British Government Accepts

Report of Commission

Supporting Demands of

Colliery Workers.

London, March 20.-Andrew

the special coal commission, of

Proposals of this nature would be

clared Mr. Bonar Law. This involv-

Grant Two-Thirds of Demands.

ers two-thirds of their demands in

he himself and the labor minister

transports workers, and he had rea-

son to believe would prove accept-

Seven-Hour Day Favored.

The interim report to the coal

commission, of which Justice Sir

John Sankey is chairman, issued to-

night, recommends seven hours of

economic position of the industry.

The report recommends an in-

shift for colliery workers now under

shilling for workers under 16 years

In the interest of the country the

colliery workers, it is further recom-

mended, shall have an effective voice

The present system of ownership

and of working is condemned, and

nationalization or unifications by na-

Another report, by the mine own-

ers on the commission, recommends

an increase of 18 pence a day in

wages and a reduction of working

A third report by the miners' rep-

resentative, signed by Robert Smillie, the miners' leader; Frank

Hand in Investigation

of Promotion Frauds

Chicago, March 20.-Thorough in-

S. R. Rush of Omaha, who has

aided in prosecution of the McAl-

Cincinnati, the Florida Everglades

land, and other important cases, will

assist in the investigations centered

One of the cases which Mr. Clyne

says will be presented to the fed-

eral grand jury next week is that of the Consumers Packing company,

which Judge Landis for several

weeks has torn to pieces in disclos-

ing financial tangles and in his search for assets for stockholders.

Omaha Jurist Takes

been obtained in one case.

here, Mr. Clyne announced.

Dividends Will Be Met

lours to seven.

tional purchases or joint control.

in the direction of the mines.

With reference to the Sankey re-

for two years.

was \$215,000,000.

be nearly \$150,000,000.

able to the men.

MAKE USE OF THE BEE'S NEW QUESTION AND ANSWER COLUMN—SEE EDITORIAL PAGE.

TWO CENTS.

THE WEATHER:

BULL SOLD FOR \$50,000, WORLD RECORD PRICE.

Chicago, March 20.-What was declared to be a world record price of \$50,000 for a pure-bred Hereford bull was announced today by J. B. Ferguson as having been paid by Ferguson Brothers of Canby, Minn., for "Richard Fairfax," a 5year-old registered animal.

The best previous American price was \$31,000 for "Ardmore," sold by W. L. Yost to W. R. Pickering.

2,400 and 2,500 pounds.

FOOD PRICE'S DECLINE 6 PER CENT DURING MONTH

Washington, March 20 .- Although food prices showed a decline of 6 per cent during the month ending last February 15, the prices were 9 per cent higher than those prevailing in February, 1918, and about 75 per cent higher than the price average of 1913

Price statistics for last month, an-nounced today by the Department of Labor, showed that 26 of the 42 articles listed were cheaper in February than in the preceding month. The marked decreases were: Eggs 33 per cent and butter 19 per

Potatoes led the 12 articles, showing an increase by an advance of 25

MEMORIAL TO BE HELD IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY

London, March 20 .- A memorial service for American soldiers and sailors who fell in the war is to be Bonar Law, the government spokesheld in Westminster Abbey April 4.

SECRETARY GLASS MAKES

ernment had accepted the report of APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM Minneapolis, March 20.-Appealwhich Justice Sir John Sankey ing confidently to the patriotism of chairman, including its undertaking distributed insurance posters. the American people make to a suc- to report on the question of nationcess of the coming Victory liberty alization by May 20 and to issue loan, Secretary of Treasury Carter interim reports from time to time on Glass in two speeches in the Twin the problem of improvements in the Cities today declared the loan could coal industry. not be floated on a strictly commercial basis. put into immediate operation, de-

The people have ample resources, declared, from the \$11,000,000,-000 trade balance of the last three pears, high war wages and the thrift engendered by the war and its savings campaigns.

BAILEY RENOUNCES **DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

Newark, N. J., March 20.- Asserting that the democratic party has "ceased to support democratic principles," former United States Sen-ator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas de-a further reduction in hours in 1921 asked his place in the business clared in an address here tonight that he would "never again vote for the candidate of any party which constantly reduces our liberty and unnecessarily increases our taxes.

PETROGRAD WOMAN EXECUTIONER EXECUTED

openhagen, March 20. vik newspaper in Petrograd publishes a long list of persons executed in connection with the counter-revolution. Among the names is that Sternberg-Jakoleva, regarded reasonable proposals to the of Madame president of the committee dealing with executions, who herself had been held responsible for thousands of executions

No reason is assigned for execu-

PRICE STABILIZATION ADVOCATED BY HOOVER.

New York, March 20 .- A cablegram from Herbert Hoover, director general of the international relief organization, expressing regret that this country had abandoned stabilization of hog prices and urg-ing continuation of stabilization of sugar, cottonseed products and wheat, was discussed at a meeting here today of executive officers of the food administration.

Pointing out that hog prices had risen since the stabilization plan was abandoned two weeks ago, Mr. the only foodstuffs now controlled a substitute must be found either in are thrown upon the market "without any steadying hand," the dire need of the world may produce further dislocation and place an added burden on American consumers.

STOLEN POCKETBOOKS FOUND IN DEACON'S LOOT

Minneapolis, March 20.-Stolen pocketbooks still containing the Hodges, Sir Leo Chiozza Money, money lost by their original owners Sidney Webb and others, recomwere found today in the heap of loot mends acceptance in full of the minaccumulated by George Hyatt, ers' demands, including nationaliza-Anoka printer and deacon, when an | tion. "identification party" was held at the Anoka jail, attended by nearly every resident of the village. Hyatt, who was indicted by two grand jur-ies today, claims he made no effort to dispose of stolen goods which he

"accumulated" in the last 10 years. Even the home guard uniforn which he wore while holding up the Champlin bank last Friday was stolen from a fellow-townsman, he

Hyatt's 15-year-old accomplice, a minister's son, told police today of a new kind of robbery in which the District Attorney Clyne, who said jury for murder in the first degree. ors of the states. pair engaged for many months. At his office already is preparing for village parties the lad was sent to prosecution of officials of three corthe front door to ring the bell while Hyatt, by a flanking movement, entered the kitchen and stole "eats." No official action has yet been taken against the boy.

Toys, stolen by Hyatt from Anoka stores, were said to have been given as presents to his Sunday School class. Numerous store robberies were indicated in the finding of 119 hats, both men's and women's in his room.

CHARLES MAY FIND

REFUGE IN SWITZERLAND Geneva, March 20 .- The Swiss government has received a formal demand from former Emperor Charles of Austria requesting pernission for him to live in Switzerand. As the allies, through Arthur . Balfour, British foreign secretary, then sounded on the subject, reently, made no objection to such esidence, there quest probably will

Reports received here from Neuhatel, 25 miles west of Berne, say at the former Empress Zita, wife Charles, has arrived there in-

G BARLEYCORN TO Warren T. McCray of Kentland, Ind. He was five years old last November. His weight is between 2,400 and 2,500 pounds. REDUCTION Thomas Johnston, Ex-Soldier, CUT MADE Omaha Boy, Stricken Blind, CUT MADE

Young Man, Gassed While Working in Government · Laboratory in Washington, Loses Sight of One Eye and After Discharge and Return Home, Vision Fails Entirely; Darkness to Be His Lot.

And suddenly there was darkness!

This is a story of the light that failed! The story of sudden darkness, in place of light, which came to Thomas S. Johnston, ex-soldier, Omaha, who suddenly on Farnam street found himself totally blind, found that a life of blindness was Agreement Upon New Sched- o'clock Thursday morning. the toll that his war god had demanded.

Johnston was gassed while in a laboratory in Washington. He was sent to a hospital. He was pronounced fit for discharge, and in this condition was discharged from the

One day Johnston appeared at the War Camp Community service. The Chamber of Commerce had directed man, in a statement in the house of him there. He asked for nothing commons tonight said that the gov- except a chance to work. He was conscientious and soon became familiar to business men as one who

Dropped Out of Thought.

The days passed and as is conmon in the business life the man dropped out of the thoughts' and activities of the work-a-day world. After several weeks Johnston

came to the offices in bad condition. He had no money for breakfast and ed the continuance of coal control his eye, injured by the gas in the laboratory, was failing. He bacame janitor in one of the department stores and while sweeping the green port, which he explained was signed carpets that eye completely lost its by three representatives of the em- sight.

Johnston continued his workployers not diretly concerned in the asking no aid that a man in uniform coal industry, and granted the mincould claim. His uniform had been wages, Mr. Bonar Law said that the discarded when its service was combecause they assumed that by then the output of 1913, namely, 287,000,-

Both Eyes Blinded.

000 tons, would be resumed. The Thursday he appeared at the War estimated cost for the current year things into consideration the estimated cost to the tax-payers would be has been unable to leave his sible with the patient.

to help him home. Since that time hospital and taking all pains posboard of directors of the United board.

Judge E. H. Cary, chairman of the board of directors of the United board of directors of the United board of directors of the United board. His mother lives in Colo-Mr. Bonar Law also announced

Johnston wore no uniform, not

Unscathed in War, Soldier Loses Eye by Motor Car Crank Charles Seldman. Omaha sol-

dier boy, who returned recently from France, after serving without a scratch throughout campaigns that beat the Huns and ended the war, lost his right eye in Council Bluffs while cranking his automobile.

He was demonstrating a car that refused to respond to the starter and "kicked" viciously when he attempted to crank it. The handle struck him in the eye, tearing it from the socket.

Seldman had driven the car from Omaha to make a sale and after the injury was determined to drive back alone. Instead, he was taken to Dr. Dean's office and thence to the Edmundson hospital. Seldman lives at 919 South Twenty-seventh street, Omaha,

Camp Community service and said the passer-by went on, not knowing bilization in the prices of the basic that while walking down the street of the tragedy that was at hand. The commodities. Producers of other to 14 pence per ton. Taking all and dazed, he asked some passer-by are caring for him at the University ture with the board.

> And this is the story of the light that failed-the story of what the war cost one man, even though he even a gold bar on the sleeve, and did not see trench service in France.

Call Meeting to Discuss Excessive Building Cost

work underground, instead of eight. Three Thousand New Dwellings Are Needed in Omaha, from July 16, next, and six hours from July 13, 1921, subject to the Realtors Declare-Mayor Appoints Committee to Investigate High Cost of Building Material. crease in wages of two shillings per

sliding scales, and an advance of one The good fellowship committee of vide housing facilities for them ed a mass meeting for next Wednes- new dwellings would only partially day at 8 o'clock to discuss means of fill the present need. meeting the urgent need for homes.

reau. "Men who cannot afford to realtors and home builders.

The housing problem in Omaha | ilies to Omaha, but the city's growth has reached serious proportions, will be retarded if we cannot pro-Real estate dealers estimated 3,000

High prices on building materials "We must have more residences, is the stumbling block in the afterparticularly for people of moderate the-war building program so vital means and we've got to have them at to Omaha, to fill the need for cononce," said J. M. Gillan of the struction suspended during the per-Chamber of Commerce industrial bu- iod of war, is the charge made by

pay high rents have tramped the The meeting Wednesday night tity over in search of places to live. will be an open forum. Every pos-New industries bring many new fam- (Continued on Page Six, Column Four.)

INDICTMENT FOR TREE MEMORIALS DR. WILKINS ON FOR SOLDIERS MURDER CHARGE.

Composure When Accused of Killing Wife.

Long Beach, N. Y., March 20.— Dr. Walter Keene Wilkins, whose wife was killed with a hammer on volved in stock promotion frauds committed the deed, was indicted to-

District Attorney Weeks said the accused physician had maintained porations. Indictments already have his composure throughout a long ney's office, which preceded the inlister Real Estate exchange case in said, did he show the slightest trace

of irritation. This, it was said, was when Mr. he had fled from New York only Mr. Weeks informed the physician had been in Los Angeles for eight

Then, it was said, Dr. Wilkins exclaimed: "I have never had any accusation made against me before in my life until these devilish charges came up."

Speaker Stricken.

New York, March 20 .- Frederick Augustus Schermerhorn, a capitalist and a former trustee of Columbia university, was stricken with apoplexy tonight while delivering an address at a dinner at the Union club

KILLED IN WAR. Accused Physician Maintains Secretary Houston Urges Wide

Observance of Arbor Day to Honor the Fallen.

Washington, March 20 .- Nationwide observance of Arbor day through the planting of trees dedivestigation which may result in the night of February 27 and who wholesale indictment of persons in- told the police that burglars had cated to soldiers who died during the war was urged today by Secrewas promised today by United States day by the Nassau county grand tary Houston in a letter to govern-He asserted he could not conceive

a better way to keep alive the memory of those who had fallen.
"Now that the great war has come to its conclusion," Mr. Houston said

dictment. Only once, Mr. Weeks in his letter, "we shall seek many ways to perpetuate the memory of hose who made the great sacrifice. This, it was said, was when Mr. It has been happily suggested that Weeks challenged his assertion that we do this by adorning with young trees, each named for a fallen sol for the purpose of consulting his dier, our waysides, our yards, and steapdaughter, Mrs. Odette Shep- our pleasure places. This can be herd, formerly Odette Tyler, an acter done on Arbor day, which is now tress, at her home in Washington, at hand in most of our states. Such an observance of the day will give he had learned that Mrs. Shepherd it a meaning more profound, a purpose more exalted, than it ever had

Hitchcock in Coblenz.

Washington, March 20 .- Repubican leaders were speculating today on a Coblenz, Germany, dispatch announcing that Frank H. Hitch-General Pershing's review of troops.

ule for 1919 Reached by Representatives of Mills and Industrial Board.

Washington, March . 20 .- Agreerepresentatives of the steel industry and the industrial board of the Department of Commerce. The new shooting of Young compel County prices are for the year 1919 and Attorney Shotwell to conduct an

are effective at once. plates \$2.65 per 100 pounds, and structural steel \$2.45 per 100 pounds. fell, instantly killed."

Reduction 10 to 14 Per Cent.

tural shapes \$7 a net ton. sentatives of the steel industry in the barrel of the breech. Detec which began yesterdey were the first tives adopt the conclusion that i tempt to obtain reductions and sta- were fired by the partner of Young.

States Steel corporation, in announcing the new schedule, said:
"We have agreed upon prices. We

cannot give you a full statement regarding these prices until tomorrow when one will he prepared for

Prices to Remain Stable.

1919 will not be any lower and our present intention is to make no decreases in wages except, perhaps, at some mills where there is contract between employers and employes providing for a scale.

"The price of iron ore, f. o. b Lake Erie ports, remains unchanged except where a reduction in freight rates would become effective, in which case the price of pig iron wil be changed accordingly

A determined effort is being made by the ore producers from the Great Lakes region to obtain a reduction the present freight rates, it was stated by John A. Savage, president of Savage & Co., ore producers Such action Duluth. the ore producers is understood to have the approval of both the steel men and the board.

"Institute of Life" in Chicago Offered to Famous Heart Surgeon

Chicago, March 20 .- Prof. Octave aurent, M. D., of Paris has been invited to make his future home in Chicago, as the result of the pledge of an unnamed philanthropist to finance an "Institute of Life" for the famous heart surgeon.

Professor Laurent gained worldwide fame by his successful operathe war he made other similar operations with success. In his first experiment the pa-

tient had been shot through the right side of the heart, near the valves, and the bullet lodged there. The soldier was to all appearances dead. The surgeon removed the bullet, cleansed and closed the wound, and then, by artificial means, set the heart to beating again. The Burleson Blames patient is said to be alive and strong

Howell Bill Postponed as Result of Compromise

Lincoln, Neb., March 20 .- (Special relegram.)-As a result of the com-R. B. Howell, manager of the Metropolitan Water board, and the Nebraska Power company, House Roll 450, known as the "electric light" bill, was indefinitely postponed in the house today by a unanimous rote. There was applause that could be heard all over the capitol build-

The members of the body felt was a happy solution of a situation cock, former postmaster general and they felt had not been created by an previously manager of the successful insistent demand from Omaha citi Taft campaign, was a spectator at zens, and enabled Senate File 129, the Welfare bill, providing for an He is quoted as saying he was adjustment of the salary of the gen-"merely on a sight-seeing trip." The eral manager and other executive

Who Fired Shot That Killed Louis Young, Youth Found In Janous' Barber Shop?

Of Ten Bullets Shot Out of the Revolvers of Numerous Policemen, All But One Went Wide of the Mark; Police and Detectives Detail Various Stories Concerning Affair, But None Lay Claim to Kill.

Who shot and killed Louis Young, alleged boy burglar who tried to be good?

Three detectives and a policeman opened fire on Young and an unidentified partner as they emerged from the rear door of Joe Janous' barber shop, 1826 Sherman avenue, at 5

Detectives say the boys opened fire first from the garage door in an effort to escape arrest. The police say the two youths had robbed three stores less than an hour before.

An examination last night by Dr. S. McCleneghan showed that Young was killed instantly as a result of a broken neck. The one bullet that struck him entered his left ment upon a new schedule of steel shoulder, struck the upper vertebra and lodged in the brain. prices providing a reduction in the Dr. McCleneghan probed for the bullet at the undertaking States, representing the entire dispresent quotation for the commod- parlors of Johnson & Swanson. Young did not receive a ity was reached late tonight by broken neck fro ma fall as the police claimed.

Will Hold Inquest, Circumstances surrounding the inquest, which will be called at 9 A partial list of the new prices was o'clock this morning. A vague remade public tonight as follows: Basic port from the detectives to the chief pig iron reduced to \$25.75 a gross of police gives no details of the ton; four-inch billets \$38.50 a gross shooting, only that "we surrounded ton; two-inch billets \$42 a gross ton; the place and were met by a volley merchant bars \$2,35 per 100 pounds; of shots from the building; then we opened fire upon them and the boy

Examination of the two guns The prices made public tonight found on Young, one clutched in his represent reductions from the pres- right hand, showed that no shots had ent prices of from 10 to 14 per cent. been fired from it. John Yaverick, The reduction on pig iron was \$4.25 proprietor of a store at Sixteenth a gross ton, on billets \$5 a gross and Locust streets, from which place ton, and on plates, bars and struc- the guns were taken, said the kind of powder used in the cartridges The conferences with the repre- would have left distinguishing marks to be held by the board in its at- the boys opened fire first, the shots Instructed to Shoot.

When asked what instructions in regard to shooting, Chief of Pofirst shots at the crook, but this is not for publication.

Parents of the dead boy are prostrated with grief, and owe yester-dayp's tragedy to the boy's evil as-sociates. The family and neighbors show indignation at the circumstances surrounding the shooting, inerring that other methods ought to "It is expected that prices during be adopted by the police in captur-olly will not be any lower and our ing criminals instead of "blasting" fashion after they had the place surrounded," as one man stated.

Dolan, Potach, Vance and Police- place. man Janda do not bring out the answer to the question: "Who killed Young.'

Examination of the way the bul-

Bolsheviki Ready To

Deposit \$200,000,000

for Purchases in U.S. New York, March 20 .- As the first step toward obtaining recognition by the United States, the Russian soviet government is prepared to deposit \$200,000,000 in gold with American and European banks for the purchase of supplies needed in reconstruction work, according to a formal

statement issued here tonight by L. C. A. K. Martens, American representative of Demidoff iron and steel works in Moscow, through the "bureau of representatives of the Russian socialist federal soviet republic."

of the partner of the stolen goods. culated.

Police and Detectives Talk.

According to Joe Janous, who called the police when he heard the burglar alarm, one detective concealed himself behind the stone steps indirected shot in harem-scarem next door and fired the first shots at the fleeing boys, while Police-man Janda and the other detectives Individual stories of Detectives went around the north side of the

Policeman Janda said: "Detective Potach was 50 feet ahead of me on the north side of the building, when the shots were fired. I don't know let struck the boy, shows that the who fired first because they sound-fatal shot was fired by the detective (Continued on Page Six, Column Two.)

CONFERENCE AT POSEN BROKEN OFF BY GERMANS

Hun High Command Breaks Wilson, Clemenceau and Lloyd With Cabinet and Refuses to Respect Armistice With Poles.

Posen, March 20.—The German elegation left Posen today for Ber-The allies' mission has re lturned to Warsaw. Paris, March 20 .- Negotiations

betwen the inter-allied commission and the German government's representatives at Posen have again tion on a French soldier who had been interrupted. It is said that this been shot through the heart. During was the result of the evasive attitude of the German government. Dispatches state that German high command appears to be in open conflict with the Berlin cabinet, and will not undertake to respect an armistice between the Germans and Poles. A decision in keeping with the situation is expected tomorrow.

Agitators for Unrest Among Wire Workers The commissions which have studied

New York, March 20.-Postmaster General Burleson, in a letter made public here today, to Secretary of Labor Wilson regarding the labor situation in connection with the government's control of telegraph and elephone wires, charges that a "few agitators" are continuously conducting propaganda which engenders unnecessary dissatisfaction among em-The Postoffice department's poli-

cies are misrepresented, Mr. Burleson declared, so that the impression s created that the government discriminates against employes who are members of labor organizations.

INFLUENZA DISAPPEARS.

Washington, March 20 .- Influenza has disappeared from a majority of the army camps in this country and State department has announced that employes, and Senate File 131, an the general health of troops both at who has held up trains and commit-

CLAIMS AGAINST HUNS CUT DOWN TO 40 BILLION

George Having Difficulty in Reaching Accord on Reparation and Frontiers.

By the Associated Press. Paris, March 20 .- President Wil-

son, M. Clemenceau, the French premier, and David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, are holding a series of meetings for the adjustment of differences between them They conferred at the residence of Mr. Lloyd George today, the session lasting from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until late in the evening. The differences constitute some of the larger questions pending now-

The chief issue of the question of petition will follow, it was said. reparation is not what Germany should pay, but what she can pay,

the subject have gradually reduced the claims to a total of about \$40,-000,000,000. Villa's Second in Command.

Martin Lopez, Falls in Battle Juarez, Mexico, March 20 .- Col. J. Augustin Mora, in command of the amendment were denounced by the federal garrison here, tonight speakers as "betrayers" of the public received a report fron. General Zuazua of a battle with the Villa liberties." rebels, which occured yesterday 75 miles south of the Columbus, N. M., border. Fifty-three Villa followers were killed.

Three bodies, taken to Ascension, Chihuahua, 12 miles frim the scene of the conflict, were identified by residents there as those of Martin Lopez, Villa's second in command; Ramon Vega, a Villa general, and Epifanio Holquin, bandit leader,

Distillers' Counsel to Attack Constitutionality of Both Federal Amendment and Wartime Act.

New York, March 20.-The committee of distillers of the United tilling industry, announced tenight that steps were being taken to attack the constitutionality of the federal prohibition amendment and the wartime prohibition act.

Levy Mayer of Chicago, counsel for the organization, was instructed to arrange for a suit to test the emergency prohibition law after the treaty of peace has been signed. Action to bring about a judicial review of the 18th amendment, it was stated, would await the outcome of referendum elections in 13 states where petitions calling for a popular vote on the "bone dry" enactment have been filed or are in circulation. People to Decide Question.

Mr. Mayer advised the committee that in states having referendum laws and whose legislatures have ratified the amendment, the ratification would have no effect unless i majority of the votes cast in the elections favored the amendment. The attorney also gave an opinion

that if the wartime prohibition i unconstitutional manufacture of distilled spirits, forbidden by the president under the food conservation laws, could be lawfully resumed as soon as the war is ended. In their discussion of measures to llify the federal amer

steps next door. Of approximately ington, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, New 10 shots fired by the detective, but Mexico, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri. Mexico, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, one took effect, and did the work Maine and Nebraska as states where that still will not solve the finding referendum petitions have been cir-

As 45 state legislatures ratified the amendment, nine more than necessary three-fourts, the distillers' announced plan of action could not be carried out if the people of more than four states approved the decisions of their legislative bodies.

Attack Wartime Act.

The distillers' attack on the wartime prohibition act follows the lines laid down by counsel for the brewers in their suits, filed here yesterday, alleging that the law, having been enacted after the signing of the armistice, went beyond the power o congress to adopt measures for the national security and defense.

Members of the distillers com mittee declared the decision to withhold their litigation until the completion of peace negotiations was

based on a desire to proceed only

after the war emergency was for

mally declared a matter of history. It was said the suit would be

brought against the collector of in ternal revenue and the federal district attorney "in some appropriate While no distilled beverages have been manufactured since July 1, 1917, under the food conservation regulations, no ban has been place on marketing of stocks except tha in the wartime prohibition act, which forbids sales and all withdrawals from bond except for ex-

port purposes, after June 30, next, until the demobilization of the wartime military forces. The distillers' committee, with George F. Dieterle of Cincinnati as secretary, has been in conference for the past two days with members present from all sections of the

Refuses to Accept Petition. Olympia, Wash., March 20.-At-tempt today by John F. Murphy of Seattle to file a petition for a refer endum at the next general election reparation for war losses and the on the action of the recent legisla-French-German frontier. These ture in ratifying the national proquestions, for the moment, have as- hibition amendment met with resumed paramount importance, tak- fusal by the assistant secretary of ing place even ahead of the league state to accept the petition. Cour action to force acceptance of the

Fight Started in Missouri.

St. Louis, March 20.—The fight of Missouri anti-prohibitionists to have the recent action of the Missouri legislature in ratifying the nas tional prohibition amendment abroa gated was started tonight at a mass meeting in the city hall with the distribution of petitions to have the matter put to a referendum vote. Missouri lawmakers who ratified trust and as robbers of the people's

Case Against Bull Editor Will Go to the Jury Today

New York, March 20 .- The gove ernment's case against Jerimiah A. O'Leary, former editor of the anti-British magazine, Bull, who has been on trial in federal court for nearly eight weeks on a charge of Charles, has arrived there in and died a few minutes later. He passports are not being issued to equitable utility bill, to be passed home and abroad continues to show ted many depredations in western to the jury tomorrow. Closing are not being issued to equitable utility bill, to be passed without friction. violating the espionage law, will go ments were finished today

by Issuing Certificates Washington, March 20.-Divi-dends and interest on railroad stocks and bonds due April 1 amounting to approximately \$70.

000,000, will be met by the railroad administration by issuance of certificates of indebtedness for amounts due from rentals and other sources. The war finance corporation will

OF HOURS While Walking Along Street IN PRICES