

BANK FAILURE TO BE INVESTIGATED
Northern Bank of New York Closed for Depositors because of Irregular Conditions.
GRAND JURY TO RECEIVE FACTS
Inventory of Assets and Liabilities Now Under Way.
CHAIRMAN NOW IN SANITARIUM
Joseph G. Robb Attempted to Commit Suicide Saturday Night.
COUNSEL MAKES LONG STATEMENT
Unconnected Report Could Not be Secured From Robb by Officials Who Set Out to Look Into Affairs.

Contest Renewed Over Tax on Corporations; Foraker Files Brief
Former Senator Designates It as Charge on Income and Asserts It Is Unconstitutional.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The legal contest over the constitutionality of the corporation tax provisions of the Payne-Aldrich tariff act was renewed today in the supreme court of the United States when the former senator John E. Foraker filed a brief attacking the law. He expected to make an oral argument in the case before the court for the first time in January.

MEMBERSHIP OF HOUSE MAY BE 435
Problem of Reapportionment Probably Solved by Protecting all States From Loss.
PRESENT NUMBER SURELY RAISED
Eleven Members of Committee From Commonwealths Wanting Increase.
SIMS CASE REFERRED TO TAFT
President Will Decide as to Speech Praising Britons.
POSTAL REPORT IS MADE PUBLIC
Statement by Third Assistant Postmaster General Shows Marked Decrease in Expenditures Over Previous Year.

WOODROW WILSON SAYS JAMES SMITH'S STATEMENT IS FALSE
Governor-Elect Answers Statement Made by Candidate for United States Senate.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—Governor-elect Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, on his arrival here this afternoon, denounced as a falsehood any statement that he had discussed with James Smith, Jr., since the primary, the election of any other person than James E. Marzine, democratic primary nominee, to the United States senate.



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NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Northern bank of New York, with deposits in its five branches of \$3,000,000 at the time of its last published statement, was closed today by O. H. Cheney, state superintendent of banks, for the benefit of the depositors, because of "certain irregularities" and "also certain irregular transactions."
An inventory of the bank's assets and liabilities is now under way, but until it is completed, no further statement from Superintendent Cheney will be available. W. H. Woodhull, state superintendent of insurance, and District Attorney Whitman are co-operating with him. They hope to present the facts to the grand jury tomorrow.

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IRLEGAL VOTERS SENTENCED
Wagonloads of Men Flooded Polls to Participation in Election Frauds.
WESLEY UNION, O., Dec. 27.—Wagon loads of men indicted for alleged participation in the wholesale election frauds of this county continued to arrive in the court house today. They went before Judge Blair to plead guilty, received suspended sentences and were discharged for six years and paid fines of from \$5 to \$25 and costs.

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BASE BALL PLAYERS ARE HELD
Catcher Land and Pat Bohannon Alleged to Be Implicated in Shooting Affair.
FRANKFORD, Ky., Dec. 27.—Stephen Theophanis, a Greek restaurant keeper, was shot and probably fatally wounded here today, and Grover Land, catcher of the Cleveland American league baseball team, and Pat Bohannon, manager of the Louisville American association team, are among the ten men who have been arrested. Several men who had earlier been arrested Christmas celebration still are in custody this morning as alleged to have thrown fire crackers into the restaurant. The shooting was the result of the row that followed.

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LAST SPIKE IN ATLANTIC ROAD
Road Connecting City with Villisca Completed This Afternoon.
FIRST TRAIN TO RUN THURSDAY
Line Fifty-Five Miles Long Costs One Million Dollars and Was Built by Farmers and Business Men.
ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram)—The last spike in the Atlantic Northern & Southern railway connecting the city with Villisca, thirty-eight miles south, was driven at 1:30 this afternoon by President John Hattenberg. A brief ceremony attended by 1,500, auto loads of business men of Atlantic, directors of the road, and citizens from Grant and Villisca, occurred on the edge William Gardner farm, twenty-two miles south of this place. The first train will be run over the road Thursday, and will carry Atlantic City officials and trustees from towns along the line to inspect the road. The road was started July 16, but not much work was done before September 5. It is considered a great feat to grade thirty-eight miles of line and lay track in only four months, but weather has been ideal.

MR. DWIGHT AT WHITE HOUSE
Republican Whip Has Conference With President Over Legislative Program.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—President Taft spent several hours in the executive offices today disposing of public business. He had an extended conference with Representative Dwight of New York, republican whip of the house. Mr. Dwight agreed with the president that there is an excellent chance for putting through a legislative programme at the present session of congress.

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Faction of Bath Tub Combine Decides Not to Oppose Injunction
Four Firms Send Notices to the Trade that They Will Do Business Independent of Agreement.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—From information received at the Department of Justice from one faction of the combination commonly known as the "bath tub trust," the indications are that there will be no further opposition to the injunction proceedings instituted by the government. It was learned here today that at least four of the firms which were charged with being parties to an agreement alleged to be a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law have sent out notices to the plumbing trade that they are no longer parties to the agreement and in the future will do business independently. The government probably will complete the injunction proceedings. Criminal prosecution which has been started in Detroit, it is said here, will not be stopped.

Bomb Exploded in Tenement in Which Hundreds Are Asleep
All Windows in Structure Broken and Stairway in Lower Hall is Torn Out.
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Two hundred occupants of a tenement in the Italian quarter in East Fourteenth street found their escape to the street cut off today when a "black hand" bomb exploded in the lower hallway, tore out the first floor stairway and broke every window in the structure. The scalded tenants who were pitched from their beds by the shock which rocked the building, rushed for the usual exits and when they found their way blocked, scrambled to the fire escapes and the roof. Salvatore Cotolano, a lace manufacturer, on the ground floor, told the police that he had received recently a letter demanding \$1,000 under penalty of death or destruction of his property.

Japanese Houses in Manila Are Searched by Americans
MANILA, Dec. 27.—Pursuant to the receipt of secret information Major General Duffell, U. S. A., the retiring commander of the Department of the Philippines, caused military agents to obtain the assistance of the police in searching one store and several Japanese houses for explosives. The search was futile and has caused recent excitement in the Japanese colony. The residences visited included that of the mercantile house of Mitsui Bussan Company, Limited.

PUBLISHING HOUSE BURNED
Upper Two Floors of Building Occupied by Munro Company Damaged.
FOUR FIREMEN BADLY INJURED
Smoke that Poured from Structure Stopped Trolley Traffic on Brooklyn Bridge for Time—Fire in an Apartment House.
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—In a fire today which burned out the three upper floors of the building at 30-32 Vandewater street, occupied by the Munro Publishing company and several printing and book binding companies, four firemen were injured by a falling cornice. None of the injured was fatally hurt. The damage is estimated at \$200,000. Smoke that poured out and over the Brooklyn bridge kept trolley traffic on that structure for some time.

LOCAL OPTION LAW INVALID
Circuit Judge at Carthage, Mo., Sets Aside Recent Election on Technicality.
CARTHAGE, Mo., Dec. 27.—Local option in Carthage was today declared illegal by Judge H. L. Bright of the circuit court, who ruled that there were irregularities in the ballot at the election at which local option was adopted. The court ruled that the election was irregular in that the ordinance calling the election specified that the voting should be done at regular polling places and the evidence showed there were no regular polling places.

Four Americans Charged With Fraud
Officers Looking for Men Who Took up Big Collection in Church Orphanage at Nineveh.
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 27.—Warnings to arrest four Armenians, who are alleged to be swindling churches throughout the country, were sent out today by the Atlanta police. The Armenians appeared at St. Philip's Cathedral here last Sunday and after presenting bogus credentials, obtained a collection of several hundred dollars to aid, they said, in building an orphanage at Nineveh. Collections were planned at other churches, but when the Armenians were charged with having forged their credentials, they suddenly disappeared.

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Senator Norris Brown is one of the members of the convention, who favors an endorsement of an attorney for the judgeship.
"I should like," said he in an interview, "to see Nebraska unite on some one man. By so doing the state is more likely to get the appointment."
Senator Brown's presence at the convention is primarily due to his interest in the action of the convention on this matter. His personal affairs made it easy for him to attend. He had his Christmas dinner in Des Moines Sunday with his father, mother and his brother Louis Brown, who is the managing editor of the Register and Leader. Mrs. Brown and their children joining the senator there Tuesday morning he came to Omaha and will be here through Wednesday.
"you know a first class man for the place?" A friend asked him, jokingly. "I do," replied the senator. "I know several, so far as that goes."
Senator Brown had several conferences with legal friends during the day at the Rouse hotel.