## 1908 BEEF PROBE CORRUPT, 'TIS SAID

Four Grand Jurors Demand New Inquiry.

#### **UNDUE INFLUENCE SUGCESTED**

Few Delvers Would Indict, but Prosecution Faltered.

#### LANDIS TOLD, THEN ACTS

Threats to Expose Former Failure Forced Present Investigation. Assistant Attorney-General to Watch Procedure.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27 .- Four members of the Federal grand jury which investigated the so-called "beef trust" in 1908 forced the Government, through Judge Landis, to start the present inquiry, according to a report current here today.

Assistant Attorney-General Wade Ellis, who passed the day here, denied that there was any friction among Government officials concerning the present investigation, and that District Attorney Sims would remain in charge.

Concerning the inception of the present action, it is said there would have been none, had the four dissatisfied jurymen not sought the ald of Judge

This quartet, it is said, was willing to indict the packers in December, 1908, and finally became so indignant over the increasing price of meat that they informed Judge Landis that they thought it was time for the Govern ment to begin another inquiry.

#### Prosecution Changed Heart.

The report of the four jurors alleged that enough evidence was submitted to the 1908 grand jury to warrant true bills, and that, in spire of this, there was a sudden spathy on the part of those behind the prosecution. They also said that if the investigation was not renewed immediately they would make a statement to the public setting forth their theory of why the prosecu- McGregor, Manitoba, January 14. tion had been dropped.

Following the jurors' complaint. Judge Landis is said to have made the investigation that resulted in the present action being started. Judge Landis, it is asserted, got in touch with the evidence submitted to the 1908 grand jury, and he is determined that the dress, present action shall not be nullified by

influence outside the grand jury room pose of his visit here and the scope of the present investigation, Mr. Ellis Italian Representative of Kansas

#### Probe Under Way Long.

"I have spent the day in conference with the United States District Attorney and his assistants, and in a call upon Judge Landis, whom I have known pleas antly for many years. There is no friction whatever in the beef inquiry.

"The Department of Justice has been at work for five or six months investigating departments of the fresh meat industry since the last action of the Government and especially the relation of the situation to the prices of food and products, with a view to ascertaining whether a cause of action now exists.

investigation will be conducted under the anti-trust statute and may be either civil or criminal.

#### Ellis to Watch Inquiry.

"Proceedings now in progress before the Pederal grand jury of this district are in line with this investigation. Ordinarily, cases, presented to the grand jury for trial in the Courts are wholly within the routine duties of the United States Attorney. Where, however, the subject of inquiry affects the country at large and especially where it involves the complaint of a violation of the anti-trust statute having a more than local effect, the Attorney-General exercises a special supervision. He is particularly charged by the law with the enforcement of this act and my duties in this behalf are also fixed by statute under his direction.

"There will be no change in the present instance. Mr. Sims, in whom the Attorney-General has entire confidence, will present his testimony to the grand After this testimony is in I have no doubt the grand jury will do its full duty, both to the Government and those against whom such testimony may be adduced.

"I expect to keep in touch with the inquiry; to some to Chicago whenever it may seem necessary and participate, n later, in any way that shall seem ad-

#### BROTHERS HAD NEVER MET

State House Watchman Meets Relative, 37, for First Time.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)— Charles Holmstrom, night watchman at the State House, is entertaining his brother, 37 years old, whom he had never seen until the latter arrived here a few days ago from Sweden. The Salem man left Sweden before

#### Rochester Editor Passes.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 27.—Albert R. Haven, editor of the Rochester Union and Advertiser, died today, aged 59 years. He wants saveral successful

## FAITHHEALSWOMAN LONG PARALYZED

DOWIE DISCIPLE CURES BY PRAYER IN COTTAGE GROVE.

Mrs. W. A. Williams Arises From Bed and Walks for First Time in 30 Years.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 27 .- (Spe ial,)-Mrs. W. A. Williams, who has been ed-ridden 30 years from paralysis of the egs arose from her bed today and walked round the room without assistance. Since her first successful effort to walk Mrs Williams has continued to gain strength, and notwithstanding her age of more than 50 years is confident that her re-

covery is complete.
She believes that she has been divinely pealed through a messenger of God in the person of Delevergne, at one time s follower of Dowle, and who recently cam nere from the East. Delevergne had held a long season of prayer with Mrs. Williams yesterday, encouraging the invalid o believe that through faith she could be healed.

Immediately after Mrs. Williams had arisen and walked friends and relatives, including some of the ministers of th city. assembled and congratulatory prayer service was held, in which Mrs. Williams took an active part.

## COUNCIL CHASES MONKEY

Los Angeles City Fathers Capture Runaway From Theater.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 27,-(Special.)-Furniture was overturned in the City Council chamber today during a wild chase for a monkey.

Half the employes of the City Hall engaged in the monkey hunt. The animal, which is a member of a troupe of trained monkeys, escaped from a theater after the performance. The monkey was discovered on the roof of the City Hall. Three men mounted the roof and the monkey was cornered, but escaped by sliding down a rain spout to the second floor. Through an open window he gained access to the Council chamber, where he was cap-

#### MILLER IN CANADA JOY

Football Player Dazed and Without Funds in Strange Town.

DETROIT, Jan. 27.-The relatives of Joy Miller, the deposed captain of the University of Michigan football eleven, who has been missing since the announcement was made early this month that he was not a bonafide student at the university, have received word that he was in

J. Myle has sent from Spokane, Wash, a letter given to him by a strange young man whom he befriended in McGrego and who appeared to be dazed and out of funds. The letter proved to be one given to Miller by a girl friend in Ann Arbor and was sent by Myle to the girl's ad-

## In his statement concerning the pur- CONSULAR AGENT MISSING

City Persecuted by Cilque.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27 .- Pletro Isnardi. italian consular agent at Kansas City, Mo., has disappeared, according to statement made here today by Guido Sabetta, the Italian Consul. Mr. Sabetta said he feared Isnardi had become mentally unbalanced because of persecution by a certain element of the Kansas City Italians.

About \$2000 is involved in the disappearance, but Mr. Sabetta said Isnardi's accounts with his government and with the American Express Company, of which he was agent, are

#### SNAKE VENOM DISEASE FOE

Rattler's Poison Frees Consumptive of Night Sweats.

STOCKTON, Jan. 27.-After three weeks of the use of venom from rattlesnakes in treatment for tuberculosis of the lungs, in a Lodi case that was in its last stages, Dr. Hull of Stockton reported some improvement of the patient, who is a son of Super-

visor Newton. The poison is administered according to a formula recommended by Eastern physicians who have tried the cure, In the Lodi case the young man is reported as freed from night sweats. A permanent cure, however, is hardly looked for.

#### WOMEN FIGHT 'RED LIGHTS'

Purity Campaign in Chicago Opens With March on City Hall.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27 .- Under the leadership of Mrs, Emily M. Hill, president of the Cook County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and Dr. Alice C. O'Neal, between 400 and 500 women visited the City Hall today to present to Mayor Busse resolutions calling on the municipal officers to eliminate disreputable districts in the city.

#### B. C. MAY CURB ORIENTALS

Dominion Asked to Pass Law Barring Them From Acquiring Land.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 27 .- A resolu-VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 24.—A resolution calling on the provincial government to ask Ottawa to enact a law forbidding Orientais to acquire land was introduced in the provincial Legislature by W. H. Cayward, member for Cowlehan today.

The resolution will be considered Tuesday.

Seine Drops Bit, But Soon Rises Again.

### HISTORIC PLACES IN DANGER

Streets Cave in, Walls Crumble and Drains Burst.

CREST OF FLOOD TODAY

Large Part of City in Darkness and Soldiers Work by Torchlight to Build Dikes - Water Supply Will Last for Several Days.

#### ITS MANY TRIBUTARIES SWELL RIVER SEINE TO VOLUME NOT CONTAINED BY WALLS.

innumerable tributaries, in turn swelled by torrential rains, which pour in their floods along its 500 tortuous miles, the River Seine, ordinarily a placid, gentle stream, has become a raging torrent, carrying into Paris far more water than can be contained in its masonry walls. As it flows through Paris, the Scine is about 500 feet broad, but below the city it spreads out till it forms an estuary near its mouth six miles

The Saine rises, 20 miles from Dijon, in the Department of Cote d'Or, in Eastern France, part of the old province of Burgundy. Its general course is Northwest through Corbeil, Saint-Cloud, Saint-Denis, Saint-Germain, Poissy, Mantes, Elbeuf, Rouen and Caudebec. It flows English Channel Havre. The largest of the tributaries are the Yonne, Eure, Aube, Maine and the Olse at Paris. A net work of canais connects it with the Rhone, Rhine, Meuse and Loire through its tributaries, making an area of about 16,700 square miles in its basin. Very heavy rains have swelled all the streams in the cast of France, hence the floods.

PARIS, Jan. 27 .- Waters of the Seine creep slowly higher, each inch widely extending the area of destruction,

Flood conditions had become much worse at 2 o'clock this morning, particularly in the south and east sections, In the old Latin Quarter the situation was critical.

The sidewalk of the Qual des Grandes Augustine collapsed and fell into the Orleans Company's tunnel beneath, further extending the flood through the ancient streets, particularly the Rue Jacob and around the

#### Institute of France. Sewers Burst, Causing Darkness.

Many sewers burst in the Twelfth Arrondissement, one of the biggest in Paris, the whole of which is now submerged and has been plunged into darkness on account of the breaking of

The half-flooded He St. Louis, which is connected with the Ile de la Cite by means of the Pont St. Louis, is likely to be totally submerged with-(Concluded on Page 5.)

## JOHN SILAS REED DROPS FROM SIGHT

PORTLAND STUDENT AT HAR-VARD STRANGELY MISSING.

Three Days' Search of New England Cities Fruitless and Friends Are Much Alarmed.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 27.—(Special.) John Silas Reed, of Portland, Or., a member of the senior class at Harvard University, is strangely missing, and the police of this city, after a fruitless earch, have sought the aid of the po lice in every city in New England and

New York. It is the general belief at the college and particularly among Reed's intimate friends, that overstudy has brought on nervous attack and that some harm

has befallen him. Reed has been missing for three lays. Every hotel in the city was searched today, but no trace of the missing student could be obtained. Reed has been taking up considerable special work this year in connec tion with the regular course, and it is thought that the work has been too much for him.

## FIREMEN SHYLOCK SLAVES

Los Angeles Heroes Declared Loan Sharks' Victims-Chief Acts.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27 .- (Special.)-'Haif the firemen in this city are in

onage to loan sharks." This startling statement was made at the meeting of the fire committee today, by Chief Lips. A committee to investigate the situation and provide

a remedy was at once appointed. "If the committee so empowers us, said Committee Chairman Hawley, "we can free the firemen from this right peenage. The loan sharks can be given a choice to allow their victims to settle on a fair interest per cent basis. If they refuse to do so then each fireman can declare himself a bankrupt. I know of a fireman who originally borrowed \$400, but now owes \$600 after paying interest for six

"The evil effects of these bloodsuckers on the department can easily be inferred. No man oppressed by debt is in a fit mental state for work."

## DR. PARKER IS STILL LOW

Three Physicians in Consultation at Avalon-Surgeons Are Hopeful.

AVALON, Catalina Island, Cal., Jan. Nooman Bridge of Los Angeles, are ent Republican majority. in consultation here over the serious condition of Dr. E. H. Parker of Portland. Though Dr. Parker is critically Conservationists in favor of Federal conattending him entertain hopes for his

Mrs. Parker is on the way here, a sible:

#### HOPE FOR SORROWING GIRL Body, Supposed to Be That of David

Evans, Is Stranger's. SPOKANE, Jan. 27 .- Alice Burney, at Walla Walla, who has been grieving for her sweetheart, David Evans, supposed to have been killed in this city January 19, at the Langham hotel, can dry her tears and be happy. Her sweet-

heart is still alive. Tom Evans, brother of David Evans, arrived in the city last night from Portland. He stated positively to the undertakers today that the body was not that of his brother. The corpse is not yet identified.

Mind Open on Control of Water.

### ISSUE PRESSES IN CONGRESS

Administration Plan Now Opposed to Western Idea.

#### LONG CONTEST PROMISED

Roosevelt Shown to Have Believed in Federal Regulation Only Until States Took Interest-Pin-

chot More Radical.

BY HARRY J. BROWN. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ington, Jan. 20.-Great effort is being made to induce Congress to pass a bil governing the development and use o water power in the public land states of the West, but before such a bill is enacted, a long and bitter fight will occur in both branches of the National Legislature, and there is possibility of a deadlock, which will result in the defeat of all pending bills. However, mer who are sincerely in favor of same and practical regulation of water power development are at work trying to bring the question to the front at as early a date as possible, so that existing differences may be reconciled, and a waterpower conservation law be written on the statute books,

#### State Control Is Issue.

The chief struggle will come over the question whether water-power development and use shall be regulated by the states or by the Federal Government. Bills recognizing both are now pending and there are strong partisans on the two sides of this much-discussed ques The decision is with Congress, and unless some legislation is enacted "conservation" will be an issue in the coming campaign, and the inaction of 27.—(Special.)—Dr. E. D. Johnson of Congress will be used as an argumen Portland, Dr. J. I. Peckham and Dr. in favor of the overthrow of the pres

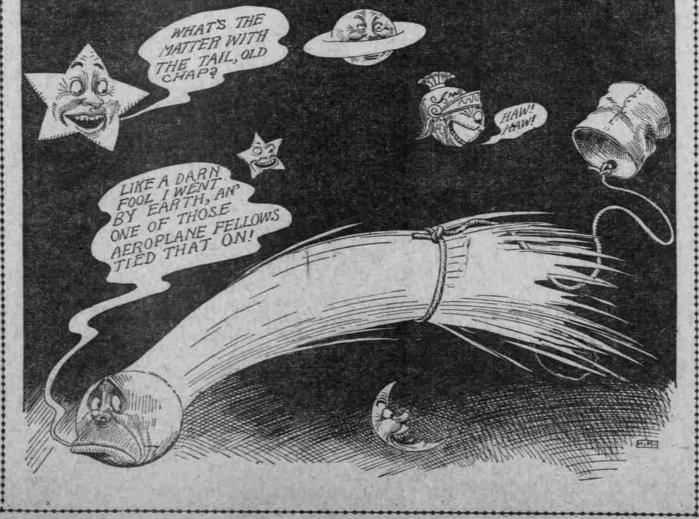
At this stage of the proceedings, the Administration stands with the ultrail with pneumonia, the three surgeons trol, and a considerable element of Westerners in both branches of Congress agrees with the stand taken by the Governors of the various states at their re wireless message yesterday urging her cent convention, in favor of state conto come to Avalon as quickly as pos- trol. The bill representing the Adminthat introduced by istration view is Senator Nelson, of Minnesota. The ideas of the Governors and of the Western contingent generally underlie the bill inroduced by Senator Carter, of Montana.

#### Administration Bill Evasive.

The Administration bill virtually recogdizes the right of the states to control the waters of non-navigable streams within their borders, but dodges this question, and proceeds upon the theory, as explained by the President in his message, that whoever controls the land adjacent to the streams controls the use of its waters; in other words, the riparian owner is strategically located so as to be in a position to utilize the water, to the exclusion of all others. And the Administration bill is so framed

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IF THOSE COMETS DON'T WATCH OUT.



## BATTLESHIP PLACE TAKEN BY AIRSHIP

NEW YORK AVIATOR PREDICTS NEW WAR STYLE.

'No Nation Would Now Dare Send Warship Fleet Here," Declares Clifford Harmon in Address.

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 27.-Clifford B

Harmon, the New York aeronaut, de clared today in a lecture before the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce that he day of the battleship had passed No nation, he said, would dare to send a fleet of warships to these shore on a hostile mission with such masters of the air as Curtiss, Hamilton, Willard and others ready to meet it. 'It has already been demonstrated." said Mr. Harmon, "that one balloon or

seroplane can carry sufficient explo sives to annihilate any fleet in the world, while the warships would be powerless to protect themselves. "Before they could reach our coast our aviators, flying at a great height could sail out over them and sink them one by one. Within a year there prob

#### country who could undertake such a task with safety." BOYS BURGLE GUN STORE

ably will be a score of men in

Quantity of Firearms Found in Homes of Eugene Youths.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 37 .- (Special.)-Vic for Bower and Lester Deadmond, two of the four boys who pleaded guilty to have stolen brandy from Charles Knopp, a farmer, today pleaded guilty to having stolen a large quantity of revolvers, car tridges, hunting knives and other articles from Hill's gun store and Joe Jacogs sec ond-hand store.

After having pleaded guilty to the first offense the boys were paroled in the hope of securing a confession to the econd and more serious crime of bur-The plunder was found in the

nomes of the boys. Bowers and Deadmond are sons of prominent and respected families here Bowers' father is a farmer and the elder Deadmond resides in Eugene, The parents assisted the authorities as far as possi ble in securing the confessions and the stolen property. Howers has only one legthe other having been amputated after a shooting accident.

## GINGLES MARRIED

Lace Maker, Alleged Victim of Tortures, Weds in Ireland.

CHICAGO, Jan 27 .- (Special.) -- Ella Gingles, the Irish lacemaker, who was the chief figure in a sensational trial in this city, in which it was asserted that she was gagged, bound and torers" in the Wellington Hotel, is now

The formal announcement came to day in letters that on January 12 she was married to William Drummond at Larne, Ireland. At the close of the trial here, in which persons accused by the girl failed to connect her with the alleged theft of some lace, she was

deported, being placed in charge Mrs. G. Vandusen Cooke, who ma the announcement of the wedding. The girl was taken from here to her former home in Larne. She came here from Canada, where she diso had some exciting experiences, according to the testimony at the trial.

#### HUNTER SECURES WILDCAT

Climbs Tree After Animal, Slips Dog Collar on It, Leads It Home.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 27 .- (Special.) -Charles V. Brown has brought back from a hunting trip on the Upper Necanicum a live wild cat. The animal is comparatively large and as active as when in the woods. Mr. Brown was alone on the trip, and says his dog classed the cat up a tree. He took the collar off his dog and the chain from

his pocket and also climbed the tree. The wild cat appeared docile so he put the collar around its neck and led it down by the chain and into Seaside. He says that if any one doubts this story he has the wild cat to prove it.

## FISHERMEN UP IN ARMS

Oregon City Objects to Closing River to Salmon Catching.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 27 .- (Special.)-The fishermen of this locality are up in arms over the order just promulgated by the State Board of Fish Commissioners in closing the Willamette River at this point to salmon fish ing from March I to May 1, and will hold a mass meeting in this city Sat-urday to determine what action they Last year Master Fish Warden McAllister attempted to close the river to
salmon fishing in the interest of propalast has failed to nost the notices

at Chicago, rage is.

Paris flood given as reason for stock selling. Page 19.

Tug Wallula misses rich prize by abandoning W. H. Smith. Page 19. gation, but he failed to post the notices on the bank of the stream within the period required by law, and the state failed to make prosecutions stick as a

#### ICE BLOCKS UP THE DALLES

Steamer Bailey Gatzert, Unable to Make Dock, Returns.

THE DALLES, Dr., Jan. 27 .- (Special.)—The steamer Balley Gatzert came up the river from Lyle, arriving about 3 o'clock today, cutting a passage was unable to make the dock and re-

hrough the ice part of the way, but as unable to make the dock and reurned at once.

The Columbia is slowly clearing of the above, so that passengers may be ransferred to the North Bank road, by the local passengers and by the local passengers and by the local passengers and by the local passengers are local passengers. Page 13.

Dr. Fred B. Smith. V. M. C. A., religious work secretary, addresses three meetings. ice above, so that passengers may be transferred to the North Bank road, by rowboat, but the ice is banking in the narrows below.

# FRAUD UNGOVERED

Agents and Doctors in Louisville Accused.

#### AGED AND INFIRM INSURED

Indiana and Kentucky Companies Are Victimized.

#### GANG NUMBERS 50 PERSONS

Arrest of Three Well-Known Louisville Agents Is First Step-Persons in Good Health Impersonated Aged and Infirm.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 27.-John J. Keane, P. J. Needham and T. T. O'Leary, agents representing a number of insurance companies in Indiana, Tennessee, Kentucky and other states, tonight were arrested on warrants charging them with onspiracy to derfraud.

The warrants were sworn out by S. C. Renick, secretary and treasurer of the Indiana National Life Insurance Com-

While the amount involved is state, it is understood to reach \$200,000 or more in policies alleged to have been written on the lives of persons virtually certain to die within a few months-the fraud consisting of the impersonation of sick and incurable persons by healthy nes employed for the purpose.

It is believed the alleged conspiracy is far-reaching and investigation will se made not only here, but in New Albany, Ind., and perhaps in other cities.

#### Fraud Involves 50 Persons.

It is stated the arrest of these men s only the first step in the investigation of an affair that involves more than 50 persons and relates to fraudi-lently obtained life insurance policies to the value of more than \$200,000. It is also said that many physicians are

One physician, it is said, has admitted that he acted as a participant in a conspiracy by filling out medical certificates certifying that men and women he had never seen were good

In many cases, it is believed, the physicians were imposed upon. It has developed, so it is charged, that per-sons examined gave false names to the

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