry of labor indicate that Vassiere, the chief engineer, and two of his assistants were probably the only victims of the explosion in the coal mine today at Lievin. It appears that they had gone down to search for a gas leak, the task not requiring the assistance of any of the taine employee.

CAMPAIGN IS ON IN RUSSIA Speakers May Deliver Speeches Hos-

> tile to the Government if Not Revolutionary.

MOSCOW, Jan. 23.-The governor general has cancelled, at Premier Stolypin's direction, the election order that any persons delivering speeches hostile to the government at electoral meetings shall be sentenced to three months' imprisonment or to pay a fine of \$350.

The premier has directed provincial anthorities to avoid interference with carapaign meetings, except where necessary to prevent the open advocacy of revolutionary uthreaks.

## Coroner Holds Murderer.

LONDON, Jan. 28 .- A verdict of Wilful murder was rendered by a coroner's jury this morning against Horace George Rayner, the man who shot and killed William Whiteley, the morchant, January 19. But few additional facts developed at the inquest and the motive of the crime remains a mystery, unless, as the police claim, it failure of attempt to blackmail the inarchast. The sons and the old employes of the murdered man testified that they never seen or heard of Rayner before the day of the trakedy.

Wreck in North Dakota. ST. PAUL. Jan. 3.-A special to the Dis-patch from Bissmark, S. D., mays. Northern Pacific passwager trains No. 4 and 5 run-ting late with double-headers. collided last hight at Knowleton, west of here. No de-tails have been reserved. Reports conflict as to the infured.

Railroads rap at Omaha grain market by taking off proportional rates on Iowa grain to all territories.

Broadway paved to the motor bridge. Page 9

MINORITY ON SHIP SUBSIDY BILL Reports Say Greatest Beneficiaries Will Be Hill and

Harriman WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 .- J. J. Hill, E. H. Harriman and the republican policy of says the report, is held responsible if the protection are assailed in the minority ad- independent oil is sold. verse report on the Littauer compromise subsidy ship bill which was filed in the Spight and the other democratic members perior officials of the roads, but it does ap

terson. to South American and oriental lines the to the purpose of obtaining this informa-

report says:

jection is fundamental and no amount of sophlatry or volume of specious argument can obscure it. Were it limited simply to payments for new mail routes it might be neceptable for that purpose though not as a real aid to merchant marine. The report discusses the two lines which the bill proposes to subsidize between the Pacific coast and the orient, saying: But when it is recalled that at Seattle north of Cupe Menderizo is the existing ateamship line owned by J. J. Hill and south of it at San Francisco is the Harriman line, the Pacific Mail, we may begin to susof it at San Francisco is the Harriman line, the Pacific Mail, we may begin to sus-pect that there is a "nigger in the wood-pile." Who are J. J. Hill and E. H. Har-riman? The former is the great railway magnate of Northern Securities notoriety, who tried to merge vast interests in viola. then of the law and only was prevented by proceedings in court Harriman is another leader of corporate wealth who controls

corporate wealth who controls nore railway trackage than any other nan in the world. Is it hard to guess who as who under this bill would pocket \$1.490,900 of the It is then stated by the report that the oposed line from the Pacific coast to

Harriman line to Panama and the general generally practiced in the past. principle of the governmental subsidy is attacked. The report declares that governmental aid of this sort can never result is buying of the Galena Oil company, onin a great merchant marine and urges the of the Standard companies, most of its repeal of legislation which hinders shipbuilding in this country.

Penrose Selects Counsel

COLUMBUS, Q., Jan. St.-Amouncement, is made today that Major Penrces, who is to be tried by court-martial in connection with the Brownewills mide today that Major Penrces, who is to be tried by court-martial in connection with the Brownewills mide today that Major Penrces, who is to be tried by court-martial in connection file which as guaranty to the road that the start subscription bill and search well and was asleep early troops has selected Listuremant Colonel Gienn of the Barracks here to defend him the best posted mea on martial law in (Continued on Sixth Page.)

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nection the following is an instance given:

by taking off proportional rates on lowa grain to all territories. Page 3 J. D. Shanahan, government grain ex-pert, says federal inspection of grain will come, and in meantime government will establish laboratories for tests, probably one at Omaha. Page 6 W. J. Connell is found guilty by Judge Sutton of contempt of court and sentence is deferred. He pleads his own case. Page 6 COUNCIL BLUFFS AND IOWA. Legislative committee busy formulating a state-wide primary bill from two meas-ures submitted to it. Broadway paved to the motor bridge. Broadway paved to the motor bridge.

In discussing the assertion contained in the report that "the ruln of its competitors has been a distinct part of the policy of the Standard Oil company," the commission says one method has been the organization of a perfect system of espionage over the shipments of its competitors, resulting in knowledge as to the destination of every car of oil leaving the refinery of an independent.

Agents Must Strangle Competition. The Standard agent at the destination,

"It does not appear," says the repo "that the railroad companies have directed house today by Representative Spight of the furnishing of this information, or that Mississippi. The report is signed by Mr. the practice has been sanctioned by suof the house on merchant marine and fish- pear that such information is systematiceries-Messrs. Goulden, Sherley and Pat- ally obtained from railroad employes. The testimony shows that the Standard, at one After reviewing the proposed subsidies time, if it does not now, devoted a fund

tion. It has frequently happened, when It is not pretended that the proposed ap-propriations are intended merely to compen-sate for services rendered, but admittedly the larger part is pure gratuity. This ob-jection is fundamental and no amount of applied. It has frequently happened, when the supply of independent oil in a particu-lar territory was low and a shipment was peculiarly necessary, that the shipment has unaccountably gone astray. Informa-

Standard, whenever a competitor erects a storage tank, to which the oil is transferred from the tank car, to reduce the price of oil in that locality to such a point as to make the business unprofitable to such competitor, while prices were maintained in other localities. There was much complaint that the railroads allowed the Standard to erect its tanks at convenient points on the right-of-way and declined to accord this privilege to independent refiners. The commission says it is satisfied

Chile would be a mere extension of the that such discrimination has been very The report shows that "at present every considerable railroad in the United States

> lubricating and signal oils, the prices paid for lubricating oil, which is of three grades, being substantially the same to regarding the conditon of Mr. Creighton. vote was 7 to 1

the various roads. The contracts generally

dreds for want of food. Last year Mr. Howells' company shipped out of Havre nearly 400 cars of cattle,

a single carload.

Twenty Men Carried Down by Fall of Walls and Three Are Still Under Debris.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 38.-Buried under tons of ice-coated debris of the eight-story About twenty-five men, including the three missing men, were on the roof of the Heytwo thick brick walls of the Seneca build-

ing collapsed. Tons of debris from the crumbling walls crashed down on the roof of the lower Heywood building, going through the roof and carrying floor after floor into the basement. Not one of the men escaped without injury, but half of them were able to fight their way out and to give aid to their less fortunate comrades. The rescuers worked all the afternoon, but no trace of the missing men could be found. As night fell electric light wires were strung into the ruins and tonight the work of rescue was kept up. The names of the missing men are Hinkey, Norton and Megarm.

**BIG REALTY DEAL IN SIOUX CITY** Two Hotels, a Theater and Five Hundred City Lots Change

Hands.

BIOUX CITY, Ia., Jan. 28 .- (Special Telegram.)-F. W. Estabrook of Boston, vice president of the Sioux City Stock Yards company, has purchased a controlling interest in the Mondamin and Garretson hotels and the New Grand theater building and an entire interest in nearly 500 Sloux City lots. The property is valued at \$500,-900. The Mondamin will be completely remodeled. Nothing is yet known as to what will be done with the Garretson, but there has been some talk of making it into an office building. Mr. Estabrook is close to Swift and Company and his large purchase is regarded as significant.

HOPEFUL FOR CREIGHTON Rests Naturally During Night and

> Takes Nourishment During the Day.

Hopeful reports continued to come from

After a day of marked improvement, durcontain a guaranty to the road that the ing which he received nourishment, he tions voted a favorable report on the place is flooded, the water driving the real- cuired to be made.

Two-Cent Fare Bill Ready.

The sub-committee of the joint railroad committee met tonight and formulated a bill for a 2-cent passenger rate. The bill is exactly like the old law, with the excep-

tion of the rate, which is reduced 1 cent, This measure will be reported to the joint committee. Agreement on Commission Bill.

The subcommittee appointed by the legis-

lative joint committee to draft a bill covering the general powers of the State Railway commission has agreed upon all mooted town tonight, says trains will not be able lington. Ben White of the Northwestern but this year it has been unable to get out points and at a meeting tonight a rough draft of the bill which will be presented

to the joint committee for its approval was BUFFALO FIREMEN MISSING prepared. The measure will be put into final form tomorrow and will be taken up at once by the joint committee. Before the end of the week it is hoped to have it in- Contractor Oliver Must Look to Others

troduced into both houses and well on its way toward passage. The subcommittee was divided only by

certain matters of detail, but these have all been cleared up and at the close of last Seneca building at 101-109 Seneca street, night's session everything was harmonious. destroyed by fire today, three firemen are The subcommittee declines to make an auprobably dead or so badly injured that thoritative announcement of the contents next to the lowest, issued a statement to- is section 19 of the bill: they will die before ald can reach them. of the bill before it is presented to the day that the four contracting firms comjoint committee, when it will be made public. It is known, however, that the measure wood building adjoining the Seneca, fight- will be entirely satisfactory to that faction other bidder." ing against a spread of the flames, when of the republican party that is in favor of vesting the Rallway commission with wide powers over rates and of giving it the legal means with which to enforce its decrees. A rough draft of the bill has been submitted to some of the best posted rate men in the state and has received their approval. The commission is given power over all common carriers, including telephone, tele graph, sleeping car and express companies and is allowed the widest latitude in regulating their rates. The general plan of the Aldrich bill has been followed, but it has been broadened somewhat to make it more inclusive than it was originally.

### Only Point of Difference.

LANE PROBING AT 'FRISCO The principal question over which there was a division in the sub-committee re-

lated to the method of procedure before Interstate Commerce Commissioner the commission. It has been agreed to in-

sert a provision which will prevent the railroads superseding a rate fixed by the commission until it has been passed on by

court. The commission is also given wide Commerce Commissioner Lane today began powers in securing evidence from the an investigation of complaints of jobbers records of railroads. One section gives and manufacturers that the Southern Pathe commission power to punish for contempt for refusal to obey its orders. It is cific company is collecting a toll of 5 cents also given jurisdiction over terminal and a ton on all freight received here, whether switching rates, a provision which will be it comes over the wharves of the state or not. satisfactory to Omaha jobbing and manufacturing interests.

C. W. Dalamatyre and D. L. Johnson of Omaha appeared before the senate judiclary committee tonight in the interests of King's bill, S. F. No. 73, relating to the descent of the property of decedents. The committee did not take action. The senti-

favor of a change in the present law, giving the wife only a dower interest in her

should be. The committee may take action

The judiciary committee has decided to

the home of John A. Creighton last night | after a fight in the committee room. The

Tise of one foot since Sunday night. Stars in feet at other stations on the lower Missississippi on Monday morning were as follows: Helena, 45.3, Arkansas City, 49 and an emergency clause to put it into effect at once without even giving the people time to read it before the penalties accrue. Greenville 42.5, a rise of three-tenths foot at each place during the last twenty-four hours: Vicksburg, 45, a rise of one-tenth foot: New Orleans, 17.8 and stationary. Maximum stages as follows, are now indifoot It is possible members of the legislature may wake up to the scope of this bill before they vote it through finally, for to all Maximum stages as follows, are now indi-cated in the Vicksburg district, the creat to reach Vicksburg in about twelve days. Arkansas City, 53; Greenville, 48, and Vicksappearances few of them have as yet read Arkansas City, 53; Gree burg, at least 51 feet. EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 28 .- The river

for Cash to Carry on

Work.

ernment's definite rejection of his co-

Investigates the Collection of

Tolls at California Port.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.-Interstate

bidder, Mr. Banga."

so-called Harriman merger.

Pacific's legal advisers in New York.

Down.

The big guns of the railroad lobby came down from Omaha this afternoon. tonight continues to fall and tonight stands delegation was headed by Chief Lobbyists 45.2 feet. A communication from Shawnee- Frank Young and Jim Kelby of the Burto enter that place for several days. Conand Edson Rich of the Union Pacific. They ditions along the Wabash river are greatly did not state their business, but probably came down to assure the legislators that

there is no railroad lobby in Lincoln. NO MERGER OF CANAL BIDDERS Clarke's Terminal Taxation Bill.

In his new bill for the taxation of rail road terminals for municipal purposes, introduced today. Clarke of Douglas county answers the argument of the railroads that to tax this property locally would be to take from the school fund of the state NEW YORK, Jan. 28.-A. F. MacArthur

person who employs an office boy or cash

girl or messenger under 16 years of age

will, if this law is passed, be required to

post the names of his employes, keep pub-

lic records of their certificates; put up cards

telling the hours of work; admit child labor

inspectors into his place of business at any

hour upon the mere announcement of the

name and office of the inspector without

Railroad Lobby on Deck.

of the MacArthur-Gillespie company, whose money they are now receiving from the bid for completing the Panama canal was railroads, in the following language, which "This act shall not apply to nor in any prising his company "declined all sugges- manner affect the assessment, equalisation. tions looking to a combination with any levy or collection of any state, county, township, school district or road district "They are unwilling to entertain any plan tax, nor shall it affect any assessments or

for undertaking the work at a percentage levies heretofore made on any property so low that adequate personal attention to in the state of Nebraska. Nor shall this the work would be impossible and ulti- act be construed to affect any specific tax. mate failure, in their opinion, most prob- which may now, or which shall hereafter able. As the only bidders who qualified be provided for by law, upon the property under the specifications, they acquiesced in or business of any company or association the suggestion that an opportunity be given within the state. Mr. Oliver to form a new association of

In brief the Clarke bill provides for an contractors and raise the required capital, added tax on railroad property and is not despite the fact that he had entirely failed an amendment to the present revenue law qualify as a bidder, both by reason of but is a measure complete in itself, giving his failure to show the necessary pecuniary authority to the local assessor of every responsibility, and by reason of the gov- town in the state to tax for local purposes railroad property located within his jurisdiction. The bill provides that all machine repair shops, general office buildings, store houses, real and personal property, outside of the right-of-way, and property which is not actually occupied and used in the exercise of railroad franchises shall be liable to taxation in the same manner and for the same purpose and to the same extent, and subject to the same conditions and limitation as to the collection and return of taxes thereon as is other real estate and personal property in the several countles, cities and villages in which the same may be situated.

## Local Assessor's Duties.

The local assessor, the bill provides. shall have access to the records, books, Commissioner Lane will also continue the accounts and papers of any company, inquiry into the facts connected with the owning, operating or controlling any of the property mentioned in this act and Among those who arrived to attend the shall also have access to papers relating hearing are J. C. Stubbs, vice president to this subject in any state, city or county of the Harriman lines, and traffic directors office, and shall have power to summon of the Southern Pacific and other com- witnesses and administer oaths which power ment of the committee was strongly in, panles; Attorney C. A. Severance of St. is also given to the State Board of Equali-Paul and R. S. Lovett, one of the Southern gatton and assessment. The railroad companies are required to report to the state board and to the local assessors the gross and net receipts of the roads in Nebraska and for the entire roads senarately; the

expenses for operation separately; annual reports of the board of directors: the gross and net incomes of earnings received in each city and village and out of each city and village on business done therein dur-MÉMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 25. - The Luxora, ing the twelve months next before the first

Ark, town leves broke Sunday and the day of January on which the report is re-

The government levee back of Luxora is personal property, all money and credity Nebraska and all other information the

The committee on privileges and slec-

husband's estate, but there was some difference of opinion as to what the change LEVEE BREAKS IN ARKANSAS at a meeting to be held tomorrow after-Government Work Holds and Armed

Guards Protect It-All Wires report favorably on the bulk sales law,