Attorney General Gregory in Extended Statement Says Organization is Legal.

#### ANTI-TRUST MOVE HAS NO MERIT

WASHINGTON, March 13 .- Ataddressed to James M. Beck, counsel corrected. for the Sun Printing and Publishing association of New York, holds that clated Press under the anti-trust law. The attorney general's letter, dated March 12 and made public to- plaint. day, in part follows:

have given consideration to the compinint against the Associated Press for alleged violation of the federal anti-trust act, presented by my predecessor by you as counsel for the Sun Printing and Pub-

Allegations in Complaint. The principal grounds of complaint

That the members of the Associated Press are prevented or at least seriously hindered from obtaining news by purchase or otherwise from any rival

That the members of the Asso ciated Press are prohibited from furnishing the news collected by them respectively to any newspaper which is not a

"3. That through the operation of the right of protest above described a newspaper in a given locality applying for membership cannot be elected without the consent of the members in that lo-

"Assuming that the kind of service in from doubt). I am nevertheless of the opinion that it is no violation of the antiand to that end to agree to furnish the no attempt is made to prevent members life and locked me up." from purchasing or otherwise obtaining news from rival agencies. And if that is true the corollary must be true, namely, that newspapers desiring to form and one of the twenty-eight men on trial. He be their associates.

an association might not develop into testified Redman said he would pay unlawful monopoly. The facts ad- back. however, in my opinion, do not show that that has happened in the case of the Associated Press.

This disposes of the second and third arounds of complaint based on the reonts that members of the associashall not furnish the news collected by them to any one outside the associaand on the restrictions as to mem-

No Attempt at Monopoly.

"As regards the first ground of com-plaint, assuming as I do that the colthe several states is interstate trade or ob, any by-law or other regula-

Experience having shown that it is very difficult, if not impossible, to avoid or prevent violation of the rules prescribed by the last preceding section, or te detect or prove any such violation, if the members are permitted to purchase news from other associations, and that such purchase may be seriously prejudicial to the interest and welfare of this corporation and its members, the board of directors may, in their discretion, forbid the members to purchase the board of the complete such association.

My then the board of directors by a vote two-thirds of all its members shall dede and notify any member that the irchase or receipt of news from any their person, firm, corporation or association, not a member of this corporation, not a member of this corporation or a number or any other action by such sember, establishes a condition that will a likely to permit the news of the correction to be disclosed to unauthorized ersons, such members shall immediately iscontinue purchasing or receiving such sews, or such other objectionable action, he decision of the board of directors as the establishment of such condition hall be final and the fact shall not therefier be open to question by a member. The president of the Associated Press tates that the power reserved in this

states that the power reserved in this bylaw has not been exercised. As I understand the complainant disputes that assertion. It is not necessary, however, for me to determine that issue of fact, since my conclusion is that this bylaw, whether it has been enforced or not should be abrogated. I am advised by president of the Associated Press that that will be done promptly.

Regulation is Reasonable. The following resolution of the board of directors of the Associated Press is siso pointed to as an obstacle in the way of the members of the Associated Press obtaining the naws of any rival agency Detaining the news of any rival agency:

"Resolved. That the placing of an operation of any other news gathering or distributing association in the office of an Amociated Press paper is a step which stabilishes a condition which will be sikely to permit the news of this corporation and so endangers the involability of the news service of the Associated fress that it is seriously productial to the interest and welfare of this corporation and its members and the board of directors, by authority of the bylaws, bereby forbid any member of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of increase, by authority of the bylaws, bereby forbid any member of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of any other news gathering or distribution. The present of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of any other news gathering or distribution. The present of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of an operator of the Associated Press from placing of the Associated Press from placing

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Nor am I convinced that the tegula-



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Associated Press desiring to obtain the service of another news agency. On the ontrary, my information is that some of them do obtain news from other agencies. while at the same time complying with this regulation. As further showing that a news agency may serve a newspaper without an operator in the office of the newspaper I refer to the statement made to me by the president of the Associated

Press to the effect that many of its mem bers have neither an operator nor a wire of the association directly in their offices, but receive the news items by messengers and other means of communication. If my information on these points torney General Gregory, in a letter is incorrect I shall be glad to have it

"It is perhaps unnecessary for me to point out that if the Sun Printing and Publishing association is not satisfied there is no ground for action by the with the conclusions I have reached, it federal authorities against the Asso- may itself bring suit against the Associated Press either for an injunction or for damages, and thereby obtain a judicial determination as to the merits of its com-

> Regretting that the pressure of other business entitled to priority as to the time of consideration has prevented an carlier disposition of this complaint, I am sincerely yours.

"T. W. GREGORY, 'Attorney General

### WOMAN HALTS REPEATERS

Suffragist Says that She More Often Failed in Barring Them at Terre Haute Election.

#### G. O. P. CHALLENGERS BARRED

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 17.-Con. tributions to the so-called "slush fund" and the defense fund in the present case were described by saloon and gambling house proprietors in the trial of the Terre Haute election fraud case today, Before the gambling house proprietors were called Frank T. Drake, a progreswhich the Associated Press is engaged is Seventh ward, told of his arrest at the interstate commerce, (a question not free polls by Dennis Shea, sheriff, and a defendant.

"We had some trouble about voting trust act for a group of newspapers to foreigners," testified Drake, "ared I obform an association to collect and dis- jected to voting men who did not have tribute news for their common benefit their citizenship papers. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon Shea and three others news collected by them only to each came to the polls, took my gun, struck other or to the association; provided, that me, called me vile names, threatened my came to the polls, took my gun, struck

Philip ("Pep") Burns testified he conducted a "little game of chance" over a restaurant conducted by William Doyle. Paris have been repulsed. maintain such an organization may de- said Doyle was his partner. Together termine who shall be and who shall not they gave \$100 for registration and \$200 for the election and that he gave Eli H. the barracks at Colmar (capital of Upper This, of course, is not to say that such Redman, another defendant, \$100. He Alsace)."

> Cost of Registration.
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> Albert and James Shea, who conduct Shea Brothers saloon and gambling house, testified they paid \$200 for regis-

> tration, \$600 for the election and that James gave \$300 to Mayor Donn M. Roberts for the defense in the present trial.
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> James also testified that he loaned Ell H. Redman \$100 and gave him another \$100. He said he had never collected any part of the \$300 loan.

Several keepers of salcons and gam-

news from a rival agency would be, I Mrz. S. C. Stimson, a prominent suf- all directions to terrorize the inhabitants think, a restraint upon interstate trade fragist of Terre Haute, the first of a of the town the raiders rode southward, ber of women who will appear as heading for the border The contention that the Associated witnesses for the government, testified Press has imposed such a regulation upon she hold a poll book at a precinct in its membership, or at least has the power the red light district. She succeeded fre- in pursuit. After a chase of twenty miles to do so, has a foundation in section 7 of quently, she said, in having alleged rearticle vill of the hy-laws, which reads as peaters turned away, but more often running battle followed. George Tidwell, failed. She testified that the republican eight who have pleaded guilty, stold her ported missing. Advices from the scene of

> such as the number of times certain names were voted, and the failure of Stephens of Luna county. The Amersome of the repeaters to remember their fictitious names and addresses.

"You can't get by this time; the lady says she knows you," Mrs. Stimson testitimes to vote.

Three men who served as democratic the lever on the voting machine so that antined for smallpox. it would not register "when niggers or dummites" or "men who did not vote SIOUX CITY COMPLAINS right" tried to vote. George Lawis, William H. Hurmelin and Charles Patton testified that Roberts told them they were "bosses" of the election and they were the only ones permitted to operate the voting machine

### UNITED STATES EXCLUDES CORN FROM EAST INDIES

WASHINGTON, March 17.-The Department of Agriculture has leaved an order, effective immediately, prohibiting the importation of Indian corn from Java.

ing, occupied by the Lewis store, was destroyed, with a loss estimated to exceed

J. T. Chambers, marchant, Jonesboro, Ark., writes: "Foley Kidney Pilis oured me of a ten-year standing case of rheu-matism. I suffered miserably. A friend told me of being sured; so I used them, and they cured me, too." Most middle aged men and women are glad to learn that Foley Kidney Fills afford a way to escape aloop disturbing bladder weakness, bachache, rheumastam, puffiness under eyes, stiff and swotten joints and other ills attributed to kidney troubles. Sold everywhere.—Advertissment. everywhere .- Advertisement.

If you have a "Sunshiny Room." let Bee Want aux

### tion seriously hinders members of the TWO COAST TOWNS ARE BOMBARDED

Germans Fire on Nieuport with Heavy Guns and Allies Attack Westende from Sea.

AEROPLANES DIRECT GUNNERS

PARIS, March 17 .- "The enemy is again furiously bombarding Nieuhowitzers," save an undated message from the Petit Parisien's war correspondent, who adds

"Thirty shells have fallen in the town, making enormous boles and demolishing several buildings, but no one was hurt.

"Belgian troops, profiting by a slight cession of the waters in the district they occupy, carried two German advance positions. The first was on the Kloosterhook farm, near Stuvekenskerke. while the second was a line of trenches on the road from Perveyse to School Warships and monitors of the allies

vigorously bombarded Westende. The Germans replied feebly, but none of their shells took effect. Torpedo boat destroyers protected the bombarding ships, shelling a German submarine which attempted to approach. The fire against the shore sitions was directed by aeroplanes."

Report of War Office. The following official account of yeserday's events at the front was given out this afternoon by the French war depart-

"On the Yeer the Belgian army has made fresh progress and has repelled German counter attacks.

"On the British front there fairly violent artillery firing. "To the north of Arras the enemy un-

successfully attempted late in the afternoon to deliver another counter attack on the trenches on the spur of the Hill of Notre Dame de Lorette. 'Soissons and Rheims again were bom-

barded, two shells striking the Rheims cathedral. In the Champagne, north of Le Meanil and west of Hill 196, we have taken possession along a front of some 500 meters of an important eminence held by the enemy.

"In the Argonne several German coun ter attacks between Rolane and Four de "There has been an artillery

"One of the aviators dropped bombs on

## Americans Hurt by Mexican Bandits in Fight Near Border

SANTA FE. N. M., March 17 .- Several Americans are reported killed in a battle with Mexican bandits who raided the town of Dwyer, in Grant county, south-On erosa-examination the defense at east of Sliver City, last night. The Mextempted to show that the \$300 was given | Icans escaped and at last accounts were ction and distribution of news among Masselink, another defendant, and a posse from Grant and Luna counties riding hard to head them off. ing hard to head them off.

The Mexicans rode into Dwyer and tion adopted by the Associated Press bing houses testified they had sent money for election and registration funds of a considerable sum of money, twenty ing or seriously hindering its members to John F. Nugent, assistant chief of high-power repeating, rifles and 1,000 rounds of ammunition. After shooting in rounds of ammunition. After shooting in

A posse was organized at Dwyer, and, well mounted and heavily armed, started the posse overhauled the Mexicans. A Lafe Justin and another member of the posse whose name has not been learned have been killed, according to reports reaching here. Albert Tidwell was To the fight did not state whether or not any of the bandits were killed. The Dwyer posse did not succeed in

stopping the Mexicans, who continued their flight southward, Sheriff McGrath of Grant county was notified by telegraph and formed a fresh posse, which started south, joining a band organized by Sheriff icana at last accounts were still in pursuit of the fleeing Mexicans.

Later advices said several of the Mexicans had been killed and others captured. find Jack Hines said to a group of no- and that no Americans were killed. Lafe gross who had been there a number of Justin, a deputy sheriff, who headed the Dwyer posse, and George Tidell were wounded. These advices also stated that inspectors at the election testified that the Mexicans had not come from Mexico. Donn M. Roberts called the inspectors to- but had escaped from settlements along gether and instructed them how to raise the Mimbres river, which had been quar-

# OF BURLINGTON RATES

WASHINGTON, March 17.-The traffic bureau of the Sioux City Commercial club and the Sloux City Board of Trade complained to the Interstate Commerce ommission today that rates over the hicago. Burlington & Quincy and other railroads on corn and corn products from Sloux City to points in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma were unjust and discrim-

### HYMENEAL

LITCHFIELD, Neb., March 17 .- (Spe cal)-Virgil W. Weller and Miss Mary Poore, both of this place, were married at York, Neb., Tuesday. Miss Poore was formerly a teacher here. They will reside on a farm near town the coming

Major Oscar, Dorschner. which for a time threatened the entire Major Oscar Derschner, aged %, a retired PAITH, S. D., March 17 .- (Special.)brought under control today after the here. Major Dorschner was a native of soldier of the United States army, is dead flames had destroyed property estimated Austria and served in the Austrian army in early manhood. Unigrating to this country, he joined the United Sir is arms and served for thirty years, us I retired on account of age. He was stationed at Fort Meads for many years, and had campaigned all over western South Dakota in the days when the Indians were some, holding a number of minor officer's positions and rising to the rank of sergeant-major.

> Could Not Walk with Rhenmatian A satisfied patient writes: "Sloan's Linkment cured my rheumstism, arr grateful; I can now walk without pain. Only 25c. All druggists,—Advertisemen

Nebraska Pensions. WASHINGTON, March II.—(Spe Telegram.)—Nebraska pensions aran Letha Cogu, Central City, \$11 Imos Yoster, Nelson, \$12 Margares B. Mijf, Ord, \$12; Robert Scantan, Phillips, \$1

### STEGLER AGAIN He said he could get \$25,000."

Submitted to Further Cross-Examination by Attorneys for Men on Trial.

OTHER WITNESSES ON STAND

NEW YORK, March 17 .- Richard Stegler, German naval reservist, governnent witness in the trial of Richard Madden and Gustave Cook, charged with alding Stegler to procure a false American passport, was submitted today to port, this time with sixteen-inca further cross-examination by Charles F. Oberwager, attorney for the defendants, The attorney resumed his attack upon Stegler's character. After denying all gone mplications, the witness was excused and Frederick G. Behle took the stand.

Behle said he was Stegler's former room-mate in Hoboken. He corroborated Stegler's testimony that Stegler had met look in Behie's room there and that he (Behle) had stepped outside while the other two were discussing the matter of setting the papers necessary to procure Stegler a passport.

Leonhardt Testifies.

Charles G. Leonhardt, an employe of Dinglestedt & Co., custom house brokers, estified he had identified Stegler as Madden before the clerk of the United States district court when Stegler applied for the passport, but said that he thought Madden was Stegler's correct name. He admitted knowing Stegler for two years, but said he had not called him by any name until Stegler, in sayink that he desired a passport, told him his name was Madden.

The government then rested its carse and George Cutley, for the defense, addressed the jury. He said he would prove that Stegler never saw Madden in his life. that Madden, Cook and Stegler were never together; that Madden had procured the birth certificates in order to get a passport for himself, and that the cer tificate had been stolen from him.

Cook Is Witness. Cook took the stand as the first witness in his own defense. He said he first met Stegler in a Hoboken barroom about three years ago. He denied Stegler's testimony that as early as September, 1914, Cook had suggested to Stegler that he could procure an American passport for He denied that he had ever had any conversation with Stegler in regard to obtaining an American passport or had ever assisted him in procuring such a

While in the same cell with Stegler in was truth in the report. the Tombs, Cook said, Stegler told him that the editor of a New York morning paper would pay money for his (Stegler's) atory, "because he wanted to show Mr. Bryan.

"Stegler said, that any way, he could

got money from the Germans for repudfating his story," testified the witness.

Madden, the next witness, also denied ill material allegations against him, Madden admitted procuring a birth certificate. This he had done, he said, when three Germans offered to get him a position with the Holland-American line, they suggesting that he would need the certificate. He again met the Germans, whose hast names he said he did not know, at the entrance of the Holland-American line piers. One of them, he said, invited him to have a drink The four then went to various saloons. he said, and the Germans plied him with liquer. He arrived home in an intextca- sul Silliman, at Vera Cruz, reported ted condition, he said, and the next day he discovered the birth certificate was

Do you know whether these three men "I don't know. I never saw them

again," said Madden. The defense then rested and counsel egan to sum up the testimons

### German Consul at Seattle Accused of Trying to Bribe Man

SEATTLE, Wash., March 17 .- Dr. Will am Muller, imperial German consul at Scattle, and his secretary, B. M. Schulz, were served with notice of arrest today at the consulate. They are charged with onspiracy in attempting to corruptly influence John Murdock, an employe of the Seattle Construction and Dry Dock company, by inducing him to sell business secrets of his employers.

Consul Muller and his secretary are acused by the state of Washington of offering Murdock a cash consideration to supply them with information bearing out Ambassador Bernstorff's charge that the Seattle corporation was shipping knock-down submarines to the British government via British Columbia

Consul Mutler denied tonight that he nad any agreement with Murdock or the detective to purchase anything, nor did he arrange to have them steal papers from the construction company. He declared that Tarnisasky approached him with a statement that he had information that submarines were being built here for the British navy, but that he had dealt with the detective only so far as was necessary to determine whether there

The warrants for the arrest of Consul Muller and his secretary were served on them through their counsel.

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# WILL FACILITATE FOREIGNERS' EXIT

Carranza and Zapata Agree to Co-Operate with Efforts of Americans to Leave City.

NEAR PANIC IN PROGRESO

WASHINGTON, March 17 .- Contoday that General Carranza had agreed to co-operate in providing given that General Carranza would issue transportation for Americans and were working for Stegler?" asked his other foreigners wishing to leave transportation of Red Cross supplies the captain of the Der Moines to inform to the Mexican capital.

Similar assurances of co-operation thorities controlling Mexico City. The schooner Suste B. Dantzler of Gulfport, Miss., detained at Campeche, has arrived at Very Cruz and its owners advise that Captain Dethloff was not imprisoned as had been feared. Foreigners at Progreso, alarmed at dis-

ized in this statement by the State department: "Advices from Vera Cruz, dated March

promised full protection for them. The situation at Progreso was summar-

orders in the vicinity, have, asked for

retuge on the American series. Des

Molnes. General Curranga however

after conferences with American naval

and diplomatic officers at Vera Cruz, has

16, state that much alarm exists at Progress on account of the severe defeat of the insurgent forces. Foreigners there have made a request for asylum on the United States warship. In company with the chief of staff of the American admiral at Vera Cruz, the representative of the Department and State called at the foreign office in regard to the s.tustion at Progreso. Assurances were nediate orders to his chief in command to give full protection to foreign life and The foreign office further Mexico City, and to facilitate the stated that the admiral could instruct foreigners to this effect.

The foreign office at Vera Cruz, the department is informed, has issued inhave been received from the au- structions to the effect that the port of Progreso has again been opened to international traffic."

Will Tend to Business.

Outfleider Dan Moeller, the Senators' speedy outer gardener, says that he is not going to be let out, as he is going to make himself so useful Manuser Griffith won't be able to do without him.

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