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PORTLAND, OREGON. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1904.

Commissioner Capron, charging violation

of the statute of the United States, in

reventing Republicans from voting at the

the Democratic ticket, and after beating them threw them out of the polling-place in many instances following them outside

and continuing the assault until the vic-tims fled in fear of their lives.

One witness told of alleged attacks by Schradsky and other defendants upon per-sons standing outside the 100-foot circle.

Several persons took the stand and said

that previous to election day Schradsky

the election committee, testified that Schradsky threatened him in the office

election gives Roosevelt a majority over

Colorado Presidential Vote.

Official Vote of Nevada.

Vermont Vote Canvassed.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 6.-The official

eturns from the Presidential election in fermont show a Republican plurality of

30,682. The Republicans received 46,459

votes, Democrats 3777, Socialists 859, Pro-hibitionists 792.

Vote in Texas.

AUSTIN, Tex. Dec. 6.-The total vot

for President in Texas is 232,542, divided as follows: Democratic 167,220, Republican

Deal for Lehigh Company Off.

PHILADELPHIA. Dec. 6.—The negotiations opened by Thomas Fowler, president of the New York, Ontario & West-

ern Railway, in the interests of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway

for the purchase of the property of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, the

of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Com-

pany has recently risen from 86 to 131%.

Indianapolis Concern Suspends.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 6.-The National

commission Company, with four branches the city and 40 in the state; suspended

today, the result of the sustained bull

Railroad Declares Dividend.

or\_about \$28,000,000.

movement in the market.

50,368. People's party 8026, Prohibitic Socialist 2387, Socialist-Labor 421,

electors on the ticket.

Populist, 824; Social Labor, 335.

NO. 13,727.

# THEY FACE RUIN

SalmonCanners Are Killing Golden Goose.

# FISH ARE DISAPPEARING

Greed and Defiance of Law the Cause, Says Seufert

# BLAMES LOWER RIVER MEN

Fish Warden Van Dusen, He Asserts, Must Resist Astoria Pressure If He Would Save Salmon Industry From Annihilation.

That Columbia River fisheries have forfeited all claim on the Legislatures of Oregon and Washington for protection against the ruin that is impending is the sentiment of F. A. Seufert, Mayor and canneryman of The Dalles. And Mr. Seufert threatens to tell the legislative

committees so in plain English. The greed of fisheries and their defiance of law, Mr. Seufert says, warrant the Legislatures in turning a deaf ear to their plaints and in harkening only to the general interest in perpetuation of the salmon species. He hopes that the lawmakers will ascertain why the closed season has not been enforced and will take means to drive the Fish Wardens

to their duty hereafter.

"Laws have been passed," he exclaimed last night, "but where are the Fish Wardens to enforce them and the fishermen and cannerymen to observe them? Money has been appropriated for hatcheries, but where are the eggs to

### keep them busy?" Prostitution of Law.

The immunity of Columbia River fish ermen from punishment, he said, has become an example for prostfution of law on every salmon stream in the two states. The bounty of the two states has been abused brazen-facedly and liberal appropriations for hatcheries and ward-ens' salaries have gone almost for naught int of the greed and lawlessness

Mr. Scufert operates below The Dalles form of gear which lower river interests desire to drive out of existence by legislation-wheels. Less than 6 per cent of the Columbia River pack is caught by wheels, while the other 24 per cent is chught by scines, traps and gillnets, the and 70 per cent at the mouth of the Co-lumbia and on the bar. Mr. Scufert says that he has fought the lower river interin the Legislature and is not afraid of them again. He points out that % cent of the fish taken by wheels and at hatcheries bear marks of nets, showing how clean the nets sweep the river

In the Legislatures of the two states this Winter he and other wheelmen will fight for regulation of all gear and abolition of none; for continuance of the sed seasons and for shorten ing of the Summer open season. Lower interests will contend for abolition of the Spring and Fall closed seasons and substitution therefor of the closed Sunday and for prohibition of wheel fishing be-tween June 1 and July 1. The busy time

for wheels is June.

Early runs of salmon which were to have been perpetuated by the Spring n between March 1 and Apri 15. Mr. Seufert said, have been almost exterminated, and the late schools which come in from the sea during July and early in August are practically all that tive work of fishermen, they have been pagated by hatcheries, while June and July fish have nearly perished from the waters of the earth.

# Late Salmon Only Are Left.

Now that the late hatchery salmon are all that remain, Mr. Sculfert says the fish-eries are greedy to amend the law amended so they may not be hampered in catchhe declares, should not only fail to have the August closed season abolished, but should be allowed only ten days' fishing in that month, as was the case up to

spage of the present law in 1903.
"Tidewater fishermen," he' remarked, "have been catching salmon in season and out, just as they pleased, and have dened the law and held fish wardens in On August 15 it was the sworn duty of the wardens to stop fishing. Did they do it? Not they. Mr. Van Dusen was gentle as usual, and said softly it was no use to save salmon after time, because they would not reach the

hatcheries, anyhow. "But how does he know that? Can he not remember that in 1962 the big run entered the river July 29, and seven days later reached Cellic, one-third of the distance to the hatchery on Snake River If the fish traveled one-third the distance to Ontario in seven days, might they not reasonably cover the whole one month or two months? Mr. Van Dusen's own reports show that the salmon ready to spawn at Ontario two months

after the open season ends on August 15, Year by year the early runs have been nishing until the stock is so nearly wiped out that hatcheries would have difficulty in securing seed. Extension of the closed season from April 15 to May 1 might help to restore the early schools inte schools, propagated by hatcheries, are practically the only ones left. And the lower fisheries would destroy them, too, if unrestrained.

"Each run of salmon is so regular that it appears in the river almost on the same day each year-that is, if not impeded by artificial obstacles as gillnets on the bar. Years ago the wheels of the Cascades used to take large quantities of blue-backs, a variety of salmon which made to pearly all of the up-river pack. Those bluebacks began to appear at the wheels about April 26 of each year, and their arrival did not vary three days from that

# Bluebacks Almost Gone.

"But these fish are almost entirely gone. Why? Because they were not propagated at hatcheries. This last season With the gradual disappearance of

wheels so as to catch chinooks.

"Now, what does the disappearance of the bluebacks prove? Just this: They are one of the early Spring schools and like the others, have been almost de-stroyed. It is the same with the early runs of chinooks. Those big, strong chi-nooks which used to be caught in the Co-lumbia are hardly ever seen now. This fact has been remarked by everybody. If we had had hatcheries to propagate the early schools as has been done with the late runs, and if the Spring close sea-son had been enforced, Spring fish would be as abundant as Autumn fish. But we did not have such hatcheries and must adapt ourselves to the conditions as they are and improve them as we can.

"What we have left is the result of revious legislation. The supply of sal-non has adapted itself to existing statutes and we cannot change those statutes without hazarding the industry. The early schools are gone, but late schools are saved. We can keep the late fish if the wardens will enforce the law.

### Must Resist Astoria Pressure.

"Mr. Van Dusen must resist the press ure of Astoria interests if he would save the fish from total annihilation. Competition among those interests is so severe ate profit that they are hazarding their own future welfare, much as they theo-retically desire to conserve the fish. He should move his office from Astoria and get away from that pressure. Until he so he cannot act impartially,"

Mr. Scufert declared that the warning to the fisheries is so obvious and the costly example of Puget Sound is so plain that there should be no hesitation about enforcing the closed season. He added that it was necessary to prohibit gillnet fishing on the bar in order to let the fish have access to the river. The Fish War-den has recommended a law to that end "I'm going to take a 350-fathom gilinet up to the Legislature and spread it over the Capitol," said Mr. Seufert, "so as to let the members see for themselves what small chance salmon have to enter the Columbia without going into cans and pickle. There are more than 1600 of such nets, about 700 miles of them, and 40 feet deep. Is it any wonder the salmon that escape to hatcheries are so few that in coming in from the sea?"

### MESSAGE PLEASES OREGON MEN All Agree Every Question is Dealt With in a Practical Way.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ington, Dec. 6.-Western men in Congress are delighted with the President's message; in fact, Republicans from all sections highly praise it.

"I consider it an exceptionally strong message," said Senator Fulton. "It is wonderfully practical, dealing with practical subjects in a practical way. As far as I have been able to read it hastily, 1 fully indorse the recommendations made. "It is a very businesslike document," said Senator Mitchell. "The recommendations, in the main, I think, are wise. I believe as a general thing they will meet the approval of the people of this coun-

Representative Hermann said: "It is a most comprehensive document and ably resents the needs of the country, especially of the Western interests."

"Mossage is Rooseveltian," says Representutive Williams. "The President certainly understands the needs of our secpeople will be well satisfied."

are transacting public business, there is most careful consideration." no commendation of the Interior Departnificant.

# Postmaster for The Dalles.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, Dec. 6 .- A postmaster for Inc delegation-Edward Hostetler. Mr. Hostetler will succeed S. K. Patterson, whose term expires December 19. Mr. Hostetler is assistant cashler in French's Bank at The Dalles.

# PEOPLE CRYING FOR PEACE.

### Barclay Says Senators Dare Not Thwart Arbitration Treaties.

LONDON, Dec. 6.-In discussing the prospects for the Anglo-American arbitration treaty, Sir Thomas Barclay, who has been prominently identified with the work of promoting amity between nations, said to the Associated Press today:

"It is quite probable that the trenty under consideration will be more far reaching than the Anglo-French treaty. The treaty of 1897 provided for the settlement of all difficulties between Great Britain and the United States by arbitration. It need hardly be expected that the new treaty will be in exactly the same terms as that signed by the late Lord Paunce fort and Secretary Olney, but it is most desirable that a treaty between peoples speaking the same language and having practically the same form, of procedure, should go a step further than the Angio-Frency treaty.

treaty of 1897 would be the clause providing that if one of the parties ralses the objection that national honor or vital interest is involved the arbitrators should consist of an equal number of the nationality of the parties involved, and if the ion is given by a bare majority it should become final, if not protested within three months. The reference to arbitration of the Alaskan question showed that some such clause is quite

"If the majority of the United States Senate should thwart the progress of ar-bitration today, when all minds of men are shocked by horrors of war in the Far East, and when all realize how indispensable it is to promote pacific methods of settlement of difficulties between nations, there would be an outery throughout the world, and the Senate would be disgraced in the eyes of all mankind. I know positively that several Senators who voted against the treaty of 1897 will now vote for the treaty of arbitration."

Painters' Union May Amalagamate. NEW YORK, Dec. 6.-The National Allance of Amalgamated Painters, Dec orators and Paper-Hangers has convened here for the purpose of arranging, if pos-sible, a combination with the United Brotherhood of Painters. Delegates from several cities were present, and some discussion a committee was pointed to arrange a conference with the od to settle all differences and endeavor to bring about amalgamation.

# Big Fire at Iowa Arsenal.

agated at intenseries. This last season our cannery packed only 245 cases of blue-backs; the season before the number was about 400 and the season before that about 1 Island Arsenal was partly gutted by fire 200. With the gradual disappearance of today. Loss \$150,000.

Grand Jurors Begin Work at Denver.

# **ELECTION CASES ARE UP**

Judge Asks it Be Learned if Legislature Is to Be Bought.

SENSATIONAL REPORTS COME

Six More Officials Who Disregarded the injunctive Order of the Supreme Court Are Sentenced to Prison and Fined.

DENVER, Dec. 6.-District Judge John I. Mulling today delivered his instructions to the grand jury summoned by him in the Criminal Court. He charged it to "make a thorough investigation as to all violations of the law growing out of the recent general elec-

"In my opinion," he said, "the lavish expenditure of money, as has been witnessed in this county and state, is criminal. I believe it to be at the very ot of all the crime and violations of the elections laws which have ac-

companied our recent elections. "It ought to be made a criminal offense for any corporation to contribute

to any political party. "It is common talk on the streets and currently circulated in the newspapers that a conspiracy exists to deprive of the Governorship of this state one of our citizens whom all good citizens, irrespective of politics, believe to have been elected honestly. It is further openly charged to carry out this conspiracy it will involve the unseating, unjustly and fliegally, of certain members of the incoming Legislature. It is also charged that immense sums of money have been collected from the various corporations of this city and state to aid in this work. It is charged that even after the official count was completed in many counties of the state and notified to the proper officials, agents were sent out for the purpose of procuring some one, members of these local canvassing boards, to bring an alleged minority report that the tion. If his policies are followed out, our state canvassing board could be induced to violate the law and disregard Western Senators were quick to notice its oath of office. This is a matter that largest individual anthracite mining c that while the President commends other will tax your patience and ability, but pany in Pennsylvania, have been declared departments for the manner in which they I carnestly urge it upon your for your off. In anticipation of a deal the stock departments for the manner in which they I earnestly urge it upon you for your

Six more election officials were sent ment. This omission is regarded as sig- to jail today by the State Supreme Court for disregarding its injunctive order at the late election. The sentences were as follows: William Reid, S. S. Barker, John Dixon and Tom Sullivan, nine months' imprisonement and Dalles was decided upon by the Oregon \$500 fine with costs; Willis E. Spencer, four months' imprisonment: Charles W. Bunch, three months' imprisonment. Sullivan was Democratic committeeman; Reld, Barker and Spencer, judges, and Dixon and Bunch clerks in Precinct Nine of Ward Five in this city, the stock

## ballot box of which was opened in court last Friday, disclosing many fraudulent SWEAR HE ATTACKED VOTERS

Denver Men Declare Policeman Did Not Even Spare Women. DENVER, Dec. 6.-The prosecution to-Coast County Will Spend day closed its case against Max Schrad-sky, William Schrowsky, Samuel Slatkin, \$10,000 on Exhibit. Max Siseack and Saide Plessner, defendants in the action before United States

## A number of witnesses testified that Schradsky, a policeman, assaulted voters, both men and women, who refused to vote

Specimens of Varied Products of the Section Shown.

polls unless they were ready to vote the ticket he demanded they should vote. Harry C. Biddle, Republican member of GROUND SITE IS SELECTED

of the committee for appointing a Repub Meeting at North Bend Decides on lican judge objectionable to Schradeky. Plan to Raise Money to Be Add-Republican Lead in Pennsylvania. ed to Amount Left From the PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.-The official St. Louis Fair Fund. canvass of the votes cast in Pennsylvania for the Presidential candidates at the last

all of 445,190. The vote for each candidate follows: Roosevelt, 840,949; Parker, 225,430; Swallow, 33,717; Debs, 21,863; Corrigan, Socialist Labor, 2211. There were no Watson DENVER, Dec. 6.-The State Canvassng Board completed the canvass of the returns on Presidential electors today. They show that the Republican electors received a plurality of 24,582. Following is the vote on electors of the different par-ties: Republican, 134,887; Democratic, 100,105; Probibition, 2438; Socialist, 4204; \$10,000 for the exhibit at Portland.

CARSON, Nev., Dec. 6.—Following is the fficial vote of Nevada: For President—Democratic electors 2582, Republican electors 6867, Socialists 925, Popullats 244; for Congressman, Van Duseer (Dem.) 5534, Yerington (Rep.) 5305, Sadler (Ind.) 572.

OLYMPIA, Wash, Dec. 6 .- (Special.) of State S. H. Nichols will report that the Legislature provide a special room at the Lewis and Clark number of the annual reports of the them.
statistician for distribution at the Fair. made tribution at the Fair if the Legisla-

nere, he believes by the publications of the company.

### Idaho Urges to Make Showing. BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 6 - (Special.) - Gov.

ernor-elect Gooding has returned from his visit to the St. Louis Exposition. In an interview tonight here he "Some of our exhibits at St. Louis can worth doing well. In my estimation an effort should be made to display the prodcommensurate with their quality. 'Idaho is second to no state in the

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.-The directors of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Union in resources and when she makes Railroad have declared an extra dividend of 10 per cent per share on the company's always done right. Visitors to the Port-

# ference Tuesday, December 20, with the

# HOUSE OF NATIVE WOODS

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 6 .- (Special.) -At a meeting of the Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce, held at North Bend last night, with Mayor Simpson in the chair, it was decided to ask the County Court, which meets in January, to contribute \$3000 toward an exhibit for Coos County at the Lewis and Clark Fair. There is \$500 left over from St. Louis, and it is the plan to raise in all

The feature of the display will be a building finished entirely in Coos County woods, myrtle, oak, maple, yew, alder, ash, chittim, fir, cedar and hemlock. A plot of ground 100x100 has been accorded Coos County by the Fair management for this building and in it will ducts of the Coos Bay country,

### Statistical Matter for Fair.

are will grant the appropriation.

Mr. Nichols estimates that in the four

the statistical department of his office.

he shipped to Portland for the Lewis and the National World's Fair Commission. Clark Exposition. It is my belief that if Major J. G. Pangborn, president of the we intend to make a showing at this Ex- United Exhibitors' Association, declares position we should go about it in proper no intimation of discatisfaction with the Anything that is worth doing is findings of the juries on awards ucts of Idaho at Portland on a plane

land Fair will judge Idaho by her show-

# er states at this Exposition our present

## Canvass of Clackamas County. OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The executive committee that has in charge the gathering of an exhibit of Clackamas County resources for the Lewis and Clark Fair at a meeting today decided to hold a con-

members of the general committee, which consists of one member from each of the precincts in the county. It is the intention of the executive committee to raise by subscription \$2000 in addition to the \$1000 that has been appropriated by the County Court, to defray the expenses of collecting the exhibit. For this purpose the county has been divided into districts that will be thoroughly canvassed by members of the committee. Superintendent of Schools Zinser and the teachers of the county have begun the work of preparing an educational exhibit to be shown at the 1905 Fair.

## Fattening a Prize Hog.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 6 .- (Special.) -Kiddle Bros. of Island City, among the leading stockraisers in Union County, have purchased a Poland-China hog from S. L. Brooks, of Sum-merville, weighing 912 pounds, which they will commence to fatten for ex-hibit during the Lewis and Clark Fair They are sure that they can make the scales tip at between 1200 and 1300 pounds, which will be much more than the immense hog at the St. Louis Fair weighed.

# CARTER REPLIES TO FRANCIS

### He Was Never Asked to Present Charges Regarding Fair Awards.

HELENA. HELENA, Mont., Dec. 6. - Ex-Senator T. H. Carter, president of the National committee of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, made a brief reply today to the statement of Presi-dent Francis, of the exposition com-pany, relative to charges of corruption made in regard to about 35 out of 35,000 awards. He says he does not recall when any request was made to the commission to appear before a com-mittee of five. as stated by President Francis, and asserts if such were the case the committee of five would assume the character of prosecutor, when its functions were quasi judicial. After referring to the law in regard be exhibited specimens of all the pro- to making awards, President Carter general counsel of the Rialto Company; SEYS:

The rules governing the awarding of premlums provide, first, for group juries; second, department juries, and, vides that the awards shall be made by recommend in his forthcoming biennial the exposition company and approved report that the Legislature provide a by the National commission. As I recall the charges on file do not apply Fair for the statistical department of his office. He will recommend the expenditure of \$10,000 for printing a great number of the annual reports of the superior jury, but to the action of persons connected with group juries and persons attempting to deal with them. When the company shall have statistician for distribution at the Fair made the awards and passed them to The last report of the statistician was sued two years ago, but the next column can be prepared in time for discommission properly and legally act. ommission properly and legally act. "I do not recall any request to the

ommission to appear before a committee of five to present charges, as stated by Mr. Francis, but if such has been years just closed the population of by Mr. Francis, but if such has been Washington has been increased by 250, made, the committee could not assume 600, making the total population of the state about 770,000. A great many of the law plainly imposed a quasi judicial people who have made homes in Washngton in the four years, were attracted ing or disapproving awards made by

# KNOWS OF NO DISSATISFACTION

### President of Exhibitors' Association Writes Carter. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 6 .- In reply to the let-

ter of Thomas H. Carter, president of the National World's Fair Commission; me to his notice. The letter, in part,

"As president of the United Exhibitors' Association, I would regret any delay in the publication of awards, as that would prove an injustice to the exhibitors who having performed their part faithfully and well, are entitled to proper and prompt recognition. You refer in your letter to complaints

lodged with your commission by ors. As president of the United Exhibit-ors' Association, I feel bound to advise you that up to this moment there has not en even an intimation to the associaor to myself, on the part of a single exhibitor, of any dissatisfaction in connection with the awards or the treat-ment accorded exhibitors by the juries or connected with the administration of affairs."

# Hairy Ainus Leave for Home.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 6 .- The halry Alnus from Northern Japan who were brought to the World's Fair seven months ago left St. Louis today on the journey homeward, C. P. Hurlburt, of the anthropology department of the fair, will accompany them to Vancou-that deal with the army and navy and ver, B. C., whence they will sail for the trust and labor problems. The news-Japan. The Ainus are the last of the primitive tribes to leave the World's

### VARDAMAN GROWS CAUSTIC. Governor Takes Up Statement He Has Offended Roosevelt,

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 6.-The Com mercial-Appeal publishes a letter received from Jackson, Miss., in which Governor Vardaman declined to be permanent chairman of the National Cotton Boll Weevil Convention, at Shreveport. After declining to serve. Governor Vardaman

One of the strong (?) arguments made by an editor of your city against 'permit-ting Governor Vardaman to serve as chairman of the convention,' was based upon the fact that Governor Vardaman has incurred the displeasure of the present sident of the United States, who would regard a courtesy from Governor Vardaman as a discourtesy to him, and for which discourtesy to him he would, with 'dee-light,' punish all the cotton growers of the South by witholding Federal aid from their efforts to stamp out the boll

The people of the South are indeed in a deplorable condition if in the life of this Republic it has come to pass that in order to enjoy the privilege of citizenship and e their rights tion, they must kiss the hand that smites

### Bookkeeper Accused of Shortage. EAST ST. LOUIS, III., Dec.

Charles Frost, for a number of years confidential clerk and bookkeeper of two firms connected with the National Stockyards of East St. Louis, is under arrest on a warrant charging him with being \$16,000 short in his accounts, sworn out at the instance of Tarleton Coy & Irens. A shortage in connection with the other company's accounts also alleged. Frost denies the

# Government Has No Mercy on Burton.

## HELD UP CASE AS SENATOR

As Counsel for Rialto Concern He Had No Influence.

# SUPPLEMENTARY BRIEF FILED

It Argues the Fact That Sting of Infamy May Be More Bitter Because Man Is in High Position Gives Him No More Rights.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- The supplemental brief of the Government in the case of Senator Burton, of Kansas, was filed in the Supreme Court of the United States today. It contends strongly for the guilt of the defendant, although it is admitted the Senator's course in support of the interests of his client, the Rialto Company, was not always clear. Speaking of the use of political influence in the departments, the brief says it is effective, and adds:

"Mr. Burton's tracks were well covered His association on behalf of himself and his client make a fair outside, but he held up the investigation because he was a Senator and not merely because he was and the portions of the Judge's charge animadverted on at bar were perfectly accurate and just. If not, the most dangerous evil in this entire situation, viz. that intangible, subtle and insidious thing, 'influence,' can never be reached even where the receipt of compensation is

plainly shown." On the point of punishment, it is re-

marked: "Because a man occupies a high posttion and the sting of the infamy may therefore be more bitter to him, is no reason for saying that that part of the punishment should increase the grade of the offense and enlarge his protection and rights, any more than if the case put the same stigma upon a poor wretch who never held office and could never expect

# BRITONS PRAISE MESSAGE.

### Press Considers Communication of Roosevelt a Notable Document.

LONDON. Dec. 7 .- "We may see in this message the words of Police Constable Roosevelt, of the International Police." says the Daily Chronicle, in an editorial this morning, the sentence concentrating the aspect of the message of the President of the United States, which most forcibly presents itself to that journal. On the whole, the press of London regard the message as a statesmanlike, highly courageous and notable document, which the Morning Post ventures to think "will do more than any House utterance of recent years to increase sympathy between Britons and Americans," following this expression with the passage from the message where President Roosevelt speaks of his foreign policy as one for which the English-speaking world will now and hereafter be thankful.

A majority of the newspapers editorially approve of President Roosevelt's advocacy of a strong army and navy in order to preserve "the peace of justice," and acquit Mr. Roosevelt of any jingoism. Some, on the other hand, consider the message injurious to the ideals of disarmament and arbitration.

### German Comment Favorable. RERLIN. Dec. 6 .- German interest in

President Roosevelt's message to Congress centers particularly in the sections that deal with the army and navy and papers print summaries of about 2009 words, and their comment generally is favorable.

### BODY BLOW TO POLITICIANS. Morton Says Merit, Not Influence, Will Count in the Navy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6-Merit, and not political influence or official prestige, should alone determine assignments to duty in the Navy, in the opinion of Secretary Morton, and the Secretary today addressed a letter to Superintendent addressed a letter to Superinten Brownson, of the Naval Academy, pressing his emphatic disapproval of the efforts to influence the department in the assignment of midehipmen from the class soon to be graduated to certain ships. The

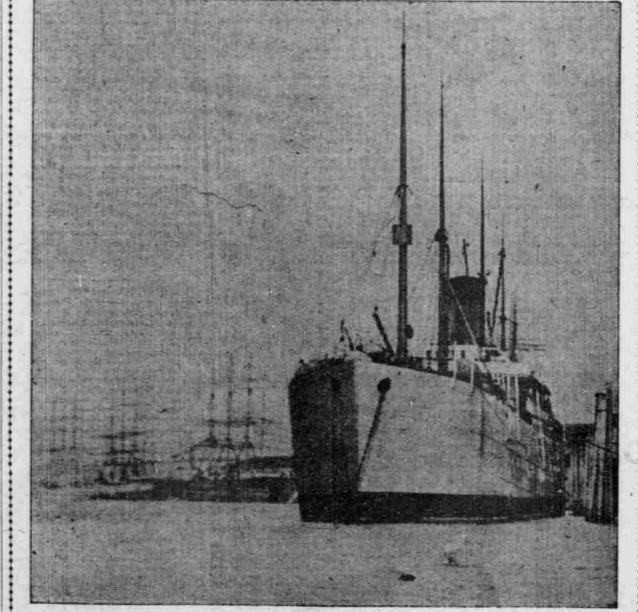
letter reads: The department has been approached in various ways, directly and indirectly, by in fluences szeking to control the assignment of midshipmen, singly or in groups, from the class about to be graduated from the Naval Academy, to certain ships which they or their friends have been picased to specify. The department does not hesitate to express its disapproval of the spirit thus evidenced before even the beginning of an active ca-reer in the service which seeks to secure duty in accordance with individual prefer-

### as interpreted by the department's order. New Trial for Caleb Powers.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 6.-The Court of Appeals today reversed the decision of the Circuit Court in the case of Caleb Powers, now in jail at Louisville, under sentence of death for complicity in the murder of Governor Goebel. This gives Powers a new trial.

# Young Rockefeller Sails for Italy. NEW YORK, Dec. 6.-Mr. and Mrs.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., sailed for Italy today on the steamship Koenig Luise. Mr. Rockefeller said he was going away to take a much-needed rest



UNITED STATES STEAMER CHINOOK.

The har dreige now lying moored at the Victoria dolphins has been brought to Portland for the Winter. She will be overhaused and put in condition for next seamn's work.