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Rivers at Pitt burg Are Falling After Freaking Previous High Record.

MAMAGE IS OVER TEN MILLION DOLLARS Twenty Lives Lort in the Emeky City and 10 11 12 13 14

CREST PASSES WHEELING ABOUT MIDNIGHT

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Stage of Sixty-Four Feet Fredicted at Cincinnati by Tonight.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS AND WITHOUT FOOD

Four Persons Drowned at Parkersburg, W. Vai, and Several Others . at Intertor Points in Ohlo.

WASHINGTON, March 15,-The weather bureau tonight issued the following flood

bulletin:

After having reached the unprecedented stage of 36.2 feet early Friday morning, the Ohio river at Fittsburg is falling rapidly. A crest stage of fifty feet is predicted at Wheeling by midnight Friday. At Parkersburg a stage between fifty-one and fifty-two feet is expected by Saturday night. At Cincinnati a stage of sixty-four feet or more is forecasted for by Saturday evening, the flood stage at that point being fifty feet. The river passed the flood stage at Louisville Friday morning and will rise to a point about ten feet above the flood stage at Paducah and Cairo during the next few days and have been announced at all points from Cairo to Memphis in the next five or six days, with higher stages for some days thereafter.

PITTSBURG, March 15.-With the rapid receding of the waters in the Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers conditions are resuming normal proportions tonight.' The approaches to the bridges now are clear of water and street car service in the of service. flooded district has been resumed. At 9 o'clock tonight the rivers had fallen

almost eight feet. At that hour the stage was twenty-nine feet and dropping six inches an hour. Ten square miles were inundated. The

loss is summarized as follows: 2,500,000

..... 59,387,000 finally admitted and witness under cross-Total leas..... Various other estimates are being made, ranging from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000. Re- for procuring false affidavit in another ports from numerous western Pennsylvania | case. points tonight are to the effect that the

Thirty Blast Furnaces Idle. Thirty large blast furnaces in the city with reference to railroads, are out of commission on account of the flood. It is said here that the suspension Standard Oil company and trial proceeds against him. will cause a scarcity in Iron.

The power from the plants of the Allegheny Light company was turned into the trolley wires tonight in an effort to maintain street car service. As a result building can be secured. Pittsburg is in darkness.

Twenty fatilities have occurred in Allegheny county, directly due to high water. Four massive bridges, the Sixteenth, Ninth, Seventh and Sixth street structures, tunity of buying here instead of going were threatened with destruction, owing to heavy lee gorges, which came down the Allegheny river and it is believed they have been greatly weakened. That the bridges were not swept away is considered mar-

velous by river men. Frightened feminine guests at the Lincoln, Colonial, Annex and Anderson hotels, located in the midst of the flood zone are marooned and are watching the nigh water from the windows. Four theaters, the Gayety, Alvin, Belasco

and Bilou are flooded and will be dark for several days.

Most of the fire engines in the down town district are pumping water from buildings along Fifth avenue.

At the First National building, Fifth evenue and Wood street the basement is submerged to a depth of several feet and strenuous efforts are being made to protect the dynamos, which generate power to Western Union Telegraph .company. The office of the Associated Press is lo- \$60,000 fees. cated in this building and momentarily it was expected throughout the night that the wires of these organizations would fall. Strenuous efforts of a force of men assisted by a fire engine, saved the dynamos, but shortly before 9 o'clock the electric light dynamo succumbed to the effect of the

CINCINNATI, March 15 Flood conditions in the upstate section of Ohio were very thuch improved today by falling rivers and their tributaries. The Muskingum river, which submerged parts of Zaneaville and other towns in that section, continues to fall, but there is considerable destitution among those driven from their homes by

At Springfield, Dayton, Hamilton and other points in the Miami valley the danger stage has been passed. While headwaters of the Ohio are receding, streams at Point Pleasant, Portsmouth, Marietta, Parkersburg and other points are now above the ARTILLERY MILITIA IS WANTED flood stage and will continue to rise to night and tomorrow. In Cincinnati the local rise has about disappeared.

Late today Marietta, Parkersburg, Point Pleasant and Portsmouth were feeling the effects of the flood. Parkersburg and Marietta appeared to be the worst sufferers. At the former place the electric light plant was put out of commission and the city was in darkness.

At Marietta conditions were worse than in the flood of 1884. The rivers rose rapidly

and did much damage. Parkersburg in Darkness. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 18 --With a stage of fifty feet tonight the Ohlo river continues to rise slowly and at least lars prepared by the chief of artillery, setanother foot is expected. The city is in ting forth his scheme to set aside a portion darkness, street car traffic is demoralized of the state troops in all the coast states and trains are not running. Thousands of for artillery service, the state troops to people are homeless and without food. To- have each year from seven to ten days of day Mayor Leonard appointed a large training at an artillery post under the direcnumber of special police to protect the tion of the regulars. The chief of artillery people. A number of the residences in also suggests designation of certain state schwood and Riverside have floated down with the fast current of the Ohio. The crest of the present rise is expected here tions expense on the states. Saturday at noon, the fifty-one foot mark,

PLOT AGAINST TOM WATSON Four Drown in West Virginia. Four persons were drowned late last night Several Shots Fired Into Home of in an effort to escape from their tottering home at Riverside, to a place of safety

from the flood. William Francis, his wife, daughter and son are the victims. They had proceeded only a few yards from their house when the torrent overturned their skiff.

Crest Passes Wheeling.

presidential candidate on the populist WHEELING. W. Va., March 15.—The ticket, at their home at Thomson, Ga., operation of a bucketshop constitute a crest of the flood passed this city at 9 early today. It was later claimed that the felony. The penalty for violation is from a. m. The water reached a stage of al. investigation indicated a pigt against two to five years in the penitentiary or their reason their rights under the French (Continued on Second Page.) nita clue was obtained.

FLOOD IS RECEDING SUMMARY OF THE BEE Saturday, March 18, 1907.

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THE WEATHER.

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Rain Saturday, with colder in west portion. Sunday fair and colder.
FORECAST FOR IOWA—Fair Saturday and rain Sunday.
Temperature at Omaha yesterday:
Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg.

LEGISLATIVE.

The senate at Lincoln passes the

Thomas terminal tax bill, a duplicate of

House at Lincoln spends its day in con-

sideration of bills on general file without

WEBBASKA.

P. Maginnis of Kimball, manufacturer

are injured while trying to save the life

of an employe who was caught in the

Grand Island Independent comes out in

urges Hall county members to vote and

WASHINGTON.

War department desires militia of coast

Applicants for positions as consuls are

DOMESTIC.

Oklahoma constitutional convention fin-

ishes its work and adjourns after session

of 115 days. Special election to ratify

Testimony of Abe Hummel regarding

alleged affidavit by Evelyn Nesbit Thaw

examination says he is under indictment

lost Thursday was regained Friday. Jacob

H. Schiff approves action of president

Ceiling of Tauride palace falls and

Russian duma takes recess until new

BOCAL.

Omaha's prestige as a market town is

strengthened by the automobile show,

which affords dealers of the state oppor-

Judge Munger of the federal court hears

argument by attorneys for Bartlett Rich-

ards, W. G. Consitock, Acquilla Triplett

and Charles C. Jumeson, land men con-

victed of frauds against the government,

for a ne wirial and will render his de-

the last to be the best year since the

exchange was organized and Omaha's im-

portance as a primary market of the

Governor Sheldon's appointment of the

new South Omaha Board of Fire and

Police Commissioners gives general satis-

Judges G. W. Doane and E. Wakeley and

Attorney C. B. Keller deny World-Herald

story that discontented Creighton heirs

received \$240,000 or any other sum in

Charles F. Conklin of Chicago wins

second place in amateur billiard tourna-

Annual tournament of the American

Bowling congress begins in St. Louis this

George Stone, champion batter of the

world, comes to terms with the St. Louis

Browns and will start for training camp

PINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

Dun's review of trade shows that vol-

ime of business compares most favor-

ably with same perio dlast year and tha

production of pig iron is at the record.

Government Besires Senboard State

to Aid in Defense of the

Const.

WASHINGTON, March 15.-Letters have

been sent by Assistant Secretary Oliver of

the War department to the governors of

all seaboard states asking their co-opera-

tion in the development of the War de-

partment's plan for the training of an offec-

tive coast guard through the operation of

regulars nasigned to coast artillery service.

The letters were accompanied by circu-

thoops to protect the land side of the coast

artillery posts, which plan entails no addi-

Former Presidential Candidate

at Thomson, Ga.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 15 .- Several shots

were fired into the bedroom of J. D. Wat-

son, son of Thomas E. Watson, the former

ment by defeating Edward Gardner in

Annual report of Grain Exchange shows

new instrument will be held August 6.

examined by the Civil Service board.

states to co-operate with artillery branch

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vote of 23 to 6.

fireworks.

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at Chicago.

cision Monday.

faction.

play-off.

evening.

Grain markets.

Live stock markets.

Stocks and bonds.

world to be increasing.

work for its passage.

the governor for signature.

SEVERE CROSS-EXAMINATION BY DELMAS

Affidavits by Mrs. Thaw.

Witness Forced to Admit that He is Now Under Indictment on Charge of Procuring False Aflidavit.

NEW YORK, March 15,-With Attorney way, District Attorney Jerome secured from Abraham Hummel his story as to the uffidavit which it is alleged Evelyn Nesbit nade in the lawyer's office in 1903 charging had told him that the statement that Stanford White had drugged and ruined her was not true. Mr. Delmas, first objecting promily to all of Hummel's testimony, ofoverruled every objection and Mr. Delmas noted exceptions.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was called to the stand in the effort of the defense to keep the Clarke bill pending in the house, by a Hummel silent. She declared she had called Page 1 upon Hummel in his professional capacity Leeder's double-shift bill for Omaha and to seek his advice as a lawyer. Stanfiremen is passed in senate and sent to ford White had taken her to the lawyer's office with that end in view.

Justice Fitzgerald declared that admitting the proposition of counsel and client, Mrs. Page 1 Thaw herself had waived the professional privilege by taking the stand early in the case and giving her version of what transpired at Hummel's office. The bond of of steel irrigating flumes, and his son secrecy once removed could not be reestablished.

Hummel Admits Shady Record. Unsuccessful in blocking Hummel's testifact that he had been convicted in Despeech made by District Attorney Jerome ference. when sentence was about to be imposed,

Stock market railies and much of value compelled to answer. had any more recent business transactions rived tonight and will call at the White traders confidence that the situation threat-Page 1 with the district attorney and asked if House tomorrow. While Governor Deneen

> "He certainly is," said the witness with spirit. effect that Evelyn Nesbit told him among discussed and the situation in general gone Page 8 other things that Thaw had beaten her when she had refused to sign papers he had prepared charging Stanford White with her betrayal; that he had dictated a state. MINERS OBJECT TO A RATE ment to a stonographer in the presence of Miss Nesbit and Stanford White; that he John Mitchell Says Higher Coal Rates the affidavit to two of his clerks to take to Miss Nesbit in the Madison Square garden tower and that the next day the paper was returned to him with Evelyn Nesbit's signature attached. He kept the affidavit until Miss Nesbit called one day and demanded it. He refused to give it to her and turned it over to Stanford White, advising him to have a pho-

tographic copy made. Hummel Contradicts Himself. Hummel first said he had himself arranged for photographing the affidavit and that the photographer came to his office. A few moments later he completely contradicted himself on this point, saying he did not make the arrangements; that the photographer did not come to his office and that he had not so testified. After Stan ford White had the copy made he returned the original of the affidavit, the photographic negatives and the prints made settlement and that the lawyers received from the negatives to Hummel, who swore original to Miss Nesbit and has not seen

> Abraham Snydecker, one of Hummel's davit for five minutes and signed it, saying be filed soon. she had read it through.

At the conclusion of this testimony, Disarguing as to the admissibility of the af- president. fidavit. He said that after reading the paper over he might not object to its being VERDICT FOR ROCK ISLAND offered in evidence.

"Coming as it does," he added, "in such mestionable shape, we may deem it best to have the paper go in evidence."

Experts Not Cross-Examined. District Attorney Jerome completed his nedical testimony in the morning. Attorney Delmas for the defense declining to crossexamine any of the experts. Dr. Flint, who testified yesterday, was excused, and then five other alienists were called one after another. Each said he was familiar with the hypothetical questions framed by the defense and by the prosecution. Basing their opinions on these questions they all declared that Thaw on the night he shot and killed Stanford White knew the nature and quality of his act and knew that Galveston than is Wichita. the act was wrong. One question was put by Mr. Hartridge of the defense to Dr. organized militia in connection with the William Mahon, the last of the state's ex-

> "Do doctors often disagree as to the form of a man's insanity?" he asked. Mr. Jerome's objection was overruled and Dr. Mahon replied:

> "They do." Mr. Jeromo announced that when the atter of the admissibility of the Humme affidavit is disposed of the prosecution

> Mr. Delmas, and he further intimated that more experts will be called by him on sur Adjournment was taken until Monday

BUCKETSHOP FELONY Operation of Grain Gambling Houses Made a Penal Offense in Missouri.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 15 .- The goos to the governor for his signature.

Railroad Presidents Decide Not to Go ger Allowed to Tell Story of Alleged to Washington to See the President.

> NEW YORK, Marchis-Messra. McCres. Mellen, Hughitt and Newman, the four railroad presidents for whose visit to the White House J. Pierpont Morgan arranged before his departure for Europe, held a conference here today. The whole situation was canvassed with great care and it was finally decided not to go to Wash-

It is understood the reason for this conclusion was that the railroad officials did Delmas fighting him every inch of the not feel they had any proper mandate from the railroad corporations to represent them. They recognized that the railroad managers themselves are not in perfect accord, and until some method could be Harry K. Thaw with beating her when she adopted for securing a consensus of opinion a visit to the president would be idie. At the conclusion of the conference the four presidents left for their homes. Thomas F. Ryan, when asked his opinion fered a specific objection to each question about the proposed meeting of the president put by the prosecutor. Justice Fitzgerald and the heads of the great railroads said:

strong article on terminal tax bill and mony. Attorney Delmas, in cross-examining Morgan on the eye of his departure for out the last ten days. Throughout busithe witness brought from his own lips the Europe as conferees to discuss with the ness troubles we have done and are doing cember, 1966, on a charge of conspiracy in Mr. Roosevelt to take some action "to confidence. It is very clear to me that the same court room in which Thaw is allay the public anxiety" as to the ad- the people who are throwing away their being tried. He further admitted that two ministration's attitude. The president will securities at panic prices will sorely regret indictments for subornation of perjury are not invite Messrs, McCrea, Hughitt, New- it within the next six months." pending against him and that one of these man and Mellen to the White House, but indictments charges him with having if they ask for an appointment the presicaused a false affidavit to be made. Mr. dent will be glad to receive them. The em- ing figures, Reading leading with a rise Jerome protested against the "witness barrassed position in which the railroad of 11 points. Amalgamated Copper and is coming the democratic party will be being dragged through the humiliating de- magnates have been placed is due to the Union Pacific also were buoyantly strong looked upon as the protector of the small Sibley this afternoon was to prevent the talls of his trial," but Justice Fitzgerald fact that Mr. Morgan arranged the consed to interfere. Then Mr. Delmas ference without consulting the officials asked Hummel if he had not heard the whom he asked to participate in the con-

> when Mr. Jerome urged the court to pass the president and made it clear that while their offices early and that a careful inthe longest and heaviest sentence within its he did not want to show any discourtesy power upon Hummel as "he had been a he did not want to be placed in the attimenace to the community for twenty tude of rushing to the White House to of any banking or brokerage house. This years." Justice Fitzgerald finally sustained make a plea for executive elemency. an objection to this and Hummel was not

Mr. Delmas wanted to know if Hummel Washington by President Roosevelt, ar-Judge Landis overrules motion of Mr. Jerome was pressing the charges refuses to discuss the object of his conference with the president, it can authoritatively be stated that the Chicago & Alton deal and other disclosures brought out Hummel's testimony in brief was to the at the recent Harriman investigation will be of little effect. over.

Mean Lower Wages for

WASHINGTON, March 15.-Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce mission, had a conference late this afternoon with President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America, Commissioner Wood of the railroad commission of Indiana, W. D. Ryan, secretary of the Illinois Mine Workers, and two or three coal operators, concerning the advance of 10 per cent in the rate on coal by the railroads of Indiana and Illinois. The mine workers' organization protests against this advance, holding that it will certainly affect the wages of the minera. The operators are inclined to the same

The mine operators and miners officials desire to confer with the commission respecting the character of the complaint to Page 9 today that he subsequently delivered the be brought before the commission by the railroad commission of Indiana.

Commissioners Prouty, Lane and Harlan, however, discussed the situation with the clerks, was called and said he took the delegation. It was decided that as the affidavit to Mr. White's rooms in the tower matter involved intercommerce the comand handed it to the woman pointed out mission had ample authority to entertain to him as Miss Nesbit. She kept the affi- a formal complaint. This complaint will

The delegation will confer with Attorney General Bonaparte regarding starting an trict Attorney Jerome asked permission to action against certain Indiana and Illinois introduce the carbon and photographic railroads for a violation of the Illinois copies of the affidavit in evidence. It was anti-trust law. Mr. Mitchell and his as- from his hands during the recent slump in near the closing hour and Mr. Delmas sociates also called at the White House the stock market Mr. Harriman said the asked that adjournment be taken before and explained the situation in detail to the

Court Decides Adversely on Complaint Against Rate on Cotton Goods to Wichits.

WICHITA. Kan., March 15.-In the United States court today Judge J. C. Pollock instructed the jury to bring in a verdict in favor of the Rock Island rallway in the cases of the Wichita merchants against the company.

The merchants alleged that the company's rate on cotton goods from Galveston to Wichlta was discriminative and unreasonable, as if was more than double the rate Kansas City, which is farther from

The court held that the published rate of the company is reasonable and that had the company accepted payment which had been offered by the merchants on the basis of the Kansas City rate, both parties would have been liable to criminal prosecution under the anti-rebate statute.

LOCKOUT OF 'LONGSHOREMEN Suspension of Dock Labor at Hamburg Delays Sailing of Trans-

Atlantic Liners.

HAMBURG, March 15.-The lockout of the 'longshoremen here is beginning to delay the movements of transatiantic vessels. scheduled to sail next Saturday, has not yet finished discharging cargo and its departure will be delayed several days. Several steamers of the Cosmos and Levant lines also will be delayed.

The shippers today offered the crews of three French vessels lying in the harbor house today passed the bill making the \$1.50 per man per day extra pay if they operation of a bucketshop constitute a would assist in discharging the cargoes on board. This the men refused, giving as Thomas Watson and his family, but no defi- six to twelve months in jail. The bill now law of exemption from performing dock arrival in Jefferson City and shall state

"FL'S TESTIMONY IS IN MAGNATES WILL STAY AWAY PRICES OF STOCKS ADVANCE

Euoyant Feeling in Wall Street Exchange Sharp Contrast with Thursday's Market.

MUCH OF THE LOSS IS REGAINED

Leaders Rise from Three to Thirteen Points Largely on Buying by Bargain Bunters-Call Money Lower.

NEW YORK, March 15.-An unusual cene was enacted on the floor of the Stock exchange today just after the market had closed strong and buoyant, in sharp contrast to the demoralization of yesterday. Brokers gathered around the trading posts and cheered loudly in demonstration of their relief and satisfaction at today's change in speculative sentiment from the panicky feeling of yesterday. Congratulations were exchanged all around the room on the fact that the members of the exchange, without exception, had successfully

I believe if Mr. Morgan's visit to the president is followed up it should be by all our great business interests, and it will do much good. I also believe that the president's attitude toward corporations is much misunderstood by the general public. It is unfair to assume that it is his desire to hamper the business interests of the country. I am, however, convinced that he purposes to enforce the law as he inds them upon the staute books, and I think the souner the business interests of the country conclude to go to work to aid the president in solving the difficult problems that confront him every day the souner confidence will be restored and the business of the country move on without exception, had successfully passed through the severe declines in prices of the last two weeks and hopes were generally expressed that the worst was over.

William Rockefeller Talks.

In response to an inquiry from the Associated Press, William Rockefeller said:

"The present astonishing decline in the values of securities is as much a mystery to me as it can be to any one. I know that public confidence has been disturbed, but I do not think that it could have been in any such measure as to justify so great a fall in prices. When genuine overwhelming properity exists throughout the country force of the country exists. hour tonight President Roosevelt had re- clates, our faith in the future of the counceived no word from the four railroad pres- try has not been shaken at all and we idents who were suggested by J. Pierpont have been buyers and not sellers throughpresident the railroad situation and to urge all we can to restore and maintain public

Today's market opened very strong at much higher prices than yesterday's close-There were the usual reactions, but the street. tone held relatively strong. It was known Today Mr. McCrea communicated with in Wall street, that bankers had reached vestigation of the situation did not reveal knowledge had much effect on sentiment Governor Deneen and Attorney General and together with the announcement of Stead of Illinois, who were invited to government relief for the money market made late yesterday afternoon gave the ened no grave danger and that the money market would be able to care for all legitimate requirements. The trading continued active, with the general tone firm throughout, even the 15 per cent money rate being

Movements of Market Leaders. At the close the market leaders showed the following advances from yesterday's Canadian Pacific, 51/4; St. Paul, 91/4; Great A. Carleton, Thirtieth infantry, recorder. Northern, 514; New York Central, 514; Missouri Pacific, 64; Northern Pacific, 5%; All through the day there was heavy buying by "bargain hunters" for investment prices weakened. Hundreds of thousands of shares are believed to have been taken

by these purchasers. There were the usual rumors in circulapaid to them. One was that E. H. Harriman had lost control of the Union Pacific. Instant denial was given the report and it had no influence on the trading. Union Pacific continuing strong at the close.

The Stock exchange galleries were filled oday with spectators, drawn to the scene allowed one additional letter carrier from in' the hope of witnessing an active and April 1. excited trading market. They were not disappointed, for the opening was one the liveliest known in a long time. At 10 o'clock the galleries were crowded and surveyor general's office at Cheyenne, Wyo. there were hundreds of persons waiting outside unable to gain admission.

Harriman Denies Report. E. H. Harriman will leave tomorrow for Virginia to join his family. Mr. Harriman, in making the announcement of his intention of taking the trip, said he did not intend to stop at Washington either on his way south or on his return.

Regarding the Wall street rumors that the control of the Union Pacific had passed report was quite incorrect. Conditions in London.

LONDON, March 15 .- During the early trading on the Stock exchange today prices by points, without much business, but with quotations improving, which resulted in some buying by houses which had left Americans alone for years and also by conpriced American stacks opened at 3 to 7 points above New York parity. Union Pacific opened at 135 and soon went

91%, advanced 3 points and then lost 2 in the foreign section prices were steady.

unable to account for the nervous condition of the market and can only explain Fifty per cent is allowed for each and the that the operators in New York are also at see. During the afternoon the various depart-

ments of the Stock exchange held their improvement well. Consols advanced and some stocks rising, others falling slightly, but on the whole prices became steadier. The opinion was expressed here that the recent shakeup in stocks will bring into the market considerable investment money. Philadelphia Shows Response.

PHILADELPHIA, March 15 .- Prices . on the Philadelphia Stock exchange opened close, the advance being led by Roading and Pennsylvania.

MISSOURI ANTI-LOBBY Governor Folk Signs Bill Which Goes Into Effect After Legisinture Adjourns.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 15 .- Gov ernor Folk today signed the anti-lobby and it becomes a law ninety days after the adjournment of the legislature. The legislature adjourns tomorrow. The bill provides that all lobbylsts shall register with the secretary of state upon

the purposes of their visit.

BANQUET FOR W. J. BRYAN

Nebrasican Guest of Ronor at Dinner Given by Bay State Democratic Committee.

BOSTON, Mass., March 15.-The demo cratic state committee tonight gave a dinner in honor of William J. Bryan. Among the guests was George Fred Williams of Boston, who in a speech referred to Mr. Bryan as the "acknowledged leader of the national democratic party.

Speaking directly to Mr. Bryan, he said: Speaking directly to Mr. Bryan, he said:

I have no right, sir, to place you in the position of a candidate for office until you have authorized it, but I take no undue advantage of my position and believe I represent the sentiment of the Massachusetts democracy when I say that the success of our party rests upon your shoulders whether you will it or not.

If President Roosevelt abides by his refund to become a candidate no recubilican fusal to become a candidate, no republican unless he be more radical than the presi-dent, can prevent the election of William Jennings Bryan to the presidency.

The dinner followed a reception at which about 200 democrats were introduced to Mr. Bryan. Among them was former United States Senator R. F. Pettigrew of South Dakota.

An address by Mr. Bryan followed. Taking up the story that he wrote the demoeratic platform in 1896. Mr. Bryan declared he wrote but little of it and deserved little of the credit, but that he had had more to do with the platform of 1900. Mr. Bryan

ing majority.

I shall not discuss the amount of fraud it was up for consideration in committee

the largest corporation rund that was ever used in a campaign.

The republican party has been in power for ten years, with undisputed rule. We find the republican party not so popular today. The party has gone on the toboggan slide so that it has just one man whom it regards as popular enough to be the candidate for president. Why is that, the president alone escaped the paralysis that has fallen upon all the rest. There

stocks of which the men in high finance committee on revenue. When the roll was complained, was caused by the very men called on this proposition it stood 11 to 18 who are now complaining.

"If I may venture a prediction," he added, "I would say that in the fight that passage.

WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL

Board of Regular Army Officers Named to Examine Volunteer Officers.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, March 15 .- (Special Telegram.)-A board of officers has been appointed to meet at Fort Crook for examination of applicants for commissions in the volunteer forces in order to determine their qualifications for the comman duties with such volunteer forces. Detail for board: Lieutenant Colonel John M. Banister, deputy surgeon general; Major William R. Abercromble, Captains Isaac Erwin and William E. Welsh, Thirtieth inclose: Amaigamated Copper, 13; American fantry; Captain Thomas L. Rhoads, assist-Rural carriers appointed Nebrank

Smelting, 10%; Anaconda, 914; Atchison, 4%; ant surgeon, and First Lieutenant William routes: Bloomington, route 2, William T. Pennsylvania, 64; Reading, 124; Southern Butterfield carrier, Carrie Butterfield sub-Pacific, 44; Union Pacific, 114; United stitute: Hardy, route I, Charlie R. Phil-States Steel, 34, and the preferred 34. lipi carrier, Jennie M. Phillipi substitute; Neligh, route 2, Edwin W. Olmsted carrier, Harry Olmsted substitute; Scribner, and their purchases were heavy enough to route 5, Martin C. Walther carrier, Louise strengthen the market each time that Walther substitute; Tekamah, route 4. Oscar H. Valder carrier, Cilfton O. Mc-Kinnis, substitute.

Postmasters appointed: Nebraska-Nor ton, Dundy county, George West, vice M. tion today, but not much attention was L. Norton, resigned: Rollwitz, Dundy county, Charles K. Hahn, vice C. M. Loveland, resigned.

The postoffice at Presho, S. D., will b advanced to the presidential class April 1. with a salary of postmaster \$500. The postmaster at Anamosa, Ia., has been

Mrs. Sallie Lion, Miss Amelia Purshall and Mrs. Kate G. Organ, all of Cheyenne, Wyo., have been appointed clerks in the

NEW RULE FOR APPLICANTS Seventeen Men Who Would Be Consuls Are Examined by Civil

WASHINGTON, March 15 .- President Roosevelt and Secretary Boot have availed themselves of the machinery of the Civil

Service Board.

United States consuls. The initial trial of the new method was seventeen aspirants for consulships was held under the section of the Civil Service

commission. The examination had been in the American market were marked up carefully prepared under orders from the president, transmitted to the secretary of state. The seventeen applicants ranged in age from 21 to 60 years. They were required tinental bankers and investors, who were to show proficiency in either German,

attracted by their cheapness. The higher French or Spanish and must be conversant with the natural commercial and industrial resources of the United States. Many questions are asked in political economy, as up to 187, but lost 114. Atchison opened at well as international, maritime and commercial law, and the applicants must know American history, including government institutions, political history and geography. American bankers and brokers here are This examination is written. In addition a strict orial examination is prescribed. applicant must be successful enough to obtain a total of 80 per cent. The results of the examination will not be known for some time.

BURTON OUT NEXT Former Manuas Senator Will Be Released from Jail and Go

Home.

ABILENE, Kan., March 15 .- A message from 1 to 5 points higher than yesterday's received at his home here today from Ironton. Mo., where he is in jail, says that former Senator Joseph R. Burton was today officially notified that he will be released on March 22. He will, he wires, be

in Abilene on the day following, It was stated yesterday that Mr. Burton Phillips-4. would be held in jail an additional month in view of the fact that his fine of \$2,500

Memphis Has New Charter. NASHVILLE, March 15 .- The Memphis bill, as he had been informed by Mr. Clarke NASHVILLE, March 15.—The Momphis charter bill over which a bitter fight has been waged in the Tennessee teglslature, was passed by the house today. The effect of the bill is to abolish the city government of Memphis and it gives Governor Patterson the power to appoint new city officials. Senator Carmack led the fight for the opposition. The bill had previously massed the senatal the opposition. T

Senate Passes Thomas Measure by Vote of Twenty-Three to Six.

LATEST STAND OF RAILROADS A FAILURE

Sibley Undertakes Its Recommittal, but is Voted Down Decisively.

LEEDER'S DOUBLE SHIFT BILL PASSES

Measure Affecting Omaha Firemen Goes to Governor for Eiguature.

HOUSE HAS BUSY DAY ON ROUTINE WORK

General File Attacked with Vigor and Many Bills Considered Without Fireworks or Friction of Any Sort.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 15 .- (Special.)-The final futile attack on terminal taxation in the senate was made this afternoon by the railroads, resulting in a double victory I think that if we had had a vote un-purchased and unintimidated in 1896, I of 23 to 6. Sibley of Lincoln county led would have been elected by an overwhelm-in the fight against the bill, as he did when shall not discuss the amount of traud repertated in 1896, but we had against us largest corporation fund that was ever largest corporation fund that was ever did so because of an amendment he understood would be made in the house. The bill will be sent to the house, so that it may be read the first time Monday and may be considered in connection with the Clarke bill, which is a duplicate of it.

The failure of the railroads to carry the that has failen upon all the rest. There is only one explanation, and that is, that his popularity is due to his following the democratic doctrine. Mr. Bryan charged that the slump in Sibley's motion to recommit the bill to the and victory for the bill was assured. The measure was at once placed upon its

The apparent purpose of the move by and with Reading lead practically the investor against the manipulation of the passage of the bill until after the house whole list in a sharp supward movement, sharks that have obtained power in Wall had taken action in committee of the whole. The action of the senate in recommending the bill for passage Tuesday upset the railroad program, and if it could have been made to appear that there was any aubstantial opposition to the measure in the senate the moral effect of the senate's action on the house would be weakened. This was important to the opponents of the bill, because the house is now the battle ground and every possible influence is being brought to bear on the members to prevent favorable action.

Sibley's Formal Motion. The fight started immediately after the senate convened at 1:30, when Sibley moved of troops or for the performance of staff that the bill be recommitted to the committee on revenue for specific amendment, which was summarized by him as follows: which was summarized by him as follows:
The specific amendment is that the bill be so amended that the valuation and assessment of all property embraced in this bill be made by or under the direction of the State Board of Equalization. The county assessors assessing all the property covered by this bill having a local situs in the cities and villages of their respective counties, entering such assessments on blanks and schedules furnished by the Btate Board of Equalization for that purpose and Board of Equalization for that purpose and returning same when completed to the said board. The said county assessors having the same powers in assessing the property of companies provided for in this bill as is given them by law in the valuation and assessment of all other classes of property

> In defending the motion Sibley came out nore openly for the railroads than any opponent of the bill has done so far. He declared the bill would work a hardship on the railroads because local assessors would have the right to apply for an order to permit them to examine the books and records of the railroad companies. This he mid was solely for the purpose of aiding the Omaha and Lincoln assessors to uncover taxable paper owned by the con panies. He said these were hardships that other property was not subjected to and he opposed subjecting railroad property to nethods to which other property was not

> Saunders of Douglas denied the measure was an Omaha measure, but declared it was for the whole state. Patrick of Sarpy also spoke at some length against the attempt to recommit.

subjected.

Patrick Expresses Fusion Sentiment "My position," he said, "has nothing to do with party politics. The only question is whether we will have a fair and equitable taxation of railroad property This is the last attempt of the railroad companies to strike down this measure. The purpose of the bill is to make railroads Service commission in the selection of pay the same taxes as other property has to pay. With very few exceptions, it will give every town in the state more revenue nade yesterday, when an examination of than it has today. The purpose of the amendment is to emasculate the bill so its

friends cannot support it.' Senator Thomas declared he was not surprised at this attempt, as he did not believe the railroads would give up the fight. He pointed out the whole purpose was to weaken the effect the passage of the bill would have on the house, where the railroads have concentrated their efforts. He cited an instance of a neighboring city where the county board passed a resolution against terminal taxation, senator from that county investigated and found the resolution was passed at the request of a local railroad attorney. Bibley denied that the railroads were back of his amendment and started to attack Thomas when the chair called him to order.

Byrnes of Platte was another fusionist to support the bill. He said it would increase the taxable property in Columbus \$59,000. "Is it hard," he asked, "to see why the

railroads are fighting the bill?" Gibson of Douglas county was absent and Ashton announced he was paired with him. The roll call on Sibley's motion was as fol-

lows: Ayen-Absent and

Ashton paired with Gibson. The bill was immediately put upon its passage on motion of Sibley. name was called Bibley asked to explain his vote. He said he would vote for the that an amendment would be attached in the house providing that the assessor shall upon the written request of the Board of Equalization forward as soon as possible to the board a statement containing a description of the tangible property, real and personal, together with the valuation