

SIX MAGNATES
AT WHITE HOUSE

President Hears Protests from Heads
of Railroads Against His Ideas
on Commerce Regulations.

STANDS BY HIS PRINCIPLES

Only Minor Changes Will Be Made
in Several Sections.

CONFERENCE LASTS TWO HOURS

Objection is Made to Any Regulation
at This Time.

PRESIDENT CHANGES PLAN

Message Will be Divided into Two
Parts, Anti-Trust Section Goes to
Congress Thursday and Rail-
road Section Friday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Following a
four-hour conference with presidents
of six of the great railroad systems of
the country, President Taft late this afternoon
announced a change of program in the
pending of his message dealing with inter-
state commerce and anti-trust law amend-
ments to congress.

The message will be split into two parts.
The section dealing with the trusts will
be sent to congress at noon Thursday. The
section dealing with the interstate com-
merce law, in which the railroads are di-
rectly interested, will be deferred until
Friday noon. The president's special message
on the conservation of natural resources is
expected to be ready for congress next
Monday.

A short time after the railroad presidents
had left the White House it was announced
that the president still hoped to have his
message ready for congress on Wednesday.
It had been his original intention to treat
together the two subjects of interstate com-
merce and anti-trust amendments. It was
said late this afternoon that the message
would probably receive greater attention
if divided into two parts, neither of more
than 4,000 words.

Will Make Few Changes.

As a result of the call of the railroad
presidents, it was said that only a few
verbal changes would be made in the draft
of the message. The president's original
message on commerce law, and that would be
only to the end of clarifying the meaning
of the recommendations.

President Taft found the railroad men
most considerate in presenting their views.
While deprecating the idea of any legisla-
tion at all at this time, when they de-
clared conditions in the railroad and in-
dustrial worlds are righting themselves
after two years of more or less depression,
they did not seek to deter the president
from sending in his message. They de-
voted themselves to more specific
objections to the bill prepared by Attorney
General Wickersham which forms the text
of the message. The president, it is de-
clared, will not attempt to force the Wickers-
ham or any other bill upon congress.

He will say in his message that such a
bill has been drafted and that he has
at the disposal of the appropriate com-
mittees of the senate and house. The rail-
road presidents themselves admitted that
their objections to the proposed amend-
ments to the interstate commerce act were
general in their application to all of the
amendments.

Morgan Arranges Interview.
The president, however, has made his
position clear to J. P. Morgan. In a brief
interview before breakfast last Friday
morning, Mr. Morgan in turn arranged for
today's conference and advised the rail-
road men to confine themselves to sugges-
tions of amendments rather than an attempt
to influence the president as to his general
course. Mr. Taft has let it be known he
will not only make recommendations for
changes in the law, but he expects con-
gress to adopt the suggestions of the New
York Central, the Erie, the West Shore,
New Haven & Hartford, the Philadelphia
& Reading and Finley of the
Southern.

The railroad presidents brought Lewis
Case before the president, with them
a general counsel, Attorney General
Wickersham represented the legal depart-
ment of the government.

Holding of Other Stocks.
One of the changes which President Taft
agreed to make in his recommendations
has to do with the language of the pro-
posed amendment prohibiting a railroad
from acquiring stock in any competing
railroad in the future or from holding stock
in a competing railroad after a given date.
It was claimed that the wording of this
proposed amendment was such that it
might be held to apply to lines like the
New York Central and the West Shore.
The latter is and for many years has
been a New York Central line, serving
virtually as an overflow trackage system
on the western shore of the Hudson river.

The law as President Taft will suggest
it will provide that wherever a railroad
owns 20 per cent or more of the stock
of another it may acquire the remainder.
This, it is said, would afford a measure
of protection to minority stockholders,
for if the railroad owning the majority stock
should be prohibited from acquiring any
more the minority would be left with
their only probable purchaser. Where
railroads hold less than the majority of
stock in another line, however, it will be
provided that it can acquire no more.

Nothing in the interstate commerce
amendments will be drawn as to legisla-
tion in any way the holding of stock in a
competing line where the holding of the
stock comes into violation of the anti-
trust law.

Magnates Make Many Protests
The railroad presidents were listened to
attentively by the president for more than
two hours. He had been informed in ad-
vance and taken for granted many of the
objections that they would make and he
practically informed them that while their
views would be given every consideration
in the final wording of the message he
could not alter his basic recommendations.
The proposed interstate commerce court
of five members to consider appeals from
the Interstate Commerce commission, with
an appeal only to the supreme court of the
United States, was particularly objected to
by the railroad representatives. They de-

Dispute Over
"Empties" Gets
Thrown Over

Interstate Commerce Commission Dis-
misses Complaint of Pabst and
Schlitz Companies.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(Special Tele-
gram.)—The Interstate Commerce com-
mission today dismissed the complaint of
the Pabst Brewing company and the Joseph
Schlitz Brewing company against the Chi-
cago Milwaukee & St. Paul road, where the
complainants alleged excessive charges on
shipments of "empty beer packages" from
Omaha to Milwaukee.

The supreme court today dismissed for
want of jurisdiction the case of the First
National bank of Estabrook, Minn., against
the city council of Estabrook, sitting as a
board of equalization and review. The case
grew out of taxing certain shares of
bank stock over and above what the bank
held was their face value. Throughout the
litigation, the bank has universally got
the worst of its contention and now the
supreme court says it has no jurisdiction
which was the judgment of the supreme
court of Iowa.

S. W. Clark of Redfield, South Dakota,
attorney general of the state, who has
been several days upon business before
the Interstate department, was today
admitted to practice before the United
States supreme court.

Attorney General Clark and O. C. Dak-
ken, state superintendent of schools and
public lands, have been in Washington
several days in consultation with Secretary
Ballinger and the commissioner general
of the land office relative to land selections
in forest reserves taken from the state of
South Dakota.

Messrs. Clark and Dakken left for home
tonight, expressing themselves well satis-
fied with their conference with Secretary
Ballinger and Commissioner Dennett re-
garding their states claims.

Mrs. Nellie Richardson of Lincoln and
her daughter, Miss Florence Richardson of
Des Moines, Ia., arrived in Washington
today from Boston, where they have been
spending the holiday season.

Representative Latta and Mrs. Latta to-
gether with their guests, Dan V. Stephens
and Mr. P. Stephens of Fremont, who have
been spending the Christmas holiday on
the Kansas coast, arrived in Washington
today from Boston, where they have been
spending the holiday season.

Rural carriers appointed: Nebraska—
Leitch, route 3, G. Harold Asche, carrier; no
substitute.

Iowa—Deep River, route 3, Thomas L.
Lemon, carrier; William R. Doonan, sub-
stitute. Indiana, route 6, John R.
Barker, carrier; Earl R. Barker, substitute.

Laurel, route 1, George W. Reifschneider,
carrier; Route 2, Earl E.
Buhrow, carrier; no substitute.

Civil service examination will be held
January 23 for rural carriers at Berlin,
Bloomfield, Dunbar and Scott's Bluffs,
Neb.

Asserts Dr. Cook
Will Appear and
Prove His Claim

Brother of Explorer Says Detractors
Will Have a Pretty Bill
to Pay.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—William L. Cook,
brother of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, de-
clared that Mrs. Cook had joined her hus-
band in his expedition to the North pole,
and that she was in communication
with them. Mrs. Cook is believed to have
the explorer's original records of his North
pole quest in her possession.

"Dr. Cook has by no means abandoned
his intention to prove conclusively, de-
spite the verdict of the Copenhagen uni-
versity, that he reached the North
pole," said his brother, "and his detractors
will have a pretty bill to pay."

"The talk that Mrs. Cook is estranged
from the doctor and that she contemplates
a suit for separation with large alimony is
unwarranted. Mrs. Cook is standing by her
husband and will continue to do so. Just
now she is of immeasurable comfort to
him and together they are planning and
working for the future."

"I have positive information that Dr.
Cook and his wife will publicly appear to-
gether and that then there will be a great
change in feeling. It may be only a few
weeks and it may be months before they
appear publicly again. That all depends
on how long it requires Dr. Cook to fully
substantiate his claims."

Mr. Cook declined to say whether Dr.
and Mrs. Cook were in this country or
abroad.

COAL FAMINE AT S. U. I.

University Will Not Open Tuesday
Because of Fuel Short-
age.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Jan. 3.—The Iowa State
university will not reopen tomorrow on ac-
count of a shortage of coal. The entire
supply, which is being used to heat the
university hospital, will last only eighteen
hours.

Fortunat Cepuder believes in the Chris-
tian name given him in hope he would
live up to it, by his parents in Austria,
when he was christened.

In pursuit of his parent's desire to have
the fickle dame at his beck and call,
Fortunat came to America, and here
thought the best thing he could do was
to attain his object would be to become an
American citizen. So he took out first
papers. Then when the due time had
elapsed, he made application to be ad-
mitted to the full rights and privileges of
a citizen of the United States.

All this happened in Omaha.
An opportunity to corral the nimble and
elusive dollar dawned on Fortunat's hor-

MORGAN, RYAN
AND MORTON

Financial Magnates Join Hands in
Triple Combination of Trust
Companies.

HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILLIONS

Guaranty, Fifth Avenue and Morton
Companies are Merged.

MORTON CHAIRMAN OF BOARD

Alexander J. Hemphill Will Prob-
ably be Chosen President.

CAPITAL FIVE MILLIONS

Surplus Will Consist of Like Amount
and Large Stock and Cash Divi-
dends Will be Paid to Stock-
holders.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—J. Pierpont Mor-
gan, Thomas F. Ryan and Levi P. Morton
linked hands in New York today in a
Trust company merger which unites re-
sources of \$150,000,000. It is triple combi-
nation, bringing the Guaranty Trust com-
pany, the Morton Trust company and the
Fifth Avenue Trust company, all of this
city, under one head, with the title of the
Guaranty Trust company. The merger is,
perhaps, the largest of its kind in the
United States.

Directors of all three companies met to-
day and informally approved the terms of
the merger, which will be put in more de-
finitive form on Wednesday. Another
directors' meeting will be held and the plan
ratified by the stockholders, although a
formal vote on the matter will not be
taken until later.

Levi P. Morton, who is president of the
Morton Trust company and the Fifth Ave-
nue Trust company—both known as Mor-
ton-Ryan concerns—has consented to act as
chairman of the board of the merged com-
panies, for which no president has as yet
been selected. The name of Alexander J.
Hemphill, vice president and acting presi-
dent of the Guaranty Trust company, has
been mentioned for the position, however.

Terms are not disclosed.
This new move in finance follows the re-
cent absorption of the Guaranty Trust
company by the so-called Morgan interests,
but upon just what terms the merger was
made was not disclosed today. The Guaranty
Trust company was organized in 1881 and
has total deposits of more than \$85,-
000,000. The Morton Trust company, which
was formerly the banking house of Bliss,
Morton & Co., was organized in 1889.
Thomas F. Ryan is vice president. Its de-
posits aggregate more than \$40,000,000. Like
the Guaranty Trust company, its capital
and surplus are \$2,000,000 each.

The Fifth Avenue Trust company, which
founded ten years ago, is one of the better
known uptown financial institutions. With
a capital and surplus of \$1,000,000 each it
has paid very large dividends of recent
years. The capital stock of the new com-
pany will probably be fixed at \$5,000,000,
with perhaps a 10 per cent amount for surplus.
It is believed that the merger will involve
large stock and cash dividends to the
shareholders of the three companies.

Offices in Financial District.
The present headquarters of the Fifth
Avenue Trust company will be retained as
a branch of the combined companies, while
larger offices will house the combined
companies in the financial district.

It was rumored that the Morgan interests
had acquired the holdings of Thomas F.
Ryan in the Morton Trust company, but
no statement on this point was obtained.

FOOTRACE SWINDLER
IS FOUND GUILTY

Ernest S. Powers, Member of Mabray
Gang, Given Prison Sentence
at Denver.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 3.—Ernest L.
Powers, the former Denver university
student, who was found guilty recently of
defrauding a Denver man out of \$12,720
through a "fake" foot race at Council
Bluffs, Ia., was sentenced today to more
than seven years in the penitentiary.
Judge Whitford scathingly rebuked the
young man for what he had done to the
disgrace of his fine family, his prominent
and respected father and his beautiful
wife.

ROOSEVELT PARTY AT HOMIGA

Colonel Kills Bull Elephant with
Tusks Weighing Hundred and
Ten Pounds.

HOMIGA, Uganda, Jan. 3.—The Ameri-
can naturalist expedition arrived here to-
day and reported all well. While in camp
at Kiungo Colonel Roosevelt killed a bull
elephant which had tusks weighing 110
pounds.

The expedition will leave tomorrow for
Butai, twenty-seven miles distant.

LITTLE GIRL PLAYS WITH GUN

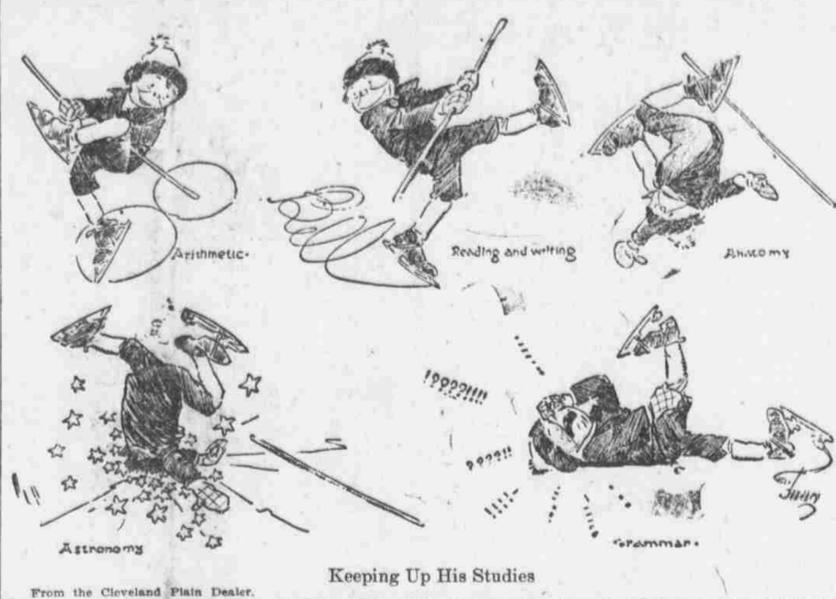
Daughter of H. H. Rottinghouse,
Seneca, Kan., Is Instantly
Killed.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 3.—A special
to the News-Press says that while playing
with a loaded rifle at Seneca, Kan., today
the 5-year-old daughter of H. H. Rotting-
house placed the muzzle in her mouth and
her 23-year-old brother pulled the trigger.
The little girl was instantly killed.

in the direction, where dawn is due
to appear. So he moved to Des Moines
where he now lives.

Hearing that there had arrived in Omaha
Theodore F. Schmucker, chief naturaliza-
tion examiner of the Department of Com-
merce and Labor, Fortunat came to Omaha.
It took Judge Day, Mr. Schmucker and
Deputy Clerk Steere one full hour to ex-
plain to the candidate that he cannot be
admitted to citizenship in Nebraska when
he is no longer a resident of the state.

It is greatly feared that Fortunat really
does not understand it yet, and when he
does get admitted, one of his first acts
will be to apply to the courts for per-
mission to change his name



JOHN D. JR., ON GRAND JURY

Son of Oil Magnate at Head of White
Slave Probe.

JUDGE MAKES HIM FOREMAN

Millionaire Offers Plea to Be Ex-
cused, but Court Will Not Listen
to It—Investigation is
Important.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—John D. Rocke-
feller, Jr., was today sworn in as foreman
of a grand jury, the special mission of
which will be an investigation of the so-
called "white slave traffic."

"When Judge O'Sullivan observed Mr.
Rockefeller's name among those drawn
for the special grand jury he immediately
asked him to assume the foremanship.
Mr. Rockefeller begged to be excused,
pleading ill health and a stress of personal
business matters.

"It is a very important inquiry to
pursue," said Judge O'Sullivan, "and I
believe that you owe the community this
duty."

Mr. Rockefeller withdrew his excuse and
he was sworn in as foreman.
He will meet with the special grand jury
each week day during the month or until
the body is ready to make its report to
the court.

Judge O'Sullivan in his address to the
grand jury directed that the white slave
traffic be thoroughly investigated.
"It is not enough that we should await
federal action or seek new legislation," he
said. "The existing law is adequate to
punish specific offenses. If you find that
active agents in the commission of any of
these offenses have been acting under
the direction of others or that others have
directly or indirectly procured the com-
mission of any offense, such persons are
equally guilty as the active participants.
And the fact that such other persons are
not or were not at the time within the
state of New York does not deprive you of
jurisdiction."

NEGROES TO BE NAMED TO
TAKE CENSUS OF RACE

Both White and Colored Enumerators
Will be Appointed in Parts
of South.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Predicting that
the coming count will show approximately
10,000 negroes in the United States, di-
recting that negroes be selected to count
their race in those enumeration districts
where the blacks muster two-fifths or
more of the population, and requiring both
white and negro enumerators in many
southern districts to preclude negroes from
enumerating whites, "Census Director Du-
rand today issued general instructions to
supervisors.

"Negroes doubtless can obtain the infor-
mation required from their own race more
accurately than white enumerators," says
Mr. Durand. "I do not consider it desir-
able, however, that the white negroes
should be authorized to enumerate white
families."

NEGRO CLAIMING CITIZENSHIP
ORDERED BACK TO ENGLAND

Convicted of Crime in South Africa
He is Held Uneligible to
Land.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A negro who claims
American citizenship is an unwelcome
guest of the Union Castle Steamship line
at Southampton pending the outcome of
diplomatic negotiations between the United
States and Great Britain to determine his
nationality. He was deported from South
Africa after he had been convicted of a
crime and served a sentence in a British
prison. He was returned to New York,
but was refused permission to land there
as he was unable to satisfy the authorities
of his American citizenship. He was sent
back to Southampton.

Are the Christ-
mas bills coming in?
Would you like
to know an easy way
to pay them.

Up in the attic are some
things you don't use. They
are good, but no use to you.

You may believe you can't sell
them, but you are wrong. Other
people do, and so can you.

A little want ad. will do it.
Write out the ad. Bring or
telephone it to the Bee office.
Telephone Douglas 227

Cold Wave on
Way, Worst of
Present Season

Forty-Four Degrees Below in
Canada, Twenty-Two at
Alliance.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Out of the
northwest is coming a second cold wave
which weather bureau officials promise
will spread during the next thirty-six
hours over the entire country east of the
Mississippi, except eastern Florida.

Appearing in the extreme northwest to-
day the arctic-like wave is attended by
the coldest weather of the season in that
region.

A temperature of 44 degrees below zero
showed on the thermometers at Prince Al-
bert, Saskatchewan, early today, and other
temperatures were reported from the north-
western plains states, the northern Rocky
mountain region and the northern portion
of the plateau region.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special Tele-
gram.)—The thermometer dropped to 22 be-
low zero here this morning, making it the
coldest record of the season. Twenty-four
below was reached at Edgemont and 34 be-
low at Sheridan, Wyo.

"There are no indications for a radical
change in the temperature here for a day
or two," is the assertion of Weather Fore-
caster Welsh. "We may have snow to-
night."

Superintendent
in Train Wreck

Burlington Train No. 44 Goes in Ditch
at Mullen, Neb., but no
Lives are Lost.

Burlington train No. 44, eastbound, was
ditched by a broken rail at Mullen, Neb.,
at 1 o'clock yesterday morning and the
private car of Superintendent W. M. Weiden-
hamer of Alliance, in which he was riding
with Mrs. Weidenhamer, was thrown
fifty feet from the track. One other "dead-
head" car followed. No one was seriously
hurt, but it was necessary to break into
the car to extricate the imprisoned officials.
The train arrived in Lincoln fourteen hours
late.

A wreck of the same train occurred in
Montana Saturday night, when three
men were killed at Oxford in a head-on
collision with a freight train.

Six-for-Quarter
Ordinance Bad

Supreme Court Knocks Out Measure
Passed by Minneapolis City
Council.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—In an opinion
by Justice Day the supreme court of the
United States today held to be invalid the
ordinance adopted by the city council of
the city of Minneapolis, Minn., in 1907,
requiring the Minneapolis Street Railway
company to sell six tickets for 25 cents.

The company fought the ordinance on the
ground that it was a violation of the
contract applied in its charter, which in-
sured in 1872 was to run for fifty years and
which authorized a charge of 5 cents for
each ride. The United States circuit court
for the district of Minnesota declared
against the ordinance and Justice Day's
decision sustained that finding.

Twenty Thousand Miners Idle.
LONDON, Jan. 3.—Twenty thousand
miners are idle as a consequence of the dis-
ruption of the slight-hour act which became
effective January 1. The men at the few
collieries which are still active have given
notice that they will quit.

Farmers Not Making Big
Profit on Beef, Says Wilson

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—"We have al-
ready discovered that the farmer is not
getting the exorbitant profits out of the
beef he raises," said Secretary Wilson of
the Department of Agriculture in discus-
sion of the high prices of food supplies today.

"I have no doubt," he continued, "that
the same conditions prevail in most other
lines of farm products. The Department
of Agriculture has agents in every state
and every county and they have been or-
dered to report on the cost of production
and the returns on sale of food products.
As fast as we receive these figures we will
compare them with the prices the same
products bring in the cities where they are

consumed. We will then make the facts
public.

"We intend to bring out the truth, irre-
spective of whom it hurts or whom it ben-
efits. I am convinced that the public is
compelled to pay a great deal more for
nearly everything it eats than it should.

"There is, however, ample excuse for some
of the increase in the cost of living. Farm-
ing area is not keeping pace with demands
for foodstuffs. The cities seem to have
more attractions for the laboring man than
the rural communities.

"The horde of immigration, as well as
the ever-increasing native population, must
be fed and the farmers are expected to
furnish the food."

M'COIG KILLED FOR MONEY

Murder of Falls City Man at Kansas
City Result of Conspiracy.

FOUR PERSONS UNDER ARREST

Ward, Mower and William Nelson
Charged with Murder—Alice Bar-
ber and Bert Boyd Held
on Suspicion.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 3.—Ward
Mower and William Nelson were arrested
by the police of Kansas City, Kan., today
charged with the murder of Nell McCoig,
a restaurant keeper of Falls City, Neb.
McCoig's body was found in a clump of
bushes just across the Kansas state line
on December 27. He had been shot, cut
with a knife or hatchet and then beaten
and kicked to death. Robbery followed the
murder. About \$1,500 was taken.

Mower's confession led to the arrest. He
also named Mrs. Alice Barber, McCoig's
erstwhile sweetheart, of this city, as a
party to the crime. She and Bert Boyd,
a boarder at her home, are held pending an
investigation of the confession. Nelson
also boarded at Mrs. Barber's home.

Mower, who is a cook, also from Falls
City, made a thrilling statement. He ac-
cused Mrs. Barber of planning a robbery
of McCoig, who was her guest. Mrs. Bar-
ber was to administer a drug to McCoig
but this plan failed, Mower says, so he and
two men, one of whom was Nelson, in-
vestigated McCoig to the lonely spot, where
he met his death. Mower denied he had
any part in the actual killing.

Nelson shot McCoig and this so frightened
Mower that he ran away from the scene of
the murder, he says. When he returned
to the Barber home and met his two ac-
complices in the crime they denied they
had got any money from McCoig. A quar-
rel followed and Mower went to his home.
There he tried to dispose of some notes
he had taken from McCoig's grip while at
the Barber home, and his arrest resulted.

Mrs. Barber denounces Mower's story as
false and insists on her innocence.

Cure for Cancer
Found at Manila

Medical Society Reports Discovery of
a New Treatment by
Vaccine.

MANILA, Jan. 3.—A conditional and pre-
liminary report of what is hoped will prove
to be a successful treatment for cancer
was presented by the Manila Medical society
today. The treatment consists in making
the patient immune from the further prog-
ress of the disease by the use of vaccine
prepared from his own cancer.

A number of patients who apparently
had been cured were exhibited before the
society by the originators of the method.

TENNESSEE MAN KILLED IN
DUEL WITH MOTHER-IN-LAW

Sixty-Five-Year-Old Woman Comes
Out Best in Fight with
Revolvers.

DRESDEN, Tenn., Jan. 3.—Clarence Car-
ney faced his 65-year-old mother-in-law in
a revolver duel last night and was killed.
The mother-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Griffith,
had met Carney in the front yard of a
neighbor to discuss a quarrel of long stand-
ing. The discussion became heated, re-
volvers flashed and Carney fired three
times at the aged woman.

Although one bullet struck her in the hip,
producing a serious wound, she stood her
ground, firing five times before her son-in-
law sank dead to the ground. Mrs. Grif-
fith was arrested.

About a year ago Carney's wife com-
mitted suicide by drinking carbolic acid.

WIFE OF FORMER PRESIDENT
FINDS REFUGE IN ALMSHOUSE

Senora Barrios, Wife of Former Ruler
of Guatemala, Blind and
Penniless.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 3.—From a palace
where she presided as first lady of the
land to an alms house refuge—such is the
fate which has overtaken Senora Aigeira
Barrios, wife of a former president of
Guatemala. With an almost complete im-
pairment of her vision, penniless and with-
out means to earn a livelihood, Senora
Barrios knocked for adm