SULTAN IS RELIEVED

Powers Have Called Off Bulgaria From Attack.

WAR PREPARATIONS CONTINUE

By Orders of Allies Bulgaria Stops Macedonian Agitation and Arrests Lenders-Austria Tones Down Her Demands, but Sultan Still Arms.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 15.-In official circles it is asserted that the Porte has received from the powers assurances regarding Bulgaria's pacific intention and that it has been greatly relieved thereby, At the same time the tension has not

been relieved. The military council has completed the plans for the mobilization of the second and third army corps and has decided that, in the event of it becoming necessary to take the field in Macedonia, Marshal Edhem Pasha, the generalisatmo in the Grecian-Turkish War, will have the supreme command of the 250,000 men who would be available there.

TRYING TO MOLLIFY SULTAN. Austria Tones Down Demand for Reforms to Avoid War.

VIENNA, Feb. 15 .- A rumor that had been current for several days, to the effect that, owing to the difficulty of obtalning the consent of other powers, or for other reasons, the Austro-Hungarian demands of reforms in Macedonia have been greatly attenuated since Count Lamsdorff drafted them, is practically confirmed tonight by the official Fremdenblatt, which states that the demands are carefully framed so as not to overstep the limits prescribed by respect for the Sultan's suzerain rights, and that, being confined to comparatively modest bounds. they are more likely to attain the desired end than if they were more pretentious, They will not, however, says the official organ, succeed if Mucedonia is made the theater of a guerrilla war.

It is regarded here as certain that these half reforms will not satisfy the Macedonian revolutionary party, which demands complete autonomy.

PROTEST IN BULGARIA.

Macedenians Object to Government Steps Agninst Rebellion.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 15,-A mass meeting of 10,000 Macedonians was held here today to protest against the action of the government in dissolving the Macedonian committee in Bulgaria. The resolution demanded the re-establishment of the Macedonian Societies, and the judicial punishment of individual offenders.

It is rumored that warrants are out for the arrest of Boris Sarafoff, Yankoff and other Macedonian leaders.

M. Sarafoff is said to be now in Mace donia organizing a revolt. Several arrests of Macedonian leaders have been made in provincial towns. The government will prosecute the arrested men.

Unless Turkey now withdraws her troops from the Bulgarian frontier, the government will auspect her intention and issue an order for the mobilization of Bulgarian forces.

DON'T ENRAGE THE TURK.

Publishing Hostile Articles

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15.-Minister Plehwe has sent a circular to the newspapers, instructing them to refrain from publishing articles hostile to Turkey in connection with the Macedonian situa-

AUSTRIA SECRETLY ARMS.

Troops Concentrate on Balkan Fron tier and Commander Chosen. LONDON, Feb. 16.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Vienna says that, in spite of denfals, he learns that Austria has mobilized two army corps and has concentrated an extra 40,000 men on the Balkan border. Military men, adds the corespondent, believe that armed inter-

vention is inevitable.

Rheinlander will command the force. Frenchmen Express Sympathy. PARIS, Feb. 15 .- A meeting of 4000 persons presided over by Baron Constant d'Estournelles and supported by the presence of letters of sympathy from nu ous prominent men, was held today in connection with the Macedonian situa-A resolution was adopted calling or the government to work energetically to procure the enforcement of the Berlin treaty and to put an end to Turkish mis-

LEARN FROM AMERICANS.

German Minister of Commerce Advises Formation of Trusts. BERLIN, Feb. 15,-Minister of Com-merce Moeller, in the course of an address to the Hanover Chamber of Com-

merce yesterday, said:
"The United States will be Germany's chief competitor in the world's markets in the future. We must therefore learn from the Americans and adopt their ness methods, the most marked feature of which is the concentration of capital and trade into trusts. The strong repugnance existing in Germany against such combinations will certainly be replaced in time by a better view, especially after the evils of the syndicates have been re

Ice Jam Causes Floods.

VIENNA, Feb. 15.—The jamming of the Vistula by ice in Galicia has caused the river to inundate seriously the cou causing damage and suffering among the villagers. The ice jam ex-tends 19 miles. Ten villages have been flooded, and detachments of prisoners are bustly engaged in endeavoring to rescue the villagers. An attempt will be made to break up the jam with dynamite.

Dinner to Ambassador McCormick, ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15 -- A dinner was given at the German Embassy here last night in honor of United States Am-baseador McCormick. The Russian Minister, many court dignitaries and the leadmbers of the diplumatic body were present.

Wireless Telegraph in China. VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 15.-According to advices received here today, Italy has asked the Chinese government for a con-cession to establish a wireless telegraphy cervice between Pekin and Taku.

Wants Girls in Vatican Choir. ROME, Feb. 16.-Abbe Perosi, director of the Vatican choir, is seeking the pope's permission to replace some of the choir oys by female sopranos and contaitos.

Choate Retarns From Egypt. LONDON, Feb. 15 .- Ambassador Choate

returned to London tonight from his tour through the countries of the Eastern Med-iterranean and Egypt.

JOY RULES IN VENEZUELA Blockading Fleet Withdraws From

All the Ports. WILLEMSTAD, Feb. 15 .- There is great rejoicing among all classes here at the end of the blockade. Many salling vessels that are lying in this port with cargoes for Venezuelan ports will leave tomorrow. A great amount of coffee is awaiting transportation from Venezuela to the United States. No one apparently is more glad at the raising of the blockade than those on board the blockading squadron.

La Guayra Wild With Joy.

LA GUAYRA, Feb. 15.—The blockade has been officially raised. The commander of the British cruiser Tribune, the only war-ship here, sent an officer ashore this morning with the announcement that the Tribune would leave this afternoon for Trinidad. The populace is wild with joy.

FOREIGN WARSHIPS LEAVE.

Raising of Blockade to Be Followed by Crushing of Revolution. CARACAS, Feb. 15 .- Since 8 o'clock yesterday morning the Venezueians were awaiting impatiently the official intimation that the blockade had been raised. knew that the blockade was to be raised, but no notification came during all

vesterday. This morning the British man-of-war Tribune was still at La Guayra en-forcing the blockade and preventing the fishermen from leaving the harbor. At 9:20 this morning the government inquired of the United States Legation whether it had received any advices, and received a reply in the negative. The government was puzzled until 11

o'clock, when the news reached Caracas that the Capiain of the Tribune had notified the authorities at La Guayra that the blockade was raised. At 3 o'clock this afternoon the Tribune left for Trini-The news received from all the Venezuelan ports except Coro and Higue-rote is that the foreign warships salled

away teday. The government, immediately on receiving the news that the blockade had been raised, took measures to send troops in all directions to crush the revolution with-out giving the rebels a moment's respite.

NOW FOR THE OTHER NATIONS. They May Find Themselves Lined

Up Against Three Allies. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. - Minister Bowen expects to begin immediately the preparation of the protocols with the representatives of the unailled powers for the settlement of the claims of the citizens of those nations which have suffered as a result of the troubles in Venezuela. There are eight of these claimant nations, including the United States. The drawing up of the protocol with this Government will be the first undertaken. Solicitor Penfield, of the State Department, will represent the United States in these negotiations with Mr. Bowen. Work on this protocol, it is expected, will begin tomor-row, and Mr. Bowen's belief is that matters will move forward with greater rapid-ity than they did when the representa-tives of the allied nations were enforcing

the blockage against Venezuela.

The negotiations with France will follow those with the United States, and so on until the protocols with all the unailled creditor nations are completed. The sugsestion has been made that as the unal-lied nations naturally are opposed to any preferential treatment to Germany, Great Britain and Italy, in all probability Vene-zuela, the United States and France will be lined up as representing the eight unallied nations at The Hague as opposed to the three allies.

Mr. Bowen continues to receive numerous congratulatory telegrams from Vene-cuela on the satisfactory outcome of his work here. One of those which he prizes most highly is from the citizens of La Guayra, through the Prefect, which reads as follows:

"La Guayra, Venezuela, Feb. 15,--The citizens of La Guayra, through me, felicitate you as the great and good friend of

Venezuela.

Various efforts have been made by representatives of big financial houses in this country to sound Mr. Bowen as to his views on the question of financing the debts of Venezuela which will arise out of the expected adjudication of the claims by the several mixed commissions. Mr. Bowen, however, has informed all those who have spoken to him on the subject that his mission here is entirely a diplo-matic one, and that he could not consider the financial features of the matter.

WATTERSON WOULD DRAW LINE.

Opposed to Protection of Mongrel Nations From Their Creditors.
BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Colonel
Henry Watterson, speaking at a dinner
given him by the Binghamton Press Club,

Fifty years from today Germany will bear the same relative position to the United States that Holland does. Fifty years from today, unless the United States places sustaining hands under John Bull's arms, God knows what will become of him. The Monroe Doctrine or republic anism are no longer on trial; it is mon-archy that is in danger. The President of the United States has ten-fold me power than the King of England and the eror of Germany.

"It accordingly may be well for us to sit down and see what the Monroe Doc-trine is. We have said that no European power shall acquire territory on this con-tinent. If we are going to protect every little mongrel nation in order to uphold the Monroe Doctrine, why, let us pay Germany her debt and tell her to get out. Germany her dear and the source, we will need an enlarged Navy and a large Army.
"If I owned this Government, I would "If I owned this Government, I would take the Isthmus of Panama and blow out a canal a mile wide, so as to let the two oceans flow together. Then I would say to England, Take all of Central America that you want.' I would greatly prefer to have England and Germany in those countries than the mongrel governments that are there now.

WELL-KNOWN LUMBER MAN Dwight in Business in San Francisco-Warned by Wife Against Trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.-Ward A. Dwight, who dropped dead in Portland today, was born in Binghamton, N. Y., in 1855, and had been a resident of this city for the past seven years. Prior to coming to San Francisco he lived in Portland, where he was in the lumber business for about seven years. Dwight comes from a prominent New York family, all of whom have been engaged in the umber business for several generations, He was a brother-in-law of Seymour Coleman, of Chicago, one of the wealthiest and best-known lumber merchants in the Middle West. Dwight left his home in this city last Thursday night, on a business mission to Portland. His wife stated last evening that her husband had been ailing with his old malady, heart trouble, for several weeks, and that on Wednesday he had a particularly severe attack. Mrs. Dwight says she tried to dissuade her husband from making the journey to the northern city, but he insisted that his business there was imperative and disregarded her entreaties to remain at home. Dwight's office was at 22 California street, in this city, and he resided at 2007 Baker street. He is survived by a wife Jr., being engaged in the electrical business and occupying an office with his

The printing trades conference at Indianapolis resulted in a National compact. The different organizations will maintain individual existence, but all disputes will be referred to a board of appeals. Sympathetic strikes cannot be called except by the executive board of an

Olds, Wortman & King

Telling Values at Taking Prices in

Suitings and Blankets From Portland Woolen Mills

Opportunity is again offered this week to secure the best values in these high-grade products at the very least possible cost. Come in and see the goods.

Blankets

Downy, warm, full size, ample weave, colors red, tan, blue,

	r pair				\$2.45
	r pair				
4.50 Blankets per	r pair				3.40
5.00 Blankets per	r pair				3.87
6.00 Blankets per	pair				4.75
7.25 Blankets pe	r pair				5.65
9.00 Blankets per	r pair				6.98
10.00 Blankets per	r pair			(e)	7.75
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Great Reduction on Upholstery and Draperies This Week

These goods are handsome in the extreme in color blending, design, materials and weave. There are rich brocatelles, armures and Jacquard tapestries at prices this week which offer opportunity to make elegant provision for the approaching

Spring nouse returnishing.
\$1.25 grades this week \$.98
1.50 grades this week 1.10
1.65 grades this week 1.20
1.75 grades this week 1.35
2.50 grades this week •1.75

Our Entire Line of Decorated Toilet Sets at Special Sale Prices This Week

Dress Goods

More new fabrics have been added to our already wonderful assortment of dress materials, dainty mistrals, etamines and Lansdowns; rugged Scotch tweeds in knotted and double twist effects have just come in.

Black Dress Goods

In addition to our Sackings, London Twines, Lute Syrings, Canvas Cloths, fine Poplin de Chines, Etamines, Crispines, Otiras, Striped Voiles, Mohairs and Alpacas, we have just unpacked some exceedingly handsome new Broadcloths, Whipcords, Venetians and Twine Weaves.

Snappy Styles in Waisting Silks

Taffetas, plain and checks and a big variety of black and white effects, wash silks gotten up in every conceivable dainty effect both as to color and weave, corded lace and hemstitched stripes; also the beautiful new Peau de Cygne for evening wear.

Great Jewelry Sale and Ring Demonstration This Week

Big bargains in our Jewelry Department-here are a few

MEN'S ROLLED GOLD WATCH CHAINS, values to \$2.00, special 75c. OPERA GLASSES, black en-

amel, also oxydized, \$2.00 val. special 75c. FIELD GLASSES, values to

\$12.50, special \$7.50. OPERA GLASSES, leather covered barrels, values to \$2.00,

special \$1.35. OPERA GLASSES, pearl barrels, val. to \$3.00, special \$1.75. CHATELAINE CHAIN PURSES, values \$1.29, special

CUFF LINKS, fancy belt buckles, sterling silver shoe horns, curling irons, button hooks, cuticle knives, pocket knives, waist sets and lockets, values to 69c, special each 35c.

RIBBON, stock, brooch and hat pins, special 10c.

JET BREAST PINS, bright and dull finish, ladies' jet watch fobs, sterling silver bon bon tongs, souvenir spoons, orange forks, fancy jewel hat pins, lace pins, purse and bag tops, values to \$1.00, for 25c.

FANCY BELT PINS, French gray, gilt and oxide, cuff links, belt buckles, sterling silver brooch pins and many other pretty novelties for only 15c. MEN'S WATCH FOBS, gold plated and gunmetal trimmings, also turquoise fobs, value 59c, special 39c.

Dress Goods

The quality of these materials will appeal to any practical buyer, and colors and weaves will be found strictly up to date. Width is 56 inches, regular price \$1.50 a yard, during this great unloading 98c sale the price is only . .

Interesting Special Demonstration Merrill' Long-Waist Adjuster

Ladies will welcome this simple device, which imparts the proper long-waist, straight-front effect to the figure. See our special demonstration this week.

Ribbon Bargains This Week. and girdles, per yard.....

WAS A POPULAR YOUNG MAN IN UMATILLA

COUNTY.

The late George H. Adams. ter's gun accidentally dis-charged its contents into his left leg. Blood-poisoning set in, and amputation of the limb became

necessary. The young man never recovered from the effects of the an esthetic. He will be buried at Walla Walla tomorrow.

Our best double-faced 40c grade in all colors, 4 inches wide, just right for stocks 29c

HE LOVES GOOD WINE

VON HOLLEBEN'S FAILING CAUSED

HIS RECALL.

Accused of Attempt to Use Launch ing of Kaiser's Yacht to Advertise Favored Brand.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- The World tomorrow will say that, from evidence brought in the United States Circuit Court, it appears that Emperor William's sudden and mysterious recall of Baron von Holleben, German Ambassador at Washington, closely followed charges that he had used his official position to adver-tise a certain wine. This wine had been urged in vain by the Embassy for use in the christening of the Emperor's yacht, Meteor, by Miss Alice Roosevelt, Herbert Linburger, member of the law firm of Hoadley, Lauterbach & Johnson, who figured in the litigation in the Circuit Court at Milwaukee, returned to New York yesterday and told for the first time that these charges against Ambassador von Holleben were presented in person by Edward Lauterbach to Secretary Hay: them public only a few days pre that President Roosevelt had directed an leaving for the West to try to investigation of the charges, inasmuch as between the two wine agents. he himself had taken a conspicuous part in the launching of the Emperor's yacht, and his daughter had broken the bottle of

examination that Ambassador von Holleben had received a letter from the pro-ducers of a certain champagne offering him 30 cases if he would designate that en in Washington, and wine for the christening of the Meteor, Wallace Downey, who built the Meteor, testified that he was repeatedly impor-tuned by Count von Quadt, secretary of the Embassy, and by the secretary of the

German Consulate, to use a special brand of wine at the christening. He had already bound himself to use another brand, and he refused to break his contract un-less assured that the Emperor himself had requested the use of the wine designated by the secretary of the Embassy When seen by a reporter at his home

Mr. Linburger gave details of the affair.
"It is true," said he, "that charges were
filed last Summer against Ambassador
von Holleben with the State Department at Washington, accusing him of using his official position to advertise a certain wine, and further accusing him of having sent a wilfully false telegram to the agent at Milwaukee the night after the launching of the Meteor, saying that his wine was used at the christening, when, in fact, it was not.

"These charges were presented to Sec-retary Hay in person by Edward Lauterbach; of our law firm, representing our client. The reason they were not made public sooner is that we received express permission of Secretary Hay to make them public only a few days prior to my leaving for the West to try the action a few days, when I receive a transcript and his daughter had broken the bottle of wine at the christening. Mr. Linburger says that Count von Quadt, secretary of the German Embassy, admitted on cross-the German Embassy, admitted on cross-the German Embassy, admitted on cross-the German Embassy.

ADAMS, Or., Feb. 14.-(Spe-

cial.)-George H. Adams, who

died from the effects of a suc-

gical operation at a Walla

Walla hospital last Thursday

was a native of this place, and

was one of the most popular

young men in Umatilla County.

Young Adams was the second

a nephew of Hon. Henry Ad-

ams, State Representative from

Umatilla County. At the time

of his death, George Adams was

but 22 years of age, and was a

young man of great promise.

He recently completed the clas-sical course at McMinnville Col-

lege, where he established a

reputation as a thorough stu-dent, and also won many hon-ors in athletics. Young Adams

was always regarded as a clean, modest, gentlemanly student,

and was generally popular with

those who knew him. He was especially fond of outdoor sports, and it was while enjoy-

ing a hunting expedition with his brother John that the lat-

son of the late John Adams and

Ambassador von Holleben was recalled

"Count von Quadt's testimony was taken in Washington, and correspondence between Ambassador von Holleben, Count von Quadt and others was introduced. The testimony of the German Consulate was taken here in New York. Upon cross-examination Count von Quadt admitted that no instructions had been received by the German Embassy from the Emperor, but that Ambassador von Holleben's action in urging the use of a certain wine was in-stigated by a letter to him from the makers of that wine, in which they offered the German Ambassador 20 cases of their wine if he could designate it by the christening of the Meteor by Miss Alice Roose

velt. "United States Court Judge Seaman, in Milwaukee, after hearing all this testi-mony in the Milwaukee Circuit Court, instructed the jury that the report which had been made public that this wine of German make had been selected by the Emperor and another substituted by trickery and subterfuge was libelous and false, and that our client was entitled to damages for the circulation of that report. The jury on Saturday afternoon brought in a verdict for damages, said to be the largest ever awarded for libel in the State of Wisconsin."

Foreign and Domestic Ports.

ASTORIA, Feb. 15 .- (Special.) -- Sailed at 5 A. M.—Steamer Prentiss, for San Fran-steamer Despatch, for San Francisco. at 2 P. M.-Schooner Joseph Russ, for San Francisco; German ship Emelle and French bark Ville de St. Nazaire, for Queenstown or Falmouth for orders; American bark Coloma, fer San Francisco. Condition of the bar at 4 P. M. smooth; wind west; weather clear. San Francisco, Feb. 15. — Arrived— San Francisco, Feb. 15. — Arrived— steamer Arcata, Coos Bay; steamer Empire, Coos Bay, Sailed—Barkentine Robert Sudden,

New York, Feb. 15. — Arrived — Cartha-genian, Glasgow and Moville; Gallia, Mar-seilles, Naples and Gibraltar; Graf Waldersee, Hamburg, Boulogne and Plymouth; Lucanis, Liverpool and Queenstown; Porugis, Naples and Palermo; Philadelphia, Southampton and Cherbourg. Liverpool, Feb. 15.—Arrived—Cevic, New

Ponta Delgada, Feb. 14.—Arrived—Vancouver, Genoa, Naples and Palermo, for Boston. Queenstown, Feb. 15.—Sailed—Etruria, from Liverpool, for New York. Southampton, Feb. 15.—Sailed—St. Paul. for New York, via Cherbourg, and sailed from Cherbourg at 5:30 P. M. Cherbourg at 5:30 P. M.
Ushant, Feb. 15.—Passed—Dendorah, Tacoma, Seattle and San Francisco, via Valparaiso and Montevideo, for Hamburg.
Prawie Point, Feb. 14.—Passed—Hyson,
from Tacoma and Victoria, via Yokohama,
Hiogo, Singapore and Naples, for London.

Mrs. Mary Connor Dead. ST. PAUL, Or., Feb. 15.-Mrs. Mary Con nor died at her home here today at the advanced age of 80 years. She was a native of Ireland, and had for many years been a resident of St. Paul. Eight children survive her-Simon, Matthew and J. E. Kennedy, of St. Paul; Miss Jennie Conner, of Portland, and Sisters Mary Matthew and Mary Eva, of the Sisters of the Holy Name and Sisters of Providence.

Advance on New England Car-Lines. BOSTON, Feb. 15.—The Massachusetts Electric Company, controlling all the electric street-car lines in Eastern Massachu-setts, outside of Boston, have granted its 2500 employee an average increase in wages of 12.18 per cent.

Lipman Wolfer Co.

CIRCLE SILK

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INTRODUCTORY PRICE IS 58c PER YARD

"CIRCLE ONE SILK" is suitable for every purpose of street and indoor wear to which silk goods can be applied, such as street gowns, graduation, reception and house gowns, teagowns, linings, waists, underskirts, lingerie and misses' party frocks. It wears well.

5000 Yds. of Circle One Silk on Sale Today

"CIRCLE ONE SILK" is a soft, lustrous, beautiful, all-silk fabric, honest in every detail, and the assortment of 50 different shades, including black, makes it possible to match any gown. It is EVERY THREAD SILK. It is 19 inches wide and is stamped on the selvage of every yard with the trademark "CIRCLE ONE SILK."

Lipman, Wolfe & Co., Agents for State of Oregon Portland Agents for Arnold, Constable & Co. Guaranteed Black Taffeta Silks

SALOONKEEPER THWARTS AT-TEMPT TO HOLD HIM UP.

D. A. Rohse Resists Armed Highwaymen, and Is Badly Beaten-His Brother to the Rescue.

In making a desperate fight against three armed men last night, D. A. Rohse prevented the robbery of his saloon at Rohse's Park, but received a severe beat-His partner, G. A. Rohse, heard the men fighting, and rushed to his brother's rescue, but arrived just in time to tee the thieves escaping through the door. He rar after them and fired several shots, but as far as is known none of them took effect. News of the attempted hold-up was telephoned to the police station, and Captain Parker sent three men to search for the robbers, but no trace of them could be found. It is thought they took a

boat and went down the river.

The men were masked, but Rohse says he was able to recognize one of them as a man who bad played cards in the saloon during the afternoon. He suspected from his actions at the time that he made too close an observation of the "lay" of the PARTICIONE TO SOME TO saloon for a man that was only interested

as a customer. "It was just as we were closing up for the night," said Rohse last night, in tell-ing of the trouble. "The men knocked at the door, and I thought they wanted to

get a drink and let them in."

"The first I heard of the trouble was a yell from my brother," said G. A. Rohse, "and, running downstairs, I found my brother badly beaten up and the robbers

As soon as Rohse opened the door, the gaping muzzle of a gun was staring him in the face. Upon most people the sight of a gun has a very quieting effect, but not so with Mr. Rohse. His fighting blood boiled at the idea of three armed men at-tacking one defenseless bartender, and he made a sudden grab for his gun. Thinking perhaps that they could easily over-power one man, and still get away with the plunder, the highwaymen did not While the first robber and the saloonkeeper wrestled over the possession of the gun, the other two put in their time

hammering Robse's head with their guns. The blood was streaming down his face, but he would not give up until he was completely exhausted. When he saw that it was useless for him to hold out longer, he gave one piercing yell, sank down upon the floor and felgned that he was knocked senseless. This was the time the highwaymen were looking for, and they left him and made straight for the

G. A. Rohse in the meantime had heard his brother's cry for help and rushed down the stars. Alarmed by the noise, the thieves abandoned their task and fled. Rohse got a passing glimpse of them as they disappeared through the door. Rushing to the door, he fired several shots after the fleeing robbers, but did not succeed in bringing down any of them. He pursued them for several blocks, and his brother, who in the meantime had revived from his make-believe fainting spell, rushed to the telephone and summoned aid from the police station.

One policeman guarded the White House road, while others were stationed at other passways leading back into the city. All trace of the robbers was lost, however, and the only possible means of escape seems to have been by way of the river.

Mr. Robse says that this is not the first attempt that has been made to rob his . Several nights ago the door was forced open, but there was little or nothing taken. He thinks the same men tried it a second time, but that they took pains to come this time before the money was

taken out of the till. While D. A. Rohse was badly beaten, none of his injuries are serious. Several bad scalp wounds were caused where the revolvers struck his head, and stitches will have to be taken t Aside from their painfulness, wounds. they will be of little consequence.

Making Home Happy

Chicago Record-Herald.

To women who are bothering themselves over the question "How to Make the Home Attractive" we would respectfully recom-mend Mrs. John H. Burr, of Winsted, Conn., as a lady who is likely to be able to furnish valuable hints, Mr. Burr, who weighs over 500 pounds and is an enthusiastic fisherman, has been in the habit of angling through the ice in the ponds in the vicinity of Winsted. His wife, who has spent many, many hours fearing that he might break through and be drowned, inally devised a scheme for keeping him off the ice without interfering with his pleasure. She accordingly had an extra bathtub put in their house and, having orranged it so that water could run through at all times, had the tuo stocked with fish, Now when her husband feels that he must fish he sits beside the bathtub and

FIGHTS THREE ROBBERS angles merrily away, free from the danger that besets the 300-pound fisherman who ventures out upon thin ice. It is reported that Mr. Burr is entirely satisfied with the new arrangement and that his wife is supremely happy in having him ever near her. Let those ladies whose husbands inher. Let those ladies whose husbands in-sist on going away every little while to shoot ducks have a few convenient mud-holes put into their back yards and then stock them with ducks, that may either be hobbied or robbed of their wing feithers so that they shall always be there for the amusement of the eager sportsmen. In this way much lorediness we have this way much loneliness may be done away with, while at the same time the home ties are strengthened.

EFFECT OF IRRIGATION.

Will Add Nearly Ten Millions to Population, \$1,250,000,000 to Wealth.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15,-(Special.)-The acceptance by Congress of the principle of Federal aid in the construction of ciple of Federal aid in the construction of irrigation works in the Western States has given a great impetus to every industry in that section of the country. The people of the Eastern States are just beginning to realize the opportunities offered in the territory to be opened up. As the proposition develops, a tide of immigration will inevitably set in, and this region will become one of the most populous and prosperous in the country. With large areas of reclaimable land and pienty arge areas of reclaimable land and

of available water, Oregon especially will be benefited by the measure. The actual work of surveying, locating and constructing reservoirs and other ir-rigation works will be done by the Geological Survey. In order to obtain a better understanding of the present extent of irrigation, the location of the areas irrigated, and to gain other information ful in this work, the Fifty-seventh Con-gress authorized the director of the census to bring down to date the irrigation statistics obtained in 1960 by that office. Letters of inquiry and schedules are now being sent out to secure the are now being sent out to secure the necessary information. All interested in irrigation should answer as fully and as promptly as possible any inquiries they promptly as possible any inquiries they may receive so that the merits of the various sections of the country may be-

ceive blanks within a reasonable time should notify the census office at Washington, and they will be supplied.

It is interesting to note in this connection how much it will mean to the country at large to have the arid lands of the West reclaimed.

come known. Irrigators who do

According to the census of 1900 the total improved farm area of the United States was 414,800,000 acres. It is conservatively estimated that the reclaimable area is not less than 50,000,000 acres. Its reclamation, therefore, will add nearly one-eighth to the actual crop-producing area of the country, and will exceed by a liberal mar-gin the tillable land of all the states, ex-cepting New York, on the Atlantic Coast, from Maine to Florida. Allowing 40 acres, the average size of irrigated farms, this area will make 1,250,000 farms, or a little area will make 1,250,000 farms, or a little less than one-fourth the number in the United States in 1900. The occupants of these farms will add directly to the pop-ulation 6,250,000, and indirectly, in the accompanying mercantile, professional, manufacturing and industrial classes at least 3,125,000 more, a total increase in the population of the United States of 9,375,000,

or nearly 121/2 per cent. The total value of all the farms in 1969, including all improvements except buildings, was nearly \$13,115,000,000. At \$42.50 per acre, the average value of irrigated and, the 50,000,000 acres to be reclaimed will add to the value of farm land \$1.250 -000,000. If buildings are included, the value will be increased \$775,000,000, while the augmented wealth through railroads, cities, mills and factories, is beyond esti-

The annual value of all the farm products of irrigated lands was \$14.81. At this rate the area to be reclaimed will add products worth \$740,500,000, an addition of nearly one-sixth of the life-sustaining powers of the country.

The number of irrigating ditches and canals in operation in the United States exceeds 20,000, and their combined length is not less than 50,000 miles. If joined end to end, they would reach twice around the world. Formed into one they would constitute a navigable canal, such as the Erie, 30 feet wide and 5 feet deep, ex-tending from San Francisco to New York,

a distance of over 3000 miles.

The figures of the last census show that the works required to irrigate 7.263.273 acres cost \$64,259,601, an average of \$8.85 per acre. At this rate the expend-ture re-quired to reclaim the area proposed would be at least \$459,600,600. After the Government has performed its part there will be no delay by the farmers in carrying on the work. While the initial expense is enormous, it is not comparable with the value of the crops which will be grown on the lands reclaimed. The total cost of all the irrigation works in use in the country is only three-fourths the value of the crops produced each year on irrigated

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