President Writes Letter on Threat to Cut Railroad Wages.

HE CALLS FOR AL THE FACTS Commerce Commission As. o Look Into Merits of Cas

PUBLIC IS VITALLY INTER. 30 Charge that New Laws Are Respon-

sible is Resented.

Objection to Attempt to Use Laws to Oppress Employes or Use Employes to Create Sentiment Against Laws.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 .- Serious industrial disputes in prospect were in the mind of President Roosevelt when he wrote a letter to the Interstate Commerce commission yesterday, which was made public loday. He says that information has reached him that on account of the enactment of unfavorable laws by the congress and by the various state legislatures it is regarded as necessary by ratiroad companies to reduce the pay of employes He points out that under the law either party may demand the services of the chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission and of the commissioner of labor as a board of concillation.

He auggests, therefore, that the Interstate Commerce commission make such an data concerning wage conditions on various rectly, to the possible impending contro-

Text of Message. The full text of the president's letter fol-

"THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, Feb. 18, 1968.-To the Interstate Commerce Commission: I am informed that a number of ratiroad companies have served notice of a proposed reduction of wages on their employes. One of them, the Louisville & Nashville, in announcing the reduction, states that the drastic laws intmical to the interests of the railroad that have in the last year or two been enacted by congress and the state legislatures' are largely or chiefly responsible for the conditions requiring the reduction.

"Under such circumstances it is impossible that the public may soon be confronted by serious industrial disputes, and the law provides that in such cases either party may demand the services of your chairman and of the commissioner of labor as a board of mediation and conciliation. These reductions in wages may be warranted, or they may not. As to this, the public, which is a vitally interested party. can form he judgment without a more complete knowledge of the essential facts and real merits of the case than it now has We Trust" on coins. or than it can possibly obtain from the special pleadings certain to be put forth by each side in case their dispute should sheriff an expensive thing for the state. bring aerious interruption to traffic."

All the Facts Wanted. If the reduction in wages is due to natural causes, the loss of business being equitably distributed between capitalist and nopoly of oil. wage workers, the public and congress should know it and if it is caused by misconduct in the past financial or other operations of any railroad, then everybody unfriendly legislation is advanced as a sponsible. method of covering up past business misjust justification for failure to treat fairly lumbia. the wage earning employes of the company

'Moreover, an industrial conflict between a railroad corporation and its employes offers peculiar opportunities to any small number of evil disposed persons to destroy life and property and foment public discord. Of course, if life and property and public order are endangered, prompt and drastic measures for their protection becomes the first plan duty. All other duties then become subordinate to the preservation of the public peace and the real merits TAFT SEES ALL MANCHESTER of the original controversy are necessarily lost from view. This vital consideration should ever be kept in mid by all lawabiding and far-sighted members of labor organizations.

Hope for Peaceful Solution. "It is sincerely to be hoped therefore, that any wage controversy that may arise farover vallable for any board

continue BIDILIBAL tion so un ne available in order to develop address this afternoon, a projectly informed public opinion. "I timefore ask you to make such in

vestigation both of your records and by Taft on his arrival here. When Secretary any means at your command as will on- Taft and his party stepped from his car gers. able you to furnish data concerning such they were heartily cheered. conditions obtaining on the Louisville & late, directly or indirectly to the real merits of possibly impending controversy. THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

### BRYAN GRATIFIED WITH OHIO Meetings in Columbus Have Left Him in a Pleasant Frame of Mind.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 19.-William, J. Bryan left Columbus today for Hamilton, evening. Mr. Bryan breakfasted early at his speech at Memorial hall last night. Many of his friends joined him in his room Mr. lityan expressed himself as being very | were reduced. much pleased with his reception in Colum-

## Benies Rumor that He Contemplates Bringing Proceedings Against

His Wife. MATTEAWAN, N. Y., Feb. 18.-Harry K. Thaw today denied the reports that he has begun or is about to begin proceedings to secure a divorce from his wife, Evelyn the state hospital for the insane asking him to reply to the following question: Thaw returned the snewer: "No."

Thursday, February 20, 1908. 1908 ~ FEBRUARY~ 1908 SUN MON TUE WED THE ARY SAT AF Flor 2-3 4 5 6 2 8 9 10 11 12 18 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

THE WEATHER. For Omaha, Courcil Bluffs and Vicinity— Fair Thursday; rising temperature, For Nebraska—Fair Thursday; rising

SEEKS TO AVOID CONFLICT For lows - rather at Omaha yesterday:
Temperature at Omaha yesterday:
Hour. For Iowa-Fair Thursday; rising temper-



DOMESTIC.

President Roosevelt has asked Interstate ommerce commission to ascertain facts relative to necessity of threatened reduction of wages by railroads. Page 1 n proposal of Lincoln to rigidly enforce the long and short haul clause. Page 1

the severity of the storm yesterday, which investigation as will enable it to furnish almost completely blocked traffic. Page 1 Beadle county men of South Dakota are railroads as may relate, directly or indi- for Governor Crawford for United States senator George J. Gould denies that the Gould lines will be forced into a receivership.

Page 1 Comptroller Ridgely is in Kansas City, going over the plans for the reopening of the National Bank of Commerce. Page 1 Attorney General Byers of Iowa takes steps to drive out the gamblers from Bur-Page 1 lington. Battleship Nebraska arrives at Mag-

ielana bay. Page 1 Mr. Bryan is exceedingly gratified with the showing made in Ohio. Page 1 District judge of Oklahoma holds the state bank tax law legal. Page 1 Senator Knox introduces a parcels post bill, which embodies the ideas of Postmuster General Meyer. Page 1 Lyman Gage favors the Fowler bill and An unidentified man, about forty years of opposes the Aldrich bill. Secretary Taft spends the day of New Hampshire. Missouri Pacific railroad is granted a continuance in the railroad cases in fed- were found by the police almost completely eral court at Lincoln. Judge Ball's decision in the Illinois Central case is expected today.

HEBRASKA. Holding of prisoners thirty days by Attorneys for Union Pacific uncertain what to do about passes.

POREIGN. German imperial treasury is speculating such that the burden should be, and is on the feasibility of engaging in a mo-Page 2 Japanese cabinet is facing a crisis over

the immigration question. Page 2 American trade has been damaged in the orient and complaints have been made to should know it, especially if the excuse of the State department that Japan is re-Page 2 Japanese are testing the new natal act conduct by the railroad managers, or as a passed by the Parliament of British Co-

Page 2 Judges take the case of General Stoessel in consideration. Page 2

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL Live stock markets. Page 7 Grain markets. Page 7 Stock and bonds. Page 7 MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS.

Guest of Governor Floyd and Former Governor Rollins in New Hampshire City.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 19.-Following a crowded day and night of traveling, speechmaking and sightseeing, Secretary between the railroads and their employes Taft arose early today and began another may find a peaceful solution through the strengous day's campaign. He was the methods of conciliation and arbitration, al- guest during the night of Governor Floyd. ready powded tor by congress, which have He started on an early tour about the city the during the past year. this morning accompanied by the governor ambission should be in a and former Governor Rollins.

The weather was cold and a light snow arbitration relevant data was falling, but Secretary Taft and his varriers as may become escort drove in an open carriage. A comunistrial disputes. Should mittee of Nassau citizens came to Manind to effect a settlement and chester this morning to escort the secrebe rejected, accurate informa- tary to their city, where he will make an

NASHUA, N. H., Feb. 19 .- A crowd of several hundred persons greeted Secretary

Nashville and any other roads as may re- IOWA PACKERS THREATENED Reduction in Iowa Stock Rates Would Injure Them, Says Ottumwa Man.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.-Before Interstate commerce Commissioner Prouty today John H. Morrell of Ottumwa, Ia., declared that any reduction on the present rate on live stock might drive the lowa packers ered from the effects of yesterday's storm. out of business. He declared that the Burlington passenger No. 98 left Beatrice Iowa packers get a through rate of 40 cents last evening for Nebraska City and be-O. where he will make an address in the to New York; is cents to Chicago and 25 cents from Chicago to New York; while the of town, where it remained all night, the Southern hotel, where he retired after | Chicago packers pay 20 cents from Chicago | Roadmaster Wright of Tecumseh and one to New York. Chicago packers would be of his men walked to town and this mornable to crowd the lowa men out of busi- ing secured an engine from Wymore to at the hotel today and bid him good-bye, neas, Mr. Morrell declared, if the rates pull the train out of the drift. The pas-

FATHER'S ARMS MISS CHILD THAW NOT TO ASK DIVORCE Baby and Mother Injured in Leap from Third Story Tene-

BOSTON, Feb. 18.-Mrs. Mary McDonald and her 19-months'-old baby were dangerously injured in escaping a fire in their tenement in Trement street today. The husband, Patrick McDonald, jumped to trains is from four to seven hours late. Nesblt Thaw. A letter was sent to Thaw at the street from the third floor without sustaining serious injury and the wife threw her two bables to him. The first, Have you begun or are you about to 4 months' old, he caught in his arms safely, begin divorce proceedings against Evelyn." but the older one fell to the street. The woman herself received a fractured skull to Il votes

Wind and Snow Still Cause Trouble in Michigan and Wisconsin.

RAILROADS ARE ALMOST TIED UP

Chicago Traction Lines Doing Their Best to Penetrate Blockades-St. Louis Has Stinging Snow Storm.

DEROIT, Mich., Feb. 19.-The blizzard which swept down upon the lower portion of Michigan from the west yesterday afternoon still prevails with great severity and already the snowfall ranges from eight inches in Detroit to eighteen inches in the southwestern section of the state. Accompanied by a twenty to thirty mile an hour wind the snow is difting badly through the country districts and roads are badly blocked. Trains are late everywhere, although railroad officials generally express themselves as greatly pleased over their success in keeping the lines open. The storm is most severe in that part of the state below a line drawn from Saginaw bay across to Lake Michigan.

southwestern section of the state are from one-half an hour to four hours late and that the Lake Shore rallway has entirely abandoned traffic on its branch through there today. Interurban lines in southwestern Michigan are having a desperate fight to get cars through. The Michigan Central, Pere Marquette, Wabash and Grand Trunk railroads all reported here today practically the same condition of affairs along their lines-snow from eight to Omaha Commercial club files a protest eighteen inches in depth, trains being doubleheaded and delays in traffic from the west running from half an hour to five or Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin felt six hours late. The Wabash reports the storm less severe through Canada and westbound passenger trains arriving with

small delays. Chicago Under Deep Snow, CHICAGO, Feb. 19.-The blizzard which began here yesterday and which almost paralyzed all transportation facilities in Chicago and suburbs was still in progress today although the greatest fury of the storm had passed. A light snow fell during the early part of the day and was plied into great drifts by a strong wind. Traffic on all surface and elevated street car lines, as well as on steam roads, was greatly delayed in spite of the strenuous efforts of the officials of the various lines who had large squads of men working all night in an endeavor to keep the tracks clear of snow. Even worse delays were experienced because through trains from the east arrived here today all the way from one to

seven hours late. Many additional accidents to pedestrians and one death, were reported to the police. Page 1 age, was struck by a freight train on the Chicago & Northwestern road and died an men, who had been overcome by the storm, Page 1 buried in the snow.

Page 1 a snow drift early today at Stewart avenue sentence is expected to be pronounced. House committee on coinage decides to and Sixty-sixth street. The license tag recommend replacing the motto, "In God and head lamps were missing, and nothing leading to the judges' room, which has been Page 1 was found by means of which the identity of the owner could be learned. Service on the electric line running be-

> standstill. Trains operating east of Wheaton, on the same line, however, were only slightly delayed. The body of John Johnson was found in a snowbank today at Sixty-third street and Sacramento avenue. It is believed he was

tween Elgin and Chicago was almost at a

frozen to death. Foot of Snow at Milwankee. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 19.-The blizgard which started in this section yesterday continues with but slightly abuted flerce ess today. About a foot of snow has fallen in Milwaukee and vicinity. The electric line to Racine is tied up on account of huge drifts. The Waukesha line is open, but the cars are badly delayed. Trains on the steam roads are considerably delayed.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 19.-The temperature dropped down to 22 degrees above zero today and a stinging snow storm prevails. being driven by a hard northwest wind blowing 26 miles an hour.

not been impeded. KANSAS CITY, Feb. 19.-A fall of during the might caused the three inches of the ensuing year. snow that had fallen to drift badly. Street

cars are running regularly today and trains taken by the directors of the Illinois Cenare resuming their schedules. SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 19.-Heavy snow has failen today throughout northeastern Pennsylvania. Street car traffic in the Lackswanna valley is blockaded and steam roads are greatly handicapped.

GOSHEN, Ind., Feb. 19.-The worst snow storm in twenty years is raging here. Eighteen inches of snow have fallen and in places it has drifted badly. Southbound trains from Michigan points are blocked. At Warsaw twelve inches of snow has fallen. Other points in northern Indiana are reporting similar conditions.

JOLIET, Ill., Feb. 19 .- A relief party has left here to rescue the passengers on a Joliet & Southern interurban car stalled in the snow near Plainfield. The car left here last night carrying twenty passen-

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 19 .- The flood situation in southern ndiana is more serious oday. Swollen rivers increased their depth during last night and thousands of additional acres of lowlands are submerged. At Evansville the Ohio is rising one inch an hour. Rain and snow fell during the night, followed today by a cold wind, causing much suffering among flood refugees,

Trains Still Delayed. BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 19 .- (Special Telegram.)-The railroads have not yet recovcame stalled in a snowdrift two miles east sengers suffered no ill effects as a result of the delay. The Rock Island has not had a train through here for two days and trains on the Burlington and Union Pacific are badly delayed.

Iowa Central Tied Up. MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Feb. 19 .- The ollsward has completely tied up traffic on the Iowa Central. In the drifts near Gifford a passenger train is snowed in. The Chicago & Northwestern train with two locomotives and double sections for through

Missouri Democrats to Meet. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 19.-The Missouri state democratic committee methers today and decided to hold the state convention here on May 20. Jefferson City won the convention over Springfield by 21

TO AVOID LABOR WAR SUMMARY OF THE BEE STORM CONTINUES UNABATED SQUADRON NEARING CALLAO PRICES BRING THE BUYERS

American Battleships Will Reach Peravian Port at 8 O'clock This Morning.

LIMA. Feb. 19.-The American battleship fleet is expected to reach Callao about 'clock tomorrow morning. Two wireless sessages were received here today. The first conveyed the information that the fleet was then 224 miles from the port and the second, timed much later in the day forwarded a message of thanks from Rear Admiral Evans. He expressed his appre ciation of the affectionate welcome by the Peruvian nation and the president. Admiral Evans said he opnsidered the Peruvian escort to Callao a great honor and thanked the government for its offer to transmit his messages to the Navy department at Washington, but added that he had nothing at present to communicate.

The government has issued a decree making Saturday a holiday in honor of Washington's birthday and the Americans' visit and it has ordered the Peruvian warships to salute the American flag at noon. The banks and commercial houses have decided to close tomorrow and great crowds are expected to greet the fleet when it steams into port and take part in the later festivities. President Pardo will give a public reception to Rear Admiral Evans and the Kalamazoo reports that all trains in the other officers at 5 o'clock on Friday after

cut said that Admiral Evans has not yet recovered his health.

MOORS MEET MORE REVERSES Attack French in Narrow Defile, but Are Repulsed at Point of Bayonet.

PARIS, Feb. 19 .- A dispatch received here from Vice Admiral Philibert, the French February 16 and 17 the French had a serious the point of the bayonet.

In the engagement three days ago between troops of General D'Amades' force and the Madaghra tribesmen the casualties sustained by the enemy were heavy. General D'Amades was assisted by the Mgab tribesmen who surrendered recently.

JUDGES TAKE STOESSEL CASE Evidence In and Members of Court Retire to Deliberate-Verdict Thursday.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 19 .- The court which has been trying General Stoessel for the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japanhour later at St. Ann's sanatarium. Two ese retired for deliberation at noon today, ordering General Steespel and the other defendants in the courtmartial proceedings, Generals Fock and Reiss, to appear Febru-An abandoned automobile was found in ary 20 at 11 o'clock in the morning, when

Sentries have been stationed at the doors provided with beds, etcound indicates the judges anticipate a struggle in their efforts to reach a verdict.

Dubouchet Given Freedom.

ordered to leave Russia within ten days. He probably will join his wife in Switzerland. Mrs. Dubouchet is a Russian
woman of noble birth. It has been declared
that she spent a large part of her fortune
in aiding the Russian revolutionary movement.

That we, hereby, express our confidence
in Governor Coe I. Crawford and heartily
endorse his administration as governor of
this state and, believing in his integrity and
and answering fidelity to the principles of
the platform, upon which he was elected,
we take great pleasure in endorsing him
for United States senator.

That, we condemn the attempt of the

BALL'S DECISION THURSDAY Control of Illinois Central Railroad Will Be Settled by Court's

Decree.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19 .- Judge Ball, in the superior court, will tomorrow morning ren-TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 19.-Last night was der his decision in the famous Illinois Centhe coldest of the season in Kansas. Little tral railroad case. The chief legal point snow has fallen and railroad traffic has involved in whether or not it is lawful for corporations outside of Illinois to control and vote stock in Illinois corporations. Intwenty degrees in temperature was regis- cidentally, the decision will settle whether tered over western Missouri during the past Stuyvesant Fish or E. H. Harriman is to twenty-four hours. A brisk northwest wind control the Illinois Central railroad during

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 .- No action was tral railroad at a meeting in this city today upon the proposed issue of \$30,000,000 of equipment obligations, which was to come up for discussion, E. H. Harriman and Stuyvesant Fish attended the meeting. Mr. Harriman when questioned about the proposed issue said: "It is not every railroad that has \$40,000,000 worth of free

STATE BANK TAX HELD LEGAL District Judge in Oklahoma Sustains the Law at First Test Case.

GUTHRIE, Okl., Feb. 19.-Judge A. H. Houston, in the district court here today, sustained a demurrer filed by Attorney General West in an injunction suit brought by the Noble State bank against the State Banking Board and the bank commissioner regarding the collection of state bank tax, on the ground that there was not sufficient facts in the petition to constitute a case of action. This is the first test on the Oklahoma guaranty deposit law. In passing on the case Judge Houston stated that under the police powers of the state given by the act the defendant have the power to collect the tax, as the banks that are allowed to do business i this state are corporations and that they are as much accountable to the legislature as any other corporation which serves the

"IN GOD WE TRUST" TO STAY House Committee on Coinage Votes Against President Roose-

velt's Ruling. WASHINGTON Feb 9 -- President Room velt was overridden today by the house committee on coinage, weights and measures, when by unanimous vote it Was agreed to report favorably the McKinley illy bill requiring the restoration to gold God We Trust." During the discussion Representative Knowland of California, being in a facetious mood, moved that the committee further recommend the placing upon all clearing house certificates the biblical inscription "I know that my Re-

Boost for Telephone Capital. CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—The state of Illinois has given the Chicago Telephone company permission to increase the company's capital of \$30,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

Wholesalers of Omaha Are Securing the Western Trade.

BUSINESS ON AN UP GRADE

Commissioner Guild Signs Bunches of Checks for Car Fare for Large Number of Country Merchants.

spring larger number of buyers than ever before, regardless of financial conditions which have prevailed in the country for three months, was given by J. M. Guild, ommissioner of the Commercial club, Wednesday, when he signed half a hundred checks for the car fare of merchants coming to Omaha to buy goods.

The season for buying goods is usually from February 1 to March 1, but it will be late this year and the merchants' meetings are to be continued until April 1, the wholesalers of Omaha agreeing to pay the car fare of their customers who come to the that the author understands clearly and city during that time. The uncertainty of the weather has been about as much responsible for the late season as any other reason. The merchants have waited for The wireless message from the Connecti- the present snow storm. They knew it was coming and when to buy spring goods has been a matter of mystery to them. But from the number who arrived Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the present week it is evident that the stream will be continuous until the first of April and will probably reach its height about the first week of March.

Car Fare to Tell Story. throughout the country the trade conditions about to be asked for the Missouri Pacific Guild says: naval commander in Morocco says that on are surprisingly good," said Mr. Guild. "In railroad were given positive denial today both wholesale and retail lines the leading by George J. Gould, president of the road railroads in preference to applying terminal battle with the Moore at a point fifteen houses report a decided increase in busiin a narrow defile. The encounter was which will be paid by the Omaha whole- they will be." marked by a series of fierce struggles at salers will tell the story at the end of the There were severe declines in low priced spring trade of a year ago.

customers as the wholesalers of Omaha, and Erie, all of whose issues were weak. and the Omaha merchants deserve the cities being "after it."

BEADLE MEN FOR CRAWFORD Stalwarts Condemned in Resolution Passed by County Committee

at Meeting. committee fixed the basis of representa- Friday. ODESSA. Feb. 19 .- Dr. Dubouchet, the tion for the convention here March 24, at American citizen who was arrested re- one delegate for each fifteen votes cast for cently in this city on the charge of being Coe I. Crawford for governor, giving the retard the rise in the Ohio river here. connected with the revolutionary organ- county ten delegates to the state convention | High winds of the night and today caused ization, was released today, but he was to be held here April 7. Among resolutions considerable distress among the hundreds adopted were these:

> That, we condemn the strengt to stalwart faction of the republican party to overthrow those acts enacted by the last overthrow in the interests of the people and their attempt to return to the regime and their attempt to return to the regime of one-man domination of party politics and machine rule and most emphatically con-demn policies formerly in vogue in this state, whereby public service corporation controlled the politics and dictated legis-lation under the leadership of Senator Kitt-

> That we hall the leadership of Governor That we hall the leadership of Governor Coe I. Crawford, whose policies have brought relief from corporate dictation and has inaugurated the system, by which the whole people can decide what laws shall be enacted and the representative who shall nact and the officers who shall enforce

POWER PROJECT AT NIAGARA Scientist Says Forty Thousand Feet of Water a Second Will Injure Falls.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.-Dr. J. W. Spencer, the British scientist, who was comada to make an investigation of the on each vessel. Niagara Falls problem, discussed today in utilization of its waters by power plants

At the instance of the American Civic Federation Dr. Spencer has appeared before the house rivers and harbors committee and presented facts and figures to show what effect the request of the Ontarlo Power company for a power franchise, to develop which would require 40,000 cubic feet of water per second, would have on the falls.

It was contended by Dr. Spencer that this request is for from 20 to 25 per cont of the discharge of Niagara river and would greatly impair the characteristics of up to the falls, break up the surface rock at the foot of the American falls and Goat island and thereby cause a more rapid recession of the horseshoe.

ARMENIAN TO GO ON TRIAL District Attorney Jerome Hopes to Break Up Blackmailing Band in New York,

NEW YORK Feb. 79 .- Father Levent Martougessian, the Armenian priest, who is said to be the head of the Hunchakist soclety, will be placed on trial tomorrow charged with the robbery and blackmailing of prominent Armenians. It is said that however this case is determined, the priest will be charged with complicity in the murder of H. S. Tavshanjian, a wealthy Armenian rug merchant, who was murdered last summer by Bedros Hampartsoumlan, who is now serving a term of imand silver coins of the national motto 'in prisonment for the crime. It is stated it s likely that Hampartzoumian will be a witness against the priest. He, according to the police theory, is simply a tool in the hands of a band of blackmailers, who used his patriotism and the name of the Hunchakist society, formerly an Armenias revolutionary organization, in order to levy tribute from wealthy Armenians. Several Armenian merchants will appear against the priest today and District Attorney Jerome announces that he is certain he will secure a conviction

Credit Currency on Proper Assets Effective System of Banking, Says Lyman Gage.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.-The principles f the Fowler financial bill were defended today by former Secretary of the Treasure York and Prof. Joseph French Johnson of the New York university before the house committee on banking and currency. Secretary Gage said that we have reached the most important period in the financial history of the country for the last forty or Evidence that Omaha will attract this problem depended largely upon the men making up the banking and currency committee.

It was early impressed upon him, said Mr. Gage, that a credit currency issued on proper assets was an effective, useful and of the people and was the best system of

banking. Mr. Gage said he thought it ought to be revised from the very beginning. He regarded the Fowler bill as a comprehensive measure containing in itself the evidence specifically the principles which underlie the banking and currency relationship of things and has brought forth a measure which in contrast to the one offered in the senate has reached the fundamentals.

RECEIVERSHIP STORY DENIED George J. Gould Says No Possibility of Missouri Pacific Going

that Way.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.-Reports, which "In view of the general conditions days to the effect that a receivership was

"There is absolutely not a word of truth miles southeast of Fedala. The French had ness. It was generally supposed that the in these reports or any reports of that kind two officers and several soldiers killed. The first part of February would show a de- involving this property," said Mr. Gould. terminal points and thereby deprive them casualties of the Moors were heavy. The crease, while as a matter of fact the busi-French column, which was commanded by ness has been better than normal all along thought of, or even dreamed of, and there fit to other points." Colonel Taupin was attacked by the Moors | the line. I believe the amount of car fare is not even the most remote possibility that

season. The spring trade will show as railroad stocks on the stock exchange ern Iowa where higher rates are mainlarge an increase over the trade of last today. The Gould shares were especially tained than at Omaha. This, he says, may fall as the fall trade showed over the weak. Missouri Pacific, which closed at 34 yesterday, was down to 284; Western termediate rates are unreasonable in them-Commissioner Guild calls attention to the Union, another Gould Issue, broke from fact that Omaha is becoming known as 46 to 41%, and the Denver & Rio Grande the market city of the west where the shares, also belonging to the Gould group, merchants of the country secure as good declined, the common selling down from values as they would get on the eastern 17% to 14%, and the preferred from 46% to is the commissioner's opinion that if a rigid markets and save the freight or better. 41 in the afternoon. Other stocks which Another factor which is bringing large ran off sharply included Rock Island comnumbers of merchants to Omaha is the re- mon from 12 to 11% and preferred from 24 fund of car fare. But one other city on to 23%, Southern Railway common from the Missouri river is as generous to its 10% to 9% and preferred from 31% to 29%,

credit for starting the movement, all other OHIO FLOOD AT CINCINNATI Danger Line of Fifty Feet Reached at Noon and Rise Still Continues.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 29.—The danger is made in the set all elasticity in rates will be killed and the discretionary power of the commission taken from it. He, therefore, Weather, Forecaster Paster esti-HURON S. D., Feb. 19.-(Special.)-At a tinues. Weather Forecaster Paster estilargely attended meeting here Monday mated the crest at fifty-two feet and said afternoon, the Beadle county republican he expected the river to begin failing by

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 19. - Extremely cold weather developed last night and will of lowlands inhabitants who are isolated

in their homes by the water. TOLEDO, O., Feb. 19.-The storm of last night is continuing today. Street car traffic is interfered with. Unless freezing weather comes quickly a disastrous flood

seems certain. NEBRASKA IN MAGDELENA BAY Warship First of Secondary Fleet to Gather Before Atlantic

Ships Arrive.

States battleship Nebraska, Captain Nichol- at \$1,450. son, arrived yesterday from Magdalena bay | Fred R. Melick, Marvin L. Cole and imposing array of fighting machines ever service will be inaugurated. Dayton's "Big Four," the West Virginia, Maryland, Colorado and Pennsylvania, and Hocke, resigned; Elwell, Story county, Admiral Sebree's big armored cruisers Spencer Smith, vice E. M. Thompson, re-Tennessee and Washington will be here signed. Friday and will be jioned Saturday by the South Dakota and California, now anchored KNOX FILES SAVINGS between here and Mare island. These, with the Nebraska, will make nine big first-class nissioned by the geological survey of Can- warships, with about 800 officers and men

an interesting manner the effect of the RIDGELY WILL GO OVER PLANS upon the scenic beauty of that natural Comptroller Persistently Says He Has General Meyer in his annual report and No Intention of Leaving His Position.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 19 .- W. R. Ridgely, comptroller of the currency, arrived here this morning from the east to go over with the stockholders of the falled National Bank of Commerce their plans for reorganizing that institution. Tomorrow the stockholders of the National Bank of ings banks, comprised of such money order Commerce are to hold an election to choose offices as he may designate for that purdirectors, who subsequently will elect a new president. Mr. Ridgely has been asked to assume the direction of the reorganized the whirlpool rapids, lower the river bed bank. He has persistently said that he lished under this act by any person of the has no intention of leaving the office of comptroller.

> BURLINGTON GAMBLERS TO GO Attorney General of lown Continues dian or other person for the benefit of a Campaign for Law Enforce-

ment in State.

campaign for law enforcement in lows, parents, guardian or other person may the Civic Federation has notified the mayor and all other responsible officers that the gamblers must be driven out of Burlington for whom he may be entitled to open an at once. The president of the Civic Federation has received a leter from Attorne; General Byers offering all the assistance he can give in the enforcement of the law in this city. They propose to make the

SANTA FE CUTS DOWN FORCE Announcement Made that Eighteen Per Cent of Men Will Be

campaign a strong one.

Discharged.

Santa Fe Railway company has ordered s reduction of 15 per cent in the mechanical satisfactory to the secretary of the treasdepartment all over the system. Two ury. These national depositories are to be hundred were discharged this afternoon in in the immediate vicinity of postal banks the Topeks shops. Reductions were made from which the money is drawn, as a safein other Kansas shops,

# CHAMPIONS FOR FOWLER BILL PROTEST BY OMAHA

Commercial Club Addresses Letter to Members of Nebraska Delegation.

Lyman J. Gage, Charles A. Conant of New PLEA OF LINCOLN IS COMBATTED

Abrogation of Long Haul Clause Would Work Great Injury.

fifty years and that the solution of the COMPETITION BE ELIMINATED

Not Only Rates, but Competition for Trade Territory, Curtailed.

economic agency in the industrial exchange NO REAL BENEFIT TO ANYONE

Taking up the present financial system General Dodge in Washington on Business Connected with Controversy Over the Location of the Grant Monument.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.-(Specia. Telegram.)-The Commercial club Omaha is calling the attention of the Nebraska delegation to senate bill No. 127, which has for its purpose the elimination of the words "under substantially similar circumstances and conditions" from section 4 of the act to regulate commerce. In the judgment of the club as expressed through its commissioner, J. M. Guild, the bill will not accomplish the purpose for which it is intended, namely, lower rates by the rigid have been circulated in the west for several application of the long and short haul clause. In this letter to the delegation Mr.

"We have every reason to believe the rates at intermediate points, especially on

Mr. Guild gives as an incident the Illinois Central, which in order to reach Omaha from the south runs through northseem unjust, but in similar cases, unless inselves, the commission has invariably sustained them on account of conditions at any terminal point being entirely dissimirule were applied as proposed in the bill Omaha would lose the competition of the Illinois Central and various other lines. "We are not opposed to a reduction of rates," said Mr. Guild, "but believe in equalization to permit competing towns to do business in the same territory on an equitable basis, but in this instance we can see no benefit for anyone and only injury

to commerce generally.' The commissioner's deep-rooted convic tion is that if the change as contemplated

the measure Burkest to Speak in Boston. Advices from Massachusetts to Senator Burkett show a great interest in the forthcoming speeches of Secretary Taft and Mr. Burkett at a banquet before the Republican club of the state, which will be held in Boston on March 3. In addition to the war secretary and Senator Burkett, other speeches will be made by Governor

Curtis Guild and the lieutenant governor. General Dodge in Washington. General Grenville M. Dodge of Council Bluffs is visiting Senator Allison and will remain here for the remainder of the week. His visit to Washington is in connection

with the Grant statue site.

Minor Matters at Capital. Bids were opened today at the Treasury department for a conduit wiring system for illumination of the grounds and public building at Lincoln. The lowest bidder was SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19 .- The United the Standard Electric company of Omaha

as the vanguard of a fleet which will be in Charles H. Jones have been appointed carthis harbor by Saturday and which, though riers and Neil M. Myers, substitute carnot so large as that on its way here under rier, to commence service March 1 at Admiral Evans' command, will be the most Perry, Ia., on which date city delivery assembled inside the Golden Gate. Admiral | Iowa postmasters appointed: Boxholm, Boone county, Adolph Risholm, vice John

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Measure Embodies Postmaster Gen ernl's Postal Bank Idea. WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 .- Senator Knox oday introduced a bill to establish a system of postal savings banks. The bill embodies the plan outlined by Postmaster which he advocated in public addresses, being calculated to encourage economy and thrift and to afford a place of deposit free from any possibility of doubt for vast sums of money which otherwise would be hoarded and kept out of circulation through ignerance or lack of confidence. The bill authorizes the postmaster general to establish a system of postal sav-

Accounts may be opened and deposits made in any postal savings bank estabage of 10 years or over in his own name, by a married woman in her own name and free from any control or interference by her husband, by a trustee as such on behalf of another person, by a parent, guarchild under 10 years of age, or by any charitable or benevolent society or association, provided that no person or or-BURLINGTON, Ia., Feb. 19.-Acting in ganization shall have more than one posaccordance with Attorney General Byers' tal savings account, except that a trustee, have an individual account in his representative capacity for each person or child

account. The bill further provides that such postal banks shall receive deposits of money in even dollars, with \$1 as a minimum, and postmasters are required to make daily reports to the postmaster general, who will forward to the depositors a written acknowledgment of its receipt. Deposits are ot liable to seigure or detention under legal processes against the depositor, and such funds are exempt from taxation. Interest at the rate of 2 per cent per annum is allowed depositors, and the post-TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 19.-It is announced master general is authorized to place the ere today that the Atchison, Topeka & money deposited in postal savings banks in national banks at a rate of interest guard against centralization of currency