TILLMAN'S DRAMATIC SPEECH IN SENATE

Senator From South Carolina a Second Time Denies Accusations Made Against Him by President in Connection With Oregon Lands—Says He is Prepared for Assassin's Knife.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 14—Addressing the senate for the second time in regard to the allegations against him in connection with Oregon lands, Senator Tillman today made a reply to the utterances of Attorney General Bonaparte and Postmaster General Meyer. He quoted the portion of Mr. Bonaparte's statement of last Monday in which the latter said that Senator Tillman had not told him of his desire to obtain some of the lands in question, and flatly contradicted the head of the department of justice. He said he had been entirely frank with Mr. Bonaparte and had fully explained to him his interest in those lands. He attributed the attorney general's attitude as a desire "to bolster up the president."

Depends on His Record.

Speaking of the differences of recollections between himself and Mr. Bonaparte, he said: "I am ready to have my word put against him in any court in Christendom, on my record in the past for truthfulness."

He asserted that he was not only dealing with President Roosevelt, but with all the cabinet officers, who are in league, "because, according to the newspapers, they are discussing me at cabinet meetings and are determined to accomplish my ruin if possible."

"I was prepared to have the attorney general deny that I told him anything about this," continued Mr. Tillman. "I was prepared to have the officers sent to me from the post office department and to whom I explained my reasons for asking for a fraud order against Dorr, deny my statement.

Prepared for Assassin's Knife.

"When I deal with as unscrupulous men as I do now, I am prepared for anything, even the assassin's knife. My mail is being held up. I am satisfied of that. I will not say my room has been broken into, because there are keys that can open everything in this capital. They may not have stolen my papers, but they are gone."

Mr. Tillman narrated a conversation he had over the 'phone yesterday with Attorney General Bonaparte in which he asked whether a suit had been brought against the Southern Oregon company, the holder of a military road grant. After having the letter of the attorney general read, he said that up to this time and after nine months, nothing had been done in response to the order of congress to bring suit. He wanted to know what degree of falsehood was to be charged to the two cabinet officers, "or head clerks, or bootlicks, or whatever the president has around him."

The attorney general, he said, had a splendid memory for various details of his conversation with him, but he could not recollect whether he had brought suit or not against the Southern Oregon company and had to ask a subordinate "whether he had performed this important duty for congress." He suggested that there had been a meeting of the executive committee of the Ananias club with Wm. E. Chandler or some other member, to determine what degree should be conferred upon Chas. J. Bonaparte and this man Meyer.

Senator Tillman demanded that the senate act on his request for an investigation.

"Do something," he demanded. "The senate ought not to wait until the country makes up its mind that we are afraid to move."

THE VAGARIES OF JUSTICE.

Two Innocent Men Languished in Indiana Prison Seven Months.

Hammond, Ind., Jan. 14.—Last June, Joseph Malavasky came to Gary with a wife and five children from Poland. He was involved in an altercation with a fellow countryman and struck him and was thrown into jail.

C. O. Holmes, of Gary, about that time was standing near the ruins of a fire. He found a pair of handcuffs and was examining them when a policeman arrested him and he was committed to the county jail to await trial.

Both these men languished in a notoriously unhealthy jail at Crown Point for seven months without trial, all the officials seeming to have forgotten them.

This week, Charles Greenwald, states attorney, began his term of office and came across the two cases. He ordered the men brought into court and both were released, no records being found against them. Malavakv hastened to Gary and found that during his incarceration his home had been destroyed by fire. He cannot find either his wife or children. Thus are the vagaries of justice in Hammond demonstrated.

Garibaldi's Companion Dead.

Genoa, Jan. 16.—General Stephano Canzio, who was one of the most devoted of Garibaldi's companions, taking part in all o fhis campaigns, died here Friday. He was 72 years of age.

1,557 EXECUTIONS IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 15—Statistics are published showing that during the Russian year just ended, 1,957 persons were sentenced to death in the empire and 782 executed. The largest number of executions were in Warsaw and Kiev, being more than 150 in each place. Sixty-three newspapers were suppressed in the empire and others fined $53,000. This is the record of a civilized nation governed as in the dark ages by absolutism.

BEEF TRUST INVESTIGATION.

Important Witness on Stock Yard Corporation on the Stand.

Chicago, Ills., Jan. 16—Over the protests of Morris and company and the duly appointed attorneys and emissaries for that stock yard's corporation, Walter Wall, manager of Morris and company's St. Joseph plant, was put on the stand before the federal grand jury in the beef trust investigation and was subjected to two hours of assiduous questioning.

Morris and company evidenced more perturbation over the subpoena served on Wall than was seen in connection with any one of the other forty employees that were summoned. An attorney was sent to District Attorney Sims to beg off for Wall, arguments were set forth to show that he was very busy and that the company's business would suffer seriously if he were taken away.

But the government was obdurate and Wall was brought here. His testimony is regarded as extremely important in the matter of the rebating and the shipping between St. Joseph and Chicago. One of the points which he is being questioned about is the system of distributing patronage to various railroads. He is the first witness who is to be quizzed on the supposed favoritism of Morris and company toward the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway, behind which the government suspects a rebating understanding. Wall will be on the stand again when the jury reconvenes next Monday morning.

In addition to his presence the jury listened to testimony from J. R. Hunter, office manager for Morris & Co., and the two principal witnesses in laying the foundation for the government's contentions, Harry C. Dowling and H. A. Timmins, of the shipping department. Subpoenas were executed today for the following four accountants in Morris and company's office: W. B. Woodburn, O. J. Francis, J. E. Loomis and E. D. McGahan.

GAELIC AN ESSENTIAL.

Irish People Demand Knowledge of National Language for Entrance to University.

Dublin, Ireland, Jan. 15—Great county meetings are being held throughout Ireland in favor of the demand that a knowledge of Irish be made compulsory for entrance to the new National university of Ireland, Dublin, Cork, Leith and Limerick have already had such meetings and Mayo is next.

Writing to the promoters of the movement Dr. D. Hyde, president of the Gaelic league, repudiates the charge that the agitation is engineered merely by the league. He says there are hundreds of thousands of supporters of the demand who have never joined the league itself.

"Never," he said, "have I known a more spontaneous, universal, and less 'machined' expression of public opinion in Ireland on any subject."

THIS IS THEIR LATEST FAD.

New York Society Women Will Find Diversion in Woman's Rights Movement.

New York, Jan. 16.—With a leap and a bound the woman's rights' movement seems to have come into its own. At the luncheon held by the Woman's Suffrage Council today at the Hotel Aster, there were over five hundred women seated at the tables and as many more were refused accommodations because of the lack of room. There were a few men present seated at rare intervals and surrounded by tables full of women whose fingers are itching to cast a ballot. Col. Harvey was one of these, and at the table sat Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Mrs. Phillip Lyding, Mrs. Foxall Keene, Mrs. Jas. A. Burden and Mrs. Robert Goelet.

Inspect Feeders for I.C.R.

St. Peters, C.B., Jan. 14—E. Tiffin, traffic manager of the I.C.R.; D. A. Story freight superintendent, and F. C. Burpee, engineer of maintenance, were here today on their official car attached to the Cape Breton Railway train. They constitute a commission appointed by the federal government last autumn to report upon the condition of certain branch lines of railway that it is proposed should be taken over and made part of the Intercolonial railway system.

Funeral of Calgary Solicitor.

Montreal, Jan. 14.—The funeral of the late Hon. John Hall, of Calgary, took place this morning from St. James the Apostle church, Rev. Canon Ellegwood officiating. The ceremony was postponed from yesterday owing to the train from the west being late. Numerous friends and relatives attended to pay their last respects. Interment was made in the Mount Royal cemetery.

Toronto University Affairs.

Toronto, Jan. 14.—The erection of a new building for faculty education in connection with the University of Toronto will be proceeded with at once, according to a report issued at the meeting of the board of governors. Kenneth Hall, fellow of All Souls college, Oxford, has been appointed lecturer to succeed Prof. Pelling, who returns to Oxford. A. L. Parsons is to be lecturer in mineralogy.

Bombarded German Steamer.

Konakry, French Guinea, West Africa, Jan. 16.—News has just been received here at that the Liberian customs gunboat Lark has bombarded a German steamer of the Woerman line off the coast of Liberia. The reason for this action is not given. A German guardship from Kamerun has sailed for Liberia.

Material Witness Missing.

North Bay, Ont., Jan. 14—A sensation has developed in the Ryan murder case in the disappearance of one of the principal witnesses, a young woman named Nora McKeown, who was in the company of the murdered man on the night of the tragedy.

Bank of England Rate Up.

London, Jan. 14.—The rate of discount in the Bank of England was raised today from two and a half to three per cent. This is the first time the rate has been charged since May 28, 1906.

DEFICIT OF $130,855 IN HAIL INSURANCE

Working Out of Saskatchewan's Hail Insurance Ordinance is Not Immediately Successful—Total Amount of Insurance Paid Was $258,816—The Premiums Amounted to $145,632.

Regina, Jan. 14—A report brought down to the legislature today of the working of the provincial hail insurance ordinance for 1908 reveals a deficit of $130,855. The revenue obtained from premiums paid by application amounted to $145,632, whereas the claims paid for losses totalled $258,816 and the expenses of administering the ordinance $17,671, a total expenditure of $276,487. The number of contracts for insurance entered into was 6,049, insuring approximately 6,400 persons, and covering approximately 850,000 acres. The number of persons to whom claims were paid was approximately 1,350.

The Election Figures.

A return brought down gave the official figures of the voting in the provincial general election in August last and in the Saltcoats and Humbolt byelections of December 7th. The total vote polled in the general election was 58,706, of which 30,147 votes were polled for the government and Independent-Liberal candidates, and 28,559 votes for the Opposition and Independent Conservative candidates. The total vote in Humbolt and Saltcoats by-elections were 2,575, of which the government candidates polled 1,948, and the opostion candidates 627.

In committee on the rural municipal bill the question of a rebate on taxes for prompt payment was discussed, the system being opposed by Hon. Mr. Calder. J. E. Bradshaw (Con., Prince Albert) favored imposing a penalty for non-payment. J. F. Bole (Liberal, Regina), said people were hardly ready for doing away with the rebate system. A. B. Gillis (Con., Pipestone) contended it was an entirely wrong principle and should be discouraged at the outset.

Geo. E. Langley (Lib., Redberry), moved that the clause allowing a rebate be struck out. This carried only some half dozen members favoring the retention of the rebate system.

The liquor bill, the bill respecting judges' orders in matters not in court, and the land titles amendment bill, were given their first and second readings as amended in committee and stand for a third reading tomorrow. The house adjourned at 11 o'clock.

Saskatchewan's Railway Policy.

Provincial Secretary Calder gave notice that he would move in the house on Monday resolutions authorizing the guarantee of certain securities of C. N. and G. T. P. railways. This will reveal the provincial railway policy.

Premier Scott informed D. J. Wylie (Con., Maple Creek) that only thirty applications have been received for seed grain for the coming season. As this is a smaller number than for several years the province would attend to the cases as in former years.

On motion of T. A. Anderson (Con., Last Mountain) for a return of all documents relating to the taxation and assessment of the Saskatoon and Western Land company, Premier Scott, after dealing with the history of lands now for sale, said the government were taking steps to ascertain the liability of the company to assessment and taxation.

On motion of the attorney general a $250 annual fee to clubs was inserted in the liquor license bill. D. J. Wylie alone dissenting on the ground that the amount was excessive. Another amendment was inserted, placing the territory where there was neither local option nor licenses, under the same provisions as a local option district. This prevents a druggist from selling even six ounces of liquor without a doctor's prescription. This is permitted in the licensed area.

Hon. Mr. Turgeon moved the second reading of a bill to give threshing employees a first lien on the earnings of the machine for wages. This is now held by machine companies under liens.

NIGHT RIDER CONFESSES.

Wealthy Man Under Arrest Will Implicate Other Prominent Families.

Union City, Tenn., Jan. 14.—Ethelbert Rogers, one of the men under arrest awaiting trial for complicity in the murder of Captain Rankin, for which the eight men just tried were convicted, caused a revival of excitement in the night rider situation by making a full and complete confession this afternoon to Attorney General Caldwell. Rogers is one of the wealthy men implicated who offered to make a joint confession during the trial, but which offer was refused because the evidence was not needed. The state has announced the trial for next Monday. Rogers' story in detail will concern some of the wealthiest and most prominent families in western Tennessee.

TERRIBLE MINING DISASTER.

240 Men Entombed by Explosion of Fire Damp.

VeVszprim, Hungary, Jan. 14.—In an explosion of fire damp in the Auka coal mine here today, which was followed later by a dust explosion and fire, 240 men were entombed. Sixtee nliving miners and the bodies of 45 persons thus far have been brought out of the pit. The fire has been held to one locality, and it is hoped that the remainder of the entombed miners will be rescued alive.

Captain Hains is Acquitted.

Flushing, Jan. 15.—At two o'clock this afternoon, after nearly nineteen hours' deliberation, the jury in the case of Captain Hains, charged with the sensational murder of Wm. E. Annis, brought in a verdict of "Not guilty."

Fellow of Royal Economic Society.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 16.—Dr. Norris, Queen's graduate, has been elected a fellow of the Royal Economic Society, London, England.

A SUCCESS IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Jan. 14—Just to show what modern business methods can accomplish when applied to the affairs of municipal government, Superintendent McCourt, of the water office, is turning over to the city an increase of more than $400,000 in the revenue of his department for the year 1908 over that for 190. Considering the fact that the last year has seen a reduction in the consumption of water by industrial concerns, with a consequent falling off in the amounts of bills rendered, the achievement is regarded as being all the more remarkable and a big boost for municipal ownership.

U. S. FACES TOTAL LOSS OF JAPANESE TRADE

Japanese Consul in Chicago Sounds Note of Warning—Advance in Railroad Rates Will Have Disastrous Effect on U. S. Oriental Business.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—A warning, that the advance of railroad rates would mean the total loss of the Japanese trade to the United States, was sounded today by K. Matsubara, Imperial Japanese consul in Chicago, at a luncheon given by the Trade Extension Committee of the Chicago Advertising Association. The representative of the Mikado declared that even now preparations were being made to withdraw Japanese steamers from the trade with America.

"The proposed advance, if carried out, means a loss of 7.12 per cent of your total exports," said the consul, "if those of the Philippines are included. The railroads will put themselves out of the Oriental business if they go ahead with their plans. There will be no more talk of Oriental trade in the United States. The amount of Oriental trade which you will lose will be more than your total export trade with France and a little less than that which you enjoy with Canada. If you were going to lose either France or Canada, what would you say? The Japanese steamers floating on the Pacific, at least some of them, will be withdrawn from the present business routes if the rates are raised."

American Beer Nicer.

The consul gave the association some figures showing the trade between the United States and Japanese. He enumerated the articles which Japan purchased from America and made suggestions as to articles that it would purchase if offered. The Japanese will find buggies and automobiles convenient if they are taught to use them, was one suggestion. There are some breweries in the suburbs of Tokio, Yokohama and Osaka, but our beer is not as nice as some here, was another.

Mr. Matsubara summed up the wants of the Japanese as follows: "You will find that the Japanese need almost everything you make. We like and appreciate everything American, just as we like and appreciate the American people. We were taught by you to wear American clothes and to take our meals and to fight our homes in your way. You do not have to adapt things you make for the Japanese to them; they will assimilate with you and with your goods by themselves."

FIFTY KILLED IN WRECK.

Disastrous Head-On Collision on the Rio Grande in Colorado.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Jan. 15—Fifty persons are believed to have been killed, and more than forty injured in a head-on collision on the Denver Rio Grande passenger train No. 5, westbound, and a double header freight at Dotsero, near Harty today. Twenty bodies have been recovered. But one woman escaped death in one coach. She is now crazed. The wreck is said to have been due to an attempt by the passenger train to make a siding beyond orders.

HILL AND HARRIMAN AT IT.

Titanic Struggle Between Railway Giants Has Begun.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 16.—E. H. Harriman has ordered the Union Pacific Railroad to parallel the lines of the Colorado and Southern in the northern part of the state. A construction force of over 1,000 men will be thrown into the field and the renewal of the fight between Harriman and James J. Hill, which was predicted by Wall street as the result of the sale of the Colorado and Southern to the Burlington, has begun.

Kaiser Honors Queen Elena.

Rome, Jan. 16.—The German Emperor, it has been announced here, has conferred on Queen Elena, of Italy, the Order of Louise for Her Majesty's work in behalf of the sufferers from the earthquake in Calabria. The press of this city express pleasure at the gracious act of the Kaiser.

Funeral of Thomas Riley.

Calgary, Alta., Jan. 16.—The funeral of the late Thomas Riley was largely attended this afternoon. Interment was made in the cemetery of St. Barnabas Church, which is on land which is now a suburb, but which was formerly homesteaded by Mr. Riley.

Missing Witness Located.

North Bay, Jan. 15—Nora McKeown, the missing witness in the Ryan murder case, who mysteriously disappeared, was located after twenty-four hours. She is very sick and unable to testify for a few days. The reason given for her disappearance is undisclosed.

Persian Prince Suicides.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—Shafi Khan, a Persian prince in the Russian service, committed suicide because he had been relieved of the comman of the 15th Dragoons.

THE INTERCOLONIAL NOT ON THE MARKET

Minister of Railways Makes Emphatic Statement to This Effect—He Suggests That Changes in Management Are Not Unusual—Decrease in Traffic Due to Depression.

Ottawa, Jan. 15—Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways and canals, gave an official denial to the many rumors to the effect that the Intercolonial railway was in the market.

The minister said: "Of course I have been deeply interested in the newspaper discussion and the various policies outlined for the Intercolonial. These articles have contained considerable information which has not gone unnoticed. It is a mistake to think that the idea of any changes in the working of the Intercolonial was inspired by the falling off of traffic this year. The government road is in this respect like all other roads, and certainly no worse. The best company-owned roads are continually making changes for the better in their methods of management and why not the government line. I might say that if changes be decided on they will not include either a sale or lease of the road by the government."

Newfoundland Fishery Rights.

Hon. Mr. Aylesworth, minister of justice, leaves next week for Washington to discuss with Hon. James Bryce, and Secretary Root terms of the proposed reference to the Hague tribunal of the long-standing dispute between United States, Canada and Newfoundland, relative to the rights of American fishermen in the waters of British North America under the terms of the treaty of 1818.

An understanding was reached some moths ago between Bryce and Root in Washington, that this dispute should be referred to the Hague court but on account of delays incident to the discussion of a question in which so many interests are affected the terms of reference are not agreed upon. That is to say, the wording of the questions to be submitted and the terms in which the reference shall be clothed.

Aylesworth's mission to Washington is made for the purpose of expediting the conclusion of this treaty.

New Waterway to Atlantic.

An influential deputation, representing New York commercial interests, waited upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier this afternoon in connection with a proposition that the Champlain canal be deepened and the Richelieu river dredged so as to permit, along with certain works in New York state, of a navigable waterway for 1l-foot barges from the St. Lawrence to the Hudson river and the Atlantic seaboard. The deputation promised that New York state would do its part. Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that the question was one of cost. He was in favor of the freest communication between the two countries, but there were many public works calling for expenditures. He promised that the cost would be enquired into. The deputation, included Hon. W. C. Wetherbe and Hon. W. E. Clery, of the board of trade, New York, and Hon. D. E. Ainsworth, of the Hudson River improvement commission.

Applications Before Parliament.

The Prince Albert and Hudson Bay railway will apply to parliament for an act of incorporation. A line is proposed to be built from a point near Prince Albert to the mouth of the Nelson river on Hudson's Bay or York Factory.

The Salvation Army will apply to parliament at the next session for an act of incorporation to give it all the powers of a corporate body.

The British Columbia Southern railway wants an extension of time for construction, as also do the Kootenay and Arrowhead railway, the Manitoba and Northwestern, and the Thessalon and Northern.

In accordance with the usual practice the retiring speakers of the Senate and House of Commons, Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. R. F. Sutherland, have been created members of the King's Privy Council for Canada.

TO RELEASE STENSLAND.

Man Who Wrecked Chicago Bank to Be Given His Freedom.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—Paul O. Stensland, convicted looter of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, is expected to be released from the Joliet penitentiary tomorrow, at a meeting of the Illinois state pardon board. It is understood that Governor Deneen has promised to support efforts to free the prisoner. Word to this effect reached Chicago today, and it was said that the banker was sure of being restored to liberty. Stensland was sent to Joliet shortly after he had been brought back to Chicago from Tangiers, Morocco. He had fled two days before it was discovered the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank had been looted.

A DARK YEAR FOR RUSSIA.

Diplomatically and Economically 1908 Not Bright Year in Czar's Kingdom.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 15—John W Riddle, the American ambassador, attended the emperor's new year's reception to the ambassador at Tsarkoe Selo. The czar chatted pleasantly with Mr. Riddle regarding President Roosevelt's African trip and regretted that he could not have a similar release from the cares of the state. The newspapers review of the year 1908 are generally written in a gloomy strain and the year is considered to have been an unfavorable one for Russia viewed diplomatically and economically. The improvement in Russian credit, as indicated by the foreign loan, is noted with satisfaction.

Dynamite in Coal.

Cardston, Jan. 15.—Two sticks of dynamite have been found in the coal at the electric light works at Cardston. The dynamite was discovered as it was being shovelled into the boiler furnace. The coal came from the Pass.

DIRECT CHARGE OF GRAFT.

Montreal Alderman Attempted to Hold Up a Contractor.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—A sensation was caused at the City Hall today, when what may develop into another civic scandal was started in direct charges that an alderman had tried to secure a bribe from a city contractor. The affair came up at the incineration committee, when J. Jacob, a contractor for a city stable, declared that Alderman Lesperence had tried to hold him up for $1,000, but on his objecting to the amount of the bribe, had reduced his demand to $600, the money to be paid as the price of securing the contract.

Alderman Lesperance denied the charge at once, but Chairman Meredic Martin, M.P., of the committee, stated that Alderman Lesperence had approached him and told him he could get $600 from Contractor Jacob, and that he would divide it up with him.

There has been a good deal of quiet discussion over the way things were going on the committee, but this open charge of graft, backed by the statement of Chairman Martin, came as a complete surprise. It will probably be added to other allegations of crooked work at the City Hall, which are now being probed by a committee. Alderman Lesperance also declares that he will enter damage actions tomorrow against both Contractor Jacob and Alderman Martin.

Ernest Lavigne, famous for many years as musician, leader of the Sohmer Park orchestra, is in a critical condition.

Alphonse Martin, financial editor of La Patrie, is dead. A widow and three children survive.

BIG BATTLE FOR LIBERTY.

Bitter Fight Against Granting of Pardo nto Thieving Bank President.

Chicago, Jan. 16—Friends of Paul O. Stensland, looter of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, and men opposed to the extending of leniency to the embezzler whose crime drove some of his victims to suicide, are preparing for a fight next Tuesday which probably will be one of the most bitter ever waged before the state board of pardons. Men whose homes were swept away in the crash of the institution of which tSensland was the thieving president, women whose painfully accumulated little savings vanished when he fled to Tangiers, and relatives of those who were brought to the grave through suicide or broken hearts, by his act are among those who will be aligned in the effort to shater his dream of liberty. On the other side will be men of influence in the city and members of Stensland's family. They will demand the freedom of the man who has served twenty-eight months of his indeterminate sentence of from one to fourteen years in Joliet penitentiary, on the plea that he has been "punished sufficiently."

A FOOLHARDY FEAT.

Clad in Necktie Man Runs Across Frozen River.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 15.—Rather than back out of a proposition made to fellow workers, Ellsworth Hollenbeck, of Hunatcheo, an employee of the C. & O. S. S. Company, crossed the columbia river on the ice jams, clad in a pair of socks. The thermometer registered ten degrees below zero. The river is 400 yards wide.

While discussing the weather with friends, Hollenbeck laughed saying he would cross the river clad in a necktie for $5, to prove himself accustomed to the "Manitoba" cimate. The money was put up.

Hollenbeck jumped from a wharf boat to the thin ice, which broke and precipitated him into the icy waters. Recovering, he darted out, fell three times, but reached the goal and returned, soaked and bruised in numerous places, but $5 ahead.

It is feared he will be stricken with pneumonia because of the exposure.

GREATEST GAS GUSHER.

New Natural Gas Well at Medicine Hat Flows Five Million Feet Per Day.

Medicine Hat., Alta., Jan. 15—The new natural gas well in the Medicine Hat field has now developed a flow of five million cubic feet per 24 hours by mercury test and five millions and a quarter by water test, proving it to be the greatest gusher in Canada.

With only 21 negative votes, Medicine Hat property owners today carried a bylaw granting 35 acres of land and providing a gas well for a sewer pipe manufacturing company, the plant to be installed by American capital. The company guarantees to expend three hundred thousand dollars in buildings and plant and to employ a hundred men.

U. S. and British Diplomats at One

Pekin, China, Jan. 16.—W. W. Rockhill, the American minister, and Sir J. N. Jordan, the British minister, today called on Prince Ching, president of the foreign board, and made representations on the dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai. This step was taken independently of the other diplomatic representatives here and without previous communication of the intention to the foreign board. The two ministers proceeded in accordance with recommendations made by them to their respective governments. The diplomats here are so divided on the question of approaching China regarding the case of Yuan Shi Kai that the American and British representatives had to act alone. They disclaim any attempt at intervention but it is believed they objected to the dismissal. It is understood that the Austro-Hungarian minister supports Mr. Rockhill and Sir J. N. Jordan.

Christian Scientist Ill.

Boston, Jan. 14—Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, in spite of denials from Christian Science headquarters, is said to be so ill with cold that she has been confined to her bed a part of the time for the past two or three days. Her attendants have been fearful of pneumonia, it is said, but tonight have hopes that the worst is over.

OPPOSE INCREASE TO PRESIDENT'S SALARY

Democrats, in the U. S. Senate Make a Strong Protest to the New Bill—Naval Affairs Committee Revoke President's Order Removing Marines.

Washington, Jan. 16—The Democratic senators almost to a man let it be understood today that they are opposed to the proposed increase in the salaries of the president, vice-president and speaker of the House of Representatives. The legislative and judicial bill appropriation having been reported out of the committee Senator Culberson instantly attacked it under the rules that the features raising the salaries did not belong to the regular bill. In this he was sustained by Senators Money, Clay, Bacon, McLaurin, Simmons, Owen, Smith of Maryland, Clark of Arkansas, Foster and McEnery. Before the debate had closed for the day there was no doubt left in the minds of Mr. Taft's friends on the floor that he would probably have to be contented with a salary of $50,000. The new bill carries a salary of $100,000 a year for the president and $20,000 each for the speaker and vice-president.

"Wild With Extravagance.

Senator Clay said that the country was running wild with extravagant notions. Fifty thousand dollars, he said, was ample for the president. "Our greatest men," he said, "were those who lived simply. The lap of luxury has never held a rugged character. Statesmen and patriots are those who are economical and whose demands are small. We now appropriate for the president's use $35,000 for the care of his horses, $6,000 for his coal, $3,600 for his greenhouses, and so on, a sum totalling every year in addition to his salary of $196,000. I suggest that this is enough."

Revoke President's Order.

The house committee on Naval affairs today adopted a resolution returning marines to the ships in the navy contrary to the action of the president, who recently ordered the members of the Marine corps of the ships to shore duty. The recommendation of the committee to restore the marines to the ships is mandatory instead of discretionary. The committee is of the opinion that the discipline and morale of the naval service require that marines shall be stationed on all vessels.

Think Decision is Unwise.

Under the president's order there are no marines on the vessels of the Pacific fleet or on the Connecticut, Admiral Sperry's flagship, and the Vermont of the green battleship fleet now in the Mediterranean. The committee holds that the president's decision is unwise in that the removal of the marines would increase the annual cost of the navy $500,000 to supplant the marines with sailors, adversely affect discipline in the navy and ultimately eliminate the marine corps as a part of the naval strength of the United States.

Admiral Dewey, Rear Admiral Robley D.Evans and Rear Admiral Sperry, now in command of the battleship fleet, approved the removal of the marines from shipboard.

EXPRESS COMPANIES ON RACK.

All Manner and Kind of Complaints Hurled at Them.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 15.—All kinds of accusations were hurled at the express companies by complaining shippers before the railway commissioners yesterday. The loss of business, the methods of double charging, excessive rates, utter indifference as to prompt shipment and delivery, collusion in increasing prices and discrimination against certain districts of cities, wholesale destruction of merchandise through careless handling, and even threatening employees with dismissal if they attempted to deliver or collect packages outside of certain prescribed boundaries were all mentioned.

The complaints represented wholesale milliners and lobster merchants, fruit growers, pop manufacturers, hardware establishments, etc., and came from various parts of the province. Some protests were by letter. At the adjournment last evening Counsel E. Lafleur, K.C. for the Canadian Express Co., announced that the companies would produce no evidence at the present session as they wanted time to investigate all complaints.

SEVENTEEN IN CHAIN GANG.

Port Arthur Has Unenviable Reputation as Crime Centre.

Port Arthur, Ont., Jan. 15—Bailiff Lyons and Sergeant Ryan, of the prison staff, left here with a chain gang of 17 for the Central prison gathered from Kenora, Fort Francis and Twin Cities.

The contract for the new C. N. R. steel dock, to be built here, is to be let within the next few days.

Two locomotives from the Kingston locomotive works, were delivered to the C. N. R. here today via the C. N. R. They are the largest and most powerful type in use on the system.

Poet Emerson's Daughter Dead.

Milton, Mass., Jan. 15—Miss Ellen Emerson, eldest daughter of Ralph Waldo Emerson, is dead at the home of her sister in this city. She was aged seventy.

KING PETER TO ABDICATE

Berlin, Jan. 15—The report that King Peter of Servia, had abdicated in favor of Prince George has been contradicted, but it is perfectly true that the troubles of the monarch are almost overwhelming. He has been insulted by the Skupstchina, treated with contempt by his son and pilloried by the newspapers of the capital as an abettor of murder and an accomplice of avowed assassins and told that the best thing he can do is to abdicate.