

El Paso, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Susan A. Moore, widow of John J. Moore, a storekeeper killed during the Villa raid on Columbus, N. M., March 9, 1916, at a hearing here today for the senate sub-committee investigating Mexican affairs testified concerning the killing of her husband and the looting carried on by the bandits.

Reports Columbus was to be raided had been received by Mrs. Moore and others in Columbus during the six weeks previous to the raid, she said, but little credence was given them.

The hearing was conducted by Major Dan M. Jackson of El Paso, secretary of the sub-committee. One other witness, Joe Allen Richards, who discovered the bodies of the United States aviators, Lieutenants Cecil Connelly and Fred Waterhouse in Lower California, where they were forced to descend after being lost on a flight from San Diego, Calif., will be heard by Major Jackson, previous to opening of hearings on the border by the three senators comprising the committee. It was said Richards would testify to the effect the Americans were murdered by Mexicans.

Major Jackson said today the committee would begin hearings on the border soon after January 1 at San Antonio, Texas. Senator A. B. Fall, chairman of the sub-committee, left here yesterday to pass Christmas with relatives at Nogales, Ariz.

Mrs. Moore said the bandits came to their residence about and one-quarter miles from Columbus and broke in. They shot and stabbed her husband and before he died tore his clothes from him. She also was the target for many bullets when she tried to escape and one hit her in the leg. She succeeded in escaping and hiding by a fence where American soldiers found her and gave first aid treatment.

The Mexicans so badly mutilated her husband after his death Mrs. Moore was not allowed to see his body, she said. Despite her wounds she accompanied the body to her husband's former home in Ohio, but could only watch the funeral from a cot near a window, she said.

The Moore store in Columbus was looted, Mrs. Moore said. She also told of meeting and talking with Mrs. Maud H. Wright, who had been captured and held prisoner nine days by the Villistas previously to the Columbus raid. Mrs. Wright was taken after her husband had been killed and her child stolen by Mexicans.

"SOVIET ARK" READY TO SAIL

New York, Dec. 20.—The government steamer *Buford*—"the soviet ark"—is ready to leave New York for soviet Russia on two hours' notice, it was learned this morning. She will carry on her holiday cruise a greater part of several hundred radicals held for deportation at Ellis Island. Information was withheld concerning the exact hour of sailing.

SUPREME COURT RECESS

Washington, Dec. 22.—The supreme court today recessed until January 5 without handing down an opinion on the constitutionality sections of the Volstead prohibition enforcement act affecting the alcoholic contents of beer.

New York, Dec. 22.—The "Soviet ark," *Buford*, which sailed for an unnamed Russian port yesterday with 249 radical deportees on board, will be followed before she has an opportunity to reach her destination by a second ark load of "reds," according to information today.

It was stated that a second batch of deportees probably would be em-

barked some time this week on the government's second drastic step against aliens who have sought to bring about the overthrow of constitutional government. The department of justice has 60,000 radicals listed. How many of these will follow their "red" leaders on enforced voyages to their home lands has not been made known.

The *Buford*, which crept out of New York harbor with a heavy guard in the darkness yesterday morning, carried Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman two of the most notorious anarchist leaders the United States has ever harbored together with 247 other radicals of various degrees of "redness." Department of justice agents said the *Buford's* passenger list comprised the "brains" of the radical movement in the United States.

Sailing orders now in the hands of the master of the "soviet ark" delivered to him to be opened 24 hours from this port will permit him to use his discretion as to what one of the several Russian or Finnish ports his consignment of deported reds may be landed, it was reported here today. The flexibility of these orders, it was said, was provided so that the captain may be able to meet unforeseen conditions of ice and bad weather, or possible refusal of officials at any one port to permit Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman and the others to land.

There was held in Albuquerque the first week in December a meeting that in the years to come will be looked upon as one of the memorable occasions marking a step forward in the march of progress for New Mexico. This was a conference between Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of the National Suffrage association, and the women of New Mexico who are leading the forces for ratification of the federal suffrage amendment at the coming special session of the legislature which is to meet in January at Santa Fe.

Mrs. Catt called attention to the importance of New Mexico in the endeavor to secure a sufficient number of states to ratify in order that women might participate in the 1920 national election which is to be one of the most important elections ever held in America. It is important for the nation that women's voice be heard at this critical time in the history of our country, and that woman's point of view both upon home and upon world questions be recognized. This much is due women as a recognition of their unselfish devotion to our cause in the world war.

It was with great pride that the women informed Mrs. Catt that Governor Larrazolo had agreed to call a special session of the legislature, and they assured the national leader of their entire confidence that the legislature would ratify the amendment and so put the state in the vanguard of the really progressive states

of the union.

The nation is going to need the loyal support of its women in upholding the integrity of the country on the western hemisphere during the reconstruction period immediately ahead of us, and Mrs. Catt asserted that the opportunity for service of the New Mexico women was monumental because of their understanding of the Spanish language and people.

The meeting was also for the purpose of effecting a temporary organization of a league of women voters in New Mexico in anticipation of the new responsibilities. Committees were named and chairmen appointed for the several branches of work planned. It was interesting to note the scope of the interest of women throughout the nation—the new voters to be—as represented by the speakers from national headquarters. Dr. Valeria Parker represents the department of social hygiene, or national health, such as has been carried on by the government among the soldiers but is now to be extended to the women and children of the nation; Miss Schuler, of the Child's Welfare department, interested in reducing the infant mortality and in developing a stronger citizenry and Miss Haver, of the consumers' league, a national organization interested in food, its conservation, preparation and distribution. These women who are all experts in their chosen work were brilliant speakers who outlined practical methods.

New York, Dec. 22.—Two petty officers and nine members of the crew of the United States army transport *America*, charged with mutiny on the high seas and other crimes, faced an official investigation today on board the ship at her pier at Hoboken. Unofficial reports said the trouble was fomented by I. W. W. agitators.

When the *America* docked yesterday, after having landed the United peace delegates at quarantine Saturday night, the accused men were taken ashore in irons and the story of the mutiny was revealed in part. It is charged that the men attempted to leave the ship without permission, let the fires die out, imperiled her safety by cutting off the electric lights, committed petty robberies, frightened women passengers and gambled in defiance of the officers.

One of the ringleaders is said to be William Calkins, an ordinary seaman, reputed to be a member of the I. W. W. He had been arrested at sea, but escaped the armed guard until the transport was researched before docking.

Special attention was given at the investigation to Calkin's case. He is said to have joined the ship 10 minutes before she sailed from Hoboken on the round trip which ended yesterday and to have announced that he had been "sent" to join the crew. The investigators are seeking to determine if a crew recruiting agency or professional agitators "sent" him.

Secrecy was thrown around the investigation but it was said a formal statement might be issued later in the day. It was said, however, that six men had died on the voyage, five from pneumonia and one from drowning.

Santa Fe, Dec. 22.—Luis Torres, of Parral, Mexico, who has served 13 years of a life term in the New Mexico penitentiary for murder of a man in Santa Rita, New Mexico, will get a Christmas pardon. Governor Larrazolo came across a plea for Torres, which he himself had written to the governor as an attorney ten years ago and now finds himself in a position to grant his own plea.

The governor says Torres has a clear case of self-defense but pleaded not guilty through ignorance and was convicted on circumstantial evidence. Ten years ago the convict was supporting a widowed mother in Parral. Whether she is yet alive is not known.

BRITISH PREMIER READY TO EXPLAIN GOVERNMENT'S BILL FOR IRELAND

London, Dec. 22.—Premier Lloyd George was ready at the opening of parliament today to announce the details of the government's Irish home rule bill. This measure, which will, it is believed, give a large amount of autonomy to Ireland, has been, according to recent statements, modified after the state governmental system of the United States.

Two legislators, one for Ulster and one for southern Ireland, would be provided, and the way is left open for a union of the two sections should they decide to take this step. Fullest possible freedom would be accorded the Irish legislatures in administering the affairs of the island, while in matters affecting the empire, Ireland would have a voice in the imperial parliament.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The rate of depletion of the forests of this country is more than twice, probably three times, what is actually being produced by growth in a form serviceable for products other than firewood. Consequently, high prices of lumber are not wholly due to increased costs of production. An important factor is the ever-retreating sources of timber supply. Already the supplies of all the great eastern centers of production are approaching exhaustion, with the exception of the south, and even there most of the mills have not over ten to fifteen years' supply of virgin timber. Already the southern pine is being withdrawn from many points as a competitive factor and its place taken by western timbers. This inevitably results in added freight charges, which the consumer must pay.

These facts are called to public attention in the annual report of the forester of the United States department of agriculture, recently published. Their presentation is accompanied by a plea that the nation adopt an enlarged program of public acquisition of forests by the government, the states, and municipalities, and protection and perpetuation of forest growth on all privately owned lands which may not better be used for agriculture and settlement.

VERDICT IN TABOR CASE

Lawton, Mich., Dec. 20.—Specifically blaming no one, the coroner's jury investigating the death of Maude Tabor, whose body was found in a trunk in her home here a month ago, returned a verdict that death resulted from an illegal operation.

DOPE FIENDS LOOT SPRINGER PHARMACY

P. J. Murphy, local police chief, yesterday afternoon received word from Springer stating that night before last thieves had entered a drug store at that place making away with a large quantity of "dope," 30 to 45 finger rings, several bracelets, some lavalliers and a number of checks. Two tall, poorly dressed men who were seen in Springer late Sunday night are suspected. They were traveling in a Ford car and were headed south. Local merchants have been warned to keep a lookout for these men and see that they don't cash the checks which were made payable to the Springer pharmacy.

TIFFANY MINE NEAR SANTA FE ROBBED

Santa Fe, Dec. 23.—The Tiffany turquoise mine at Bonanza, fifteen miles south of Santa Fe, has been looted, it was reported yesterday to Sheriff George W. Armijo. The sheriff was advised that entrance to the mine had been forced and turquoise taken, but how much could not be learned. The mine has been closed.

Deputy Sheriff Ricardo Alarid was sent to Bonanza to make an investigation.

DEPRESSION IN SWEDEN'S FI- NANCE

Stockholm, Dec. 23.—Reaction after the war time boom, strikes, the high cost of living, increased taxation and lack of capital, have combined to cause a general depression in the Swedish financial market.

Several large financial and commercial concerns have recently failed, drawing down with them affiliated firms. Stock exchange quotations for leading securities have declined to the lowest figures for many years.

ALASKA THIRD IN GOLD

Fairbanks, Alaska, Dec. 23.—Alaska's gold production in 1918 ranked third, according to statistics recently published by the geological survey. The territory's mines yielded 455,920 ounces of gold, worth \$9,424,700 last year. California produced 811,945 ounces valued at \$16,785,400 and Colorado was second with 615,588 ounces worth \$12,724,700.

AVIATOR ABANDONS AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT

London, Dec. 23.—Lieutenant Eienne Boulet, the French military aviator who on October 14 left Paris in an attempt to fly to Australia, has abandoned the flight, according to advices received here from Rangoon today.

Lieutenant Boulet's machine was so badly damaged in a battle in the air with a huge vulture early this month that he was forced to land on a small plat in the mountains. The aviator repaired his machine sufficiently to continue on to Moulman but was unable to put his plane in condition to cover the intervening distance to Australia.

TOOK POISON FOR HEADACHE

Denver, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Robert Lewis, 30, wife of a prominent doctor of Denver, died at a hospital here today from the effects of having taken a large dose of poison which she mistook for a headache remedy.

EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATIONS IS AGAIN DELAYED

Paris, Dec. 23.—Exchange of ratifications of the German peace treaty before the end of the year is considered in French official circles as impossible. This opinion was formed today when the head of the German delegation here announced that he would be obliged to return to Berlin to consult with the government on the latest allied communication.

Paul Dutasta, secretary of the peace conference, handed Kurt von Lersner, head of the German delegation, the allied reply to the last German note. Von Lersner emphasized that his departure for Berlin was in no wise a rupture of negotiations.

CHRISTMAS TREES BEING SOLD CHEAP

Denver, Dec. 23.—"Christmas trees at any old price."

This sign appeared today on a large stock of mountain spruce trees at a downtown corner in Denver. The original prices had apparently been 50 cents. A mark had been drawn through this figure and 40 cents substituted, and then this last named price had been supplanted by the announcement set forth as above.

The tumble in price of trees was due largely to the fact that dealers found themselves overstocked and began a campaign of price cutting. Radical reductions were also apparent in the prices of holy wreaths and other Christmas time decorations.

NEWS OF ROBBERY IS JUST MADE PUBLIC

Albuquerque, Dec. 23.—It was learned yesterday that the safe in the cashier's office at the Santa Fe freight depot was robbed of \$385 the latter part of November. The news of the robbery was not given out before for the reason that the officers were following some clues and preferred that the matter be kept secret for the time being.

The robbery, it was said, was committed in daylight, between the hours of 12, noon, and 1:00 p. m. The safe was locked when the employees went to dinner and when they returned it was found unlocked and the money was gone, according to information given out.

Tim O'Leary, chief special agent of the northern district, arrived Friday to take charge of the investigation.

FARMERS MARKETING SUPPLIES OF WHEAT

The attention of the farmers in this vicinity is now centered on the marketing of wheat, approximately two-thirds of the crop being sold to date, advices received here today stated. Turkey Red wheat has taken a leap from \$1.85 to \$2.40 during the past week, for the best grade. This is due in a great meas-

ure to an abundance of the soft wheat, which is of poor quality owing to smut and rust.

Durham wheat has risen 15 to 20 cents recently, and now brings \$2.10. Millers, as a rule, have not encouraged the growing of this product, is it is necessary to process it by machinery with which the mills are not at present equipped. Farmers insist, however, that although the Durham sells for less on the market, that because of its heavy yield and drought resisting qualities, it is more profitable to raise than many other varieties.

For the past five years, the business interests have been promoting the raising of the Defiance, a soft spring wheat, and the Marquis, a hard grade spring wheat, because marked results have been obtained through their production. The latter is equivalent to the Turkey Red wheat in milling quality. It has been realized this year more than ever before that these two grades of wheat are coming more and more into demand. There will be a scarcity of the Defiance, Marquis and Macaroni seed this year, present conditions indicate.

Close selling has featured the market on these three types of wheat, and seed this spring will bring \$5.00 per hundred, according to those who are familiar with the situation. At present, farmers may obtain seed from their neighbors, but if they delay purchasing it now, it is doubtful if the seed can be procured later.

LIGHT COMPANY PUTS IN NEW SWITCHBOARD

The first trip of the cars of the Las Vegas Transit company yesterday was made at 3:30 p. m. The tie up in the service was due to the installation of a switchboard at the power house. The old switchboard, installed some years ago, through additions made since its erection, has become so complicated that it was deemed advisable to provide a new one.

Work on replacing the old equipment has been in progress since the middle of November, and it is planned to complete the work the latter part of February. The new board will be the last word in up-to-date electrical apparatus. It controls the power of the entire city. The two big D. C. generators at the power house are being completely overhauled, and will be in service in a week or ten days.

With the new switchboard installed, the electrical end of the power house will be in A-1 condition. C. A. Gildersleeve, formerly with the Texas Light and Power company, is in charge of the construction work. Street car service and lighting will be interrupted more or less until the work is completed, Mr. Gildersleeve stated yesterday.

BOLL WEEVIL SCHOOL

Athens, Ga., Dec. 23.—A boll weevil school, the most progressive and original departure ever attempted in agricultural education in the south, will be held here next month under the auspices of the Georgia State College of Agriculture. During the ten days over which the school extends farmers will be offered not a long series of lectures, but 20 concrete and practical demonstrations in the best methods of eradicating the boll weevil.

JACKSON DAY BANQUET

Washington, Dec. 23.—Democrats of the country may have an opportunity on January 8 to give the party candidates for the White House the "once over" and determine which one they prefer. For the first time in eight years the democratic leaders will hold a Jackson day banquet here in conjunction with the meeting of the democratic national committee to fix the time and place for holding the national convention.

No plans have been perfected to present to public view the potential candidates, but included among the invited guests will be Vice President Marshall, Attorney General Palmer, W. G. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury, Governor Cox of Ohio, and other democrats whose names have been mentioned more or less prominently in connection with the presidential nomination.

President Wilson undoubtedly will be invited, and while nobody here expects him to attend, it is regarded as quite probable he will send some sort of message. Politicians would not be surprised if Mr. Wilson took this opportunity to make it clear whether he expects again to be the party candidate.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT

Dancing Christmas into existence at the American Legion Christmas eve ball at the armory will be somewhat of a novelty—and the advance sale of tickets indicates that a large number of Vegas people will be at the baile tomorrow night. Because the stores will remain open late, dancing will not begin until 9:00, but the Union Booster orchestra has been engaged to play until the last couple has had enough dancing. The decorations are as pretty and as appropriate as have been seen at the armory.

WILLARD-MORIARTY ROAD NEARLY FINISHED

Santa Fe, Dec. 23.—The road from Moriarty to Willard in the Estancia valley has nearly been completed, according to J. C. Harvey, district highway engineer. The distance of about 25 miles is being graded. The big Holt caterpillar tractor has proved very effective and its use economical. This stretch of road has been built in about two months.

The construction of the Albuquerque-Farmington road is also being pushed, according to Mr. Harvey. The first mile out of Bernalillo where this highway leaves the Camino Real, is completed. About 25 teams are at work. This section is across sand where it is not possible to use trucks.

AFTER NEW BASEBALL MANAGER

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 23.—Officials of the Peoria club of the Three-I league are negotiating for a new manager to succeed Jimmy Hamilton, who will pilot the Joplin, Mo., club of the Western league next season. "Bill" Jackson, who formerly led the Peoria team probably will be selected from the list of applicants. Jackson managed the Omaha club of the Western league last season.

A singular feature to be seen in Japan on New Year's day is a grass rope running from house to house, with symbolical decorations. It is believed to ward off evil spirits during the year.

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY STRENGTHENS BELIEF DEAF MUTE IS GUILTY

Denver, Dec. 24.—Circumstantial evidence against Alexander Miller, the mute farm hand held in jail in connection with the murder of Adam Shank and five members of his family last Sunday morning, continued to pile up here today.

The latest development in the case came shortly before noon when a resident of Weld county, whose name the police refuse to divulge, appeared before the officers and told of meeting Miller at a point two miles from the Shank home at about midnight Saturday, an hour before the crime is thought to have been committed. This testimony tends to refute Miller's earlier statement that he was in Denver at the hour mentioned.

The agent at Platteville, where Miller bought a ticket to Denver early Sunday, came here today and positively identified Miller as the purchaser of the ticket.

New York, Dec. 24.—Plans for a Christmas day demonstration were completed by the League of Amnesty for political prisoners. The program calls for organization of flying motor squadrons to convey carollers, dressed in prison gray and with wrists manacled on a tour of the city's churches from Old Trinity in Lower Broadway to St. Patrick's cathedral in Fifth avenue.

According to the organizers there will be no parade but each auto will be followed by a single file of "walkers" each six feet apart. These "walkers," who also will act as pickets when congregations leave the churches, will carry banners, reading:

"There are 1,500 prisoners behind bars for conscience sake."

"Ten political prisoners have died for their opinion's sake."

"Eighteen bishops helped free English conscientious objectors."

It was announced at league headquarters that carollers and "walkers" would be met at the Church of the Ascension by the Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, rector, who attracted attention by criticising the action of the government in the deporting of Reds.

PERSHING AT LINCOLN

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 24.—General John J. Pershing came to Lincoln today for a holiday visit with members of his family. More than a quarter of a century ago he made this city his home. Then he was a law student at the University of Nebraska and commandant of the university cadets and was known as "Young Lieutenant Pershing."

COAL PRICES GOING UP

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Coal consumers here today were in receipt of announcements from several coal companies notifying them of an increase in the retail price of between 30 and 40 cents a ton on all coal, to make up for the 14 per cent. wage increase the workers gained.

New York, Dec. 26.—The Commercial Cable company announced today its Havana-New York cable is broken and messages cannot be handled to any part of Cuba. A repair ship has been dispatched to mend the break, it was announced.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Europe's most urgent need today is the pooling of its food supply and the establishment of proper distribution facilities under a director general in the opinion of General Tasker H. Bliss, a member of the American peace delegation, who reached Washington today from Paris.

Such an arrangement, General Bliss said, would remove discontent, strengthen morale and aid over their formative period the new governments which have been created as a result of the war.

Germany should be included in the economic coalition, General Bliss said. With Germany excluded, he declared, there would be an element of discontent which would inevitably react on the other countries.

General Bliss saw no possibility of including Russia in the distribution plan, but he said if the present so-called government of that country "would play fair with the rest of the world for 30 days and during that time the general distribution of necessities could be worked to include Russia," he believed that the present situation in that country would be completely changed.

There is no reason for famine threatening any portion of Europe, General Bliss said, despite the destruction and loss of production during the war. He estimated the crop to be 83 per cent of normal.

The morale of the older governments in Europe is good without exception, General Bliss said, but the more recently established nations are still far from stable as a result of economic ills, described as utterly unnecessary. France, England and Italy should lend their whole support to the coalition idea, if only for the good which will devolve to themselves, he declared.

General Bliss suggested that "such a man as Herbert Hoover, should be named director general of supplies for Europe and that there should be appointed with this official another to be director general of transportation. Into the common pool, under the plan would be placed not only all stores of cereals and grains, but coal, petroleum, metals and railway equipment.

"There is food in plenty right up to the gates of Budapest and Vienna and starvation within both cities," General Bliss said.

"The present government of Germany, weak as it is," represents the only hope of the world for the early reconstruction of that country, in the opinion of the peace commissioner.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Large increases in the export of breadstuffs were noted in the November report today of the department of commerce, but exports of meat and dairy products decreased \$10,000,000 as compared with the same month a year ago.

Breadstuffs exported in November valued at \$71,738,929 as compared with \$66,271,644 for November, 1918. For the 11 months ending with November the total was \$865,552,948 against \$708,127,113 for the corresponding period of 1918.

Meat and dairy products exported in November were valued at \$61,948,690 and those sent out of the country for the 11 months' period were worth \$1,097,724,942 against \$853,796,000 for the corresponding year.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—R. B. Russell one of the leaders in Winnipeg's general strike, charged with seditious conspiracy, was found guilty here today on all seven counts.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Revocation effective January 1 of all licenses issued by the war trade board prior to last September 30 for the exportation of arms or munitions of war to Mexico, was announced today by the state department. The announcement follows:

"The secretary of state directs that all outstanding unused licenses issued prior to September 30, 1919, by the war trade board or the war trade board section of the department of state for the exportation to Mexico of arms or munitions of war shall be revoked effective January 1, 1920. Collectors of customs have been advised that said license will be of no further force or effect on or after January 1, 1920.

"By virtue of the authority vested in him by the proclamation issued by the president, on July 1, 1918, under section two of the joint resolution of congress approved March 14, 1912, and under an act of congress approved June 15, 1917, the secretary of war prescribes that no arms or munitions of war shall be shipped from the United States to Mexico except under the licenses of the secretary of war. All applications for licenses to export these commodities to Mexico must be filed with the department of state, on official applications forms furnished by that department, from which licenses will issue."

Washington, Dec. 24.—General Pershing's tour of inspection of military posts in the far west and along the Mexican border will end in the middle of February. The official program for the last half of his trip, made public here today, follows:

Leave Chicago, January 4, Kansas City January 10, Denver January 14, Salt Lake City January 16, Portland January 18, Seattle January 19, Sacramento January 23, and San Francisco January 24.

From Chicago General Pershing will arrive at various other points as follows: Cheyenne January 17, Ogden January 16, Sacramento, Calif., January 23, Benicio arsenal, January 24. Reaching San Francisco later the same day. From San Francisco he will go to Los Angeles January 26; San Diego January 27, back to Los Angeles January 29, Phoenix, Arizona, January 30, Maricopa January 30, Tucson and Douglas, January 31 and arrive at El Paso February 1.

A score or more of the patrol camps and supply depots along the border will be visited during this part of the tour, General Pershing reaching San Antonio, February 4.

On his return to Washington, General Pershing will prepare from data gathered during his tour a report for Secretary Baker, containing his recommendations as to camps, or depots which should be retained permanently for use in future emergencies.

London, Dec. 26.—Johnny Griffiths of Akron, Ohio, knocked out Francois Charles, French welterweight in the third round of their bout here tonight.

MEN WITH THE FLEET TO EN- JOY TURKEY DINNER SAME AS IF ON SHORE

Washington, Dec. 24.—Whether his ship is riding at anchor in a home harbor or is on duty in the remote corners of the world, the American bluejacket, will sit down tomorrow to a groaning board. Turkeys or chicken, candy and nuts and all the other "trimmings," of a Christmas dinner will be before him.

All ship's supply officer shave been forehanded this year, it was said today at the navy department and supplies for a real American Christmas dinner have been sent to the far flung posts where American men of war are on duty.

Ships in home waters will be decorated with Christmas greens at the masthead and foreyard arms and each will have a real Christmas tree for the men. Various forms of entertainment have been provided on board each vessel. These will include boxing and wrestling matches and other athletic events. Secretary Daniels today sent the following message to all vessels and stations:

"Christmas greetings to all in the naval service. Demobilization has lost many shipmates who were with us last Christmas when we celebrated the peace but they are still our comrades. Glory of our achievements abides with us. May the blessing of the peace won, and the blessings of the Prince of Peace cheer every heart this Christmas time."

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Wilson will announce tonight the date on which the railroads will be returned to private control.

Neither the White House nor the railroad administration would discuss the matter but officials held to the opinion that federal control would be ended at midnight, December 31, as the president stated it would be last May.

Director General Hines is understood to had under consideration a recommendation that government control be ended with the close of this year. Mr. Hines has made a study of the legislation governing the return now before congress and has reported to the president on it.

HOWAT ORDERS KANSAS MEN TO RESUME WORK

Pittsburgh, Kansas, Dec. 24.—All Kansas miners striking in protest against the sending to jail of their president, Alexander Howat, were ordered to return to work by district officials today. The order went out by direction of Howat, who communicated with his officers by telephone.

Howat notified his officers that the central and other local strikes would be taken up by the district board here Friday. One thousand miners still were on strike today, making idle six mines.

BRUTAL MURDER IN OGDEN, UTAH, TODAY

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 24.—With his skull crushed and his pockets cut, the body of a man was found crumpled up in a shed near the railroad yards here this morning. Among the effects left in the clothing were a gold watch and a letter addressed to George Lowes, Green River, Wyo. Police declare it is a case of murder with robbery as the motive.

WORKING DOES NOT BOTHER HIM AT ALL

OKLAHOMA MAN SUFFERED 5
YEARS—IS RELIEVED BY
TAKING TANLAC

"I am certainly glad to recommend Tanlac, after the wonderful way it helped both my wife and myself," said J. N. Fightmaster, of the Fightmaster Paving company, who lives at 915 North Dewey street, Oklahoma City, Okla.

"For five years or more," he continued, "my stomach had been out of order and I couldn't eat anything without suffering from indigestion. I would bloat up with sour gas and would get so nervous and upset that I couldn't attend to my business properly. My sleep was broken and I felt tired and worn out most all the time. I just managed to keep going, but felt my condition was getting more serious every day.

"I noticed an improvement soon after I started taking Tanlac, my appetite picked up, gas stopped forming and my food now agrees with me perfectly. My nerves are stronger, I sleep like a log and am able to look after my work now without any trouble. My wife had been in a weak and rundown condition for some time, but Tanlac has helped her fine and we are both simply delighted with the way Tanlac has benefitted us."

NOMENCLATURE OF FIGHTERS

In the files of the bureau of war risk insurance, Washington, D. C., are the names and records of upwards of 4,500,000 soldiers, sailors and marines, insured under the war risk insurance act. In the card indexes are listed the names of 53,200 Johnsons, the most numerous family name in the bureau records. Some of these Johnsons also spell their names variously, as Johnston and Johnstone. The Smiths, with 51,950, are not far behind numerically. The Browns, with 48,000, are third, and the Williams family comes to the front with 47,000 names. Then in the order name come the O'Neases, 28,050 strong, the Andersons, 22,000, the Walkers, 18,500.

Of the 53,200 Johnsons, 2,138 were christened John, and 2,062 William Johnson. The favorite Christian name in the Smith family is William, being borne by 3,414 Smiths; while John was the given name of 2,625 Smiths. Of the 48,000 Browns who wore the uniform 2,000 were named plain John Brown. Of the Williams family, 280 signed up as "Willie Williams," and 170 as "William Williams." There were 900 "John Andersons," 800 were christened "Carl," and 600 "Charles."

John J. O'Brien, a soldier, wrote to the bureau of war risk insurance about his insurance; he gave no serial or certificate numbers, but said he could be identified by the fact that the beneficiary, his wife, was named Mary A. The research workers at the bureau found in the files the names of 175 men listed as John J. O'Brien, the wives of 50 of whom bore the name of Mary A. O'Brien.

NEW MEXICO WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

The coal shortage closed industries, this caused unemployment and privation and proved that conditions of whatever character which interfere with industrial activity bring immediate hardship.

Des Moines builds another \$50,000 school.

Contract given for 10 shallow oil wells at Glenrio, in Deaf Smith county.

Floyd school opens with 120 pupils. Has 3 new Ford trucks and one touring car for transportation.

New Mexico Central to be best equipped small railroad in southwest.

Eastern counties won't stand for Jap colonists.

Roswell charities unite and get nurse for city.

Four thousand tons hay stored and awaiting cars for shipment at Roswell.

Raton hospital gets new equipment.

Carlsbad makes heavy shipments mohair worth thousands of dollars.

Rosedale ranch sells 500 fine lambs.

Output in this state almost normal.

Twenty coal miners were arrested in Gallup while trying to hold a meeting, presumably to discuss preventing strikers from returning to work. It seems that Gallup is making an effort to catch up with its coal production.

Detroit oil basin at Rincon attracts attention; one well now drilling.

Smelter for Tucumcari now practically assured.

Portales oil wells make good progress.

Silver City business men plan to rehabilitate silver industry.

Chino copper mines at Santa Rita suspend work on account of coal shortage.

Shortage of 500 teachers reported in state; inadequate salaries is reason.

Little Hatchet company, of Santa Rita, to develop Buckhorn mine.

The teachers at Albuquerque form organization to work for \$2,100 minimum salary.

Cattle and Horse Growers' association to meet in Carlsbad February 3 and 4.

Sandstorm Oil and Development company, of Las Cruces, secures charter with fully paid capital stock of \$150,000.

Santa Fe business men subscribe \$100,000 towards building \$250,000 hotel.

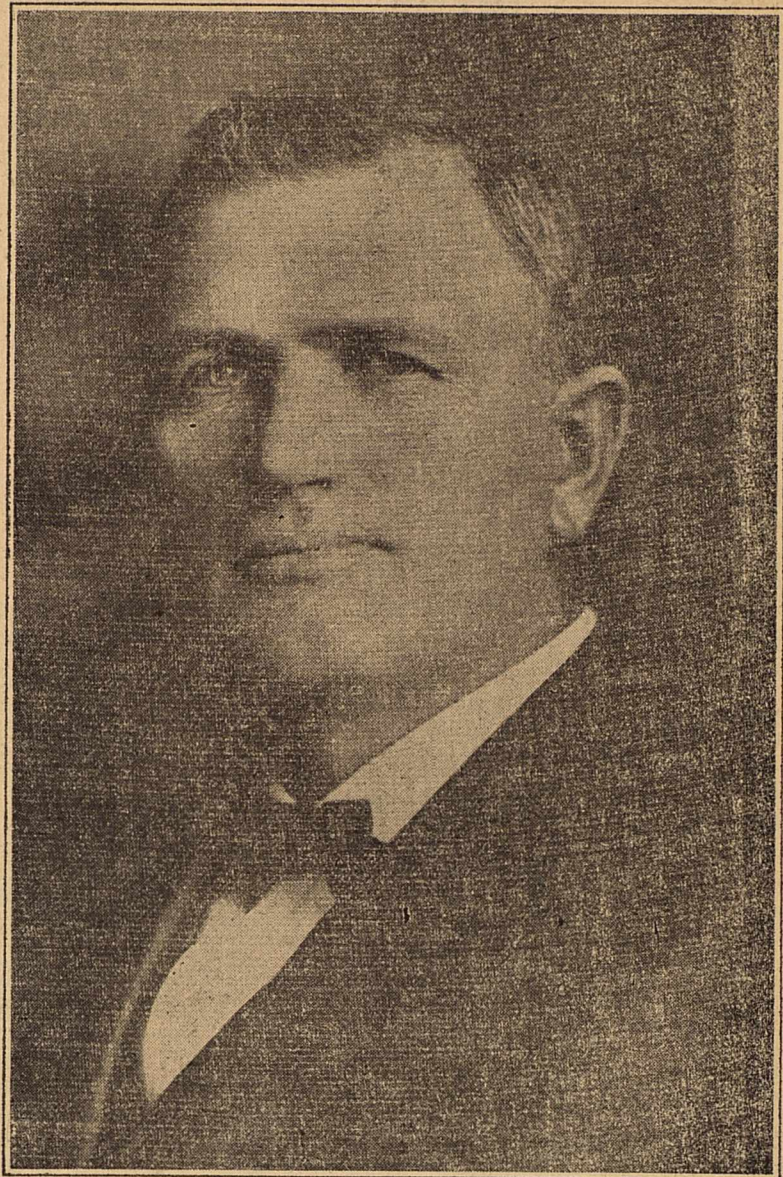
New Mexico oil fields being rapidly developed. There are approximately 127 well under construction in the state.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 24.—For the first time in the history of the state, the live stock raised this year exceeded \$1,000,000, according to a report submitted to the governor. High prices rather than unprecedented yields, were responsible for the showing.

WILL OPEN SHIPPING

London, Dec. 24.—A Hamburg shipping company announces that it intends to open a service with London in the near future.

Wood Candidacy Gaining in Favor Says Holm O. Bursum



THE HONORABLE HOLM O. BURSUM

The Hon. Holm O. Bursum, Republican national committeeman from New Mexico, passed through this city yesterday morning on the Limited enroute to his home at Socorro from Washington, D. C., where he attended the recent meeting of the Republican national committee. Mr. Bursum stated that the prospects for the success of the Republican party at the elections next fall were never better and that the people of all classes, opinions and parties have reached the conclusion that the nation must return to the Republican party for an administration that will straighten out the tangled affairs of the country.

"Sentiment throughout the east," said Mr. Bursum, "is strongly in favor of the candidacy of General Leonard Wood for the nomination for the presidency."

Many of the western states have already taken a decided stand for General Wood and his nomination as the party candidate would meet with favor in New Mexico. General Wood made a deep impression on the

About 80 per cent. of the heat produced in California comes from fuel oil, which is also extensively used in Oregon and Washington.

For the last thirty years the average yield of potatoes per acre in Ontario has been about 41 per cent over that of the United States.

Republicans of the state during his visit last fall when he was presented with the medal voted him by the legislature.

The concensus of opinion throughout the state is that the Republicans will send delegates to the national convention at Chicago in June who will vote for the nomination of General Wood.

Mr. Bursum stated yesterday morning that the opinion of Republican leaders was that General Wood possessed all of the qualifications necessary for the tremendous task of piloting the United States through the trying period of reconstruction which the next few years will witness.

Mr. Bursum has long been an outstanding member of the Republican party of this state and is a leader of prominence in the party at large. His opinions and beliefs have often been sought by Republican leaders and he has aided materially in many ways in solving the problems of the party.

Canada's first plant for the smelting of tin by electric furnace has been put in operation at Brantford, Ont.

forms a part of the harbor of Stockholm, is open for business, although it will take perhaps ten years before all contemplated improvements are completed.

SOUTHWESTERN GOVERNORS WILL MEET IN DENVER

Denver, Dec. 23.—The governors of Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho will meet in Denver on January 10 to formulate a course of action to be taken by the states in the move to have turned over to the commonwealths the public land and also to make recommendations for a constructive program of irrigation. Announcement to this effect was made today by Governor Oliver Shoup, of Colorado, who stated that the executives would go in a body to Washington on January 14 to press their demands with the various congressional committees and the department of the interior.

The meeting here will attempt to carry out some of the suggestions made at the recent gubernatorial conference in Salt Lake City at which time it was suggested that the western states make a concerted effort to gain possession of the United States lands in their respective domains, that the proceeds resulting from the sale of such lands might be used to the benefit of the state treasuries.

NEWARK, N. J., BANS MERCHANT OF VENICE

Newark, Dec. 23.—Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" is to be dropped from the literature studied in Newark public schools, "because of its effect on the minds of non-Jewish children." In approving today a request from the anti-defamation league of Chicago that the play be banned, the board of education's instruction committee asserted that its action was based neither upon "the embarrassment which may be caused Jewish students in the class, nor upon thin skinned sensitiveness," but because non-Jewish children "sub-consciously will associate in their minds the Jew as Shakespeare portrayed him with the Jew of today."

"Children are not analysts," said a statement issued by the committee. "The Jew of Shakespeare's lives in the mind of the child, as the Jew of New York or the Jew of Chicago or the Jew of Newark."

The dance at the armory on Christmas night promises to be one of the attractive features of the week's festivities as plans of an elaborate nature have been made for the enjoyment of the devotees of the art dancant. Cook's orchestra has provided an entire new program of peppy jazz and rag time pieces as one of the features. This Christmas dance has become an annual event which has gained in popularity with each succeeding year and this season's promises to eclipse the pleasures of those of other days.

Rome, Dec. 23.—Musta Kamal, leader of the Turkish insurgents in Anatolia and head of the Turkish nationalist movement in Asia Minor, has been assassinated, according to a Smyrna dispatch to the Tempo.

KING PROROGUES DANIELS ORDERS MURDERED FAMILY TO BE BURIED TOMORROW

BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS REPORT ON WAR DECORATIONS

SESSION FORMALLY CLOSED BY SPEECH; WILL MEET AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 10

London, Dec. 23.—The house of commons was prorogued today until February 10. The session was formally closed by the king's speech of proroguing.

The king referred to the visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada and Newfoundland which, he said, "filled my heart with feelings of pride and satisfaction." "He subsequently," continued the king, "visited the United States of America, where he was greeted with a warmth and kindness which will, I am confident, have the happiest effect upon the relations of the empire and that great nation."

"I rely on all my subjects," continued the speech, "to work together for its success. In a proclamation which I am addressing to my viceroy and to the princes and the people of India, I am expressing my hope that a harmonious political life will steadily be built up on the foundations thus laid and I am announcing my intention of sending the Prince of Wales to India to inaugurate the new constitution."

To the members of the house of commons, the king gave his thanks for their provision during the year for the public expenditure which had continued abnormal; largely exceeding the permanent and temporary revenue, and he trusted that next year, with the return of more normal conditions, he said, that the first steps would be taken toward the reduction of the national debt.

"The condition of our finances and the state of our credit continue to occupy the serious attention of my ministers," he went on. "Only by strict economy, both in public and private expenditure and sustained by increased production, can the country maintain its historic position in commerce and finance."

ENGLISH GOVERNMENT BLAMED FOR H. C. OF L.

London, Dec. 23.—The British Incorporated Society of Meat Importers blames the government for the present high cost of meat in England. The society states that the storage warehouses of the United Kingdom are full and that there is no storage space left for cargoes of frozen meat now arriving at the rate of 60,000 tons a month.

"It is only the fact that the government is the holder and only seller of this meat that keeps it at its present exorbitant price," declared the society.

Paris, Dec. 23.—That Georges Clemenceau may be the next president of the French republic is the consensus of opinion in the chamber of deputies. Despite the premier's veto, several members of the chamber were resolved to place his name to the fore and are positive they can count upon the support of 45 members of the cabinet.

SENATORS WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW THE TRUTH CONCERNING NAVY MEDALS.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Daniels today ordered a comparative report on award of naval decorations prepared for the information of Chairman Page of the senate naval committee. It will include all recommendations by individuals by all boards and the action by the boards and by the secretary himself upon the recommendations.

The order was issued in response to a request from Senator Page which followed criticism of the manner in which some of the awards had been handled.

Representative Lufkin, of Texas, today stated that when the senate re-convened he would ask for a list of awards with a view of further changes in them.

"I am convinced, however, that the matter is more far reaching," he said. "When an officer of the prominence and distinction of Admirable Sims feels it is necessary to decline the medal and to repudiate the entire proceedings on the part of the secretary to the award I believe the time has come when the congress and the people are entitled to know the truth."

Santa Fe, Dec. 23.—The Mimbres Valley Farmers' association of Deming, writes to the corporation commission a request to get the rates on pink beans adjusted as follows:

"We beg to call your attention to a comparison of freight rates from California and New Mexico to eastern points, which work against us in this part of New Mexico.

"For instance, the rate from Los Angeles to Fort Worth, Texas, on pink beans in car load lots and from Deming, N. M., to Fort Worth, is exactly the same. Consequently, we are unable to compete with California pink beans in the markets referred to. Pink beans are our chief money crop and the hopes of this community for success along this line are dependent upon getting rightful advantage in being nearer markets. On account of irrigation expense we cannot raise pink beans as cheaply as they do in California.

This being an interstate rate, the commission is giving the matter consideration to see what may be done in the matter.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Chairman Lodge of the senate foreign relations committee today appointed Senator Moses, republican, New Hampshire, as head of a sub-committee to conduct the investigation of Russian propaganda and activities of Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self styled ambassador to the United States from soviet Russia. Hearings are expected to begin next month. Other members appointed, Senator Borah and Knox of Idaho of Pennsylvania, republicans and Pomerene of Ohio, and Shields, democrats.

FURTHER EVIDENCE POINTS TO DEAF MUTE AS ASSASSIN IN COLORADO CRIME

Denver, Colo. Dec. 23.—The little Baptist church at Johnstown, will be the scene on Wednesday morning of the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Shank and their four children, who were shot to death at the family home near Gilcrest early Sunday. The body of Shank and his daughter Juanita will be laid at rest in one casket, the body of the mother and the baby son will occupy another coffin and the bodies of the two other little girls will find final resting places in a third casket. The Johnstown church is located four miles from the scene of the crime, and was the place where the Shank family worshipped.

Denver police, who are holding Alexander Miller, a mute farm hand employed by Shank, learned today that the man had purchased a ticket for Denver early Sunday morning at the railroad depot at Platteville, Colo., four miles from the scene of the killing. This seemingly proves false the prisoner's statement that he came to Denver Saturday evening.

It has been decided that the prisoner should be kept in Denver indefinitely or until his presence in the county in which the crime was committed is deemed necessary. Fear of mob violence at Greeley is said to have prompted this action.

MRS. TABOR CHARGES ILLEGAL OPERATION

Lawton, Mich., Dec. 23.—A signed statement accusing Joseph Virgo of performing an illegal operation upon Maude Tabor, has been made by Mrs. Sarah I. Tabor, 80 years old, mother of the brilliant linguist whose body was found in a trunk in the basement of her home here, Assistant Prosecutor Glenn Warner announced today.

Virgo, when confronted today by Mrs. Tabor and her statement read to him, flatly denied the story. Further than that he refused to discuss the statement.

Walter Tabor, who was brought back from California with his mother and held on a murder charge in connection with his sister's death, was released shortly after noon today.

PLOT TO KIDNAP BELA KUN

Vienna, Dec. 22.—A plot to kidnap Bela Kun, the former communist dictator of Hungary, and hand him over to the Hungarian authorities has been frustrated by the Austrian police. The police arrested two brothers, Ladislus and Andreas Horvath at Karlson, where Bela Kun is interned. The brothers made a confession to the authorities, it was stated.

Lisduff, County Cavan, Ireland, Dec. 23.—A band of armed men raided the railroad works here today, taking the sentries by surprise. The stock of the explosive gelignite at the works was seized by the raiders.

PERSONALS

M. M. Keenan, of Springer, is stopping in Las Vegas today. Mr. Keenan is the state cattle inspector.

Charles Vest, government trapper, left today for Carlsbad, where he intends to spend the holidays.

A. G. Trujillo is a Roy visitor who arrived here yesterday.

Epimeno Martinez came in last night from Wagon Mound.

Among the stage people from the 'Bird of Paradise' company who left the city this morning for Albuquerque were: Mr. and Mrs. Kainuola, Mr. and Mrs. Kaisive, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kukonu, Annette Andre, Carrie Weller, Rose Watson, Spring Byington, Al Cahen, Jimmie Carriack, Joe Cores, W. R. Suter, Joe Phillip, J. R. Sumner, Mr. McDonough, Maxwell Pooley and Harold L. Guiner.

Arrivals from Colorado yesterday include: Mr. and Mrs. Johns, of Rocky Ford; Leo. A. Mismell and F. W. Swerer, of Denver, and J. A. Kurtenacker and Charles A. Ginkins, of Trinidad.

State visitors to Las Vegas today are: Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Martin and son, accompanied by their nurse, Mrs. Antonio Sachillas, of Anton Chico; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hart, of Santa Rosa, who are accompanied by Mrs. Hart's brother and sister, Earl and Ethel Burgin, Mr. and Mrs. Fidel Sanchez, of San Juan; Walter B. Mullare, of French; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Woody, who are in from their ranch, and A. E. Wilks, of Garita.

C. A. Quallen and H. Miller arrived here yesterday from the Duke City. Mr. Miller is a traveling man.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kirkeley and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Allen arrived in the city last night from their home in Flaxville, Mont., having made the trip by automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fuller, who reside in Topeka, Kan., are guests of one of the local hotels.

Dr. M. D. Welch, a prominent physician, of Dawson, arrived in the city yesterday.

Luis Pacheco is a Mora visitor today.

Paul Sherman, who gives his home as Kansas City, arrived here this morning.

CALL AERO FOREST FIRE FIGHTING A BIG SUCCESS

It has been found entirely practicable to get quicker, more complete, and more satisfactory progress reports, either on a series of small and widely scattered fires or on large conflagrations, by means of the airplane than by any other method so far tried, writes R. F. Hammatt in the American Forestry Magazine of Washington, D. C. An observer who has had "the run of" the fires, so to speak, can size up a bunch of small fires pretty accurately from the air and, similarly he can, particularly if he be acquainted with fires and fire-fighting, determine very accurately the actions of a large fire.

The airplane patrol in California has done very real service, the past season, both in making progress reports on large fires which were out of communication except by messenger, and in providing a quick, easy way for supervising officers to get an accurate knowledge of fire conditions within the territory under their control.

It is hard to over-estimate the value

of the airplane as an educational factor. It is a matter which naturally lends itself to publicity in the daily press. The planes themselves attract attention. The air service personnel has interested itself keenly in the work, and has taken numerous opportunities before local gatherings and elsewhere to preach the gospel of fire prevention. In fact, I am inclined to believe that, considering the season just passed, we might disregard entirely the many positive results which air patrol has accomplished and still figure that the use of planes has been a huge success.

Beginning September 1, eight ships are covering twice each day some 16 million acres of national forests, and, incidentally, some four or five million acres of privately owned timber lands. Eight additional ships are used on alternate days, to allow for necessary repairs, etc., and as relief for the pilots. Sixteen pilots and 22 mechanics are assigned to the work.

MANY COAL COMPANIES NOW PLANTING TREES

With the coal problem so prominently before the country the American Forestry Magazine of Washington tells what the coal companies are doing toward reforesting their holdings. Water companies too have taken up this im-

portant work, adds the magazine, which is campaigning for a national forest policy. The number of applicants for trees to the Pennsylvania department of forestry in 1910 was 23 but that number jumped to 769 in the spring of 1919 and 3,047,485 trees were distributed.

The average number of trees distributed per applicant in the spring of 1919 was 3,963, indicating that the average applicants setting out the largest number of trees during the spring of 1919 were the Scranton Gas and Water company which planted 164,500 trees, and the Spring Brook Water Supply company which planted 135,000 trees. Water companies have been the largest and most consistent planters. They began their planting effort in 1916, when six companies set out 153,700 trees. During the spring of 1919, 26 companies planted a total of 565,775 trees. While the planting by water companies extends back only over a period of four years, yet 44 different companies have already set out a total of 1,690,975 trees, that is over 18 per cent of the total number distributed by the department of forestry.

The most promising development of the past year is the interest mining companies of the state are taking in the subject of reforestation, 14 different companies having committed them-

selves to the policy of forest tree planting. They are experiencing great difficulty in procuring suitable mine timber at a reasonable cost, and, having recently determined the probable duration of their operations, realize that it is possible to grow timber of usable size on their own holdings long before the products of their mines will be exhausted. The scope of the planting effort of a few of the mining companies during the spring of 1919 is shown in the following tabulation:

Pittsburgh Coal company	planted 60,000 trees;
Penn-Mary Coal company,	54,000;
Colonial Collieries company	37,100;
Westmoreland Coal company	19,000, and
Cresson Refractories company,	11,500.

The basking shark of the Indian ocean frequently attains a length of 50 feet.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Las Vegas Savings Bank will be held at the office of the bank on Tuesday, January 13th, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and such other business as may come before the meeting.

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THE ELUSIVE \$10,000,000,000

Considerable discussion has been going on in the press as to whether or not it is the intention of the allied governments to cancel their debts to the United States, amounting to about \$10,000,000,000, and there is some gossip to the effect that when the president was in Paris he favored the notion as a fair apportionment to America of the burdens of the war before she came in.

As the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (N. Y.) remarks: "He had no authority for doing this, of course. At the same time, beyond any question of his attitude encouraged the hope among some Europeans that he approved the idea. American newspapers were warned by the correspondents in Paris that a scheme urging the annulment of the debts of the allies in the United States would be presented to them in due time."

Of course if Woodrow Wilson has entered into an understanding of that kind, the American people will be justified in chalking up to the expenses of the democratic presidential campaign of 1916 the additional sum of \$10,000,000,000, which would be the record expenditure to insure an election and which would make the Newberry-Ford charges sound like peanut politics. Mr. Wilson backed water on the war issue long after every self-respecting American thought we should go in, and he and the celebrated beer-hall brigade marshalled by the late "Gumshoe Bill" Stone, recruited to a man with German sympathizers, made the "kept us out of war" slogan a winner for his re-election. And since it would not have been consistent with that persuader to make any preparations for war our forces were thrown into the maelstrom of war with little preparation other than inherited stout hearts and characteristic Yankee grit. The criminal delay in preparation added another colossal burden to the American taxpayers, for when the administration was finally kicked into the struggle our markets were fearfully depleted by the purchasers of Europe, and in 1917 we had to pay about \$2.00 for every \$1.00 of 1915 values.

There is not the remotest

doubt but that if Mr. Wilson had been as solicitous for the "heart of the world" in July, 1914, as he has been for the aggrandizement of Great Britain at the expense of the United States since armistice day, he would have had the courage to serve notice on Germany that the plans for world empire which she was about to set on foot would meet with "force without stint" from America. Germany reeled when England declared herself in support of France. Germany would have backed down if Wilson had possessed the pluck of Earl Grey. But the policy of cowardice, euphemistically termed "watchful waiting" had become the order of the day, as it is today, and the allies held the line until the democratic ballots were counted. Now, the \$10,000,000,000 loan to them is to be canceled with the approval of Mr. Wilson, we must charge it to democratic campaign expenses for the year 1916. Thus far in his seven years as chief executive Mr. Wilson has with one exception surrendered to every show of force, real or ostensible. The exception concerns the league of nations. Possibly European support of that covenant was the quid pro quo for the promise of his co-operation in cancelling their debts to us.

BACK TO CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS

Eight years of Wilsonism. What an allopathic dose for the nation! Almost a kill or cure remedy. But we will survive and the disease will be followed by the most virile Americanism in our history. Perhaps it has been a visitation of Providence, a punishment for a somewhat too shallow nationalism. A people needs correction occasionally just as an individual needs it. But we have strength and to spare to withstand the ordeal until March, 1921. And then, after eight years of neuter administration, class control, bureaucratic phantasmagoria, spendthriftiness, graft and official cowardice—back to the American landmarks, resolved never again to entrust the ship of state to the demagogue, the visionary, or the dictator. Back to sanity. Won't it be "a grand and glorious feeling"?

"The department of justice will not

surrender," quoth Mitch Palmer, after a conference with Gompers on the coal strike. So the chief executive surrendered for him.

In the endeavor to pass the buck for the sugar shortage President Wilson's dwindling cohort of defenders declare that his refusal to respond to the request of the sugar equalization board for permission to secure the Cuban sugar crop was based on the advice of Professor Taussig, former chairman of the United States tariff board, that the supply of sugar from Cuba would meet the demands of the world market if allowed to move freely. So Wilson turned down the request of the sugar board, and Great Britain and Japan cornered the Cuban sugar supply. Professional government is thus responsible for the sugar shortage, a fact which the emancipated housewife will not forget. Taussig stood for free trade and the surrender of our markets to Great Britain, and as if that were not enough, he threw in several thousand tons of Cuban sugar to sweeten the gift. What about Americans? Oh, the silly people! Let them subsist on synthetic sweetening and idealism. That is good enough for them.

MAN IMPLICATED IN DENVER MURDER CASE

Denver, Dec. 26.—John Coleman, a former resident of Denver, was arrested late Sunday at North Platte, Nebraska, on a charge of being implicated in the killing here on November 19, of John Clark, a railroad employe, whose body was found in a box car in the local railroad yards on November 19.

Cole, according to information received by Chief of Police Hamilton here, induced a railroad cook in North Platte to draw his money from the bank and then succeeded in getting him into the yards, where he is said to have demanded the money. The cook had been suspicious of Cole's action at the bank, and had sent for the police, who arrested Cole shortly after he had demanded the money.

ODD AND INTERESTING

The hostess is served first at a Mexican table.

Roasted spiders are considered a delicacy in New Caledonia.

A grain of strychnine will emit 600,000 grains of water.

Paris has 35,000 clairvoyants, fortune tellers and seers of various kinds.

One oyster will produce 16,000,000 eggs, and of these some 400,000 may mature.

In Mexico men and women in the same social circle call each other by their Christian names.

Nine hundred and ninety-seven cutting tools alone are required in manufacturing a modern rifle.

The hill people of Assam reckon time and distance by the number of quids of betelnuts chewed.

The designs of Persian carpets have been handed down from remote ages! Each family keeps its own design, no two carpets being alike for fear of the evil eye.

The electrical conductivity of copper depends upon the total amount of impurities, and not upon any one element. That is why the conductivity test is so valuable in determining the purity of copper.

Cleveland, Dec. 26.—First indications of a serious break in the ranks of the striking steel workers and predictions of an immediate end of the strike that has tied up Cleveland steel mills for three months, came today with the announcement that four locals, claiming a membership of nearly 5,000 men, were preparing to declare a truce.

At a joint mass meeting, to be held tonight, the five thousand strikers will vote to return to work or to remain out until the steel companies agree to recognize the union.

At noon indication pointed, it was said, to a vote in favor of returning to work.

According to an ancient Irish superstition a vicious horse could be tamed by whispering the Creed in its right ear Fridays and in its left ear on Wednesday till it was cured, which was merely a matter of time, unless it had been born at Whitsuntide, in which case it was incurable.

A house built of beer bottles was once an interesting feature of Tonopah, Nevada. It was on account of the local scarcity of timber that a miner conceived the idea of building himself a dwelling from a huge stack of beer bottles. Over ten thousand bottles were incorporated in the dwelling.

The ex-Empress Eugenia is said to still treasure the pen used by the fourteen plenipotentiaries who signed the treaty of Paris in 1856. It was made of the wing quill of a golden eagle, adorned with gold and diamonds.

Mrs. John Oliver South, the new head of the Womens Division of the Republican National committee, is the daughter of the late Senator O. Bradley, the first Republican to be elected governor of Kentucky.

Mme. Poincare, the present mistress of the Elysee, was a young widow when she met the president of France, then a middle-aged leader of the bar. He fell in love with her and they were married soon after their first meeting.

Miss Elizabeth Marbury, play broker and producer, and well known for her activity in war work and charitable enterprises, is expected to be one of New York state's four delegates-at-large to the Democratic national convention.

Norma Talmadge, the celebrated film star, is only 21 years old, and has acted in the "movies" since she was 14. She has said that her earliest desire in life was to become a gypsy, but her parents objected.

150 MINERS STRIKE

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 26.—About 150 miners, employed by the Eagle Coal company here, with mines near Des Moines, were on strike today because, they claimed, they were not being paid the full 14 per cent. advance in wages. The men said they believed the advance scale entitled them to \$1.13 a ton, and they were being paid only \$1.11. Company officials said the amount being paid was the sum due under the new scale.

WHITE TALKED OF AS NEW PREMIER FOR DOMINION

FORMER MINISTER OF FINANCE
SUGGESTED AS SUCCESSOR
TO ROBERT BORDEN

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 26.—Sir Thomas White, the former minister of finance, whose name appears to be the one most frequently mentioned in connection with the Dominion premiership, in succession to Sir Robert Borden, who has made known his desire and intention to retire from the onerous duties of his high office, owes the start of his career in Canadian public life indirectly to the controversy of some years ago over the proposed reciprocity agreement with the United States.

During the whole of his early career Sir Thomas was a Liberal in politics. Neither he nor any one else imagined that when the hour for decision came he would ally himself with the Conservative party. But his hand was forced by the trade agreement with Washington. When all efforts to secure a modification of the agreement met with failure, he added his name to the protest issued by a formidable group of Toronto Liberals. There followed a great public meeting at which Mr. White spoke so persuasively and powerfully that an urgent demand for his services on the platform came from many parts of the Dominion.

Sir Thomas is said to have accepted public office with extreme reluctance, as it meant for him a sacrifice of commercial and financial interests and connections which had been attained by years of hard work. He entered upon his political career with no actual political training. He had still to prove that he could conciliate a party and commend himself to ministerial colleagues. He had to get the ear of the house of commons and face an opposition from whose ranks he had deserted.

All of these tests he met with discretion, with courage, and with dignity. In a few months he had the close regard of the whole Conservative party in parliament and the respect of the Liberal opposition. Sir Robert Borden found in him an industrious and valuable colleague, and general regret was expressed when Sir Thomas decided to retire from the cabinet last August.

Sir Thomas White is a native of Western Ontario and is now in his 54th year. He belongs to a family with Liberal traditions and not without distinction in public affairs. In early youth he set himself to a single-handed battle with fortune. From the high school he passed to the office of a Toronto newspaper. While doing the full work of a reporter he managed to attend the university. A brilliant student, he graduated in 1895, and two years later was called to the bar.

As a journalist he was brought into active connection with the prob-

lems of municipal government. This knowledge was widened later by his practical experience as an employe of the assessment department of the Toronto city government. It was soon known that he had acquired an intimate knowledge of land values, that he was singularly scrupulous in the adjustment of tax rates, and that he acted with ready reliance upon his own information and judgment. Through the reputation he established in the assessment department he became an authority on real estate values and was often retained as arbitrator in readjustment of rentals and expropriation of properties.

At this time, however, the future cabinet minister intended to devote himself to the practice of law, and regarded journalism and assessing as merely the means to provide him with the funds necessary to continue his law studies. But he had attracted the attention of some of the leading men in financial circles in Toronto and by them he was induced to accept a position as general manager of a large trust company just organized. His career as a financier was successful from the start and before he had been very long in his new position he became known as a financial expert of unusual ability. This reputation was enhanced by his long period of service as Canadian minister of finance.

CANADA PLACES LIMIT ON TRAINING APPEALS

Canada is advising her disabled soldiers to apply for vocational training before February 1, 1920. After that time only men who are still in hospitals may apply and they are given only three months after their discharge to file application for retraining.

The Canadian government goes on the theory that more than a year has passed since the last man was wounded or disabled in war and that, if there is any man needing retraining and who desires it, he should make his wants known immediately.

The United States government has not acted so hastily! The federal board of vocational education has given, and is giving, nation-wide publicity to the retraining of our disabled service men. Not satisfied with that, the government is doing all in its power to persuade every disabled man to take retraining whether he desires it or not.

Canada announces 8,000 already trained and 10,000 still in training. The federal board for vocational education announces more than 21,000 men now in training and, before the opportunity to apply for this training is closed, at least 25,000 more applications are expected.

Java produces about one-seventh of the world's supply of cane sugar.

British Columbia now leads the Dominion provinces in the value of its lumber production.

Canada, Russia and Siberia have the three greatest belts of virgin timber left in the world.

Paraguay has valuable forest resources, the most important of which is quebracho, particularly rich in tanning.

EXPERTS EXAMINING LATEST EVIDENCE IN COLORADO'S RECENT KILLING

Denver, Dec. 26.—Finger print experts connected with the Denver police department went to the Shank farm near Greeley, Colo., today in an effort to secure some additional evidence against Alexander Miller, the mute who is being held here in connection with the killing of the six members of the Adam Shank family in Weld county one week ago.

The experts wished to examine the finger prints found in a can of lard at the Shank home, it being the theory of the police that Miller had taken a handful of lard from the can and used it to clean his pistol after the murders.

Another link in the chain of circumstantial evidence against Miller was formed when Frank Stephens, an auto truck driver identified the prisoner as the mute he had picked up at a point four and a half miles from the Shank home and given a ride to Platteville shortly after 7 o'clock Sunday morning, a few hours after the crime is supposed to have been committed.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Appeals to world workers, especially socialists in the United States, England, France and Italy, asking that those governments take steps to stop the alleged "slaughter" of communists and socialists in Hungary, are being sent out by the central government board of the Austrian socialist democracy. It is asserted that whereas 500 victims were charged up to the Bela Kun regime in Hungary more than ten times that number has been executed on conviction at drumhead court martial on "flimsy warrants" issued with alleged connivance of Admiral Horthy, in command of the Hungarian government troops at present.

Entente governments are jointly responsible for present occurrences, the appeal declares. They diligently sought to protect the bourgeoisie from the "red terror," it is said, but they are "not making any effort to halt the counter revolution rampage."

The Vorwaerts is informed that an entente commission recently found the bodies of 62 communists hanging from trees in a patch of woods near Budapest.

GASOLINE EXPLOSION KILLS THREE CHILDREN

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 26.—Ruby Bolten, 15 years old, Opal, 4, and William, 3, children of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Bolten, farmers, near Anthon, Ia., are dead as the result of an explosion yesterday when Ruby Bolten mistook gasoline for coal oil in relighting a fire. The children's mother was burned but will recover.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE LAW IS UPHELD

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 26.—Constitutionality of a state law resigned to curtail use of foreign languages in Nebraska schools as an Americanization measure, was upheld by the state supreme court today.

Earnest, active industry is a living hymn of praise—a never-falling source of happiness.—Mme. de Wald.

ENGINEERS OF THE SOUTHWEST TO MEET

Members of the Southwestern Society of Engineers will meet at Globe-Miami, Ariz., on January 9, 10, 11.

The society has just completed affiliation with the American Association of Engineers, a national organization and has been designated to form the first district of the national organization.

Heretofore in the American Association of Engineers there have been only local chapters, but the S. W. S. E., southwestern district of the American Association of Engineers, has assigned territory comprising west Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, with headquarters at El Paso. But a number of local chapters in the district have been formed by Dean Butler of the University of Arizona, and Dean Barnes, of the New Mexico A. and M. There has been recently organized a chapter at Phoenix with 75 members, a chapter at Globe-Miami with 100 members, a chapter at Tucson with 85 members, a chapter at Las Cruces with 70 members, and a chapter at Albuquerque with 40 members, and a large chapter is in process at El Paso.

The A. A. E., which is comparatively a new organization, has become the largest technical society in America. The fact that El Paso has been designated as headquarters for the first district of the organization and that the southwest is designated to work a working plan for districts is due to the efforts of the directors and officers of the Southwestern Society of Engineers and the fact that the membership has gained 20 per cent in the last 60 days indicated that the district idea is going to be successful.

It is hoped within the next 60 days that every engineer in the southwest will be in the organization, whether civil, mining, chemical, electrical, mechanical, structural or irrigational. The officers of the organization are as follows:

G. M. Butler, president; S. J. Worrel and Gerald Sherman, vice president; C. M. Barglebaugh, secretary; R. W. Goddard, treasurer.

The directors are James A. French, J. C. Ryan, W. E. Robertson, Ralph S. Moore, D. B. Gillis and A. F. Barnes.

The convention at Globe-Miami promises to be the largest technical convention ever held in the southwest.

THINK CONSUL IS THE KEEPER FOR AMERICANS

Juarez, Mex., Dec. 26.—That Edward A. Dow, American consul here, is his brothers keeper is apparently the notion that is entertained by a number of El Paso wives, mothers and sisters.

Consul Dow receives two or three letters a week from El Paso women asking him to revoke the border cards of some male members of the family, on the ground that the holders drink not wisely but too well when they get over here.

Mr. Dow is powerless to accede to these requests, unless it can be proved that the male transgressors in question have violated the Mexican law during their "joy-trips."

There are fourteen bones in the nose.

To the Honorable David J. Leahy,
Judge of said Court:

Sir:

We, the members of the grand jury duly empanelled and sworn for the December term of the district court for San Miguel county, in the year 1919, respectfully beg to report to the court as follows:

We have been in continuous session for ten days, and during that time we have investigated 78 cases reported to us from the various justices of the peace throughout the county, and through the medium of volunteer witnesses. We have returned 64 indictments, and in cases where we did not think the evidence warranted the returning of an indictment, we have returned no true bills, being 14 in number.

We have complied with the instructions of the court with regard to investigating the attendance at the public schools of the county and we beg to report that on the whole the school attendance is very gratifying. That 70 teachers of the county have reported to the county school superintendent, that not a single pupil living within three miles of the school house, between the ages of six and sixteen have been absent from the public schools during the term. We obtained through the truant officer reports from several school districts where children were not being sent to school, and in such cases we have returned true bills against the parents.

From the information we have been able to gain we find that the situation with regard to school attendance has been greatly improved and we wish to commend the thorough work that has been done by the county school superintendent and his assistants and by the various teachers in the various public schools of the county.

We have likewise complied with the instructions of the court in the matter of investigating the manner in which the Sunday law is being observed and have also examined a number of witnesses for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the laws against the sale of intoxicating liquors and gambling are being observed. While we believe that the observance of these laws is quite general throughout the county, we have found instances of violations and in such cases where we thought the evidence warranted, we have returned indictments.

We have also made an investigation to ascertain as far as possible whether the state laws with regard to monopolies and combinations in restraint of trade are being violated in this county. While we find upon investigation that prices of groceries are practically double what they were three to four years ago, and prices of dry goods and shoes have increased almost triple in price—yet in the absence of information as to the prices charged dealers, we were unable to ascertain whether or not merchandise was being sold in the county at an unduly high rate of profit. We did not find any evidence of combination in restraint of trade or monopolies—but we recommend to the people of San Miguel county a very careful study of the situation, and that the various communities cooperate to secure, if possible, a reduction of prices, especially for the necessities of life.

We have made an examination of the court house and jail, and the manner in which the public records are being kept by the officers of the county.

One of the vaults in the office of the county clerk is being provided with a steel filing system which is very essential and is to be paid for by the county commissioners. We believe that it is important that

the other vault, in which court papers are filed should also be provided with the same filing system, and if it is within the province of the law and the court feels that such expense is justified, we recommend that the court take sufficient money from the court fund, in order to pay for such expense.

Four rooms on the third floor of the court house, on account of the roof leaking are in bad repair, and we recommend that they be repaired and that the roof of the court house also be examined, and repaired where necessary.

In the office of the school superintendent an additional radiator should be installed and the office supplied with running water.

In the court room we observed three windows in need of repair, and a number of the chairs in the court room should be repaired.

The office of the county clerk should be supplied with an additional ceiling light.

The chairs in the offices of the county assessor and county commissioners are in need of repair, and some of the should be replaced with new chairs.

The office of the sheriff and also the office of the county collector and treasurer are in good condition.

In the basement of the court house one window should be repaired.

We find the books and records of the various county officials are being well kept and that said officials are performing their duties in a very competent manner and in a manner that should be pleasing to the citizens of the county.

We find, however, that some of the papers and records belonging on the files of the county clerk, and clerk of the district court, are in the office of the assessor. We believe they should be returned at once to the office of the county clerk and clerk of the district court, where they belong, and that they should remain permanently in that office under the direct supervision of the county clerk and clerk of the district court.

As to the county jail property, we made an examination of it, and we make the following recommendations thereto:

That another water faucet and wash basin should be supplied.

One of the beds is in very poor condition, and should be replaced with a new bed.

Some repairs should be made to the walls of the jail.

We found the food supplied to the prisoners to be plentiful and wholesome and that the prisoners are being well cared for by the sheriff and the jailer.

Having now completed our labors with thanks to the court, and court officials for courtesies extended to us during our session, we respectfully ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,
JULIAN D. BACA,
Foreman of Grand Jury.

CANDIDO ROYBAL,
Clerk of Grand Jury.
Las Vegas, New Mexico,
December 18, 1919.

Six indictments were returned by the grand jury against James P. Hall for embezzlement. Hall came to Las Vegas from Oklahoma in June and posed as an oil stock salesman and, according to the indictments returned, he secured from Christine Baca and Margarita Baca \$50.00, from Mrs. Margarito Romero, \$3.90; from Miss Aurelia Baca, the sum of \$464.00; from Ora Erh, \$50.00; from Edith Crawford, \$65.00, and from Lawrence Crawford, \$100.00 for which he promised to deliver to the parties oil shares in the

Ranger-Brooks Oil and Development company, and the White Star Oil and Gas corporation. After getting the money, he failed to deliver the stock to the purchasers. He was arrested and bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

Hall appeared in court this morning. To each of the six indictments he plead not guilty. He stated that he had employed Mr. George H. Hunker, as his attorney, but Mr. Hunker was not in court. The court fixed the bond in each case at the sum of \$1,500.00, but instructed the sheriff, that upon a good and sufficient bond being given in the sum of \$1,500.00, the defendant could be released from jail.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Children living along the road between Washington and the Country club in Virginia, where President Wilson plays golf will receive Christmas presents from the White House this year as usual despite the president's illness. The presents have been purchased and will be delivered Christmas morning, probably by Mrs. Wilson.

Another usual custom, that of giving Vienna, Dec. 22.—A plot to kidnap White House offices will be observed also.

The president will be permitted to eat turkey Christmas day, rear Admiral Grayson, his physician, said today. He will be served by Mrs. Wilson in his room.

EXTRA SESSION WILL BE HELD IN FEBRUARY

Santa Fe, Dec. 22.—Governor Larrazolo announced today that following his return from a conference of western governors at Washington on land and reclamation questions in January he would call the special session of the state legislature for early in February. In addition to suffrage ratification the pressing need of an extension to the state capitol building will be recommended by the governor for legislative action of a petition numerous signed by prominent taxpayers.

ORGANIZERS OF UNION ARE WILLING TO TALK

Denver, Dec. 22.—Water Pippin and Robert Foster, organizers for the United Mine Workers of America, cited for contempt because of refusal to answer questions put during the strike probe of the Colorado industrial commission, appeared in the district court here today before Judges Butler and Morley, respectively, and agreed to answer all questions asked by the commission in event the court action against them was dropped. This was agreed to by the judges. The witnesses again will appear before the industrial commission on Tuesday morning and present the desired information.

Denver, Dec. 20.—Benjamin L. Winchell, formerly of Denver and ex-president of the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific road, has been slated for election as president of the Chesapeake and Ohio, according to an announcement, made in local railroad circles today, Winchell, who is at present railway administration regional director for the southeast division has been a Denver resident at periods for many years. His election will take place, it is stated, as soon as the C. and O. board of directors meet shortly after January 1st.

DEAF MUTE BEING HELD BY OFFICERS AS THE ALLEGED PERPETRATOR OF CRIME

Denver, Dec. 22.—Denver police today were holding in custody Alexander Miller, ranch hand formerly employed by Adam Shank who, with his wife and four young children was shot to death early yesterday at their ranch home near Gilcrest, Colo. Miller, who is a deaf mute, today told the police a story of his movements from Saturday afternoon at which time Shank had taken him to Evans, Colo., until he was arrested in Denver Sunday. He denied all knowledge of the crime, but notwithstanding his protests, Sheriff Hall of Weld county, was preparing to come here today to take charge of the prisoner.

Shank, who is a beet grower living on a ranch not far from Greeley, was shot to death some time Saturday night and after slaying the father, the murderer shot and instantly killed Mrs. Shank and three of the children, and wounded another young child so badly that she died yesterday. Miler, who had been employed by Shank, was said to have had some difficulty with him a day or so previous to the killing, and officers believed that this might have led to the tragedy of Sunday, also so far there has not been any evidence.

A pencil clutched in the death-stiffened fingers of Adam Shank, leads the authorities to believe that after he had been shot he attempted to get writing materials with which to leave a message which would reveal the identity of the slayer. Death stopped his efforts.

Santa Claus was "all set" for his yuletide visit to the home of Adam Shank when the arch murderer fiendishly wiped out the entire family last Saturday.

On the rear porch of the house, Sheriff Hall of Weld county found a sled wrapped in heavy paper, just as it had come from a Denver store, and a pile of bedding.

"That was for the oldest girl, Marguerite," explained Mrs. Ferguson, sister of Mrs. Shank.

In a closet in the front bedroom, Sheriff Hall and his deputies found dolls and toys for the younger girls, a rubber ball and a horn for the year old boy, and ornaments for the Christmas tree.

SILVER MINES TO RE-OPEN

El Paso, Dec. 22.—Changes in Mexican laws allowing exportation of silver will result in two of the biggest mines in Chihuahua being re-opened after January 1, it was said here today by F. L. Cunningham, an owner of one. The mines had been closed for several years.

700 FREEZE TO DEATH

London, Dec. 22.—Seven hundred soldiers of the army commanded by Admiral Kolchak, head of the all-Russian government in Siberia, have frozen to death in a hospital near Omsk, according to a wireless dispatch from Moscow.

SALE OF WAR MATERIAL

New York, Dec. 22.—A total of \$700,000,000 was realized by the sale of America's war material in England, France, Belgium, Germany and Italy, according to report of the chairman of the United States liquidation commission.

FORMER TURKISH CONSUL AT NEW YORK MURDERED

New York, Dec. 23.—The murder of Djelai Munif Bey, former Turkish consul general in New York, and his wife, reported in an official cable message by the Turkish government to the wife's sister in Denver, Colo., came as a shock today to the friends here. Djelai Munif, was very well remembered here because of his gigantic size and his romantic marriage to a divorcee, Countess Chenay, who was Mildred Desmond of Colorado Springs, Colo., for which he was banished from the Turkish legation at Washington.

He had been consul at Savonna, Italy; Cardiff, Wales, first secretary of the embassy at Tezeran; and first secretary of the Turkish embassy at Washington. He was appointed to the latter place in 1901.

In 1907 he married Countess Chenay. She had been divorced from Count Chenay in Paris after a few years of married life and met the Turkish diplomat there. They were secretly married in Washington and incurred the resentment of the legation head at Washington as a result. Djelai Munif lived with his bride in New York until the illness of his father called him to Constantinople and he did not return here for a year. In 1913 he became consul general at New York and took a prominent part in affairs of state.

LET'S GET TO WORK (Cincinnati Enquirer)

We hear, all too frequently, references to what are termed "essential" and "non-essential" industries. But isn't all business, as Mr. Edison says, essential unless it radically interferes with the conduct of the government in times of crisis?

Business during and since the war has not been as it was and should be in peace times. But at all times, within limitations, all business should have its choice. We must avoid the tendency to look with indifference on all business which actually is not vitally essential to the welfare of the people. Such tendency, if too greatly enlarged, would prove ruinous to multitudes of private enterprises.

Business still is largely unsettled. But the gigantic industrial enterprises of the nation are struggling toward normality, are furnishing employment to millions of people, in spite of unrest, uncertainty and suspicion created by enemies of the republic. Let's all get to work. The war is over. The bolsheviks can gain no permanent foothold here. Peace in some rational form will be concluded at no distant date. If we were willing to sacrifice without stint during the anxious days of the great conflict, we should be willing to make all reasonable concessions now to insure and enjoy such industrial peace

and prosperity as this splendid nation never before has known. All legitimate business should be encouraged by the nation, the state, the community. Active co-ordination of effort and co-operation among business men, among employers and employes, are at this time more important than ever before in the history of the nation. Go ahead and do business, no matter what the character of that business so it be legitimate. Let us have done even with the thought of the red banners of Mars and bolshevism. Let us march with the gods of agriculture, manufacture, labor, art and commerce from present conquest to incomparable victories.

CABINET HAS SHORT SESSION

Washington, Dec. 23.—The cabinet was in session today less than two hours. Secretary Lansing, who presided, said Director General Hines was summoned for a discussion of the coal situation and that the reports he made on producing were encouraging.

QUAKER QUIPS

(Philadelphia Record)

Charity begins at home, but that is no reason why it should end there.

You never can tell. A woman may be a perfect cat and still be afraid of a mouse.

The fellow who is always waiting for something to turn up might marry a girl with a pug nose.

At any rate, there is one remarkably good thing about an egotist, and that is his own opinion of himself.

Good thing the telephone girl isn't a prude. She may be electrified, but she is never shocked.

"In the matter of prodding," says the Cynical Bachelor, "a woman with a sharp elbow is more to be desired than one with a sharp tongue."

A German manufacturer has put on the market a "serial bosom" paper shirt. Merely by tearing off a sheet of the paper bosom the wearer of the shirt can show a fresh clean front every day.

Tourists To South America Have Dry Trip

Washington, Dec. 23.—Intoxicating liquors will not be sold on ships between New York and South America, Chairman Payne said today. The first of these ships, the Moccasin, will sail from New York Saturday. Chairman Payne takes the position that since the sale of liquor in the United States is prohibited, this sale should not be permitted on government owned vessels. The question of whether serving wines with meals would constitute a sale of liquor within the meaning of the law has not yet been determined, officials of the board said.

CHRISTIANS STILL IN DANGER FROM THE TURKS

PEOPLES ARE SEEKING PROTECTION OF THE BRITISH ARMIES IN TURKEY

Diarbekir, Turkey, Dec. 23.—Fear of the further massacres is causing numbers of Christians in this region to abandon their homes and seek safety in the territory occupied by the British, whose nearest post is at Ourfa.

For days there has been a steady procession of carriages, containing families with all their possessions, on the road to the southward. Many of them are headed for Aleppo, which means a hot, dusty journey of several hundred miles across the plain.

The immediate cause of this exodus of Christians is the attitude of their Moslem neighbors, coupled with the notorious reputation that Diarbekir won for itself in the massacres and deportations a few years ago, but back of it is a feeling of restlessness because of the fact that months have passed since the armistice, and as yet nothing has been done to guarantee the security of the non-Moslem population.

The Near East Relief, the American organization which is distributing aid to the survivors of the massacres through a station in Diarbekir, has succeeded in obtaining assurance from the authorities that the Christians will not be molested by the government, and that they may resume their occupations. This assurance, however, applies only to the authorities, and means that the Christians are on to consider that if disorders begin, they will not be at the open instigation of the government. It does not entirely promise protection, and therefore the Christians, afraid that the Moslems may turn against them at any moment, are electing to seek safety in flight.

The situation is having its effect on the work of the relief organization in recovering the Christian girls who were carried off, during the deportations, to Moslem harems. This work has been going on for weeks, the relief workers being undismayed by the thought of personal peril. Now, however, the Moslems are threatening the girls with death if they permit themselves to be rescued, and many of them are afraid to leave their masters.

Large numbers of these girls remain to be recovered. In the early months of 1915 about 68,000 Christians were exiled from Diarbekir, and from their ranks were taken hundreds of the prettiest young women. Even some of those who escaped, and remained hidden in the vicinity throughout the deportations, later sold themselves to the Turks, confronted as they were with the alternative of doing this or of starving to death. The condition of these Christian girls is one of the most tragic problems that confront the relief workers who state that many of

the girls, in their shame, have killed the children of their Moslem fathers.

SPAIN STRONG FOR AVIATION

Madrid, Dec. 23.—The government will open five new schools of aviation January 1. One hundred and thirty student fliers will be enrolled of whom 20 per cent. will be non-commissioned officers and privates.

DEPUTIES VOTE CONFIDENCE

Paris, Dec. 23.—The chamber of deputies voted confidence in the government 453 to 61. The vote, which carried approval of Premier Clemenceau's program, was taken after the chamber had listened to his declaration on the distribution of the allies proposals for Fiume.

D'ANNUNZIO LEAVES FIUME

Rome, Dec. 23.—Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio has left Fiume on the Panonia, according to newspaper reports.

PRINCE RATIBOR SHOT

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Prince Hans von Ratibor, while motoring today at Breslau, was shot in the arm by an assailant who escaped according to word received here.

CHRISTMAS BENEFACTIONS

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 23.—Public benefactions totaling \$2,000,000 will be made as Christmas gifts by James Couzens, millionaire mayor of this city, it was announced today.

WANTS MRS. SHONTS OUSTED

New York, Dec. 23.—Proceedings to oust Mrs. Theodore P. Shonts, widow of the former head of New York city's largest traction system, from her exclusive Park avenue apartment were instituted today. A dispossession notice was served on her in behalf of the owners of the property. Mrs. Rutherford, daughter of Mrs. Shonts, explained to inquirers that her mother was amonth behind in the rent—\$341.67 and had received none of the \$50,000 insurance left her by her husband.

WHOLESALE PRICE ON SUGAR

New York, Dec. 23.—A wholesale price of 15.2 cents a pound, less 2 per cent. for cash, was announced here today by B. H. Howell, Son and company as the first quotation for granulated sugar refined from the new crop of raw Cuban sugar. This contrasts with a price of 9 cents a pound, less 2 per cent. for cash, for granulated on the old Cuban crop.

CERTIFICATE SUBSCRIPTION

Washington, Dec. 23.—Subscriptions to the issue of treasury certificates of indebtedness dated December 15 and maturing June 15, 1920, aggregated \$728,130,000, Secretary Glass announced today. Of this amount \$557,455,500 represented certificates paid for treasury certificates.

NO XMAS TREE AT

WHITE HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 20.—There will be no Christmas tree at the White House this year. The President and Mrs. Wilson plan to spend the day quietly. Mr. Wilson will eat Christmas dinner in his room and it is not expected that his daughters, Mrs. William G. McAdoo and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre and his grandchildren will be at the White House.

REPUBLICANS ARE BACKING THE PROFIT TAX

OPPOSE PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE CHANGE ON ALL OVER A CERTAIN PER CENT

Washington, Dec. 26.—(Special Correspondence).—It is understood that the republicans of the house do not look with favor upon the recommendation of Secretary of the Treasury Glass that the excess profits tax be eliminated and the normal tax rate increased from four to five per cent to compensate for the loss in revenue. While they admit that excess profits taxes may be responsible to some extent for under production, they say that other considerations oppose its abolition. They claim that when the people paid their taxes this year on the basis of a six per cent normal rate, they did so with the understanding that next year the rate would be reduced to four per cent, that being the provision then in the revenue law. To change the law at this late day would, in the opinion of the majority leaders in congress, raise a storm of protest from individual taxpayers throughout the country, which would react in a marked degree against the republican party for putting through the amendment rather than against the democratic administration for recommending it.

To Get Persian Treaty Data

The senate has adopted a resolution presented by Mr. Borah asking the president to transmit to it all correspondence between this country and Great Britain relative to the latter's treaty with Persia, consummated while the treaty with Germany was being negotiated at Paris. During the senate debate on the German treaty the arrangement between Persia and England was frequently referred to, and the highhanded way in which England has obtained control of that country was severely condemned. It is anticipated that Senator Borah's resolution will throw some light on that dubious transaction.

Vestal Bill Fixes Uniform Flour Package

Under the leadership of Congressman Vestal of Indiana, chairman of the committee on weights and measures, the house has passed the bill fixing the standard weight of 100 pounds for packages containing flour, hominy, grits, meal, and all commercial foodstuffs. It was brought out in the discussion of the measure that the containers used in different parts of the country vary in size, tending to confuse the purchaser and make it easier to practice deception upon him. It is to establish a uniform package in size and weight throughout the country that the Vestal bill was introduced and passed.

To Investigate Federal Trade Commission

Senator Watson of Indiana has called up and had passed by the senate the resolution introduced by him before the adjournment of the last session for an investigation of the charge that the federal trade commission has among its employes a number of pronounced bolshevists. Before finally

agreed to the resolution was amended so that the investigating committee will "inquire generally into the work of the commission, the procedure it has adopted, the authority it has exercised, its attitude toward the business of the country, and make the report respecting the value of the commission as a governmental agency." It is evident that the inquiry will be of the most sweeping character, and it is quite probable that its results will bring about some radical changes in the personnel of the trade commission and its methods of operation.

ERECTION OF FENCE AT KAISER'S HOME STOPPED

Doorn, Holland, Dec. 26.—The burgomeister of Doorn, has halted, at least temporarily, the erection of a high fence along the roadside about the house of Doorn, the future residence of the former German emperor. There is no wall about the estate, such as at the Bentinck castle at Amerongen, the present home of William Hohenzollern.

It was found, however, that the fence encroached on a public highway and, for this reason the burgomeister orders its construction stopped.

The former monarch is expected to take up his residence here in February. The work of remodeling is well under way as the horse has been vacated by the Baroness van Heemstra de Beaufort, its former owner. A new central heating plant is to be built; the farm house is being refitted as a residence for the former emperor's staff, with accommodations for 16 and the house of the gardener will be arranged as an administrative office. Most of the employes who worked for the Baroness van Heemstra have been employed by Count Hohenzollern.

Because of the cold weather lately, the former emperor has made few visits to his new home, but he is in close touch with those in charge of the repair work and receives frequent reports on its progress.

Among the most unique stamps in the history of the world are the emergency postage stamps printed by the new republic of Esthonia. The only stocks of paper on hand in Esthonia were maps left behind by the general staff of the German army. So the new republic cut up the maps and used them as postage stamps.

The factory girls of Lancashire, England, have a Christmas kissing custom all their own. When the holiday is about to commence groups of girls band themselves together with the intention of kissing all the males in the factory. The men, on being kissed, are expected to contribute small sums toward a fund to provide refreshment and entertainment later in the day.

THEY WERE ALL THERE

In the bureau of war risk insurance, the files of our fighting forces indicate that many prominent men were represented by namesakes. Of "George Washingtons" there were 123, "General Washington," 6; Robert E. Lee," 119; "John Quincy Adams," 47; "Abraham Lincoln," only 5. General Grant, General Wellington, General Pickett, General Jackson, and even Napoleon Bonaparte were all there, although their rank in the world war was that of private.

HARDING STANDS ON RECORD IN SENATE

OHIO SENATOR WILLING THAT PLATFORM IN CONGRESS BE USED IN CAMPAIGN

Washington, Dec. 26.—In response to the endorsement of a large majority of the republican county committees of Ohio and many Republican clubs and other organizations, Sen. Harding has addressed to chairman of the Republican committee of Miami county the following letter giving assent to the request for use of his name in a campaign for the Republican presidential nomination: "Please know of my gratitude for the cordial endorsement of your committee, and accept assurance of my assent to the requested use of my name in choosing delegates to the Republican national convention.

"A previous communication to our state organization and many letters to political friends have expressed my real reluctance to permit the use of my name in this connection, and it was genuineness sincere, and expressed then my personal and political preference. I do not forget, however, that my first obligation politically is to the Republicans of our state who have so generously honored me, and I cannot ignore the natural and laudable wish to maintain the large part Ohio has taken in the national councils of the party, and to invite the attention of Republicans in the nation to the availability of a candidate from our great state. Had some other Ohio Republican among the many fitted for such distinction been suggested, I would gladly have joined in supporting him. But the fortunes of politics and the activities incident to official position have combined to suggest my name, and the primary election laws of Ohio require my assent to any definite efforts to choose a delegation in a declaration favorable to me. This consent will be written at the proper time in behalf of such candidates for delegates in the several districts and at large as becoming party councils may suggest. I shall have no personal preference in the matter but gladly will cooperate in making effective the manifest wish of the Republicans of the state.

"One thing must be stated. We are all agreed that a thing worth doing at all is worth doing with all one's might. I could not assent to an enterprise designed merely to control Ohio's representation in the national convention. This undertaking is not without encouragement beyond the borders of our state, and we must play a worthy part, assuring our fellow Republicans of our utter good faith, and that it is ever our belief that party success is of first importance when Republican restoration is so vital to the nation. I cannot agree, however, to any personal activity in promoting a pre-convention campaign, not alone because of my distaste for unseemly seeking, but any neglect of impor-

tant official duties in the ensuing five months in the senate would rightfully forfeit me the confidence which Ohio Republicans have so cordially expressed.

"I venture to announce now no platform nor to emphasize any obvious policy. Men in congress make records which speak for them. Moreover, I still believe in representative popular government through political parties, believe in party sponsorship, believe conventions representing all the Republicans of the nation should make platforms, that nominees ought to be chosen as exponents of such platforms and hold such declarations as inviolable covenants to the people.

"Again uttering my grateful appreciation, yielding to the party wish in Ohio without condition or reservation, so far as one may with honor and respect, and pledging you my readiness to abide by the majority conclusion and still serve with party devotion, I am,

"Very Respectfully,
"W. G. HARDING."

A DISTINGUISHED FAMILY

Teh Rodriguez family from Porto Rico, according to the files of the bureau of war risk insurance, sent \$94 men into the American forces and among this number, which was almost large enough for a battalion, there were but seven first names, as follows: Domingo, Francisco, Jose, Juan, Romon, Tomas and Antonio. The serial number of each man was in the 600,000 class.

In 1850 America produced no more than half a million pounds of candy, as against a present production estimated from 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 pounds a year.

For Motherhood A Woman Testifies

Omak, Wash.:—"In the five years we have been married we have had three children and lost two of them. I doctored with two of our local doctors and they told me I had kidney trouble. I began taking Dr. Pierce's medicines, first having written to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, in Buffalo, N. Y., telling exactly how I was and had been, what I had done, and asked what I should do. They told me to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription which is a woman's medicine; the Golden Medical Discovery which is a tonic; and the Anuric Tablets for the kidneys. I took all of these medicines and today I have a strong, healthy baby girl, also I am better than I ever was before.

"I can never thank Dr. Pierce enough for his kindness in giving me advice all during expectancy and in analyzing the samples, free of charge, that I sent to him.

"I would be glad to answer any questions that I can in regard to what Dr. Pierce's wonderful medicines did for me."—MRS. H. D. SIMPSON.

Stockton, Cal.:—"I had feminine trouble, displacement, inflammation, terrible headaches, terrible backache and a catarrhal condition. I also had indigestion very badly. I had tried other things but nothing seemed to help me until I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It cured me—I got well and strong. I took three bottles."—MRS. C. BOUDON, 9 E. South St.

When a woman complains of backache, dizziness or pain—when everything looks black before her eyes—a dragging feeling, or bearing-down, with nervousness, she should turn to this "temperance" herbal tonic, known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It can be obtained in almost every drug store in the land and the ingredients are printed in plain English on the wrapper. Put up in tablets or liquid. Dr. Pierce, of Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., will send a trial size for 10 cents.



Mexico City, Dec. 24.—Resolutions of protest against "projected philanthropic intervention in Mexican affairs by the recent reformed childhood conservation league of the United States" were adopted at a meeting of the Mexican council today. The league, which, it is said, "proposes, with the financial backing of a group of the largest and best known magnates of the United States to spend from two million to four million dollars annually on charitable propaganda in Mexico" is said to be the "far sighted scheme to bring about ultimate intervention in Mexican affairs."

Senora Elenore Torres, general secretary of the feminist council today gave the following statement to the Associated Press:

"Mexican women hold Mexico itself to be best able to judge its own needs and to find a way to satisfy them in due time. Outside aid, however well meant, is entirely uninvited.

"Those desiring to spend money to relieve temporary strictures in Mexico incident to the 10 year revolution may find means through Mexican institutions also organized for that purpose. Above all, before seeking objects of charity, those benevolently inclined United States citizen desirous of relieving suffering had best take care of those 3,000,000 to 6,000,000 children which the 1911 report of the children bureau at Washington declares are dying annually in the United States from hunger and malnutrition.

"The Mexican feminist council also holds that those persons financially supporting the movement are the same individuals who have agitated most insistently for intervention and curtailment of Mexican liberties. Financiers heading the list of patrons of the so-called childhood conservation league are those bankers, oil barons, philanthropists and notable men who figure most prominently in societies and associations for the protection of American rights in Mexico.

"Agnes C. Laut, secretary of the new charitable organization but better known as a confidential secretary to financial magnates than an organizer of institutions was at work purely in the interests of her employers while making a recent trip through Mexico. It is frankly stated the league's objects are the establishment with 10 or 15 years of strongholds of sympathy for the United States in the minds of the beneficiaries of this enterprise who would be impregnated with new culture and new patriotism which would train them to achieve rather than revolt against possible armed intervention in Mexico."

DISEASE MADE CONSIDERABLE GAIN IN NEW MEXICO DURING THE PAST WEEK

Santa Fe, Dec. 24.—Scarlet fever smashed the health line again last week, making the biggest gain for the seven days reported to the health department since its establishment. Twenty-seven new cases appeared at widely scattered points in the state, according to the health department's summary for the week, and it was estimated that there were more than 50 active cases in the state.

In Santa Fe the scarlet fever scare virtually has passed, the one child known to have the disease having been discharged Monday, but health authorities have no intention of relaxing their vigilance. As soon as school reopens after the holidays the nurse lent by the Child Welfare board will be on the job again, making inspection and on the watch for suspicious symptoms. No precaution will be overlooked by the health

authorities in keeping the disease from gaining a foothold here.

The health department's summary, showing the location of the new cases of scarlet fever and other communicable diseases, follows:

Chancroid—Rio Arriba, 1.
Chickenpox—Chaves, 1; Dona Ana, 5; Eddy, 1; Grant, 1; Sierra, 10; Union, 3.

Diphtheria—Curry, 1; Grant, 10; Roosevelt, 1.

Gonorrhoea—Chaves, 1; Colfax, 1; Grant, 1; Mora, 2; Rio Arriba, 1; Santa Fe, 1; Taos, 1.

Influenza—Dona Ana, 1; Grant, 1; Luna, 1.

Malaria—Rio Arriba, 1.
Measles—Santa Fe, 3.

Mumps—Bernalillo, 2; Chaves, 2; Eddy, 3.

Pneumonia—Bernalillo, 1; Colfax, 1; Mora, 1; Quay, 1; Santa Fe, 1.

Scarlet Fever—Chaves, 2; Colfax, 3; Curry, 7; Otero, 1; Quay, 1; Rio Arriba, 2; Sandoval, 9; Santa Fe, 1; Union, 1.

Smallpox—Bernalillo, 2; Colfax, 1; Grant, 1; Sandoval, 1; Sierra, 1; Torrance, 1; Union, 1.

Syphilis—Bernalillo, 3; Colfax, 1; Rio Arriba, 1.

Tuberculosis—Chaves, 13; Grant, 11; Lincoln, 10; Santa Fe, 3.

Typhoid Fever—Bernalillo, 1; Chaves, 2.

Whooping Cough—Eddy, 1.

CHILDREN PROVIDE CHRISTMAS FOR POOR

The entertainment program given last night by the members of the Methodist Sunday school was a success, both from the standpoint of enjoyment, and financially also. The program, which was in charge of Mrs. Charles O'Malley, portrayed the Christmas spirit in pantomime and tableau. An offering was taken at the close of the services from the Sunday school members and others present, and \$14.20 in cash and a wagon load of provisions were donated. They will be distributed to the needy of the city under the direction of the Associated Charities. The children who took part in the entertainment elicited a great deal of enjoyment from their participation in the cause of charity.

SAYS WAR RISK FACTS WERE MISCONSTRUED

Washington, Dec. 24.—Director Cholmley-Jones of the bureau of war risk insurance, said today that his remarks to the conference of the American Legion officers last week, relative to the bureau's progress in handling disability claims, had held misconstrued. The bureau, Mr. Cholmley-Jones said, had received to December 12 a total of 327,275 claims for compensation as a result of injuries incurred in line of duty. Of these, he reported 241,822 had been definitely settled. Included in these were both awards and claims which were not allowed.

PERSHING'S REPORT CONDEMNS FAILURE OF ADMINISTRATION

Washington, Dec. 24.—The complete dependence of the American military forces upon foreign governments for a large portion of their ordnance and air force equipment throughout a major portion of their participation of the war, despite the countless millions of dollars and the immense war powers furnished to the administration by congress for this purpose, is strikingly set forth in the annual report of General John J. Pershing, which has just been made public. Although the public has previously been made aware of this situation, the humiliating extent of the government's failure in this direction has never been so fully revealed as by General Pershing's report, which says, in part:

"Our entry into the war found us with few of the auxiliaries necessary for its conduct in the modern sense. The task of the ordnance department in supplying artillery was especially difficult. In order to meet our requirements as rapidly as possible, we accepted the offer of the French government to supply us with the artillery equipment of 75s, 155mm. howitzers and 155 G. P. F. guns from their own factories for thirty divisions.

"The wisdom of this course was fully demonstrated by the fact that, although we soon began the manufacture of these classes of guns home, there were no guns of American manufacture of the calibers mentioned on our front at the date of the armistice.

"The only guns of these types produced at home which reached France before the cessation of hostilities were 109 77 mm. guns.

"In aviation we were entirely dependent upon our allies and here again the French government came to our aid until our own program could be set under way. From time to time we obtained from the French such planes for training personnel as they could provide.

"As to our aviators, many of whom trained with our allies, it can be said that they had no superiors in daring and fighting ability. During the battle of St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne our aviators excelled all others. They have left a record of courageous deeds that will ever remain a brilliant page in the annals of our army.

"In the matter of tanks, we were compelled to rely upon both the French and the English. Here, however, we were less fortunate, for the reason that our allies barely had sufficient tanks to meet their own requirements.

"While our tank corps had limited opportunity, its fine personnel responded gallantly on every possible occasion and showed courage of the highest order. We had one battalion of heavy tanks engaged on the English front. On our own front we had only the light tanks, and the number available to participate in the last great assault of November 1 was reduced to sixteen as a result of the previous hard fighting in the Meuse-Argonne."

Edward E. Hite, prominent in local business circles, passed away at his home 517½ Douglas avenue, at 5:45

this morning. His death followed a serious illness of some months, during which time he was confined to his bed. Mr. Hite came to Las Vegas with his family seven years ago from Oklahoma, and has been actively engaged in business here since that time. He was the proprietor of the Lobby Cafe, having been engaged in the restaurant business for some years.

Mr. Hite has made many warm friends in the city, and will be sincerely missed. He was a member of the First Methodist church, and was affiliated with the local chapter of the Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the I. O. O. F. lodges. He is survived by his wife, four sons, Grover W. Hite, of Bluefields, W. Va., Clarence Hite of San Diego, and Edward and George Hite of Las Vegas, and two daughters, Mrs. John Trutner and Miss Fern Hite of Las Vegas.

The funeral will occur from the First Methodist church at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. The Rev. Thomas E. Thuresson will officiate during the services. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery. Funeral arrangements are in charge of J. C. Johnson and Son.

RECORDS FOR MAIL BROKEN IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 24.—All records for Christmas mail handled at the Chicago post office have been broken. Parcel post packages received during the past eight days totaled 1,950,540; 35 per cent. more than were handled during the corresponding period last year. First class mail handled yesterday was 83 per cent. greater than on December 23, 1918.

The flood of mail has overflowed into the streets and an entire block adjoining the federal building has been roped off to accommodate the piles of sacks.

JAP CRUISER TO VISIT MEXICO

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 24.—The Japanese cruiser "Yakino" is expected to arrive at Manzanillo, Colima, Mexico, during the early part of January, 1920 according to advices received here by Alberto Ruis Sandoval, acting consul general of Mexico. The commander of the cruiser will pay a visit of courtesy to the authorities of the port, it is announced.

WOOD TO FILE DECLARATION

Mitchell, S. D., Dec. 24.—Word was received at Republican district headquarters today that Major General Leonard Wood, endorsed for president by the Republican state convention at Pierre, December 2, will file a formal announcement of his candidacy with the secretary of state before January 1.

PERSIAN MINISTER LEAVING FOR EUROPE

Washington, Dec. 24.—Mirza Abdul Ali Khan, Persian minister to the United States, has advised the state department that he is leaving for Europe on leave of absence. In his absence the affairs of the legation will be in charge of the secretary of the legation.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—(Havas.)—The German government has chosen a new coat of arms for the republic. It consists of a black eagle on a gold and yellow background without other ornamentation, the crown and other emblems having disappeared.

THIRTY-FIVE ARE INJURED WHEN FREIGHT PLOWS THROUGH SPECIAL SECTION CARRYING RECENTLY LANDED IMMIGRANTS

Onawa, Maine, Dec. 20.—Fifteen persons were killed and 35 injured or seriously burned when a special train with immigrants for western Canada collided headon with a freight train two miles east of Onawa on the Canadian Pacific road today. The engineers and firemen of both trains were among the killed.

The passenger train was the second section of a train carrying passengers landed at St. John, N. B., yesterday by the steamer Empress of France from England.

The engine and first two coaches containing negro immigrants were telescoped by the freight train, many of the passengers being injured or killed outright in the crash. Others met death or were seriously burned by the fire which ensued. The collision was understood to have been caused by a misunderstanding of orders.

The bodies of 11 persons were removed from the wreckage to the snow-covered embankment awaiting identification.

The injured were taken to a hospital at Brownsville junction on a special train which was sent with doctors and nurses from that point.

FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN GOES FOR SOCIALIST

Milwaukee, Dec. 20.—Victor L. Berger, socialist, today was again representative-elect from the Fifth congressional district, having defeated Henry H. Bodenstab, fusion candidate by a majority of 4,806 in yesterday's special election.

The complete unofficial vote compiled today gave Berger 24,367 and Bodenstab 19,561. In the election of 1918 Berger received a plurality of 5,507 in a three-sided contest; the republicans and democrats having candidates in the field.

After the result of yesterday's election was known, Berger issued a statement in which he said:

"I don't know whether the house will seat me, and I care little if only the continued fight for my seat will furnish the occasion to awaken the common people of the United States, especially the working class, to a realization of the great dangers before us and the immense duties that we must fulfill if modern civilization is to progress or even survive.

Denver, Dec. 20.—A huge still with a capacity of 250 gallons of liquor a day said to be the largest stilling plant ever encountered by the officials in this state, was seized today by a force of state constabulary at a point 10 miles south of Denver.

The plant, which was operated by steam, was running in full blast when the officers descended upon it, but the owner or owners made good their escape.

Several hundred gallons of liquor, and a large amount of equipment were also seized and transported to Denver on motor trucks.

At the same time this raid was being made, another party of officers belonging to the constabulary raided the building at 220 Broadway, Denver, and took possession of one of the finest stills ever seen here. It was operated entirely by electricity and was the last word in scientific whisky making machinery.

NEW YORK PIER SCENE OF SENSATIONAL DAYLIGHT ROBBERY AT NOON TODAY

New York, Dec. 20.—A hold up rivaling in technique the masterpieces of Bill Carisic, western bandit, occurred here today when two robbers covered with revolvers a pay line of 75 longshoremen at an East river pier while two companions, marching into the paymaster's office, seized \$5,000. The quartette then escaped in an automobile just as 300 repairmen at work on the pier heard the commotion and came racing to the rescue.

David Bord, the paymaster, employed by M. B. Smith and sons, boss stevedores, arrived at the pier at noon in an auto. A few minutes later another car arrived and four well dressed men stepped out.

Approaching the pay window, two whipped out revolvers shouting that it meant death for anyone to move in the direction of the other bandits, who by this time had entered the office. The entire line of longshoremen was thrown into confusion and several men fled, seeking refuge behind bales and boxes.

Two bandits who entered the office found Bord flanked by two watchmen. One robber covered them while the other calmly picked up the envelopes, placing them in the paymaster's own bag, and then turning to his companions, said: "Let's go."

PRESIDENT OF BANK ADMITS TAKING MONEY

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 20.—Discovery of a shortage of \$140,000 in the Linn County Bank of Lacygne, and the confession of President Fred A. Rollman that he had signed worthless papers to that extent were reported today by State Bank Commissioner Walter E. Wilson, who stated he has authorized the Linn county attorney to issue a warrant for the arrest of the bank president.

A brother of the banker, William Pollman, Baker, Ore., said to be a millionaire lumberman, is declared to have made good the entire amount to the bank. Speculation in Texas lands and mining ventures were declared by Pollman to have resulted in the loss of the money.

DATE FOR DEPARTURE OF ALIENS NOT FIXED

Washington, Dec. 20.—The date for the departure from New York of radical aliens ordered deported will not be fixed until additional reports are received concerning the movement to seaboard of some aliens now held at various inland points, Anthony Caminetti, commissioner of immigration said today.

Some trains bearing radicals had been expected to leave yesterday the commissioner said, but they will not get under way until today, while immigration officials at one or two points where aliens are held have asked that the departure be delayed until Monday or Tuesday.

RAILROAD WAGE CONFERENCE

Washington, Dec. 10.—President Jewell and the executive council of the railroad employes' department of the American Federation of Labor had an engagement today with Director General Hines but in advance of the conference declined to discuss what their business would be. Demands for 25 per cent increase in pay were made last summer by the shop crafts comprised in the federation's railroad employes department. President Wilson at that time declared no more general advances in pay would be given until the government had had time to show what could be done to control prices.

COMMITTEE VOTES FOR TANK STEAMER J. A. CHANSLOR STRIKES SUBMERGED REEF OFF OREGON COAST IN A HEAVY FOG THURSDAY NIGHT.

Washington, Dec. 20.—A redrafted resolution by Senator Knox, Republican, of Pennsylvania, to declare a state of peace with Germany and to retain to the United States all material benefits that would be gained under the unratified treaty of Versailles was approved today by the senate foreign relations committee by a vote of 7 to 3.

The measure, on which senate action will be sought after the holiday recess, is in the form of a joint resolution and would require that unless Germany concedes to the United States such material benefits as are contained in the treaty, commerce with German nationals could be prohibited by presidential proclamation.

The measure is in the form of a joint resolution, which leaders planned to substitute for the concurrent resolution declaring a state of peace introduced some weeks ago by Senator Lodge, the committee chairman. A joint resolution requires the signature of the president while Republican leaders have held that a concurrent resolution does not. Both require a majority vote only of both senate and house.

While it avoids accepting in any way the League of Nations covenant as embodied in the treaty, the resolution sets forth the nation's policy in that regard by quoting from an act passed by congress in 1916 calling on the president to approach the other powers with a view to establishing an international concert for the preservation of peace.

The resolution also omits any provision to ratify formally the treaty, but it seeks to establish peace between the United States and Germany by declaration of a state of war repealed and peace restored as soon as three of the great powers and Germany have ratified the treaty.

The clause designed to retain the treaty's material benefits is in general terms, but its effect would be, it was said, to confirm the title of the United States to the German ships and other property taken from the enemy.

Washington, Dec. 20.—With its anti-strike provisions intact, the Cummins railroad bill was passed today by the senate. It now goes to conference with the Esch bill, passed a month ago by the house.

The vote was 46 to 30 and followed rejection of Senator La Follette's bill to control for two years of the railroads. Senator La Follette's substitute was rejected, 65 to 11. It provided for continuance of federal control two years.

After passing the railroad bill the senate today adopted the resolution providing for a recess of congress until January 5.

OREGON READY FOR HARVARD

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 20.—The University of Oregon football squad, from which a team will be selected to play Harvard here New Years day, was delayed in arriving here and is expected this afternoon. Coaches in telegrams stated a light practice would be held soon after arrival.

HOUSE PASSES RED BILL

Washington, Dec. 20.—The immigration committee's bill providing for the deportation of all aliens affiliated with anarchistic organizations was passed today by the house. The vote was unanimous.

Bandon, Ore., Dec. 20.—With only three of her crew of 50 alive, so far as known, the 4,800 ton Associated Oil company tank steamer J. A. Chanslor, bound in ballast from Portland to San Francisco, lies almost submerged on the jagged reef off Cape Blanco, on the Oregon coast. The steamer's back was broken when she struck the reef early Thursday night, according to Earl Dooley, one of the survivors, 30 of the crew perished when the craft sank almost instantly.

According to Dooley, the Chanslor struck Blanco reef about 6:15 Thursday night in a heavy fog. She broke in two a few minutes later, the after-part of the ship sinking almost at once and 30 of those on board going down with her.

The first boat launched containing 12 men is said to have been the only boat to get away from the sinking vessel.

Two of the men aboard the boat, according to information reaching here died from exposure Friday. Last night the other occupants of the life boat tried to make a landing in the surf near the mouth of the Whiskey river, four miles north of Bandon. Only three of them survived the attempt. Shore patrols are being maintained all along the coast.

The steamer Johanna Smith, Olsen, City of Topeka, Rose City and Admiral Schley are searching the waters in the vicinity of Bandon and Cape Blanco for other possible survivors. A heavy fog and choppy sea is making it difficult however.

Captain A. A. Sawyer, master of the tank steamer J. A. Chanslor, quartermaster Kunkle and one other member of the crew are believed to be the only survivors of the steamer. Captain Sawyer is in the hospital at Bandon in a critical condition as the result of exposure.

Three unidentified bodies have been found. Other bodies are reported to have washed ashore below Bandon.

ENGLISHMEN ANXIOUS FOR NATURALIZATION

Denver, Colo., Dec. 20.—Kenneth Kerr and Roy Garrett, Englishmen, used up two automobiles, left their cattle, which were said to be dying at the rate of 70 a day, and spent 10 days traveling through snowdrifts at 40 degrees below zero in their anxiety to be naturalized, according to Judge James H. Burgess, federal naturalization official, who has just returned to Denver after a tour through Wyoming. The two Englishmen, who are stock raisers, were delayed by snow and failed to get to Buffalo, Wyo., in time for naturalization, so followed the officials to Sheridan. It required ten days for them to cover the 250 miles.

PUEBLO AFTER THE CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 20.—A bonifide offer of \$250,000 for the Dempsey-Carpentier fight was wired Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, yesterday by Morris A. Penlock, of Pueblo, and Fred Dixon, of Colorado Springs, representing forty southern Colorado business men. Penlock and Dixon followed their offer of yesterday by a telegram today offering to post a certified check for all or any part of the sum stated immediately.

Penlock and Dixon are prepared, they stated today, to build a permanent arena in Pueblo, costing \$150,000, if the fight comes here.

CONGRESS TO ADJOURN FOR CHRISTMAS RECESS WITHOUT HEARING FROM PRESIDENT ON RETURN OF LINES.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Congress will go home for the Christmas holidays without hearing from President Wilson as to the time for the return of the railroads, it having been announced at the White House that no message on the subject would be sent to the capitol today.

Before the announcement was made a report that the president would send a message late today had gained wide circulation among senators and representatives.

The president apparently has not communicated his decision as to the ending of government control to any of the administration leaders, but most of them believe the roads will not be turned back by January 1.

PERSHING LIKES TO BE CALLED "BUDDY"

Chicago, Dec. 20.—General John J. Pershing, "Buddy," came to Chicago today. The commander in chief of the American expeditionary forces here on an inspection trip, told 3,000 American Legion members that of all the titles he has held, from captain to general, he liked the "buddy" best.

General Pershing arrived this morning for a two day visit. He was met at the station by Major General Leonard Wood, commander of the central department of the army, and his staff.

The commander was given a roaring welcome by the former overseas fighters, member of Chicago's American Legion posts.

LEWIS DENIES MAKING STATEMENT ON STRIKE

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 20.—John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers of America, denied "in every particular" a statement attributed to him by a member of congress and used by United States District Judge A. B. Anderson in his charge to the federal grand jury, summoned to investigate the coal strike, in a statement made public here today. Mr. Lewis, as a part of the statement, also made public a letter he had written to Congressman Schuyler Merritt of Connecticut, requesting "that you make amends for your mistake by making public admission of the fact."

And if the farmers were paid on a six hour basis with double pay for overtime, and the same thing applied to distributors, all the consumers could do would be to form a union and refuse to eat.

* Denver, Colo., Dec. 20.—Rev. * S. Lackland, pastor of the * Grace Methodist Episcopal * church, of Denver, announced * today that he would have a real * negro jazz orchestra before the * pulpit next Sunday afternoon in * an effort to awaken the enthu- * siasm of his congregation. * "Jazz music should wake up * the congregation," Rev. Lack- * land said. "Music that will put * the congregation," Rev. Lack- * mind to appreciate real reli- * gion. Christ mingled with the * common people and used their * customs to improve conditions. * "Jazz works perfectly as a lu- * bricant for stiffened joints on * the glaring lighted white ways * that lead to perdition, so why * not use it to limber up those * who are traveling the straight * and narrow way?" * * * * *

Las Vegas now has a "fair price" committee. The appointment of the members was made at a well attended and enthusiastic meeting held last night in the council chamber of the city city hall. William G. Haydon, chairman, assisted by an advisory committee of Mrs. F. L. Myers, J. H. Bell, J. B. McCoy and District Attorney C. W. G. Ward, selected the following persons, who will constitute the fair price committee: Clarence Iden, chairman; Mrs. D. A. Sulier, Mrs. Frank Carroon, Cecilio Rosenwald, George Selinger, Henry E. Blattman, S. B. Barnett, Dan Stern and J. H. Bell.

It shall be the duty of this body to visit the various stores of the city, obtain from the merchant invoices of his stock, solicit information as to his expense in maintaining his business, such as overhead expense, rent, cost of help, lights, etc., and then, cognizant of the prices at which the merchant sells the goods, to determine whether or not commodities are sold at a reasonable profit. If it is found that the merchant is making an unreasonable gain, the committee shall endeavor to induce him to lower the selling price of his merchandise, and if the merchant refuses to comply with this request, he will be reported to the governor and to the United States district attorney. In the event the merchant refuses to permit the committee to examine invoices of his stock, this fact will be accepted as evidence of profiteering.

There were forty-five persons present at the meeting last night. Mr. Ward outlined the purpose of the meeting for the benefit of those who did not attend Tuesday's gathering. He reiterated a statement often made by merchants, that the public is demanding the best of everything, and will accept nothing else. He cited the fact that the government is now buying a soft wheat which will be mixed with the better hard wheat, in order to produce a flour which will conserve the fast dwindling supply of Durham wheat.

"Successful efforts have been made in other localities to effect a reduction of prices," Mr. Ward stated. "and I believe similar results may be obtained here." The government is now taking up the question of the producer, the packer and the wholesaler, as well as that of the retail merchant.

It was alleged at the meeting that hundreds of dollars are going out of the city each day to buy commodities which can be purchased as reasonably here.

"In my opinion, it is merely the lack of understanding," Judge Long said. "I favor the appointment of a committee in order that the public mind may be set at rest," he continued.

One of the local grocery merchants offered some interesting information in regard to the present sugar question. "Retailers here pay \$12.50 per hundred for sugar," he said, "and it sells in unrestricted quantity for 14 cents per pound. In Indianapolis it retails for 24 cents and people are glad to get it at that price. In Indiana the purchase of sugar is limited to one pound, and that pound sells for 24 cents," he continued.

Ike Davis stated that potatoes in Las Vegas have been selling for less than Denver prices, and that the freight rate here is much higher. One member complained of the prices charged in local restaurants. Another stated that beef is being purchased in Wagon Mound at 16 1/2 cents.

"There is vital need of understanding," one member said. "The people will be glad to purchase their goods locally, if they are assured

that prices are fair." A local grocer was asked what he considered was a fair profit in his business. "Never having been able to make a fair profit, I cannot inform you," he replied.

FOREIGN COMPANIES IN CONTROL OF INSURANCE

Washington, Dec. 20.—Foreign insurance companies control at least two-thirds of the marine insurance originating in the United States, a house merchant marine sub-committee, headed by Representative Lehlbach, republican, of New Jersey, declared today in letters sent to state governors and insurance commissioners, recommending changes in state laws so as to encourage development of an American owned business.

Declaring that the foreign domination of the marine insurance was disclosed by its recent investigation, the committee said it had "every reason to believe that a well directed competitive campaign is now being waged by foreign underwriters with a view to again reducing American marine insurance to the insignificant position of pre-war years."

EVERY EFFORT BEING MADE TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH GERMANY

Paris, Dec. 22.—The supreme council, it became known today, is making every effort to reach an agreement with Germany on the question of reparation for the sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow so that the protocol may be signed and ratification of the treaty of Versailles exchanged before the holidays.

The terms of the note replying to the last communication of the German representatives were considered by the council today. It was planned to call another session this afternoon. It was believed the note if then completed would be handed during the evening to Baron Kurt von Lersner, head of the German mission.

Few details now remain to be disposed of by the council to clean up the work of the peace conference, with the exception of the Hungarian and Turkish treaties and the Russian situation. It was thought today that all else might be disposed of in time to permit the celebration of Christmas in a state of effective peace with Germany unless that nation maintained certain of her objections to the final terms, after receiving the council's note.

ADVANCE IN CRUDE OIL

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 22.—All grades of crude oils handled in the Pittsburgh market were advanced 25 cents a barrel by the leading purchasing agencies today. The new prices follow: Pennsylvania crude \$4.75; Corning \$3.35; Cabell \$3.27; Somerset \$3.10 and Ragland \$1.60.

YANK BLUEJACKETS HELD ON PRETEXT

Washington, Dec. 22.—The two American bluejackets, arrested at Mazatlan, Mexico, November 12, on charges of participating in a street fight are being held on pretext" the American consul there reported in a dispatch received today at the state department.

The counsel did not explain what the "pretext" was but immediately after the dispatch was received preparations were made to investigate further.

FEDERAL JUDGE SAYS HE WILL KEEP MAN IN CELL TO PREVENT FURTHER VIOLATION OF COURT'S INJUNCTION.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 22.—Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas district of the United Mine Workers of American was remanded to jail by United States District Judge Anderson when court re-convened this afternoon. Howat who is charged with contempt of court was granted a continuance this morning until next Monday.

The case against Howat is the outgrowth of charges of contempt against 84 international and district officials of the United Mine Workers brought prior to the program reached in Indianapolis December 10. Opening the case for the government this morning, Dan W. Simms, special United States district attorney, declared that Howat had kept in force a local strike begun last July and merged with the general strike on October 31. In addition, it is charged, Howat has openly defied the court in statements and interviews with the press to the effect that there was no power in the country to force the miners to return to work.

Mr. Simms quoted from newspaper interviews and from a purported strike history of the Kansas district to show that there had been 304 strikes in Crawford county, Kansas, in the last 33 months and that while Howat probably did not call all of them, that he was responsible for the organization which made this possible. Mr. Simms also quoted articles to show that Howat was feared by the operators and business men of the Kansas district and declared that no court or other agency had yet been found in Kansas strong enough to fight Howat.

"This man," Judge Anderson declared, "has openly and defiantly disobeyed the law."

"This court and the law has been defied and flouted. I've got to stop it, if the law is to be upheld. Either I must do it or we must acknowledge that the organization for which he stands is supreme to the government. This man's violation must stop or I will put him in a cell and keep him there."

REPORT ON COTTON

Washington, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned prior to December 13, the census bureau announced today, amounted to 9,402,520 running bales, including 103,926 round bales, 27,906 bales of American-Egyptian and 6,429 bales of sea island.

* Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 20.— * Governor Robert D. Carey today * telegraphed to members of the * Wyoming legislature asking * whether they would be willing * to come to Cheyenne this win- * ter at their own expense for * an extra session which would * last long enough to ratify the * woman suffrage amendment to * the federal constitution. * The governor pointed out that * while he and the people of * Wyoming favor the ratifica- * tion of the woman suffrage * amendment, he doubted if the * citizens of the state would ap- * prove the cost of an extra ses- * sion for the sole purpose of giv- * ing the women of other states * the right to vote next Novem- * ber. * * * * *

PLAYMATE SHOTS FIVE YEAR OLD DENVER GIRL

Denver, Dec. 24.—Ella Gregory, aged 5 years, of 617 Twentieth street, Denver, was shot through the right lung and probably fatally wounded here today by a small boy playmate, the shooting taking place while the children were playing at the Gregory home. Frank Stanley, the boy who did the shooting, was handling a revolver owned by the little girl's father.

New York, Dec. 24.—Another "mutiny" case was settled today in a Brooklyn police court when 17 members of the crew of the British ship Michaels were arraigned on charges of disorderly conduct after they had complained of the ship's food and had refused to obey orders.

Captain William P. Aspinwall, who promised that he would see to it the food served his men was fit to eat, announced he would take back any seamen who promised to obey orders, and indicated that he had abandoned his announced intention of preferring charges of mutiny against the seamen. All but three went back to the ship. Magistrate O'Neil ruled that the mere disobedience of orders did not constitute a case for his court and dismissed the complaints.

MILLIONAIRE SERIOUSLY ILL

Colorado Springs, Dec. 24.—Alexander Smith Cochrane, multi-millionaire, of Yonkers, N. J., who bought Glen Eyrie, the Palmer castle and estate two years ago, is critically ill in London, following an operation for peritonitis, according to a cablegram received by his local representatives.

A few minutes. He had just gone through the place with a tourist party and took a sudden fancy to it. He sought the owners and made them an offer for the place, and then paid spot cash for it. Cochrane is unmarried, and served with the British army with a rank of commander on his own yacht early in the war.

PLAN FOR CONFERENCE ON PRODUCTION FAVORED

Washington, Dec. 24.—The plan of Representative Dickinson, of Iowa, for a great national conference on the subject of agriculture, involving food production and many related questions, has by no means been abandoned.

Representative Dickinson, who introduced a resolution for such a conference some time ago, expects to secure a hearing on the resolution before the House committee on agriculture soon after the holidays.

It is likely that the committee will favor the idea.

DENVER POOR RECEIVE 11 TONS OF RABBITS

Denver, Dec. 24.—Eleven tons of rabbits, the result of an all day hunt Monday by the members of the Elks lodge at Fort Morgan, were distributed here to all persons who applied for them. At noon 1,500 of the rabbits had been given away, and it was estimated that bunnies would form the principal item in the Christmas day menu in the homes of more than 1,000 needy residents of the city.

POLICE ON DUTY AT STEEL MILLS

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 24.—Extra police have been detailed for duty at the plant of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, for the changing of shifts late this afternoon. The police do not expect a repetition of the disturbances of Tuesday night which resulted in the arrest of five women and two men. The prisoners will be arraigned this afternoon on disturbance charges.

MEEK LITTLE LAMBS

Many democratic senators would like to vote for ratification of the treaty with reservations, but the president says there must be no compromise. We are about to learn whether the aforesaid democratic senators have minds of their own.

MUTINOUS SAILORS RELEASED

Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 24.—Twelve men of the civilian crew of the transport America, who were put in the ship's brig at Brest after an alleged mutiny today were released by order of Major General David C. Shanks, commander of the port of embarkation.

CHRISTMAS PARDONS

Denver, Dec. 24.—Governor Shoup today granted full pardons to Edward Pring, William C. Johns and George Snar, convicted of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the killing of Samuel Hunt in El Paso county last year. Three other pardons were announced.

COAL COMMISSION MEETING CALLED

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Wilson today issued a call for a meeting here Monday of the special commission appointed to investigate wages and prices in the soft coal industry. The commission at that time is expected to lay plans for its inquiry which probably will continue several weeks.

NO PASSPORTS FOR "PICTURE BRIDES"

(By The Associated Press.)
Tokio, Dec. 26.—The Japanese government, according to the newspapers today, has decided to discontinue the issuance of passports permitting "picture brides" to progress to the United States, a practice which has been the cause of some anti-Japanese feeling in America, revealed in advices reaching here.

The state department in Washington made it known on December 18 that it had been notified of the Japanese government's intention to stop giving passports to "picture brides" when this could be done without injustice to such Japanese as had been progressed so far as it could not be cancelled.

It was said no formal announcement was to be made but that Japan had planned to allow a period of about two months before the restriction was imposed. San Francisco advices of the same date stated that the Japanese consul general there had announced that after February 25 his government would accept no applications for passports for "picture brides" of Japanese residents in this country.

MARKETS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Dec. 26.—Trading on the stock market today assumed a more confident tone and wider scope during the morning, rails continuing to lead the gradual advance. Shipings and tobaccos were steadily absorbed and coppers accompanied the higher trend of steels and equipments. Motors and oils were backward for a time but came forward at noon on the strength displayed by general motors and Mexican and Pan-American Petroleum. Standard specialties were featured by American woolen, industrial alcohol, United States rubber and American linseed. The 10 per cent. opening rate for call money had no perceptible effect on prices.

The close was as follows:

American Sugar Refining	138
American T. and T. Co.	96 1/2
Anaconda Copper	60 1/2
Atchison	83 3/4
Chino Copper	36 5/8
Colorado Fuel and Iron Co.	41 1/2
Inspiration Copper	56 3/4
Northern Pacific	80
Reading	77 1/2
Southern Pacific	104 1/4
Union Pacific	123 3/8
United States Steel	106 3/4

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Pronounced weakness developed in the corn market today as a result of railroad orders giving grain the preference over all other commodities in the movement of freight. Fine weather tended also to promote bearish feeling, and so too, did a decline in British exchange. Selling, however, was not of an aggressive character. Opening prices, which ranged from the same as Wednesday's finish to 1 cent lower, with January \$1.34 3/8 to \$1.35 1/4 and May, \$1.32 1/2 to \$1.33, were followed by material losses all around.

Oats went down grade with corn. After opening 1/4 to 3/8 cents off, including May at 83 to 83 1/2, the market continued to sag.

Higher quotations on hogs put strength into provisions. Most of the business was in lard.

The close was as follows:

CORN—	
December, \$1.39 1/4; January, \$1.31 1/4; May, \$1.30 1/2.	
OATS—	
May, 82 1/2c; July, 75 1/2c.	
PORK—	
January, \$38.00; May, \$36.50.	
LARD—	
January, \$27.75; May, \$24.40.	
RIBS—	
January, \$18.70; May, \$19.37.	

KANSAS CITY LIVESTOCK

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—Hogs, receipts, 5,000; market, 15c to 25c higher; bulk, \$13.50@13.80; heavy, \$13.50@13.75; mediums, \$13.50@13.80; lights, \$13.35@13.65; pigs, \$12.25@13.00; cattle, receipts, 3,400; market, steady to 25c higher; prime fed steers, \$17.00@19.10; medium, \$13.50@17.00; common, \$11.00@13.50; light, \$13.30@18.40; cows, \$6.65@12.25; heifers, \$6.75@14.25; stockers and feeders, \$5.50@10.50; canners, \$3.35@6.60; calves, \$13.00@16.00; sheep, receipts, 2,500; market, active mostly 25c higher; lambs, \$16.00@17.50; culls, \$9.75@15.75; wethers, \$12.75@15.00; ewes, \$7.50@10.50.

TO INVESTIGATE AT COLORADO SPRINGS

Denver, Dec. 26.—The Colorado industrial commission, which is conducting an inquiry into the charges of discrimination on the part of the coal mine operators in hiring union miners, and charges that the miners' union has repeatedly violated the state law which calls for thirty days' notice of intention to strike, will go to Colorado Springs on Tuesday and open an investigation.

FLIES OVER MOUNT OWEN.

London, Dec. 26.—Captain Ross Smith, the Australian aviator, who recently completed a flight from England to Australia, winning a prize of 10,000 pounds has landed at Charlesville, Queensland, after safely negotiating the formidable Mount Owen range, according to advices from Sydney. His machine was in an damaged condition the advices said.

ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY

Denver, Dec. 26.—The police today arrested two young men, who gave their names as "Dutch" Gilbert and L. J. Holt, on charges of having robbed a pedestrian in the vicinity of the spot where Oba P. Aspey, a groceryman, was robbed and shot to death last week. The men admit holding up the man on the street, but deny all complicity with the robbery which resulted in the death of Aspey. The robbery in which the men admit having had taken part, took place an hour after the grocer was killed.

HAWAIIAN LEGION POST AFTER DISLOYALISTS

Honolulu, T. H. Dec. 26.—Frederick Funston Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at its last meeting, appointed a standing committee headed by Commander E. Q. Smith, to enlist the aid of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce in driving out disloyal residents.

Several members reported having heard disloyal statements made by Germans and German-Americans within the past few months, and, it was announced, that the authors of these, as well as war-time pro-Germans, will be investigated.

Officers of the post intimated that if no results could be obtained locally the matter would be taken to Washington.

Lucy Larcum began to write verses at the age of seven.

The first high school for girls in Germany was founded in Berlin in 1787.

By the newest style of hair dressing, English women are adding three inches to their height.

In Mexico young ladies never receive calls from young men, and are not escorted to entertainments by them.

Sabrina von Steinbach, known as "The Fair Saba," was the designer of the famous cathedral of Strasburg, one of the most magnificent church edifices in the world.

WOULD STOP MAKING OF NON-ESSENTIALS

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Illinois women will urge manufacturers to stop the production of non-essentials and luxuries, Mrs. Joseph T. Brown, head of the women's activities of the Illinois fair price committee, announced today.