PLACE OFFERED TO HOBSON

Says Boat Company Claimed In fluence With Speaker.

HOBSON'S STORY CREATES STIR

Bringing of Speaker Cannon's Name Into Naval Scandal Causes a Sensation.

Washington. — That the Electric Boat Company of New Jersey claimed influence with Speaker Cannon sufficient to enable it to dictate the make-up of the house committee on naval affairs was the most sensational development of the first day's session of the special commission appointed to investigate the methods of the Electric Boat Company, under the resolution introduced by Representative Lilley of Connecticut.

Mr. Speer called on Captain Later Mr. Speer caned on Captain Hobson, but the latter was ill with the grip and could not see him. Still later, Speer telephoned the captain, informing him that the Electric Boat pany would undertake to have appointed a member of the naval him appointed a member of the naval affairs committee if the captain would "do the right thing" in the matter of submarines. Captain Hobson declined the offer of Mr. Speer, but he was placed on the naval affairs committee just the same. He was one of the members who voted against the submarine provision as agreed on by the committee.

There was a sensation among the members of the investigating committee when Captain Hobson, told the story of his experience with Mr. Speer.

Then Representative Olmsted, who had been designated to examine wit-nesses, asked Captain Hobson to name the person with whom Mr. Speer had enough influence to secure

Speer had enough influence to secure the cantain's appointment as a member of the naval affairs committee. Captain Hobson said he preterred not to mention the name of the person. Mr. Oldsted insisted he should do so. "Speaker Cannon was the man with whom Speer said the Electric Boat Company would use its influence to have me made a member of the naval committee," Captain Hobson reluctantly replied.

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At the suggestion of Chairman Boutell the names of the attorneys representing interested parties were entered on the record. Mr. Lilley introduced Frank T. Brown of Norwich, and State Senator Stiles Judson of Bridgeport, Conn., as his counsel. Martin W. Littleton of New York, announced that John D. Lindsay, also of New York, and himself representations. of New York, and himself represented the Electric Boat Company.

LIGHTNING STRIKES POWDER

Two Magazines Are Blown Up, but No One Injured.

No One Injured.

Boston, Mass.—Two powder magazines in South Action, belonging to the American Powder Company, were exploded by lightning during a severe thunderstorm. The buildings were in an isolated spot and no one was near them.

A house in Wakefield and one in Maiden were also struck and set after during the storm.

To Dismantle Pantheon Madrid-The Pantheon of the Spanish colonies, a pavilion in the Retiro of Madrid which holds the Retiro of Madrid which holds the memories of Spain's vanished greatness, is to be dismantled and the collection of books and paintings is to be scattered and buried among the libraries and museums of the capital. This action is in reality a decision to disperse from the sight of the people the evidence of the emptre dissipated by Spanish misrule. The most interesting part of the exhibit related to the Philippines.

Trinidad, Col.—Fire, supposed to have been caused by crossed electric wires, destroyed the coke washer, the tipple, the engine house and the laboratory of the Colorado Puel and croating the colorado Puel and croating and the co

University for Hongkong.

Hongkong—Rennie Miller has been given \$150,000 with which to build a university at Hongkong and incorporate with it the existing College of Medicine. The Government has Medicine. The Gormade a grant of land.

MORE OFFICERS FOR ARMY

Bill to Appoint 612 Additional Men to Fill Out Commands.

Washington, D. C .- The senate comwashington, b. washington, b. washin

vorably reported a extra officers for the army."

There has been a great deficiency of officers. The bill would add 612, comprising 36 colonels, 54 lieutenant colonels, 90 majors, 162 captains, 144 first lieutenants and 126 second lieutenants.

COMPROMISE NOT POPULAR Viceroy of Canton Resigns Rather Than Obey Humiliating Orders

to Release Vessel. Tokyo.-A satisfactory settlement of the Tatsu affair was announced March 16. China has conceded all

the Japanese demands.
She will purchase the arms and ammunition on board the Tatsu and will hoist the Japanese flag over the

vessel.

While the flag is rehoisting, a Chinese warship will fire a salute.

There is a general feeling of relief in consequence of the settlement of the incident.

The Tatsu Maru, a Japanese mer-

of the special commission appointed to investigate the methods of the Electric Boat Company, under the resolution introduced by Representative Lilley of Connecticut.

Captain Richard P. Hobson, hero of the Merrimac, was the witness who gave this sensational testimony. He stated that last fall he received a message from Lawrence Speer, a former classmate of his at the Annapolis naval academy and now an employe of the Electric Boat Company, asking to see him on a matter of "mutual interest."

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The Tatsu Maru, a Japanese merchant vessel, was seized near Mačao, China, by a Chinese man-of-war about a week ago. The seizure was made because of the fact that the Chinese authorities had information that the Tatsu Maru carried a cargo of arms and other munitions of war rebels in the interior. The Tatsu Maru's flag was run down and the dragon of the Mongolian government nonsidered the crowning insult of the seizure.

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Investigation by Peking government officials disclosed that their surmise that the Japanese vessel carried arms was correct. Japan, however, were in-

arms was correct. Japan, however, protested that the weapons were intended for a firm which dealt in such supplies at Canton.

There has been much diplomatic wrangling over the matter, but well-informed circles have never doubted that eventually the spineless celestials would yield to every demand Ianan might make.

Japan might make.

During the excitement the Viceroy of Canton resigned rather than release the vessel. The resignation was accepted.

CAPITOL TRIMMERS GUILTY

Jury At Harrisburg Convicts Three Former State Officials and Contractor Sanderson of Grafting.

Harrisburg.-The jury in the capitol conspiracy case against John H. tol conspiracy case against John H. Sanderson, contractor; former Auditor General William P. Synder, former State Treasurer William L. Mathues and former Superintendent James M. Shumaker returned a verdict of guilty as indicted against all four defendants. Motions for new trials were made at once and the bail of the four defendants extended. The reasons for a new trial must be filed within 30 days.

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This is the result of the first action in court growing out of the scandal in the furnishing of the new state capitol of Pennsylvania. The case was founded on an alleged fraud of \$19,000 in a bill for \$53,000 for furnishing sofas, tables and clothes trees and has been on trial since January 27, there being 29 days of actual court sessions extending over a period of seven weeks.

The maximum penalty for each of the defendants in this case is two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary and \$1,000 fine.

Huston will have to stand trial with Cassel, Snyder, Mathues and Shumaker and Irvine in the metallic furniture case set for trial on March 13.

Burton Aims Blow at Standard. Eurton Aims Blow at Standard.
Washington.—A blow was aimed at
the head of the Standard Oil combination by Representative Burton of
Ohio. He introduced a bill making
it a misdemeanor for any person connected with a railroad to divulge any
fact concerning a shipment to any
place, except to the shipper, the consignee and to a court after being properly summoned to do so. The penalty is a fine of not more than \$1,000
nor less than \$200.

Methodists Acquit Editor of Heresy. Methodista Acquit Editor of Heresy.
Topeka, Kan.—The Kansas conference of the Methodist Episcopal church exonerated Dr. J. T. McFarland of New York, editor of the Methodist Sunday School publications, of charges of heresy preferred by Dr. George A. Cock of Vermont.

Four Negroes Lynched.

Mobile, Ala.—David Poe, Tom Ranston and two Jenkins brothers, all negroes, were lynched at Vancleave, Miss., 20 miles north of Biloxi, Miss., by a mob of 30 men.

Jackson, Miss.—The house of the Mississippi legislature has passed a bill fixing 2½ cent a mile as the maximum passenger fare on all railroads except those which can make satisfactory proof that this rate is not just compensation for services to the public.

CHINA CONCEDES TO DEMANDS PROBE STOCK EXCHANGES Charles W. Morse Compelled to Give

President Orders Investigation of Trading Methods.

WOULD STOP ALL GAMBLING

If Result Shows It Necessary Special Message May Be Sent To Congress.

Washington -An investigation of the principal stock exchanges of the country has been ordered by President Roosevelt. The purpose is to estab-lish the methods by which so-called stock gamblers carry on their bust-ness. Herbert Knox Smith, commis-sioner of corporations, is charged with the duty of carrying on this in-vestigation.

President himself in talking vestigation.

The President himself in talking with some of his visitors today authorized them to, say that the inquiry may determine what legislation, if any, can be enacted to prevent trading in futures, buying and selling stocks on margin or other forms of gambling in securities.

If after the Knox Smith report is made it shall appear to the President that stock gambling, so called is included in the long list of things properly belonging to the federal government to regulate or prohibit, he will lend his influence to the passage of appropriate legislation by congress.

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Representative Scott of Kansas, chairman of the house committee on agriculture, today introduced a resolution providing for an investigation by the government as to the causes of the fluctuations in the price of wheat, corn and other grain.

ORCHARD PLEADS GUILTY

With Gallows in Sight, Sticks to His

Story of Crime.
Caldwell, Ida.—Harry Orchard, be fore Judge Fremont Wood, in the dis-trict court, was allowed to withdraw his former plea of not guilty entered at his first arraignment entered at his first arraignment by order of the court when he stood mute, and enter another plea of guilty to the charge of murder in the first degree, as charged in the indictment. Judge Wood will sentence Orchard on March 18.

Orchard pleaded guilty to having killed former Governor Steunenberg by the explosion of a dynamite bomb at the side gate of his residence here early in the evening of Dcember 30, 1905.

He confessed that he was hired to

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He confessed that he was hired to kill Steunenberg by William D. Haywood, secretary; Charles H. Moyer, president, and George A. Pettlbone, honerary member of the Western Federation of Miners. Haywood and Fettibone were tried at Boise and set free. The case against Moyer was dismissed.

SENATOR KILLED IN DUEL Lie Is Passed, A Face Slapped and

Fight Follows.

Amite, La.—Democratic Senatorelect D. S. Kemp was shot and killed
by C. F. Hyde, a politicial and business leader in the community. The
men quarreled over the recent Democratic state primary election, Hyde
charging Kemp with untruthfulness.

Later Kemp, revolver in hand, met
liyde and slapped his face. The men
then agreed to a duel, which took
place almost immediately. Hyde was
not injured. Fight Follows.

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MONTANA TOWN BURNS

Three Hundred Families Homeless and Loss is \$400,000.

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Jerusalem.—Charles J. G. dden of Boston, and Mrs. Glidden arrived here in a motor car from Haffa, Syrialt was the first motor car ever seen in Jerusalem, and created a sensation among the populace.

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200 Native Houses Burn.

No Local Option in Maryland.
Annapolis.—An unfavorable committee report was made in the house branch of the legislature on the local option bill fathered by the Maryland Anti-Saloon League.

PLEADS "NOT GUILTY"

\$30,000 Bond Says He Is

the Goat. New York.—Charles W. Morse, the former banker, and Alfred Curtis, formerly president of the National Bank of North America, pleaded not guilty in the United States circuit court today to a joint indictment of 29 counts. Eleven of the counts charged them with conspiracy, and 18 charged them with making false en-tries.

Ball was fixed at \$30,000 for Morse, and \$10,000 for Curtis. Mr. Morse at first demurred to the \$30,000 he was required to furnish, and said: "Well, I suppose I am the goat, as usual."

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According to former Judge Olcott, counsel for Mr. Curtis, one of the indictments alleges that false entries were made in the books of the bank for the purpose of speculating in American Ice Company stock for the benefit of the bank.

Loans of funds of the bank are alleged to have been made to a dummy, the money invested in American Ice stock, which was deposited in the bank vaults to be sold as judgment dictated, and that the dummy named in the books of the banks never received any benefit from the deals.

ALIA DOOMED TO HANG

Is There No Appeal?" the Only Comment of Priest-Slayer.

Denver, Col.—"Is there no appeal?"
These were the only words spoken by Guiseppe Alia when informed the jury found him guilty of murder in the first degree and fixed sentence at

death.
Just 18 days after shooting dead
Father Francis Leo Heinrichs at the
altar in St. Elizabeth's Catholic
church this wanderer from Italy, an
open parallist alleged but not proven anarchist, heard his doom.
Stolid to the last Alia simply nodded his head and whispered to the interpreter, "Is there no appeal?" Then his chin sank on his breast and he

was silent.

Attorney Widdecomb of the defense moved for a new trial and was granted five days in which to file papers. Under the laws of the state Alia cannot be hanged within 60 days of the rendering of the verdict.

ANNOUNCES FLEET ROUTE Navy Department Says Frisco Will Be Reached May 5 and Naval Review Will Follow.

Washington.—A partial timerary for the battleship fleet after finishing target practice at Magdalena bay was announced by the navy department. It includes visits to San Diego, Santa Barbara, San Pedro, Santa Cruz and San Francisco, arriving at the latter place May 5.

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The grand review of the ships of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets in the bay of San Francisco will take place May 8. On the day of the review all vessels will be full dressed and at night the ships will be illuminated.

HEALTH ON THE ISTHMUS No Contagion During the Last Year,

But Many Deaths From Violence. Washington.-An extremely

Washington.—An extremely favorable statement concerning health conditions in the Panama Canal zone is contained in the annual report of Colonel William C. Gorgas, chief sanitary officer, for the calendar year 1997. Colonel Gorgas says:
"Health conditions on the isthmus show a marked improvement as compared with all previous years since we have been here. We have had no case of yellow fever anywhere on the isthmus, except that taken off the shipping at the quarantine stations; no case of bubonic plague, and only one death from smallpox, which was not in the person of an employe."

There were 107 violent deaths among the employes, attributed to increased blasting and railroad work.

Washington, D. C.—The house committee on naval affairs reported favorably the bill which provides that the pay and allowances (except mile-age and forage) of all officers of the navy and marine corps shall be the same as that of officers of corresponding rank in the army

Mormons Expelled from Munich Manila.—Fire destroyed 200 native shacks in the Samplouic district of Manila on the evening of March 11. The damage is estimated at \$100,000 in gold. It is believed the fire started from a spark from a railread locomotive, which caught on a thatched roof.

Three Children Prey of Flames.

Medford. Wis.—The farm home of John Douthitt was destroyed by fire while Mrs. Douthitt was outside. The stove exploded and her three small children were burned to death.

General D'Amade, commander of the French forces in Morocco, has received letters from Mulal Hafid, the so-called sultan of the south, asking that hostilities be suspended, pending arrangements for peace.

ed for him were chosen.

The case of the government against the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, involving a fine of \$60,000 for granting rebates, was set for hearing in the supreme court of the next term.

EVELYN SUES FOR DIVORCE Crazy Man Fires Shots at Royal Cas-

Brings Action to Annul Marriage With Harry K. Thaw.

HIS INSANITY IS ALLEGED

Unable By Reason of Mental Unsoundness to Become Legal Husband.

New York.—Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw will institute proceedings for the annulment of her marriage to Harry K. Thaw. The action will be based on the allegations that the defend-

on the allegations that the defendant was insane when the union was contracted. Thaw purposes to defend the suit. An early trial is expected. In the meantime, the two, by mutual agreement, will remain apart.

For weeks it had been gossiped that a divorce was imminent and even during Thaw's last trial, throughout which his wife stood by him, it was pretty generally believed that whatever the outcome of the prisoner, the two would never again live together. These reports were frequently based on rumored opposition to the young woman on the part of the Thaw fanily. In their statements tonight, however, counsel denied that Mrs. William Thaw, Harry's mother, had taken any part in the proposed separation.

It is reported unofficially in connection with the marriage annulment suit Mrs. Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw is to commence that a financial settlement has been agreed upon under which young Mrs. Thaw will receive a lump sum of \$50,000 as soon as the suit is decided and \$15,000 a year thereafter for life.

AUSTRIA SURPRISED

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Montenegro Refuses to Go Along

Against Russian Influence. Against Russian influence.
Vienna.—A cloud has come between
Austria and Montenegro, which is
supposed to account for the sudden
termination of the visit of Prince
Nicholas and the Princess of Monten-Nicholas and the Princess of Monteners of the Austrian court. It is now learned that Prince Nicholas, presumably under Russian influence, opposed Austria's projected Noviparar railway in any way traversing Montenegro. Earon von Aehrenthal, the Austrian foreign minister, fully expected that Montenegro would not offer any objections.

AGENTS TO BE LIABLE

Senators Would Punish Those Who

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Are Guilty of Extortion.

Washington.—The senate committee on the judiciary ordered reported favorably a bill extending to all agents and employes of the government or persons pretending to be such, the penalties already prescribed by law for "officers" guilty of extortion.

tion.

The necessity for such a provision arises by reason of a court decision that a special agent is not such an officer" as could be punished under the law relating to extortion by government officials.

AIRSHIP JUST MISSES OCEAN Stevens Balloon Ends 130-Mile Trip

Within Sight. Within Sight.

Hampton Falls, N. H.—After maintaining an average speed of more than 43 miles an hour for a little more than three hours, the balloon Stevens No. 21, which ascended from Pittsfield, Mass., at 11:09 a. m., landed here, a distance of 130 miles, at 2:15 p. m.

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The landing was less than a mile from the Atlantic ocean. The occupants of the car were Leo Stevens of New York, pilot, and William F. Whitehouse of New York.

Woman's Wholesale Tragedy.
Valley City, N. D.—Mrs. Sigrud
Phompson, living in the southern part
of Barnes county, during a fit of temporary insanity, cut the throats of
her two children, aged 6 months and
3 years, and then slashed her own
throat with a razor. The youngest
child died almost immediately, but the
older one may live. Mrs. Thompson
is in a critical condition and may die.

ham of New York, with a demand for their removal from office, were filed with Governor Hughes by Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst on behalf of the Society for the Prevention of Grime in New York city. The charges allege neglect of duty in non-enforcement of the liquor tax law. Seeks Interest on Deposits.
Washington. — Senator Nelso

WANTED TO KILL KING

tle But No One Is Injured.

Christiania, Norway.—A man named Christiannes Grau, apparently insane, fusiladed the royal castle here with a rifle. He fired altogether a dozen bullets, several of which crashed through the windows and embedded themselves in the interior walls of the

The man was seized by the portes and disarmed. At the police station he declared that it was his intention to kill King Haakon. He still had do or 50 cartridges in his pocket.

King Haakon and Queen Maud were not in the castle at the time of the shooting, having moved to the royal residence at Voxenkollern.

None of the palace officials or servents was thinged.

opened the front and rear doors of the building.

The coroner found that the fire started in a closet under the front stairway and was caused by overheated pipes, which ignited the stairway. The death of the children, he says, was due to faulty construction whereby a partition projected in front of the stairway at the bottom, making the children turn out of the way in their rush for the door.

WHEAT CROPS COMPARED

Quantity in Farmers Hands 23.5 Per Cent of 1907 Holdings.

Washington. — The quantity of wheat in farmers' hands on March 1 was 23.5 per cent, equivalent to 148,721,000 bushels of of last year's crop, as compared with 28.1 per cent, or 206,644,000 bushels, of the 1906. crop on hand March 1, 1907. The quantities of corn and oats in farmers' hands on the same date follows:

Corn estimated at 37.1 per cent, equivalent to 962,429,000 bushels of last year's growth. Oats, estimated at 35.5 per cent, equivalent to 267,476,000 bushels of last year's growth.

RIDERS RESORT TO POISON

Arsenic Mailed to Farmers; Attempt

to Poison Cattle Herd. to Poison Cattle Herd.

Lexington, Ky.—Following close on the letters recently mailed in Mount Sterling to farmers of Bath and Montgomery counties enclosing arsenic, with a threat, comes the first report of violence against an independent tobacco grower in Fayette county.

An attempt to destroy R. M. Squires' herd of cattle, near Chilesburg, was partially successful. Three

Squires' herd of cattle, near Unitesburg, was partially successful. Three cattle are dead from poisoning and six more are in a precarious condition. Parls green had been put into their troughs. Mr. Squires has offered a reward of \$500 for the capture and conviction of the guilty persons.

461 KILLED IN BATTLE

Italian Troops Wreak Bloody Revenge

for Native Onslaught. for Native Onslaught.

Rome.—News has been received here from Italian Somalliand that a tribe helped by soldiers of the Mullah attacked another tribe under the protection of Italy and killed 30 opponents. They then drove off a quantity of cattle.

Italian troops sent to punish the raiders in one engagement killed 400 tribesmen and 60 of the Mullah's soldiers. The Italians had one man killed and two wounded, all natives.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Many Bodies of the 65 Victims Uncovered by Arctic Winds.

Juneau, Alaska. — James Currie, keeper of the lighthouse at Aldridge Rock, brings news of the finding of the wreck of the Clara Nevada, which was lost in 1897 with 65 passengers. The purser's body was the only one ever found.

The terrific winds of the last few days exposed the remains of the craft to view. Many bodies have been picked up. The Nevada is believed to have had a large amount of gold dust on board.

ASK FOR M'CLELLAN'S REMOVAL Dr. Parkhurst Files Charges Against the Mayor. Vogelgesang. The damage by the Mayflower is slight.

The special committee appointed to determine whether there is sufficient ground for the impeachment of Lebbeus R. Wilfley, judge of the United States court for China at Shanghal, who stands accused of misconduct in office by Lorin S. Andrews and other American lawyers residing in Shang-hai, heard argument and took the case under advisement. of a report was not announced.

Senator W. Murray Crane is fighting Secretary Taft m massachusetts by getting unpledged delegations to the Chicago convention.

Nebraska Republicans in state convention indorsed Secretary Taft for the presidency and delegates instructed for him were chosen.

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