Father Gapon Continues to Advise the Workmen Against Revolution.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph in a dispatch dated December 5, sent by way of Eydtkuhnen, East Prussia, says: "Lieut.-Gen. Sakharoff, form er minister of war, was assassinated ductions of \$600,675 in the items on The government had deputed Gen. Sakharoff to visit the province of Saratoff for the purpose of queliing the agrarian riots there.

A woman belonging to the called 'flying columns' of the revolutionary movement, called at the house of the governor of Saratoff at noon today and asked to see Gen Sakharoff. She fired three revolver shots at the general, killing him on the spot. The tidings reached St. Petersburg tonight. Count Witte Petersburg tonight. Count Witte charged Lieut.-Gen. Rudigor, minister of war, with the task of breaking excess of receipts. the news to Madame Sakharoff.

shot down in a narrow lane by Cossacks, the mutineers being caught appeared in the Seventh Finnish regiment at Viborg.

tactics are sure to eventuate in re- 1904 of \$1,284,195.31. action and Jeopardize the freedom purchased by blood.

TEN PERSONS KILLED

Nineteen Are Injured in a Collision

on the Union Pacific. Ten persons were killed and 11 train employes and eight passengers injured In the wreck of Overland limited passenger train No. 2 on the Union Pacifie railroad five miles west of Rock Springs, Wyo. The limited was run into head on by a freight train, and both engines demolished. The dynamo-car, mail car and dining car on the limited burned. Several of the dead were incinerated.

The dead are: First Cook James into her sleigh was applauded. I Busbee, Omaha; Second Cook, Ed. Roever, a number of hoodlums sembaum, Oakland, Cal.; Fourth Cook preceded her to the station, and as John Lawless, Omaha; J. A. Newson, J. F. Philleppar, Frank Peterson, mail clerks, of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Electriclane Stigers of Ogden and Assistant Electrician Frank McKenna of Omaha; Engineer Brink of Rawlins, and Brakeman Smith of Rawlins.

order before it left Rock Springs to meet four eastbound passenger trains. of which the Overland limited was the last one, at Ahsay, a siding five miles west of Rock Springs. When a mile and a half west of Ahsay the freight met the Overland limited and the crash followed. Both engines were demolished and the three first cars of Philippine railroad system. the Overland limited immediately caught fire and were destroyed.

W. L. Park, general superintendent of the Union Pacific road, stated that Conductor Roy Darrell and Engineer Brink were entirely responsible for the wreck and that Conductor Darrell has admitted that he became confused as to the number of trains that had passed Ahsay. Superintendent Park is informed that none of the passengers received fatal injuries.

Attempted Extortion.

William McSwain and William Cole Chicago, pleaded guilty to the charge of conspiracy to extort money from members of the firm of Armour & Co, and were sentenced each to 30 days in jail. The men were accused of attempting to obtain money from Armour & Co. because of certain letters which they had taken from the force in Dominican waters from a company and which they claimed squadron of protected cruisers to a would be valuable to the government mosquito fleet has been determined

CZAR CAN'T SPARE WITTE

Refuses to Accept Resignation of Prime Minister.

Dissatisfied with his treatment at the hands of his imperial master, and apparently feeling that it was beyond his power to restore tranquil conditions throughout the empire, Count Witte, who but a short while ago, assumed the post of premier of Russian empire, handed the Czar,

tion, and a sensational scene ensued. The Czar, after reading the document through, tore it in pleces and flung it at Witte's feet, exclaiming

his letter of resignation of the post-

"Are you such a poor patriot as to desert me in this hour of misfortane. law. He was sentenced for life. Remain in office until I see fit to re-

The Emperor then turned on his

barracks and attacked their officers, men who would agree to have nothprovinces and the money situation is Council of Carpenters with a membergrowing graver every hour

Charged With Land Frauds.

The Federal grand jury at St. Paul, ed before Judge Morris and all pleaded guilty except Horsnell and Stearns. Horspell and Stearns are charged with fraud in connection with government lands in northern Minnesota and \$520,000 from Germany and \$430,00 Washington. Darse is charged with using the United States mails to further a scheme to defraud.

TREASURY OPERATIONS

Report of Income and Outlay for Last Year.

The annual report of Secretary of the Treasury Shaw was sent to the House. It says:

The ordinary revenues for 1905, as compared with 1904, show an increase of \$3,642,935.45, while the expenditures were less by \$15.123,407.86. The net result for the fiscal year was an excess of expenditures over revees of \$23,004,228.60.

For the past two years expenditures have been in excess of the revenues nore than \$64,000,000. This, however, included the extraordinary exnditures in 1904 of \$50,000,000 for

the Panama canal. During the fiscal year 1905 there was an addition of \$900 to the interest-bearing debt, while there were rewhich interest had ceased since maturity and \$3,302,146.30 in the debt bearing no interest. The net reduction was \$3,901,921.30.

The available cash balance in the eneral fund June 30, 1905, was \$145,a reduction for the year of \$26,574,076.13.

The revenues for the first quarter of 1906 were \$147,014,725.10 and the expenditures \$156,588,966.66, an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$9,574,241.56. In the first quarter of 1905 expenditures were \$17,856,615 in absence by order of Speaker Can-

Imports to the amount of \$1,117,ending June 30, 1905, and upon these imports \$262,060,528 of duty was col-

The receipts from internal revenue Father Gapon is continuing to taxes for the fiscal year 1905, as preach to the workmen against a shown by collectors' receipts, were revolution, saying that the strike \$234,187,976.37, a net increase over

BERNHARDT . EGGED

Canadians Show Displeasure French Actress in Quebec.

Sarah Roenbardt, while driving to the station at Onelise ofter the close of her performance, was rotten-egged by hoodlums. When the play was over the audience dispersed, but about 200 hoodiums hung around the door! As Mr. Max, her leading man, appeared he was struck with an egg. A detachment of 50 policemen had mustered behiad the Market Hall and they stopped the trouble at the theater.

Madame Bernhardt when she into her sleigh was applauded. Howthe tragedienne was driving there eggs were thrown at her, which she fortunately escaped. Some of her company, who were in open sleighs, were struck.

The mob kept out of the station and dispersed as soon as the members An extra freight train was given an of the company got aboard a train

CAPITAL NOTES

F. A. Molitor, chief engineer of the Midland Valley Railroad Company, formerly chief engineer of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad, has Philippine railroad system.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate: Secretary of State, Elihu Root, New York; Sec retary of the Navy, Charles Joseph Bonaparte, Maryland; Inter-State Commerce Commissioner, Franklin Lane, California. In addition all the recess appointments were sent to the

Senate. An appropriation of \$100,000 for a Representative Wiley of Alabama, taken up on the third day. The bill provides that the sanitarium is to be open to indigent persons of both races suffering from tuberculosis. the site for the sanitarium.

ment of Secretary Bonaparte.

Reduction of the American naval upon by the President.

MRS. ROGERS HANGED

Pays the Penalty for Killing Husband by Chloroform.

Mrs. Mary Rogers was hanged in the state prison at Windsor, Vt., for Rogers.

Mrs. Rogers killed her husband, in order that she might possess herself of \$600, his life insurance, and marry another man. The murder was committed in Bennington, on August 12, 1902, by the administration of chloro-

Leon Perham, her paramour, turned state's evidence and on the stand he gave testimony, a recital such as has rarely been heard in the courts of

Refuse an Advance.

The proffer of 45 cents an hour heel and left Count Witte standing in after May 1 next year, an increase of the middle of the reception chamber. 5 cents an hour voluntarily made by A serious mutiny has occurred at the Master Carpenters' Association of Troops rebelled, fired the Philadelphia to those of their journey-Many cases of the bankruptcy of ing to do with sympathetic strikes, industrial firms are reported from the has been rejected by the District forms of free transportation will be ship of 4,000

Jewish Fund of \$2,475,000.

The committee which was appoint-Minn., returned indictments against od by the recent conference held in by accident so far this year in Wis-J. F. Darse, William T. Horsnell and London under the chairmanship of Royal B. Sterns. They were arraign- Lord Rothschild to take charge of the distribution of the funds collected for accidental discharge of their own river and its conteats of patterns. the relief of Jews in Russia announ- guns than ever before. Many were ced that up to date \$2,475,000 had been contributed. This sum included \$1,000,000 from the United States. from Great Britian. \$325,000 has already been remitted to Russia.

59TH CONGRESS CONVENES

Both Houses Inaugurate Session With Usual Ceremonies.

NO FLOWERS IN EITHER BRANCH

Vice President Fairbanks Calls Senate -Both Bodies Adjourn in Memory of Dead.

In the opening of the fifty-ninth Congress interest centered in the proceedings of the House. The new Senate was organized during the special session immediately after the 4th of March and consequently the public knew the proceedings there would be of a purely perfunctory sort.

There were no flowers on senators desks, in obedience to the order adopted at the beginning of the special session last spring and no bills were introduced.

The organization of a new House of Representatives is always productive of amusement and excitement, and the preliminary proceedings in that body were well worth witnessing.

As in the Senate, the old-time flower show was conspicuous, by its

Exactly at noon Major Alexander Private accounts from Kieff say 512,629 were landed upon United MacDowell, clerk of the House, called that the matinous troops there were States wharves during the fiscal year that body to order. A prayer was de-MacDowell, clerk of the House, called livered by the chaplain, Rev. Dr. Henry N. Couden. The invocation reviewbetween two fires. It is reported lected. For the same period the ex-here that symptoms of multiny have perts of merchandise were \$1,518,561.- dition of the Nation, and was a pleafor patriotic and wise legislation, and concluded with a repetition of the "Lord's Prayer.

Mr. Cannon was then nominated for speaker by the Republicans and Mr. Capnon received 243 votes and Mr. Williams 128, Clerk MacDowell despricker of the Fifty-ninth Congress. He was brought into the hall-and es- four months, and then it was cut Williams (Miss.), Keifer (O.), Vreeland (N. Y.), and Underwood (Ala.)

He was received by the members of both sides and the galleries. reaching the speaker's chair, Mr. Williams introduced him to the House.

Mr. Caanon in his speech of acceptance, particularly urged the pres ence of a quorum at all sessions Representative Bingham (Pa.) ad-

ministered the oath to the speaker and then the members were sworn in. On motion of Mr. Hepburn, the officers of the House of the last Congress were re-elected and sworn in The officers were sworn in, including Alexander MacDowell, clerk; Henry Casson, sergeant-at-arms; F. B. Lyon, doorkeeper; Joseph C. McElroy, postmaster, and H. N. Couden, chap-

No attempt was made to transact important business, an agreement having been reached that both houses adjourn over till Tuesday before recelving the President's annual mess-

At 12:20 the Senate adjourned as a mark of respect to the late Senator Platt, of Connecticut.

CONGRESSIONAL

The second day's session of Congress was mainly consumed by the reading of the President's message. Three million dollars for the new Pittsburgh postoffice building, the presentation of the modified Esch-Townsend railroad rate bill and the pening of the discussion on the proposition to appropriate \$16,500,000 for the expenses of the Panama canational tuberculosis sanitarium is nai commission were the three items Chicago, a leading local politician, provided for in a bill introduced by of particular interest which were was arrested in connection with an

Chairman J. C. Burrows, of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, says that no action will be taken Florala, Ala., is designated as in the case of Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, until the vacancy on the com-The Senate confirmed the appoint- mittee is filled, which will put the case over until after the holiday recess.

Senator Scott introduced bills providing for service pensions and for issuance of bonds for the erection of public buildings in towns of 5,000 population and more.

Representative Graham introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 for a publie building at Sewickley.

Morrill's Auto Bill.

Representative Morrill of Pennsylvania introduced a bill providing that the murder of her husband, Marcus all persons desiring to operate automobiles passing from one State to another must obtain a lincense granted after an examination under the direction of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. He also has introduced a bill placing insurance companies under the control and supervision of the Department of Commerce and Labor, and a second insurance bill extending the sovereign visitorial power of the United States over life insurance companies and other corporations organized under State laws.

P. R. R. Abolishes Free List. In view of the general agitation of of rebates and concessions it has been decided by the management of Pennsylvania railroad that all discontinued after the end of the present year.

Many Hunters Killed This Season.

The total number of hunters killed consin and Northern Michigan is 26. tion, sustained a loss of \$1,000,000 by Fifty-one have been wounded. More hunters were killed this year by the Thirty-first street and the Chicago ends, and of stilling competition are shot by mistake by hunters who took them for deer.

Senator Hayburn introduced a resolution for annexation of Santo Domingo and Haitl to the States.

BANK INSURANCE

Measure to Protect Depositors in N tional Banks.

the house was the result of the agitation over the Enterprise National bank fallure at Allegheny. It was presented by Representative A. L. Bates of Meadville and the purpose of it is to insure better protection to depositors in national banks. Mr. Bates proposes a number of amendments to the national banking law of 1864, which it is thought will prevent any losses to the depositors or the national bank as result of failure. Each national bank is to be assessed \$100 per year. and the funds raised by this are to officer from the United States cruiser be in the custody of the United States treasurer. When the amount raised in this manner has reached \$6,000,000 the assessments are discontinued until this fund is reduced to \$5,000,000, when they are renewed again. The interest upon this fund and the principal is to be used in paying depositors of national banks where the liabilities o a fallure are so large that the assets of a bank to not cover the deposits.

GOT \$300 A WEEK

Hotel Man Takes Out a Policy and

Gets Good Job. One of the most interesting developments in the legislative life insurance investigation was contained in the testimony of Horace H. Brockway, a hotel proprietor and director of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, who said that he had given \$6,000 to President Frederick A. Burnham of that company at the demand of Mr. Rurnham in 1898.

Mr. Brockway told the committee that Mr. Burnham told him if he would take out a policy in the Mutual Reserve he would make him a director. Williams by the Democrats. Speaker Mr. Brockway then took out policies amounting to \$6,000. After having been a director for some time he was clared Mr. Cannon "duly elected put on the payroll of the company at \$200 a week, received that salary for to. corted to his chair by Representative \$200 a week. Asked what he did to earn that money be said he looked over some loans for the company, was consulted by policy holders as the House, while applause came from whether the company was a good one to insure in and did whatever he was asked to do. He had been getting \$300 a week eight weeks when Mr. Burnham demanded the \$6,000.

EIGHTEEN MINERS DEAD

Explosion Causes Great Loss of Life and Damage to Property.

Eighteen miners lost their lives in an explosion Friday night in the Diamondville Coal and Coke company's per lakes. mine, at Diamondville, Wyo. Miners The shock of the explosion was felt all over the town, rocking buildings so violently that their occupants ran outdoors.

The explosion occurred 1,100 feet under ground and 3,000 feet from the

be reached. When the rescuers finally went into watched car after car come up only to see rescuers who had been overcome by afterdamp. It was several hours before the first body was Alabama practically all of the cotbrought up.

SENATOR HELD FOR MURDER

Chicago Election Feud Results in the

Arrest of Leading Politician. State Senator Frank C. Farnum, of investigation following the murder of Intends to Take Fleet to England and John Kepf, county commissioner, during a political feud. No formal charge had been made against Farnum at the time he was taken into custody, but it was stated by the police that he would be held on the charge of murder.

George C. Roberts, an election clerk accused of committing the murder, was arrested immediately after the

IN RECEIVER'S HANDS

C. H. & D. and Pere Marquette Lines Engulfed by Mountainous Waves Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman Is

in Difficulties. The Cincinnati, Hamilton & Day ton and the Pere Marquette railreads were placed in the hands of a receiver burg on the rocks off Amherst har- thur J. Balfour, the premier, formby United States Circuit Judge Henry Judson Harmon, formerly United States attorney general, was 17 persons on board, including a crew King Edward, who accepted them. appointed receiver, giving bond for of 16 and R. J. Leslie of Halifax, one was made by Attorney Lawrence Max- a member of Parliament. well, Jr., on behalf of Walter B. Horn of New York, a creditor of both roads, and was agreed to by the defendants in answers admitting the

principal charges of insolvency. In the main application for a receiver for the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, which was filed first, it was declared that Walter B. Horn was a creditor to the amount of \$62.986.13 the subject of legislation on railroad for money loaned, now due, and which rates and the abolition of all forms the defendant had admitted its inability to pay.

> The Detroit Terminal Railroad Company, capitalized at \$2,000,000 was incorporated to build a 25-mile double track belt railroad around Detroit.

Steel Combines Big Loss.

The Illinois Steel Company, a branch of the United States Steel Corpora-

Fleet Takes Lemnos.

The international fleet has occupled the Island of Lemnos (in European Turkey). The Austrian foreign office expects that the porte will immediately acquiesce in the demands of the powers.

EMBASSY WILL BE GUARDED

One of the first bills introduced in Soldiers From the Minneapolis Arrive in St. Petersburg.

PLOT TO RAID THE TREASURY

The Strike of Telegraphers Now Ex tends to Postal System and Completely Paralyzes Business.

A guard for the American embassy consisting of marines, under a petty Minneapolis arrived at St. Peters-Although there appears to be no

foundation for the prevailing fears that an outbreak is emminent, the population continues in a state of anxious suspense. The garrison has now been reinforced by 42 battalions infantry, 15 squadrons of car and 12 machine guas batteries. The city is divided into four districts under Gens, Osaroff, Dubenski, Sterma and Trodski, respectively.

The government, it is reported narrowly frustrated a plot whereby 1,000 armed men had arranged to raid the state treasury. One of the conspirators, it is said, betrayed his fellows, whereupon the leaders, knowing that their attack could be re-pulsed by the troops with great

daughter, abandoned it. The extension of the strike of the elegraphers to the postal system is omplete and the paralysis of business is increasing the danger of a financia; crisis. The strike of Moscow telephone operators who cut severed the last means of communication with the ancient capital.

WEATHER FAVORABLE

Some Exceptions, but Growing Crops Are Doing Well. The Weather Bureau's monthly

bulletin for November summarizes crop conditions as follows.

While the Atlantic Coast districts experienced droughty conditions and heavy rains proved detrimental in the West Gulf States the weather conditions during November, 1905, generally were favorable for farming oper ations in nearly all districts, being exceptionally so in the central vaneys. The long-continued drought in Calitornia was relieved by generous rains near the close of the month, when a heavy fall of snow occurred throughout the Northern Rocky mountain re-

The reports indicate that in the believe that a blown-out shot was the principal winter wheat States winter wheat is eatering the winter in excellent condition. In the Middle Atlantic States, however, the germination of late sown wheat wholly satisfactory, but that seeded early ir in promising condition. mouth. It wrecked the brattices and Hessian fly is reported from scatter-blecked the entrances to the lower ed localities in Missouri and Penasyllevels, compelling the removal of vania, and also in Michigan, being much debris before the miners could confined principally to the early sown vania, and also in Michigan, being in the last mentioned State. On the North Pacific coast the conditions the mine none could remain long. have been favorable for seeding, but Crowds around the portal eagerly germination has not been satisfac-

Except in a small part of Western Mississippi and scattered localities in ton crop in the districts east of the Mississippi had been gathered by the close of the month, the same being true of Louisiana, but in Missouri, Arkansas and Texas and Oklahoma and Indian Terrifories a small part of

the crop is still in the fields. TOGO WILL VISIT AMERICA

the United States Next Year. Minister Griscom, America's diploin the district, where the stabbing of miral informed him of his intention Kepf occurred recently, and who is to take a Japanese fleet to England canal.

DOZEN SAU ORS DIE

While Leaving Sinking Craft. Eleven lives were lost as a result of the striking of the steamer Lunen- Kingdom reached a climax when Arbor, near the Magdalen Islands, ally tendered the resignation of him-When the steamer struck there were Application for a receiver of the firm owning the steamer and

> The accident occurred in a violent storm. Five sailors rowed to land. Later in the day the steamer began to go to pieces and it became necessary for the others to leave in one of When they ship's boats. half way to the shore a great wave swamped their craft, and the only one to escape' was Captain Pride of the Lunenburg.

Burned to Death.

Mrs. Polly Nichols, 80 years old, who had been bifnd for 15 years, was burned to death at Mount Pleasant, fire to her dress.

Charges Against P. R. R.

Charges of unlawful discrimination, favoritism, lack of good faith, manipufire, which destroyed a building at lation to further its own financial contained in a complaint filed with by the Donohue Coke company, of Greensburg, Pa., against the Pennsylvania Railroad company, in connec-tion with the Keystone Coal and Coke company and the Huron Coal com-Pennsylvania.

DUN'S WEEKLY SUMMARY

Wholesale Business Promises Well for the Coming Year-Railways Prospering.

Trade broadens in a healthy manner in response to lower temperature and holiday demand. Staple lines of weight wearing apparel are readily distributed and the movement of Christmas goods promises to add one more to the many new high rec-ords established by 1905.

Many manufacturers in these lines are unable to fill orders, notably those producing jewelry, candy, toys and novelties. Wholesale business is on a scale that promises well for next season, shipping departments are taxed to the utmost and mercahtile collections are satisfactory, with a few which are confined exceptions, chiefly to Southern districts where cotton has not been marketed prompt ly. Prices have made further vances, Dun's index number being \$105,312 on December 1, against \$103,853 a month previous, and the past week has brought a still higher

There was nothing in the State documents to disturb confidence, industrial activity is showing greater progress than at any previous time rallway earnings la November were 6.1 per cent, larger than last year's. Foreign commerce at this port for the last week showed a gain of \$1,119,395 in imports and a decrease of \$2,421,005 in exports, as compared with the same week of

New business in the iron and stast industry may be coming forward a little less freely, but the demand for many products is so far ahead of sup ply that there is little interest in earrent operations. More high record for recent years have been the wires and tore up the poles has established in the markets for minor metals. Export trade is not encouraged by the new quotations, although moderate orders are received for certain heavy goods on which prices were quoted before the crop report appeared. Leather is firm, but quiet. Failures numbered 232 in the United States, against 239 last and 24 in Canada, compared with 26 a year ago.

HERMIT MILLIONAIRE DEAD

Banker Burns to Death in House Where He Lived Alone.

James L. Bloget, the hermit banker of Hermitage, Wyoming county, N. Y., was burned to death in his house, which burned to the ground. estimated to be worth \$1,000,000. was a graduate of Yale College, in the class of 1850. It is believed the fire caught from

an overheated stove.

CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

The census returns just made publie shows that Berlin has a population of 2,033,900. Philadelphia & Reading and th Central of New Jersey railroads will

have an anti-pass order. A cable from Madrid says that King Alfonso is to marry the Princess Victoria Eugeine, of Battenburg,

United States Steel Corporation se cured coatract for rails to be used in construction of Austrian railroad. Senator Chauncey M. Depew has esigned as director of the Equitable

Assurance Society, The Eric Railroad Company awarded contracts for about \$500,000 for the construction of the Columbus & Erie railroad from Lakewood at the foot of Chautauqua Lake west 20

miles to Columbus, Pa. During high winds fire destroyed the entire business section of Manassas, Va., some 20 buildings; loss Hereafter Civil War veterans passing Manassas Junction wil hardly recognize the place.

Church and State Separated.

The French Senate adopted the matic representative at Tokio, who bill for the reparation of church and arrived at San Francisco on the State by a vote of 181 against 182. Manchuria, confirmed the report.

Admiral Togo proposes to visit foreign waters, 'He says that the adlive the republic' and "Long live
liberty," Former Premier Combes and the United States next year. Ad- that the measure assured neutrality miral Togo proposes to go via Suez of religion, moral liberation and so cial pacification.

BRITISH CABINET RESIGNS

Invited to Form New One. The political crists in the United self and the members of his cabinet to

A brief official announcement was made that the cabinet had resigned, that the king had accepted the resignation of his ministers and that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman had been

sent for. Two British craisers have been sent to Demerara to suppress riolous strik-

Russian Nobility Slain.

A report received from Liban says that several of the nobility and other residents of the Livonia and Courland have been attacked by peasants, killed and terribly mutilated. Baron Campenhausen was severely wounded. Pa. Her pipe was her constant com-panion, and while smeking some of roving about, robbing and killing. A the hot ashes fell on her lap, setting general insurrection of the peasants and laborers is expected.

President Appoints Democrat,

The President nominated Franklin Lane of San Francisco a member of the interstate commerce commission to succeed Mr. Fifer, resigned. Mr. Lane is a Democrat and his appointment will change the political comthe Interstate Commerce commission plexion of the commission from Republican to Democratic

"he appollate division of New York State Courts decided that the rolling stock of a ratiroad temporarily outnany, corporations of the State of side the State is not exempt from faxation under the franchise tax law.

With the Funny Fellows

Their Turn. Now while we folks go back to work, The hotel keeper and his clerk Fill with our gold their mammoth grips And go on royal pleasure trips.

Pinned Down.

Lawyer-"And what was the defendant doing meanwhile?" Witness-"He was telling me a funny

Lawyer-"Remember, sir, that you

are under oath." Witness-"Well, anyway, he was telling me a story." Somerville Journal.

She'd Keep It. "But can you keep house?" he asked, loubtfully, for he was, above all things,

practical man. "If you get a house and put it in my name," she replied, promptly, "I'll keep it all right enough."

Matters being thus satisfactorily settled, their engagement was announced. -Judge.

All She Needed. Paying Teller - "I can't cash this check, madam, until you are identified!

Mrs. Bright-"You mean I have to identify myself?" Paying Telfer-"Yes, ma'am." Mrs. Bright-"How simple! Have you a looking-glass?" - Philadelphia

A Good Thing.

Ledger.

Mrs. Newbryde-"I got some hams here last month that my husband liked very much. Have you any more of the same kind?"

The Grocer-"Yes'm. Got about a

dozen left, from the same pig."

Mrs . Newbryde-"Oh, that's nice; Give me six of them."-Cleveland Leader No Reconteurs For Him.

"Coming to our dinner to-night?" "Yes, indeed. Wouldn't think of missing it."

"Glad of that, There are to be present some famous raconteurs." "Are, eh? By the way, I've just remembered I can't come. Got an engagement to stay home and play cribbage with my mother-in-law."

The Man For the Job "But," asked the proprietor of the Skyebye apartments, "do you think this man is suited for the position of jan-

Itor?" "Oh, splendidly," replied the manager; "he has been, at various times, an iceman, a coalman and a policeman, Oh, he's just as independent and sassy as he can be."-Philadelphia Press.

A Business Correspondence.

(Telegram from financier in New York to his partner in Cleveland.) "Am about to close a big deal with Skinham. What kind of a man is he?' (Reply from Cleveland.)

(Telegram from New York.) "Wire at once what kind of a fishshark or sucker."- Cleveland Leader.

"He is like a fish."

Honor For Jefferson "Waal ves." said Mrs. Bragley, of Jefferson City, "I reckon that feller that writ out the Declaration of Inde-

pendence deserved the honor." "You mean the honor of being assigned to write it?" "Not at all. I mean the honor o' bein' named fur our town. They called

him Jefferson, you know."-Philadelphia Press. A Broad Hint,

"Do you think they'll ever find the pole, Mr. Staylate?" "Why, yes, Miss Daynty, I believe they'll reach it this time. "Don't you wish you'd gone with

"Why, yes, I do." "So do L" And the clock on the mantel slowly

struck 12.-Cleveland Plain Dealer. Useful. "I hear that you really take pumpkins for subscriptions to your paper, drawled the old farmer, who had

mounted the winding stairs to the editorial rooms of the rural paper.

"For a while," replied the editor. "Bout how long?" "Until the autumn poets stop send-Ing in poems. We pay them of in

pumpkins."-Chicago News. Landed Him.

"How did young Phocksey ever get bld Timmin's consent to marry his daughter?" "He was calling there the other night

and he asked the old man if he had an extra pair of seissors. Said he wanted to clip some coupons, and that the job was too big for him alone, and that the girl thought it would be fun to help him."-Cleveland Leader.

The Young Philosopher.

" 'Nother piece of ple, please, pa." "But you haven't finished your first "No, pa. But you know you told me

not to eat fast. And if you give me a second piece now I shan't ent so fast, because I won't be afraid that the second plece will be gone when I get through with the first piece. Please, pa."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The commercial (market) value of the railroads of the United States is \$11,250,000,000.