THE SUIT BEGAN IN NEW YORK.

Attorney General Mayer Asks the Dissolution of the Trust of Whose \$46,325,488 of Stock \$33,260,-606 Represents No Tangible Asset-Restricting the Output.

New York (Special),-Attorney General Julius Mayer, in the name of the people of the State of New American Ice Company in the Supreme Court of New York County for the dissolution of the so-called Ice Trust. A summons and com-W. Dalman, a Standard Oil official, plaint issued here was forwarded to were married in Chicago. the New York City representatives of the Attorney General for service upon the proper officials of the com-

The complaint alleges as a prin-cipal feature of the "scheme and arrangement" by which the company secured a practical monopoly of the natural and artificial ice output and distribution, especially in Greater New York and the communities in that vicinity, that it secured control of the Main ice field and caused a reduction there last year of the usual harvest from a million and a half tons to one-third of that amount. The other sources of supply are alleged to be similarly controlled.

The key to the ice situation in

bridges" or landing depots, by which means, it is alleged, the company is enabled to fix the price of ice, resulting last summer in an in-crease from \$1.20 a ton at the bridges to \$5 and \$6 a ton to the independent dealers, who are alleged to be controlled by the company, and who supply the retail trade.

It is anid that by the time the ice reached the poorer customers it cost them at the rate of \$10 to \$14

Accused Of Double Dealing. Correspondence of the company with its agents and others is quoted to show that at the very time the company was urging its custo-mers to be careful in their purchase and consumption of ice, owing to the shortage of supply, it was informing its agents that the ice situation from the company's standpoint was satisfactory, and that offers were being received from various sources, especially from Maine independent producers, of ample supplies, and the company was at that time refusing to accept these offers on any terms. It is contended that the efforts of the company were designed to create a popular impression that an ice famine was impending, in or-der to forestall public clamor against a contemplated enormous increase in the price to consumers, which in-

crease did, in fact, take place.
It is declared by the Attorney
General that on the Hudson River the American Ice Company owns all tut 17 of the 141 icehouses, and that it contracted with the Mountain Ice Company, operating in New Jerey and Pennsylvania, to restrict its sales in Brooklyn, whereby the free pursuit of the ice business in that borough was prevented; that it had like agreements with various inde-pendent concerns along the Hudson River and elsewhere to prevent their entering the field of competition in production or distribution of either natural or manufactured ice

MINER LOSING HIS MIND.

Surruouded By Corpses, He Believes They Are Laughing At Him.

Bakersfield, California (Special). -Though only a few feet of earth and stone separate L. B. Hicks, the of Police Cheshanowski in Lodz, Rusby a tunnel collapse, from freedom, the slightest mistake of his rescuers will crush out the life of the man who, for days, bas lived in a nighthole with death threatening every moment.

For 14 days Hicks has endaced Without light and terror biting at his soul by fears that any moment would be his last, Hicks has many times bordered on insanity. Only the voices of his friends complunged in despair. He can feel the bodies of his five dead companions

I can see Jim's foot in this bellhe yelled to his rescuers, moving, I think. They are laughing.

"If you don't shut up, Hicks," said a miner, shouting through the tube. Till jump right down the pipe and nbake your — head off."
In this way Hicks' mind was

drawn from his illusions by the min-

We'll get you out soon," shouted a grissled miner, "Well, he careful," replied Hicks, "or this fool mountain will sit on my

He said that the fine cut tobacwhich had been slipped to him through the pipe was a lifesaver. He said be would have rather had that show than got out.

Is A Filip.no White?

Washington, D. C. (Special) .- The school authorities of Washington have been called upon to decide whether a Filipino is white or colpred. The problem was brought beby Major M. F. United States Army, who sent a com-munication asking that his Filipino servant, 22 years old, be admitted to the white schools of Washington. schools of After much discussion the question was referred to a committee, which has not yet reported.

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A New American Peeress.

Loudon (By Cable) .- The newest American peeress in Hermione, daughter of the late E. W. H. Schenley, of Pittsburg, Pa., who was married in London to Lord Ellenborough, retired commoders of the Royal write velvet, draued with old acc, and a white velvet toque. The bridegroom, who had long been reparted as a confirmed bachelor, participated in maval operations in the Baltic so long tipo at the Russian war of 1855. white velvet, draned with old 'acc

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK, BIG STEAMBOAT IS

Bishop Charles C. McCabe, knows better as "Chaplain" McCabe, died in a New York Hospital from apo-

plexy, with which he was stricken while passing through that city rewhile passing through that city re-cently while on his way to Philadelapplication of the National

Steel and Wire Company a receiver has been appointed for the National Wire Corporation, which operated a large plant in Maine.

It was testified before the Interstate Commerce Commission in Min-neapolis that a scarcity of labor is at the bottom of the railroad car shortage

F. Dereylan, who claimed he was York, began an action against the the son of a Russian admiral and turns out to be a Mrs. Jackson I. Case, twice a wid-ow and worth \$10,000,000, and John

The Hub colliery, in Nova Scotla, which has been after five days, will

be flooded by water from the Atlantic Ocean. George Burnham, Jr., general counsel for the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, recently convict-

ed of larceny, was sentenced to serve two years in state prison. The Ann Arbor Railway and the Toledo Ice and Coal Company have been indicted on 155 counts each, charged with double rebating on ice

shipments. The publisher and a writer for the Morning Telegraph, of New York, were fined \$50 each by Judge Devendorf for criticising the Gillette case.

It is declared that Mrs. Catherine New York City is pointed out as iy-ing in the company's control of the husband, stabbed him while under the influence of morphine.

Col. G. R. Colton has been ap-pointed collector of customs at Ma-He formerly was collector of the port at Ilollo.

Farmers of Idaho state that they have been ruined by the inability of the railroads to move their wheat Miss Hallle Amelie Rives and Post

Wheeler are to wed in Tokio, Japan. The United State Casualty Company, of New York, has obtained an injunction in an Alabama court re-straining the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company from removing any books or papers needed in a suit filed y the casualty company.

By a decision of the United States Circuit Court of Chicago the Yerkes millions will go to establish the hospital he planned for New York.

Chancellor Day, of Syracuse University, denounces what he calls the socialist movement against the ealthy as "millionairephobia."

George T. Kimmel, former cashier of an Arkansas bank, who has been in an insane asylum in New York, has been declared by a jury to be

The police of Hazleton, Pa., have been unable to obtain any clue to the mystery of the corpse of a woman found in a barrel. Dakota, Montana and Minnesota

Prof. Karl Hau, of Washington, C., was remanded in London for extradition to Germany to answer to the charge of murdering his mother-in-law at Baden-Baden.

Lord Ellenborough was married to Miss Hermoine Schenley, of Pitts-burg, at St. George's, in Chelsea, burg. England, before a large crowd of fashionable persons.

The French court has freed Ma-Anna Gould from all responsifor the debts contracted by husband, except in a few minor instances.

ony for Jamestown, Va., brated with a banquet in London.

Two bombs were thrown at Chief miner entombed in Granite Mountain sian Poland, while he was driving through one of the principal streets. sea will flood nearly the entire mine.

A court martial in Lille, France, degraded Captain Marquiez for refusing to obey orders in connection with the taking of a church inventory.

Rioting attended the evacuation of episcopal palace and seminary at Nantes, France.

ported to be starving in the famine district of China. Eight terrorists were condemned

in Siedice, Russian Poland, and shot, which he is fed has been able to keep him from madness. Sometimes the miner is happy and sgain he is Commons on the wireless telegraph plunged in despair. He can feel the conference, contended that Great Britain played second fiddle to Germany The Japanese consul at Honolulu

It's says the Japanese squadron will not go to San Francisco, as originally in tion of the Maine disaster. The steamer Prinzessin Victoria

Luise, which went ashore off Port Royal, Jamaica, Sunday night, is likely to become a total wreck. The French government will not

for the present press the question cut fro of treating recalcitrant priests as subjects of a foreign power.

George Armstrong, son of Mme. Hicks drank a gallon of milk to- ried to Miss Ruby Otway in London. general strike has begun in all ports of Italy and commerce is

> Half a million people are destitute lu Klangsu, China Luzzatti, ex-minister of the Italian treasury, in an address in Rome, de-clared Japan and other Asiatic races were superior to the white races in

the matter of religious toleration. Professor Koch, of Germany, is reported to have discovered a cure for the sleeping sickness in Africa and pect Avenue at the corner of West his experiments upon the natives have

been successful. The Premier of New South Wales has protested against any interfer-ence by the imperial commonwealth in the rights of the state governments in state affairs.

The Hamburg - American Line ateamer Prinzessin Victoria Luise, from New York, stranded off Port Royal, Jamaica, and Captain Bron-sing committed suicide.

The British Premier announced that the program of the second peace conference would include the ques ion of the limitation of armament

The Spanish government has no-tified the Vallean that it cannot take harge of the archives of the papa

sunciature at Paris. Raisull, the bandit chief, has been threatening the French and Spanish exidents of Tantier, Morocca,

BLOWN TO ATOMS

Many Lives Are Lost In the Joseph W. Lee was nominated by the President to be minister to Gua-temala and Honduras. Mississippi River.

OVER A SCORE ARE MISSING

W. T. Scovell, Plying Between Vicksburg and Davis Bend, is Blown to Bits by an Explosion That Occurred While She Was Taking on Freight at Gold Dust Landing, Near Vicksburg.

Vicksburg, Miss. (Special) .- One f the most disastrous accidents in the history of the Mississippi River occurred at 10 minutes past 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, when

as destroyed by an explosion. Owing to the large number of ne croes on board it is impossible to as-ertain the exact number of the dead and injured, but officers of the boat who arrived here state that no less

than 16 nor more than 16 were killed. The probabilities are that a like number were injured. The number of dead and injured negroes cannot be stated at this time, but of a crew and passenger list of about 50, about half are missing.

The negro dead were cared for at the place where the accident oc-About five of the injured negroes were brought to Vicksburg on the steamer Senator Cordell with the white dead and injured. The accident occurred at Gold Dust Landing. about 17 miles south of Vicksburg. The Scovell was at the landing

taking on freight, when suddenly a terrific explosion occurred and the boat was blown practically to atoms.

Many of the timbers of the boat were thrown hundreds of yards, and some of those on board were blown

almost as far. The pilot house and front part of the cabin were blown to splinters, and some parts of the boat were so badly damaged that she began to sink im-mediately. When the Cordell left here she was listing heavily and her cargo of 1,000 sacks of cottonseed and 50 bales of cotton will be lost.

Pending the arrival of the Senator Cordell, the injured were cared for at Gold Dust Landing as well as pos-

Of the white dead only the body of Lavell Yeager has been recovered Wade Quackenboss was heard to call for help soon after the explosion, but according to the reports of those who were on the boat, escaping steam soon smothered his cries. Quackenboss was not seen after the

Pilot Dougherty was blown several hundred feet out into the river, but despite a dislocated shoulder managed to swim to the bank. The injured were taken to the

Vicksburg hospitals. The captain was one of the oldest and best known residents of this city and was well known to every man on the river. The steamer Scovell was only recently purchased by him and for the Vicksburg and Davis others are short of coal and railroad cars. Bend trade. The boat was insured

SEA INTO BURNING MINE.

Nova Scotia Coal Colliery Has Been Ablaze Five Days. Glace Bay, N. S. (Special) .- Other

means having failed the tides of the Atlantic Ocean will be utilized by the Dominion Coal Company to drown out the fire that has been raging since Friday in the Hub Colliery. Day and night shifts of men are being employed to open up a concrete dam placed some years ago at the base of a cliff about a quarter of a mile The three hundredth anniversary from the pit mouth, where formerly old rooms were worked. An old pas-sage is being cleared out, and as of ashes feil ov soon as this work is done the dam will be broken down and the rising tides will flow into the old rooms and thence into the pit where the fire is burning 60 feet below the sea level. In a week it is expected the

> fire has been burning for about two vears.

ROBBED OF \$6,000. Fifteen millions of people are re- Woman Who Had No Faith In Banks

in another coal mine in this province

Loses Money. Philadelphia (Special) .- Mrs. Ella V. Kober was robbed of \$6,000 by a pickpocket in the holiday crowds in the shopping district here. The money was paid to Mrs. Kober by the Pennsylvania Railroad in settlement of a claim on the death of her insband, who was killed in the electric railroad thoroughfare wreck near Atlantic City two months ago. Mrs. faculty, Kober had no faith in banks and had refused to accept a check from the railroad in payment of the claim and demanded cash. She received 30 \$100 and 6 \$500 notes, which she sewed in a secret pootet in an un-

derskirt. White shopping with a friend she discovered that the pocket had been cut from her skirt and the money

Consul Fairchild Dead.

Mukden (By Cable) .- The Amerian vice consul general, Nelson Fairchild; shot and killed himself. believed that the shooting was accidental. Funeral services will be held tomorrow. There is a universal feeling of sympathy.

Four Fire Victims.

Buffalo, N. Y. (Special). - Four persons were killed and one was fatally burned in a small fire in the Zenobia Apartment House, on Pros-Huron Street. Other occupants of the place had narrow escapes, half a dozen being rescued by the fire- to prevail that the Union Pacific was men. The blaze was a small one and gathering up the stock while the was quickly brought under control by the firemen.

Killed By Dynamite.

Savannab, Ga. (Special) .- By the explosion of dynamite in the fireworks factory of Joseph Carbo and the curb. John Niva, Italians, at 531 Anderson nan were seriously and possibly

The proprietors were painfully burned and a boy was struck in the face by flying Johris and severely hurt. Carbo and Niva were counting argodoes they had manufactured. face |

AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Some Interesting Happenings Briefly Told.

President Roosevelt's Panama mes-sage is to be reprinted for the Senate in "normal" spelling. Senator Elkins introduced a bill

o carry into effect several of the ecommendations of the Secretary of the Treasury to enable him to extend relief to money markets.

William A. Reid & Co. by a bid of 165.777 for all or any part of the

\$2,000,000 bond issue for improve ments in Manila obtained the greater Senator Berry presented telegrams

objecting to the recent order of the Secretary of the Interior in withdrawthe steamer W. T. Scovel, plying in the Secretary of the Interior in withdraw-the Vicksburg and David Bend trade, ing lands from allotment in Indian Territory. Representative Gregg, of Texas, introduced a bill to purchase 15 sub-marine torpedo boats at a total cost

of \$5,000,000 Ten of the South American republics have accepted invitations to be represented at the Jamestown Ex-

The Senate passed a bill providing for a bridge across the Allegheny River near Pittsburg.

Senator Patterson introduced in the Senate a resolution for an in-vestigation of the reports that a lobby has been endeavoring to influence matters relative to the Congo Free State

In the Senate the increasing ex-penditures for the Army and Navy establishments were deplored. Director Wolcott, of the Geological Survey, was before the Senate committee investigating the values of the coal and oil lands in Oklahoma

and Indian Territory, The Senate passed a bill to investigate the industrial, social, moral, educational and physical condition of women and child workers.

The Department of Commerce and Labor decided that foreign laborers assisted to migrate by a State are not liable to deportation..
The House Committee on Banking

and Currency reported the elastic currency measure, which aims to remoney stringency. President Roosevelt transmitted to Congress Secretary Metcalf's report on the Japanese situation in San

The Senate passed a bill making million-dollar governmental loan the Jamestown Exposition mana-

Singing Director's Suicide.

Mayville, Wis, (Special) .- William F. Berchert, believed to have become insane through brooding over the refusal of a New York manager to accept an opera which Berchert had written, committed suicide here by hanging himself to the side ladder on a freight car. Berchert had for a number of years been director of singing societies in Milwaukee, singing societies in Milwaukee, Maysville and other Wisconsin cities.

New Way To Get Cars.

Philadelphia (Special) .- A new proceeding in the rebate discrimina-tion suits against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has been insti-tuted in the United States Circuit Court in this city by the Logan Coal Company. It is in a form of a peti-tion for a writ of alternative mandamus to compel the corporation to make a pro rata distribution of coal

Crater of Vesuvius Tumbles.

Naples, (Special). -- Another portion of the crater of Mount Vesuvius fell in and caused a great eruption of ashes, cinders and sand. It was not preceded or accompanied, however, by either detonations or earth without honor, sent his reply to the shocks. In the afternoon for a period of 20 minutes a rather heavy rain the investigation conducted by offi-Napies, and other portion of the crater, on the side toward Pompeii, fell in.

Bit Sheriff's Daughter.

Bristol, Va. (Special) .- A heavily armed posse is following the trail of iment was inadequate, as "a blacke Wesley and a white desperado named Eaton, stainted the annals of our army, who escaped from the Gate City and he regrets keenly that he is un-(Va.) Jail, after murderously as-able to properly punish the real cul-saulting Sheriff Broadwater and af-prits. He resents with indignation ter the negro had seriously wounded the charge that the men were dis-the Sheriff's daughter by biting her, missed because they were negroes and The men made their way to the the intimation that one of the offi-mountains of East Tennessee, and cers who conducted the investigation bloodhounds are on their trail.

Girls Hurt At Basketball.

Trenton, N. J. (Special) .- Miss The Helen Lee is suffering from a broken leg and Miss Julia Goldberg has a in sprained ankle as the result of a girls' basketball game at the New Jersey State Normal School. The game will likely be barred by the

L. & N. Raises Wages.

Louisville and Nashville Railroad presented says he has examined it wages of its shopmen about 4 per crease affects about 2,000 men. reason of the higher wages the roll will be increased about \$100,006

PINA. AL YUKLD

St. Paul dropped over 13 points

on the announcement of the new issue of \$100,000,000 of stock. ted by the President. Both Northern Pacific and Great Northern, broke under 200. It has not been long since those figures Before the various melon cuttings due to the Aiken law increasing the saloon tax. It is estimated that by

The extraordinary rize of Baltimore & Ohio when all other stocks were so weak caused the impression market was so upset. A similar reason was attached to the comparative strength of Reading.

Northern Pacific at 23214.

The St. Paul's plan is voted very unpopular and it was a godsend to the bears, who were short of the The "rights" sold at 37 on

Westinghouse Electric & Manufac Street, one fireman was burned to turing Company declared a quarter-death, another was fatally burned, and it divided of 2 1/4 per cent, on pre-assistant fire chief and another fireing stocks The Bank of Germany rafsed it rate of discount from 6 to 7 percent. The Bank of England's rateremains at 6 per cent. These are throat powerful proofs how big themand is in Europe for money.

THE CAPTAIN'S

Further Details of Wreck of Tourist Steamer.

PILED UP ON A ROCKY LEDGE

The Prinzessin Victoria Luise Impaled on a Rock and the Seas Pounding Heavily on Her - The Back Part of the Captain's Head Shattered by a Rifle Bullet.

Kingston (By Cable) .- According to reports received from Port Royal, the Hamburg-American Line tourist steamer Prinzessin Victoria Luise, which went ashore off that place during the night of December 16, is likely to become a total wreck. The vessel is so close to shore that people can almost walk walk on board of her from the beach. She is impaled on a rock, and the seas are pounding on her starboard side severely. She has heeled heavily board, and it can be seen that her bottom is badly damaged, and that

her boilers and engines are severely injured. The German cruiser Bre injured. men is still standing by the stranded steamer and the steamer Virginia went to the scene today to assist in the salvage work if possible, but the latter returned here after seeing the condition of the stranded ship. The body of Captain Brunswig, who killed himself in his cabin on board the steamer after she went ashore, was buried this afternoon,

autopsy showed that the part of the Captain's head had been completely shattered by a rife bulstarted later in the day for Kingston. The Prinzessin Victoria Luise is now practically abandoned. is fast impaled on a rock, and the

seas are pounding her starboard side severely. One of the passengers of the Prinzessin Victoria Luise today gave the following account of the disaster: "At about 9 o'clock on Sunday

night, when we were abreast of Port Royal Light, the ship suddenly appeared to shudder; then she stopped

steamer remained fast. The discipline displayed by the sengers retained their presence of mind, and there was no panic. Rockets were sent up from the stranded vessel, but apparently they were not seen, for there was no response to the signals from the shore. Eventually the news of the wreck was taken to Kingston by a sailboat, which made slow progress, owing to the fact that the breeze was light. After breakfast Monday we went ashore, hunted up some native boats and made our way to Kingston. The news of the suicide of Captain Brunswig was kept from the passengers for sometime.

Norfolk, Va. (Special).—The Norfolk wrecking tug Rescue sailed from here with the wrecking barge Sharp for Kingston, Jamaica, to make an effort to float the Hamburg-American Line tourist steamer Prinzessin Victoria Luise, which went ashore off Port Royal Sunday night, while bound from Kingston to New York.

THE DISMISSED TROOPS

The President Tells Senate Why He Did It. Washington (Special).-President Roosevelt, in response to a Senate resolution asking him why he dis-missed the members of the Twentyfifth Regiment (colored infantry Senate, together with a full report of

cers on the ground. The President wastes no words in giving the Senate bis reasons, and says that he is glad of the opportunity to do so. The President says that the punishment meted out to the reg-Wilkes, condemned negro, crime than that committed never

> he being a Southerner. The President concludes by challenging "as a right the support of every citizen of this country, what-ever his color, provided only he has him the spirit of genuine and fa-

sighted patriotism. Accompanying the President's reply is a report by Secretary Taft, in which he enters into an exhaustive discussion of the law and the evidence in the case. He quotes the authority for the President's action, Louisville, Ky. (Special). - The and with regard to the new evidence

of fact from that already stated in his annual report. The question whether the Senate should make an independent investiration of the Brownsville raid was raised by Mr. Foraker immediately after the reading of the President's Jersey Central has increased its message. He offered a resolution employees' wages from 10 to 20 per giving the Committee on Military Afairs authority to make such investigation if deemed necessary after con sideration of the testimony transmit-

> Ohio's Treasury Overflowing. Columbus, O .- The surplus in the state treasury now is the largest in the history of that state—\$4,750,-356.39. The size of the surplus is

> the end of January the surplus will be nearly \$6,000,000. Burglars Rob A Postoffice Macon, Ga., (Special).—Burglars broke into the postoffice at Broxton Ga. blew open the safe and secured stamps and money to the value of \$500. No clue to the robbers.

Convicted of Assault. Atlanta, Ga. (Special) .- Robert

Turnage, a white man, 28 years of age, was convicted of an attempt at assault upon Mrs. Carrie Comstock the wife of a city water meter readand a solicitor for a cooking com-nound. The jury was out but a shorr time and returned with a verdict o "Gullty," with the recommendatio-for mercy. Judge Roan then said is deference to the recommendation to mercy he would make the senton-15 years' penal servitude. The mar-nam purishment is 20 years.

THREE STATES SHORT OF COAL

per Crops.

Minneapolis, Minn, (Special)-Tue Northwest faces the most serious fuel famine since 1903, when several deaths occurred, when farmers abandoned their claims and extreme hardships were endured by thousands. The present famine has really only just begun, and it is still possible to avert it if the railroads will furnish motive power to move immense coal piles in Duluth and West Superior. While the coal companies are clamoring for cars and railroads are making excuses, mayors of a dozen towns in Dakota, Montana and Minnesota The are telegraphing news of shortage and the necessity for immediate action to Washington to the governors of their respective states and to the

editors of the Twin City newspapers. Some of the towns which have made the vigorous protests are Granville, N. D., where 15 cars are needed immediately to avert suffering; Galesburg, N. D., which thinks federal troops could not be better employed than in running special coal cars; Glenburn, N. D., where farmers are camping together in village schools to conserve the scanty supply of fuel; Castleton, N. D., where there is a general shortage, and where the lighting plant may have to be shut down; Elveih, Minn., which faces darkness from the same cause; La-kots, N. D., which sent a representative to Washington to tell its tou-bles to the federal authorities.

Raising a bumper crop and look-ing forward to a season of great prosperity the farmers now find them-selves unable to get their wheat to market, or even to purchase fuel. Investigation of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which began here Monday, may reveal the cause of the sluggishness of the railroads. That politics of some sort is back of the situation is confidently believed throughout the farming districts.

K. Lane and James S. Harlan of the Interstate Commerce Commission, ppened at Minneanapolis an in and a terrible grinding noise was quiry on complaints against railroads heard from under her hull. The or-in the Northwest for the existing car der was given to reverse the engines shortage. The hearing opened with and go full speed astern, but the the reading of a formal statement by the reading of a formal statement by Commissioner Lane. He stated that the present inquiry would be further officers and crew was excellent, prosecuted in other parts of the Every man kept to his post, the pascommittee to enter fully into the conditions attaching to the movement of freight in the Northwest; and to further this investigation the commission has for the past two weeks had a corps of trained investigators In the field

Investigation of the present famine crisis in the Northwest may not stop with the investigation of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It is probable that in every affected state, but notably Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Montana, the subject will be made a matter for legislative investigation. Northwestern coal dealers have indicated to the large shippers here that they plan to stir up an official investigation in their states. Towns that are suffering now, or have been held in the grip of winter and the famine, are laying their cases before their legislators and are asking that the subject be brought up at the coming sessions of the state legislatures, and action taken to prevent a repetition.

POISONED ONE BY ONE.

Postmortem Reveals Wholesale Crime

In Chicago. Chicago (Special). - Arsenic war responsible for the death of at least two members of the Vrzal family, six of whom died within a few months of each other, according to a chemical

examination completed Monday. Herman Billik, a fortuneteller, is now in jail on a charge of having administered poison to the family so that the mother of the dead children could collect the insurance money. Mrs. Vrzal was found dead in her home two weeks ago, a few hours after an investigation into the cause of the death of the other members of the family was begun. At first it was believed she committed suicide but the police are of the opinion that she was killed to conceal the cause

was prejudiced against the troops, of death of the children. The bodies of Ella and Mary daughters of Mrs. Vrzal, were exburned last week, Professor Haines, of Rush Medical College, and Dr. Lowke, of the coroner's staff, today found argenic in the liver and the stomach of both girls in sufficient

quantities to case death, according to the doctors. The bodies of the other four memhers of the family will now be ex-

A Counsel Under A Cloud. Washington (Special) .- The State Department has sent out an order to anything contained in it which should lead to a different conclusion all American counsels in Europe to look out for Frederick McMasters, of New York, and to communicate with the authorities in case he is found. McMasters was recently re-moved as consul to Zanzibar on charges filed by Sir Charles Harding, the British under secretary. Harold Van Buren, the American consul at Nice, has reported to the State De-partment that McMasters induced

> The British Charge Presented. Washington (Special) .- Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassa dor, called on Secretary Root and presented Esne Howard, the new secretary of embassy, and who will be charge d'affaires pending the appointment of a successor to Ambassador Durand. Later the Ambassador and Mr. Howard paid official visits to Secretary Taft and other officials of Secretary fait and other officials of the War Department. Ambassador Durand will sail for England on the 29th inst., and meantime will be given a series of farewell dinners

him to become surely for a \$1,000

his way out to his post,

note by representing that he was on

Cotton Factory Raises Pay.

Biddeford, Me. (Special),-The eperell Manufacturing Company announced an advance in wages of bout 5 per cent. The new rate will to into effect December 31. About 3,000 are employed, the mill being rated as the third largest cotton facory in this country.

Arguments on the demurrers of the railways and grain firms churged by indictment with giving and receiv-on rebates, were begun in the United, "setes Court at Minroa wills.

NEW YURK DAY BY DAY.

COSTLY ERROR The Rairoads Too Busy Hauling Bum. Some of the Things Done Daily in the

staxims For Engaged Couples. If a young man allows his sweet-heart to go to places of amusement with other men, he is a foolish fel-

lf a young woman who is engaged to be married accepts the attention of other men, she is a silly girl.

It makes no difference whether the "other men" referred to are triends of either party.

Sweethearts' attention is directed to the judicial wisdom, which was nanded out by Magistrate Crane. The Magistrate's advice was directed particularly to Tillie Rosenbaum and Arthur Samuels. They, who are sweethearts, had caused the arrest of Nathan Davis on a charge of circulating reports that reflected upon the good name of the girl. A fortnight ago Samuels, being obliged to work, permitted Davis to take his sweetheart to a dance. It is charged that ever since that night Davis has that ever since that night Davis has been saving things about Miss Rosenbaum. Samuels and the girl both wanted Davis sent to prison, but the magistrate dismissed the case after Davis signed a written retraction.

"Little Tim" Gives His Views.

A resolution to pay William M. Ivins \$12,500 for his services as counsel to the committee of Aldermen which investigated the Street-Cleaning Department last spring took up the time of Aldermen Thurs-day and elicted a notable speech from Alderman Sullivan. Alderman Sullivan asked that the resolution go over so that he could look into the mat-ter. He said that Mr. Ivins had spent ter. He said that Mr. Ivins had spent only 20 working days on the investigation and that the proposed compensation was exorbitant. "From what Mr. Ivins told me," said Alderman Peters, "I thought he was going to do the work for nothing." "When Alderman Peters is a few years older," said Alderman Suilivan, "he'll discover that reformers like me and lying never does nothing for nothing Ivins never does nothing for nothing for anything."

His "Man" Client A Woman. An action against the Inter-

Borough Street Railway was withdrawn by Lawyer Emmanuel L. Sil-berstein because he found that his client, the plaintiff, who had appeared as a man, was a woman. The sup-posed "man" wore her hair cropped short, shaved her chin, and wore a black sack sult which fitted her well. The lawyer himself was mystified over the revelation. "I first became aware that there was something queer about my client," he said, "when she refused to be examined by my physician. I had had an offer settlement of the case from the Railroad Company. She had refused it. I had then told her that she would have to be examined by my physician, who would be called to testify in the suit. When I told her this she grew pale and bolted from my office. I have not seen her since, nor have I been able to find her."

Wouldn't Tell Who He Was.

It was about 3 o'clock A. M., when Mrs. E. Frank Galloway was awaken-ed by the opening of a door of her room. She saw a man of heavy build, medium height and fairly well dressed. Mrs. Galloway asked him who he was and what he wanted. The burgiar made no reply but coolly picked up a bundle of things he had gathered together from the table, with Mrs. Galloway looking en and still demanding to know who he was, but the burglar paid no attention to her and climbed out a rear window through which he forced his entrance After the thief had

to the house. gone she gave an alarm.

Chance For 500 School Ma'ams. Five hundred teachers are needed in New York's public schools be cause the course of instruction at the Normal College has been lengthened to seven years. This was the ex-planation of the great number of vacancies in Manhattan given by Superintendent Maxwell at the meeting of the Board of Education yesterday. Another reason for the shortage in teachers, he said, was the rule of keeping the elementary grades in the schools free from overage pupils. This rule necessitated separate classes for these larger pu-pils, and there weren't enough teach-

ers to take charge of them.

To Fight An Chicken Diet. The women of the Brownsville section of Brooklyn held a mass-meeting the other night and resolved to eat chickens in the future, that they might boycott the Beef Trust. The meeting was called to order by Israel Reichman, who informed them that the women pickets sent out dur-ing the day had succeeded in closing several more butchers' shops in Brownsville. The resolution to eat chickens instead of beef was adopted

by a vote of 320 to 4. Chief Of Terrorists Here. Almost direct from Siberia, whence

e escaped in a barrel of sauerkraut, Gregory Gerschunin, most famous of the Russian terrorists and chief of their fighting committee, arrived in this city Wednesday. ODDS AND ENDS.

The population of Rangoon is 250, 000, of which 2,200 are Europeans and Americans. In the city and district are 80 rice mills, 32 sawmills 2 oil works, 4 iron works, 2 ship-building yards and 12 ice factories

Wisbech, Germany, at the age of st, wrote her own oblinary notice on the day before her death, and also made a list of all the friends to whom she wished memorial cards to be sent.

The ingencity of collectors in the discovery of new fields having been exhausted, there is still open to them

An old woman who has just died

exhausted, here is still open to them that of collecting the finest specimens of forged or spurious works of art, and this is capable of becoming a hobby scarcely less interesting or admirable than the pursuit of the genuine article.—Art Journal. A newly imported wood for use in high-class cabinet and plane work is the Tasmanian myrtle, described by the Timber Trades Journal, of London. It is of a rich pink coler, moderately hard and very close graified, taking a good finish and working well and smoothly.

Consul John C. Covert reports from Lyon that the discussion during the last few years of a French wine trust has recently culminated in an organisation, into which a number