Freadrich Harding at Palm Beach, Declines Many Dates, Leaden

Officers-Lincoln Next Convention City.

Endorse Corn Meal Week

The 15th annual convention of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers at the Rome hotel, came to a close yesterday afternoon with the annual meeting of the heard of directors and the election of officers for the

coming year.

C. F. Freadrich, Lincoln, was elected president of the state association. A. L. Anderson, Wahoo, retiring president, becomes a vice president. Other state officers, M. A. Hostetler, Shelton, treasurer, and J. Frank Barr, Lincoln, secretary, were

C. H. Freadrich, Lincoln; Fred DeWeber, Arlington; F. S. Penny. Fullerton: F. A. Miller, Beatrice; C. E. Freas, Beaver City; and W. C. Elliott, Mason City, were elected members of the board of directors.

Lincoln Next Convention City. Lincoln will be the next convenion city for the federation, it was

While there were few more than 300 delegates in attendance, the convention did not lack life and interest. According to the secretary the program has never been excelled in any

previous year. Speakers of national prominence store to do an annual business of nearly \$1,000,000.

Ohio Merchant Speaks.

Mr. Garver was the main speaker yesterday afternoon in the closing session of the federation. He told how he built up a business in nine counties, which attracts trade from cities of from 10,000 to 100,000 population, through a continual intensive advertising campaign, and how he retained his customers through the fficiency of his sales force. From a one-room country store

the business has progressed until now there is a three-story building. dividend into eight departments, each department under the management

F. P. Mann, Devils Lake, N. D. owner of a store in a town of 5,500, loes an annual business of \$650,000. alle told of his methods of advertisday and Wedre day.

Lectures on Efficiency.

Douglas White of the Pacific Coast Retail Furniture association explained up-to-the-minute organization and efficiency to the furniture men Tuesday and Wednesday, and Paul Findley, Los Angeles, of the California Fruit Growers, lectured on cost accounting and cutting down overhead expenses Tuesday. A series of lectures throughout the convention, before the various

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President of State Retailers Heads Big Grocery Business

When C. H. Freadrich. Lincoln, newly-elected president of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers, started in the grocery business in 1902 his working capital was \$150. Today he is wealthy and Freadrich Brothers operate the biggest grocery store in Lincoln. Last year his store did a business of \$300,000.

"I started in business in a modest way and tried to make my capital go Boeke home. as far as possible," he said. worked early and late, advertised as much as possible and above all, I made a supreme effort to satisfy very customer who came into my

"The business grew and prospered. I advertised more and put more effort hato pleasing my customers. I instructed my clerks to do the same thing. As my brothers became old enough, I took them in with me. Now I have a store that my business man might be proud of. lard work is the secret of success.

Mr. Freadrich has been a member of the federation and retail grocers' association for the past 10 years. He has been a prime factor in the activities of both organizations. He also takes part in the civic activities of

Exports of Cotton Lead All Other Commodities

Washington, Jan. 27.-Cotton exports last year exceeded those of any other commodity, according to a review of foreign trade, made publie by the department of commerce. Shipments were valued at \$1,136,408,the year before.

\$920.301,977 in 1919. Cottonseed oil lightship. The captain denied send-exports totalled \$34,874,790, a decrease from the 1919 total of \$40,-890.268. Mineral oils were valued at \$549,348,840, -as compared with 0343,673,432 the year before and meat and dairy products dropped from \$1,160,643,185 in 1919 to \$544,074,-

Wage Cuts Rescinded

Chicago, Jan. 27.-The United states railway labor board ordered escinded notices of wage reductions ecome effective February 1. The must present positions before the

Retailers

this fashionable winter resort, President-elect Harding divided his short visit here today between a private function and a game of golf.

For luncheon, the president-elect accepted an invitation to be the guest of a friend of Henry P. Fletcher of Pennsylvania, who is a member of the house boat party.

In Conference Has Passed,

ber of the house boat party. Leaving here late in the afternoor the Victoria was expected to tie up for the night a short distance to the south and to proceed tomorrow morning for Miami,

Witnesses for Defense Testify In Kent Trial

tor" at Store at Time He Was Said to Have Carried Bundles Away.

Testimony in the case of "Dr." H. S. Kent, being tried in District Judge Troup's court on a charge of attempting to murder two newly-born babes found in a well, will be fin-ished probably late this morning, the money bills, and permitting The case may be in the hands of the jury by tonight. A score of defense witnesses testi-

fied" yesterday afternoon to these things as facts:

First. That "Dr." Kent came from the cast on California street about 10:45 Friday evening, July 23. Half a dozen boys who were sitting on a bench in front of his candy shop ddressed the various associations at at that hour testified that he stopped their sessions this year. G. A. Gar-ver, Strasburg, O., who owns a de-Sherwood and her husband, W. W. partment store in a town of 936, ex-Sherwood, 3611 California street, tesplained to the dry goods and ready-to-wear men how he conducted his her in their car and saw Kent there with the boys. Two switchmen on their way to work said they saw

ness declared, Kent came out of the Bocke home, 3041 Caliornia street, carrying two packages and made his many points of order against obway west in the direction of the viously necessary legislation because plan when he saw it was securely well where the two newly-born in- of the rule of procedure adopted by well where the two newly-born in-fants were found.

Threw Ashes in Well. Second. That Rex Whitehouse, gare latitude for such interposition, and as a result many important items were out.

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S. Hayata, a gardener, who testiliams, a newspaper reporter, that he

the second was taken from the well. sideration and after a report is made. Thomas Cronin, who has been active in the defense of "Dr." Kent. bill or vote it our, instructing the testified that Kent did not sleep at

the Bocke home for a year before the infants were born. "Two men roomed there." he said One was an interne at the Method-

hospital and the other was a dishwasher for the Union Pacific

railroad." Character Witnesses Testify. Numerous character witnesses, in-cluding Rabbi N. M. Taxon, testified that Kent's reputation is good. The feature of the morning session of the trial yesterday was "Dra" Kent's testimony. He was the first witness called by the defense.

of the birth of the twin babes and of the attempt to kill them. He said he did not sleep at the Boeke home for at least a year prior to the birth of the twins. He said he attended Louise Boeke while she was ill last July, but denied that he carried any packages away from the

He denied any and all knowledge

Bocke home the night of July 23.
"I did not go near the abandoned well nor had I andything to do with putting the babes in the well," he

He said two men roomed at the

Violent Earth Tremor Felt on Eastern Coast

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 27.—A violent earth shock was felt early last night at Riverside and Riverton, where advertised uprisingings on specific many of the buildings were badly dates, failed time after time to ma- States." The shock lasted several terialize." seconds and caused many of the residents of that section to flee from Former German Empress their homes.

The power plant of the public service corporation at Riverside was

olence was felt here at 6:45 o'clock. patient. Inquiries poured in to newspaper word of an explosion.

Been in Distress Is Safe Shipments were valued at \$1,136,408.916, as compared with \$1,137,371,252 terday to be the ship from which the year before.
"S. O. S." distress calls were rebreadstuffs were ceived, is safe, and at noon today valued at \$1,079,085,838 as against was about 30 miles east off Ambrose

Captain Stops Ferry To Save Pup From Ice

New York, Jan, 27,-A yelping puppy on a cake of ice floating down the Hudson river halted the Ft. Lee first congressman from Colorado. ferry Edgewater in midstream while a rescue was effected.

After Capt. James Brannigan had maneuvered his craft alongside the on the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railroad which were to have scended a ladder. The ladder broke, Barry plunged into the stream and

pet, which he named Icicle.

Due to Rule Allowing Points of Order.

Important Items Are Out

By E. C. SNYDER,

Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee, Washington, Jan. 27. — (Special l'elegram.)-Republican leaders in the house are beginning to worry over the existing legislative situa-tion. Only one appropriation bill in conference, the district of Columbia bill, which is usually the first of the money bills to go through, has been passed. The Indian appropriation ill has passed the house, tegether with the postofice appropriation bill. but conditions surrounding these measures are anything but reassuring to either Speaker Gillette or Floor Leader Mondell.

The trouble, which is deep-seated, goes back to the rule adopted at the last session of congress, enlarging the appropriations committee to 43

the house to pass on all controversial moter. questions with the result that either a deadlock would ensue or else one tions affecting governmental poli-

Important Items Go Out. The fight against the Indian ap-propriation bill was inaugurated by Chairman Snyder of the Indian afthe house at the last session in the

liams, a newspaper reporter, that he had thrown some ashes in the abandoned well two or three hours before the first baby was discovered. This statement was advanced to prove that the first infant could not have been put in the well more than two hours before it was found.

Third. That "Dr." Kent did not leave leave his store between the time the first child was found and the time bestoffices and postoffices and post roads, for conpost roads, for con-

conferees accordingly. House Emphasizes Dilemma. In passing the agricultural appro-

(Turn to Page Three, Column Seven.) Methods Employed in Conducting Red Raids

Washington, Jan. 27,-Methods of Department of Justice agents during the radical raids of 1919, indicated in his opinion a "thorough scheme of action," Jackson Ralston, an attorney, told the senate judiciary committee. Mr. Ralston was one of the lawyers who signed a report charging the Department of Justice with illegal practices in its conduct

Attorney General Palmer, Ralston bureau of investigation, which was trying to justify its existence by advertising a radical outbreak that "Without exception," never took place."

of the raids.

In reply to Senator Sterling, rehis opinion sufficient apprehension of a radical uprising had existed to spect to the rest of the world. justify extreme action, Ralston said: The public had been trained by the Department of Justice, through the bureau of investigation, to believe that there was great danger. The

Still Is Critically III

Doorn, Jan. 27.-Former Empress shaken and employes were badly Victoria of Germany continues criti- Protective Legislation cally ill from heart disease. Yester-day she was considerably weaker. Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—An earth The duke of Brunswick again has

Augusta Victoria only recently empress is said to have turned to and federal co-operative forest pol-

her husband and remarked: "I have followed you as long as leave you alone. Joachim is call-

Best Loved Woman in State Of Colorado Passes Away

aged 81. She was the widow of the late James B. Belford, former justice of Bennie Slavin. 7, son of Harry of the Colorado supreme court and Slavin.

Man Is Fined for Removing

Cancellation From Stamps R Homan of Quincy, charged with manager of the five European tors of the Northern Pacific railroad removing cancellation marks from branches of the Ford Motor com- were presented at a meeting of the hesion to the third (Moscow) interboard stated that raifroad companies appeared with the puppy.

government postage stamps by a pany, resigned today, he announced board of directors. Frank L. Polk, nationale has been rejected by the must present positions before the Hauled aboard, Barry descended enemical process pleaded guilty in last night. He rejused to cite his former under secretary of state; E. Swiss socialists. board for any reductions in em- into the engine room with his new the federal court here yesterday and reasons. He has been with the M. Willis, and A. H. Gilara were was fined \$400 and costs

alk" Magazine tor Manhandled

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 27.— "Butch" McDevitt, famous a few years back for his "millionaire for a day" trip to New York, got some-

In Dilemma night.

McDevitt has been publishing a newspaper called the Plain Talk newspaper called the Plain Talk newspaper called the Plain Talk than name. McDevist printed a lot of spicy stories about people and a lot of others advertised heavily for no apparent reason.

Last night eight men, said to have been led by two bankers' invaded McDevitt's office. In addition to wrecking the office they wrecked McDevitt and made such a good job of it that he is suffering seri-

Damaging Blow Given Woman on **Trial for Murder**

Tenant in Denton Home Tells Of Making Visit to Cellar Where Body Was Found.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 27.-Cari osity prompted him to disregard the alleged advice of Mrs. Louise L. Peete and to make a partial investipoints of order to be made in the gation of the cellar of the residence house on all legislation added to the of Jacob Charles Denton, Thomas various appropriation bills by the FT. Malloy of Bakersfield, Cal., testified today when recalled to the stand These points of older would, in the trial of Mrs. Peete for the al-under legislative procedure, require leged murder of the mining pro-

Malloy stated he had rented the Denton residence from Mrs. Peete or the other of the houses would at \$300 a month rental. Mrs. Peete have to yield on many vital ques- had told him, he testified, "that he had told him, he testified, "that he would have no occasion to enter the basement," and had advised him to keep the door leading to it locked. There were two locks on the door,

Visited Cellar Once. Nevertheless, he testified, he went him there.

This is the hours when, a state wit- do with the preparation of the bill moved boxes away from the crypt

The rental contract and a receipt handling of the several supply bills, for \$300, representing payment of the

The same is true of the postoffice fied yesterday that he had seen Wil

James M. Crowhurst, a plumber, testified he had been summoned by Mrs. Peete to make certain repairs to a heater and that his work took him into the basement. Mrs. Peete said the heater "made

In passing the agricultural appro- a noise like a graveyard groan,' priation bill today the house em- Crowhurst testified. She asked him if it would be necessary for him to break open the crypt in order to repair the heater,

he continued. He said he told her it would not, "She paid me from a roll of bills two inches in diameter," Crowhurst Scored by Attorney said. He said he saw a small pile of fresh earth near the crypt. Cleats said to have been taken from the crypt were offered in evidence.

People of Southern Republics Friendly to America, Colby Says had been received inthe begging for help.

at his desk after two months' traveldeclared, was "played upon by the ing, Secretary of State Colby told of the impressions gained in Brazil,

"Without exception," he said, " found the republics evincing the utmost friendliness for the United publican, South Dakota, whether in States, as well as a profound understanding of the situation with re-

The secretary said the outstanding feature of all his receptions was the "enthusiasm for, and understanding of, President Wilson" who, he addcd, was perhaps "better appreciated ion that his wife had been kidnaped in Latin-America than in the United by his enemies, who sought revenge Mr. Colby said he found Sou

Washington, Jan. 27.-Forest intremor or an explosion of great vi- been called to the bedside of the ventory and census of timber requirements were urged by R. S. Keloffices from all directions. Several was informed that her son, Joachim, American Paper and Pulp associa-hours of investigation failed to bring had committed suicide. During a tion, before the house committee period of consciousness the former considering the Snell bill for a state

Charles L. Pack, president of the possible, even in exile. Now I am American Forestry association, said New York, Jan. 27.—The Belgian no longer able to do so. I must protective legislation was urgently needed as "producing states have

Boy Charged With Murder

Denver, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Frances Knox, Ind., Jan. 27.—Cecil Bur-McEwen Belford, heralded as "the best loved woman in Colorado," and liberty on \$10,000 bond furnished by who first suggested the idea of the the father, following the boy's in-Lincoln Highway, died here today, dictment on a charge of first degree murder, growing out of the shooting

Manager of Five European Branches for Ford Quits

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 27.-W. C. Springfield, Ill., Jan. 27.-Charles Anderson of Detroit, for two years company for 16 years

We Thought Leap Year Was Over



Hotel Company

Receiver Named

For Failure.

The Nebraska Hotel

Lincoln in Lincoln and a string of

Previous to appointing a receiver.

ludge Morning gave attorneys for

The court then announced Mr. Bark-

Judge Morning scored F. E. Schaaf, president of both companies

He pointed out that the testimony

The court estimated from the ev

dence that the Nebraska Building &

Investment company had made a

profit of \$500,000 on transfers of

property to the Nebraska Hotel

company. These paper profits have

stood as actual profits on the books

of the company, he said. Misman-

agement was everywhere evidenced.

he said, and he was inclined to pro-

Truck Holdup Is Arrested

Chicago, Jan. 27.-James Schuup held by the police today on sus-

picion of being the leader of four

men wanted for holding up postal employes and stealing 12 mail bags

of valuable registered and regular

escape last Friday night, when he cluded the police after a running gun

Sunday Blue Law Agitation

proposition was polled.

tect the stockholders by the appoint-

Suspect in Daylight Mail

ment of a receiver.

showed that Mr. Schaaf was draw

ley's appointment as receiver.

very eve of a receivership.

Kidnapers Ask Ransom for Life Of Coast Woman

Threats of Death Unless Sev- Gross Mismanagement of Prohibits Possession of "Macousted without inflicting a hardship on the people, Among the changes advocated is the imposing of an in-Forthcoming to Gain Retions Given as Reason lease Received.

Los Angeles, Jan. 27.—Despite Lincoln, Jan. 27. — (Special.) — the efforts of police and private deming in attempting to solve the caster district court announced the tectives engaged since early last evemysterious disappearance and pos- appointment of W. E. Barkley, sible abduction of Mrs. Gladys Julia prominent Lincoln financier, as re-Witherell, young and beautiful wife of O. S. Witherell, a real estate loan broker, from her home at 1843 Hotel company and Lincoln Securibroker, from her home at 1843 Hotel company and Lincoln Securi-Whitley avenue, no clue as to her ties company. His bond was fixed

whereabouts or the identity of her at \$50,000 by the court. alleged abductor have been obtained. owns the Fontenelle in Omaha, the It is said the husband has received ommunications from the alleged kidnapers demanding several thou- pretentious hotels out in the state. sand dollars and threatening to kill Mrs. Witherell unless the money was the companies and for complaining paid. It was said, also, an appeal stockholders an opportunity to get had been received indirectly from together and agree upon a manager, but no agreement could be reached.

The communication from the al-Washington, Jan. 27.—Once again leged kidnapers was said to contain a threat against Mrs. Witherell's life should the demand for ransom and its alternative of death to the woman e made public.

Mrs. Witherell, according to the story told by Miss Elizabeth War- ing out his salary payment, on th den, a neighbor, was lured from her Hollywood home by a mysterious "gray-haired man," who made her believe that her mother-in-law, Mrs. A. J. Witherell, had been fatally hurt in a traffic accident on Holly-

wood boulevard. Mr. Witherell, husband of missing woman, expressed the opinagainst him.

The authorities are proceeding on Americans were well informed on a theory that Mrs. Witherell was questions now uppermost in the abducted and possibly slain for re-United States, including tariff revi-venge. They declare that they have definitely established the fact that the kidnaper was a young man disguised For Forests Recommended with a false mustache and a gray wig. Police Captain Moffitt asserted that he was fearful that the woman was made away with. His theory may connect the slayers of Mrs. Fay mail they were unloading from Sudow, who was found murdered in truck at the Union station January 8. logg of New York, representing the la eucalyptus grove at Edendale This capture followed a spectacular American Paper and Pulp associatives weeks ago, with the present case, A escape last Friday night, when he description of the automobile used by the kidnapers was sent broadcast. battle over roofs and down fire es-

Cloture Rule Petition Is Circulated for Tariff Act taken from Schuup's pockets, the po-

Washington, Jan. 27.-A petition to invoke cloture was circulated today by Sénator Penrose of Pennsyl- Episcopal Diocese Scores vania, in charge of the emergency tariff bill, although republican lead-Released on \$10,000 Bond ers said no attempt to choke off debate would be made unless filibustering was demonstrated beyond ail question.

cesan council to issue a pastoral let- places. Senator Penrose soon secured ter setting forth the church's stand however, more than the required 16 on the Sunday blue law agitation. senators' signatures to the petition The action followed discussion over a resolution "opposing all legin requesting that the standing cloture rule be invoked. It would limit islation tending to force people into each senator to one hour's time. church and condemning all Sunday blue law agitation."

Rail Directors Resign

New York, Jan. 27.—Resignations | Swiss Socialists Refuse of J. P. Morgan, Louis Cass Ledyard and Payne Whitman as direcelected to fill the vacancies

Drier Dry Laws Are Provided in By Lincoln Judge

ders Immediate Trial Of Appeals.

Jan. 27.—(Special.) — theortically the famous Lincoln, Ithough Nebraska bone dry law of several years ago might be repealed in the light of national prohibition, Nebraska Anti-Saloon league has had introduced into the Nebraska House Kills Proposal senate amendments to the old law which impose a score or more of

added restrictions.
The bill, S. F. 185, was introduced by Senator Randall of Cedar, as measure backed by the law enforcement element of the state.

The bill provides that the presence of anyone near private stills shall be prima facie evidence of possession. Rules are prescribed prohibiting posessession of "materials," which under a possible construction might include rice, raisins, prunes er corn, and prohibiting the possession of "formulas and recipes," which are subject to seizure.

Advertising of formulas for sale is so prohibited. All liquors and stills must be de stroyed in the presence of a judge, but enough of the beverage may be

phialed up for evidence purposes on The new measure orders that prohibitory cases appealed from the police or justice courts be "tried forthwith" in the district court. It has been charged that prosecutors are tempted to forget to carry up

The law gives state officials check on United States permits issued and forbids pool halls and soft drink parlors from selling "medicinal preparations.'

South Dakota Legislature Starts State Prison Probe

Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 27.-Investigation of conditions at the South Dakota penitentiary was begun by a legislative committee here today. Representative John T. Black, chairman of the committee, said: "We will make a thorough examuation of conditions at the penitentiary. We have heard many rumors concerning conditions at the institu-

tion, but they are only rumors." Two pistols and 36 cartridges were New York Villages Shaken By Earthquake Tremors

Glen Falls, N. Y., Jan. 27 .- Villages in this section were shaken for Milwaukee, Jan. 27.—Rt. Rev. W. Webb, bishop of the Episcopal church in the Milwaukee diocese, an earthquake. Large cracks apwas instructed by a vote of the dio- peared in the ground at several

The Weather

Forecast.

Fair and warmer Friday. Hourly Temperatures. To Join Internationale Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 27 .- Ad-Shippers' Bulletin.
Protect shipments during the next 24
35 hours from temperatures as folio
North and east, 25 degrees; south, 20
grees, west, 20 degrees. A majority of 16,800 against the

Governor's Budget Is \$26,845,206

Estimate of State Expenses for 1921-22 Totals \$3,718,687 More Than Cost for Last 2 Years.

Would Boost Taxation

Lincoln, Jan. 27 .- (Special.) -The first budget of state expendi tures ever prepared for guidance of Nebraska lawmakers was presented to a joint session of the egislature today by Gov. S. R. Mc

The budget was prepared by the governor under authority of the new constitution. The legislature may reduce any item, but may not in-crease any specification unless by a wo-thirds vote.

The governor's estimate of ex-This is an increase of \$3,618,687

over the total expenditures of the

last two years. Anticipates New Laws. The increase in state taxation, should the budget be accepted as it stands, is considerably greater The governor has anticipated the passage of laws by the present legislature, transferring from the state to the county the expenditure of automobile license receipts and other similar revenues for road improvement. On this account he has reduced the estimated state revenues from other than tax sources by

\$2,060,432. The funds required by taxation under the governor's budget, ate \$21,368,419, an increase of \$5,679,119 over the \$15,689,299 item which was expended in 1919-1920.

Of this increase \$1,663,000 is more apparent than real. It represents funds raised for the new state capitol during the last two years, but not yet spent. The actual proposed increase in tax-raised revenue is, therefore, approximately \$4,000,000. On the basis of a \$765,000,000 valuation, the governor estimates that a tax assessment of 12.1 mills will be required to raise this amount, instead of the 10.39 mill levy of last year. This will increase taxes only 17 cents per \$100 valuation, he says.

Suggest Taxation Changes. At the same time that Governor Senate Measure

McKelvie presented his budget of 200 pages, he read a message to the legislature of 5,000 words, in which he suggested taxation reforms as a heritance tax provided for in the new constitution, tightening down in licensing out-of-state corporations operating in the state and registra-

tion of mortgages. The governor also gives Phil Bross, secretary of finance, credit for compiling the lengthy document. (Turn to Page Two, Column One.)

To Name United States Ambassador to Russia

Washington, Jan. 27.-The house toted down a proposal to pave the way for appointment of an ambassador to Russia and struck out of the diplomatic appropriation bill a pro-vision for raising the American legation at Peking to an embassy. Then finding its feet entangled in diplomatic problems, it quit with an

agreement to continue consideration

After brief debate the house reected an amendment by Representative Mason, republican, Illinois, to set aside \$17,500 as the salary of an ambassador so that Mr. Harding, as president, might be prepared to establish diplomatic relations with Russia, should conditions so develop as to make such a course desirable. Mr. Mason declared that his own information from unprejudiced sources indicated that the bolshevists had done more for the people than ever was done before.

Wilson to Act on Proposal

To Free Eugene V. Debs Washington, Jan. 27. — Recom-mendations by the Department of Justice for the pardon for Eugene . Debs probably will be submitted to President Wilson within the next few days. President Wilson has said, however, that he would not pardon Debs, as he believed such action might lower the morale of the people in the event of another

Partner of Pastor-Bandit

Held for Part in Robbery Mt. Vernon, Ill. Jan. 27.- Loren Williamson, business partner in a garage business with Guy Kyle, for mer preacher, who has confessed complicity in the \$216,000 mail their here January 14, was arrested shortbefore noon in connection with the Williamson has denied participation in it.

320,000,000 Bushels Wheat In United States January 1

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.— Wheat stocks on hand in the United States January 1, 1921, totaled 320,-000,000 bushels, according to an estimate made public by the Department of Agriculture. This figure compared with 417,000,000 bushels on hand a year ago.

House Committee to Take

Up Packing Bill Saturday Washington, Jan. 27 .- The house agricultural committee voted to take up Saturday the senate bill for regulation of the meat industry and keep at it until disposed of,