The News

Domestic

The trial of Nance O'Neil, the actress and her manager, McKee Ranfor alleged infringement of copyright on the play "The Fires of John," will proceed this week at San Francisco.

Senator Foraker published letters from Virgil P. Kline and M. F. Elliott showing the nature of his work for the Standard Oil Company, which

ended seven years ago.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, at the final session in Atlanta, Ga., elected officers and decided to hold their next convention in Houston, Tex.

Senator Stephen B. Elkins makes the positive announcement that no engagement exists between his daughter, Miss Katherine Elkins, and Newberry will be named as Metcali's the Duke de Abruzzi.

Harvey T. Wells, embezzling cashier of a Kenosha (Wis.) bank, who was captured in Boston several months ago, after having fled to London, where he had married, and who was later returned to this country, was sentenced to five years at national prison.

The \$450,000 turbine steamship Belfast, whose construction has been delayed a year by the financial difficulties of the Consolidated Steamship Lines of Maine, has been suc cessfully launched by the Bath Iron Works.

Arguments in the double appeal of both complainant and defendant from the final decree of Judge Kohlsaat in the case of Capt. Oberlin M Carter were begun in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

It was announced that a \$1,000,-000 order for new Pullman coaches for use between San Francisco and Portland and Los Angeles had been placed by the officials of the Southern Pacific Company.

Dr. Azel Ames, formerly of wide fame as a surgeon and sanitary engineer, died at the hospital for the insane in Danvers, Mass., where he had been a patient for a number of

Mrs. Mary Wheeler Somerby, of Newburyport, Mass., an aged widow, was declared to be the sole heir to would be able to con an estate valued at \$100,000 by an throughout my term. order filed in the Chancery Court at Trenton.

was called before the special master December 2

The Interstate Commerce Commistanooga and points South.

Dr. B. K. Bechtold, aged 63 years, of Kulpsville, Pa., a patient in a private hospital in Philadelphia, was burned to death in his room.

Rear Admiral Caspar F. Goodrich, U. S. N., arrived at New York from Genoa on the steamer Koenig Al-

Harvey Watterson, a lawyer, son of Henry Watterson, the editor, of yours, Louisville, Ky., fell from a window in his office on the nineteenth floor Hon. V. H. Metcalf, of a Wall Street building, in New York, landing on the roof of an adjoining building nine and was instantly killed.

Judge Taylor, of Cleveland, O., held the Municipal Traction Company to be insolvent and said a receiver would be named. Judge Taylor decided that the franchise of the railway company was taken away at the recent referendum election.

One man was killed and several persons were injured in a head-on collision between two trolley cars between New Brunswick, N. J., and Bound Brook during a thick fog.

Governor Hughes filled his certificate of election expenses with the Secretary of State, giving his total expenditures as \$369.65.

Dr. David D. Thompson, editor of houses. the Northwestern Christian Advocate, of Chicago, dled in St. Louis as the result of being run down by an automobile.

Foreign

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Kuan Hgsu, emperor of China, of suicide. died in the Winter Palace, in Peking. Prince Chun, his brother, becomes regent, and his son In Wei, heir presumptive. Kuan Hgsu reigned

M. Milovanovich, Servian minister for foreign affairs, informed the King Ferry, threw \$2,000 in postoffice of Italy that it was necessary for money orders, payable to himself, in Servia to protect herself against the the stove, declaring that the money "Austrian invasion."

to rob a railroad train in Russia on after he was dead. which was \$12,500,000 in specie. Five of the robbers were arrested and one was killed.

Russia and England are in agreement on the proposal for Russian supremacy in the Persian Province of

M. Khomyakoff, the president of the Douma, has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-elec-

The International Copyright Congress has adopted the new text of the Berne convention.

Wilbur Wright won the French Aero Club's prize for aeroplanes. ary to the Labrador Coast, does not aster, when all but four of the Chinabelieve the grave discovered on the men were either drowned or dashed

Northern Labrador Coast by Captain to pieces on the rocks of the break-Chalkes is that of Andree, the ex- wall near the Buffalo Lifesaving The Foreign Affairs Committee of

the Federal Council of the German Empire discussed the Casablanca incident. It was reported that the will be a little cooler for the Amerimeeting was called to take steps to can soldiers in the Philippines if an prevent the Emperor pursuing an in-dependent course in foreign affairs. ordered to be thoroughly tested The building of eight new British

battleships and 24 destroyers in the immediate future was foreshadowed are to be worn by 5,000 soldiers in

in the House of Commons. Conditions in Northern Persia are

VICTOR H. METCALF LEAVES THE CABINET

Quits Navy Department Because of III Health

MR.T. H. NEWBERRY HIS SUCCESSOR.

President, in Letter to Retiring Official, Congratulates Him Warmly on His Work for His Department-Faithful Service and Advice Lauded-Man Who Takes Place a Naval Enthusiast.

Washington, D. C. (Special) .-Secretary of the Navy Victor H. Metcalf tendered his resignation to the President, to take effect December 1, on account of ill health. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Truman H. successor. .

For more than a year the fact that Mr. Metcalf has suffered serious illness has been well known at the Navy Department. Formerly of vigorous health, his friends expected that he would be able to regain his strength, but constantly recurring illhas convinced him that the only course for him to pursue is to

President's Letter. The following correspondence relative to Mr. Metcalf's resignation, was given out from the White House:

Navy Department. Washington, November 13, 1908. Sir: I hereby tender my resignation as Secretary of the Navy, the same to take effect on the 1st prox-

Very respectfully, (Signed) V. H. METCALF,

Secretary. The President, White House, Washington, D. C. The White House.

Washington, November 13, 1908. My Dear Mr. Metcalf: your resignation with real reluctance and only because you tell me that it is imperative that you must go on account of the state of your health. I had earnestly hoped that you would be able to continue with me I thank you warmly for your faithful and efficient service in both of the depart-The suit of the government against | ments, at the head of which you the Du Pont powder interests, which have served under me. But, my dear Mr. Metcalf, you have always been at Wilmington, was continued until more than the head of a department; you have been a cabinet minister upon whose aid and advice and, above sion is to be asked by Chicago all, upon whose staunch and steadmerchants to revise the freight rate fast loyalty I could rely upon any schedules between Chicago and Chatcould wish more loyal and hearty support than you have always given I thank you for it. I shall miss you when you leave the cabinet, and I wish you well in whatever work you may undertake and where-

ever your life may lead. With regret, therefore, I accept your resignation to take effect upon the first of December. With all good wishes, faithfully

THEODORE ROOSEVELT. Secretary of the Navy.

EXPLOSION HURTS 30.

Mill Wrecked As Train Passes-One Known To Be Dead.

Kansas City, Mo. (Special). - A powder mill at Holmes Park, 12 miles south of this city, exploded at ern passenger train was passing, and ing. it is reported that a number were killed, but so far only one body has been found.

Thirty passengers on the train were injured by flying debris, and have been brought here and placed in the Kansas City Southern Hospi-

The explosion destroyed three

Declares Dog Committed Suicide. Evansville, Ind. (Special) .-- Mrs. Vernon Shrode gave her favorite bull terrier a whipping, and for an hour the animal lay around the house and The Swedish Foreign Office has in- refused to notice anyone. Then it structed the Swedish consul general walked down to the electric railroad in New York to make a full investi- track, and as a car approached degation of the reported discovery on liberately stood in front of it and the north coast of Labrador of the was ground to pieces. Persons who grave of Professor Andree, the aero- witnessed the death of the dog declared that it was a deliberate case

Suicide Burns \$2,000. Helena, Mont. (Special) .- Albert Berger, a former Alaska miner, just before committing suicide at Canyon was in the hands of the government An unsuccessful attempt was made and no one would quarrel over it

Minister Should Get \$1,200.

New York (Special). - That the minimum salary for an unmarried clergyman in the Diocese of New fork should be \$1,200 and for a married clergymen \$1,200 and a suitable place to live was the resolution passed amid applause in the annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York.

Chinese Drowned Crossing Border. Buffalo, N. Y. (Special) .- An attempt to smuggle Chinamen into this Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, a mission- country from Canada ended in dis-

To Keep Soldiers Cool.

Station.

Washington, D. C. (Special) .- It proves to be a success. Orangecolored underwear and hat linings in Premier Asquith's announcement the Islands during the next year and observations made with a view of ascertaining if the theories evolvsaid to be improving and Russia will ed from experiments in laboratories. not find it necessary for interven- in Washington are applicable with corresponding results in the field.

MORRIS HAAS DIES INSTEAD OF HENEY

Own Life.

San Francisco (Special).-Morris Haas, who shot Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney, committed suicide at the county jail by shooting himself through the head.

One report says that the pistol with which Haas shot himself was concealed in his shoes, where he hid t before shooting Heney. Another report says the pistol was secretly passed to Haas by a friend since his ncarceration.

The five surgeons attending Mr. Heney, after their consultation, stated that Mr. Heney was resting easily and that his pulse, temperature and respiration were practically normal. The bullet was located in the muscles of the lower maxillary.

EIGHT PERSONS KILLED AND TEN WOUNDED

sever his connection with all active A Day of Rioting In An Oklahoma Town,

were wounded in a fight between James Deckard, a negro desperado, and officers.

The dead: Edgar Ropinsch, sheriff of Okmulgee County. Henry Klaber, assistant chief of police of Okmulgee. Two negroes named Chapman.

brothers. J. Deckard, negro. Three unidentified negroes. The wounded:

Steve Grayson, Indian boy, probably fatally beaten. Victor Parr, chief of police, shot through shoulder. Deputy sheriff, arm broken.

Seven others slightly wounded. The disturbance began at the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad station, where Deckard engaged in a fight with an Indian boy, Steve Grayson, and beat him into insensibility with a rock. Friends of Grayson called the police. When Policeman Klaber went to the station Deckard fled to his home, nearby, and barricaded himself. When Klaber approached the house Deckard shot and

instantly killed him. Sheriff Robinson gathered deputies in a few minutes and hurried to the scene. This party contained several negroes, whom the sheriff commissioned as deputies. As the attacking party approached the Deckard house, Deckard opened fire with a rifle, firing as rapidly as he could load his weapon. The sheriff fell first instantly killed. Then five of the negro deputies were slain.

Deckard's house was soon surrounded by a frenzied mob of armed men. Fire was set to a house just north of Deckard's. Volleys of bullets were poured into Deckard's house and he was shot down. He was seen to roll over on the floor, strike a match and set fire to his own house, which was soon a roaring furnace, in which his body was baked. Deckard evidently had a large quantity of ammunition stored in his house, for many cartridges 6 A. M., just as a Kansas City South- exploded while the house was burn-

2,000 WITNESSES IN CASE. Peonage Trial Threatens To Continue

New York (Special) .- Two thousand witnesses may be called in the trial of the alleged peonage cases before Judge Hough in the United

Forever.

States Circuit Court. Assistant United States Attorney General Charles H. Russell said that the government may call 500 witnesses, and the lawyers for the four men accused of having lured thousands of laborers into slavery in Florida declare they will produce 1,500 witnesses if necessary

MURDERESS SURRENDERS.

Tennessee Woman Claims She Shot Man Defending Herself.

Memphis, Tenn. (Special) .- Mrs. A. W. Bonds, wife of a railroad man, walked into a police station and surendered herself, explaining that she ad killed S. P. Craig at Sunset a short time before. She handed the police a revolver, which she said she had emptied at Craig, leaving his body lying in an open field.

She said that Craig, who formerly poarded with her and came from Indiana, attacked her and that she shot in self-defense

Northern Women Eligible. Atlanta (Special) .- After an exciting discussion, a proposition to ex-Inited Daughters of the Confederacy was voted down in the annual convention of the daughters here.

IN THE WORLD OF FINANCE

P. E. Mathes paid \$7,500 for a Philadelphia Stock Exchange seat. hual dividend of 1 per cent. A company to hold all the minng stock owned by the Guggenhelm

amilies is talked of. An initial dividend of 2 per cent. been declared on Colorado Southern common.

Gross earnings of railroads which ave made reports for October show an average decrease of 4 per cent. It is reported that E. H. Harriman s trying to buy control of the Wells-Fargo Express Company and is offerng \$300 a share for the stock

In financial circles in Philadelphia where he was an extremely familiar

FRANCIS J. HENEY SHOT DOWN IN COURT

Graft Prober.

ABRAHAM RUEF'S TRIAL HALTED.

Assistant District Attorney, Who Has Been Exposing Municipal Rottenness in San Francisco, Shot in Head Haas, a Saloonkeeper.

San Francisco (Special). - Francis J. Heney, a leading figure in the prosecution of municipal corruption in San Francisco, was shot and seriously injured at 4.22 P. M., in Judge Lawler's courtroom by Morris Haas, a saloon keeper, who had been accepted as a juror in a previous trial of Araham Ruef and afterward removed, it having been shown in court by Heney that Haas was an ex-convict, a fact not brought out in his examination as a venireman.

The shooting of Heney occurred in the presence of many persons in the courtroom during a recess in the trial of Abraham Ruef, on trial for the third time on the charge of

bribery. It was during a 10-minute recess of court and while the jury was out Okmulgee, Okla. (Special).-Eight of the courtroom and after attorneys persons were killed and 10 others for the prosecution and defense had returned to the room from a short conference with Judge Lawler in his chambers that Heney, having resumed his customary seat and entered into conversation with Chief Clerk McCabe, of the District Attorney's office, Haas came forward from among the spectators. He approach-

ed Heney and, placing a revolver against Heney's right check, fired. Instantly the courtroom was the cene of greatest excitement. Several bystanders seized Haas, while others hastened to the relief of Heney, who was caught by those nearest him as he fell forward, the blood streaming from the wound. Medical ald was summoned and Mr. Heney was taken to the Central Emergency Hospital, where it was ascertained that the wound was not necessarily fatal, the bullet having passed under the brain and found lodgment under the left car.

As Heney lay on the operating table at the hospital, he said: "I will live to prosecute both Haas

and Ruef." Close examination of the wound showed that the bullet entered through the right cheek, and lodged under the left ear. It barely missed the carotid artery, and all other principal arteries were not ruptured. There is a slight swelling under the left ear, but there is no unnatural hemorrhage, and his pulse is good. It is the opinion of the surgeons now that Heney will recover. He-

When Heney fell, there was an immediate rush for Haas, who was quickly subdued. Dr. H. A. Minck was in the building at the time and he rushed to Heney's assistance. Although two hodyguards, who have been constantly employed to protect Heney, were within six feet

in the courroom realized what was going on. News of the shooting spread rapidly, and an immense crowd gathered in the corridors of the court building. A large force of police, headed Chief Biggy, surrounded the building in which court was held and kept he crowd back. A number of arrests were made by the police, who took into custody men who were sus-

CASUALTIES ON RAILROADS.

3,764 Persons Killed And 68,989 Injured In A Year.

pected of being there to create trou-

Washington, D. C. (Special) .--There were 3,764 persons killed and 68,989 injured in railroad casualties in the United States during the fisto an announcement of the Interstate Commerce Commission. This is a decrease of 1,236 killed and 3,297 injured, as compared with the

previous year. In the three months ended June 30 there were 591 killed and 13, 098 injured, a decrease of 1,752 from the preceding quarter.

The 13 passengers killed in train accidents during the quarter is the smallest ever reported in the quarterly records. The collisions during the quarter numbered 820, and derailments, 1,310.

EXPLOSION ON STEAMER.

Boiler Bursts, Five Persons Killed merged torpedo tubes. And Many Injured.

North Bay, Ont. (Special) .- The steamer Temiskaming was approachclude from future membership in the ing the landing at Temiskaming at 6 o'clock P. M., when the boiler exthe Northern women who are now ploded, wrecking the steamer and to Congress. Judge Taft announced admitted by virtue of marriage to causing the death of at least five that he would summon an early Great Northern train did all they descendants of Confederate veterans, persons by explosion or drowning. special session of Congress. Several passengers and crew were hurled into the water by the shock and many were injured.

Owing to the remoteness of the scene of the tragedy details are lacking. A man named McBride, a hunter from the United States, is missing, Chesapeake & Ohio declared its an- and there is little doubt of his fate. J. Menard and T. Bergouhan, firemen, and two men whose names are unknown, are dead. Six are badly burned and several may die.

BIES FROM FOOTBALL HURTS. Youth Kicked In Head Has Blood Vessel Burst.

Wheeling, W. Va. (Special) .- John Murphy, aged 18 years, died from injuries received Sunday while playing football.

During the game Murphy was kicked in the head and after a couple figure, sincere regret was expressed of minutes resumed play, thinking for the death of Silas W. Petit. He was not seriously hurt. The burstwas a director in a number of instikick be received caused his death.

MARINES TAKEN

FROM WARSH PS

Man Who Shot Prosecutor Takes His Ex-Convict's Revenge on Frisco's important Change in Our Naval Establishment

Washington, D. C. (Special) .-The practice of the American Navy since colonial times was overturned by President Roosevelt, who has just signed an order withdrawing marines During the Ruef Trial by Morris from duty on board vessels of the Navy. This order is the culmination of a long fight waged by the seagoing officers against the presence of marines on board vessels. For many years the seagoing officers have objected to the presence of marines aboard ship for several reasons. One of these was the fact that the custom of placing marines on naval vessels was a survival of colonial times, when the crews of the fighting ships were impressed, and it was necessary to have a strong force aboard mutiny. This duty is no longer nec-

> police and sentry duty. The scamen object to the presence of marines aboard ship, and it was said by a high naval officer that the order was one of the most beneficial that has been issued in many years. The work now assigned to the marines can, it is declared, be done by

> Aboard ship there has always been more or less friction between the seamen and the marines which has tended to subvert discipline. By removing the marines this difficulty

will be overcome. At present the marine guard of the battleship consists of about 60 officers and men, and the intention is to gradually withdraw these guards from the vessels and sub- check. titute for them the same number of

blue jackets. Marines have plenty of shore duty, it is said, which ought to properly occupy their time. It is not the plan of the Navy Department to deprive proposed that instead of each vessel guard, that a transport with a large force of marines and officers shall accompany each fleet, so that if necessary for any duty they will be at the command of the commanderin-chief of the fleet with which they are serving.

WORLD'S GREATEST WARSHIP AFLOAT

Launching of the All-Big-Gun North Dakota.

Quincy, Mass. (Special) .- As easily as the canoe in the hands of ney was afterwards taken to the the Indian guide glides into the lake, Lane Hospital and placed under the the 15,000 tons of iron and steel comprising the hull of America's greatest battleship and her first allaround big-gun naval fighting ma- heavy price in human life that paid chine, the North Dakota, Tuesday for the errors of railroad trainmen slipped into the waters of Weymouth when a Great Northern express Harbor. Without a tremor as the last of the shores was cut away, the great bulk of metal acquired motion. Each instant gave her greatof him, when Haas drew a revolver er speed, and in less than half a and fired the shot before anyone minute her huge keel had parted the her way through the wide sweep of

water toward the farther shore. A distinguished gathering of officials of North Dakota, together By swamps of the Lake Shore. with several representatives of the

State of Massachusetts, naval officials and three foreign naval attaches saw the launching. The party arrived at Quincy on pinned in the debris. a special train, which was run into the shipyard about an hour before the time set for the North Dakota

to enter the water. A platform had been erected at the bow of the vessel. and there Governor Burke and Miss Mary Benton, sponsor for the ship, together with Francis Bowles, president of the Fore River Company. took their stand. As the noon whistles blew in the yard the workmen began to knock away the shores. At 12.27 the last piece was cut, givcal year ended June 30 last, according | ing the vessel motion. At that moment a bottle of beribboned bottle of champagne was swung by Miss Benton against the bow, and she

said: "I christen thee North Dakota." Before the conclusion of the 34 1/2 months allowed by the government for delivery, however, the hull just launched will present a different as-By that time ten 12-inch breech-loading, long-range rifles will have been placed in position, as well as fourteen 5-inch rapid-fire guns; four 3-pound and a like number of 1-pound semi-automatic guns; two 3-inch field pieces, two machine guns of 50 calibre; and two 21-inch sub-

DOINGS AT THE PATIONS CAPITAL

President Roosevelt and Presidentelect Taft had a conference upon the subject of their respective messages

The Secretary of Agriculture issued a quarantine order forbidding the interstate movement of cattle, sheep, swine and goats from the counties of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Union, Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Navy awarded the contract for the construction

of the 21,821-ton battleship, the Utah, to the New York Shipbuilding Company, of Camden, N. J., at its bid of \$3,946,000. Postmaster General Meyer is now

slated to succeed Secretary Root when the latter goes to the United States Senate. The Thatcher Manufacturing Company, of Kane, Pa., and Emira, N.

Y., today filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the New York Central and Hudson River and Pennsylvania Railroads. President Roosevelt has invited most of the leaders of organized labor to dine with him at the White

THREE HUNDRED

MINERS PERISH

Worst Disaster in Germany in Many Years.

TERRIBLE SCENES AT THE PIT.

Fire Prevents Attempts to Rescue Entombed Men, but the Mine Is Flooded - The Explosion Destroys One of the Shafts-Thirtyfive Injured Men Removod.

Hamm, Westphalia, Germany (By Cable) .- The greatest mine disaster in many years in Germany occurred at the Radbod mine, about three miles from this place. There was a heavy explosion in the mine about 4 A. M., and almost immediately the mine took fire. Of 380 miners working underground at the time only to prevent them from organizing a six escaped without injury. Thirtyfive were taken out badly injured, essary, and their present work is and 37 were dead when brought to the mouth of the pit. The remaining

302 have been given up for lost. The explosion, which was unusualviolent, destroyed one of the shafts which had to be partly repaired before the rescue work was begun. In addition, the flames and smoke proved almost insurmountable obstacles in the early efforts of the res-

cuing parties. A special corps, composed of the men who rendered such valuable aid in the terrible mine disaster at Courrieres, France, in March, of 1906, arrived upon the scene shortly before noon, but were unable to enter the mine, being forced to await the result of the determined efforts of the firemen to keep the flames in

Meantime heartrending scenes were being enacted at the mine, when the dead and wounded were brought to the surface, and there were similar scenes in the town, when the injured were transported through the marines of all sea duty. It is the streets to the hospitals. At I o'clock the fire had made great headof a fleet having a small marine way, and, later in the afternoon, after a consultation of engineers, it was decided that any further attempts to rescue the entombed men were in vain, owing to the impossibility of entering the galleries. At the same time an order was issued to flood the mine.

First reports indicated that the accident was the result of an explosion of coal dust, but the statements of the injured men render this improbable, and it is not clear just what

IN WRECK AFIRE

Express Plews Through a Local Train. New Orleans (Special) .-- It was a crashed into the rear of a New Orleans and Northeastern local train at Little Woods Station, a fishing and

hunting camp on Lake Pontchartrain, 12 miles from New Orleans. Eleven river surface, and she was cutting dead and many more injured, some of them fatally, is the abord of the wreck, which was attended by unusually gruesome scenes in the fogadd to the horror of the situation the wreck caught fire and only the heroic work of the surviving passengers prevented the cremation of those

Between Slidell and New Orleans, the Great Northern trains run over the tracks of the New Orleans and Northeastern Road. A local train of the Northeastern from Hattiesburg and other Mississippi points is due to arrive in New Orleans 20 minutes before the fast Great Northern train from Covington. The Northeastern train was late and the difference of 20 minutes between the running of the trains was consider-

ably reduced When Engineer Blackman, of the Great Northern train, took the northeastern tracks at Slidell he was given the usual right of way signal, he says, and proceeded to move his train toward New Orleans at 45 miles an hour. As Little Woods was approached the Northeastern local suddenly loomed up through the fog. Engineer Blackman applied the brakes and remained at the throttle while the ponderous locomotive plowed its way through the train ahead, leaving behind it a trail

of corpses and injured passengers. No one on the Great Northern express was seriously hurt, but those aboard the Northeastern local were thrown right and left or crushed by the express locomotive as it tore through the two rear coaches of the As Little Woods has no telegraph station, serious delay was experienced in getting a message to New Orleans, and it was two hours before a rescue train arrived. In the meantime passengers of the

could to rescue the injured. Among the sights that greeted the rescuers was that of a small boy apparently unable to extricate himself from the wreckage, which was fast settling down upon him. score or more of men made a heroic effort to get the child, but the wreckage and escaping steam from the damaged locomotive cut off their way and they were forced to stand idly by while the child called futilely

for help until he died. Dusters For Horses.

Chicago (Special) .-- An edict was issued by the civil service trial board that hereafter failure to clean horses in the service of the fire department by the old-fashioned curry-comb method would be followed by punishment. Testimony had been given before the board that it was customary at some engine-houses to clean the horses with feather dusters. One official asserted that he had heard that horses had been "pol-House on the evening of November ished off" by a rag dipped in kero-