# THE NEWS.

#### Domestic

Prof. Irving Fisher, of Yale, in an address before the Association of, Life Insurance Presidents said the Insurance companies would find it profitable to spend money in better-ing public hygiene.

The Abingdon (Pa.) quarterly meeting of Friends recommends that Friends be permitted to marry outside the church.

The proposition to submit statewide prohibition in Texas to a pop-ular vote was defeated in the House. Edward E. Cole, a brother-in-law of Vice President Fairbanks, is dead. The brown-tail moth has appeared

As the result of an investigation inaugurated by William H. Edwards, who was recently appointed street cleaning commissioner of New York City, eight employes of that depart-ment and the foreman of a private contractor were arraigned in court on charges of grand larceny by the use of fraudulent snow removal tick-

Anna M. Saltau, a nurse, says she saw Nicholas F. Sica, the Italian real estate dealer, in front of the home of Magistrate Frank Withelm, of Newark, N. J., at about the time Wilhelm was murdered.

L. A. Horthy, wanted by the federal authorities on the charge of operating a fake matrimonial bureau was arrested in New York, disguised

A petition in bankruptcy was filed against Frazin & Oppenheim, of New York, who conduct a chain of retail shoe stores.

E. H. Harriman has been elected director of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad.

Thomas Lowrey, president of the City Rapid Transit Company, and of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Ste Marie Railway, died at Minneapolis

A fireman and two trainmen were severely injured in a collision be-tween a train on the Illinois Central Rallroad and two freight cars at Chi-

The bark Mohican sailed for Honolulu carrying two gigantic disappearing guns, which will form a part of the defenses at Pearl Harbor. Tennessee joined the prohibition

states when the House passed the bill forbidding the manufacture of liquor over the Governor's veto.

Robert P. Easton, formerly one of the best-known lumbermen in Northern Michigan, died at Muskegon as the result of a fall. Fire destroyed seven business

buildings and residences at the lower end of Riverside Avenue, Croton, William P. Sinnock, of Newark, N.

J., died suddenly as the steamer Nile was nearing New York.

Three lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the home of Mrs. Frank Lathrop, near Brentwood,

#### Foreign

Rear Admiral Sperry approved the findings of the court-martial which tried Captain Qualtrough, of the battleship Georgia, at Gibraltar, on a charge of intoxication. While the findings were not made public, it is rumored that the officer has been disgraced and possibly he will be dismissed.

Debate in the French Chamber of Deputies concerning the anti-government manifestations at St. Pierre-Miquelon resulted in a vote of confidence in the government to carry out reforms in the colony.

President Legula, accompanied by the members of his staff and For-eign Minister Porras and Minister of War Ontaneda, of Lima, Peru, called upon Rear Admiral Swinburne.

The disabled Mexican revenue cutter Josevus Linantour was saved by wireless telegraphy.

A new treaty has been signed by the German and Venezuelan govern-

ported to have occurred in Montreal. The compromise arranged by one of the committees of the International Naval Conference, in session in London, defining what constitutes "an enemy" is not approved by the State Department at Washington

French exports to the United States in 1908 aggregated \$91,776,-658, a decrease of \$36,286,994, as compared with 1907, the falling off being due to the financial stringency in this country.

Fighting has occurred in Abyssinia between followers of a brother of the Emperor and forces under the father the throne.

Moscow pelice arrested a man giv-ing the name of Richard T. Stevens, of Washington, D. C., on the charge of associating with revolutionists.

M. Nemeshaleff has accepted the portfolio of minister of Russian railroads in succession to Lieutenant

Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, who underwent an operation in Berlin, has left the sanitarium well

Odd Fellows Temple at Chatham, Ont., was robbed of jewels and copies of secret work of the order

Carrie Nation was fined \$7.50 by London court for destroying a

cigarette advertisement in a car. Count Cassini, nearly 54 years in the Russian Diplomatic Service, has applied for retirement.

Tornado Kills Six Persons. Birmingham, Ala. (Special) .- Reports have reached here that a tornado struck Booth, Miss., killing eix persons and destroying much property. A dispatch from Stuttgart, Ark., says a storm struck that place today, killing two persons and injuring a number of others. Two resi-

#### dences and a barn were blown down Cattle And Sheep Drown.

Marysville, Cal. (Special) .- Five hundred cattle were drowned by the flood waters on the Stanford ranch near Tehama, and 1500 sheep perished near Colusa. It is estimated that the damage in Colusa County will be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 The loss in Butte County is estimated at about \$60,000, and in Glenn Tehama, Sutter and Yuba Countie approximately a quarter of a million

Funds raised by the relief organi-nation for the earthquake victims in Italy total \$3.641,000.

## ON THE LAST LAP Big Fleet's Departure From Gibraltar

a Splandid Sight. REAR ADMIRAL SPERRY'S ADDRESS.

Gliding Over A Sunlit Sea, The 16 Huge Battleships, With The Georgia Leading, Arouse Enthusiasm Of Crowds Of Spectators By Their Perfect Alignment-1,000 Miles Off the American Coast The Fleet Will Be Met And Escorted By The Atlantic Squadron.

#### THE WORLD CRUISE.

Sailed from Hampton Roads Arrived at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, January, 12, 1908. at Punta Arenas, Strait of Magellan, January 31,

Arrived at Valparaiso, Chfli, February 14, 1908. Arrived at Callao, Peru, Febru-

ary 20, 1908. Arrived at Magdalenna Bay, March 12, 1908. Arrived at San Francisco, May

Arrived at Honolulu, Hawaii, July 16, 1908. Arrived at Auckland, N. Z., August 10, 1908. Arrived at Sydney, N. S. W.,

August 20, 1908. Arrived at Melbourne, Victoria, August 29, 1908. Arrived at Manila, October 2,

Arrived at Yokohama, Japan, October 18, 1968. Arrived—First Squadron—at

Manila, October 31, 1908. Arrived — Second Squadron — Amoy, China, October 30, 1908

Arrived at Colombo, Ceylon, December 12, 1908. Arrived at Port Said, Egypt, January 5, 1909. Arrived at Naples, January 10.

Arrived at Villefranche, January 11, 1909. Arrived at Malta, January 14,

Arrived at Marseilles, January Arrived at Gibraltar, January 31 and February 1, 1909. Salled for home, February 6.

Gibraltar (Special). - Rear Admiral Sperry, prior to the departure of the battleships for Hampton Roads Saturday morning, expressed the greatest degree of satisfaction with the results of the around-the-world

our naval annals, for the fleet has found itself-been welded into a unity. An aggregation of battleships irrespective of the power and efficient to the scene, and late tonight coffins ov of the indivual units is not a fleet were rushed to the III-fated mine, cy of the indivual units is not a fleet in the highest sense of the term until by long faithful and harmonious work on the part of the personnel. the spirit of the fleet has been developed. That now has been accomplished. The American people have come to appreciate the importance a just peace, and they should appre- and executed March 15, 1906; ciate what it means to have a fleet

to say that the condition of the ships ed from Hampton Roads, in Decem-During these months the fleet has been practicalself-sustaining in the matter of The officers and men responsible for repairs have met every test and the results prove that the ships have been better cared for than when they depend upon the navy

'Enlistments in the Navy certainly will be stimulated by the general Crom, being in right mind, sign this, nterest in this cruise and the splendid opportunities afforded the men

'New standards of efficiency in steam engineering, which means In Danger Of His Life In Automoeconomy in coal consumption and in-

#### creased radius of action, have been established." A BARE-FOOTED HEROINE.

Yosu, the designated heir to Girl Saves Two Children And Home From Flames,

> Pittsburg, Pa. (Special), - With feet bare because her mother was too poor to buy shoes for her, Annie pants out. Mr Bryan, on the side next Lubowitz, 10 years old, walked twice to that which struck the woodwork across the burning floor of their home at 1409 Our Alley and rescued fered considerable injury. It was at her buby brothers. The cradle in first thought that his leg had been which a six months' old child lay broken, but when he arrived at Tamsleeping was blazing vigorously when pa an examination revealed that the barefooted Annie rushed through the leg was only badly brutsed. lames, lifted the little brother from the burning bed and carried him to safety. Again she dashed into the blazing room and led out another Annie summoned neighbors, who sent in an alarm and saved the rest of the house. She was not seri-nously hurt. The am contract is \$40,000,000.

## Alabama Pistol Law Void.

Montgomery, Ala. (Special) .- The Alabama law which prohibits the carrying of a pistol less than 24 inches in length was declared unconstituthe opinion reversing a recent de-The law applies to officers the law, as well as to civilians, and the decision declaring the law null and void was rendered in the case of Lon Taylor, a constable, who been found guilty of carrying an unlawful weapon

Bill To Regulate Bed Sheets,

Teething At 78 Fatal. Pittsburg (Special) .- Cutting her third set of teeth at the age of 78 years and complications produced by it are assigned as the cause of the death of Mrs. Therese Suckfield, at

## NAVY'S GREATEST FIGHTER OF A FAMOUS CRUISE Delaware, Heaviest Warship in the

World, Launched. Diamond State Girl Breaks Wine As

Monster Slides Into The James.

Newport News, Va. (Special) .- In the bright, glorious supshine and balmy breezes like those of an April morning the monster battleship Delaware, the biggest and heaviest warship ever given to the seas, was successfully lanuched into the James River, shooting from her berth as

lightly as a canoe. "With this wine I christen thee, good ship. Delaware," said the spon-sor, Miss Anne P. Cahall, a relative of Delaware's Governor, as she dashed a bottle of sparkling native Delaware champagne against the tower-ing vessel's starboard bow. The ship had already been freed from her braces and had slipped a few feet down the ways. The flags and pennants of the navy, the builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company and of the State of Delaware were unfurled to the breeze from the ship's false tops and he whistles of scores of craft in the river screeched their welcome to a new defender of American waters and the queen, or king, more properly speaking, of all the seas of the For the Delaware, as she was launched, was bigger than any war craft ever heretofore sent into the

Although a sister ship of the North Dakota, launched last November, she went in more than 1,000 was heavier than any other vessel ever previously launched.

## SEVENTEEN MEN DIE IN ALABAMA MINE

#### The Explosion Occurred Just Before the Noon Hour.

Birmingham, Ala. (Special) .- Seventeen men are dead from an explosion in the No. 2 Short Creek mines of the Birmingham Coal and Iron Company. Five of the dead are white and 12 are negroes.

The explosion occurred just before noon, and it is thought to have been caused by a windy shot. The mines are about 10 miles west of on the Birmingham Southern rallway, and are difficult of ac-cess. The 17 bodies were taken from the mines and the rooms and assages are clear. The mine itself s practically uninjured. Alexander Bonnyman, manager of

the company, was the first to leave Birmingham for the scene of the discruise. He then made the following house and Flynn hurried to the atement: scene to render what aid they could "This cruise marks an epoch in and to make an inspection. Officials of the company did not know the exthe time of the accident.

Ambulances were sent from Ensley which was running on short force.

#### WILLS HIS ALL TO JOHN D. Jersey Man's Only Condition Is That Oil King Find His Wealth.

New York (Special) .- In the effects of John Crom, formerly of of sea power as one of the most | Shamong Township, N. J., has been titles existing in Muskogee and Eastpotent factors in the preservation of found the following will, duly signed

"I. John Crom, do hereby give and bequest all my real estate "The lessons of the cruise have been many, and it is no exaggeration ships, canalboats, telegraph lines, oil bogs, cattle ranches automobiles, and also my castle in Spain; also my castles in the air, to John D. Rockefeller, providing he can find

"Signed in the presence of witness-William Handspring, Spring Senate. Williams William Earlyspring, liam Cantspring and William With-

out-a-Spring.
"This is to certify that I. John

## WILLIAM J. BRYAN HURT.

my last will

bile Accident.

Tampa, Fla. (Special) .-- While returning from Sutherland College, where he delivered his lecture, "The Prince of Peace," William Jennings Bryan came near losing his The machine in which Mr. Bryan

was ridag exploded a tire bridge near Tarpon Springs, plunged into trestlework and threw the occu

## Spain To Build Squadron.

Madrid (Special). - The Cabinet has decided to accept the tender of Vickers' Sons & Maxim, the English badly frightened to escape alone, shipbuilders, for the construction of the new Spanish squadron, on condition that the firm consents to certain The amount of the

## Prohibition Astir In Iowa.

Des Moines (Special).-Representative C. A. Meredith introduced in the lower house of the Legislature a joint resolution demanding that tional by the State Supreme Court, steps be taken toward amending the State Constitution so as to prohibit the manufacture and sale in Iowa of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Meredith represents the prohibitory forces of the State, and this is regarded as the beginning of the cam paign for a prohibitory amendment.

> Forty-Six Drown In British Wreck. Most of the sailors were Asia-Eighteen members of the crew.

Earthquakes In Russia. St. Petersburg (Special) .- Severe eral days in the northern part of the Island of Sakhallen, according to re-ports. A severe quake is also re-cred at Alexandrovsk.

## GOV. HASKELL FACES

His Friends of Muskogee Are True

## MR. HEARST NOT BACK OF SUIT.

Oklahoma Is Stirred By The Indictment Of Seven Of The State's Most Prominent Men-Friends Of The Governor Declare He Will Not Resign-Prominent Men Eager To Sign His Bond.

Guthrie, Okla. (Special) .- Gov. Charles N. Haskell, who, with six other prominent men, was indicted at Muskogee by the Federal Grand Jury, charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government, still protests his entire innocence.

Governor Haskell, when informed that he was indicted, issued the following statement: "I have just heard of the indict-

ment for conspiracy, coupled with some of the oldest and highest char-actered citizens of Muskogee-men who developed and built up that country by their unselfish efforts. From now on the proceedings will be open on both sides. 'Hearst's crooked manipulations

will be at a discount. "I am satisfied the Interior Department has been misled by false statements. I am confident there has not been a dishonest act done by any of the indicted parties, and that good tons heavier than the former, which citizens in general, regardless of was heavier than any other vessel politics, feel the same way. "C. N. HASKELL."

#### Other Men Indicted. The accusation is that Haskell and his associates obtained Muskogee

townsite lots in 1901 and 1902 by manipulating dummy owners and by forging quit claim deeds to the property. The men indicted with the Governor are F. B. Severs, A. Z. English, C. W. Turner, W. T. Hutchins, Jesse W. Hill and Walter R. Eaton.

The first indictment was returned against Governor Haskell, Clarence W. Turner and Walter R. Eaton, and alleged that 47 overt acts in alleged conspiracy to defraud the Govern-ment. The second indictment re-turned was against William T. Hutchins and Clarence W. Turner, and alleged 13 overt acts in conspiracy to defraud the Government. The third indictment was against Albert Z. English, Frederick B. Severs and Jesse W. Hill and alleged 92 overt

acts in conspiracy.

Muskogee is Haskell's home town, and all of those indicted live there, and are counted among the wealthy citizens. As soon as they learned of the indictments, all of them, with the exception of Haskell and English, the latter being now in Los Angeles, surrendered. The bond was fixed at \$5,000 in each case, and was promptly given.

Friends of Gov. Charles N. Haskell denied the truth of rumors that he would resign as a result of the indictment returned against him by the Federal Grand Jury at Muskogee.

Muskogee, Okla. (Special).—The indictment of Gov. C. N. Haskell, of Oklahoma, and six others was dis-cussed by 60 leading business men of Muskogee at a meeting. Expressions of confidence in the integrity of the indicted men were made, and a committee of seven was appointed to correct what as termed an erroneous impression as to the legality of land ern Oklahoma. Mayor Martin pre-sided over the meeting.

### SPECIAL FUND A JUNK HEAP. All Kinds Of Expenditures Made

From "War Deficiency." Washington, D. C. (Special) President Roosevelt's request that the reply to the Foraker resolution, calling for an itemized statement of expenditures made from the war deficiency fund of 1899 be considered confidential, may be ignored by the

Several Senators who have exam-ined the statement sent in say that it shows that the fund had been used as a "financial junk heap," that several "junkets" were paid for from this fund and that in certain instances the fund was used to pay for the entertainment of military visi-

#### tors from other countries. Eagle Steals A Child.

playing in the barnyard of her home 5-year-old near Gouverneur, the daughter of Josiah Olmtree. picked up and carried skyward by a baid eagle. The outcries of both parent and child frightened the bird and it dropped the girl on the roof

## IN THE WORLD OF FINANCE

Lake Superior has ordered a third open hearth furnace.

Another lot of \$256,000 gold was engage! for export to Argentine,
New York Central's gross carnings

in December increased \$351,884 and net profits rose \$578,778. Employees of the United States

by the company.

a high record price. The company's crowd of spectators. He was in the orders for new work are increasing. The president of a large steel plant in this State and this week that busi-

ness in January was the best in more than a year. With J. P. Morgan, H. C. Frick, C. M. Schwab and D. G. Reld off for Europe, with E. H. Harriman going West, and the Rockefellers out of Wall Street, brokers do not expect big doings in the stock market for It looks as if the big the present. men financially were taking their va-

cations pending the settlement for

tariff, and so be ready for the great campaign which every one expects Isador Wormser, Jr., was suspend-409,562 in liabilities; this compares with 1,949 in the corresponding

when the amount involved was \$27,099,514. Since the Pennsylvania has no further interest in the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, Vice Presidents Sam-uel Rea and John P. Green, of the Pennsylvania, are likely to retire as

## ORPHANAGE BURNED

TRIAL FOR FRAUD Two Girls and Negro Boy Probably Incinerated.

> Boy Of 12 A Hero By Helping Girl To Jump To Ground In Safety.

Battle Creek, Mich. (Special). The Haskell Memorial Home, a 31/2 story brick orphanage, situated on the western boundary of this city, was destroyed by fire. Three of the 37 little inmates were missing when the roll was counted in a cottage on the orphanage grounds after the the fire. The missing are:

Lena McFerney, 14 years old. Cecil Quotent, 13 years old. George Goodenow, 8 years old.

In the panic that ensued when the ohildren were awakened at the first alarm several girls jumped from a third-story window, but it is thought none of them was fatally hurt, though Ruth Roff, 12 years old, was seriously injured in the back.

James Armstrong, 12 years old, standing on a shed under the window from which the girls had to directed them how to make their fall as easy as possible, and caught two of the smaller girls in his arms Mrs. R. S. Owen, who with her

husband was in charge of the insti-tution, fought her way down the main stairway while it was a mass of flames, carrying a 6-week-old child in her arms and with two small children clinging to her skirts.

The fire started in the north wing and spread rapidly through the entire structure. The property loss will be about \$50,000.

## BIG FLEEI'S TRIP OFFENDS Spanish Situation Delicate From Dip-

Iomatic Standpoint.

ing the fleet's stay in Mediterranean waters has caused an undercurrent

of resentment in government circles. For diplomatic reasons, the government is not voicing its displeasure, but one has only to hear the comments that are common in adminstrative circles to learn that this displeasure is deep-seated.

The ports of France, Turkey, Al-giers and other countries were visited, while Spanish coast towns, almost within sight of the ships as they pased, were ignored.

Spain would have welcomed the

hope of doing honors to the fleet, seeing in such an event the complete effacement of the last trace of terness growing out of the Spanish-American War.

The situation was so delicate, from diplomatic standpoint, that Spain culd not urge her claims, though it was hoped until that at last the American government would so ar- killed. range the Mediterranean itinerary of storm in Northern Texas will be the fleet to include at least one Span- about \$100,000.

#### SUICIDE'S ODD FAREWELL. Leaves Itimized Bill Of His Account

With The World, Cleveland, O. (Special) .-- "The world, debtor, in account with Edward Melian, creditor. To one life,

cent grave. This is all that remains to tell troit. of the identity of a man, who died by his own hand in a lodging-house here. The inscription, written on a favorable report on the Rodenberg torn and dirty scrap of paper, was bill to purchase the Oldroyd collec-

found on a chair in the suicide's The man who died was not of the lodging-house type. He was fairly well dressed. His thin face was that

#### of a man of refinement. SAID TO HAVE 50 WIVES.

#### Harry J. Bauman Gets Indeterminate Sentence In Chicago.

Chicago (Special).-Charged with having married and swindled 50 \$200,000 ted States and Europe, Harry J. Bau- the Senate. man, alias Dr. Herman Brandt, was Utica, N. Y. (Special) .- While tence by Judge Clifford in the Crimi-

nal Court here. Bauman is said to have wives in New York, Watertown, N. Y., Troy. N. Y., and Mahanoy City, Pa The prosecution asserted that he \$50,000, and on the witness stand he smiled when asked if his matrimonial ventures netted him more than the amount mentioned.

## WRIGHT HAS NEW MOTOR.

#### Stays Up Six Minutes And Notices Improvement.

Pau, France (Special).-Wilbur Wright's aeroplane has been equipover-subscribed stock adotted to them ped with a new motor, which has to the Filipinos. turned out to be a great improve-With but few exceptions railroads report larger earnings than a year ago.

American Car and Foundry sold at of a series of flights before a large

## DAKOTA'S 2-CENT LAW PASSES.

Railroads Said To Be Ready To En join It In Every County.

Pierre, S. D. (Special) .- The Two-Cent Rate bill, as an emergency measure, going into effect at once was signed by Governor Vessey. It is reported that the railroads, through the United States Court at Sloux Falls, will at once seek in every county of the State in which the railroads operate an injunction to prevent the law going into effect

## Nine-Feet Sheets Win

Lincoln, Neb. (Special) .- After as exciting ression the lower house of the Legislature passed Representa-tive Sink's bill compelling hotel proprietors to furnish sheets nine feet in length. A bitter fight is expected in the Senate against the measure.

Naples (Special). -- Word from Messina declares that a man was buried in the ruins for 30 days was taken out by workmen and is still alive. It is said that the man has a fair chance of recovery.

# BIG STORM SWEEPS

Houses Are Blown Away and Tele-

#### graph Wires Prostrated. SCORE OF PERSONS REPORTED KILLED

Vivid Flashes Of Lightning And A Heavy Fall Of Hall Accompany The Wind, And Daylight Is Turned Into Darkness During The Continuance Of The Storm - Big Buildings Quiver.

Louisville, Ky. (Special) .- Death of many telegraph wires resulted between noon and dusk from a series of small tornadoes which swept the South Central States from the Tennessee line to the Texas Panhandle. The storms were accompanied in most cases by rain, hall, darkness, terrific lightning flashes and sheets of rains to the corner of the property of Phil Oberdorfer, and later the clothing establishment of J. B. & W. H. Wood and the shoe store of James N. Waddell.

The local firemen made the fight of their lives in an effort to save the People's National Bank, on the corner of the largest in the city, were soon in ruins. The flames continued their course westward, first destroying a vacant store room, the property of Phil Oberdorfer, and later the clothing establishment of J. B. & W. H. Wood and the shoe store of James N. Waddell.

Most of the towns where losses

Sulphur Springs, Tex.—Mrs. James Ardis and Mrs. C. Caldwell. From Rolling Fork, Miss., just before the telephone wires broke, word came that four had been killed. Booth, Miss., reported to Birming-ham that six had met death there. In other towns, such as Ennis and Waxahachie, Tex., and Boscoe, La., many dwellings are said to have been demolished by the wind.

Arkansas and Upper Louisiana rice fields were injured to the extent Madrid (Special).—The failure of the American battleship fleet of 16 the American battleship fleet of 16 the larger cities experienced rains 000; J. B. & W. H. Wood, clothiers, and darkness and lightning bolts and \$35,000; J. M. Wadell, shoe dealer, made large buildings quiver. At Chattanooga there was a ter-

rine storm of hail.

Reports from Birmingham state that several persons were killed by a tornado at Cullman, Ala.

#### HEAVY LOSSES REPORTED. Bulletins Of Death And Destruction

From Many Quarters. Fort Worth, Tex. (Special) .- A heavy rain and windstorm of tornado proportions which swept over North Texas and Southern Oklahoma resuited in considerable damage in sev-

eral localities. At Ennis, Tex., a dozen residences were blown down. Waxahachie was also damages by the tornado. At Sulphur Springs the storm wrecked eight dwellings and Mrs. James Ardis was killed by flying glass. Mrs. C. Caldwell was also killed. The total damage from the

BY TELEGRAPH

The House Committee on Public ruined; to carbolic acid. 10 cents; to hell, one eternity. This account may be squared by giving me a deof an annex to the postoffice at De-

> tion of Lincoln relics. President Roosevelt received a re-

port from a commission appointed by He was fairly him last spring to revise and codify the laws applying to safety of life at sea. The statehood bill to admit Arlzona and New Mexico into the Union as separate states was favorably acted

on by the House Committee on Terto enable the ritor.es. An amendment women in as many cities of the Uni- at Brussels in 1910 was reported to States to participate in an exhibition

A resolution demanding an investigiven an indeterminate prison sen- gation of the Steel Trust was introduced in the House by Representa-tive John Wesley Gaines (Dem., Tenn.) The Secretary of the Treasury will make another call on the temporary

depositaries to be paid on or before February 24. President Roosevelt issued a statement reiterating his belief that the Secret Service should not be hamper-

John Norris, of the American Newspaper Publishers' Associat'on, sent a letter to the House committee charging the Paper Trust with misrepresenting the wages they pay

The War Department wants Con gress to pass a retirement bill for civil employes of the Philippine government and charge the expense up A bill was introduced in the House

requiring all ocean-going passenger vessels to be equipped with wireless telegraph instruments.
The scores of the battleship fleet practice at Manila show a notable increase in efficiency.

To defray expenditures for fitting

the Capitol for the inauguration of William H. Taft, a joint resolution was agreed in the Senate appropri ating \$16,000. Senator Bacon's resolution estabpresidency by amendment to the Constitution was reported favorably

The Senate passed a House claring February 12, 1909, declaring February entenary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, a legal holiday.

Representative Sperry introduced a bill to appropriate \$1,000,000 for a federal building at New Haven.

William Loeb is slated to become collector of the port of New York The Secretary of the Treasury sub-mitted to the House estimates of appropriations required for the remain-der of the year.

An opportunity will be given the House to act on the Sherley Bill amending the bankruptcy laws of the United States. The petition for a rebearing in the New York gas case was denied by the United States Supreme Court.

### BLAZE IN CHARLOTTESVILLE SOUTH CENTRAL STATES Four Business Buildings Destroyed and Others Damaged.

University Of Virginia Students Aid Firemen To Subdue The Flames.

Charlottesville, Va. (Special) .-The most destructive fire that has visited Charlottesville in 30 years wiped out four business houses and damaged much other property, entalling a total loss of over \$220,000.

The fire was discovered at about 4.30 A. M. in the building of the Charlottesville Hardware Company, for probably a score of persons, losses of hundreds of thousands of dollars in property and the crippling

corner of the block adjoining the Gilmore Furniture Company. They were in some measure successful. of life occurred are off the railroads. The two top stories were partially so that news from them has been gutted, but the bank proper suffered

are:
Stuttgart, Ark.—Mrs. Garfield and a child of Will Story. Mrs. Story is reported fatally injured.
Sulphur Springs. The Main Street from the bank, caught fire in several places, but the several places. five store rooms on this side of the street were burned out. Just before daybreak it looked as if the flames would make a clean sweep to Union Station, but the firemen stuck to their task bravely and a half hour later the fire was well under control.

Five thousand people watched the

fire, including several hundred stu-dents from the university, who aided in subduing the flames.

The largest losers are: Charlottes-ville Hardware Company, \$100,000; \$20,000, and the People's National Bank, \$15,000.

# IS BADLY BEATEN

The Drew Measure Fails By Vote

of 48 To 28. Sacramento, Cal. (Special) .- After a debate extending from 11 oclock A. M. until 6 P. M., the Assembly by a vote of 48 to 28 rejected the bill drawn by A. M. Drew barring aliens from ownership of

land in California. The bill had been amended at the request of President Roosevelt and Secretary Root so that the clause applying to Japanese only was eliminated, making the bill apply to all aliens, but the measure arouse such a storm of opposition that long before the debate was closed by Mr. Drew it was apparent that the

measure would be defeated. In substance the objection to it was that it would drive at least \$1,-000,000,000 of foreign capital out of the state and might jeopardize the present friendly commercial re-

lations with Japan.

The supporters of the bill contended that the State was being overrun by thrifty Japanese, who were gradually gaining an impregnable posi-tion as landowners, and whose government was trying to d'c'ate to Cal-ifornia regarding logislation.

Sensational Speeches. Two sensational speeches were made, one for and one against measure. Assemblyman Grove L. Johnson, of Sacramento, ex-Congress man, and author of four bills segre gating Japanese in schools and resi-dential districts and preventing aliens being members of corpora-tions, made an impassioned appeal

for the enactment of the Drew

At the climax of his speech he walk-

ed backward from his seat to the

lobby rail, and, seizing in his arms a golden-haired girl of three, held her aloft and declared that he was "in favor of this as opposed to the Japanese menace to our institu-Nathan G. Cole, of San Francisco, who was elected with the endorse ment of the Uton Labor Party, op-posed the Drew bill on the ground that it was in conflict with the state Constitution, that it was inimical to union labor and that it favored by the national administra-tion, which he said was dealing with

a delicate problem and should be supported by the people of Califor-If Roosevelt Came. Dramatically confronting Assem-

blyman Drew, he said:

"If President Roosevelt throw open the doors of this Assembly chamber and, laying his hand on your shoulder, should request for reasons of state, that you withdraw his bill, you, Mr. Drew, at a patriot le citizen of the United States, would assent without a murmur This sally was received with great

applause. In reply Mr. Drew, closing his argument for the bill, declared that he had received a letter from the Presi-dent in which the President stated that he was not opposed to the bill as it had been amended at his re-

#### Killed Stepmether; Paid \$150. Way Cross, Ga. (Special) .- Kinch Williams, a young man who, in No-

vember, 1904, shot and killed his stepmother returned here, after being a fugitive from justice for four years, surrendered to the sheriff and was given an immediate trial. He was allowed to plead guilty to "shooting at another" and was fined \$150, or nine months' imprisonment. He paid the fine. Body Cut Up In Trunk.

New Haven, Conn. (Special).—In a boarding house on Eaton Streat a human body cut up into bits was found at midnight in a trunk, said

to be owned by James Hazleton, cor-ored. He and his wife, Mary, have not been seen here since Christmas. The room was broken into, and the trunk was opened. The body is be-lieved to be that of Hazleton's wife, The police are looking for Hazeleton.

Charles H. Brent, bishop of the index of the steel trade, shows steady Philippines, was elected chairman of the International Opium Commission.

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d from the New York Stock Ex-Lincoln, Neb. (Special) .- After an Melbourne (Special) .- The British change for sixty days. He was acexciting session, the lower house of steamship Clan Ronald is a total cused of using indecorous language.
"Dun's" report of commercial fail-ures in the United States during Janthe legislature passed Representative wreck near Edithsburg, and the cap-Sink's bill compelling hotel propric-tain and 45 of the crew were drownures in the United States during Jan-uary shows 1,344 in number and \$13. tors to furnish bed sheets nine feet ed.