NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our **Busy Readers.**

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

A new French cabinet has been formed by Rouvier.

All printing works in St. Petersburg are closed and no newspapers are being

Experts examining the Denver bal-

T. J. O'Brien, of Grand Rapids, Mich., has accepted an offer to become minister to Denmark.

The senate will confirm the nomina tion of T. C. Powell, of Portland, to be marshal at Nome. Alaska.

The Oregon delegation is confident of a small appropriation with which to begin work on the Celilo canal.

A Russian admiral who was in Port Arthur when it surrendered denounces General Stoessel as incapable and the body. sorrender as a disgrace.

Four publishers of large St. Petersburg papers declare their intention to issue their papers so soon as men can be secured, in defiance of the censor s

The California legislatur has appropriated \$70,000 for the Lewis and Clark fair. Already \$20,000 has been given and with this last sum that state is

It is now regarded as certain that there will be no strike of the employes of the Pennsylvania railroad.

The City Savings Fund & Trust comlosed down with deposits of about \$1,-

Your Americans and one Mexican were ambushed and killed by Yaqui Indians 35 miles cast of La Colorado, state of Sonora, Mexico. Mexican cavairy has been ordered to the scene to capture the Indians.

It is claimed that the government trands have unearthed a deal in which Mitchell, Hermann and Mays were implicated by which the government would have been robbed of 300,000 acres in Southwestern Oregon through Middle Oregon. The profits of the leal would have been \$500,000.

The principal cause of the outbreak of Russian workingmen is the ruinous monetary burdens borne by the people. The main items are: National debt. 13,500,000,000; annual interest on debt, \$80,000,000; expended on Siberian and Manchurian roads, \$1,500,000,-000 taxes told by resent

Williams, of Mississippi, may resign as Democratic leader in the house,

The Baltic fleet is not expected to reach the seat of war for three months. Senator Mitchell, it is said, will come home and demand a speedy trial.

The United States may use force against Venezuela in the asphalt dis-The Japanese talk of pumping out

Father Gopon, the priest who is lead-

ing the St. Petersburg strikers, has een arrested

A Pueblo grand jury says a great majority of ballots in the November election were illegal.

Despite the efforts of the police and military many incendiary fires are reported throughout Russia.

A strike of all workmen in St. Petersburg is threatened.

It is rumored that M. Smirnoff, manager of the iron works where the great St. Petersburg strike began, has been

Kaiser William is angry with the coal mine owners of Germany and

President Loubet is trying to patch up the trouble between members of the

French cabinet.

The big guns usd by the Japanese at Port Arthur have been sent north and are now turned against Kuropatkin's

A charge of grape shot fired by con-

spirators at the czar narrowly missed iim. It was aimed to kill off the entire imperial family. Britain and Russia are giving their side of the Dogger bank affair to the

Secretary Hay has secured pledges from the powers which assure the safe-

ty of China from being partitioned then peace is finally restored in the

Numerous further disclosures are being made in connection with the Colown as often as possible.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS

Tuesday, January 17

In the senate today Heyburn con-cluded his speech on the joint state-hood bill and Stone gave notice of a speech tomorrow on his resolution for an investigation of charges of corruption in the campaigns of 1896 and 1904. Lodge presented the conference HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS report on the Philippines bond and railroad bill, and explained the house

Senator Mitchell appeared on the floor of the senate and defeaded himself in regard to the indictment in con-nection with the Oregon land frauds. He called his accusers liars and per-jurers and will demand an investiga-tion. Many of his colleagues crowded around him to welcome him.

Another obstacle has arisen in the way of the Klamath irrigation project. Chairman Mondell, of Wyoming, of the house committee on irrigatiaon is fighting the bill. He says he is not in favor of expending a single cent of the lots ideclare one-third of them are fraudulent.

O'Delow of firmal Panil. take more of the reclamation fund for use in his own state regardless of amount contributed.

Wednesday, January 18.

The house today adopted the 12 articles of impeachment against Judge Charles Swayne. The speaker was au-thorized to appoint members to present the case to the senate and conduct the impeachment proceedings before that

Senator Stone occupied considerable time with his speech asking an investigation of the campaigns of 1896 and has been at the winter palace right statehood bill. He had no objection authority on that score are met with to the consolidation of Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

Thursday, January 19.

The house of representatives today sure of a fine showing at Portland this completed consideration of the army appropriation bill and will vote on it A vigorous attack was made on the army transport service by Humphrey and offered an amendment abolishing it. The house fixed Friday, February 17, as the date for pany's bank, of Lancaster, Pa., has holding appropriate exercises in Statuary hall accepting the statue of Frances E. Willard. A bill was passed extending the extradition laws of the

United States to the Philippines. Consideration of the statehood bill was continued in the senate today and Stone spoke for two hours in opposition The hill for the remuneration of American fur sealers who sufferd losses officials investigating the Oregon land debated at some length, but no action

Friday, Jan. 20.

The statehood bill and the fur seal indemnity bill again divided the attenover without action. Fulton spoke in support of the indemnity bill, and Mc- was also cut off, and a veritable panic Creary and Bate in opposition to the ensued. statehood measure.

Immediately after the senate was called to order President Pro Tem Frye laid before it a telegram from the gov. Sailors at Sevastopol Mutiny in Mass ernor of New Mexico, transmitting a 60,000,000; loss by industrial depress memorial adopted by the legislature of sion in three years, \$300,000,000; war that territory protesting against the loss to date, \$400,000,000. There are union of New Mexico and Arizona in 100,000,000 Russian peasants and the one state, and urging the admission of pol have arrived here, showing that it has been found by the reclamation saying: average daily earnings of each is 8 to 9 New Mexico as a state according to was the result of a mutiny of 8,000 present boundaries.

The house passed the army appro priation bill. The Indian appropria-tion bill was considered for the recluded when the house adjourned until tomorrow.

Monday, January 23.

The session of the house today was devoted entirely to the consideration of bills relating to the District of Columbia. Severval efforts were made to take bave been particularly disliked. The Port Arthur harbor to reach the sunken official notice of the rioting in St. Petersburg, but they were all turned

Beveridge made another ineffectual for voting on the statehood bill. The fortifications appropriations bill was ing \$7,000 to pay the necessary expenses of the inaugual ceremonies was

Italy Suspicious of Austria.

Rome, Jan. 21.—Uneasiness is felt here at the concentration on the Italian frontier of Austrian troops, the Patria going so far as to say that Austria is preparing for war against Italy. the other hand, the Tribuna publishes a statement to the effect that its correspondent at Vienna has been assured by the Austrian foreign office that the increase in the number of Austrian troops on the frontier of Italy was merely due to the return of soldiers to their posts after having been on duty along the Russian frontier.

To Include Swamp Land.

Washington, Jan. 21. - Representative Bell, of California, today introduced a bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to include swamp and overflowed land in any irrigation project that may be undertaken under the national irrigation law, wherever it may be deemed practicable and advisa-ble to do so. Such land, when relaimed, shall be disposed of in the same manner as other lands lying under the government irrigation projects.

More Free Coal for Japan.

Tokio, Jan. 21 .- The Japanese captured the British steamer Okley in Tsushima straits Wednesday afternoon. urado election frauds. One man even The vessel left Cardiff on November 17, voted in his dog's name after using his carrying 5,900 tons of coal for Vladivo-She was brought to Sasebo.

HIS POWER IS GONE

Czar Has Been Forced to Yield to Grand Dukes.

Rioting and Bloodshed Spread to All Parts of Empire - Revolution Under Full Headway.

Libau, Russia, Jan. 24.-The imperconvey the czar and his family to Copenhagen.

Reports from St. Petersburg say that the actual government is no longer in the hands of the czar. This statement The American government is made with deliberation and with a full knowledge of the day's doings. The grand ducal coterie, always power-

Grand Duke Vladimir commands the troops, and every order, whether it be one of leniency or stern repression, issued by him. Grand Duke Sergius is stated to be in control of the internal situation.

The utmost secreey is maintained as to the czar's present whereabouts. Some have him at Tsarskoe-Selo, others at Peterhoff, still others insist that he 1904. Clay spoke in opposition to the along. All questions put to men in the very courteous reply that they know as little as the interrogator.

MOSCOW IN JURMOIL.

Workmen Force Closing of All the Large Factories.

Petersburg, Jan. 24 .- The most startling feature in the situation tonight is the news that several factories in Moscow have closed and that the workmen in the old capital of Russia are repeating the tactics of their fellow

light plants walked out, refusing triple pay to remain, and plunging half the tion of the senate today, and both went city into utter darkness, including the Nevsky Prospect. The water supply

IT IS REVOLUTION.

and Destroy Buildings.

Kieff, Jan. 24 .- Details of the burn sailors, such as never before occurred in Russia. All Saturday there had been consid-

sailors in the Sevastopol barracks had grown restive and that numerous instances of insubordination had octhrown open and several thousand sailors forced their way out into the street. tion of congress. One squad of mutineers rushed to

officer was seized and thrown to the or at the disposition of the public, pre-floor. They beat in his skull, and his sents no physical difficulties of any imface was mangled beyond recognition, portance. It may be stated further and then they wrecked his rooms and effort in the senate to have a time fixed took every weapon they could find. Meanwhile, those on the outside had set fire to the building, which, being passed. A joint resolution appropriat-old and mainly constructed of wood, was burned to the ground.

From there the mutineers rushed wildly through the streets, setting up the cry of: "The revolution has be

One of the Horrors of Revolt.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 24.-Among the people as he was driving in the direcorder them to fire on us?" crowd. The general ordered his coachman to drive on, when he was instantly struck on the head by a well dressed individual in a sable fur coat. The general was then thrown out of the sledge, brutally beaten and finally rampled to death.

Ready to Take Charge.

London, Jan. 24. - The Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent reports that, as the outcome of the meeting of the Reform party of Gorky, Annensky, Arsenieff and others and tuted who regard themselves as the future provisional government of Russia. As yet, the correspondent says, they are political ciphers; but they hope to werturn the existing regime

To Loot for Provisions.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 24. - A report has gained currency that the strikers ment. No serious damage was done, intend to storm the market in Vassili but there is feared that there will be Osrtoff and seize the provisions there.

United States to Manage Finances of

Santo Domingo Government. Santo Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, Jan. 25.—A protocol between Strike Spreads to Every Industry the Dominican government and the American minister, Mr. Dawson, and Commander A. C. Dillingham, U.S., N., in behalf of the American govern-VLADIMIR AND SERGIUS RULE ment, was signed yesterday. The prin- ANGRY MOBS PARADE STREETS cipal conditions are that the American government guarantees the complete integrity of the Dominican territory, agrees to undertake the adjustment of all obligations of the Dominican government, foreign and domestic, and the conditions of payments; to adjust unreasonable claims and to determine ial yacht Standard is expected here to the validity and amount of pending claims. In the case of the appointment of one or more commissions to reach an adjustment the Dominican government shall be represented in order to

The American government will take charge of the existing customs houses and those hereafter to be created, and will name the employes necessary to ful, but until very recently held in their management, the duties they will official quarters over the domestic sitcheck by the people's pathetic faith in the power of the "Little White Father," is in absolute command. to the laws of the republic. The Doto the laws of the republic. The Dominican government will have at each custom house inspectors in behalf of its interests, and from and after the date the contract takes effect. The present employes are to be considered as acting under its provisions.

Out of the revenues collected at the custom house of the republic, the American government will deliver to the Dominicans 45 per cent of the total gross amount for the purpose of attending to the necessities of the budget.

Out of the 55 per cent, the American government will pay the employes of the custom house, and the interest on the amortization of the foreign and domestic debts. The whole surplus may remain and each fiscal year will-be de-

OPPOSED BY MONDELL.

He Will Prevent Passage of Klamath trrigation Bill if Possible.

Washington, Jan. 25 .- An effort will workmen of the new capital, marching be made, when the opportunity presents from shop to shop and mill to mill, demanding that the establishment shut house of a bill recently passed by the The whole city is reported to senate permitting the secretary of the be in a state of great excitement over interior to utilize Lower Klamath, Tule the news of the bloodshed which has and Goose lakes and all tributary waters precipitated immediately the strike in connection with the Klamath or that had been scheduled for Wedness other irrigation works undertaken under The tension, which was somewhat will be opposition to this bill in the relaxed during the morning, continued house, however, which may be able to to increase during the day. Conditions appeared to be omnious, when, shortly an adverse report made on the bill by after dark, the workmen in two electric Chairman Mondell, of the irrigation

The entire committee, with the exception of Mondell, is in favor of the passage of the bill and concur in a favrable report made by Representative Williamson. In his report Williamson quotes from a letter of the director of the geological survey, urging the passage of the bill. Among other things

the director says: "The feasibility of the Klamath irristandpoint, is beyond question, and it ing of the admiralty yards at Sevasto- is also one of the cheapest projects that Alsaska, the president sent a message

"The bill is intended to authorize erable talk all over the city that the best development of the country under the reclamation act. This would not be possible without specific authority from congress, on account of their navi-Shortly after the noon hour gable capacity, which, while insignifi-Monday the doors of the barracks were cant in value, is such as to bring them

"The devlopment of this project for that connected with this possible development is an opportunity to extend the system to include some 90,000 acres of irrigable land in the Klamath Indian reservation at some future time, when these lands may be thrown open to set-

Tiflis in State of Siege.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 25 .- Captain Orlan Cullen, representative of the Imperial Marine association of Tokio, received a cablegram from Constantinople authenticated horrors of vesterday is tonight to the effect that 1,500 Circasthe case of an aged general, whose sians had revolted and killed the Russledge was stopped by the infuriated sian guard, numbering 200, at Slavini. in the Caucasus, and that Russians and tion of the troops. "Are you going to Turks in large numbers were crossing an amicable settlement of the dispute the frontier into the Caucasus to spread revolution in Tiflis province. City is practically in a state of siege, he said, and communication is had only by dispatch bearers.

Women Trampled in Rush.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Several women were injured here tonight in a stampede of thousands of excited subjects who clamored for admittance to the West Side auditorium to hear listen to an address by Mme. Katherine Breshkowsky, the Socialist worker. keep the crowd from stampeding and pushing those who struggled

Cuban City Shaken Up.

Santiago, Cuba, Jan. 25.—There have been three distinct shocks of earthquake of increasing force within th last 24 hours, causing much excite-

REVOLT IS AT HAND

In Russian Capital.

Alarm Is Greater Than Over News or Defeat in Far Eastern War-Czar Is Guarded.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.-With riotous strikers to the number of hundreds of thousands parading the streets of the capital city, and the continual spread of the feeling of unrest throughout the empire, the Russian government is in a terrible predicament. Even worse than the news of the disasters in the Far East is the alarm felt in Late Friday evening as organized

factory and attempted to throw the rifle, bayonet and saber. manager from the window, and it was reported that the strike fever had extended to the Alexandrovsk machine works, where 7,000 men are employed; the Baltic cartridge factory, owned by raculously escaped a volley which laid the government, and Baron Streglitz' low half a hundred persons. The figcloth factory, the latter employing ures of the total number killed or the meetings of strikers will make the 3,000 people of both sexes; the state distillery and the Kaller and Beckman the winter palace vary. The best estilivered to the Dominican government distilleries. The employes of the mate is 500, although there are exag-Russo-American rubber company, the Youkoff hoop factory, and a new cotton spinning establishment were the latest acquisitions to the tied-up industries. At the latter works the police were un-able to control the mob of strikers and the military were ordered to their assistance. It was learned late Friday night that the employes of the State Playing Card factory, the Vagounine paper mills, employing 1,000 hands, the Atlas machine works, the Wolff & Ma printing works and numerous other large plants had joined in the strike.

> to the strike of electric light employes, and it is stated that newspaper publication will be suspended. The situation grows hourly darker, and the prospects for a settlement of the difficulties vanished when the min-

The city is almost in darkness, owing

PROVIDE FOR ALASKA NATIVES.

ister of finance refused to receive a del

egation of workingmen.

President Endorses Emmons' Report on Effects of Immigration.

Washington, Jan. 23 .- In transmit-

"Lieutenant Emmons had for many years peculiar facilities for ascertaining the secretary of the interior to so utilize the facts about the natives of Alaska, these lakes as may be necessary for the and has recently concluded an investigation made on the ground by my special direction. I very earnestly ask the attention of the congress to the facts set forth in this report as to the needs of the native people of Alaska. It seems to me that our honor as a nation is involved in seeing that these needs are met. I earnestly hope that legislation along the general lines advocated by Lieutenant Emmons can be

enacted. In his report Lieutenant Emmons Alaska has caused a complete change in of conditions; that the game is rapidly being killed off and the food supply of that when the train slowed down they the Indians rapidly exhausted; that they are like grown-up children and incapable of taking care of themselves in the new conditions, and that it will be necessary to do something substantial for them at an early date to prevent actual suffering.

May Tie Up Big Railroad. Philadelphia, Jan. 23. - Though yield anything, developments today in the controversy between the Pennsylvania railroad company and the Bromay be effected shortly. The chance of a strike was temporarily averted by the decision of Vice Grand Master Lee and his associates to send for Grand Master P. H. Morrissey for the purpose of consultation with the railway officials in the hope of a settlement.

Russia Reiterates Her Protest.

Washington, Jan. 23. - Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador here, called at the State department today the news from St. Petersburg and to and presented to Secretary Hay the answer of the Russian government to the Annensky, Arsenieff and others and Breshkowsky, the Saturday neutrality. The Russian communica-their adherents Saturday night and Before the doors of the auditorium neutrality. The Russian communica-their adherents Saturday night and Before the doors of the auditorium neutrality. The Russian communica-tion, it is said, consists of a repetition secretary's last note respecting Chinese of the matters of complaint set forth in the circular note to the powers, but in this case they are supported by argumentative statements.

Minnesota's Great Exhibit.

Minneapolis, Jan. 23. - It is proposed that the Minnesota educational exhibit, which won the grand prize at and Clark exposition at Portland.

DEATH MEETS PLEA.

Russian Soldiers Shoot the Workme Who Would Appeal to Czar.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23. - Yesterday was a day of unspeakable horror in St. Petersburg. The strikers of Saturday, goaded to desperation by a day of violence, fury and bloodshed, are in a state of open insurrection against the government. A condition almost bordering on civil war exists in the terror stricken Russian capital.

The city is under martial law, with Price Vasilchikoff as commader of over 50,000 of the emperor's crack guards. Troops bivouacked in the streets last night and at various places on the Nevsky Prospect, the main thoroughfare of the city. On the island of Vassili Ostroff and in the out sections infuriated men have thrown up barricades, which they are holding. The empress dowager has hastily sought safety at Tsarskoe-Selo, where Emperor

Nicholas II is living. Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk Mirsky presented to his majesty Saturinte a vast political demonstration, uation. Troops are guarding the pal. day night the invitation of the workace and all public buildings, but it is men to appear at the winter palace and not deemed wise to call upon them to ror's advisers had taken a decision to suppress the disorder, except in ex-show a firm and resolute front, and the treme cases.

show a firm and resolute front, and the emperor's answer to the 100,000 work
Democrats are spurring on the strikers, men trying to make their way to the and there is great danger of a collision nob attacked the Marcus cardboard palace square yesterday was a solid

The priest, Gopon, the leader and idol of the men, in his golden vestments, holding aloft the cross and marching at the head of thousands of workmen, through the Narva gate, miwounded here, at the Moscow gate, at the various bridges and islands, and at gerated figures placing the number as high as 5,000. Many men were accompanied by their wives and children, and in the confusion, which left no camp. The idle factories are surround-time for discrimination, the latter ed by cordons of police and patrols of shared the fate of the men.

The troops, with the exception of a single regiment, which is reported to have thrown down its arms, remained loyal and obeyed orders. But the blood which crimsoned the snow has fired the brains and passions of the strikers and brains and passions of the strikers and turned women, as well as men, into ern Russia. Hitherto the workmen wild beasts, and the cry of the infuriated populace is for vengeance. The sympathy of the middle classes is with

TRAIN HELD UP

Passengers on O. R. & N. Robbed in City Limits of Portland.

Portland, Jan. 23 .- While the "Spokane Flyer' was rushing through the darkness between East Portland station and Thirty-fourth street, shortly before 7 o'clock Saturday night, four masked bandits entered the rear door of the Walla Walla sleeper, the last car of the train, and at the point of deliver their means the loss of precious time in the policy of the senate today a report by peleld the occupants to deliver their means the loss of precious time in the valuables. The robbers then stopped starting of the third Pacific squadron. train, and at the point of a pistol com-Lieutenant G. T. Emmons, of the navy, valuables. The robbers then stopped on the condition of the natives of off into the state of off into the state of off into the state. They fired several shots as the train slowed down and thus frightened away

pursuit. The robbers obtained a draft for \$750, several watches and about \$150 in cash. As soon as the robbery became known at police headquarters officers were notified to be on the alert, and a posse of policemen, detectives and railway officers left on an engine for the scene of the robbery. Officers guarded the bridges and the Vancouver ferry. The dence at the scene of the robbery and

ing country, but nothing was found. Two men were arrested at The Dalles when the train reached there. They were found on the "blind baggage" and answered a general description of two of the hold-up men. It is believed jumped off and ran forward before the train crew had time to get outside and discover them.

Position of the Armies.

Tokio, Jan. 23 .- In well informed quarters here it is said that the Russian army at Mukden was recently reinforced by four divisions. Its present strength Philadelphia, Jan. 23. — Though is estimated at nine army corps, or both sides are firm and not disposed to 300,000 men of all arms. General Kuropatkin's headquarters are at Fong here, all of which are strictly guarded. mountain, in close touch with the Mukmountain, in close touch with the Mukden-Fushun line. At present two and therhood of Trainmen indicated that a half divisions are facing General Oku, the outbreak of the disease, January 4, two corps are before General Nodzu, and the greater strength of these corps confronts General Kuroki and guards

> May Flee From Yellow Fever. Washington, Jan. 23.-Unofficial advices received here from representatives of the government in the Panama canal rone dated at the end of the first week in January, are to the effect that while the current reports of the prevalence of yellow fever on the isthmus are exaggerated, the pest does exist there, and some apprehension is expressed that, if dred and forty guns on the forts and it continues to spread, there will be a warships have been found to be in wholesale exodus of the canal builders from the isthmus.

Producing Very Little Coal. Dortmund, Jan. 23. - About 80 per cent of the coal operatives are striking. and the mines are producing very little coal. The Dortmuder iron works are partly shut down. Excellent order prevails. The large mines of the Gelthe St. Louis fair, be sent to the Lewis near Dortmund, have only 15 per cent of their men working.

SOCIAL WAR IS ON

Great Strike at St. Petersburg is involving Thousands.

WORK ON WARSHIPS IS STOPPED

About 58,000 Ironworkers and 50,-000 Cotton Mill Operatives May Join in Strike.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20 .- The strike situation is becoming very grave. Tonight there are 58,000 men out on strike, and the movement is spreading to the big cotton mills, which employ over 50,000 operatives. Meetings have been called for tomorrow, at which Social Democratic leaders will use their utmsot endeavors to convert the strike which at the present crisis might have most serious developments. The authorities are adopting every precaution with the troops, which would be almost sure to be followed by red flag demonstrations, accompanied by great bloodshed. The community is full of sensational rumors and rioting is generally expected.

In conjunction with the Epiphany celebration, which will occur tomrrow, day a critical one for the police. Thus far, however, the strike has preserved a purely economic aspect. The great industrial quarter of St. Petersburg presents the appearance of an armed camp. The idle factories are surroundinfantry march about the snow-covered

plains. The strikers are led by a priest named Gopon, who is idolized by the workmen and who represents them in negotiations with the emplyers.

have been unorganized, and previous strikes in St. Petersburg have not involved more than 10,000 men. The strike leaders claim to have funds enough to hold out for a month, but this is doubted, and the lack of money and the privations of winter and perhaps government interference are ex-

pected to make the strike short and sharp. The strikers, who at first decrined an offer of financial support, are reported to have accepted a contribution from

Moscow. The strike has an important bearing on the war in the Far East, as every day's delay in completing the government contracts with the iron works

AGREE ON RAILROAD RATES

Leaders of House and Senate Agree to Speedily Pass Bill.

Washington, Jan. 20 .- It is asserted oday that an agreement is making between the leaders of the senate and the house in accordance with which railroad rate legislation will be enacted at the present session of congress. The posse spent the night looking for evi- basis of the legislation will be the dence at the scene of the robbery and in searching throughout the neighbor-chairman of the interstate and foreign commerce committee of the house That bill already has been considered by the president, Attorney General Moody, Secretary Taft and Secretary Morton, and by members of both the house and the senate. It does not meet it, but it is believed to be a good foundation for a measure which probably can

The probability is that the Hepburn bill will be passed by the house before February 1.

Smallpox Rages at Billings.

Billings, Mont., Jan. 20.—According to the records of the city officials there are at present 67 cases of smallpox 37 houses under quarantine. Since there have been five deaths. A new pest house has been erected outside the city limits for the care of patients. Everything possible is being done to stamp out the disease, and it is believed the health authorities have the situation under control.

Will Save Five Vessels.

London, Jan. 20.—According to a dispatch received from Port Arthur five of the vessels sunk by the Russians and by the shells of the Japanese in the harbor have been raised. Five hungood condition and easily repaired. In addition to these the prizes cap-tured by the Japanese include eight locomotives and 3,000 railroad

Put in Line of Succession.

Washington, Jan. 20. - The house committee on election of president in conference today favorably reported the senkirchen company, located at Marten, bill adding the secretary of agriculture and the secretary of commerce to the line of presidential succession.