PENNSYLVANIA CAPITOL **GRAFTERS SENTENCED**

sacrifice is growing increasingly fails in India, but occasionally one hears of it in remote districts. A case has recently come before the sessions court at Chota Nagpur, whose bunla of the Ranchi district, on the Lohar-dage Plateau, was sentenced to impri-sonment for life on the charge of homicide, for he explained that hu-man sacrifice was part of his reli-gion. The bunla's fields turned out to be so fertile that he determined upon a sacrifice to the local goddess. With great craftiness he engaged a boy to catch birds for him, and then, fluring the child into the jungle, he set two of his cultivators to commit murder and himself made the offering of blood to the goddess. The boy was missed, the police tracked down the men who killed him, and these onfessed that the bunia had plotted the child's death. Two Years to Prison and \$500 Fine for Each

APPEALED TO SUPERIOR COURT

Bail Entered in the Sum of \$25,000 Each for the Defendants Till Court Decides.

Harrisburg, Pa .- John H. Sanderson, contractor for the furnishing of the new State capitol; ex-Auditor General W. P. Snyder, ex-State Treasurer W. L. Mathues and ex-Superinurer W. L. Mathues and ex-Supérin-tendent of Public Grounds and Build-ings James M. Shumaker, convicted of conspiracy to detraud the State in the first of the cases growing out of the capitol scandal to be tried, were sentenced to two years in the peniten-tiary, \$500 fine and costs, the max-imum punishment allowed by law, and, after being in custody of the sheriff for seven hours, were released on \$100,000 ball.

The superior court decides their file sustained. The superior court and the super-court and that tribunal, sitting at hiladelphia, allowed a supersedeas. When the terms of this order stay-og the execution of the sentences rere received here, bail was entered in the sum of \$25,000 each for the de-endants, this bail to hold good until he superior court decides their fate. Charges That Were Sustained.

The case in which sentence was imposed was the first to be tried and charged Sanderson, Snyder, Mathues and Shumaker with conspiracy to de-fraud the State of \$19,308.40 in a bill for \$53,318.60 for mahogany clothes trees, tables and sofas. The charges were made by the square foot, but the State made its contention that the items were wrongly charged, the item number allowing the highest price being selected instead of the number on the schedule, by which they should have been charged.

MINE OWNERS EXONERATED

Verdict That Marianna Disaster Was Due to Blown-Out Shot-Legislation Recommended.

Washington, Pa.—That the explo-sion in the Marianna mine of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company No-vember 28 last, when 154 lives were lost, was caused by a blown-out shot which ignited gas and dust, was the verdict returned December 18, by a coroner's jury, after taking testi-mony for two days. The verdict fol-lows. lows

We, your jury, after hearing evidence of mining experts, inspec-tors, miners and operators, find that John J. Ivill came to his death from an explosion in the Marianna mine. an explosion in the Marianna mine, West Bethlehem township, Washing-ton county, Pa., Saturday, November 28, 1908, and that said explosion was

ton county, Pa., Saturday, November 28, 1908, and that said explosion was due to a blown-out shot in Blanche entry No. 3, which ignited the gas and dust, and that a secondary ex-plosion occurred in the main dip en-tries almost simultaneously. "We further find that no blame is attachable for said accident and we recommend that mine inspectors frame and submit to the incoming legislature a set of rules to be adopt-ed into laws, namely: "For the employment of exper-perienced shot firers, to fire all shots; that all shooting be done between shifts and that black powder and other highly inflammable explosives be excluded and the excessive use of brattice cloth-be prohibited; that all charges of explosives be stemmed with clay; that safety lamps be used exclusively in gaseous mines; that an efficient water system be installed and the dust in all parts of mines be fairly wet. "And, further, owing to the fact

further, owing to the fact that the laws governing electricity in mines are very meager, that a more rigid set of laws be submitted for adoption."

HUMAN SACRIFICE MADE LOWER HOUSE ASKS Indian Native Kills a Boy as Offering PRESIDENT TO SHOW IT Calcutta .- The practice of human

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\$2,000,000 HOTEL BUNKO

Brothers Who Organized a Trust

Which Collapsed Arrested.

Evidence Demanded Regarding Insinuations in Message.

RESOLUTION OF COMMITTEE

The President Asked to State Wheth er He Has Instituted Proceedings Against Any Members.

Washington, D. C .- The House Representatives administered its for-mal rebuke to the President of the United States for his insinuation, in

Inited States for his instituation, in his annual message, that members of Congress were afraid of investiga-tion by the secret service. A resolution was adopted, as pre-pared by the select committee of which Representative Perkins, Repub-lican, of New York, is chairman, call-ing upon the President for any evi-dence he may have, connecting any member of the House with corrupt action in his official capacity. The President is also asked to inform the house whether he has instituted pro-ceedings for the punishment of any such member. The resolution reads as follows: "Whereas There was contained 'in the gundar deal accounting in the sume

"Whereas There was contained in the sundry civil appropriation bil which passed congress, at its last session, and became a law, a reference

which passed congress, at its last session, and became a law, a reference to employment of the secret service in the Treasury Department, and, "Whereas, in the last annual mes-sage of the President of the United States to the House of Congress, it was stated in reference to the provi-sion, that the chief argument in favor of the provision was that the Con-gressmen did not themselves wish to investigated by secret service man; and, Whereas, The plain meaning of the above words is that the majority of congressmen were in fear of being investigated by secret service men and that congress, as a whole, was actuated by that motive in enacting the provision in question, and Whereas, Your committee appoint ed to consider these statements of the president, and to report to the house, cannot find in the hearings be fore committee, not in the records of the house or senate, any justification of this impeachment, of the houro and integrity of congress, and

Richmond, Va .- The United States

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Whereas, Your committee would prefer, in order to make an intelligent and comprehensive report, just to the President as well as to Congress, to have all the information which the President may have to communicate now, therefore, Be it resolved. That the President be requested to transmit to the house any evidence upon which he based his statment that the chief argument in favor of the provision was that the congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men and also to transmit to the house any evidence connecting any mem-her of the house of representatives of the Sixties congress with corrupt action in his official capacity, and to inform the house whether he has in-stitued proceedings for the punish-ment of any such individual by the courts or has reported any such alleg-ed delinquencies in submitting the reso-

entives Mr. Perkins, in submitting the re-Mr. Perkins, in submitting the reso-lutions, said that he hoped they would be adopted without debate. He then yielded the floor to Representa-tive Williams, Democrat, of Misssis-sippi, former minority leader, and one of the members of the committee. Mr. Williams said that he thought the words used by the President in the message were an unjustificable imputation of the honor and honesty of the legislative branch of the gov-ernment.

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KAISER REFORMS

Takes Pledge to Abstain from Alcoholic Drinks for Rest of His Life.

Berlin, Germany-Emperor William

Berlin, Germany-Emperor William has become a teetotaller, according to a semiofficial announcement that came from the Potsdam Palace. He has pledged himself to abstain from alcoholic drinks for the rest of his life. This decision, his confidants say, was reached during the recent refor-

TO INVESTIGATE SECRET SERVICE VENEZUELA IN STATE Senate Adopts Resolution on Account OF WAH WITH DUTCH

Action Taken by the Netherlands

Caused Trouble.

MARTIAL LAW IS IN FORCE

Caracas Badly Crippled as a Resul

dent's Friends Flee.

Washington, D. C .- Venezuela has

Rioting, and the Presi-

of President's Charges in Message. Washington.-The senate followed

Washington.—The senate followed the lead taken by the house and de-cided definitely to enter upon an in-vestigation of that portion of the an-nual message of the President which criticises the action of congress in prohibiting the detail of secret serv-ice men to duty in other departments. There has been some difficulty in ar-riving at the terms in which the reso-lution should be couched and in agree-ing upon the proper person, to introlution should be couched and in agree-ing upon the proper person, to intro-duce it. Senator Aldrich was chosen, Senator Cudberson, the caucus leader of the Democrats, Republican and Democratic leaders got together and agreed upon a compromise. This provides for the adoption of the Ald-rich resolution with the addition of the provision in the Culberson resolu-tion requiring that the appropriations committee report on "what action if

Washington, D. C.-Venezuela has declared a state of war precipitated by the Netherlands, according to ad-vices received at the State Depart-ment. This news is contained in a dispatch from Secretary Paxton Hib-ben, secretary of legation at Bogota, Colombia. He states that the Colom-bian minister of foreign affairs has received the following telegram from Caracas, dated December 14: "In view of the blockade establish-ed and the capture by the blockade of a Venezuelan vessel, the head of the government at Venezuela, after as-suming extraordinary powers for the defense of the country, has declared a state of war." "The stirring events in Caracas are somewhat of a surprise to officials in Washington, where it had been gener-ally expected that any manifestation of hostile acts by a foreign power suit of solidifying all elements of the people and make them rally vigorous-ly to President Castro and his govern-ment. "Wilenstad, Curacao. — Conflicting on requiring that the appropriate ommittee report on "what action if my the senate should take with ref-rence to the message." The resolution was passed without a rollcall. No opposing vote was

The resolution provides for a gen-eral investigation of the secret serv-ice and does not specifically mention the complaint the senate has against the President, that of using secret service men to watch members of compress

NICK UPHOLDS CIGARET

Vociferously Votes "No" on Bill to

Provide Yearly Tax in District of Columbia.

trict of Columbia. Washington.-Representative Nich-olas Longworth, the president's son-in-law, played the part of solitary champion of cigarets on the floor of the house. The bill under discussion was one providing a tax of \$12 a year on all dealers in tobacco in the Dis-trict of Columbia. When Mr. Mann of Illinois, referred bitterly to cigar-ets as "coffin tacks" and offered an amendment raising the imposts in the case of cigaret dealers to \$100, Mr. Longworth left the hall in disgust and smoked many cigarets in the cloak room. He was standing there when a resounding chorus of "ayes" foretoid the overwhelming passage of the bill.

the bill. Tossing his cigaret away Mr. Long-worth strode into the chamber, a long wreath of smoke trailing behind him. He was just within the railing when the call for "those opposed" came and his vigorous "no" sounded lonesome ap both sides h both sides . Mr. Geer then arranged today to on b

come before Longworth's committee in behalf of the bill and Mr. Longworth arranged a suitable recep for hin

BLOW FOR TOBACCO TRUST

present cannot be for the former of a demonstration that will sweep Qastro from power. Caracas is badly crippled as the result of the rioting that took place the first half of last week. Scores of citizens who were known to be friends of Castro have field to the interior for safety and in another outbreak such as Monday's their property would fall prey to the rioters. The Hague, Netherlands.—All of the Dutch are rejoicing over the stories of the uprising of the people of Venezuela against the rule of Castro. The foreign office believes that Castro's power has been broken and that the people will force his abdication before long. The Dutch anticipate that there will be no trouble in coming to an agreement with Vonezuela is as soon as Declared an Illegal Combination and be no trouble in coming to an agree ment with Venezuela just as soon a the influence of astro is removed. Enjoined from Interstate

Commerce.

New York .- The American Tobacco

Company suffered a heavy blow when the final decree in the suit of the gov-rnment against the "trust" was filed in the United States circuit court. The decree declares that the Ameri-an Tobacco Company, the American Cigar Company, the American Stuff Company, the American Stogie Com-pany and the McAndrews & Forbes Company form a monopoly and ille-gal combination in restraint of trade, and they are enjoined from engaging in interstate commerce or any articles used in connection with the tobacco trade. An appeal will at once be filed in the Supreme Court of the United States. the final decree in the suit of the gov Small institution. Somerworth, N. H.—The doors of the First National bank of this city were closed, following the discovery of a shortage placed at \$85,000, and Fred H. Varney, cashier of the bank, was arrested on a charge of being a defaulter. After his arrest Varney confessed that during the last six years he had taken a large sum from the bank, which had been lost in spec-ulation, and that he alone was respon-sible for the defalcation. Varney was given a hearing, pleaded not guilty and furnished ball of \$10,000. The Somersworth National bank was organized in 1846 with a capital of \$100,000.

Burned His Money

London.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Daily Mail relates that a dying Moscow million-aire named Petroff had his whole fortune withdrawn from the banks and room. They were then piled before him and set on fire. Petroff sum-moned his relatives and showed them the ashes, congratulating them on having escaped from the evil of wealth. the bank notes brought to the sick

THRILLING AIRSHIP STUNT

Shoots Up Like a Rocket 240 Feet,

Drops 50 Feet.

Preacher Killed While Hunting.

Oil Ship a Volcano.

the following nominations: Envoy extradinary and minister plenpotentiary to Romania and Ser-vit and diplomatic agent to Bulgaria, Huntington Wilson, Illinois. Third Assistant Secretary of State, William Phillips, Massachusetts. Governor of Arizona, Joseph H. Kib-bey John A. Holmes, private secre-tary to the Postmaster General, to be purchasing agent for the postal serv-ice, vice William E. Cochran, trans-ferred to the inspector in charge at Denver. Denver. E. S. Slanker of Ohio, confidential clerk to the Postmaster General, will

GLASS MEN SHUT DOWN

Over 2,500 Men Thrown Out of Work Indefinitely by Independents.

Independent window glass manufacturers of West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania after a meeting in Morgantown decided to close all their factories and to remain closed

in Morgantown decided to close all their factories and to remain closed indefinitely. About 2,500 skilled window glass workers employed in the active factories of that territory will be made idle. The decision of the manufacturers was brought about by an ultimatum of the window glass workers, who after a meeting held recently in Cleveland, demanded the abolition of the wage agreement that had been in force for a year, and an advance of 25 per cent over the present rate and the maintenance of the new rate as a flat scale for the rest of the fire. The men declared they could not make a living at the existing fates and night as well be idle as work. The manufacturers declared that glass sold at the present time was based on the existing agreement and they could not pay the higher rate and keep their contracts. The result was a ment to disagree. The shut-down may extend to other districts. The order to close which goes into effect tonight includes factories at Morgantown, Fairmount, Weston, Clarksburg and Charlestown, W. Va., Uniontown, Point Marion and other Western Pennsylvania towns.

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A SCORCHING MESSAGE

The President Submits Documentary Evidence in Support of Contentions He Makes.

Washington, D. C. — In language probably more emphatically denun-clatory than was even used before in such a document, President Roose-velt, in a special message to con-gress, arraigned Joseph Pulitzer, of the New York World in particular and other critics of the administration in general, for their recent charges with respect to the purchase of the Panama canal. He characterizes the accusations as Willenstad, Curacao. - Conflicting Willenstad, Curacao. — Conflicting stories were received from Caracas regarding the uprising against Presi-dent Castro. One report says that the declaration of martial law has had the elect of curbing the people, while later re-ports say that the revolutionary forces are quietly at work and that the present caim is but the forerunner to a demonstration that will sweep Cas-tro from power.

He characterizes the accusations as scurrilous, libelous and false, in every essential particular, and declares his purpose of bringing at once a govern-mental action for libel.

CANNIBALS IN RUSSIA

Natives of the Karic Sea Prey on the Neighboring Tribes.

Munich. — Prof. Killermann, ust back from an expedition in the farth-est north of the great Russian em-pire, declares that cannabalism is still practiced among the natives of the Karic sea. "The natives around the Karic sea," he says, "have meat and fish in plen-ty all the year round, for game abounds in the neighborhood and sea food is always plenty, either fresh or preserved. Yet whenever these peo-ple, who are Christians, by the way, can manage to steal a human being from another tribe, they slaughter and devour him or her."

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CASHIER LEAVES A LITTLE

Bank Defaulter Takes \$85,000 from

Small Institution.

Appointments by President.

The President sent to the senate the following nominations:

SCHOOL RIFLE PRACTICE

Provide Aid for Military Departments of Civil Educational Institutions.

Washington. - With recommendawith recommenda-tions for their passage. President Roosevelt sent to Congress drafts of two bills providing aid for military departments of civil educational in-stitutions.

stitutions. One authorizes the secretary of war to issue equipment stores and sup-plies, such as may be required for field instruction in such schools and the other appropriates \$100,000 an-nually for the promotion of rifle prac-tice in public schools, colleges, uni-versities and civilian rifle clubs. Both bills have the approval of Sec-retary of War Wright.

BIG INCREASE DEMANDED

National Window Glass Workers to Ask for 25 Per Cent Raise.

Cleveland O -- A general increase of practically 25 per cent in their wage scale to take effect December 19 next will be demanded by the Na-tional Window Glass Workers. A. L. Faulkner, president of the union, says the members will make the fight of their lives in order to obtain the high-est rate of commensation

court of appeals here rendered a decicourt of appeals here rendered a deci-sion in the case of the Third National bank of Cincinnati versus C. E. Con-away and J. V. Thompson of Union-town, Pa. The decision of the court confirms the sale of the Jackson tract of 4,000 acres in Harrison county, W. Va., to Mr. Thompson. This, it is believed, practically assures the construction by Mr. Thompson of his proposed coal road into central West Virginia.

Delaware, which will be launched in February, is being strenuously op-posed by the women of the W. C. T. U. throughout the state. They want water or milk used, and those who will have anything to do with the arrangements are going to be besieged by the women in order to bring such officials to their way of thinking.

BRIGANDS BLOW UP BANK Robbers Hold Citizens of Gibbon, Neb.

at Bay, Secure \$2,500.

at Bay, Secure \$2,500. Gibbon, Neb.—Five robbers blew up the Holloway Exchange bank of this city, held the inhabitants at bay while the bandits secured \$2,500 from the vaults and escaped in an automobile, the citizens pursuing them.

Many Actors Idle.

Many Actors Idle. New York—The Rialto is as thronged with unemployed actors and actresses as in mid-summer, when the search for engagements is at its height. A well-known theatrical man estimated the number of thespians out of work in this city at 10,000. Others place the number at a much lower figure, but admit this season to be one of the worst the theatrical profession has ever known. The elec-tion, business depression and the in-road cut by the cheap moving plic-ture houses are the designated causes for the depression.

Want Milk Used in Lauching Wilmington, Del.-The use of wine or anw fluid that intoxicates at the christening of the new battleship Delaware, which will be launched in

Which Collapsed Arrested. Berlin.—Charged with misappro-priating \$2,000,000, two brothers, Adolf and Fritz Fherbach, hotel com-pany promoters, have been arrested, the former in Silesia and the latter in Vienna. The men are charged with having founded a hotel trust with enormous capital, with offices at Ber-lin, Hamburg and Bremen; with hav-ing appointed dummy directors and having manipulated the funds. When the trust went into liquida-tion the brothers disappeared, the shareholders receiving only 2 per cent of their investments. Proceed-ings for the extradition of Fritz Eber-bach, who, it is alleged, is the princi-pal offender, are now going on. NEW COAL ROAD PROBABLE J. V. Thompson Secures Properties in West Virginia.

mines are very near very ne Lincoln, Neb.—Robbers raided the State bank of Ceresco, 18 miles north of this city, at night, over-powering a boy who surprised them at work, demolishing the vaults, secured \$3,000

Burton Declines. New York.—It is authoritively an-nounced that the offer of a cabinet position to Congressman Theodore bank was attacked at 1:30 a. Ilarence Boyle, who was passied. would not be renewed. Mr. Burton had been mentioned as probable Sec-retary of the Treasury, and it is said d his first intimation of the y when he found the boy in the Burton, of Cleveland, has been with-drawn by President-elect Taft and would not be renewed. Mr. Burton had been mentioned as probable Sec-retary of the Treasury, and it is said that the portfolio had been definitely offered to him. The The bank was attacked at 1:30 a. m. Clarence Boyle, who was passing in front of the building, was seized. blindfolded and gagged. He was tied in the bank and Cashier L. Lead tied in the bank and Cashier L. I received his first intimation of robber bbery when he found the boy in the orning. Wednesday night a bank in Chase,

morning. Wednesday night a bank in Chase, Chase county, was robbed. Thurs-day night banks at Keene and Gib-bon were looted, the robbers getting \$5,500. James Malone, chief of Bur-lington detectives, stated that the same gang undoubtedly robbed all the banks. He believes they are trav-eling in an automobile. Two Children Perish in Fire. Two Children Perish in Fire. Traverse City, Mich.—Two little home of Edward Toner was burned in the village of Interlochen, 14 miles and fin bed,, when Mrs. Toner was just time for her. MARGENTINE - ARMING Authorizes the Expenditure of \$75, 000,000 for Armaments. Buenos Ayres.—The Chamber of Deputies, in secret session, by a vote of \$75,000,000 for increased arma-ments.

KILLED BY HIGHWAYMEN

They Got \$3,000 from Rified Valise pedo boat 59 is a total wreck on

Found by Posse. St. John, N. B.—Patrick Green of Montreal, a peddier, was killed near Plaster Rock, N. B., by highwaymen, who made their escape with a valiss said to contain \$3,000. The rified valise has been found by the posse which started in pursuit of the murderers. Owing to the deep snow it is believed the men will be captured, as they cannot conceal their tracks. Pedo boat 59 is a total wreck on Sharpus Rock, where she was stranded. The crew of 14 had a nar-row escape from drowning. New Swiss President. Berne, Switzerland—Dr. Deuscher do was elected president of the federal council, which makes him President gear.

private even this substitute is discard ed. When invited to dinners, the m ed. When invited to dinners, the m peror takes his special drink with him. The temperance element of the na

tion is jiyously acclaiminb the Emperor's new departure.

ARGENTINE ARMING

U. S. RECORDS DESTROYED British Torpodeo Boat Wrecked. London, England-The British tor-

succeed Dr. Holmes as private sec-

Pioneer Odd Fellow Dead.

Drops 50 Fect. Le Mans, France.—Wilbur Wright made a remarkable flight in his aero-plane December 16. Instead of ris-ling gradually the machine shot up like a rocket 250 feet. The aeronaut then permitted it to drop about 50 feet, at which altitude he stopped the engine. The machine glided down smoothly and gracefully. I anding about three-quarters of a mile from the starting point. Nashville, Tenn. — Judge John Nolen, grand sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the World, died at a hospital.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Preacher Killed While Hunting. Springfield, Mo.—The Rev. James L. Sullens, pastor of a Methodist church here, and the father of 10 children, died atter having been accidentally shot while hunting. Two charges of birdshot from a gun in the hands of S. F. Jared, a merchant, entered the minister's side. The government made a profit dur-ing the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, of \$10.541,371 on the coinage of silver, nickel and 1-cent bronze pieces. Charles M. Schwab, before the tariff revision probe committee, declared the Bessemer process of steel making must give way to the "onen hearth must give way to the "open hearth method within five years and that method within five years and that electricity will take the place of both Refuses to Penalize Futures methods.

The House defeated, by 89 to 103, the Garrett amendment to the penal code bill penalizing the transmission by mail of any advertisement or in-formation having inference to deal-ings in futures where the delivery of the article bought cannot be made. As the result of the explosion of a keg of powder caused by a spark from a lighted mach, one man was killed, five other people were injured and nine houses destroyed in New Derry, Pa.

To Investigate Pennsy.

Fire Does \$20,000 Damage in Geological Survey Building. Washington.—Government records, charts, maps and photographs, valued at more than \$20,000, were destroyed in a fire in the United States Geological Survey building in this city. The engine room and the reserve hole damage to the building was slight. The survey officials were unable to give an accurate estimate of the dam. The survey officials were unable to give an accurate estimate of the dam ger of explosions. The survey accounting the to the government.

est rate of compensation. The new scale will affect every win-dow glass factory in the United States, both hand and machine, and includes about 7,000 skilled employes.

Move to Reform House Rules Fails. Washington, D. C.—A movement in the house started by Representative Gardner (Republican, of Massachu-setts) to reform the rules and curtail the power of the Speaker was defeat-ed by a vote of 149 to 136.

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Decreased Revenues. In connection with the report of the internal revenue bureau for the last fiscal year, it is shown that the production of distilled grain spirits decreased more than 40,000,000 gal-lons from the year before. The de-crease is credited in part to the ad-vance of the prohibition movement.

Governor Harris of Ohio, called a special session of the legislature for January at which a successor to United States Senator Foraker will be named.

Camp & Son Lowest Bidders