TAFT WILLING TO AMEND RATE BILL

Spokesman in Senate Gives Consent.

RATE PROVISIONS DISPUTED

Cummins Insists on Withdrawal of Repealing Clauses.

ALDRICH MAKES DEFENSE

Accusation That Rhode Island Senator "Hides Behind President" Causes Heated Debate, but Agreement Is Deferred.

WASHINGTON, March 16.-In the sharpest debate yet provoked in the Senate on the Administration railroad bill, bitter criticisms of the supporters of the bill for trying to put the measure through without amendment elicited from Senator Aldrich an admission that the bill could be amended.

This statement was made in the second day of Senator Cummins' speech attacking the bill, but not until after the friends of the measure had been accused of trying to hide behind the President and behind the fact that the bill had been drafted at his direction.

President Is Criticised.

For more than two hours the President figured in the discussion and for a time his title, if not his name, was bandled about with a freedom that amounted to recklessness. In this portion of the debate Senators Aldrich. Balley, Cummins, Root, Elkins and Bacon figured conspicuously.

Senator Cummins contended that the provision in the bill referring to traffic agreements would render them legal without their submission to the Interstate Commerce Commission. He asserted there had been conspicious silence in the com mittee on this subject. Thereupon Mr. Crawford turned to Senator Aldrich, who is a member of the committee on interstate commerce, and questioned him on his interpretation of the meaning of the

Purpose of Law Assailed.

nterrupted Bailey, before Mr. Aldrich could reply, is that the intention of the provision for the repeal of the antiftrust law is United States. The effect and purpose are take the railroads from under the Supreme Court."

Mr. Aldrich denied the intimation of the Texas Senator and from this colloquy arose a general discussion whether it had been the original intention to include the railroads in the Sherman anti-trust bill. In the course of this discussion Mr. Aldrich said that no Senwere embraced within its terms. ator who had voted for the Sherman law

had the slightest idea that the railroads "But all the same you are now trying to take them out of it," reiterated Mr.

Agreement Law Repealed?

"I beg pardon," responded Mr. Aldrich, "but that is not true. The Senator from Texas is mistaken as to the purpose of the proposed law, as is the Senator from

Mr. Cummins would not admit that he could be mistaken, for he declared that the purpose of the law was written broadly on its face. There could be no doubt that it repealed the law on traffic agreements, he said.

Senator Elkins undertook to refute this contention by reading the provision regarding the agreements, and in so doing broadly asserted that everyone must know the railroads violate the law every This assertion was challenged by several senators, but the West Virginian held to his position and asked: "Now.

why embarrass the railroads?" 'True, true," responded Mr. Cummin Mr. Elkins contended that even though agreements were authorized by the pending bill, the commission still would have control of rates, and even more comprehensive control than under the present

Rates Are All-Powerful.

"It is not the agreement that is powerful," he said, "but the rates themselves, and so long as the commission controls the rates, it is in command of the situa-

Mr. Aldrich referred to a supposed alliance between the "insurgent" Republicans and the Democrats, and then after a brief protest from Mr. Cummins over this method of presenting the subject, the Rhode Island Senator declared it to be his opinion that no schedule of the roads. whether under agreement of not, could go into effect without the approval of

the commission.
"If that is not made a clear bill I am perfectly willing to have it made so," said Senator Aldrich.

Responding to this statement, Mr. Cum-mins declared that the only way to remedy the defect was to withdraw the reing provision. To this suggestion and found himself in such disagreement with Mr. Cummins that it had been impossible in committee to go into discussion with him over the provisions of the bill.

Cummins Is Surprised.

The Iowan replied that he never had made a single suggestion for an amend-ment in committee and that Mr. Aldrich had heard none from him. Consequently, (Concluded on Page 64)

TO DIVIDE FLEET WOULD BE FATAL

ASSISTANT NAVY SECRETARY OPPOSES PACIFIC'S REQUEST.

Battleships Are "Fighting Arm" and Must Be Kept Together, Says Beekman Winthrop.

WASHINGTON, March 16 .- (Special.) "To divide our battleship fleet and send a part of it to the Pacific Coast would be an arrangement of our forces most agreeable to the enemy," declared Assistant Secretary Beekman Winthrop, of the Navy Department, to-

"The battleship fleet is the fighting arm. To keep it intact and a unit to strike the telling blow is justified by every experience and lesson of warfare The aim of the enemy would be to attack when our fleet was divided or to divide it before undertaking to overwhelm it.

"To assign nine or ten of our battleships to the Pacific Coast, as is demanded, would therefore be directly serving the interest of a possible en

"With the opening of the Paname Canal there will be a remedy, to some extent, of what the Pacific Coast is complaining of. The fleet will then be available there with fair facility. But a division of the fleet cannot be permit ted under any circumstances."

PEARY KILLS POLAR GAME Norwegian Explorer's Backers Have

Lost All Enthusiasm.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, March 16 --(Special.)-Captain Roald Amundsen is having difficulty in completing preparations for his proposed North Polar expedition, owing to unexpected financial

Several foreign firms that had promised supplies have withdrawn their offers because the discovery of the Pele by Commander Peary has taken away the most sensational feature of Arctic exploration At the same time it seems likely that Storthing will refuse to make the appropriation of 30,000 kroner (\$7500) for the venture, which was included in the Cabinet's general estimate. The loss caused by firms cancelling their offers is thus far about 60,000 kroner (\$12,500). Captain Amundsen hopes, however, to overcome these difficulties and to start the expedition on time.

6 OFFICES: 47 CANDIDATES Eight Men Aspire to Be Mayor in City of Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., March 16,-(Special.) -Forty-seven candidates are in the race for the six city offices under the new commission plan of government. This was the last day for filing petitions for

the election April 5. There are eight candidates for the to reverse the Supreme Court of the Mayoralty, 33 for the four Commissionerof the 47 have filed the required "ac-

> Two real estate men, a doctor, a photographer, a streetcar conductor, a butter merchant, a retired capitalist and the local manager for a telegraph company are the Mayoralty aspirants.

SKELETON GRINS IN TREE

Grewsome Sight Confronts Timber Cruisers on Lower Siuslaw.

EUGENE, Or., March 16 .- (Special.) eton standing upright in the hollow of a tree was the experience of a party of timber cruisers who are working on the Lower Siuslaw for the Lacey Lumber Company.

The discovery was made Monday when a cruiser removed a slab of wood which covered the aperture in the tree and revealed the grewsome sight. It is thought to be the skeleton of a white man or possibly that of an Indian.

TARIFF REFORM, JOINT CRY Chambers of Commerce of United.

Kingdom Want Change.

LONDON, March 16-The Association of Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, in session here, marked its jublice annual meeting by adopting today a resolution in favor of tariff reform "in the interests of British trade, increased employment and colonial pref-

The association proposes to urge the government to take the necessary steps to carry out the purpose of the resolu-

VICTIM LINGERS 5 MONTHS

Football Player Injured October 10 Dies at Dallas, Tex.

DALLAS, Texas, March 16-John A. Airhart, aged 19, a former student at Simmons College, of Abilene, Texas, who was injured in a football game October 10, died today. Younk Airhart had been unconsiciou for the greater part of this period,

JOHN W. DANIEL SINKING

Virginia Senator Is Expected to Die Before Morning.

DAYTONA, Fla., March 16.—United States Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia, is sinking rapidly and the end is expected before morning.

The Senator has been in a state of com-

EDDY" EXHORTS

Ex-President Is Guest at American Mission.

LAUDS AMERICAN WOMAN

Students Cheer Colonel to Echo as He Leaves.

HONORS ST. PATRICK TODAY

Irishman Sends Bunch of Shamrock to Roosevelt, Who Wears Emblem--Farewell Banquet Today to Expedition Members.

KHARTUM, March 16.-After paying a second visit to Omdurman today and attending the Khartum Gymkana, Colonel Roosevelt, secompanied by Slatin Pacha went to the American mission and addressed the students, numbering than 200, and several hundred old Syrian Protestant collegians. The former wore tarbooshes and red silk caps with tassels, while many of the latter were picturesquely attired.

The ex-President's arrival was greeted with cheers. Dr. Giriffin, head of the institution, introduced Chionel Roosevelt, who was oudly applanded.

Savagery Has to Give Way.

"It gives me very much pleasure to be here today. I doubt whether, in any region of the earth, it would be possible to see a more striking instance of genuine progress made in the substitution of civilization for eavegry than has been recorded here in the last 12 years.

"I feel that you owe a peculiar duty to the government under which you livea peculiar duty in the direction of doing your best to make the present conditions last. R is incumbent upon every decent citizen of the Soudan to uphold conditions as they now exist and see that there is no relapse. Your best efforts must be given in this as a matter of pride and not merely as an obligation." He exhorted his hearers to become the best type of citizen, not content to be merely good servants of the government. They could do most for their creed by so behaving as to impress their GIRL WOULD BURN SIN OFF neighbors that the Christian faith was

second to nome. Colonel Roosevelt spoke of the work of the American missions, especially ships, and six for City Controller. All the medical work, which he considered the most valuable in the practical advancement of civilization. He spoke highly of the American missionary and more highly of the missionary's wife who accompanied him.

Wife Should Get Credit.

"Always," said the ex-President, the American is a pretty good fellow, but his wife is a better fellow still." At the conclusion of the meeting the students cheered Colonel Roosevelt again and sang college songs Then the

party returned to the palace. Later in the afternoon Colonel Roosevelt anneared before his friends with a To be confronted by a grinning skel- slip of shamrock in his hand. An Irishman had sent him a bunch of shamrock and tomorrow he will adorn himself with Ireland's national emblem.

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Lass, 17, Builds Bonfire in Park and Walks Into It.

NEW YORK, March 16.-Bether Kaplan, aged 17 years, built a bonfire of newspapers and refuse on the lawn of Tompkins Square Park, on the lower Bast Side, today and deliberately walked into the burning pile. She was dragged out before fatal burns had resulted. "I'm purging myself of sin," was her

BIG MINING MAN MISSING Boston Promoter Left East for Seat-

tle February 26.

CHICAGO, March 16 .- Charles Clark, a mining promoter of Boston, is miss-ing and the police of this city were today asked to begin a search for him

FIZZLER.

A. M. Brunswick Fights Second Divorce Suit.

FORTUNE SOUGHT IS ALLEGED

Widow of Captain D. E. Buchanan, Alienator, He Avers.

\$400,000 ESTATE

Husband Accuses Step-Parent-in Law of Conspiring Against Him to Get Wife's Share-Woman Suing Was Chambermaid.

Alienation of his wife's affections through the undue influence of her young stepmother, that the stepmother might retain control of much of the large fortune left by his wife's parents, is alleged in the answer filed yesterday by A. M. Brunswick to the suit for divorce filed by Mrs. Josephine Brunswick. This is Mrs. Brunswick's second suit for divorce the first being quashed by reconcillation Through the long legal document filed by Brunswick runs a story full of human interest, involving his marriage to a chambermaid he had befriended, and tellng graphically how he commenced a legal battle in her behalf for the fortune due her, with the result that she finally abandoned him through the influence of persons, he alleges, who were conspiring to get her fortune. Brunswick asks the Circuit Court to order the dismissal of the suit filed by his wife against him.

The money left by his wife's parents, Brunswick declares, and of which a large part should come to her, amounts to between \$300,000 and \$400,000, left by the late Captain D. E. Buchanan, a well-known

steamboat man. When Brunswick first met the woman who later became his wife, he asserts, he ossessed about \$10,000. He met her at Tulare, Cal., where she was employed as a chambermaid, being forced to do mental work, owing to the failure of the man who was then her husband, a bartender, to support her. To get money with which to live, asserts Brunswick, Mrs. Cotton, now Mrs. Brunswick, had pawned her lewels valued at \$250, and having gained the sympathies of Brunswick, she asked

him to aid her to redeem the jewelry. He Redeems Jewels.

At first, Brunswick declares, he refused to do this, saying he did not have the necessary money on hand, but after he had returned to Los Angeles, Mrs. Cotton wrote to him, making another appeal. Finally, after coming to him personally, she induced him to give her \$140 with which to redeem the jewelry.

Later, says Brunswick's answer, she wrote to him from Tulare, addressing him at his home in Los Angeles, saying she was suffering for the necessaries of life and asking him to advance Cotton, who came to Los Angeles, where 2000-mile journey alone. she was provided with a room and good clothing. Later Brunswick married her

and they went to Chicago. It was after they came from Chicago According to a letter received from Miss Augusta M. Clark. secretary-treasurer of a smelting company of Boston and sister of the missing man. Clark left Boston February 26 for and were living in Oakland, California, that Brunswick agreed, on behalf of to take the child under his especial (Concluded on Page 3.)

IRATE WIFE WHIPS GIRL TYPEWRITIST

ATTORNEY GEORGE'S MENAGE IN LIMELIGHT AGAIN.

Tacoma Matrimonial Entanglements Culminate in Assault and Warrant Is Out for Woman.

TACOMA, Wash., March 16 .- (Speclal.)-Attorney Charles El George's matrimonial complications took a new turn today when Mrs. Ida L. Austrian George came over from Seattle and whipped Miss Ora L. Christie, George's stenographer, giving her a severe hair-pulling and some fistic punches. Jeal-

ousy was the cause.

A warrant was sworn out by Miss Christie's father for Mrs. George's arrest, but she had returned to Seattle. The police say she will be notified to appear in court.

Miss Christle is in the employ of the Union Land Company, but also does work for George, in whose office she was regularly employed until his matrimonial tangle necessitated his leav-

ing town for a few months. Miss Christie says Mrs. Austrian George and her sister, Miss Bennett, of Seattle, walked into the real estate office in the Bernice building shortly before noon, and, without words, stepped over to Miss Christie's desk and struck the young stenographer on the forehead with her fist.

She then rained several blows on the stenographer's head and chest, and only desisted when her sister pulled her into the corridor.

Two men connected with the land company were in the office, but the fuss occurred so quickly that they had no time to interfere, they say.

GUARD TO BE PART OF ARMY Military Forces of United States

Will Be One Organization. SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 16 .-Special.)-Information from Washington has reached the Adjutant-General's office here that undoubtedly within a year the California National Guard, together with the troops of all other states, will be under the supervision and direction of an organization to be included in the regular Army. The have 2000 men at work inside the city new organization, a creation of the General Staff of the United States Army, will be termed the "National Army" and will cement the mobile millitant forces of the Nation so that they will act directly under one head and will be in the same divisions and brigades.

According to the advices received, Colonel Bradbury, Adjutant-General, said today there will no longer be any distinction between the National Guard and the regular Army, save a civilian one. Hereafter they will work under one brigade, one division and one de-

MOTHER DESERTS HER BOY Eight-Year-Old Will Make 2000-Mile Trip to Iowa.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 16 .-(Special.)—Deserted by his mother, whose whereabouts are unknown, little John Schlandorf, 8 years old, was taken in charge by a member of the Episco-

pal Church, of this city. The little fellow's maternal grandmother was written to, and she at once telegraphed that she would take the child and care for him. She lives money on her jewelry. Moved by her in Iowa, and telegraphed the necessary plea. Brunswick induced her father, D. ticket for his travel, so tomorrow morn-E. Buchanan, to join him in aiding Mrs. ing. at 9 o'clock. Johnny will begin his cure terminal rates—this is a matter for

The ticket agent, S. J. Miller, will train a letter to be turned over to the conductor on the next run, explaining the circumstances, and requesting him

care. The child's mother has married again.

STEEL TRUST WAGES RISE U. S. Corporation Also Employs More Men Than in 1908.

NEW YORK, March 16 .- Large increases over 1908 in the number of men employed and in salaries and wages paid by the United States Steel Corporation are shown in the annual report of the corporation issued in printed form today.

The average number of employes in the service of all companies in the corporation is shown by the report to have been 195,500 in 1909, as against 165,211 in 1908. Salaries and wages paid during 1909 aggregated \$151,663,-394, as compared with \$120,510,829 inthe year previous.

CUDAHY TRAVELING FAST With "Valet," Kansas City Packer Is Located in North Carolina.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 16 .- John P. Cudahy, the Kansas City millionaire who recently attacked Jere F. Lillis, of that city, is a guest at the Battery Park Hotel here, with his brother, Joseph Cudahy, and a valet. It is believed the latter is Cudahy's chauffeur, who figures prominently in

TILLMAN ABLE TO WALK South Carolina Senator Leaves

the scrape.

Washington for Home. WASHINGTON, March 16 .- Senator filman, with his wife and two daughters, left Washington for his home in

Trenton, S. C., today. The Senator, who a few weeks ago

Big Men of City Decry Franchise Refusal.

GLARING 'ADS' WARN PUBLIC

Appeal Begs Citizens Not to Sign Anti-Grant Petition.

VAST PAYROLL CONCERNED

Merchants, Bankers, Urge Residents to Let Milwankee and North Coast in Without Terminal

Rates - Twenty-one Plead.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 16.-(Special.) The following appeal, run as an adverisement four columns wide and full ength of the papers, appears in two Spokane evening papers and will appear

n tomorrow's Spokesman-Review

SPOKANE'S PROSPERITY JEOPAR-DIZED." "We respectfully ask you, as citizens interested in the welfare of this city, to sign no petition upholding the Council in the stand they have taken regarding the North Coast and Milwaukee railroads, until you have given the following facts your careful and thoughtful considera-

"Mr. Strahorn, president of the North Coast Rallroad, states that they have on their payroll in the Spokane country today 1600 men. Including the office force, the daily wage roll is \$9000. He says he will pledge himself that if they receive the franchise for which they ask he will limits and 6000 men in the Spokane coun try within 30 days-making a total payroll

of over \$20,000 per day. Payroll in Danger?

"Do you want to lose this payroll? This separate from any moneys which will be expended by the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railroad, which will probably amount to another \$20,000 per daymaking a total of \$40,000 per day to be expanded by these two railroads as on as they secure the franchise from

the City Council. Mr. Strahorn also states that they will and employ not less than 500 men in these shops. This will make a permanent payroll of \$50,900 per month and add to the

city's population 2500 people 'Citizens of Spokane-What we need here are permanent payrolls such as these railroads propose to give us. Can we afford to let this opportunity slip by? And we ask your assistance to get this

project started at once Refusal Advised Against.

"Business men of large experience and proved loyalty to Spokane's best interests assure us that it is absolutely impossible to get terminal rates by the method of holding up these franchises. Able and unprejudiced attorneys tell us that it is impossible. We believe that it is impossible by these methods to sethe Interstate Commerce Commission to settle-and that to refuse the railroads give the conductor in charge of the this franchise at this time will be shortsighted policy and work lasting harm to the city and to every merchant and labor-

ing man in this city. Prominent Men Sign.

"Citizens, we appeal to you. Can we afford at this time to lose this vast expenditure of money and permanent payroll, giving steady employment to the best class of labor?

"We ask your assistance to get this project started at once. A. W. Doland C. B. Nash C. M. Fassett J. B. Bassett R. L. Rutter W. D. Lloyd George S. Brooke Sam Glasgow L. C. Lens H. L. Moody

nas H. Brewer

cial life.

Cunningham Fassett is president of the Chamber of Commerce, Edris is postmaster, Brooke, Brewer, McClaine, Bassett, Rutter and Cunningham are bankers, Patterson and Culbertson head the largest department stores in Spokane. Every signer is

ALBANY JURY DISAGREES

wealthy and prominent in civic and so-

State Will Retry Suit Against Corvallis & Eastern Railroad.

ALBANY, Or., March 16.-The jury in the case of the State of Oregon vs. the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad Company. a suit to recover \$10,000 damages for alleged failure of the railroad company to comply with an order of the State Rallroad Commission, railed to agree after nine hours' deliberation and was discharged at 11 o'clock last night, case will be retried next term. The jury stood 10 to 2 for the state.

BROTHERS FIGHT; ONE DIES Missouri Men Quarrel Over Feedings of Cattle.

CHARLESTOWN, Mo., March 16 .-The Senator, who a few weeks ago Isaac Emory was shot and killed by was at death's door and rallied by his brother. Ira Emory, near East Praiwonderful vitality, is well enough to rie, today, following a quarrel over

the feeding of cattle.

48 hours.