TO OPEN TRADE WITH CANADA

Government Asked to Convene Joint High Commission Again-Danger of Losing Opportunity of Reciprocity With Cuba.

The National Reciprocity Convenat Detroit closed yesterday, with the adoption of resolutions asking-

That the reciprocity treaties nego-ticted by John A. Kasson be ratified. That the joint high commission be reconvened to negotiate a treaty with

That a reciprocity treaty be negotiated with Cuba.

Addresses were made by Eugene N. Foss, of Boston, on "Canadian Reciprocity," and by Frank D. Povey, of "Reciprocity New York, on

DETROIT, Dec. 11.-The delegates to the reciprocity convention today adopted resolutions, listened to a witty and forceful address on reciprocity by ex-Governor John Lind, of Minnesots, heard the report of the finance committee, and adjourned

At the morning session two addresses were made. Eugene N. Foss, of Boston, "Canadian Reciprocity," and Frank D. Pavey, of New York, spoke on "Reciprocity With Cuba." The resolu-tions adopted are as follows:

"Resolved, That we reaffirm the resolu-tions adopted at the first convention of this league at Chicago, which embrace in their scope the general principle of reci-procity and the establishment of liberal and fair trade relations with all the nations of the world, and that we again call attention to reciprocity treatles negotiated by ex-Minister Kasson, including the very important trenty with France; and we again request that these treaties be ratified, and also that a reciprocity treaty with Cuba be speedily negotiated and

Make Trenty With Canada.

Resolved, also, That the time and place of holding this convention make appro-priate special consideration of our trade relations with Canada, relations which, to say the least, have for many years been unfortunate for both countries, and which promise, unless speedily changed, to grow rapidly from bad to worse at the very moment when a great industrial develop-ment is taking place; and in view of these considerations, it is further "Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that the Government of the United States should take immediate

United States should take immediate steps to secure closer and more advan-tageous trade relations with Canada, and that reciprocal relations beneficial to both countries should preferably follow the general lines of the removal by both countries of the duties on natural prodnots of each, and such mutual extensions of the free list and reductions and changes of the duties on the manufactured products of both as will give to each as low rates of duties as is given to any other country. Accordingly, we earnestly urge upon Congress that action to this end be taken at once, either by reconvening the Joint High Commission for the sole purpose of negotiating a reciprocity treaty with Canada, or by adopting such other method as to the Congress may seem best.

"Resolved, finally, That we regard the negotiations of the reciprocity treaty with Newfoundland as a most important step in the right direction, and hope it may promptly ratified." The report of the finance committee, thich was adopted, declares that the

work of organizing auxiliary leagues should be vigorously prosecuted, and the services of one or more organizers should e secured to this end.
A number of liberal financial contribu

tions were made by delegates during the two days of the convention. A committee of four was appointed by the executive committee today to act as a sort of nucleus of a standing committee to further the cause of Canadian reciprocity. Its members are: Campbell Shaw, of Buffalo: B. Smith, of Detroit; E. N. Ross, of oston, and W. S. Winnell, of Minneap-

Political Fear an Obstacle. After referring to the introduction Canadian reciprocity as an issue into the last Congressional campaign in Boston. Mr. Foss said this morning:

"The idea of reciprocity is received everywhere with enthusiasm. The busi-ness men I find to be practically a unit in favor of doing something to bring about better relations with Canada. If we can bring it close home to every voter that it is an unfair condition when we buy of our largest per capita customer only 40 per cent of what we sell her; that upon her side there is a natural and worthy determination to close her markets against us in the advancement of her own manu-facturing interests; that the loss of our Canadian trade threatens the closing of our mills and factories, then we shall ac complish real progress with this cause.

In the United States I am convinced it is political fear rather than the merits of the case that stand in the way of Canadian reciprocity. From all the circum a trade arrangement with Canada on a basis of free interchange of raw matecials and food products and a moderate tariff on, and reasonable protection to, manufactures on both side, would be de-

Good Chance in Danger

Mr. Pavey said, in part; one point which I wish to empha size is that the United States is in danger of losing its best chance to secure the market of Cuba upon favorable terms for the merchants and manufacturers of the United States. One year ago, the Cubans were seeking to secure reciprocity upon almost any terms in order to save them-selves from bankruptcy. Today it is the United States that is seeking a reciprocity

treaty with Cuba, It is plain that no treaty will be worth anything to Cuba which does not grant tariff concessions to Cuban sugar and to-bacco upon their importation into the United States. If the treaty contains this concession, it probably will be opposed by the same interests which opposed reci-procity by legislation last year."

The speaker said there appeared no doubt these same interests would be able to secure the defeat of the treaty at the present session of Congress. He was of the opinion that its defeat would be a good thing for Cuba, as it would bring to the front the question of annexation

that country as a state, but he added:
"The fact that the defeat of the Cuban reciprocity treaty at the coming session of Congress may, in the long run, be of greater benefit to Cuba as well as to the American interests which desire to get the market of Cuba, is no reason why there should be any lack of effort to secure the ratification of the treaty on the part of those who wish to see American trade extended to Cuba. If the Cuban treaty is ratified, it will be a good precedent in favor of negotiation and ratifica-tion of other reciprocity treaties where treaties are the only available solution."

Spreckels Strike Settled. SAN WRANCISCO, Dec. IL-The strike

PASS THE TREATIES at the Spreckels Sugar Refining Works has been amicably settled, all of the men who walked out returning to work. The employes whose discharge caused the strike will be reinstated, some at once and the others as soon as there is work

> WITNESS FOR OTHER SIDE Coal Operators in an Embarrassing Position.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 1L.—The repre-sentatives of the miners during today's proceedings before the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission called one of the indeident operators to the witness stand to coal and the witness refused, giving in-stead, after much questioning, an aver-age of the price he received. The operator was L. N. Crawford, president of the Peo-ple's Coal Company, which operates the Oxford coillery in Scranton. The request for him to take the stand was a surprise. The Oxford coillery during the strike managed to get enough men to operate the plant, and for one month, according to Mr. Crawford, his company received \$30 a ton for its coal. Objection was raised to the miners' lawyers trying to get him to tell what he received from the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Company for the production of his coal, but the examination was permitted to proceed for what it was worth, the commission stating that the exceptionally high price of coal during

ed to close their case on Saturday and thus gave notice to the other side to be ready to proceed with their testimony. In reply, the companies announced that they would have to adjourn for a short recess in order properly to prepare their case. Judge Gray in reply said he hoped there would be no interruption in the proceed-ings and he hoped the companies would be able to proceed as soon as the miners had concluded their case. From the large number of witnesses yet to be called by the miners, it is not likely they will finish

the strike was not pertinent to the present

their case on Saturday.

Nearly the entire day was taken up in hearing witnesses who had some specific complaint to make, among other thinge, the price per mine car, and the size of the Mr. Crawford, who has been attending

the sessions each day, was surprised to be called, and he remarked as he took the etand:

"When did you ship coal last?" asked "Yesterday."

"What are you getting for it?"
"I don't know, exactly."
"Can you come near it?"

"I can if I want to." "Don't you want to?"
"No, sir."

"You are a party to this commission, and went to New York to see the coal "Yes, sir."

"Then you refuse to give this com-nission that information?"
"I don't think I am compelled to tell." which road do you sell to?" "Delaware, Lackawanna & Western."

"What do you get for it?"
"About & per cent of what the Lacka-wanna gets for it."

At this point attorneys for the operators objected to the inquiry proceeding any further along the lines of what a company's profits are.

Mr. Darrow said he called the witness to show that the coal companies are able to pay the advance in wages asked for. Wayne MacVeagh, in his cross-examina-tion of Mr. Mitchell, he said, intimated that the increase, if granted, would ultimately be placed on the "bowed backs of the poor," and he wanted to show that

the companies are well able to give the increase asked for without putting it on the poor. Mr. Darrow then continued the exam-

"How many tons do you ship in a day?" "Nine hundred to 1000 tons."
"And you don't know how much you get

"I can give an estimate." "Well, what is it?"
"About \$2.50 a ton."

On further examination Mr. Crawford said that during the latter part of the strike his colliery was in operation and

he got \$20 a ton for his coal. Chairman Gray here stopped the examination, saying that the exceptionally high prices during the strike were not pertinent to the inquiry.

The miners called several witnesses, who told of conditions at the collieries of the A. Pardee Company in the Hazleton re-One of the witnesses was a boy who said he lost a leg in the mir ceived nothing for its loss, but instead, when he returned to work the company took off his wages pay for his father's

MYSTERY OF A NEWSBOY. His Wounded Body Found With Papers in Central Park.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.-Mystery sur-NEW YORK, Dec. II.—Mystery sur-rounds the death of a boy about is years of age, whose body was found by a po-liceman lying off the bicycle path in Cen-tral Park near Eighty-fifth street and opposite the workshop of the Departnt of Parks. On the right side of his face there was a lacerated wound in the jaw, which bere a resemblance to the bite of some animal, the mark of a long tooth being visible in its center. On the right side of the little fellow's neck were several dark bluish marks and three others on the left side.

Lying on his back, the boy's head rest-Lying on his back, the boy's hear rest-ed on a bundle of newspapers. He was to all appearances a newsboy, poorly clad and in poor physical condition, but a cost-ly slik muffler was tied about his neck. In his pockets were found 21 pennies and three street-car transfers.

An ambulance surgeon who examined the body said the cause of the boy's death could only be decided by an autopsy, and he did not think the wounds could have caused death.

SAYS CROWE WILL SURRENDER. Brother of Kidnaper Says He Is fa Johannesburg.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11 .- Steven A. Crowe, hotel proprietor of this city, and rother of Pat Crowe, asserted positively today that the latter is in Johannesburg He said further that within the next few weeks his brother may surrender himself to the authorities, according to an agreement with Edward Cudahy, the \$25,000 reward for his arrest

was withdrawn recently. "Except for the fact," he said, "that I lost my temper recently when approached by an agent sent by Pat, my brother might now be in the hands of the authorities and ready to face the accusations against him when the Cudahy child disappeared under such sensational circumstances."

Big Increase in Capital Stock JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 11 .- Secetary of State Cook today issued to the St. Louis Bridge & Terminal Rallway Asciation a certificate of increase of capital stock from \$12,000,000 to \$50,000,600.

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bons or trinkets. 45c values this week only 33c 80c values this week only 48c

handkerchiefs, neckties, rib-

A Toy Wagon of Wooden Blocks

Blocks in all shapes and sizes, packed in a neat and strong little wagon. Price 25c

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Very sheer and dainty, with lace and embroidery corners and lace edges, 25c 121c values, today only

A Christmas Book Special

The works of the best authors in artistic covers, beautifully bound, print large and clear, paper a good quality. A present that will be prized both for its merit and its beauty. Price this

25 cents

DON THEIR WAR PAINT

(Continued from First Page.)

Thursday diplomatic reception to confer respecting Venezuela. The chairmen of the two Congressional committees charged

with the care of foreign affairs also called at the State Department during the

forenoon to talk over the Venezuelan de-

pleased with the energetic yet discreet manner in which Minister Bowen has acted. There have been no orders to any

of our naval vessels to repair to Vene-

zuelan ports, and it is not intended to issue such orders unless an emergency

should arise, as the presence of foreign men-of-war in such cases as this is apt to cause useless friction. There is, of course, always danger that the at-

tempt of an American vessel to pass the "peaceful blockade" may in the end call

for the appearance of American men-of-war upon the scene. It is an interesting fact that up to this

point the State Department has not undertaken to recognize the limitations that might be placed on American commerce

German government no later than last year sought to secure an understanding on this point, but the State Department

simply recorded the views of that gov-

ernment, without either accepting or re-jecting them, so that our hands are free.

The matter came up in December, 1901, when Germany was considering coercive measures against Venezuela, and ad-

dressed the following memorial to the

"Imperial Germany Embassy, Washing-

be obliged to use coercion against Ven-

exuela in connection with the pending

through without a declaration of war pre-

be a peace blockade. Such a blockade

would touch likewise the ships of neutral

powers, inasmuch as such ships, although a confiscation of them would not have to

be considered, would have to be turned

away and prohibited until the blockade should be raised. In the same manner

European states have proceeded on such occasions, especially England and

Acting under cabled instructions re

ceived today from their home officials Mr. von Hollenben, the German Ambas

sador, and Sir Michael Herbert, the Brit-

ish Ambassador, today presented to the State Department the thanks of their

governments for the services of Minister

Bowen, acting on behalf of the United States in securing the release of the Ger-

man and British subjects arrested by

President Castro at Caracas. Both dip-lomats discussed the Venezuelan situa-

tion with Secretary Hay, who offered to keep the Embassies informed of all news received here from the American Lega-

tion at Caracas, or from any of the Amer-ican Consuls. This information is being cabled from the Embassics to Berlin and

London, which, it is understood, are re

Venezue an situation from Washington.

Very little in the way of direct instruc-tions has been received by either the Ger-

man or British Ambassador from their

governments on the Venezuelan situation

rected to assure the State Department

that neither England or Germany intends

to depart in any particular from the plan of joint action against Venezuela which

was drawn up in London and Berlin and

submitted to the State Department some

Mr. Pulido, the Venezuelan Charge

d'Affaires, has received no confirmation from his government of the sinking of the

the foreign me-of-war. I do not under

stand it, for the reason that assurances

have been given only in the last day or

two that the blockade established was to

be a 'peace blockade.' I regard the sink-ing of the gunboats as absolutely unwar-

tion has been gravely complicated there-

BRITONS ARE ANXIOUS.

Fear Serious Resistance.

without further official news about the

While there is no confirmation of the rumors of fighting in La Guayra, the newspapers this morning are beginning

to show a keener appreciation of the se

rious possibilities involved by President Castro's continued defiance. This feel-

ing will hardly be lessened by a report that a British vessel has been selzed at Puerto Cabello, and it is shown in the

eager demands upon the government to

no longer in doubt as to what provoca-

situation in Venezuela.

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State Department:

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ton, D. C., Dec. 20, 1901.

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and Saturday,

It is recognized that President Castro has nothing to lose, and that the Vene-zuelans are incensed at the sinking of their ships and may set aside their in-ternal dissensions and make stout resist-ance, hoping for some assistance from the United States or France.

occupation of the capital of that country

would achieve the desired results are be-

Much gratitude is expressed at Minis-ter Bowen's prompt intervention in behalf of the British and German residents. and alarm is expressed at the possible fate of British subjects, not only in the coast towns, but in the interior of Vene-zuela. Through all the editorial articles published this morning there runs a strong vein of hope, more or less openly expressed, that the United States will interfere in some way to secure an ad-justment of the difficulty acceptable to both sides, either by arbitration or other means, and thus avoid hostilities. newspapers even go so far as to argue that it is the duty of the United States to coerce Venezuela into satisfying foreign claims.

FRENCH SHIP WAS SEIZED.

May Be Trouble With Germany Un-less She Is Released.

PARIS, Dec. II.—A lengthy official dis-patch has been received at the Foreign Office here from Caracas saying that the boats from the German warship, in seiz-ing the vessels supposed to belong to Vanezuela, also captured a French merchant steamer, the Ossun. These advices reached here so late today that the offi-cials were unable to say what steps would be taken in the matter, but it is believed that unless the Germans promptly rectify the mistake and release the Ossun, representations on the subject will be made to

"In case the German government should This is also taken to indicate the delicate state of the situation and the possi-bilities of international complications be-yond those involved in Venezuela alone. claims, it will have to be considered what It is thought here that the seizure of "The most important measure of coer-cion-that is, the blockade of Venezuelan harbors-would have to be carried the Ossun by the Germans was due to the enforced service of that vessel under the Venezuelan flag, but the French nationality of the Ossun is considered here to be unquestionable,

The advices from Caracas indicate that some tension is arising between the Brit-ish and German naval commanders over the methods of enforcing the demands. The German authorities insist on decisive action, and the advices received here show that they have landed a small German force, besides seizing the ships. The British commander desires to proceed slowly and more in accordance with the usual course of diplomacy. As a result of this friction some of the leading diplomatic representatives at Caracas have reported that it is not likely that the British will participate in the seizure of the Custom-House. If this is borne out, the officials here consider that the joint character of the operations will be considerably inter-

rupted.

Leading French officials openly expres gratification that France has secured through diplomacy what other powers were seeking to obtain through force. It is learned from an authoritative source that the French claims, which will be submitted to the coming arbitration board, amount to \$16,800,600. This includes \$3,600,000 demanded for the practical de-struction of the French railroads running from the Gulf of Maracalbo to the mountains. The recent protocol restricted ar-bitration to the damages occurring prior to 1899, but, as the railroad was begun prior to 1839, and was continued through the recent revolution, France will insist that the claim be arbitrated under the

The claims which it has not been decided to submit to arbitration aggregate \$4. 400,000, but it is believed that these also will be included before the arbitration is closed, and it is understood that the arbitration will result in Venezuela allow-ing France to collect the duties at one or two ports until her claims are paid, which may raise further issues if all the Venezuelan gunboats by the foreign fleet off La Guayra, and today he said: "I confess I am unable to see what enezuelan ports are occupied forcibly by other powers. Public and newspaper opinion here tends the foreign powers mean by sinking my country's little gunboats, which are scarcely more than yachts compared to

to sympathize with Venezuela as being the victim of undue severity on the part of the strong powers. The Temps says:
"If the United States has nothing to say on the Monroe Doctrine in this affair, it may be time for Europe to speak in the interest of universal peace.

BOWEN PLEASES GERMANY. American Minister to Carnens Sud-

denly Becomes Popular There. BERLIN, Dec. 11 .- The German Foreign officials are much pleased at Ministe' Want to Know Basis of Claim and Bowen's action at Caracas, resulting in the release of most of the Germans im-LONDON, Dec. 12.-Up to a late hour last night the Foreign Office was still prisoned and by his efforts to obtain the liberation of the others. Full advices or

the subject have been received from

Office cay that Venezuela's naval vessels

Washington. The direct dispatches ceived from Venezuela by the For-

have not yet been seized, that only her revenue cutters were captured, but that the selzure of the former is expected immdiately.
All the newspapers here, with the exception of the Socialist organ, Vorwaerts, are in sympathy with the government's action toward Venezuela. The morning papers publish documents explaining the grounds contain many humorous references to what for its action, that the country shall be they term President Castro's magniloquent manifesto cabled to the representa-tives of the Venezuela in Paris and made

two powers and the naval demonstra for the promotion of certain financial

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sort of weather.

Minister Bowen has suddenly become famous in Germany. The newspapers print his portrait, with sketches of his career, applauding his prompt interven-tion in favor of the Germans and Brit-

ish at Caracas.
The Foreign Office now understands that the press report that all the persons arrested were subsequently released is cor-rect, but the officials here are entirely ignorant of what has transpired since Tuesday, being, as in the China campaign, two days behind the newspapers. If President Castro has replied to the Germans and their ultimatum, the reply is in course of transmission to Germany.

NOT READY TO SEIZE CUSTOMS. Receipts Must Be Apportioned Among All Venezuela's Creditors. Receipts

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Foreign Office at 1 o'clock this afternoon was still with-out official news from Venezuela. In connection with the reported seizure of the Venezuelan customs the Foreign Office officials say that arrangements for that step have not been completed. Before any general seizure could occur Germany Great Britain and other nations would have to come to an agreement for a pro-rata division and adjustment of their respective claims similar to that arrived at by the allies in China, except that the La Guayra custom-house may possibly have been seized as a purely military measure. Though the seizure of the custom-houses will take place eventually, it is pointed out that while hostilities are in progress the customs as a fiscal institution are practically valueless.

The Under Secretary also said that the release of the British subjects arrested at Caracas had been demanded, but up to that time the government had not been informed that the demand had been com-piled with. The government has no official information of the reported arrest of the British Consul at Caracas latest report was that he left La Guayra yesterday. The British subjects arrested had not been harmed. Move for Arbitration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A joint resolution was offered in the House today by Mr. Shafroth (Colo.), authorizing the President to propose to Great Britain and Ger-many to submit their claims against Venezuela to arbitration and to guarantee the payment of the awards that may be

Italy Sends a Warship SYDNEY, C. B., Dec. II.—The com-manner of the Italian warship Carlo Al-berto received orders today from his gov-ernment to proceed with all speed to Venezuela to protect the Italian subjects there. The Carlo Alberto sailed tonight. This will retard Marconi's experiments at Glace Bay for the present.

HANDS OFF UNION PAFICIC So Say Strikers to Railroads Inclined to Help.

OMAHA, Dec. 11 .- John McNell, grand president of the Bollermakers' Union, who is in the city, today notified the Southern Pacific Company that the loaning of engines by that line to the Union Pacific would precipitate a general strike of boilermakers employed by the former. Mo Neil claims that engines intended for other railroads are being turned over Union Pacific, and says a general strike of bollermakers will be declared on roads which are loaning locomotives if such action continues.

SANTA FE'S ANNUAL MEETING. Formal Business Transacted-Three Men Did It All.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. II.— President Edward P. Ripley, of Chicago; Victor Morawetz, general counsel, and C. S. Gleed, of Topeka, were the only directors present at the annual meeting of the Santa Fe stockholders this afternoon. Nothing of importance wae transacted, save the ratification of the purchase of a number of branch lines the past year. Howell Jones, of Topeka; Byron L. Smith, of Chicago; Charles Steele, of New York, and E. P. Ripley, of Chicago, whose terms as di-rectors expired, were re-elected. President Ripley and Victor Morawetz returned East

this afternoon.

The purchase of the following lines, which has already been announced by the directors, was ratified:

Kansas & Southwestern, Suneet Route

astern Oklahoma; Kiowa, Chickasaw & Fort Smith; Guthrie & Western, and the Eastern Railway of New Mexico. Price, Waterhouse & Co. were elected as independent auditors of the company. Owing to the fact that Mr. Ripley, Mr. Morawetz and Charles S. Gleed, of Topeka. were the only directors present, the annual neeting of the directors was not held. There was over three-fourths of the

(a short line in California); California 'astern Grand Canon Line; Gulf, Beau-ont & Great Northern; Santa Fe Pacific;

tire stock of the Santa Fe represented at the meeting. President Ripley said after the meeting that a plan for pensioning the employee of the Santa Fe was under consideration Both the management and employes of the road will contribute to the movement.

tion the government has received. Questions as to how it will be possible to enforce the payment of Great Britain's demands upon Venezuela without costly military operations and whether even the it thinks the formidable ultimatums of the is on foot among the thousands of clerks.

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employed by the Santa Fe Railway to se cure a general increase in wages paid to this class of railway employes. The re-quests for more pay will come before the freight and passenger officials of the road and the head of this department is Second Vice-President Morton. As yet the plans have not taken definite form and it is difficult to ascertain just how far the movement has spread or how strong the organization of rallways clerks is.

Big Increase in Capital. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 11.—Secretary of State Cook today issued to the St. Louis Bridge & Terminal Railway Assostock from \$12,000,000 to \$50,000,000

CAUGHTAFTER FOUR YEARS Maker of Counterfeit Union Cigar Labels Trapped in His Shop.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11 .- In a raid by constables and labor leaders early today it is believed the greatest plant in the coun-try for counterfelling union cigar labels was discovered, says the Inter Ocean.
The printing establishment of Hiram The printing Melts was entered and 10 plates captured, from which it is believed all the counterfeit labels in the United States have been printed. One hundred thousand counterfelt labels were also co fiscated. Officers of the Cigarmakers' In-ternational Union assert that the plates are the only ones in existence, Melts shipped the counterfelt blue slips in lots varying from 1000 to 16,000 to all parts of the United States,

For the past four years George J. Thompson, label secretary of the Cigar-makers' International Union, has been ueing every effort to entrap the makers of this counterfelt plate. Last night was the fourth consecutive night on which the constables and members of the union have watched the printing establishment until after midnight. The printing shop was entered by stratagem. Constable Philip Spiro and Charles Bucachel arrested Meits before he realized the meaning of the sudden rush. So great was the chock that he fainted.

A. E. Adeloff, president of the Cigarmakers' Union, and William Magruger, ex-president of the New Jersey State Federation of Labor, were the other members of the party which captured Meits prisoner was taken to the County Jail in default of \$1500 bonds

GREAT FIRE AT SPOKANE Ridnath Hotel Gutted and Guests Escape at Midnight.

SPOKANE, Dec. 12 .- The Ridpath Hotel, valued at \$80,000, is being gutted by fire. which started at 2 o'clock this morning. The guests all escaped with most of their personal effects.

Salvador Makes Vain Protest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. II.—Salvador has applied for a reduction of the award aggregating \$500,000 made by the Arbitration Board, which met in Washington last Spring, for injuries inflicted upon the Salvador Commercial Company, an American approach the appropriate for a proposery through the appropriation of a concern through the appropriation of a concern through the appropriation of a concern through the appropriation of the content of the co concern, through the appropriation of a franchise. The allegation is made that the award is excessive: The State Department has for the last three weeks been earnestly considering this matter, but from present indications it has not changed its mind as to the justice of the ward, which must be paid by next Feb-

Oklahoma Postoffice Robbed. OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 11 .-The postoffice at Yukon, in Canadian County, was robbed early today of \$200 in money and stamps by two men, who wrecked the safe with dynamite. fight with the robbers Marshal Montfort was shot and slightly wounded. The men escaped in a stolen buggy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.-The White Star liner Oceanic, on which Andrew Carnegle is a passenger, arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown, after a stormy pas-sage of six days. It was stated that Mr. Carnegle had fully recovered from his recent illness and that he never was in better health.

Dinmonds Stolen From Hotel. CHICAGO, Dec. 11 .- Mrs. Charles H. Blackman, a wealthy widow residing in the Kenwood Hotel, has been robbed of \$6000 worth of diamonds. The lewels were taken from her room in the hotel in day-light, and while the parlor, a short dis-tance away, was filled with people. There

is no clew to the thief.



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