

# FAIL TO CLASH

## Greene and Lawson Meet in Boston.

### LATTER MAKES ADVANCES

### He Calls on Colonel While He Is at Breakfast.

### MEETING PLEASANT AS CAN BE

### Copper King and Broker Then Go Into Conference, Which Lasts Seven Hours—Both Report Danger of Gunplay Has Passed.

Colonel Greene, who is the leading promoter of the Greene Consolidated Copper Company, the stock of which declined heavily in the recent bear raid in the stock market, went to Boston to reach an understanding with Thomas W. Lawson, who was charged by Colonel Greene with attacking him unjustly. Long staged statements appeared in the newspapers of New York, Boston and elsewhere early in the week, Lawson and Greene each giving his side of the case, and each attacking the other. The New Yorker then announced that he would go to Boston immediately and demand satisfaction, but his visit was deferred until yesterday.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Colonel William C. Greene, of New York, who last week accused Thomas W. Lawson, of this city, of being responsible for the recent break in Copper shares, came to Boston today and was met at the Hotel Touraine by Mr. Lawson. The nature of the statements issued by both Colonel Greene and Mr. Lawson, but particularly by Colonel Greene, who considered that Mr. Lawson was to blame for the raid upon the stock of the Greene Consolidated Copper Company, together with the market developments of the past few days, all had combined to suggest the possibility of a clash between the two operators. So far as became known, however, nothing of the kind took place, and Colonel Greene returned to New York on the 5 o'clock train this afternoon after having been in conference with Mr. Lawson since 9:45 A. M.

Interest was added to the incident through the presence of police headquarters inspectors. After Colonel Greene had left, a member of a prominent Boston brokerage firm, who attended the conference, issued a statement, which he said had been assented to by Colonel Greene and Mr. Lawson. The substantial part of the statement was that Mr. Lawson had called upon Colonel Greene at the hotel, after learning that Greene was in Boston; that Greene had maintained at the conference that the recent break in the stocks were due to the public utterances of Mr. Lawson; that the Colonel felt keenly the decline in certain stocks in which he was interested and that Mr. Lawson had maintained, in answer to Colonel Greene, that he had done nothing to bring about any fall in the stocks in which Colonel Greene was interested. The statement concluded with the words: "Each gentleman has a perfect understanding of the other's position. There is nothing further to state of public interest. Colonel Greene and Mr. Lawson each refused to discuss in any way the conference, saying that the general statement contained all they had to express."

**Lawson Anticipates His Call.**  
Colonel Greene had publicly advertised that he would call on Mr. Lawson, but Mr. Lawson anticipated this by appearing at the hotel at an early hour in the forenoon. Colonel Greene had not finished his breakfast and when the Boston trader sent in his card the Colonel sent out word that he would meet him after breakfast. The New York promoter emerged from the dining-room with a friend walking on either side. At the same moment, Mr. Lawson, who had been talking freely with a group of newspaper representatives, stepped forward half way to meet the New York man.

Mr. Lawson seemed constrained, but Colonel Greene smiled warmly, uttered a cordial salutation, and, extending his hand, which Mr. Lawson seized, invited the Boston operator to his room. Colonel Greene's manner seemed very happy, but Mr. Lawson was apparently very much perturbed. The men were in conference in Colonel Greene's room for almost seven hours, all outsiders and messages of every kind being excluded. Meantime the police had arrived and virtually taken possession of the hotel, three officers in citizens' clothes patrolling the corridors upon which Colonel Greene's rooms were located, while Chief Inspector Watts and other detectives remained on guard in the lobby. At the end of the conference Mr. Lawson and Colonel Greene made hurried exits from the hotel, the latter being driven at once to the railroad station.

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by the few people in the lobby. When he sent his card to the New Yorker the latter, in his message, politely informed Mr. Lawson that he did not receive callers until after breakfast. The Boston broker said that, although Colonel Greene kept him waiting nearly an hour, he was not offended.

While the conference was still in session, Chief Inspector William Watts, of the Boston police department, and Inspector Andrew M. Houghton, entered the hotel just before 11 o'clock and looked over the register. Chief Watts held a brief conference with the manager of the hotel. When approached by the newspaper men the chief said he had heard of the meeting between Messrs. Greene and Lawson and had come to see that no disturbance was caused by cranks, who might be among the spectators. He and the inspectors remained in the hotel office for some time.

Police Captain Cain, in charge of the division in which the hotel is located, arrived at the hotel shortly after noon. Captain Cain said he "looked in" partly through curiosity. He talked to the other officers for some time.

Later Chief Watts made a brief inspection of the lower part of the hotel and held a further conference with the manager. It was denied that the hotel people had sent for the police. The statement was made that the chief inspector and assistant called to see that order was maintained. They had not expected, however, that their services would be needed.

### ASKS LAWSON BE INDICTED.

#### British Owner of Copper Stock Appeals to District Attorney Jerome.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—An application for the indictment of Thomas W. Lawson, and for the showing of the books of the Amalgamated Copper Company, was made at the District Attorney's office today by Henry Wellington Wack, who lives most of the time in London. Mr. Wack is a member of the National Bar Association of this country, and the Royal Geographical Society, of London. Accompanied by his lawyer, Charles M. Beattie, Mr. Wack called at the office of District Attorney Jerome and left there his formal application that Mr. Lawson be indicted. Mr. Wack says he owns outright 300 shares of Amalgamated, and that it was his work when he came here a few weeks ago that resulted in Mr. Lawson's acts. Mr. Wack asserts his stocks fell to 50 and he suffered a loss of approximately \$10,000. Mr. Wack asks that a demand be made on the Amalgamated Copper Company for its books, to ascertain just what its stock is worth, and if Lawson's declaration proves false, he wants him indicted under chapter 45 of the code, which makes it a crime for any person who knowingly circulates a false rumor, statement or intelligence against a stock, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than three years, or both.

District Attorney Jerome is out of town until Monday. In his absence Assistant District Attorney Rand received Mr. Wack's application. He asked them to call on Monday and tell their story to Mr. Jerome himself. Mr. Rand said the District Attorney would surely make an investigation and would invite all parties interested to appear before him.

### WOULD PAY CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### Taft Confers With Apostolic Delegate Regarding Land Matters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Secretary Taft and Monsignore Agius, Apostolic Delegate to the Philippines, were in conference today at the White House regarding Philippine affairs in which the Catholic Church authorities are interested. One of the matters related to claims for damages for the occupation of church lands and church buildings by the forces of the Philippine Government while engaged in suppressing the insurrectionary movements. It is said that Secretary Taft would advise Monsignore Agius with the recommendation that the claims be paid. A more important matter to the church authorities is the controversy between the Roman Catholic Church and the United States Government as to the ownership of churches and rectories which still remain unsettled. An effort will be made to have this adjusted by an order of the Philippine Commission, which will give the Supreme Court of the islands jurisdiction to settle the questions raised by these churches.

### ALL DEPENDS ON STEEL TRUST

#### International Pool Will Fail if It Does Not Come In.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Chronicle asserts that the fate of the international steel pool hangs on the report of J. Farrell, who has been in Europe for some weeks investigating and is now returning to America. "It is possible," says the Chronicle, "that American hostility may wreck the scheme. Practically all the leading British firms have joined the combination, but the keystone of the whole edifice is the United States Steel Corporation, without whose support it must fall to pieces. If America joins this pool, their preserve probably will be Mexico and South America."

### GREAT STRIKE MAY BE ENDED

#### Cotton Mill Men and Operatives Will Confer Today.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 15.—Renewed hope of a settlement of the prolonged cotton mill strike in this city was given to-day by the announcement that another conference had been arranged between representatives of the strikers and the millowners. This conference will take place tomorrow morning, and it is understood that every effort will be made to end a strike which has thrown nearly 28,000 operatives out of employment, and has attended with much suffering. The strike began two weeks ago, when the operatives refused to accept a new wage schedule which involved a reduction of 12 1/2 per cent.

### DENY DOWIE IS HARD RUN.

#### Officials of Zion Contend It Is in Good Financial Condition.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Rumors that John Alexander Dowie was facing a financial crisis and a new receivership for Zion City were branded as false tonight by Judge W. Barnes and other officials of the Dowie establishment, who insist that Zion is in a better condition financially than before the receivership last year.

# GRAND JURY ACTS

## Four Indicted for Running Slot Machines.

### ALL ARE GIGAR DEALERS

### State Senator Sichel and Councilman Foeller Named.

### MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INFORMS

### Committee of Its Members Appears—Indictments, Also Returned Against Jim Phillips, Al Hinds and C. Barnett.

INDICTED BY GRAND JURY.  
For running nickel-in-the-slot machines—Sig Sichel, Matt Foeller, B. B. Rich, John T. O'Neill.  
For running a bawdy-house—Jim Phillips.  
For giving liquor to a minor—Al Hinds.  
For horse-stealing—C. Barnett.

### Once more the grand jury has spoken

and once again the Municipal League members appear as witnesses. This time when the grand jury returned its indictment, it was to indict a number of prominent business men for conducting "nickel-in-the-slot" machines. Those who were indicted were State Senator-elect Sig Sichel, Matt Foeller and B. B. Rich. Mr. Sichel, in addition to being a law-maker, is also a member of the Executive Board of the city, and Matt Foeller is a Councilman. Mr. Rich, like the other men indicted with him, is in the cigar business. John T. O'Neill, associated with Mr. Foeller in business, was overlooked. The fact that there were to be indictments against owners of slot machines has been bruited about the streets for several days and even as early as Thursday afternoon Messrs. Foeller and Sichel were aware that they were to be indicted. However, the fact that the indictments were forewarned did not matter much, for they were well known when everybody knew about it. In the city there are over 100 slot machines in operation, paying to the city something like \$300 a month. When a man would be indicted for running a slot machine, he would be indicted for running a bawdy house, for which the grand jury would return an indictment. In the city there are over 100 slot machines in operation, paying to the city something like \$300 a month. When a man would be indicted for running a slot machine, he would be indicted for running a bawdy house, for which the grand jury would return an indictment. In the city there are over 100 slot machines in operation, paying to the city something like \$300 a month.

### AMONG THE OTHER INDICTMENTS REPORTED

was one against Jim Phillips, Phillips is charged with running a bawdy house on October 30, 1904. The witnesses whose names appear on the indictment are John Sichel, Matt Foeller, W. T. Johnston, W. W. Payne and D. A. Patullo, Municipal League members. A. H. Breyman, one of the owners of the Paris House property, and Eugene Blazer, are also named. An indictment was returned against Al Hinds, accusing him of giving a glass full of beer to Earl Hinds, a boy 14 years old, on November 20. The witnesses who appeared in the indictment were Superintendent of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, and Silvey Stuart. C. Barnett was indicted by the grand jury for stealing a bay mare valued at \$100 from J. H. Peterson on December 1.

### HAWAIIAN VOTE STANDS.

#### Majority of Federal Grand Jury Is Unable to Find Fraud.

HONOLULU, Dec. 15.—Sixteen members, constituting a majority of the Federal grand jury, summoned in September session by Presiding Judge Dole, of the United States District Court, to investigate charges that in the last campaign certain election officers intimidated the voters, made improper use of identification marks and otherwise destroyed the secrecy of the ballot, reported today that they found no evidence which would warrant them in indicting any person for violating the Federal laws. The minority of six jurors separately reported to Judge Dole that they found sufficient evidence to justify conviction of those charged with the offenses complained of, but the majority of the grand jury refused to continue the investigation, which it is alleged by the minority, would probably expose more fraudulent practices in the late election. The minority members expressed the belief that the territorial administration was responsible for the non-enforcement of the law and recommended amendments by Congress so that the secrecy of the ballot should be protected. In the late election, they say, there was practically no secrecy, and hence intimidations were rendered easy.

(To the Federal grand jury investigating the charges mentioned in the foregoing dispatch Colonel Curtis P. Inakee, a prominent territorial business man, said on December 1 that it was his intention to go to Washington for the purpose of contesting the seating of Prince Jonah K. Kalaniana'ole, the re-elected Delegate to Congress.)

### H. B. MILLER IN BAY CITY.

#### Consul-General at Niu Chwang Arrives on Liner.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The Pacific Mail steamer Mongolia arrived today from Oriental ports. Prominent passengers included Captain Peyton C. March, of the General Staff, United States Army, who has been military attaché with Kuroki's army in Manchuria; H. B. Miller, United

State Consul-General at Niu Chwang; J. Asceredo Castello Branco, Portuguese Minister to China, en route to Lisbon, and Thomas P. Dorris, who was chief officer of the British steamer Sishan, under Captain Harry Struss, when that vessel was captured by the Japanese last September.

### UNABLE TO ENJOIN STRIKE.

#### New York Judge Also Decides That Picketing Is Lawful.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Justice Jenks, of the appellate division of the New York State Supreme Court, handed down his decision today that an injunction against organizing a strike cannot stand. He modified an injunction to prevent a strike which had been issued by Justice Dickey, of the Supreme Court, in a suit brought by William M. Mills, William Kiaman and other employees against the United States Printing Company, of Ohio, the International Stereotypers Union, the Electrotypers Union, and the New York Stereotypers Union, in which the plaintiffs asked the court to prevent the union from striking to force the printing companies to discharge the nonunion men. The court held that it could not enjoin the strike and that the "picketing," which consisted only of stationing men for observation without molestation, could be lawful. Justice Jenks says in his decision that "picketing" may also mean stationing men to coerce or threaten or intimidate, or to use force against their will others who desire to go into the picketed place where they wished to work. In that case, picketing is unlawful.

### SNOW DELAYS TRAFFIC.

#### Storm Continues in Nebraska and South Dakota.

NORFOLK, Neb., Dec. 15.—The severe snow storm which began last night in Nebraska and South Dakota is still raging today. Traffic is considerably delayed.

### Ohio River Closed by Ice.

#### MADISON, Dec. 15.—The Ohio River today was closed by ice here, causing a complete suspension of navigation.

### Heavy Snow in Missouri.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 15.—The first heavy snow of the season is falling here.

### Storm Raging in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 15.—A heavy snow storm began at 7 o'clock this morning.

### Alaska Bills Come Up Soon.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU: Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Cushman today introduced a resolution providing for the regular business of the House on next session day. Consideration shall be given the Senate bill for construction and maintenance of roads and the maintenance of care of the destitute and insane in Alaska.

### CONTENTS OF TODAY'S PAPER

- The Weather.
- TODAY'S RAIN: High 49, low 38.
- YESTERDAY'S Maximum temperature, 45 deg.; minimum, 22. Precipitation, 0.02 inch.
- Raid of Lawson.
- Colonel Greene and Lawson meet and confer for seven hours without any display.
- British owners of Amalgamated Copper stock ask District Attorney Jerome to indict Lawson.
- Russo-Japanese War.
- American Captain, Just home from Orient, declares Kuraki is alive.
- Koropatik, when he receives more troops, may try to relieve Fort Arthur.
- Japanese and Russians on Sakhalin collide in the night and while moving to attack each other, and hand-to-hand fight occurs.
- Depew is not authorized over Odell conference, at which Black was well supported for Senator, but now realizes he has active opposition.
- National Prohibition Committee is now without a leader, R. H. Patton, of Illinois, refusing to accept the place.
- Colorado Supreme Court takes under advisement the motion of the applicants to throw out the returns in several Denver precincts.
- Congress.
- Senate passes the Philippine bill.
- House passes about a dozen bills and agrees to Senate amendments to urgent deficiency bill.
- C. H. Jackson, of Boise, testifies at the Smoot hearing that Idaho vote as apocryphal dictate.
- Williamson will earnestly urge a 25-foot channel above Madison street bridge.
- Domestic.
- Missouri will have \$300,000 exhibit at 1905 Fair.
- State Chairman Frank C. Baker meets noted men and is the guest of Fairbanks in Washington.
- Court refuses to accept N. Patterson, page 4.
- Mrs. Chadwick as only such justice as United States Marshal will page 4.
- Foreign.
- Crown Prince of Denmark, who is to meet Miss Roosevelt, is very anxious to wed.
- Remains of Kruger are laid in the tomb at Pretoria with imposing ceremonies.
- Bandit Katsul is again active.
- Commercial and Marine.
- Manufacturing activity steadily increases.
- Chicago wheat advances on buying by millers.
- Japan buying feed at San Francisco.
- Absence of selling pressure in stocks.
- German ship Carl makes quick trip up coast.
- Five showways found on Ellicott.
- Pacific Coast.
- Oregon State Board of Health makes first biennial report.
- Bert Jackson pleads guilty to second-degree murder in killing of Frank Bennett at Hillsboro, Or.
- Prizewinners at the Salem, Or., dog show.
- Miss Mollie G. Smith, of Portland, marries Augustus DeLano in Engler's Hall, at San Francisco.
- Pacific Coast League abolishes salary limit and decides to open season March 20.
- Stationary valued at \$250,000, presented to Lewis and Clark Exposition.
- Madison Welch makes report on Morrison-Scott bridge, saying it is constructed according to specifications.
- Pollockman Myers accuses brother officer of smoking opium in Chinese laundry.
- Mallon to have some one other than Sheriff serve venire overruled by Judge Fraser.
- Many clubs are taken in discussing enlargement of Postoffice building.
- Tax levy will be about the same as last year.
- Sig Sichel and other well-known men indicted for running slot machines.
- Test of freight made before insurance men.
- Jacob Rice lectures at Temple Beth Israel and says he loves Portland.
- State Senator Kuykendall confident of victory.

# BIG FAIR EXHIBIT

## Missouri to Make Fine Display Here.

### WILL REPRESENT \$300,000

### Special Commissioner Is Now Actively at Work.

### NATION IS BOXING EXHIBITS

### Sixty-Five Per Cent of Those Shown at St. Louis Will Be Ready for Shipment the First of the Year.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—"Missouri is to be splendidly represented at the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland," states M. T. Davis, president of the Missouri State World's Fair Commission, today.

"We will send out there an exhibit that could not be duplicated for \$300,000," he continued.

The displays for the Western Fair will be selected and prepared for shipment by E. S. Carver, special commissioner from Missouri to the Lewis and Clark Exposition. He is now actively at work.

The work of boxing the Government exhibits that are to be shipped from the World's Fair to Portland, for the Lewis and Clark Exposition, has been commenced, and by January 1 they will be ready to be sent away. They will not be shipped until March 1, however, according to the present plans. Portland is to get about 55 per cent of the Government's exhibits. The remainder will be returned to Washington, D. C.

The machinery in the money-coinage display will be sent as soon as possible to Denver, Colo., where it will be used to enlarge the United States Mint. The great ordinance which proved such an attractive exhibit here may be returned to the East. Its disposition has not been definitely decided upon as yet, on account of the possibility of obtaining great rifles and other guns on the Western Coast so late as to Portland.

### Nebraska to Have Big Exhibit.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—J. B. Dinsmore, Nebraska Commissioner, and in charge of the livestock exhibit at the St. Louis Fair, and ex-president of the State Board of Agriculture, said today that Nebraska would have a big exhibit at Portland.

### NOW SURE BLACK IS IN RACE

#### Depew, However, Does Not Take Odell Conference Seriously.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—From all that can be gathered today, it is more than evident that friends of Senator Depew do not regard the conference which was called by Governor Odell, and met in this city last night, at all conclusive. They were emphatic today in the statement that a meeting called, they said, very informally, and proceeding without organization, could not be regarded as having a decided effect, except that it showed conclusively that ex-Governor Black might be regarded as definitely in the field. The whole meeting is said to have shown a calm and friendly tone, although Senator Depew's most partisan supporters spoke with some warmth. There were present at the conference 25 men, seven of whom were members of the Legislature. Of the seven members of the Legislature present, four spoke in support of Senator Depew, one was non-committal and two were for Black, while it is understood that a majority of the rest of the conferees were in favor of Governor Black.

### PROHIB WITHOUT LEADER.

#### Patton Refuses to Occupy the Chairmanship of National Committee.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—A new tangle in the Prohibition party's affairs developed tonight. Chairman Stewart had resigned, pursuant to the resolutions adopted the day before, the resignation to take effect January 2, and the committee, in casting about for a new chairman, finally selected Robert H. Patton, of Springfield, Ill., and he was notified by telegraph. While the committee men were hurrying to their homes in different parts of the country, a telegram came from Mr. Patton announcing that he had declined the proffered honor and that under no circumstances would he serve. The examination of the party's rules revealed that the victor had been in a qualified act in this case. In fact, the Prohibitionists are left without an authorized leader, and unless Mr. Patton resigned, his action and holds office long enough to call another meeting of the committee, there is nothing to prevent Mr. Stewart from continuing as chairman, despite his overture.

### REPUBLICANS TO KNOW SOON

#### Colorado Court is Considering Matter of Throwing Out Ballots.

DENVER, Dec. 15.—The Supreme Court has taken under consideration the motion of attorneys for the Republican party to eliminate from the official count the entire vote of four Denver precincts in which frauds have been shown in the trial election officials for contempt of court. These precincts, with the one whose vote has already been ordered thrown out, returned 102 Democratic and 276 Republican votes. If these votes are all rejected the Republicans will retain three members of the State Legislature from the city and county of Denver, the leading Democratic candidate having only 24 majority on the returns.

will then be a tie, the Lieutenant-Governor in Republican, having the casting of the deciding vote. The Republicans propose, if they obtain control of the Senate, to unseat two Democrats who were seated on contests two years ago.

### PEACE CONGRESS PROBABLE

#### If Present War Problems Are Cut Out Powers Will All Likely Join.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Secretary Hay today transmitted to the American Ambassadors and Ministers accredited to the powers signatory to The Hague Convention, a copy of a circular letter, in several foreign offices, a circular letter giving a summary of the replies to his note of last October, suggesting a second Hague conference at The Hague to complete the work begun by the first conference. The note later will be made public by the Department. The effect of the note is permanently to record the hearty acceptance, in principle, by all the powers addressed, of this Government's suggestion.

The fixing of the date for this assembly is a subject for further discussion, as Russia, if she accepted, would require that the conference should not convene until her war with Japan had ended.

In the reply of Japan, the State Department finds a very reasonable provision that this conference, in the event that it should be called in the lifetime of the present war, shall not in its findings affect this conflict. So reasonable does this suggestion appear to several neutral powers that it is thought possible it may yet commend itself to all the powers, including Russia. In case the conference specifically exempted from the scope of its rules the present war it is the opinion of officials of this Government, as well as a number of diplomats, that neither of the belligerents can reasonably object, in principle, to the immediate convening of the conference.

### Monarchs to Discuss Peace.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The correspondent at Copenhagen of the Daily Mail says he learns that the Emperor of Austria will attend an international conference of monarchs on the subject of peace. There is reason to believe, the correspondent adds, that Emperor Nicholas and King Edward have already agreed to attend, and Emperor William also is expected.

### THE DEATH ROLL.

#### Studied Law in Lincoln's Office.

DENVER, Dec. 15.—Augustus Macdon, an attorney 77 years old, has died here of acute stomach trouble. He was a native of Kentucky, and studied law in Abraham Lincoln's office near Springfield, Colorado in 1855. Mr. Macdon was engaged in the practice of his profession at Omaha.

### Ex-Collector of Customs Christ.

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 15.—George Christ, collector at this port in the United States Customs Service, took part in an international conference of monarchs on the subject of peace.

### Ex-Michigan Congressman.

MOHNT CLEMENS, Mich., Dec. 15.—Edgar M. Clement, congressman from Michigan in the Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh Congresses, died here today, aged 65 years.

### Kimball, the Piano Manufacturer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—W. W. Kimball, the well-known piano manufacturer, died here today of heart disease.

### Ex-Congressman Mills.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Ex-Congressman D. W. Mills died today at his home here.

### TO PROTECT FLOODED VALLEYS

#### Engineers Have Scheme to Redeem a Million Acres.

SILOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 15.—A committee of distinguished engineers chosen by California to solve the problem of protecting the valleys of the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers from regular floods made its report today. If successful, their plan will redeem 1,000,000 acres. The floods were caused primarily by deposits from hydraulic mines filling the channels. The project will cost \$10,000,000 at least. While the report is not made public, it is understood it recommends the construction of dykes to confine the water in the channels, and thereby carry out the debris.

### Members of the committee who met here for conferences were: Major H. M. Chittenden, Sioux City; Major T. G. Delaney, engineer for the Yankton district, on the Mississippi; and Major H. D. Richardson, of New Orleans.

### CITY MAY BUILD LIGHT PLANT

#### New York Corporation Counsel Will Inquire Into the Matter.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A move in the direction of establishing a municipal lighting plant was made today when the Board of Estimates and Apportionment called upon the Corporation Counsel for a legal opinion as to whether the city had power under its charter to maintain a plant for lighting streets and public buildings. The resolution calling for the opinion was offered by Mayor McCellan. It is one result of the agitation against the payment of alleged exorbitant bills presented against the city by private lighting companies.

### LAUGH ON PORTLAND WOMAN

#### Remarks It Does Not Require Brains to Vote Linked With Late Election.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The House Committee on the Election of President, Vice-President and members of Congress today heard Mrs. C. B. Colby, of Portland, Or., in favor of the French bill, providing for woman suffrage in the election of members of Congress. In her argument Mrs. Colby remarked: "It does not require brains to vote." "The last election demonstrated that," rejoined Representative Hardwick (Dem., Georgia).

### COCKRELL WILL ACCEPT.

#### Senator Will Take Place on Interstate Commerce Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Senator Francis M. Cockrell, of Missouri, is said to have told friends that he had decided to accept the appointment as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

# SEEKS A BRIDE

## Crown Prince of Denmark Would Wed.

### TO MEET MISS ROOSEVELT

### Swedish Colony in Paris Takes Matter Seriously.

### PRESS ALSO DISCUSSES IT

### Several Contain Articles Under the Heading "Alice Roosevelt a Future Queen"—Prince Has Visited Europe in Vain.

### SPECIAL CABLE.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Many members of the Scandinavian colony in this city seem to take seriously the dispatches from Stockholm reporting that an arrangement has been made by the Crown Prince Gustavus Adolphus to meet Alice Roosevelt at the house of Whitehall Reid in London with the object of taking the first step toward the offer of his hand and heart. It is well known that Gustavus has been looking for a bride in the courts of Europe during the past year, but unsuccessfully. It is also known that