## PRESIDENT SIGNS PUTER'S PARDON

Land-Fraud Thief to Have Liberty, That He May Turn State's Evidence.

HENEY ASKS THE FAVOR

Conduct of Convicted Man Has Been Model-Great Help to Hency in Giving Evidence to Further Land-Fraud Prosecution.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 31 .- Late this afternoon President Roosevelt signed the pardon of Stephen A. D. Puter, and by tomorrow it is expected that the jall doors will swing open and he will walk forth a free man, for notification of his par-don was telegraphed to Portland this was teregraphed to Fortand the evening by the Department of Justice.

While free, Puter is yet under an impiled promise to place his services at the command of the Government, and he will be summoned as one of the leading witnesses in the land fraud trials to be resumed in Portland January 13. Later, when the Benson-Hyde trials to be resumed in Portland January 13. Later, when the Benson-Hyde case is called in this city, Puter will again appear as a witness for the Government. It is because of the fact that Puter is wanted as a witness here that District Attorney Baker, of this city, joined Mr. Heney in recommending Puter's parden.

Just when the Benson-Hyde case will be brought to trial is undetermined, for there is at present no money to de-

for there is at present no money to defor there is at present no money to de-fray the expense of bringing 300 Gov-ornment witnesses from Oregon and California. It is proposed some time this Winter to submit to Congress a deficiency estimate in hope of secur-ing a special appropriation to defray the costs of this trial.

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When he was here Mr. Heney gave no intimation of his purpose to recommend the pardon of Puter, and no inkling of what had been done was permitted to leak out of the Department or the White House. Today's announcement came as a complete surprise.

### STORY OF THE PUTER CASE Only One of Those Found Guilty to Serve Sentence.

A. D. Puter was arrested and con-No. 10, Futer was arrested and convicted by Francis J. Hency, for what is known as the 11-7 land-fraud case. With him in this deal were Mrs. Emma L. Watson, Horace McKinley, Marie Ware, now Mrs. McKinley, Dan W. Tarpley and others. The trial began November II, 1804, and he was convicted, December 6, and was sentenced to two years imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$7500. prisonment and to pay a fine of \$7500. All of the defendants were found guilty, but Puter was the only one to receive sentence and the only one who has served a term of imprisonment. Mc-Kinley fled the country and went to China, where he was arrested and is now on his way to America. On July 8, 1996, Puter was sentenced to serve two years in the County Jail and he has served about a year and one-half. In addition the jail sentence, Puter was fined 500, but it is believed here that the ne will be wiped out with the pardon. Puter decided to turn against those with whom he was connected in his crooked land dealings, because they turned him down. He has made friends reaching that decision. There was no half-way measures when Puter decided to tell what he knew to Heney and it was through Puter that practically all was through Puter that practically all of the land fraud convictions were made possible. Whatever Puter might have been, he has made good to Hency everything that he promised when he turned state's evidence, and there is not a man connected with the Federal Government in Portland, who does not speak highly of Puter. He has been a model prisoner and has taken his medicine without a word of complaint.

Last night Puter received the following telegram from Francis J. Hency:

Turent, Ariz., Dec. 31, 1907.

S. A. D. Puter. Portland, Cregon.
President has pardoned you at my request,
Warrant goes direct to Warden. Happy New
Year, and may you apply your undoubted talents to bonest work. PRANCIS J. HENEY.

## Mentana Mineowners Say Its Rates Are Exorbitant.

HELENA. Mont. Dec. 31.—Mine-owners of Central Montana, comprising operators of Helena, Butte, Anaconda and other sections of the state, protestand other sections of the state, protesting against the alleged exorbitant rates for smelting and refining of ores charged by the Great Falls and East Helena plants, will meet in this city January 16 or 17 to perfect an organization for fighting these rates. They say the present schedule is probibitive and in restraint of trade. In the event that the American Smelting & Refining Company refuses to lower its schedule, the mine-owners propose to establish independent smelters throughout the state, and to ask state ald, as was done in Kansas in connection with the independent oil refineries. refineries.

## COOKE STILL ON THE MOVE

Friend Shelters Fugitive, With Girl and Baby.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Special disatches from New Haven, Conn., where Ars. Jere Knode Cooke now lives, quote the wife of the minister who along the CTEAMED DECAMED. the wife of the minister who cloped last April with Floretta Whaley and was found recently in San Francisco, as say-

This is the first reliable news I have had of him since that day when my life became desolate, but he has never been absent from my prayers. About three weeks after they went away I received an envelope bearing the San Francisco postmark with no inclosure save a newspaper clipping. The clipping was a brief

report of Bishop Burgess' sermon preached the Sunday after my husband disappeared. There was something about the bandwriting that made me think it was my husband's, but I could not be ure. Now I am certain it was his, which means, if I am right, that he and the airl went to California at once.

"Not long ago I received a letter from Rev. Frederick W. Clampitt, rector of Trinity Church, San Francisco. He is an old and dear friend. He said if he could serve me in any way, to call upon him.

Trinity Church, San Francisco. He is an old and dear friend. He said if he could serve me in any way, to call upon him. I thought of this when they told me my husband had been found, and my first thought was to help him in his trouble. I have always loved him. For nine years we lived a life of the purest devotion to each other. I am sure it was so on my part, and I believe it was so with him until that girl came into his life. Then something happened to his brain. It must have become demented. When I heard he was in San Francisco I hastened to write to Mr. Clampitt to appeal to him to do something to save him. "Some friends have told me that if there had not been something wrong my husband would never have left me, and now I see that he is reported to have said that his life with me was very unhappy. This is false—monstrously false. Our life in Hempstead for nine years was an open book. We were happy. "It was not until he made the acquaintance of Miss Whaley that I noted any change in him. This was about a year before they went away together. One day about three weeks before he disappeared I seemed to have an intuition that there was some sin upon his soul.

One day about three weeks before he disappeared I seemed to have an intuition that there was some sin upon his soul. Yielding to an impulse to know the truth. I said to him: 'Would you do wrong?' The question, did not seem to startle him. Taking my hand, he said: 'Let me look you in the eye and say no, no, I cannot do wrong.' Then he added: 'I can look you in the eye and say it, you see.' It seemed to me that the note of triumph in his voice was out of place.

"My heart asks me what should be my duty if it were possible for him to return a free man? Should I forget all and receive him once more as my husband? It is a hard question to answer. band? It is a hard question to answer unless I lay aside all other feelings and obey only the dictates of the Christian spirit, which is to forgive, to forget."

WILL OF MRS. ALICE BONNI-FIELD FILED IN DENVER.

Everything Left to Denver Woman Mother Will Fight for Property, Alleging Will Is Changed

DENVER, Dec. 31.-By the will of Mrs. Alice M. Bonnifield, who died suddenly, at the Shirley Hotel, in this city, last Thursday, which was filed today in the Denver County Court, her entire estate, estimated to be worth \$500,000, is left to Mrs. Lute B. Porter, wife of W. W. Porter, the wealthy landowner and president of the W. W. and M. B. Porter In-

vestment Company, of Denver. Mr. Porter was Mrs. Bonnifield's finan-cial agent and had entire charge of her business affairs. The executors are Mr.
Porter and E. E. Roening, who has for
15 years had charge of Mrs. Bonnifield's
mining properties, the Excelsior gold
mines, in Placer County, California, Mr.

Roening is en route to Denver. Thirty thousand dollars is left to Mr. Roening, "for work, labor and services for the past 15 years." The information is given in the will that a promissory is given in the will that a promissory note is in possession of Roening covering this amount. Mrs. Bonnifield is without husband or issue; her only surviving blood relatives are a mother, Mrs. Anna Watkins, who is said to be a public charge in Watford, England; a brother, Alfred Watkins, now a soldier of fortune, roaming the world, and Mrs. Gertrude Herridge Hill, a niece, now in Denver. The promised fight over the will by the

The promised fight over the will by the mother cannot take place until the document is presented for probate. At that time all sides promise sensational deturned him down. He has made friends with all of the Government officials since preaching that decision. There was no half-way measures when Futer decided because of optates physicians found it necessary to give her to ease her pain. A charge is made that the will has been tampered with.

## KILLED BROTHER OFFICER

Captain Von Goeben's Confession Causes Sensation in Germany.

ALLENSTEIN, East Prussia, Dec. 31.— Captain von Goeben, a distinguished of-ficer in the artillery branch of the German army, has caused a sensation in military circles by confessing that he is the author of the mysterious murder of WAR ON SMELTER TRUST

Major von Schoorebeck, a brother officer, who was shot dead on Christmas day. Von Goeben will be tried by court-martial and, if found guilty, will be executed

tial and, if found guilty, will be executed by shooting in his own garrison.

Major von Schoorebeck, returning home at a late hour Christmas night, heard some one descending the stairway leading from his wife's room. Drawing his revolver, he went to meet the intruder and tried to shoot him. The revolver, however, missed fire, and Von Goeben then killed the Major and made his escape without leaving any trace behind him. without leaving any trace behind him. He was subsequently arrested upon sus-picion, and confessed at the preliminary examination.

Captain von Goeben served formerly with the Macedonian gendarmeric and he fought on the side of the Boers in the South African War.

The wife of Major Von Schoorebeck has been arrested on the charge of being implicated in the murder.

## FRAUD IN MANAGEMENT

Receivers Named for Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Line.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Receivers for the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railway Company and allied corporations were appointed tonight by Judge Tuthill, in the Cook County Circuit Court on petition of Chesian J. Manufacture 1.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Rev. Jere Knode Cooke and Floretta Whaley with their 2-months-old haby boy are believed to still be in this city. After leaving their Green-street flat, they were given refuge by Eugene Martin of 1205 O'Farrell street, who took pity on their helpless condition. When an attempt was made to see them today at the Martin of the company, were named as receivers.

heir Green-street flat, seeing by Eugene Martin of 1266 Orerell street, who took pity on their helpless condition. When an attempt was made to see them today at the Martin residence, it was stated that they already had left their temporary loggings there, owned and operated by two Illinois corporations and two Wisconsin corporations bearing the same names. The receivers were appointed for the Illinois corporations, but these own the Wiscon sin company.

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Will Not Sall Tonight

The steamer Breakwater will not sail on regular schedule Wednesday, January ist (tonight), but will be delayed one week, yeaving Oak street dock January 8th, at 8 P. M.

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KISER CALENDARS HALF PRICE.

Members Accused of Treason Are Sentenced.

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tence of 167 to Three-Months' Imprisonment and Two Are Discharged.

ers in the constitutional movement for several decades, among them being Ivan Petrunkevitch, who drafted the first demand on the Emperor for a con-stitution: Prince Dolgorukof, Prince Dmitri Shakaffskoy, ex-Secretary of the Lower House; Prince Obolinsky and Prince Ourosoff, the well-known jurist; M. Petrajitski, Vladimir Naboukoff, leader of the Constitutional Dem-ocrats; Max Vinaver and Lenitzky, and the peasants Cehilkin and Nazarenko, together with a score of other noted

### BOMB FACTORY IN FARMHOUSE

Russia Seized.

paratus for the manufacture of high explosives. Twenty-seven loaded bombe and three men were arrested.

cause Tendency Is Downward.

tendency towards general reductions in prices and a decreased cost of logging this Winter are given as rea-

Mrs. Gould Files New Complaint.

Gould's suit for a separation from her husband, Howard Gould. In the new bill allegations of unfaithfulness have been omitted, in accordance with a ruling of

PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.-The trial of the 169 members of the first Douma who signed the Viborg manifes-to was concluded today. One hundred and sixty-seven of them were con-victed and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, while two were acquitted on the ground that they had signed under misapprehension. The sentence carries with it the loss of all political

M. Ramischwill, who has served more than three months' preliminary impris-onment, will be set free. Unless an appeal from the decision of the court is taken, the sentence will take effect beginning January 20, until which time the former Deputies will remain at large without bail.

large without bail.

The trial began on December 25 and was notable for the powerful speeches made by the most prominent men in the Empire for the defendants. The prominence of the accused, it is gen-erally believed, induced the govern-

ment to exercise leniency.

The sentence withdraws from Russian politics the foremost liberal lead-

Complete Explosive Plant in

SEBASTOPOL, Dec. 31 .- One of the most complete bomb factories ever discovered in Russia has been un-earthed at a farm house 28 miles from here. It consisted of a complete apof the most destructive type and 120

## PRICE OF LUMBER IS DOWN

Weyerhaeusers Make Deep Cut Be-

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 31 .- (Special.) Deep cuts in the prices of pine lumber have been made by the Weyer-hacuser interests. Other concerns have been selling at concessions from their August price lists, generally 56 cents to \$1 a thousand, but the Weyer-hacuser cut is \$1 to \$3 a thousand. The tendency towards requested reductions.

sons for the reduction.

The reductions are: Dimension timbers, \$2 a thousand; common boards.

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, \$1 a thousand; fencing, Nos. 1 and 2, six-inch, \$1 a thousand; No. 3, six-inch, \$2; fourthousand; No. 3, six-inch, \$2; four-inch, \$2 a thousand; C and better, eight-inch and wider, \$2 a thousand; siding C and better, \$2; D and E, \$1; C and better Norway, \$1 a thousand; laths 50 cents a thousand; no reduction on inch D or on thick select and

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Attorneys for Mrs. Katherine Clemmons Gould have filed an amended bill of complaint in Mrs. omitted, in accordance with a ruling of AURORA, Or., Dec. 3L.—(Special.)—No the court, it being held that such allega-

tions are not necessary in a suit for a mere separation. The amended bill does contain, however, the allegations of the original bill to the effect that Mr. Gould bired detactives to follow bired detactives original bill to the effect that Mr. Gould hired detectives to follow his wife and to defame her, the court having allowed these to remain over the protests of Mr. Gould's attorneys. Mr. Gould in his answer denies all the allegations.

## SAME RECEIVER FOR BOTH

Mrs. Leslie Carter and Henrietta

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Ezra T. Prentiss, receiver for the affairs of Mrs. Leslie Carter-Payne, the actress, recently declared bankrupt, was appointed receiver today also for Henrietta Crosman, the actress, and her husband, Maurice Campbell who filed petitions in bankruptcy yesterday.

The schedule of Mrs. Carter-Payne, filed today, shows liabilities of \$134,418, of which \$186,444 is unsecured, and assets of \$5926.

No News of Phegley.

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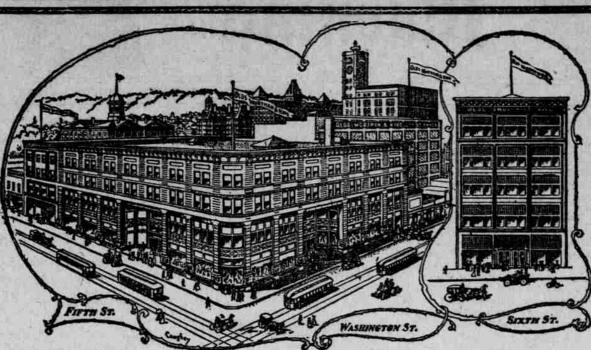
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for their generous patronage, our earnest appreciation of their help in making 1907 the most successful year in our history. In spite of financial flurries that threatened business prosperity, our holiday business surpassed our most enthusiastic expectationswe're sure our friends must have been prosperous and we rejoice with them.

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# FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL!

abouts of James Phegley, who disappeared 16 days ago after starting for Barlow, returning home without a strap hope of finding a trace of the missing Champoeg. Yesterday, Phegley's horse or bit of harness. A searching party of man.

New Year's Day, January 1, 1908 CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

MULTNOMAH AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

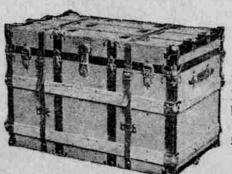
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