## ROOSEVELT TOOK PANAMA BY STURN

Chairman Shonts, of the Commission, Very Enthusiastic Over President's Visit.

SPEECH WON ALL HEARTS

Father of Miss Theodora Declares She Is Scarcely Out of School and Is Not Engaged to a French Duke.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2,-President Roos veit took the Panamans by storm, said Theodore P. Shonts, chairman of the Pan-ama Canal Commission, who arrived on the Panama line steamer Colon today from Colon. Shorts spoke enthusiastically of the recent visit of the Chief Executive, and declared that work on the canal was progressing under satisfactory conditions. During his talk with the newspaper men Shonts took occasion to deny that his daughter, Theodora, has become engaged to a titled foreigner.

Chairman Shonts eald that he would receed at once to Washington. He was ecompanied on the home trip by Rear-Admiral M. T. Endicott, also a member of Admiral M. T. Endicott, also a member of the Canal Commission; Richard K. Rodg-crs, general counsel to the commission; Major John T. Phillips, of the department of health of the Canal Zone, and Joseph F. Ripley, a special engineer employed on the canal. Discussing the President's visit, Chairman Shonts said: "President Receavelt simple took the

"President Roosevelt simply took the people of Panama by storm. The setting uside of all precedents by the President in his visit to Panama won the instant admiration and respect of the people of the Panama Republic. Mr. Roosevelt was familiar with the work theoretically and familiar with the work theoretically and the condition of these Indians have been the condition of the condi

dent Roosevelt as the building of a future home would be to any other man. He looks upon it as his own personal work.

having been given carte blanche by Con-gress in the work.
"During the President's trip through the Canal Zone one of the leading citizens asked Mr. Roosevelt what he thought of the criticism as written by Poultney Bigelow. The President answered: "Small people, like small flies, despoil large things and large enterprises."

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"In the President's speech at Colon the thing that won the hearts of the canal-workers and of the people was his state-"The men who are now working on the canal and the citizens of Panama, who are assisting them, will go down to posterity like the veterans of the Civil sterity like the veterans of the Civil ar. When this great work is complet-the men who have been instrumental in its success will look backward and say,
"I was part of it," as do the veterans of
the Civil war when they look with pride
at the great united Nation."

"This did more to endear the President of the United States in general to the peothan anything else he could have

Mr. Shonts declared that the reports of labor troubles in the Canal Zone were absolutely untrue. He said:

The work on the canal was never in better condition. The men are contented and the work is going ahead very fast."

In regard to the reported engagement of Miss Theodora Shouts to the Duc de Chauthes et de Piquigny, Shonts said:

"The reported engagement is absolutely untrue. Both the Misses Shonts are scarcely out of school, and will not make their formal debut in society until the ISth of this month, when we open our new home in Washington. The girls are no doubt great friends of the Duc's family, and that may have been the foundation for the reported engagement."

MEMBERS OF CUBAN CONGRESS ARE GIVEN NOTICE.

By Decree of President Roosevelt Seats of Members Elected in 1905 Are to Be Declared Vacant.

HAVANA, Dec. 2-"By a decree to be ssued soon under specific authority of the resident of the United States the seats f members of the Cuban Congress elected n 1905 will be declared vacant,

This was the announcement of Governor Magoon today to the 25 Senators and House members whom he had invited to attend a conference at the palace. After reviewing all the facts developed by the peace commission sent to Cuba by President Roosevelt, in response to President Palma's appeal for intervention, Governor Magoon called the attention of the members to the fact that the determination as to the status of the Commission as to the status of the Congress had been reserved by the peace commission for consideration at Washington. He then com sunicated to them the final determination f President Roosevelt that the scats of all the Senators and Representatives elect-

in 1965 shall be considered vacant from tober 12, 1996, the vacancies thereby cated being filled by an election under provisional government in accordance th the proclamation of Governor Taft The first series of Senators and Repre-

seniatives elected in 1904 will be continued in office if moral pence, tranquillity and public confidence be restored to such an extent that an election for the vacated seats may be held during 1907, and there may be at the same time an election of the successor. the successors of Representatives whose terms expire December 31, 1907, without shortening these terms, thus avoiding the necessity for two elections. The salaries of the ousted members will be paid to October 12, the date fixed by the peace

Governor Magoon explained to the mem-ers of Congress that he considered it very fair and courteous to submit to them the terms of the decree prior to its for-mal promulgation, so that they might de-side what attitude they desired to assume. After all the facts had been placed before em, Senators Dolz and Tamayo ex-essed their appreciation of the courtesy behalf of their colleagues and the conference then ajourned. The decree probably will be promulgated tomorrow.

After the conference ex-Minister of the Treasury Sterling, Senator Dolz and other

Moderates expressed strong dissatisfaction with the terms of the decree, which they declared was unfair, but they said the recognized the futility of any protest.

General Ruis Rivera, ex-Secretary of the Interior, said tonight to the Associated Press that he realized the decreases a survived out on obligation of the secretary carried out an obligation of i merely carried out terest to the peace commissioners, but he greatly deplored it, believing its effect could be disastrous. He said he was firm in the belief that the only means of establishing peaceful conditions consist in e election of an entirely new Congress whereas the proposed election, whice would result in turning over the goverwhich would result in turning over the govern- other gir ment to the Liberal control, would surely presence.

the islands. The fact was, said General Rivera, that the United States had ignored this, which was patent to all Cubans, and pointed irresistibly to the conclusion that if th United States withdrew it would be with the full recognition of the necessity for a speedy return and the consequent ex-tinction of Cuban independence.

ALASKA INDIAN PROBLEM

War Department Wants to Hand Over to Indian Bureau

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ington, Nov. 28.—What to do with natives of Alaska is a problem that is causing considerable concern in the War Department, and no satisfactory solution yet been presented. The War Lepan onto would gladly shift responsibility onto some other branch of the Federal service, becaring the beautiful that en presented. The War Department preferably the Interior Department, tha now has jurisdiction over reservation In-dians in the Western States. But the In-terior Department does not want the Alaska natives on its hands, and has always maintained that these natives are Eskimos, and not Indians, and therefore are not properly subject to the jurisdic-tion of the Indian Bureau. This whole subject is briefly raviewed in the annual report of General Almsworth, military secetary of the Army. He says:

"During the past four years the ques-tion of furnishing relief to destitute In-dians in Alaska has been frequently before the War Department. The matter of relieving distress among these Indians by issuing to them Army subsistence was first brought to the attention of the department May 1, 1902, by the Commissary-General of the Army, in connection with a letter from Captain F. Tuttle, commanding the revenue cutter Bear, recommend-ing the issue of supplies to the destitute native children of missions.

"Since that date many reports of desti-tution among the natives of Alaska, es-pecially among the Copper River Indians, and requests for the aid of the military authorities, have been received from cus toms officials, missionaries, and others A report on the conditions and needs of the natives of Alaska made by Lieutenant G. T. Emmons, United States Navy, re-tired, was transmitted by the president of

the Panama Republic, Mr. Roosevelt was familiar with the work theoretically and saw and understood more during his short stay than the average man would in several months. reports that, while the statements con-cerning the destitution of the Indians have been somewhat exaggerated, there is much destitution among them as a result of the increasing scarcity of gamthe decrease in the run of salm the laziness and improvidence of the Indians themselves.

"In 1966 the War Department suggested to the Department of the Interior that an officer of the Army or a special agent of one of the other departments be placed in charge of the Alaskan natives. In re-sponse to that letter the Acting Secretary of the Interior, on July 11, 1903, stated that Congress had made no provision for the establishment of Indian agencies in the District of Alaska, and that under existing law it would not be practicable for the Interior Department or any other department of the Government to place special agent in charge of the Alaskar

"Referring to a request of Lieutenant amons that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs send a reliable officer to Alaska to report on the conditions and needs of he Alaskan natives and to look into the question of the rations ordered to be sold to them, and the direction of the Presi-dent that the request be compiled with, the Acting Secretary of the Interior in-formed the Secretary of War, on July 13, 1905, that transportation conditions exist-ing in Alaska were such as to preclude the possibility of sending an inspector there for the purpose of reporting upon the condition of the natives.

"In a report dated July 12, 1906, relative to the condition of the Copper River In-diaus, the commanding officer at Fort Liscum, Alaska, recommended: (1) That no catching of saimon be allowed at the mouth of the Copper River. (2) That the Indians be supplied, gratis, with a certain number of small steel traps, and ammunerstein's new Manhattan Opera-House nition, about 30-caliber (not fitted for or-dinary sporting rifles and not easily obmined eisewhere, to prevent their selling the ammunition to others and to prevent others from buying the rifles), and that rifles adapted to the ammunition be issued to them, the Indians receiving the rifles to be held accountable for them under a suitable penalty for parting with them. (3) That some flour, with baking powder, should be issued to them.

"He remarked, however, that in rendering any assistance to these people it should be borne in mind that the Govern-ment is trying to help men who will not help themselves. He also recommended that, if these suggestions were not satisfactory, a reservation he set aside for the Copper River Indians; that an agent, who is a practical furrier, be employed there at a stipulated salary, and that a trading store be established for them.

"On August 31, 1906, Captain Elli A. Hel-mick, Tenth Infantry, in forwarding a re-port on the condition of these Indians, recommended that they be placed under the control of a Government agent who chould determine to whom and to what extent assistance should be given. He expressed the opinion that, as these indians have their own hunting and fishing grounds, it is neither necessary nor wise to disturb them by setting apart a reservation for them. He says that Government aid to them has been a temporary relief only, and that in the end it does them absolute injury, because it encour-ages them to hope for continued assistance that will enable them to eke out a lazy and trifling existence.

'It appears from the reports before referred to that the condition of some of the Alaskan Indians is such as to demand the attention of the Government. It also appears that there is no provision of law under which adequate and permanent re-lief or proper supervision of any of those Indians can be had. It is recommended, therefore, that the matter be brought to the attention of Congress with a view to securing such legislation as the case may require. It is believed that the needs of the Alaskan Indians can best because the Alaskan Indians can best be supplied and their future welfare provided for, by placing them under the control of the In terior Department, under conditions similar to those governing other Indians whose welfare is safeguarded by that department."

### CONGRESS BEGINS TODAY

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nomination of Attorney-General Moody to succeed Justice Brown on the Supr Court bench will be made the first n ination to be sent in by the President, and there will be an effort to secure its immediate consideration. Some Senators evince a disposition to hold up the mat-ter, but the present indications are for prompt action, as all appreciate the imortance of having a full bench as so as practicable.

SUICIDE OF SEATTLE GIRL Irene LaBarge Had Quarreled With Messenger Boy Lover.

SEATTLE, Dec. 2 .- Irene LaBarge, age. 17 years, committed suicide at her hom on Twelfth avenue tonight after a quar-rel with her sweetheart, John Tweed, Postoffice messenger. She was lealous of the attentions of the young man to an other girl and drank the poison in his

Interstate Commission Will Investigate Car Shortage.

FIRST IN THE NORTHWEST

Farmers in Many States Unable to Get Their Grain to Minneapolis and Chicago Markets to Share in High Prices.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The car shortage throughout the United States will be investigated by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Commissione Franklin K. Lane, who has been look ing into this subject, said today that the commission would first take up the situation in the Northwest among the wheat-carrying roads. Farmers in wheat-carrying roads. Farmers in many states complain that they are enable to get their grain to market in time to share in the high prices not eing paid in Minneapolis and Chi-

The commission has issued a circular asking grain-growers to submit spe cific information regarding the amoun of freight offered for shipment and isons given for not transporting

PACKAGES WILL COST MORE

Commissioner Yerkes Recommends Charge for Liquor Stamps.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 .- The annua eport of Commissioner of Internal evenue John W. Yerkes for the past fiscal year shows total receipt

\$249,192,738, an excess of \$14,914,762 over the preceding year. The commissioner recommends a charge of 20 cents for each stamp issued to rectifiers or wholesale liquor dealers for use of packages prepaid and sent out by them, and a charge of 25 cents per gallon on all brandy with-drawn for fortification purposes.

Safety-Appliance Law Violated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 .- Acting or reports submitted by the Interstate Commerce Commission, Attorney-General Moody has directed that suits be brought against a large number of additional railroad companies for vio lation of the safety-appliance law

The defendants and the districts in which the suits will be brought and the number of violations include: Arizona & New Mexico railway, district of New Mexico, two violations; El Paso & Southwestern Railway, district of New Mexico, one violation; Fort Worth & Denver City Railway, North-ern district of Texas, two violations.

MANHATTAN TO BE OPENED THIS EVENING IN NEW YORK.

Singers of International Reputation Will Give a Series of the Works of Old and Modern Masters.

temple of music dedicated exclusively to grand opera in this city will be opened merstein's new Manhattan Opera-House. The question whether or not New York will support simultaneously two grand opera-houses and two high-class compa-nies of singers will then be put to test. Believing that there is room in New York for two such enterprises, Hammer stein has erected a beautiful opera-hous in West Thirty-fourth street and will be gin a scason of six weeks of grand opera in French and Italian, with a company of singers of international reputation and a chorus of 100 voices recruited both in Italy and in this city. He promises the music-loving people of the metropolis a series of delightful reproductions of the works of old and modern composers

The cost of the venture when the season is inaugurated tomorrow evening, it is said, will have been in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000. The opera for the opening night will be Bellini's "I'Putani," and later on in the week "Don Glovanni" and "Faust" will be heard. During the season operas by Aubur, Donisetti, Flotow, Verdi, Leoncavallo, Mascagni, Meyerbeer, Puccini and Thomas and Wagner's "Lo-

hengrin" in French will be sung.

Madame Melba and Madame Pinkert
head the list of sopranos of the company.
Madame Regina-Arta, also a soprano, is
a native of Pittsburg, Madame BreslarGianoll and Madame Eleanore de Cisneros, the two chief mezzo-sopranos, have been heard here before. Alessandro Bronci, Neapolitan, whose voice is reputed to b beautiful in quality, is the star tener, and after him are Balmores, a robusto singer, and Alfscheffski. Both are Frenchmen. Maurice Reinaud, another Frenchman, and San Marco, an Italian, baritones, both come to this country with great rep-utations. Gilbert, who has been heard here, and Galetti-Gianeli, from the The-ater Bivoil, Venice, are to sing the buffo-basso parts. Vittorio Aramondi, the lead-ing basso, has sung in the United States

A special feature of the season will be the orchestra. The orchestra will com-prise 75 musicians under the direction of Cleofanta Campanin and Leandro Cam-

panari.

The interior plans of the new opera-house have been worked out along the lines of modern and French architecture. The main auditorium rises from its struc-tural base through a peristyle containing 40 proscenium boxes, supported by col-umus of heroic size, which also act as the supporting base for a semi-circle of loges and two balconies above. The pros-cenium boxes are crowned at either side of the stage with an ornamental super-structure rising 80 feet above the orches-tra floor, and designed to form a back-ground for two sculptured figures in groups, representing "Genius" flanked by the arts "Painting and Sculpture." The entire scheme reaches a fitting climax in the beautiful main ceiling, 100 feet high, with an enormous shallow dome. The proportions of the stage are 20x175 feet.

"With the opening of the new house," said Mr. Hammersatin in an interview, "my life's ambition shall have been realized. I have built many theaters in this city, but it has always been my desire to build a house to be devoted exclusively to grand opera."

OREGON MAN RUN DOWN

One of Many to Suffer in San Francisco Accidents.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.-Three per sons are lying in the Central Emerge Hospital tonight with fractured skulls the result of streetear accidents today.

John Easter, a saloon-keeper from Merhere in annual session.

Asil. Or., who arrived in the city today, a three-days' session.

was struck by a car as he was crossing Market street near Third. He sustained a fractured skull and other injuries which

make his recovery doubtful.

While running after a west-bound car on Market street this afternoop. H. J. Belcher, a recent arrival from the East, was run down by a car from the opposite was run down by a car from the opposite direction, whose rapid approach he falled to notice. Besides receiving a fracture of the skull, he was badly bruised and cut.

J. Meyerhoff, a motorman, was probably fatally injured at the foot of the Fillmore-street hill tonight. Meyerhoff's car broke loose from its cable when half-way up the hill and shot down the steep incline at terrific speed, colliding with another the street in the steep in the street of the stree cline at terrific speed, colliding with an other car at the foot of the hill. Fortunately there were no passengers on the runaway car, while those in the car at the foot of the hill were warned of their danger in time to jump.

Dies of His Injuries.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 2.-Walter L. Vall, a prominent business man of this city, died today of injuries received in a streetcar accident that occurred last Thursday when Mr. Vall, who was caught between two cars, was seriously crushed. Vall was known as one of the early Southern California cattle kings, being a member of the firm of Vall & Gates. He was the owner of Santa Rosa Island, and controlled large holdings in this state as well as in Arizona, where he resided for several years.

## FANATICS ASK PROTECTION

"TONGUES OF FIRE" REVIVAL-ISTS TARGETS FOR ROCKS.

Authorities Consider Means to Suppress Sect and Stop Uncouth Orgics.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The "Tongues of Fire" evangelists who have been conducting Holiness meetings at the Mission on Twelfth street for some time are having a strenuous life and today reported to the police that they are afraid they will be killed. Last night rocks were thrown through the windows and to such cleas proving the windows and in such close proximity to the heads of the speakers that they were in danger more real than imagin-ary. Today "Apostle" Shipley, who had been appointed a special policeman at his own request, gave up his star, say-ing that he does not dare attempt to

control the disturbers of meetings.

The Holiness meetings are getting to be as bad as the "Holy Roller" probe as bad as the 'holy Roller pro-ceedings at Corvallis, with the excep-tion that immorality has not been charged against any of the present leaders. The leaders who were detected in maintaining immoral relations have severed their connection with the sect. But in noisy demonstration, rolling on the floor and performing other ridiculous antics the followers of Creffield could hardly have surpassed the fanatics who are now holding forth-

Asserting that they are directly controlled by the Holy Spirit, Rev. M. L. Ryan and his associates speak in what they claim to be an African dialect but which sounds like the jabbering of a maniac. Worked up to a high pitch of excitement, women followers of the sect stand upon chairs and shout and go through performances not generally considered ladylike in reasonably polite society.

These proceedings, to which the general public is earnestly invited, have aroused the disgust of all except the zealots themselves, and residents of the neighborhood have considered the mat ter of enjoining the shouting, which they consider a public nulsance. But the climax in the feeling against the "Tongues of Fire" preachers came last night when one of the speakers directly charged some of the young women present with immorality. It was not long after this that the rocks began to fly through the windows.

Today an appeal was made to the police for the assignment of an office to preserve peace at the meetings. request was refused, the chief explain-ing to the preachers that there are but two night policemen and that he does not propose to keep one of them on duty at that particular place and leave the other officer to guard the remainder of the city.

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The chief had already appointed a special officer at the request of the Hollness people and thought that this should be sufficient. He gave them to understand that if they conduct meetings in such manner as to breed dis-turbance they should not expect the police to neglect other duties to queil the disturbances. The better class of citizens and the newspapers have tried to Ignore the frenzied evangelists in the hope that the evil could thus be most easily overcome, but it now be-gins to appear that it will be necessary to place the "Tongues of Fire" fanatics under some sort of restraint in order to prevent more deplorable proceedings.

## TWO MEN WERE KILLED

Mail Clerks Escaped in Baltimore & Ohlo Wreck.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 2.—But two men were killed in the wreck of the fast Baltimore & Ohio Ballroad train bound from Cleveland to New York at Guffey Coal Mines, 25 miles east of this city, last night. Two mail clerks reported killed are safe. The engineer and fireman were killed and the baggage-master was seriously injured. Over a score of passengers were slightly bruised.

The mail car and contents except the

registered mall were burned, as were many valuable packeges in the express car. Railroad officers were working on the theory that some person opened the switch purposely.

EARTH QUAKES IN SICILY Severe Shock Felt, but No Deaths Yet Reported.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—A severe quake is reported to have occurred at Milazzo, on the north coast of Sicily, today. As yet, no casualties have been reported.

Wealthy Woman Dies on Liner. NEW YORK, Dec. 2. - When the steamship St. Paul docked here today, the officers reported the death of Miss Agnes Grey, a first-cabin passenger, 61 years of age. Miss Grey died suddenly of heart fallure. She said that she was on her way to this country to settle an estate. The woman was wealthy. Neither relatives nor friends appeared tonight to claim the body. Miss Grey was from West London.

Celebrates Her Independence.

LISBON, Dec. 2.-The 226th anniverfrom Spanish domination has been celebrated by the signing of a treaty between the two countries delimiting their respective frontiers.

Drainage Congress at Oklahoma.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 2.-The National Drainage Congress is to meet here in annual session December 5 for

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75c and 85c Nail Buffers, 50c New design handle Buffers, chamois covered; regularly 75c to 8ac.

\$5.00 Shaving Sets, \$4.00 Cut glass, sterling top, with sterling 75c Key Rings for 50c silver, good and strong. 35c Ink Wells for 25c Vase with sterling top, neat \$1.25 Puff Jars, \$1.00

arling top neat glass base, good \$1.25 value. 25c Strawberry Emerys, 18c y never sold below 25c before. \$1.00 Manicure Scissors, 75c Sterling Handles, with good steel. \$10 and \$12 Military Brushes \$9 Pr, New and exclusive designs, car-ried only by this store.

\$1.25 Bottle Openers, \$1.00 Beer-bottle Openers, vintage handle, new patent opener. 35c Coat Hangers, 25c • To sew on the back of the coat; 35c value. \$2.25 Stationery Sets, \$1.75

Box containing four pieces—statery articles. 35c and 50c Book Marks, 25c

Two styles-all silver and the reg-ar ribbon markers with sterling \$1.00 Grip Tags, 75c.

Large size Tags in the new French \$1.25 Match Boxes, 85c neat size box, with choice of ent designs. \$1.00 Stamp Boxes, 75c Regular size box in the new de-

\$6.00 Military Brushes \$5.00 Pr. Extra value, pretty designs in French gray finish.

All Silver Engraved Free During This Sale

Oregon School Textbook Sellers to Form Combination.

MARGIN NOT SUFFICIENT

Publishers Are Declared to Have the Best of the Present Condition and the Retailers Want Share of Profits.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 2 .- (Special.) -A movement has been started for the organization of all public school textbook-sellers in Oregon for the purpose of compelling publishers to grant the retailers a price that will leave some small profit on the business. It is asserted that the prices now given do not allow a profit, and that the dealers handle the books merely for the purpose of drawing other trade, or because they are in the book-selling business anyway and must carry school books, even if at a loss. The move-ment for an organization was started at Eugene, and has found so much favor that the success of the enterprise is practically assured. Every dealer, even to the village storekeepers who handle school books in small quantities, will be in the movement, and the publishers will be confronted by a situation that will mean concessions or a field. Says a prominent

sions or a fight. Says a prominent bookseller: bookseller:

The publishers have a contract with the state to sell their books to school children at certain specified prices. They allow the retailers 12 1-2 per cent on the prices. Now it is my experience, and I believe the experience of others is the same, that rent, clerk hire, lights and other running expenses amount to 10 per cent of the amount of business transacted. That is, if our gross profits were only 16 per cent we would come out even at the end of the year and have no pay for our own time, no interest on capital invested and no return for the service rendered to the public.

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I am speaking of the book business in general, and not of school books in particular. I think everyone will agree that we are entitled to a reasonable profit on our business over and above actual expenditures.

At the prices allowed us by the school book publishers we would make a profit of 2 1-2 per cent if we could sell all books at the prices quoted and had no bad bills. But this we cannot do. Here is a copybook quoted at 6 cents. A boy comes in for a copybook and lays down 5 cents. Are we going to tell him he can't have the book because he didn't bring the extra penny? Of course not; we tell him to take the book along, and we sell that book at an actual loss. Such sales are very frequent.

that book at an actual loss. Such sales are very frequent.

Here is a schoolbook that is quoted at 22 cents. Our profit is supposed to be 2 3-4 cents. We are not allowed to charge 25 cents for any of them, for if we did, the publishers would be liable on their bonds. The fact of the matter is that we sell more of these books at 20 cents than we do at 22 for it is not practical in the rush of business at the opening of the school year to make charge to a penny. More profits gone!

But that is not all. In comes a little girl in well-worn dress and ragged shoes and gives us a list of books she needs when she starts

to school tomorrow. We put up the books and when we hand them out over the counter she says: 'Mamma wants to know if you will charge them till the first of the month?' Well, if Rockefeller were in the schoolbook business the take the bundle away from the girl

charge them till the first of the month? Well, if Rockefeller were in the schoolbook business he might take the hundle sway from the girl and put the books back on the shelves, but we don't. It would take a pretty hard-hearted man to stand by and watch the tears roll down that girl's cheeks after she had but a moment before smillingly taken possession of her books.

Then there are fathers and mothers who come in themselves instead of sending their children, and ask for credit. If we don't give them credit, for only four or five dollars, and only until the first of the month, their children must stay out of school. What do we say—what can we say? And there go the profits. Of course many people who get credit that way pay their bills, but there are some who do not and when we are getting only 2-1-2 per cent net profit it doesn't take many bad bills to put the balance on the wrong side of the ledger.

You see we stand all the losses. The publisher gets his part of the price of schoolbooks, to the last penny. He has no bad bills. He sells nothing at less than cost, if we had no losses and no bad bills we would make only 2-1-2 per cent. As it is, there is absolutely no money in schoolbooks for the retailers, and I think everyone will tell you so. Why don't we quit handling them?' A book seller can't do that. If we did, some dry goeds house would carry them, and soon put in a line of stationery and thus cut into our hushess. We couldn't retailiate by putting in a stock of shirtwaists or ribbons and laces. We must sell the schoolbooks, but I insist that we are entitled to a reasonable profit, and we're going to get it. Watch us. The publisher has hogged it long enough.

JEWISH PEOPLE HONOR HIM

John Hay Memorial Window Unveiled in Philadelphia Synagogue.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.-Lauded as a liplomat who tempered statecraft with he Golden Rule, the late John Hay was honored by the Jewish people of this city today, when a handsome memorial windown to the dead Secretary of State was unveiled at Keneseth Israel Temple. The exercises, attended by Secretary of State Elihu Root. Oscar Straus, Andrew D. White, ex-Minister to Russia and Germany, together with six members of the Hay family, were among the most strik-ing ever held in a Jewish synagogue. The consecration address was made by John Krauskopfi, rabbi of the temple. Secretary Straus made the introductory address, and Mr. White delivered an his-

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PROPHET DOWIE IS INSANE

Raves of Warships on Lake and Is Carried From Platform.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2—(Special.)—John Alexander Dowie is plainly insane. At a meeting tonight he raved ramblingly of warships in the lake, and was carried from the stage by his startled followers.

Express Messenger Will Die. TEXARKANA, Tex., Dec. 2.-Officers so far have been unable to obtain a trace of the robbers who raided the Pacific Ex-press car yesterday near Redwater and assaulted the messenger, W. A. Gris-sette. Grissette's skull is fractured in two places and no hope for his recovery is entertained. Superintenden Edgeley of the Pacific Express Company is unable to state the amount of the loss Superintendent

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