## EVENTS OF THE DAY Wall Street Optimistic Over Prospective

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

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Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

France is in a panic at the inroads of American commerce,

President Taft is being urged to make

active war on the trusts.

eves of American marines.

J. D. Warren, who pursued and helped to capture Jesse James, is dead.

Storm in Spain wrecked five vessel at the mouth of the Douro river. A Texas man has made \$15,000,000

speculating in cotton for two years, Blizzards sweep the east from Win

nipeg to Illinois, and Chicago faces a

The famous Garden of the Gods was given to the city of Colorado Springs for a Christmas present.

The greatest labor struggle in his tory is said to be impending between the railroads and their employes. ,

The bones of Cortez, the ancient conqueror of Mexico, are said to have been found after a search of nearly a cen

Six coaches full of Christmas travel ers were stalled on a car ferry in the Detroit river, and had to wait till the ice was cut away.

Railroad officials and switchmen hold conference in St. Paul,

Value of the Harriman estate is ques tioned by gossips in the east.

Bryan is suffering from pneumonis

and is too ill to make a speech. Albert I is crowned king of Belgium and promises reforms in Congo.

Schley demands that Peary also submit his records to the Danish univer-

The Northern Pacific has bought 14 blocks for terminal grounds in North

Ex-President Zelaya has fled from Nicaragua and taken refuge on a Mexican gunboat. Eight are killed and hundreds have

narrow escape from explosion in Illi a laborer with a pick. nois coal mine A fierce storm swept the Corean

coast, destroying fishing fleets and drowning 2,000. Secretary Knox has notified Presi

dent Madriz, Zelaya's successor, that he will be held responsible for the safety of Americans in his country. Explorers find that the treasures of the island of Tiburon, in the Gulf of

is alive with deer and wild pigeons. Mark Twain has returned home without benefit to his health from his ocean

California, are mythical, but the island

It is definitely known that 18 persons perished in a department store

are in London. A monster benefit was given in New York city to help the cause of home rule for Ireland.

two leading newspapers for his "exclusive" story of his trip to the Pole. Abdication of the king of Greece is considered inevitable and the crown

prince's son has been chosen by the Military party. Leopold's legal wife will not attempt to put her son on the Belgian throne, but will fight for his fortune

of many millions. The successful uprising of the Young Turk party in Turkey has made Palestine free for the first time since the

Christian era began. The committee from the University of Copenhagen reports that Cook's records are wholly insufficient to establish

his claim that he was at the Pole. John R. Bradley, who fitted out the Cook expedition to the Pole, says he is thoroughly disgusted with the whole

Oregon conservationists declare that things, that whisky made from a mix two or three varieties of insects do ture of "straight" whisky and "neu more harm to the forests of the north- tral spirits" may be called a blend,

west than forest fires do. The supreme court of Oregon has ordered that the Portland Railway

company must reduce fares to Milwaukie to 5 cents, and Oak Grove to 10

Twenty-seven persons were drowned by the collapse of a wooden bridge in Russia. Two negroes and one white man were

killed and six negroes wounded in a race war in Louisiana. The probation officer of the night

court in New York says the white slave trade is on the increase. Provisional President Estrada, of Nicaragua, has requested official recog-

nition from the state department, Miss Anna Morgan, daughter of J. P. Morgan, and Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont have taken up the cause of the striking

shirtwaist workers of New York City. A final appeal in the case of John R. Walsh, convicted banker, has been made to the United States supreme

Leaders of the American Federation of Labor urge Secretary Nagel to make a thorough investigation into the vari

ous phases of industrial education. Dr. Brashear, a noted astronomer of

eau furnish any good proof of having reached the pole. Savants of the Danish university are usual, and these who passed the dis-

unable to find any acceptable proof that ance is a complete contradiction of he reached the pole. A party of American explorers re-

ported to have been devoured by caunion the island of Tiburon, in the gulf of California, have arrived safe at a small town on the Mexican coast,

Grand Duke Michael, of Russia, is

p the fight for free speech.

The L. W. W. of Spokane has given

HOPEFUL VIEW IS TAKEN.

Labor Troubles.

New York, Dec. 28.—Preparations were in progress last week to meet heavy obligations incident to the January disbursements, which in New York are estimated to be \$225,000,000.

Heavy remittances to foreign markets to meet payments of dividends and interest to holders of American securities made it a question until the middle of the week whether gold would not have to be shipped to London.

Volatile rises occurred in individual mong stockholders.

The census bureau's cotton-ginning estimate was regarded as confirmatory of the agricultural department's view of the cotton crop shortage, and the

nestion by steps taken by railroad emlabor troubles may have to be reckoned with in reaching settlements.

The disposition in financial circles, owever, is to take a hopeful view. This same is true of the subject of egislative and executive activities in which promises to be brought forward ly over \$77,000 which the property early through special messages from owners of Clatsop county have donated the president.

FEAST TO FREE CONVICT. Minnesota Prisoner Proves to Be Sec ond Burbank.

Stillwater, Minn., Dec. 28.-A Christ mas dinner given at the Minnesots state prison has started a movement for a pardon for "Sinbad the Sailor," an illustrious life convict, supervisor of everything that grows on the state penal reserves, on a basis of his "services to the state of Minnesota and gen eral scientific knowledge."

Among Warden Wolfer's gnests was member of the pardon board, who mmented on the immense lemon eighing three pounds and measuring inches, major circumference.

The guests, excited by the warden's tory of the presence of a second Burbank as a convict, directed him to bring the creator of the monster lemon, He took the guests to the greenhouse and explained how he had grafted tropical lemon and grapefruit. He also railroad. showed many other graftings, producing rare fruits and flowers.

His roses for years captured first honors. His real name is Charles Price, and he was sent up for life for killing

ORDERS FOR STEEL FEWER. Consumers, However, Press for De liveries on Past Contracts,

New York, Dec 28.-Heavy specific mills, and consumers generally are demand. pressing for deliveries. But new ness in both finished products and raw

material is being contracted. Rail contracts placed in 1909 for 1910 lelivery have aggregated almost 3,300, 000 tons. New orders for fabricated steel for buildings and bridges have aggregated only 25,000 tons, but it is probable that the December busines will total 100,000 tons at least

Evidence of contraction in the volome of business in sheets and timplate the closing of several mills for the holi-Cook's first prize was \$25,000 from days. Great activity continues in wire very similar to the Hood River disproducts, and shipments for November were 175,000 tons. Prices of mercantile pipe will be readjusted on Janunry

Additional orders have been placed for cars by railroads, bringing the total for the month thus far to 11,200.

Whisky Is Whisky

Washington, Dec. 28.—Whisky is whisky, President Taft has at last de ided. It is whisky when made of neutral spirits, says the president, if re be branded so that those buying it may know just what they are getting.

The decision, made after a long series of hearings participated in by members of the government's pure food depart ment and distillers, was announced to The president covered various de tails in his decision and gave directions for the proper branding of the various varieties of liquor, holding among other

According to Mr. Taft's instructions 'straight whiskies's hereafter will b branded as such, but the brand may be accompanied by the legend, "aged i ' and whisky made from rectified distilled, or neutral spirits will be branded so as to make known the prin cipal ingredient. In addition, if they desire, manufacturers of straight whisky also may use the word "bour bon" or "rye," as the facts may war

Madrid, Dec. 28 .- Official reports to day indicate that the situation in the regions recently swept by storms and eided to grant financial relief to sufferers. Belated advices give details of the destruction caused by the overflow ing of rivers in the northwest. Th Elsa and Orbidge, in the northern part of Leon, rose 15 feet, destroying several hamlets. A large number of shepnerds, surprised by the floods, took tend planting about 250 acres of the

Taft and Wife Take Walk.

Washington, Dec. 28.—President and Mrs. Taft took a long walk this after noon, being gone from the White House the university of Pittsburg, says he Washington are becoming so accustomed does not believe either Cook or Peary to seeing the president abroad like any other citizen that his appearance has almost ceased to cause comment. The eight of Mrs. Taft, however, was un deeply embarrassed by their former tinguished couple remarked how well championship of Dr. Cook, as they are Mrs. Taft was looking. Her appearaumerous reports about her ill-health.

Czar Promotes Ketten.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28 .- Colonel Vo. Ketten, chief of the secret police of Moscow, has been appointed to sue seed Colour! Karpoff, chief of the secre clice of St. Petersburg, assassinated or Documber 22 Several attempts have een made against the life of Colonel

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

SPEND \$77,000 On Roads.

Clatsop County Has Nearly 200 Miles Now Ready to Establish a Permanent

of Permanent Highways. Astoria As a result of improvesop county has 24 miles of macadamized roads, 23 miles of graveled roads, 28 miles of planked or puncheoned

Under the Carnaban road law the several road districts are permitted to levy a special tax of not to exceed 10 highways as well as slightly over \$28,- are strung out for a distance of more yes to formulate demands for an in- 000 additional that was appropriated rease in wages early next year. Senti- by the county court from the general ment is not free from apprehension that fund, making a grand total of \$65,000 that has been spent or contracts let for during the past 12 months in betterirg the public highways of Clatsop count. In addition to this over \$12-000 has been used in building and rethe direction of corporation regulation, pairing bridges, making in all slight-

> veloping the agricultural districts. OREGON MOSS BRINGS CASH.

to that most commendable work of de-

Values Reach New High Figure-Demand For More

Portland-Oregon's moss crop has been found a most valuable production. Orders for it are constantly increasing and it has been several years since the supplies have been adequate for

the demand. At this time holders of Oregon forton for the growth, f. o. b. cars, and in recent years the price has advanced as high as \$60.

greatesat shipper of moss in the country, and practically all of his supplies come from the little section around Gates, on the Corvallis & Eastern

"I have already shipped out five cars of moss this season," says Mr. Hoskins, "all of it going to California. I have been unable to fill them.

"The moss that I ship is taken from the forests and is utilized by the asparagus shippers of California, as well as the florists of that section. I have cations on contracts for finished steel best moss comes from along the line of serve as feeders for the Hill system is products continue to roll in upon the the Corvallis & Eastern and is in heavy firmly believed to be on the program

Buys Apple Land.

be had for irrigation purposes, which state was also received. s shown by a less heavy output and it is proposed to bring to the tract. The country around Pleasant Ridge is Hood River apple will grow to perfection there.

Traction Company Incorporated.

Salem-The Oregon & Washington ing a system of electric railroads in the to sink a deep well. duced to potable strength. But it must inland empire, comprising parts of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, filed articles today at Salem. The principal place of business of the corporation will corporated for \$500,000. The electric \$1.08; Valley, \$1.05. will connect Walla Walla with Pendleton, Baker City and other promi per ton, nent cities,

> Best Peach Land In Oregon. Portland-W. H. Lang Co., have sold the Cliff farm, located on the Willamette river 18 miles above Portland one half mile of river front, boat landlocated farms on the Willamette River, is nearly all improved. has fairly good buildings and is well stocked. The fancy outside creamery, 3cm 35c per consideration was \$18,750. It contains 150 acres, part of which is the best peach land in Oregon. The peaches off 450 trees adjoining this land this season sold for \$1,500.

Local Men Invest In Apple Land. Winston-Dr. Byron E. Milller and Henry Foz, a retired capitalist from Duluth, Minn., have closed a deal with T. R. Sheridan, president of the First National bank of Roseburg, for the purchase of a portion of the Sheridan and Agee holdings of apple lands, lo-This is one of cated near Winston. the choicest tracts of fruit lands in Southern Oregon. The purchasers intract to commercial apples during the coming year.

Water Fight Promised.

Salem-Judge William Galloway, in the equity division of the circuit court demanding that the state board of water control be required to remand its order relating to the proposed irrigation project of Thief valley. Senator Hart rep resents the Cookingham and Finklen burg interests, who are attempting to gain rights in the valley.

Value of Property More than Doubles. hundred and ninety-six thousand, sev- \$4.50625.00, en hundred and eighty-six dollars is the assessed value of personal and real crop, normal; 1907 crop, 12c; 1906 property in Klamath Falls. This is an crop, increase of 100 per cent over last year. The council made a levy of 9 mills for pound; dry kip, 17erise per pound; general purposes, and 2 mills for pay- dry calfekin, 190221c per pound; sait-

SJRVEYORS FINISH WORK

Survey to Klamath Falls Klamath Falls - Southern Pacific ments during the past few years, Clat- surveyors who have been establishing the permanent survey between Klamath Falls and Natron have completed the work and have departed for Redroads, 14 miles of roads covered with ding, Cal., where they are to take up stocks, most from vaguely rumored rock and 96 miles of graded road that the permanent survey of the road from causes, but there were enough dividend has not been covered, much of which Redding to Alturas and thence to this increases to keep up a hopeful spirit will be completed during the coming city. Large forces are employed on to other lines of work and may even the road to the north of Klamath Falls. Winter quarters have been established. About three miles north of Klamath Falls a small temporary city mills each year for road improvement has been established. In this vicinity Zelaya boards Mexican gunboat under to causes responsible for the high cost purposes. In that manner over \$36,- it is necessary to make several deep of living and the disadvantages this 000 was raised by the individual road cuts and large fills. It will require districts in Clatsop county this year, several months to complete those diffi-Added interest was given to this All that has been expended in building cult undertakings. Construction camps than 20 miles.

New Partner in Weston Mill. Weston - E. S. Isaac, of Walla Walla, one of the northwest's most successful flouring mill men, has purchased an interest in the Weston flouring mill. The mill has been running with power from a large gas engine, but under the new management it is probable that the long contemplated plan of using the waters of Pine creek during a portion of the year for power will be put into execution.

Several thousand bushels of wheat still remain in the hands of farmers in this section, who are holding out for the expected" \$1 a bushel." Nevertheless, close to 8.000 bushels were bought by Frank Price the past week, the agent here for the Kerr-Gifford company, paying 95 cents per bushel.

Petition for Train. Salem-A petition signed by several hundred people residing along the line est moss are asking as high as \$55 a of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, between Albany and Hoover, was forwarded to the milroad commission by E. L. Payne, asking for a train for the 'Dick' Hoskins, the well known passenger traffic alone. The petition fruit broker of this city, is perhaps the sets forth that patrons of the road are compelled to use a logging train, and that it takes five hours to go from Hoover to Albany, a distance of 58

> Network of Roads to Cover State. Portland-President Geo. B. French, of the Spokane, Portland & Scattle line,

have orders for several more cars, but returned from Spokane, after having over the North Bank road in a special. Mr. French said that the veteran railroad magnate had divulged no plans for paid as high as \$37.50 a ton for good publication at this time. That Mr. Hill moss, but the price is considerably has in view the spreading of a network above that figure at this time. The of rouds over the state of Oregon to for the near future.

A.-Y.-P Prize Certificates Received Pleasant Ridge - Dr. J. A. Pettit, Salem-Certificates for grand prizes S. C. Pier and Stanhope Pier have re- awarded to the state of Oregon for its cently purchased a 400 acre tract of general educational display, for its apple land at Pleasant Ridge, Wasco hops, wool and complete display of county, 12 miles south of The Dalles. woods at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific ex-The land is to be planted in the best position have been received by Governvarieties of apples and sold in 10 acre or Benson. A certificate of honorable tracts. An abundance of water may mention for the flax display from this

Hood River Will Pave Streets. Hood River-It has been decided trict, the soil and climate being much that Hood River will have paved the same, and it is believed by scien- streets before another winter. It is tific apple growers that the famous estimated that it will cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000 to do the projected street work.

Oil Near Dufur.

Dufur-J. E. Porter, who has been drilling a well at Three Mile, struck a corporation, organized for the purpose Operation has been stopped and a comof furnishing electric power and build- pany is being formed to raise money

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat - Track prices: Bluestem, he Walla Walla. The company is in \$121@1.22; club, \$1.10; red Russian, Barley-Feed and brewing, \$30@31

Corn-Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36 per Millstuffs-Bran, \$26 per ton; middlings, \$33; shorts, \$28.50@29.50; rol-

led barley, \$31. Oats-No.1 white, \$32.50@33.50. and two miles from Canby. It has \$18@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18 @21.50; alfalfa, \$16@16.50; clover, ing on the place and is one of the best \$15@16; cheat, \$15@16; grain hay, \$1500 16.

> Butter-City creamery extras, 39c; lb.; store, 2214@24c. Butter fat prices average 15c per lb. under regular butter prices. Poultry-Hens, 14@14 5c; Springs,

14@14 %c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, 18 @19c; geese 14c; turkeys, live, 223ec; dressed, 26m28c Eggs-Fresh Oregon extras, 42 % per

dozen; Eastern, 300235c per dozen, Fresh Fruits - Apples, \$13 box; pears, \$1011.50 per box; cranberries, Potatoes - Carload buying prices:

Oregon, 600/80c per sack; sweet potatoes, 11 m2c per pound. Vegetables - Artichokes, 75c dozen; cabbage, 114c per pound; ery, \$2.75@23.25 per crate; garlie, 10c per pound; borseradish, \$1.50 per box; pumpkins, 14 ar1 %c; sprouts, 8c per

pound; squash, 1@114c; tomatoes, 75c Sack Vegetables - Turnips, \$1 per sack; carrots, \$1; beets, \$1.50; parsnips

Onions-Oregon, \$1.50 per sack. Cattle - Best steers, \$4.50@4.75 fair, to good, \$4664.25; medium and feeders, \$8.50@3.75; common to medium, \$2.50623.75; bulls \$2622.50; stags \$2,50023.50; calves, light, \$5,25 5.50; heavy, \$4024.75.

Hogs Best, \$8.50018.75; medium, \$7.50618; stockers, \$6.50626.75. Sheep Best wethers, \$5.00@25.75 Klamath Falls One million, four fair to good, \$4.25@4.75; best ewes, Hops-1909 erop, 1861223-c; 1908

Hides - Dry bides, 186219c per

CONFLICT SEEMS IMMINENT.

Railroads Say They Can't Pay Higher Wages.

Washington, Dec. 27 .- Some members of the interstate commerce commission and many railroad officials believe they can see rapidly approaching one of the severest contests between labor and capital in recent history. This does not necessarily mean that railroad men generally are expecting big strikes in the labor world. Such strikes, however, are always among the possibilities when labor and capital clash. It is firmly believed by the railroad men that this struggle will be begun by the railroad labor organizations, will rapidly spread lands, tually result in a complete readjust ment of industrial conditions.

The situation with respect to railroad abor is unique in the history of this er any other country. Never before has labor enjoyed such high wages During the recent periods of great pros perity wages in the railroad field have mounted very high. As a result, labor men have become accustomed to living on an entirely different plane from fornerly. They are living in better neigh orhoods, are dressing better, are eduating their families, and altogether are taking a different view of life.

Notwithstanding the fact, however, that exceedingly high wages, compara-tively speaking, have enabled the laporing classes in the railroad field to etter their conditions, they now find hemselves unable to live on their present rates of pay. One of two things must result, namely, either the railroad laborer must return to his old style of iving or he must have increased wages Railroad managements everywhere rec ognize this economical fact.

They say, however, that they would e willing to increase wages if they could do so without menace to the property intrusted to their care. They say, with some show of reason, that it impossible for railroads to continu o absorb the increased cost of living on behalf of their employes and at th same time stand the increased cost of all material and everything which er ters into the operation and maintenance of a railroad. The point has bee must receive more for the transports tion services if they are to continue in creasing wages. Upon this platforn he railroads say they must stan firmly.

BLIZZARD IN THREE STATES.

·Famine. Chicago, Dec. 27.—The entire wes and northwest, from Winnipeg, Man. to the lower tier of Illinois counties along the Ohio river, are hard and fas in the grip of the Storm King. An average of seven inches of snow blan kets all this vast territory, crippling all transportation lines, bringing intenssuffering to the poor, making acute the coal famine which menaces Chicago and other big cities and reducing supplies of all kinds because the railroads can-

transport farm products to Meager reports from Michigan indi ate that state has suffered most se verely. A few telegrams driftin brough tell of blockades in all direct tions. Grand Trunk and Pere Mar quette trains are absolutely snowbound At Detroit streetear traffic is badly im paired, and the car ferries bave been ast in the ice of the Detroit river for

Trains into Chicago from all direct ons are from three to ten hours late nd unless the storm soon abates con litions will be much worse. While the devated trains are running fairly well he surface roads are badly handi apped. Not only is Chicago's trans portation badly hampered, but the city s facing a coal famine.

It became apparent three days ag that the supply would run short, and very railroad tapping Illinois and small flow of oil at a depth of 167 feet. Indiana coal fields had made arrange nents to take advantage of the doul! holiday to rush a big supply to this and other cities. With the roads bending every effort to get passenger trains brough the snow, however, the moving of freight was absolutely out of th question, and the large supply of coal waiting to be moved still remains on he sidetracks.

Charitable associations are burdened o the limit by calls for assistance,

Jump to Save Is Fatal. Camden, N. J., Dec. 27 .- White Thristmas brought death and sorrow to wo families at Malaga, N. J., this by a train. William Hageman, who 'rice was standing on the platform at Malaga when she slipped and fell on th tracks, just as the train was pulling in Without hesitation Hageman jamped o rescue her, but before he could drag ier from danger both were struck by the locomotive.

"Tramp" Pays Old Score

Denver, Colo., Dec. 27.—Seven years daho, enclosing a check for \$500 as a bristmas gift. Harvey permitted Me-Namara to ride over his division, gave him clothes, a meal, a bed and a \$2 bill.

Runaway Train Smashes.

St. Paul, Dec. 27 .- A runaway Great Northern freight train, going down rashed into the Union depot. The engine smashed through two brick walls nto the baggage room, and now lies a vaile 12 or 15 freight cars were crushed

Dying Woman Refuses Aid.

Los Angeles, Dec. 27 .- Mrs. Polly Bolotin, who suffered frightful burns ast night, when she used kerosene to acourage the fire under the family's Christman turkey, died early today, Do. tion with the sugar underweighing spits her fatal burus, Mrs. Bolotin re frauds was found today against Thomfused to accept medical aid until as as Doyle, assistant superintendent of docks in New York for sugar weigh-You Kelton, who for many years has ing the interest on outstanding bonds ed hides, 10540011c; saided caifakin, sured by sight that her five children the Arbuckle Sugar Refinery in Brook-

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS IN BRIEF

Tuesday, December 21, Washington, Dec. 21.—Representa-tives Hamer, Mondell and Martin today held a conference and agreed to unite in pressing for consideration the bill relieving homestenders in the northwest from the necessity of residing on their lands through the winter. Reports indicate that the weather is

for this relief are being received. It is asserted that new settlers are finding it impossible to remain on their The senate today confirmed the nom-

ination of Robert Bacon of New York o be ambassador to France. President Taft sent to the senate the ominations of General George Stone 6, many very important bills and reso. of California to be naval officer of ustoms at San Francisco, and Howard

. Shober of South Dakota to be audior for the interior department in this The Mann "white slave traffic" ill was favorably reported to the iouse today by Chairman Mann of that The report accompanying ommittee. the presentation of the measure dis-

in any way the police powers of the states. Recommendations for changes in the present law regulating transportation companies are contained in the tweny third annual report of the intertate commerce commission transmitted

oday to congress. The report, however, is notable rather for recommendations it does not

Five of the suggestions made by the pecial committee selected by President ing to report its bill regulating the faft to draft changes in the existing white slave traffic. nterstate commerce act are offered in the report.

Congress adjourned early this aftersoon to Thursday, January 4.

Harmony Between Mexico and U S Washington, Dec. 23. - Temporarily, at least, the relations between M exico and the United States grow- committee on public lands, has introing out of the former's friendly offer duced, and will press to consideration. of her friendl offices in the affairs with Nicaragua have been forced to the front. Whatever the purpose of Mexico may have been at the beginning, however, she may have desired to rescue Zelaya, give him a safe conduct and assist the United States in restoring peace, it is quite evident from a statement issued this afternoon Trains Stalled and Chicago Faces Coal by Senor Creel, special envoy of President Diaz, that Mexico is prepared now to give at least a passive acquiesence to allof the plans of the administration with regard to Zelaya and his fallen government.

Mexico Not Aiding Zelaya to Escape entry, the rights to the coal to be reofficials today denied the rumor that with the right of prospecting and min-Senor Enrique Creel's mission to Wash- ing. No desert entry made of such ington had failed and Mexico would lands, however, shall embrace more therefore aid Zelaya to escape, than 160 acres, and all homestead en-Whether Senor Creel's mission is suc- tries shall be made in conformity with cessful or not, the officials declared, the requirements of the dry farm home-Mexico intends to side with the United stead law, except as States in the settlement of the trouble volved. in Nicaragua. The minister of foreign affairs denied the existence of tain patent to the surface rights. plans to take Zelaya aboard a Mexican The coal deposits, under the bill, are gunboat and transport him from Cen- made subject to disposal by the Unittral America to some European coun- ed States under the coal land laws, and

Oregon Trunk to Cross Columbia.

Washington, Dec. 24 .-- A bill was in roduced by Representative Ellis auriver by the Oregon Trunk railroad to surface entryman, however, is given were prepared by Ralph Modjeski, and call for a modern steel structure, to cost approximately \$2,500,000. The strucure is to be built after the plans of the Northern Pacific bridge across the Columbia at Vancouver. The work of

as the consent of congress is gained.

Postmasters Will Get More. the following fourth-class postoffices that the importation of costly goods will be advanced to the presidential through this port without payment of grade, and the salaries of the postmas- duty," Mr. Loeb said, "was the result miston, \$1,100; Sherwood, \$1,100; which was a former United States cus-Wallowa, \$1,200. Washington: Al- toms official, who made his headquarmira and Woodland, \$1,000; Granite ters in Paris, and who has since died." Falls, Kettle Falls and Oroville, \$1,100. Several dressmakers have been ar-Idaho: Gooding, \$700; Jerome, \$1,600; rested here. Burley, \$1,300; Rigby, \$1,200; Cam-

bridge, Cottonwood, Meridian, \$1,100.

Siletz Bill Handled Early tive Hawley has conferred with mem- in raising and equipping troops during bers of the public lands committee the Civil war, amounting to \$193,000, with reference to his bill authorizing will be pressed before the house next the Secretary of the Interior to issue menth. Representative Hawley today paten's to all settlers on the Siletz res. discussed this claim with Chairman ervation who have resided upon and Tawney, of the appropriations commitcultivated their lands and who have tee, showing him a finding of the court submitted final proof showing compli- of claims in which this claim is certiance with the law. He secured a fied as correct and worthy of payment. promise to have the bill referred immediately to the Interior department for report. This applies to all settlers whose entries are still held up.

Senate Confirms Many Diplomats. Washington, Dec. 24 .- The senate confirmed the nomination of Robert Bacon, of New York, as ambassador to France, as submitted by President Taft. Twenty-six other diplomatic nomina ions, including those of Richard C Kerens, of Missouri, ambassador to Austria-Hungary; Henry Lane Wilson, of Washington, ambassador to Mexico; William James Calhoun, of Illinois, minister to China; and Henry T. Gage of California, minister to Portugal, were also confirmed by the senate.

Knocks Estrada; Boosts Madriz. Washington, Dec. 28 Estrada is a

bully, a troublemaker, an ingrate, and is unprincipled and uneducated,, according to John T. McCall, a Californis mining engineer here today from tion. The committee, which was apto kindling wood, and others are Central America. McCall said Madriz pointed for the purpose by the recent iled in a heap. No fatalities resulted, was a natural leader also that he was s the train crew immped when it was talented gentleman and a fine execuhistovered Engineer Merrisey had lost tive. He said Madriz was held in high esteem by the better class of Nicarag- Frank Morrison, uans, those not under Zelaya's thumb

Assistant Weigher Indicted.

New York, Dec. 25. Another Federal grand jury indictment in connecCONGRESS HAS BEEN ACTIVE.

Prophecies of Lazy Session Not Fulfilled By House.

WashingHton, Dec. 23-Far better progress is being made with liegisation in the house than was anticipated Reports indicate that the weather is musually severe and many requests Before congress convened, little or no activity prior to the hoiday adjournment was expected and that the disposition to do but a smalll amount of business would probably characterize the entire session was asserted openly,

Since the house convened, December lutions have been introduced; two im portant measures have passed, while others have been reported and many are under consideration in Ithe house, In all a total of 1,606 house bills, 188 house resolutions, 95 house joint

resolutions and 26 concurrent resolutions have been introduced. measures for railroad regulation beatinetly disclaims any purpose to usurp ring the name of Representative Each, of Wisconsin, have passed the house, Two omnibus pension bills, carrying a total of467 claims, also have passed Two important pieces of legislation are now pending, the District of Col. umbia appropriation bill and the Pan-

ama government reorganization meas-

upwards of one bundred million dollars

is out of the military committee, while

the immigration commtitee is prepar-

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COAL LANDS, FARMS, TOO.

Mondell of Wyoming Prepares Bill Providing Agricultural Entries.

Washington Dec. 28 Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, chairman of the a bill providing for agricultural entries on coal lands. The bill is intend ed to make available for agricultural development the surface of the areas underlain with coal, much of which will not be developed as coal property for many years to come because of the inaccessibility of the deposits. Moreover, the bill is drawn with a view to permitting double use of all such land, one man to use the surface for farming purposes, another to develop the coal

The bill provides that lands known to contain coal shall be subject to homes ead desert land or Carey act Mexico City, Dec. 28 - Government served to the United States, together

Persons entering such lands may obthe United States or its grantees shall at all times have the right to enter upon lands so patented for the purpose of prosecting for, mining and removing the coal, but the owner of the surface thorizing the building of a bridge shall be entitled to damages resulting eross the Celilo canal and Columbia from such coal development. The onnect its Deschutes railroad with the the right to mine coal on or under his North Bank road. Plans for the bridge land for domestic purposes at any time prior to the disposal of the coal by the

Think Frauds Reach Pacific New York, Dec. 25 Collector of the construction is to be commenced as soon | Port Loeb has declared the arrests here in the "sleeper trunk" smuggling cases were but the beginning of a series of arrests that would extend to the Pa-Washington, Dec. 22-On January 1 cific Ocean. "It has been discovered ters fixed as indicated: Oregon: Her- of a far-reaching plot, the nead of

Oregon's Claim Is Pressed. Washington, Dec. 23. - Oregon's claim against the Federal government Washington, Dec. 22-Representa- on account of its expenditures incurred

Hawley Feels Encouraged.

Washington, Dec. 23 .- During the past week Representative Hawley has been doing missionary work among members of the rivers and harbors committee in behalf of Oregon projects. He finds a very friendly spirit prevailing, and individual members of the committee are inclined to abide by recommendations of the army engineers. They are particularly impressed with the necessity for doing something at Oregon City to open the Willamette to free navigation. The bill will come up after the holidays.

Labor Leaders Confer With Nagel

Washington, Dec. 24 .- A commit co representing the American Federation of Labor called upon Secretary of Com-merce and Labor Nagel and urged upon im the advisability of his department making a thorough investigation into James O'Connell, John Mitchell and

Loeb Waits for Automatics.

Washington, Dec. 24. - Collector William Loeb, Jr., of New York, said here today he was looking for the arrival of the first automatic scales which it is proposed to place on the If found satisfactory ing purposes. 20 of the scales will be installed.