Misseuri Court Desides Habeas Corpus Case Against Oil Magnate.

JUDGES SAY HIS DEFENSE IS POOR

Language of United States Supreme Court in Similar Case Quoted.

PLEA OF LIMITATION IS REJECTED 26 27 28 29 30 31

Absence of Defendant from Texas Must Es Taken Into Account.

TWO APPEALS WILL BE FILED AT ONCE

Defendant is Released on Bond of Twenty Thousand in Each Appeal-Officials from Texas Are Elated.

ST. LOUIS, May 15 .- In the circuit court of the United States for the eastern division of the Eastern district of Missouri, Judge Adams today denied the application of H. Clay Pierce, chairman of the board of the Waters-Pierce Oil company, for a tortion. He says he connived at corrupwrit of habeas corpus and ordered that the tion to keep Schmitz machine together and petitioner be remanded to the custody of the chief of police to be delivered to Sheriff troubles George S. Matthews of Travis county, Texas, for extradition. Pierce is wanted in Texas to answer to an indictment charging perjury in an affidavit made by him in May, 1909, to the effect that the Waters-Plerce Oil company was not a party to any pool, trust, confederation or combination in restraint of trade.

After Judge Adams had read his deci- \$40,000 bond. He says he will go to Texas sion Attorney Priest immediately asked and have case heard on its merits as soon to other witnesses, but his attitude was that a delay of execution of the court's as he can arrange his business. Page 1 not deemed sufficient to warrant his reorder be granted until 2 o'clock this afternoon to enable him to decide whether to make an appeal to the United States court of appears or directly to the state supreme court. Judge Adams granted the request. Attorney Barclay, representing the state of Texas, asked that the court increase the band of \$10,000 under which Pierce was released from custody when he surrendered on May 8. But Judge Adams stated that the bond would remain at that amount until 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Pierce had little to say as he left the court room with his attorney. He spoke to several friends who crowded forward to shake his hand, but made no comment.

Decision of Court. In his decision Judge Adams reviewed the

Texas indictment and the grounds upon of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps which it was based and cited a number of opens at Fremont with a public reception supreme court expressions concerning the in the evening. framing of indictments. The decision con-

Such are the more recent expressions of the supreme court of the United States on this question. They amount to this, that while every precaution must be taken to fairly and fully apprise the accussion against him so us to enable him to make ass defence and plead the judgment which may be rendered in the case for his protection against another charge for the years offense and thereby protect him to to full in his constitutional right to a fair each imperial trial, no impracticable of uncless standards of technicality or remburrans its administration, should be useless. He will be kept in Omaha to prevent possible lyaching.

A. M. Walling of David City elected with the case, but M standing, took formal marks of Mr. Borah.

Texas: "An indictment for any offense jurisdictions in payment of debts. Fage 3 "He came in blussel" deemed sufficient which states the element of the offense in ordinary and oncise language in such a manner as to produce language in such a manner as to produce standing is know what is meant." Article 48, penal side of Texas.

a know what is meant." After a solution of the light of the foregoing controlling and reasonable rules it would seem that if a president of a corporation, whose duty it was as its chief executive officer to know what kind of agreements were made, pursuant to a law requiring him to do so, were to make an affidavit that his company was not on a given day a party to were to make an affidavit that his com-pany was not on a given day a party to in agreement with any other company to ix the price or limit the production of an irricle of manufacture, the affiant could lardly say, when charged with false swear-ag in that particular, that he could not inderstand the nature of the charge; that retand the nature of the charge; the change was not apparent to commerstanding; that it was only the don of an opinion without knowled meaning when taken in connect a meaning when taken in connect. of its meaning when taken in connection with the law governing the same. The indictment in the particulars discussed in my opinion states the substance of an offense within the meaning of the extradition laws of the United States.

It is argued that because the indictment was not found within three years after the commission of the offense prosecution for it is barred by the statute of limitations, which is three years. That argument is without merit. It may turn out to be true that the petitioner has been absent from the state of Texas during a part of the time since 1950. If so the duration of such absence would not be included in the period of limitation.

After a considerable consideration of

In the period of limitation.

After a considerable consideration of able argument of counsel for both sides the conclusion is irresistable that the substance of an offense is found in the indictment and that jurisdiction rests alone with the courts of the demanding state to pass upon any question which may arise in its consideration and trial. The prisoner must be remanded and it is so ordered.

Pierce Visibly Affected.

During the reading of the decision by Judge Adams, Mr. Pierce maintained con posure outwardly, but it was evident he was laboring under mental stress. He placed his hands in his trousers' pockets and braced himself back in his chair. plosely scanning the judge's face. Twice he gianced hantily a, the clock hanging on the wall, but aside from this he ne moved a muscle during the delivery of the opinion. His counsel, Attorney Priest, was visibly disconcerted by the strain during the reading, his hands trembling and fin gers fumbling with bits of torn paper and he frequently shifted his position in his chair. Opposing counsel, Attorney Barclay calmly listened to the reading and fre-

quently made notes on a pad before him. Sheriff Matthews from Texas stood back pected this afternoon that tonight would in the crowded court room intently listen- see the end, but a change of two votes to the reading and a smile spread over prevented this outcome. The anti-Stephen his features as the court pronounced the son republicans this afternoon decided to words remanding Pierce to his custody.

As soon as the reading had been concluded a number of persons crowded about more than enough to elect in cancus. To-Pierce and others about Sheriff Matthews | night, however, one changed to Stephe Judge Adams was forced to call upon the bailiff to command order. Atterney Priest then requested delay in execution of the court's order until 2 o'clock this afternoon, hich was granted and court adjourned. After shaking hands with a number of friends Mr. Pierce and Attorney Priest hurriedly departed.

When court reconvened at 2 o'clock At- tered, 11. torney I lext, counsel for the petitioner gave notice formally that two appeals WOODMEN OF WORLD ELECT would be taken from the decision of Judge Adams, one to the United States J. Culten Root of Omnha is Again court of appeals, and one to the United States supreme court. The court then admitted Pierce to bond in the sum of \$20,000 on each appeal.

Pierce Will Surrender.

The following telegram was sent by Mr. Plerce this evening to Attorney J. D. Johnson of St. Louis, who is now in Austin Piesse announce through the press that although I have appealed from Judge Adams decision I will, as soon as I can arrange my business affairs in New York, go to Texas to have the indictment against (Continued on Second Page.)

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Talesman at Bois,

men of the World.

versity students.

by county.

methods.

with little success.

headquarters at Hastings.

is excused over protest of the defense.

blames the mayor for many

case of Henry Clay Pierce, who is wanted

in Texas on charge of perjury, against the

oil magnate. He at once appeals to United

States supreme court and is released on

NEBBASKA.

it be not considered in making the as-

tives of the Russian people address unl-

First blennial convention of the West-

ern Bees is held at Grand Island. Fage 3

Group Four of the Nebraska Bankers'

association in session at Hastings. Page 3

Seventh Day Adventists decide to locate

Annual encampment of the Grand Army

secretary, state oil inspector and some

Temperature in Omaha one degree above

George Chamberlain, 79 years of age, is

freezing and search for Gentle Spring is

renewed with considerable interest, but

hurled from his wagon in collision with

street car and is severely injured. Page 2

H. E. Bahcock of Columbus discusses

proposed power canal before Real Estate

exchange and committee is appointed by

that body to investigate project. Page 2

P. S. Eustis, passenger traffic manager

of the Burlington, declares large increase

of business presents serious problem to

serious shortage of good real estate prop-

erty offered for sale in Omaha. Page 7

Go Between wins mile and a furlong

SPORTS.

Keenits of the ball games:

&-Pueblo vs. Omaha-2;

&-Denver vs. Des Moines-0;

&-Philadelphia vs. St. Louis-5;

3-Minneapolis vs. Indianapolis-1;

10-Kansas City vs. Toledo-3;

2-Boston vs. Pittsburg-1;

4-Chicago vs. Philadelphia-2;

4-St. Louis vs. Brooklys-3;

4-New York vs. Cincinnati-3;

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

WISCONSIN DEADLOCK TO END

Anti-Stephenson Republicans Switch

to Hatten, and He Will Be

Elected Today.

MADISON, Wis., May 15.-The senatorial

contest is near its final stage. It was ex-

drop Esch and vote for Hatten and fifty-

three votes were pledged to Hatten, one

and two refused to vote, leaving Hatter

with fifty-one. The caucus then adjourned.

but it is expected that the election will

take place tomorrow by the aid of the

democrats. After the caucus the legis-

lature took one ballot, as follows: Hatten

56; Stephenson, 46; Bird (dem.), 14; scat-

Chosen Commander of Sov-

eign Camp.

NORFOLK, Va., May 15.-The sovereign

camp. Woodmen of the World, in blennial

mander, J. C. Root, Omana; adviser, W.

Sheppard, Texarkana, Tex.; clerk, John T.

Yates, Omshaj watchinas, W. B. Jewell, Manchester, Ia.; sentry, D. E. Bradshaw

W. France, Dallas, Tex.; banker, Morris

handicap at Belmont park.

Grain markets.

Live stock markets.

Stocks and bonds.

Results of the ball games:

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Fage.

Thursday, May 16, 1907. Talesman Says He Would Not Credit Harry Orchard's Testimony. 1907 2 3

STATE CHALTENGES HIM FOR CAUSE

Defense Persists and Wordy War Between Counsel Ensues-Court Upholds the Challenge.

BOISE, Idaho, May 15 .- The unexpected ncovering of a vein of prejudice against FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Fair and resiner raday, Friday fair.
FOR FOR IOWA—Thursday and Harry Orchard and his testimony during the further examination of talesmen in the Steunenberg murder case today led to the first sharp wrangle between counsel and involved the name of President Roosevelt n an acrimonfous discussion. The day and the incident began with Samuel Wingate, defense for examination in chief. Questioning had proceeded a short distance biased against Orchard and unwilling to that the spring planting will overcome the accept the testimony which it is expected that the spring planting will overcome the and wife of Pender, at the county jail the republican lead on joint ballot us the spring planting will overcome the and wife of Pender, at the county jail the republican lead on joint ballot us the he will give against the prisoner. The dehe will give against the prisoner. The de-fense naturally tried at once to show that Wingate's state of mind on the sub-that Wingate's state of mind on the subcredit Harry Orchard's testimony and he fense naturally tried at once to show Page I Abraham Ruef, the San Francisco porepassed to the hands of the state. Senator corrup- Borah quickly drew from him the flat- flat during the formoon and many of the warmer weather since the beginning of the warmer weather since the beginning the formoon and many of the warmer weather since the beginning of the warmer weather since the beginning of the warmer weather since the beginning the formoon and many of the warmer weather since the beginning of the warmer weather since the beginning of the warmer weather since the beginning the formoon and many of the warmer weather since the beginning of the warmer weather since the beginning of the warmer weather since the beginning the formoon and many of the warmer weather since the beginning of the warmer weather since the beginning of the warmer weather since the beginning the formoon and many of the warmer weather since the beginning of the warmer weather since the beginning the formoon and many of the warmer weather since the beginning the formoon and many of the warmer weather since the beginning the formoon and many of the warmer weather since the beginning to the warmer weather since the beginning to the darks the warmer weather since the beginning to the warmer weather s litical boss, pleads guilty to charges of ex-J. Cullen Root of Omaha is re-elected excepting to the defense excepting to the rains. The outlook in the lower Danube made by the visitors. His sore toe was chosen by a plurality of fifty, while the commander of the Sovereign camp, Woodcourt's ruling, and from thence forward the state was particular to test all talesmen on this point. St. Louis court decides habeas corpus

Exchanges Between Counsel. Talesman A. P. Burns, who finally suc-Wingate's seat, said under oath that he was not prepared to give the same credence to Orchard that he would extend moval. The question recurred at the after-Rallway commission decides against noon session, when Senator Borah put the adopting any schedule of freight rates question to Talesman William McGuffin. until the maximum rate bill goes into who succeeded Talesman Henry to seat No. effect in July, hoping thereby to avoid 6 after the latter had been evicted for imlegal complications. Union Pacific asks plied bias on the testimony of R. Z. Lovethat value of stocks and bonds owned by lace-the first witness called in the casewho swore that Henry had told him that sessment of the company. Representa- Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone would not have been brought here if "they had not REACTIONISTS END SESSION been mixed up in the case." Clarence S. Darrow of the defense ob-

ected to the question and Senator Borah sharply replied: "After the immense latitude that the defense has taken in regard to McPartland,

Page 3 Taft and Roosevelt I do not think they would stick on any technicality at this late "We did not ask as to the effect of Mc-

Governor Sheldon appoints his private row and Richardson together.

say," went on Mr. Richardson. ever he is," retorted Borah. "Well, I don't know about that," said Mr.

Page 1 standing, took formal exception to the re-

organization decides to assist distressed into the case by the defense." jurisdictions in payment of debts. Page 3

in," added Mr. Darrow.

foreign prisoners and the amount allowed Page 2 question the talesman saying that he did revolution. Bishop Worthington in address declares not have any bias or opinion in the matdivorce strikes at the divine order of the family and the stability of the republic. the incident closed.

One Peremptory Challenge temporarily passed by both sides at 3:40 to escape disguised as a woman. o'clock in the afternoon and the court an nounced that it was in order for both sides to exercise peremptory challenges. Counsel for Haywood saked for a few minutes' delay, and for five minutes they gathered around the chair of the prisoner and engaged in earnest consultation as to their course on the men occupying the jury box. The state exercised its right first and excused William Van Oredale, a grocer, who raffronds, which are forced to change old has occupied seat No. 2 since the opening day of the trial. George F. Maw, a young Real estate brokers declare there is a farmer with strong opinions as to the acts of certain elements in the labor unions of the country, was then called to the vacant place. The state passed him and he was still in the hands of the defense when ad-

journment hour was reached. The trial will not be resumed until 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon because of the of Leuchtenberg. funeral in the morning of Judge Nugent, father of John F. Nugent, one of the couninterrupted at the beginning of the afternoon session today and Judge Wood made Nugent. Committees of the local bar to true to the emperor and his family. make arrangements for participation of the memorial resolutions were appointed by permit the members of the court to at tend the funeral there would be no session morrow morning. This recess may extend the completion of the jury beyond the end of this week. Between prosecution and sides intend to fully use their peremptory rights, and the present composition of the

tentative jury may be entirely changed. Coner d'Alene Riots Recalled. The examination of talesmen by the defense today indicated a desire to further investigate the question of general local prejudice. Counsel recalled the trouble in the Coeur d'Alenes fifteen and eighteen years ago and made careful inquiry as to its possible effect upon the minds and prejudices of prospective jurors. rest of their examination covered the wide range of subjects already outlined. The states, beside its general line of questions and the attitude toward Harry Orehard, introduced today, is also covering membership in labor unions and the possible exintence of prejudice for or against them. The prisoner was again an active participant in the conduct of the case. He repeatedly consulted with his attorneys and

plert as theirs. The court room failed to fill today and if talesmen, witnesses, lawyers, court attaches and newspaper men had remained away the place would have been absolutely nesons. The people of Boise are followenvention here today elected the following of its inhabitants to sit through the pro- May 18. officers for the next two years: Com- ceedings in court.

Standard Dividend Reduced

SUMMARY OF THE BEE NEW POINT RAISED AT BOISE THIS COUNTRY HOLDS KEY BURKE WILL PLEAD CUILTY OHIO DEMOCRATS ENCOURAGED REUF PLEAES GU European Grain Merchants Look to

United States for Relief of Signation.

BERLIN, May 15 .- Interviews with a members of produce section of the Bourse here disclose a feeling of great uncertainty in connection with the grain Says He Shot the Man Twice and attuation. The dealers generally are disposed to regard the present wave of speculation as being an exaggerated one. All admit, however, that the United States at this moment holds the key to the international situation, but the tendency is to believe that the situation and the reports of crop shortage are exaggerated so far as the European situation is concerned. The merchants add that it is also premature to a factor in the general yield.

Various reports of poor crop prospects in Germany, Hungary, Rosmania and the eleventh talesman, in the hands of the Russia are pluying a role in the price movement here. The German winter crop I went into the house and went to sleep." is admitted to be ssuch delayed and a conwhen it developed that Mr. Wingate was siderable acreage was frozen out, but, Fred Burke, or Louis Ray Higgins, safely said that the democrats have at shortage due to the winter damage. Res Wednesday morning. He discussed the case republicans have of increasing it. removal from the box, when the talesman year without home supplies. The crop out than an instant at a time. and south of Russia, however, is considered bad for winter grain, but in the Volga of the time. valley and north of Russia the prospects son with the grain supplies, Germany in 800,000 to its population annuauy. In the produce section of the Bourse to-

day prices opened strong, owing to the publication of a dispatch anonuncing that only me-tenth of the Canadian wheat crop had been planted.

Advise for Dissolution of Parliament, Disarming of Jews and

Other Measures.

MOSCOW, May 15 .- The congress of reactionists closed today after adopting the final report of a resolution setting forth the measures it considered necessary for Partland's testimony," said Messrs Dar- tion of Parliament, the prociamation of full martial law wherever there is any some time, taking care of the children. "Roosevelt can take care of himself whererty of revolutionists and the exclusion of hogs. Judge Wood directed counsel to proceed with the case, but Mr. Durrow, who was standing, took formal exception to the remarks of Mr. Borah.

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In the lower house of Farliament at the mamma. Standing, took formal exception to the remarks of Mr. Borah. "I will be glad to eliminate Roosevelt if he was rebuked and suspended by Prest-Ancient Order of United Workmen and you will," replied Borah. "He was brought dent Golovin, but was upheld by the social "He was brought in by his own butting ecclesiastical press and by the seminaries. The judge overruled the objection to the gates to a secret service fund to fight the

A revolutionist named Charoshnikoff ter, the defense noting an exception and leader of several bands, which, under cover of the revolutionary movement, have carried out important robberies of banks and The jury box was finally filled with twelve other public institutions, was located by talesmen subjected to an examination and the police and was killed while attempting

EMPEROR FINALLY YIELDS Grants Sanction to Marriage of Grand Dake to Divorced Princess.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 15 .- An imperial order was issued today creating the Princess Anastasia of Montenegro, who was married May 13 at Yalta to the Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholalevitch, a grand duchess and announcing the emperor's sanction of the union. No former recognizance had been taken of the marriage owing to the attitude of the orthodox church toward the remarriage of divorced persons, the grand duchess having been divorced from her first husband, Prince George Romanowski, duke

bar and court in the funeral and to draft | ITALY FAVORS DISARMAMENT put off the act until morning. Whiteomb entered the car, turned out the lights and Judge Wood, and it was announced that to Foreign Minister Ittoni Outlines Poltoy of His Government at Hague Tribunal.

ROME, May 15.-Foreign Minister Ittoni defense there lie twenty peremptory chal- in the course of his aletement in the lenges, and but one of these has been Chamber of Deputies today or the attitude It is generally admitted that both of Italy at the coming puges sunference at The Hague, said that the Lallan government was in favor of the limitation of armaments and would even take part in the discussion of the question at The Hague, but the government agreed with the Austro-German governments on the subject because of difficulty in finding a practical, acceptable solution of the problem involved.

STICKS TO DRUMHEAD COURT Council of Russian Empire Rejects Bill Passed by the Lower

Body.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 16 -- The council of the empire, or upper house of the Parliament, today rejected the bill which was passed April 30 by the lower house abolishing trials by drumhead courts-martial.

CHRISTENING OF ROYAL BABE watched the proceeding with attention as Queen Victoria's Realth Satisfactory and Event Will Occur on

May 18,

ing the case with interest, but the city Queen Victoria and Prince Alfonso is sat- ever comes to trial. There is not a parseems unwilling to spare more than a score infactory. The prince will be christened ticle of doubt in the minds of the residents

Would Settle Strike. OTTAWA, Ont. May 15-The shipping NEW YORK, May 15.—The directors of the Standard Oil Company declared quarterly dividend of \$0 per share. This compares with a dividend of \$16 declared three shoremen's strike.

Murderer of Copples Says He Will Confess Crime When Arraigned.

number of leading grain merchants and CANNOT TELL WHY HE DID THE DEED

Woman Once, but Knows No Reason or Motive.

"I am going to plead guilty. They can do no use for me to fight the case. I don't know why I did it. I never had any trouble merchants add that it is also premature to predict a heavy shrinkage of production as They say I shot six times, but I can only crat. This gives the republicans eighty barn when I went out. I shot him twice and then Mrs. Copple came out. I suppose

troubling him and he lay on his cot most

Thomas I. Sloan, acting county attorney are uniformly good, which is expected to of Thurston county, reached Omaha Tuescounterbalance the Black sea shortage. day morning and has charge of the legal All things considered, dealers here expect phase of the case. He said Burke would be that the high prices will be maintained in left in Omaba for some time, as he feared a view of the growing population in compari- lynching if he were taken back to Thurston county. He could not say when he would particular demanding larger and larger be removed for his preliminary. After feelquantities every year, through the addition ing dies down a little Burke will be spirited back to Pender unannounced for his preliminary.

> Bratality is Emphasized. The brutality of the man is shown by the statement of Blanche Copple, the 12year-old daughter of the murdered couple. She said after-the shooting Burke came into the house and told the children to go back to bed.

> "You have killed papa and mamma," said Blanche; "I know it, because they would not leave us here alone like this." Burke tried to make them believe their parents were safe, and then the little girl asked him to light a lamp, because the 6-months-old twins were crying.

"Let the little brats erv." Burke is said public safety, which include the dissolu- to have answered. "I won't light a lamp." The little girl stayed up in the dark for "If Roosevelt is to be brought here to revolutionary agitation, disarmament of the In the morning Tommy, the T-year-old testify we might have something more to Jewish organizations, legalization of the boy, went out into the yard and found

the Jews from military and civil services. "T had to fight the hogs for a long time,"
A telegram was sent to the emperor by be said, telling of the incident afterward. the congress, complaining of the attitude "to keep them away from papa and

Mr. Sloan has the only theory that has so far been advanced as a motive for the murder. He says Copple, while a bigbearted and kindly disposed man, was a democrats, and calling attention to the very hard worker and made his men work county commissioners will take steps son. "He is 2,000 miles away and he writes the revolution and the revolutionary propa-

ganda conducted by a certain section of the from being required to work hard, and Subscriptions were started by the dele- not being able to handle Copple, and after brooding over his facied wrongs, decided to shoot him. This theory is borne out by by the remark Burke is said to have made to Summer, the 11-year-old boy with whom session will be devotional. Dr. Ira K. In the course of a long and frank converto Summer, the 11-year-old boy with whom he slept, that he wished the boy's father of the last general assembly of the Cumof the Associated Press in a room at the Burke declares he had absolutely no mo-

tive in committing the crime. that night, he said. "I don't know why I noon. The candidates mentioned tonight

time after the shooting." Burke said he had been arrested a num- president of Ohio State university. ber of times at various places for drunken ness, but never on a serious charge. He worked in Omaha last winter for three or four weeks as an ice cutter on Cut Off lake. He went under the name Noyes. He says New York Hospital Nurse Lodges his father and mother have been separated | Grievance that Railroad Emfor twelve years and he does not know where his father is.

Too Early for More Bounty. Had the murderer been captured twelve hours later there would be \$300 additional in rewards to be divided among the cap-The newly married couple are still at tors. Governor Sheldon had decided Tues-Yalta. Yesterday they received a deputa- day afternoon to offer that amount on the the complaint made to the police today by sel for the defense. Proceedings were tion of Mohammedan villagers, who pre- part of the state at the solicitation of Antonio Kresnic, a hospital nurse. Kresnic tion of Mohammedan villagers, who pre- part of the window unseeingly. When sented them with the traditional bread and County Attorney Whitcomb of Pender, who said he boarded the car late last night, be- he had mastered himself he turned and allt and assured the grand duke that in the went to Lincoln Tuesday to see him in Heving it would carry him otward Jersey formal announcement of the death of Judge future as in the past they will always be that regard. It was late in the afternoon City. Instead, the car was going east. nen came to Omaha and found the man then attacked him with a blackfack. had been captured before the reward had he was dazed by the blows Kresnic said the been officially posted. It is not thought the conductor robbed him of his gold watch, sum can be made payable to those catch- diamond ring and all his money. While he

ing the murderer. he believed should Higgins be taken north started on its return trip. for examination now, the militia would be The police are investigating the case. necessary to protect him from the enraged farmers and others been so wrought up would be almost certain should an attempt be made to take the prisoner anywhere near the scene of the crime.

Funeval of the Victima. BANCROFT, Neb., May 15. - (Special Telegram.)-The funeral of the Copples will be held at Bancroft tomorrow at 2 p. m. The bodies will be interred at the Bancroft cemetery.

BURKE POUND GUILTY BY JURY Investigation in Thurston County Fixes Crime Upon Him. ROSALIE, Neb., May 14-(Special Telegram.)-At the inquest held yesterday by Coroner H. A. Reichenbach of Thurston county Blanche and Tommie, two of Copple's children, were put on the stand and has been notified. their testimony was practically as pre-

the inquest. Both the boy and girl told a straight story and it is upon their testimony that MADRID, May 15 .- The condition of the county will prosecute Burke, if the case

as to his guilt.

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Leaders Point to Close Vote in Legis-

lature as Indication They Can

Defeat Fornker.

CLEVELAND, May 15.- The rescinding of the call for the republican love feast at columbus and the consequent failure of DOES IT TO PROTECT HIS RELATIVES the Taft and Foraker factions to get to gether has greatly encouraged democratic leaders in Ohio. They are of the opinion that they now have an excellent chance of electing Senator Foraker's successor

and cite the existing legislative makeup as proof. The present Ohio house consists of sixtywhatever they want to with me. There is two republicane, fifty-seven democrats and two independents. The senate has eighteen | Pressure from Without Caused Him to republicans, eighteen democrats and one remember three. He was coming from the votes against seventy-eight for the democrats and independents.

The next senator will be elected by the she heard the shots. I shot her once. Then legislature chosen at the next election and Many Acts of Graft to Keep in Line there are so many districts in which the This in substance was the statement of vote is exceedingly close that it may be

ject was not such as would warrant his and that Germany must enter a new graft those be talked square in the face more 100. One had a margin of three votes only; one was selected by four votes and one by look has been somewhat improved through A constant stream of visitors called at twelve votes. The man elected by three chosen by a plurality of fifty, while the smallest plurality for any democratic senator was 252.

The democratic leaders declare that any election giving a plurality of 100 or less is and avoid trial. Reuf, to the utter astonish anybody's fight when the next election comes around.

GOVERNOR SHAKES OFF PLUMS Appoints His Private Secretary, Chief Oil Inspector and

Deputtes.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, May 15. - (Special.) - Martin Dimery of Seward, former senator, was given the appointment of private secretary to Governor Sheldon this afternoon; A. B. Allen, private secretary, was appointed state oil inspector; Otto Zeulow of Schuyler was appointed deputy oil inspector for the Third district to succeed E. C. Burns. and William H. Wheeler of Fairfield deputy for the Fifth district to succeed Deputy Johnson of Minden. Mr. Allen succeeds Edward A. Church, who has held the posttion for four years. The new oil inspector was for four years private secretary to Governor Mickey and has been serving in the same capacity to Governor Sheldon since his election. Mr. Dimery served in the senate with Governor Sheldon in 1908. representing Seward and Butler counties Otto Zeulow served in the house from Colfax county in 1905 and Wheeler was secretary of the senate in 1906.

PRESBYTERIANS MEET TODAY

Three Candidates for Moderator of General Assembly Which Begins Work at Columbus, 0,

Presbyterian General assembly which con- maiden sister and a niece. venes in this city tomorrow. The morning berland Presbyterian church, will preoch house, No. 2849 Fillmore street, which for the annual sermon. the last month or more has been his

"I had never thought of killing him until | The election will take place in the after-

ploye Used Violence. NEW YORK, May 15 .- That a conductor of the Grand street crosstown street car my trial, lasting at least two months and line turned out the lights of the car, knocked him down and robbed him of \$380 while he was a passenger on the car was before the decision to offer the reward was | When it stopped at the East river terminal reached and Governor Sheldon decided to Kresnic declared the conductor in uniform

was only half conscious Kresnic said he Mr. Whitcomb said Wednesday morning was thrown off the car, which quickly

people. Never before, he said, have the SIDNEY MAN DIES IN STREET over any local matter and a lynching Picked Up in Denver Suffering from Drugs and Expires on Road do Hospital.

DENVER, May 15 .- (Special Telegram.)-Once a prosperous and respected business man of Sidney, Neb., he was picked up un- I shall expose. onscious on the street this morning and died on his way to the county hospital. it is said, he began to drink heavily and re-election a year ago last November and

Pender, county attorney, assisted by Attornay T. L. Sloan of Pender, were present at Dollie Bloom, Owned by F. A. Ames of Boston, Gives 2,023 Gallona in Year.

NEW YORK, May 15 .- The world's record milk production for a year by a single the muchine that I at great labor and pains sow has been broken by the Guernsey, had built up." oner's jury to bring in a verdict as fol. Secretary William H. Caldwell at the an- were elected I warned them against croosnual meeting of the Guernsey Cattle club edness in office. Immediately after their lone. She is owned by F. A. Ames of you takes a dollar, I'll prosecute you my-Bouton.

San Francisco Fors Takes This Step to Avoid Trial for Extortion.

Says Strain Would Have Killed His Father

and Mother.

HE TELLS STORY OF HIS DOWNFALL

Connive at Corruption.

MUCH OF BLAME PLACED ON SCHMITZ

the Alleged Labor Leaders That the Mayor Gathered Around Him.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 15.-Abraham Reuf, better known as Abe Reuf, the acknowledged advisor of Mayor Schmitz and once the recognized dictator of municipal affairs in San Francisco.

After a private conference with his four attorneys in Judge Danne's private chambers this afternoon, and after they had withdrawn from his case because of the resolution he had taken to change his pleament of the prosecution, arose in court and announced in a dramatic address that after ong and carnest consideration he had deermined to withdraw his plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty. He asked that the jury be dismissed and the trial aban-

doned. Reuf read his statement from a manuscript which he had prepared in the presence of his attorneys a few moments before Judge Dunne's chambers opened. He showed in his voice, in the expression on his face, in his quiet and gestureless attitude, and by the tears that again and again overflowed his eyes, the great emotion and utter humiliation that he suffered, The pathos of the scene was communicated to the crowd that thronged the court room, Tears aprang to the eyes of veteran newsquaintances and whose papers have conducted against him and his political associates a long and bitter campaign for the purification of municipal affairs. The accused man was several times all but overcome by emotion. When he reached the final words of his address-"I desire to withdraw my plea of not guilty and enter the contrary plea"-his voice was sunk to a whisper. But so intense was the silence that it reached to the far corner of the

Though Abraham Reuf has formally declared himself to be gullty of the charge on which he was about to be tried he nevertheless proclaims his innocence. He confessed that he is guilty of having connived in the corruption in municipal affairs, but he denies, with all the emphasis a man in his unhappy position can command, that he is guilty of the orime of extortion charged against him. He de-COLUMBUS, O., May 15.-A spirited con- clares that his sole motive in accusing to be one of the features of the one hun- of those who are nearest and dearest to dred and nineteenth annual session of the him, his aged father and mother, his

Reuf Talks to Reporters.

prison, Reuf said: "I changed my plea to guilty today, yes; did it. I don't remember hearing Copple are Rev. William Henry Roberts, D. D., of but I pledge you my solemn word that I leave the house. I was sick and went out Philadelphia, who has been stated clerk of am as innocent as you are. I have been and vomited. I saw him coming back from the Presbyterian assembly since 1893; Dr. guilty of conniving at the corruption of the barn. I just got the gun and shot him. Williom H. Black, president of Missouri municipal officials by corporations, but in I didn't look for any money and was not Valley college at Marshall, Mo., and for these French restaurant cases I am not after any, I did not have over \$2 at any mer moderator of the Cumberland Presby- guilty. Since my action of this morning I terian assembly and Dr. W. O. Thompson, can have no motive in misleading you on this point. I shall not mislead you. Never, never in the wide world could I have been SAYS CONDUCTOR ROBBED HIM convicted on this charge. No one knew this as well as myself. Then why, you ask, did I plead guilty? I pleaded guilty to save the lives of those who are nearest and dearest to me on earth. I am not overstating the truth when I tell you that if my father, my mother and my slater had been compelled to endure the strain of

> possibly longer, it would have cost their Ruef's eyes were filled with tears when he said this. He turned and for a full moment with wet eyes, but a steady voice, went on: "You don't know what they have suffered in these last few months, and I would not tell you if I could. Why, night after night-every night-my father and sister have come up here into my room and ant for an hour, saying nothing, seeing nothing, I could not stand it any longer."

> Again the tears and the choking and the ong look out of the window. "Last night I gathered my family about me in this prison house of mine and prepared them for the act I had determined upon. That would mean one day of sorrow. To go on would have meant months

of agony and-death. "I don't know what my sentence will be, For myself I do not greatly care. I have made no confession. I know much. Some things I shall tell, some things I shall not tell. Whenever an innocent man has Strong drink and morphine made a physical been forced into corruption against his will, and mental wreck of Mart A. Putnam, it that man I shall protect. Whenever a is said, and this morning caused his death. man, be he high or low, has entered into corruption with his eyes open, that man

Blame Placed on Schmitz, "I will not say at the present moment

Several years ago, after he had lost his that Mayor Schmitz is guilty of the charges fortune, he secured a position with the that have been brought against him or that Deere Plow company. He attended strictly he is innocent. I will say this: I wanted to duty until about two months ago, when, to break away from Schmits before his use morphine. A married sister at Sidney said to him: I am sick of the whole thing and I want to get out. I can't stand for all these labor union bums you have gathvisually published. W. E. Whitcomb of MILK PRODUCTION RECORD ered around you and will appoint. They would eat the paint off a house.' In anawer the mayor begged me to stay with him and put up the argument that these fellows must be allowed their share or we could never hold the machine together. There was all too much truth in that. "I stayed with Schmitz and I stayed with

It only took a few minutes for the cor- Dolly Bloom, according to the report of "Before the boodie board of supervisors

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