

MITCHELL GAINING

Is Steadily Recovering From Serious Illness.

WERE RUMORS OF A BAD TURN

This Proved to Be Without Foundation, However—Heavy Load Upon Him Since Death of Congressman Tongue.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 1.—Senator Mitchell, who for nearly two weeks has been confined to his room and his bed on account of stomach trouble, sat up the greater part of today and seemed very much improved over his condition a week ago. For the past two days he has been sitting up a short time, but has even yet not been able to leave his room. If he continues to improve as at present it is expected he will again be out in two or three days to attend the sessions of the Senate.

His physician, Dr. Charles W. Brown, who has been attending the Senator all along, said this evening that his patient was doing nicely. "The Senator," said he, "has had a severe attack of inflammation of the stomach. His trouble is entirely due to the fact that he has been working too hard and incessantly. I warned him a month ago that he should desist and take a rest, but he would not do so. The night before he was put to bed he dined with Senator Quay, and that dinner may have been the immediate cause of his illness at this time, although in his condition it could not have been so much longer any way."

"Much of the time since he has been in Washington this winter Senator Mitchell has worked from early morning to 1 and 2 o'clock at night. This has been too much for him. Then, too, his trip to Hawaii last summer proved a great strain upon him, and seemed to undermine his health. The great trouble with him now will be to prevent his again plunging in and overworking himself, when he is able to stand the strain; his constituents should be more considerate in their demands, for since the death of Congressman Tongue it seems as though the work of the two has piled up on the Senator, and he has felt that he must do the work of both."

"If the weather is favorable I think Senator Mitchell will be able to go to the Senate the early part of this week. He has been making very favorable progress lately, and is gaining strength every day."

Dr. Brown declined to say how ill the Senator has been in the past, but his manner led to the inference that his condition has at one time been quite serious. This assumption is further emphasized by the fact that the Senator's daughter, Mrs. Griffin, has been with her father for more than a week. None but the Senator's closest friends have yet been able to see him, although many have called to inquire after his condition.

(The report that Senator Mitchell was seriously ill reached Portland early yesterday morning, and quickly spread. No one seemed to know where it came from or who started it, but by noon it was all over the city. A detail had that First Lieutenant Hiram E. Mitchell, son of the Senator, who is stationed with the troops at Vancouver Barracks, had been summoned to his father's bedside and would leave for Washington at once. When asked about the matter during the afternoon, Lieutenant Mitchell said: "It is all false. My father is not sick, and we are not at all apprehensive. He has not sent for me. He is in Washington, and I am not going there. My sister and I have been in constant communication with him and our latest news was that he was steadily improving in health and would be up and about his official duties in a day or two. I cannot imagine how the report that he was in a critical condition got out.")

YELLOW FEVER ON SHIP

Infected Vessel From Brazil and the Barbados.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—There was one death from yellow fever on board the Rio de Janeiro steamer, which arrived here yesterday afternoon from Manaus, Para and Barbados. Charles W. Caine, the ship's steward, was taken sick on January 21 after leaving Para and died on the 26th. The patient showed marked symptoms of yellow fever. Caine was buried at sea the same day. He was a native of Liverpool, and 34 years of age. When the steamer reached quarantine Captain Cox stated that two other members of the crew were ill. They had been sick since January 25, but were in a fair way to recover. Both men were removed to the Burwell Island Hospital for treatment. The steamer will be thoroughly disinfected.

Mazatlan and the Plague.

MAZATLAN, Mexico, Feb. 1.—There were two deaths from the plague today. The people in the refuge shed number 190. There were 166 deaths in January from the plague. A message, which the sanitary police took a gulf from the house of a plague patient and now is gravely ill from the same disease. According to the best information obtainable at least 3000 persons have left Mazatlan since the appearance of the plague. This number represents about one-sixth of the population of the city.

Introduced From San Francisco.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 1.—The government has been investigating how bubonic plague came to be introduced into Mazatlan and it appears highly probable that it came from the steamer Curacao, reported to be coming from San Francisco. It is probable that the Foreign Relations Department here may make representations to the United States in view of the great loss inflicted upon the leading West Coast port.

TO CONTEST OLD WILL.

Irish Claimants Hope to Get Some of A. T. Stewart's Estate.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—By an order granted by Judge Leventritt in the Supreme Court, the will of A. T. Stewart has again been opened for contest. The old documents are to be submitted tomorrow for the examination of lawyers and handwriting experts retained in an effort to prove that the accepted will should be thrown out and a new line of heirs admitted to a share in the estate.

Seven witnesses have been brought from Ireland and maintained here since October 10 to prove the pedigree of heirs who have their claims as descendants of a third cousin of Mr. Stewart. Among them is Father Aloysius, a parish priest, who has been brought to establish the record of birth and to identify the claimant. The claim is made for one-sixteenth of the estate, which is probably worth from a quarter to half a million dollars. If the division can be carried back far enough

and appraised present values. The present suit is directed against the property at Tenth street and Broadway, which is estimated to be worth \$2,500,000.

STATEHOOD BILL AT FRONT

Attempt to Make It a Rider on Appropriation Bills.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The omnibus statehood bill will continue for the present to be the unfinished business on the Senate calendar, but it seems quite probable that the discussion of the statehood bill will come up in connection with the appropriation bills. Senator Quay has entirely changed his tactics during the past week, and after trying in vain to secure a quorum for night sessions on two different occasions, has abandoned all effort in that direction, leaving the Senators who oppose the statehood bill to take the responsibility for delay. He now apparently is the least concerned of all Senators to secure late sessions. He makes no complaint, but it is evident that it is his purpose to make his fight in connection with the appropriation bills and to secure promises to vote for a statehood rider to the bill.

This far there has not been delay on any supply measure on account of the statehood debate, but there will be a decided effort to attach the statehood amendment to some appropriation bill. It is expected that the amendment will be ruled out on a point of order, in which event there will be an appeal from the decision of the chair. It is quite possible, however, that the question may be submitted to the Senate without a ruling by the chair. This plan has been pursued in other cases and has been found to work satisfactorily.

ANTI-TRUST MAY GO OVER.

Other Bills to the Front in the House This Week.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The anti-trust bill which was scheduled for early consideration in the House this week will not come up until late in the week, if at all, and possibly may be postponed until next week. The friends of the currency bill, Mr. Mitchell, and the protective tariff bill, Mr. Cullum, will attempt to secure consideration of the Cuban treaty bill, and until the statehood bill shall be disposed of, the House will be unable to do more than consider other questions in line.

The Democrats and Republicans have been conferring about the limit of the anti-trust bill debate, and the tentative agreement has been reported to allow two days' general debate on the measure. Tomorrow is suspension day, and a number of minor matters, which ordinarily would be passed by unanimous consent, are under consideration. It is blocked by the refusal of Moon (Tenn.) to allow any bill to receive unanimous consent until the Indian Territory bill is considered. Tuesday has been set aside for the consideration of 13 claims bills, to which Payne (Rep., N. Y.) objected yesterday.

In Memory of Senator McMillan.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The House met today for the purpose of pronouncing eulogies on the late Senator McMillan. The speakers were: Messrs. Corley, W. A. Smith, Hamilton, S. Smith, Gardner and Henry C. Smith. The eulogies were delivered by Mr. Smith, and by Mr. Hamilton. At 1:30 o'clock, as a further mark of respect, the House adjourned.

EX-SECRETARY IS BETTER

Doctors Now Have Hope of His Ultimate Recovery.

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—The reports today from the bedside of ex-Governor Long were of a character to give renewed hope of his ultimate recovery. The attending physician and the few others in a position to know positively have heretofore been reticent, but the impression reflected from the bulletins of the past 24 hours was one of encouragement and those in attendance made no attempt tonight to conceal the fact that the day had been very satisfactory from a medical standpoint. One who is admitted to the sick chamber said at midnight:

"There is steady improvement in health and a sufficient amount of nourishment without trouble and exhibited strength that was looked upon as gratifying. His mind was clearer than for weeks past and he was able to recognize those about him as well as to converse briefly. His temperature, which has varied slightly during the past week, was now normal. Tonight, for the first time since the critical turn in his illness a week ago."

The following bulletin on the condition of Governor Long was issued at 10 o'clock tonight:

"Mr. Long has had a very comfortable day. He has been more rational, takes his food well and has as much strength as can be expected. His temperature has been more nearly normal than on any previous days."

Mrs. Long is almost constantly at the bedside of her husband and was able to speak with him in the afternoon. A constant stream of messages of inquiry has been received by the family, physicians and hospital authorities. These have come from all sections of the country, but have of necessity remained unanswered.

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—The following bulletin on the condition of Governor Long at 2:30:

"Mr. Long is resting easily. His general condition is as good as at the last report."

Died From Nose Bleeding.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 1.—Robert Edgar Vance, an actor, 32 years old, died today at the City Hospital. Five weeks ago Mr. Vance began to bleed and he was removed to the hospital. The cause of the remedy was tried by the physicians and surgeons to relieve the sufferer, but without avail.

Death of a Cambridge President.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Sir George Gabriel Stokes, Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge, and ex-president of the Royal Society and of the British Association, is dead.

Operatic Composer Dead.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Meyer Lutz, the operatic composer and for many years musical director of the Gaiety Theater here, died today.

ARMS FOR NATIONAL GUARD

Men to Be Supplied With Regular Army Service Rifles.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—In accordance with the terms of the new militia law recently enacted by Congress, the entire citizen soldiery of the country is to be supplied with the Regular Army service rifle. The state militia organizations are to be reorganized into National Guards, nearly double the number in the Regular Army establishment. They will be furnished their new arms as rapidly as they can be manufactured by the National Armory at Springfield, Mass.

In addition to this, the War Department is installing a plant at the Rock Island Arsenal for the manufacture of the service rifle, though it will be some time before it will be ready for work. The Department has on hand a large reserve supply of the rifle, sufficient almost to equip the militia, but it will rely mainly on the production of the armories, as the officials prefer not to draw on the reserve too heavily.

SOLDIERS AND CUNS

Called to Keep Order at Waterbury, Conn.

VIOLENCE OF CAR STRIKERS

Score of Nonunion Men Have Been Injured in Riots—No Assaults on Cars Sunday—They Stopped Running at Dark.

WATERBURY, Conn., Feb. 1.—Eight companies of the First Regiment of the Connecticut National Guard and six companies of the Second Regiment, with two Gatling guns, were called to Waterbury today at the command of Governor Chamberlain, because of the "imperial need" occasioned by the trolley strike situation. The riot about the streets last night, coupled with threats of further disturbances tonight, led to the call for troops. There was no repetition today of the violence of last night, but crowds congregated about the streets and were dispersed by the police, while there were rumors of an attack to be made tonight on the barn, where the nonunion motor-men and conductors brought here by the Connecticut Railway & Lighting Company are quartered.

During the day all the lines were operated as usual with the nonunion trolley men, but though there was some jeering from the crowds, the cars were not molested. No cars were in the city, a part of the Second Regiment of the Connecticut National Guard, were called to their quarters about 6 o'clock this evening and remained there under arms.

Governor Chamberlain, when asked why the militia had been ordered out, said:

"Because the situation demands it. I have hesitated about it, but every effort has been made by the state police and Waterbury to avert violence, and today it seemed apparent that wisdom dictated prompt and energetic action if law and order and the welfare of the city and state were to be conserved."

Fourteen companies of the First and Second Regiments, C. N. G., reached the city this evening, and together with the two local companies, A and I, are under command of Brigadier-General Chamberlain. Forst, of South Norwalk. All the visiting companies, which average 50 men each, and the local companies, a total of 800, arrived in the city between 3:40 and 10:30 on trains from New Haven and Hartford. They marched to the Army under police escort, amid the hooting and hissing of the crowds that quickly gathered.

Five companies from Hartford, one from New Britain and one from Middletown, arrived under command of Colonel Edward Schulze. They brought with them two machine-gun batteries. The companies from Manchester and Rockville also brought Gatling guns. The Second Regiment contingent, consisting of five companies, of New Haven, arrived, the streets were crowded with people and there was a noisy demonstration, though there was no violence. The cries of "seab" were frequent along the route to the armory.

Late tonight one company was ordered to the car barn, and there was great excitement among those who witnessed the departure, but no outbreak occurred.

Violence continued today, though no damage was done. One of the nonunion motor-men, who is in a serious condition, was ordered to be removed to the hospital. Three nonunion men were on their way to the hospital for a stretcher when a mob of several hundred men and boys surrounded them, and they were taken to a place of refuge in a hospital. The mob threatened the superintendent, and became so threatening to the police for protection. Three officers were sent out on duty to escort the men back to the car barns. It is said they refused. This evening a squad of officers escorted them to the car barn. About 20 nonunion men have been injured in the riot.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 1.—The New Haven battalion of the Connecticut National Guard was summoned to the Second Regiment Armory at 6:45 o'clock tonight by the ringing of the emergency call alarm. It is understood that troops, five companies, will leave New Haven for Waterbury tonight to do duty in connection with the trolley strike in that city.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 1.—At 6 o'clock this evening the members of the First Regiment were summoned to their armory. At 6:30 it is said the men will go to Waterbury on a special train as soon as possible.

BREWERS FAVOR SOCIALISM.

Considering the Question of Joining That Political Party.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 1.—The annual convention of the United Breweryworkers began here today with 150 delegates from units in 15 states. The National secretary, Julius Zorn, and Assistant secretary Louis Kemper presented elaborate reports, both favoring the Socialist propaganda. Their recommendations were referred to the committee. The convention is considering the question of co-operation with the Socialists, politically.

The New York delegation was not admitted, and their claims were referred to the committee on credentials. It was charged that the 14 delegates from New York represent unions that have been favoring the local brewers.

POOR PROSPECT FOR AGREEMENT.

Miners and Operators Do Not Get Together at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 1.—The scale committee of the miners and operators will meet again tomorrow to resume consideration of the demands of the miners for an increase in wages. Expressions of opinion heard today indicate that the session will be protracted, and that if the miners insist on the demands already made, no agreement will be reached, which will mean a suspension of work on April 1. Both sides seem determined, and the operators say they will never agree to the present demands.

10 HOURS' PAY FOR 8 HOURS' WORK

New Order for Pullman Car Company—1000 Extra Men.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—The Pullman Car Company has issued an order that on April 1, 10 hours' wages will be paid for nine hours' work to every man employed in the works. Nearly 800 men are affected, and more than \$70,000 each month. One thousand extra men will be employed to do the work performed in the 10th hour by the full force.

Better Pay for Laundry Girls.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 1.—At a meeting between the committee representing the Laundryworkers' Union and their employers, a settlement of differences was accomplished. The laundry girls will receive \$10 a week hereafter, and employees will not be docked for the loss of a few hours of time.

Strike and Lockout at Deadwood.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 1.—Three hundred employees of the Golden Reward smelter have gone on strike because of

one man being laid off. About 700 other men will be thrown out of employment, the company having decided to close down two of its large mines. The cyanide plant and smelter have been treating about 1000 tons of ore daily.

More Coal for Kentucky.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 1.—While there has been an abundance of coal along the Ohio River during the winter, it has been impossible to help out interior points to the eastward, because of the scarcity of cars. The break was made today, when a double-header with 17 gondolas, carrying over 1000 tons of coal, left Cincinnati City, Ky.

CHECKS WERE FORGED

And Man Who Drew the Money Has Gone to Paris Unknown.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 1.—Edward McAllister, manager of the Electric Motor & Equipment Company, left here January 4, ostensibly on a business trip, and nothing has been heard of him since. McAllister is charged with forgery by the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, of New York, with whom he deposited a Government check for \$200, payable to the electric company, which had been received for work done in fitting up the cruisers Baltimore and Boston with electrical devices. Later he disappeared, leaving no forwarding address. The officers of the company and drew out all but a few dollars of the deposit. When the alleged forgery became known a few days later, the Government cancelled the checks.

Killed in Rooms of Slayer's Wife.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Walter Ramsey, of Harrison, N. J., was shot and killed in the apartments of Mrs. George Ramsey, of Harrison, N. J., today. The shooting was done by Mrs. McDowell's husband. He left the house after the shooting, taking his wife with him, and so far has eluded the police. Mrs. Ramsey, however, was taken to the police in Newark and was turned over to the Harrison authorities. According to her statement, she was in a room when the shooting occurred, and while she was there, McDowell and his wife have been living apart for some time.

Labor Riots Arrested.

LYNN, Mass., Feb. 1.—As a result of an investigation into the fight that occurred between the boot and shoe workers, cutters and Knights of Labor sympathizers last night, the police today arrested a number of men who were discovered at his home suffering from an ugly bullet wound. The wounded man seems to have incurred in the disturbance only as an onlooker.

Highwaymen Rob Trolley Car.

SALT LAKE, Feb. 1.—Two masked highwaymen held up a trolley car within a few blocks of the business center of the city early this morning, and after relieving the conductor and motor men of their valuables, made their escape. The holdups secured \$35 and two watches. There were no passengers in the car at the time.

Escaped With Bank's Money.

DENVER, Kan., Feb. 1.—Three crackmen wrecked the safe of the State Bank of Denver early today and secured \$100,000, escaping in a motor car without having aroused the citizens.

COAST THEATER CIRCUIT

Includes Houses From Ogden North and West.

SPOKANE, Feb. 1.—(Special).—Treasurer Dan L. Weaver, of the Northwestern Theatrical Association, reports that the association has closed a deal for control of the principal railroad lines between Ogden and Portland and on the O. R. & N. line in the Northwest. The deal was finished during the past week, and the association will operate the line between Ogden and Portland. The deal was a success, and the Northwestern Theatrical Association has a chain of theaters extending on all the principal lines between Ogden and Portland, and on the coast on the north, and Ogden on the south.

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"Important deals just completed by us give us the control of the Ridgeway Theater in Colfax and the theater at Ogden, which will be a great success. The performances that take place at those theaters, shall give good shows and shall give them at regular intervals and feel sure the houses will prove a success."

NET MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

Logging Engineer's Corpse at His Machine—Probably Heart Failure.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special).—Robert Alexander, an employee of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, died yesterday afternoon in a peculiar manner. He was operating a logging engine in the timber above Wendling. Nothing was known to be wrong with him until late in the afternoon, when cables had been attached to the engine, and he was taken to his home. The engine started and the cable was taken up, and then the steam was turned off again. Further signs of life were not observed, and his companions, fearing something had happened, went up to the engine. There they found the body of the engineer lying between the spools of the engine, with his hands on the controls. There were no marks on his body to indicate that he had been injured in any way by the machinery, and it is believed that he suddenly died from an attack of heart failure.

Masman Going to Three Sisters.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special).—The president of the Three Sisters Lumber Company, Mr. Campbell, has written to President Campbell, of the State University, in regard to making preliminary arrangements for the annual outing of the society the coming summer, which is proposed to make the ascent of the Three Sisters. The party is to consist of 50 or 60 members, and they will leave here in wagons, the date of the departure to be determined by the snow. Preliminary arrangements will be in charge of Professor C. A. Burden, physical director of the university. While the trip from here to the Three Sisters will involve a two weeks' time and some fatigue in the matter of traveling, yet it will be a trip full of interest, and time will not be heavy on the party.

To Represent McMinville College.

MINNIVILLE, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special).—Last night the following were chosen to represent the college at the State Debating League: J. B. Dodson, K. S. LaBouette and Miss Pearl Rogers. There were 19 contestants for the honors. Several were very close seconds.

Trains Run Through Foot of Water.

MEADVILLE, Pa., Feb. 1.—The gorge in French Creek still continues. It extends for a distance of probably four and one-half miles above and below the town to this city. The lower part of the town is flooded and many people have moved out of their homes temporarily. Trains are still running, though a foot or two of water. The water now is falling slowly.

THE SULTAN WINS

Crushes the Pretender in Early Morning Surprise.

REBEL LEADER ALSO CAPTURED

His Power Is Utterly Dissipated, and There Is No Possibility of Further Resistance to the Ruling Moorish Sultan.

TANGHER, Feb. 1.—The Sultan's troops have utterly routed the forces of the Moorish pretender and captured Bu-Hamara himself. A special courier, who arrived today after making a record journey from Fez, brought the news this evening. He reports that at daybreak last Thursday the army of the Sultan, commanded by the War Minister, El Menebhi, attacked the pretender's position and inflicted a complete defeat on his followers, at the same time capturing Bu-Hamara.

Another runner, who has arrived here from Fez, confirms the news of the defeat of the rebels but says that the report of the capture of the pretender is incorrect. He adds that it is uncertain whether Bu-Hamara's body was among the great number of slain.

The Sultan's victory was absolute, almost the entire following of the pretender being either slain or captured. His camp, provisions and ammunition were taken and the artillery which was lost by the Sultan's army in the battle of December 23 was recaptured. Even if Bu-Hamara escaped it is hopeless for him to seek to retrieve his defeat, as his claim that he is a saint is exploded.

The details regarding the battle are meager, but it is known that the pretender's camp was surprised and rushed at dawn. There is great rejoicing here at the Sultan's victory.

Bribed Tribes Forsook Rebel.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—A dispatch from Tangier to the Morning Leader mentions a circumstantial report current in that city that Bu-Hamara was brought to Fez in a cage and exposed to public derision. The dispatch adds that it is impossible to ascertain the truth and attributes the Sultan's victory more to his bribery of the tribes than to military tactics. The bribed rebels suddenly abandoned the pretender's standard.

FOREIGN STOCK EXCHANGES.

Marked Upward Movement in Berlin—Money Plentiful.

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—The upward movement in the Stock Exchange gained in strength and volume during the past week, all the departments scoring rises. The public has evidently been buying again in some departments. The principal cause for rising prices is the abundance of money, the large Government loan operations to be carried through in the near future, and in a lesser degree the improved tone of the iron market, which has led to a revival of progress. The announcement of the transformation of the Krupp works into a joint stock company scarcely affected the market, since all the shares will remain in the possession of Bertha Krupp. The shares will not be listed on the bourse, and it is even expected that the transformation will be carried through without the intermediation of any bank. Nevertheless, Dresdener Bank stock rose upon the bank's personal relations with the trust firm. Other bank stocks rose strongly on prospect of large earnings for the forthcoming loans, and Disconto-Gesellschaft advanced through prospects of a settlement of the Venezuela loan, in which the bank has heavily interested.

Mexican silver 3s were heavily bought on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, because of President Roosevelt's message regarding the proposed extension of preferential dealings, the public continuing to show a lack of confidence. Americans were listless, though continuing to display firmness. A sport in Canadiana relieved the monotony. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific advanced sharply. The proposed conference of the United States, Mexico and China regarding the silver question, a good effect on the price of that metal, and also on the market for that metal. Some returning confidence was shown in South African mines, as a promise was held out of a solution of the labor trouble in the Transvaal. There was a lively demand for money as a consequence of the collection of tax, and the borrowing at the bank amounted to about \$50,000,000.

STANDARD OIL IN GALICIA.

Company Trying to Get Control of Strong Competitors.

VIENNA, Feb. 1.—It is reported that the Standard Oil Company is making an investigation into the conditions prevailing at the oil fields of Galicia with a view to purchasing the entire properties. American experts, now at Boryslaw, the important petroleum center in Galicia, conferring with the owners. The price named is \$100,000,000, but this is exclusive of some of the large oil wells. The Standard Oil Company's trust in Galicia has recently suffered by the competition of Galician oil, the enormous production in Galicia causing prices to fall. The lowest point in the Standard Oil Company's trade in Galicia, yesterday reported a loss of \$100,000 on last year's workings.

RUSSIA'S NEW TARIFF RATES.

Is Now Equipped for "Discussion" With Germany.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 1.—The Novoe Vremya publishes an article in which it analyzes the Russian customs tariff which was promulgated June 23. The paper says the increase in rates over the existing tariff is 50 per cent for the great majority of imports, and over 100 per cent for many groups, among the latter being leather and various manufactures of wood, leather and metals. The tariff, it is charged, is a gross injustice to the lower classes, and the lower classes are taxed less than the higher classes.

Fire in Oklahoma Town.

ENID, Okla., Feb. 1.—Fire early today at Waukomis, a small town on the Rock Island Railway, 10 miles south of Enid, destroyed a total loss estimated at \$75,000. The town has no fire-fighting apparatus.

Cedric Arrived Safe.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 1.—The White Star liner Cedric, the fastest and most comfortable vessel in the world, which left Belfast yesterday on her trial trip, arrived here safely today after a very rough voyage on her trip.

under the new tariff 50 to 150 per cent over the treaty rates, and in conclusion observed that Russia is now sufficiently equipped for a discussion with Germany. The new rates if applied will seriously cripple mutual commerce, but the paper hopes that mutual concessions will obviate a tariff struggle.

CHINESE IMPORTING ARMS.

War Stores Taken to Interior in Violation of Treaty.

HONOLULU, Feb. 1.—The Pacific Mail steamship China has arrived here from Hong Kong and Yokohama, on her way to San Francisco. She brings the news that large importations of arms and ammunition are being made by Chinese, in violation of the agreement of the powers. Vessels disguised for trading boats are going into the interior laden with war material. It is thought that these unusual importations of firearms and ammunition are being made by the reform element, which is plotting to overthrow the Manchurian dynasty. There are many members of the reform party in Hawaii, and they have contributed liberal sums for the support of the agitators in China.

Committee on Britain's Food Supply.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The government having frequently turned a deaf ear to Parliamentary urgings for the appointment of a royal commission to inquire into the question of the security of Great Britain's food supply in time of war, an influential committee, headed by the Duke of Sutherland, Lord Strathcona, Lord Charles Heresford, Lord Hugh Cecil, Sir Conan Doyle, a number of members of the House of Commons