Weekly Meetings Solely to Prevent Overstocking of Market. Is Defense.

GOOD FAITH IS ASSERTED

High Cost of Meat Attributed to Variety of Economic Causes, and Unlawful Regulation of Price Is Denied.

CHICAGO. Dec. 21.—Denying the material allegation made by the Government against the 18 Chicago packers on trial before United States District Judge Carpenter for violation of the criminal sections of the Sherman law, Atterney George T. Buskingham outlined today the case of the defendants in an opening statement to the Jury.

The defense met defeat when Judge Carpenter denied motions to climinate counts two and three from the indict-

Carpenter dealed motions to climinate counts two and three from the indictments and to have the Jury disregard statements made by District Attorney Wilkerson in his epening arguments regarding certain acts of the defendants prior to the three-year period covered by the Indictment.

Attorney Buckinghum described in

detail the method of buying, selling and accounting used by the packers, and declared that the unusual nature of the business made some such system absolutely necessary.

Public Declared Benefited.

in outlining the packers' defense, he made salient statements in reply to the charges of the Government, among

That the business operations of the packers do not constitute any undue and unreasonable restraint of trade under the Sherman law as recently inter-preted by the United States Supremcourt in the cases of the Standard Oil company and the American Tobacco

That the public has been benefited rather than been injured by the operations of the packers.

That the Government's proof of the alleged combination must be confined to the three-year period subsequent to That the profits of the packers do not exceed 10 per cent on the actual

ney Invested. That the profits on the sale of meats on exceed 2 per cent.

Price Agreement Denied.

That no agreement on the purchase price of cattle or on the sale of ment ever existed among the defendants.

That the weekly meetings of packers prior to 1902 were for the sole purpose of preventing the overstocking of the worked with perighable fresh ment and

sult of a variety of economic causes and not due to any combination among

That the National Packing Company was formed in good faith to transact a legitimate business and not to per-petuate any system for the fixing of prices or the control of the product.

POLICE INSPECTOR OUT

Chleago Continues Removals on Charges of Incompetency.

CHICAGO Dec. 21 .- Police Inspector go police force; Lieutenant John "San-dy" Hanley was exonerated and the case of Captain Bernard Baer was re-

case of Captain Bernard Baer was referred to Mayor Harrison late today by the city civil service commission, which had heard charges of incompetency, neglect of duty and inefficiency against them.

Levere is the second Police Commissioner diamissed as a result of the investigation. Inspector Charles Gorman and several lisusenants and captains beretofore have been removed and the commission today began hearing charges of a similar nature against

ing charges of a similar nature against another inspector, John Wheeler, four lieutenants and a captain.

Sensational testimony regarding the payment of protection money for the privilege of running disorderly places and selling liquor without a license was given.

PILOTAGE CASE HASTENED

Government Asks Decision Before Canal Is Completed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Attorney-General Webb, of California, asked the Supreme Court today to give an early Supreme Court today to give an early decizion in the case involving the conflict of jurisdiction between state and Federal governments as to the pilotage on steam vessels entering the Golden Gate. It was pointed out the fectsion would not only affect vessels now engaged in traffic between Atlantic and Pacific ports, but would also affect many vessels "confidently expected" to use the Punnana Canal.

The case would not be decided, unless advanced, until after the completion of the cunal, it was said.

ROOSEVELT PUT IN RACE

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than to advance the interests of President Taft for renomination." Secretary Corrick added that he did not think the placing of Roosevelt in s field would seriously handlesp the La Follette forces in Nebraska.

HARRIMAN NEVER SOLICITED

Committee Treasurer Writes Letter Saying Roosevelt Told Truth.

Saying Roosevelt Told Truth.

NEW WORK, Dec. 21.—The following correspondence between Theodore Roosevelt and George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the Republican National Committee, was made public today:

'Decamber 15, 1811.—Hon. Theodore Roosevelt. Oyster Bay, N. Y.—Dear Mr. Roosevelt: Ever since the election of 1804 the story has been continuously published and never denied, except by you, that you asked E. H. Harriman to contribute money to aid in your election and that he thereugen raised or countributed \$256,000 to the National committee fund. Knowing this to be untrue, I several times sugmented to my superior officer, C. N. Spartel last week, was landed today.

Blias, then treasurer of the National committee, that the facts in the case

committee, that the facts in the case be plainly stated.

"Mr. Biles always believed that the books and accounts of the National committee were private, and, sithough always carried on by him with the highest sense of integrity and honor, he never, like all of his contemporaries, would consent to any publicity. This feeling has been changed in the last few years by the laws requiring full publicity in elections. It seems, therefore, to me, that now, in justice to you, the facts in the case ought to be known.

"Everyone knew and conceded that in Three

be known.

"Everyone knew and conceded that in the election of 1994 you would carry the State of New York by a large plurality, but it was believed generally that Mr. Higgins would be defeated. The Democrats contered their efforts on the election of their candidate for Governor. About a week before the election Mr. Odell, then chairman of the New York state committee, came to Mr. Bliss and told him that unless he had \$250,000 from the National committee the state ticket would be defeated. Mr. Bliss told Chairman Odeli that he had no money to give, but that he had no money to give, but would see what could be done. He



George R. Sheldon, Treasurer of Republican National Commit-tee, Writes Letter Upholding

visited E. H. Harriman at his office and

visited E. H. Harriman at his office and explained to him the urgency of the situation as told by Odell.

Mr. Harriman thereupon called up several of his friends on the telephone and next day handed Mr. Blins \$189,000. This sum of \$740,000 was handed directly to Chairman Odell and never in any way went into the treasury of the National committee, which had in charge the Presidential election. I have personal knowledge of all the within mentioned facts. Vory truly yours.

GEORGE R. SHELDON.

"Treasurer Republican National Committee."

mittee That no agreement on the purchase price of cattle or on the sale of meat ever existed among the defendants. That the weekly meetings of packers prior to 1902 were for the sole purpuse of preventing the overstocking of the market with perishable fresh meat and not to fix prices or suppress competition.

That there are nearly 300 independent concerns in daily competition with the indicted packers.

That the defendants supply less than 70 per cent of the meat used in this country.

That the high cost of meat is the result of a variety of economic causes and not due to any combination among the defendants of the meat used in this country. "The Outlook, 187 Fourth Avenue

Very truly yours, "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

TAFT'S SUCCESS PREDICTED

Montana Committeeman Sees Little

Force in Opposition. HELENA, Mont., Dec. 21.—"President Taft will be renominated if he wants to be," said Thomas A. Marlow, Repub-lican National committeeman, today.

lican National committeeman, today.

Thare is little force to the opposition
to the renomination of the President."

Air, Marlow attended the meeting of
the National committee at Washington.
He reached home today.

SHANIKO HOTEL IS BURNED

Property Valued at \$10,000 Destroyed-Incendiarism Thought.

SHANIKO, Or. Dec. 21—(Special.)—
By the burning of the Shaniko Hotel
this morning, one of the best known
hotels in Central Oregon was wiped
out. The loss is \$12,000. It is not
known whether the building was insured. It was owned by E. C. Rogers, of
Condon. This hotel has been closed since
November 1. and was unoccupted except by a carelaker. The fire started
in a cold storage room adjoining the
main building and its origin is believed
incendiary.

Incendiary.

The property has been in litigation between Rogers and the Condon National Bank for several months. This is the third mysterious fire in Shaniko within a year, all of which have caused considerable property loss.

FISHER OPENS UP WAY

Continued From First Page.) vorably and outlines a project which in its judgment should be undertaken, funds can and will be found for carry-Fisher and President Taft are both desirous of doing the "square thing" by Oregon and believe that the West Umatilla project affords them their only tunity at this time.

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President Would Enlist Men for Three Years, Then Hold Them on Call.

MONEY REFORM DISCUSSED

Initiation of Parcels Post System on Rural Routes, With Package Limit of 11 Pounds, Held to Be Wise Policy.

WASHINGTON, Apec. 21 .- President

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Taft discussed currency reform. Panama Cansi toils, Army reforms, the employers' liability and compensation act, rural parcels post and other Governmental questions in a message which he sent to Congress today.

The President says that currency reform is "a matter of first importance." Because the report of the Monetary Commission is still being considered, the President says he cannot do much more than recommend the "immènse importance of monetary reform." He adds:

portance of monetary reform." He adds:
"It seems to be desirable that the banks which would own the association should, in the main, manage it. It would be an agency of the banks to act for them, and they can be trusted better than anybody else, chiefly to conduct it. It is mainly bankers work. But there must be some form of Government supervision and ultimate control, and I favor a reasonable representation of the Government in the management. I entertain no fear of the introduction of politics or of any undesirable influences olitics or of any undesirable influences rom a properly measured Government presentation."

Army Service torps madesca.

Discussing Army reforms, the Presient says he is in full accord with the
roposal to establish an Army service
orps, but he favors a consolidation of
he staff corps along lines differing
rom those provided in the pending bill,
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He says:

"I am opposed to any plan, the result of which would be to interfere with the essential principles of the detail system in the staff corps, established by the act of February 2, 1981, and I am opposed to any plan the result of which would be to give to the officer elected as chief of staff or to any other member of the general staff corps greater permanency of office

corps greater permanency of office than he now has.
"In making the consolidations no re-duction should be made in the total number of officers of the army, of whom there are now too few to per-form the duties imposed by law. I have in the past recommended an in-crease in the number of officers to 500 in order to provide sufficient officers to perform all classes of staff duty and to reduce the number of line officers detached from their commands. Congress at the last session increased the total number of officers by 200, but this is not enough. Promotion in the line of the army is too slow. Officers do not attain command rank at an age early enough properly to exercise it.

Five-Year Enlistment Unwise. request that I would ald him in getting the National committee to contribute some of its funds for the campaign expenses of Mr. Higgins, the candidate for Governor of New York State.

"He at the time stated to me that my own election was assured; that the election of Mr. Higgins, in which he was especially interested, was doubtful, and that he earnestly hoped that the National committee would divert some of its funds from the National to the state campaign, where the need was great and where he believed the election of Mr. Higgins to be in joopardy.

"It was shown in your letter just precisely what the National committee did Very truly yours.

"Another feature of the bill which I believe to be a mistake is the proposed increase in the term of enlistment from three to five years. It believe to be a mistake is the proposed increase in the term of enlistment from three to five years. It believe to be a mistake is the proposed increase in the term of enlistment from three to five years. It believe to be a mistake is the proposed increase in the term of enlistment from three to five years. It believe to be a mistake is the proposed increase in the term of enlistment from three to five years. It believe to be a mistake is the proposed increase in the term of enlistment from three to five years. It believe to be a mistake is the proposed increase in the term of enlistment from three to five years. It believe to be a mistake is the proposed increase in the term of enlistment from three to five years. It believe to be a mistake is the proposed in three to five years. It believe to be a mistake is the proposed in three to five years. It believe to be a mistake is the proposed in three to five years. It believe to be a mistake is the proposed in three to five years. It believe to be a mistake is the proposed in three to five years. It believe to be a mistake is the proposed in three to five years. It should be largely confined to the non-commissioned officers and other enlistments should be largely confined to the non-com "Another feature of the bill which I

The President renews the recommendations in his last annual mes mendations in his last annual measuge that the Government furnish vessels of all nations with supplies of coal and other necessaries, and that the power of fixing tolls for the Panama Canel be vested in the President.

The message urged that the Chief Executive be given power to remove Pederal Court clerks for cause, though still leaving with the judges the power to appoint or dismiss their clerks per-

on the employers' Hability and workingmen's compensation commission, the

ingmen's compensation commission, the report says:

"It is noped and expected that the commission will suggest legislation which will enable us to put in the place of the present wasteful and sometimes unjust system of employers' liability a plan of compensation which will afford some certain and definite relief to all employes who are injured in the course of their employment in those industries, which are subject to the regulating power of Congress."

Rural Parcels Post Suggested. Measures for expediting litigation are suggested, and the subject of par-cels post is referred to in part, as fol-

lows:

"Steps should be taken Immediately for the establishment of a rural parcels post. It is hoped that Congress will authorise the immediate establishment of a limited parcel post on such rural routes as may be selected, providing for the delivery along the routes of parcels not exceeding il pounds, which is the weight limit for the international parcel post, or at the postoffice from which such route emanates, or another route emanating from the same office. Such preliminary service will prepare the way for the more thorough and comprehensive inquiry contemplated in asking for the appropriation mentioned, enable the Department to gain definite information concerning the practical operation of a general system, and at the same time extend the benefit of the service to a class of people who, above all others, are especially in need of it.

"The singgestion that we have a general parcel post has awakened great opposition on the part of some who think that it will have the effect to destroy the business of the country storekeeper. Instead of doing this, I think the change will greatly increase business for the benefit of all. The reduction in the cost of living it will bring about ought to make its coming certain." "Steps should be taken immediately

NATIONS ENJOIN REBELS

(Continued From First Page.) ten days, to which the revolutionists have agreed, has given some hope, but unless the revolutionists accept Pre-mier Yuan's offer, the only alternative is continuation of the conflict, with possible division of the country, the dependencies rallying around the northern empire.

The Premier has sent 1000 troops of the Twentieth Division to Chin Wang Tao, on the coast of Pe-chill, with the object of preventing republican troops

cautions are also being taken below

MISSIONARIES ASKED, TO STAY

Reformers Fear Departure Would Give People Wrong Ideas.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-The Board of Foreign Missions of the Mothodist Episcopal Church has received a letter from Rev. Walter Williams at Kutlen, near Foo Chow. China, explaining why some of the missionaries did not fol-low the suggestion of United States

some of the missionaries did not follow the suggestion of United States Consuls to seek protection at seaports. Dr. Williams incloses a letter from the Sia Huol (reform society) of Kutien, setting forth the measures the Chinese themselves have taken to protect missionaries. The letter says:

"We have just heard that the honorable church missionaries, owing to the uprising of the new association (the revolution) with their just issue, have been called by your bonorable council to the capital to be protected in peace. This is a good plan, arising from a good purpose.

"However, the people of Kutien have become very much enlightened and their customs changed. The people and the church all are at peace. Four honorable church has opened schools, hospitals and orphan asylums and similar good things. Although the people of Kutien sie a simple folk, still they have seen and appreciated these things. If you should suddenly go from Kutien, we greatly fear that the people would be alarmed and think matter; worse than they are. If you stay, this will not be the case.

This society humbly requests that you permit them to persuade you to remain. Should anything unforeseen occur, we should, of course, exert ourselves to protect you and your property. We are quite sure that we can afford efficient protection. We await your views and wish you peace and happiness."

Wright Rounding Into Perfect Form Faster Than Either Larned or McLoughlin, Is Report.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21,-Australasian awn tennis players regard the victory of the American cup challengers as a certainty, according to news received today in a cablegram from Christ-church, N. Z., by American Lawn Ten-nis, the official publication of the sport in this country. According to the message, Beals C.

Wright, the ex-National champion, has rounded into phenomenal form, which competent authorities regard as fully equal to that which he displayed two years ago. William A. Larned and Maurice E. McLeughiln, the young Californian, have not come into their full playing stride as quickly as has Wright. It is believed that the trio is certain to lift the Davis cup.

The first series of singles will be played on Friday, December 29, the doubles match the following day, and the final sets of singles on Monday, January 1. The Australasians have nominated Brookes and Dunlop as the doubles pair. Wright, the ex-National champion, has

doubles pair.
An overturning in the list of officers

of the National Association seems likely. Dr. James Dwight, for many years the president, has refused to reconsider his determination to retire. W. A. Larned's admirers have started a movement for him as Dr. Dwight's

SO-CALLED REFUNDS TO POLICY HOLDERS INVOLVED.

cles of Business" Often Lead to WASHINGTON, Dec. 21,-

sioner of Internal Revenue Cabell de-

Some of Companies Admit "Exigen-

ided today that the dividends paid by mutual and "participating" insurance mpanies to their policyholders are subject to assessment as income under the companies contended, according to the Commissioner, that the dividends were not dividends in the commercial sense, but simply refunds to policyhol-

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ders of an overcharge in the insurance promium.
Some of them admitted, he added, "that exigencies of business and competition had resulted in the companies making misrepresentations of facts as to dividends to their prospective purchasers of insurance."
About \$400,000 revenue to the Government was involved in the decision. Not only dividends paid in cash are taxable, according to the ruling, but also those applied to the renewal of premiums, to shorten the erdowment of premium-paying periods, or to purchase paid-up additions and annuities.

CHURCHES BAR ALL MINORS

Scarlet Fever Epidemic at Vancouver Causes Action.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The unusual placard on the doors of Vancouver churches. "No doors of Vancouver churches, "No Minors allowed," has attracted the eyes of hundreds of residents of this city. These signs have been posted as a result of an order by Dr. R. G. Black, County and City Health Officer, since scarlet fever has been epidemic in Vancouver and Minnehaha. No minors will be allowed in the churches until January 3, at the earliest, and all Christmas tree exercises in the city have been

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It is said that approximately 80 cases have been reported and that there have been six deaths caused by scarlet fever. The Irvington Methedist Church, of which Rev. J. H. Berringer is pastor, has been closed to all meetings until Japuary 2, 1812.

CLAY USED TO ADULTERATE GOVERNMENT STOCK.

Fear Seriously Expressed That Records Heretofore Printed Will Become Illegible Soon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—Discovery by the Congressional joint committee on printing that "adulterated" paper had been used for years in the Government Printing Office led today to the an-nouncement of a complete new set of

nouncement of a complete new set of Government paper standards.

The paper adulteration was accomplished by the substitution of clay for the more substantial wood or rag fibers, leading to the grave fear that many of the printed records of the Government would crumble and become unreadable in less than a century.

The joint committee has endeavored for more than a year to bring about a reform and standardization of paper purchased for the Government and amounting to more than \$1,600,000 yearly. The public printer today was authorized to advertise for bids on 25,600,000 pounds of paper for the year beginning March 1 next.

In the new specifications the use of

beginning March 1 next.

In the new specifications the use of clay and mineral filler is closely restricted. The committee was told that the use of clay in excess of printing requirements was held by paper experts to be a deliberate adulteration.

The joint committee also has cut from the Government stock many grades used. The public printer no longer will buy any paper direct, all of the proposals being passed on by the

ALASKA ROAD PROPOSED

Federal Ownership of Railway Fea ture of Sulzer's Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A million-dollar appropriation for the construction and operation of a railroad to be known as the Alaska Central Railroad and for additional Alaskan conservation is contemplated in a bill inreduced today by Representative Sul-zer, of New York, who recently vis-ited that territory. The measure would include Alaska in the Interstate Com-merce Commission's jurisdiction. "The "Alaska Public Service Commis-"The "Alaska Public Service Commissioners" would be authorized to construct and operate the Alaska Central from Seward, on Resurrection Bay, to Matanuska coal field, the actual construction to be under Army engineers. The bill would segregate 15,000 acres of the best coal lands in the Matanuska coal fields, and the same amount in adjacent fields, for the use of the Army and Navy.

Atwood Makes Long Flight.

Philosopher Takes Own Life. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Rather han pass Christmas hungry and mis-

AMERICAN TEAM LIKELY TO

BRING BACK DAVIS TROPHY.

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The Vancouver Ministerial Association and another committee consisting of Mrs. W. McCredie, John M. Lay which he flew. of philosophical treatises, committed suicide. His body was found in a room of a lodging-house today. All the gas-cocks in the room were open. He had only 2 cents in his pockets.

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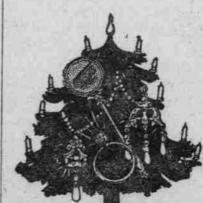
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PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 21.—A flight of more than 130 miles in a hydro-aeroplane was completed when Harry N. Atwood, the Boston aviator, who left Point of Pines, near Lynn, Mass., at 10:35 A. M., alighted easily on mas tree exercises in the city have been the waters of Narrangunnsett Bay, near

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