PRICE FIVE CENTS.

CITIES OF ORECON

Figures Given Out by the

Census Bureau.

PLACES OF MORE THAN 2000

Most of Them Show a Good Increase

Over Ten Years Ago-Salem Ap-

pears to Have Fallen

Behind.

LEFT THEIR KEYS

Telegraphers on the Santa Fe Are Out.

GENERAL STRIKE ORDERED

A Tie-Up of the Whole System Is Threatened-Railronding Under Difficulties in the Southwest.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.-Six hundred telegraph operators on the lines of the Atch-ison. Topeka & Santa Fe Rallway struck today in sympathy with the operators on the Guif, Colorado & Santa Fe Raliroad, a branch of the Atchison system, who went out Thursday. The foregoing state-ment is according to the best informa-tion obtainable from the company's officials tonight. The entire number of opclais tonight. The entire number of op-erators on the system is 1200, of whom 90 are said to be union men. Of the members of the union, 300, it is stated, refused to strike, leaving the system with about one-half of its men at work. The officials of the road declare that un-der no circumstances will they yield to the strikers, and that none of them will were again work for the company in any ever again work for the company in any capacity.

The operators on the main lines of the

Atchison system demanded some weeks ago an increase in pay and some changes in rules. The negotiations with the company had reached an acute stage when the company conceded the demands of the men and trouble was averted. The new men and trouble was averted. The new order of things does not prevail on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe, and the operators there demanded an increase of pay, amounting, it is stated, to approximately \$100 per annum for each man, and alterations in the rules whereby men were compelled to act as telegraph operators and station agents also. The demand was refused, and the men went but. Tonight the men on the main system went out in sympathy.

The strike at this end of the line did not take effect until 4:20 this afternoon, and tonight, despite the scarcity of operators, all trains pulled out for the West on schedule time. As soon as the company knew of the trouble it was compelled to face, word was sent along

company knew of the trouble it was compelled to face, word was sent along the lines to set the danger signal at all switches, and ahead of all passenger trains a pilot was sent out, the crew looking after all switches and setting the proper signals for the train behind. It was amounced tonight at the offices of the company that trains would continue to be run in this way and that in to be run in this way, and that in stretches of territory where there were no operators-the trains would be run on schedule time, the engineer regulating his speed by the time-bard.

THE STRIKE ORDER.

Thirteen Hundred Operators Told to Leave Their Keys.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 8.—Chairman J. A. Newman, of the Sonta Fe division of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, including the Santa Fe system, issued the following order at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, and a few minutes later he was informed that 1300 operators over the entire system quit the key:

"To All Agents and Operators of the

"To All Agents and Operators of the Santa Fe System: In accordance with the action of your general committee and the by-laws of this organization, on this date on will cease work and thereafter refuse to perform any duty of any charac-ter whatever until the said strike is de-clared off by me personally and notice of settlement of all our grievances acknowledged. Said notice must be vouched for by our local representatives. You will turn your boards red for the protection of life and property, and leave them in that position permanently. Carefully protect all company property in your care or possession, and allow no person access thereto until you are property checked and released from all responsibility by the company's actual representa-tive. This action is made necessary to se-cure for you reas-mable compensation and conditions of service. All train dispatchers, clerks and other employes are earn ently requested to give us their assist-

This action was taken up at the sug-stion of National President Dolphin, all only after it was evident that the empany would not listen to our grievances. We were compelled to take this step to see that justice is done to the mem-bers of our organization on the Gulf sys-tem and se a matter of protection to our-selves. If the Santa Fe Company reduced wages and imposed burdens upon the operators on that system, what is to prevent them from doing the same thing here? This is not altogether in sympathy with the Gulf operators. My order caused over 1300 operators to strike. There is one thing I am glad of, and that is the fact it the mon are a unit in the matter. am receiving telegrams from all points indorsing my action. Just how long the strike will continue is a matter hard for me to determine. Under no circumstances will we return to work until our griev-ances have been adjusted in a manner satisfactory to the members of the or-ganifation. The real grievances of the men on the Gulf system, as given to me from National President Dolphin, is a protest against a proposed elimination of 12 stations from schedules and a proposed reduction in wages at 19 other stations. To avoid this strike the committee agreed to accept the Santa Fe rules, amended by providing for eight consecutive hours rest in 24 hours, except in cases of emergency. The clause depriving men of a hearing when discharged for insubordination was also to be eliminated. Another demand made was that there was not to be any reduction in wages at any of the stalions for the present. We will stand by the men of the Gulf and fight this but-

The Okinhama division, the middivision and the eastern division report all men out, and with the excep-tion of about six men, all in the western division are out. Officers have advised me that the Santa Fe wires are open east and we are not able to do any work into Chicago. Beports from west of Afouquerque to Los Angeles and San Francisco are that all men are out and the situation could not look brighter for the telegraphers than it now is. The Gulf. Colorado & Santa Fe men are still out and as firm as the day they struck. There are something like 1300 telegraphers employed on the Santa Fe system, and it will be utierly impossible for the company to fill their places. We are out and will stay out until we win all of the condi-tions, when we will return. One condi-tion is that all of the scabbing operators be dismissed from the service of the

Three freights and a passenger are tied have little hope of her recovery.

up here, and a telephone message from Wellington sitys that everything is dead THE POLISH DANCER on the Panhandle division.

THE COMPANY'S POSITION. Telegraphers Accused of Breaking

Their Agreement. TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 8.—The officials of the Santa Fe here take the situation very coolly. In speaking of the situa-

General Manager Mudge said to

"There are in the neighborhood of 15 per cent of the operators who will quit work. This will mean that about 800 of the men will walk out. We anticipated no special trouble in the operation of trains as most of them are running on the table schedule. We have secured a great many new men and new men are applying for positions. It is our intention to lay off all men who are not absolutely necessary to the operation of the road. If it comes to the point that the strike interferes to any extent with the operations of the road, the shops of the company will be closed. If the business of the road is reduced, then it will be necessary to reduce expenses.

"The telegraph operators have gone out on sympathetic strike and have broken their agreement with the Santa Fe Company. The agreement was that no change should be measured.

Prussia Is Likely to Become Slavicized.

CAMPAIGN BEGUN IN GERMANY

Chinese Question Approaching a Settlement-Abuse Directed Against Von Bulow-Excitement Over Kruger Incident Not Abated.

BERLIN, Dec. 8-The official Berlin ness of the road is reduced, then it will be necessary to reduced expenses.

"The telegraph operators have gone out on sympathetic strike and have broken their agreement with the Santa Fe Company. The agreement was that no change should be made unless 30 days notice was given. When the men leave their desks and walk out they break this agreement, and walk out they break this agreement. The strike is caused by trouble over rules and regulations. The wage scale was up for consideration, but the road agreed to



THE MAINE SENATOR, WHO IS PUSHING THE SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.

arbitrate on that point. The rules and regulations have been up and were not settled. The road would not agree to the rules asked by the men and the strike results."

The telegraph operators will hold a meeting tomorrow morning to consider what their future actions will be. With two expections every Santa Fe operator in the city is out. The operators are confident that busines here will be tied.

Rhine and Westphalia, quoting official figures in support of the statements. The sumi-official papers have taken up the subject, claiming it is not only a danger for Prussia but for entire Germany.

In government circles it is concurrent. In the House, eulogies were pronounced on the late Representative Harmer. Page 1.

The naval appropriation bill will provide for two more battle-ships and two cruisers he wants a strong national supporting element. The correspondent of the Assoconnect that busines here will be tied up tomorrow. Twenty operators were clusted Press was officially informed that brought from Chicago last night by offinion anticipation of the strike, but none of them went to work. The dispatches indicate that every office west of the German colonization fund of 200.000.000 marks and the strong government influences. offices on the branches west of Albequere. Four operators between here and usas City have not yet been reached the strike order of the Order of Rail-

ference tonight that shops here would closed Monday morning until further rders. General Manager Mudge says the shops will be closed until the affairs of the road get back to their normal con-dition. The order throws over 2009 men-out of employment. Another conference of officials will be held tomorrow.

The Western Union Telegraph Company here is only accepting messages for de-livery on Santa Fee points subject to The Santa Fee wires all along the line appear idle.

PITTSBURG, Kan., Dec. 8.—The strike on the part of the operators of the Santa Fe is being felt here. When the Kansas City train came in tonight, Conducto found the red lights turned im. He hoped to get out of the dilemma by running the train to Frontenac, but found the lights turned against him. He then returned to Pittsburg where he will wait for orders. The tie-up is complete so far as the traffic in and out of Pittsburg is concerned.

PUEBLO, Colo., Dec. 8.—Many Santa Fe railroad men gult today here and at La Junta, in sympathy with the strike of the telegraphers. The number out is estimated at between 300 and 400 in this division, including all not absolutely nec-esary in the moving of trains, taking in the telegraphers, shopmen, machinists and a number of trainmen and sectionmen. The telephone is being used in running trains between here and Denver.

Freight Traffic Stopped. TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 8.—The operators have almost succeeded in tieing up the freight traffic on the road. Many cars of perishable fruit are in the Topeka yards with no chance of being moved. Passen-ger traffic is as yet not interfered with. eo far as the regular trains are con-cerned. One of the most serious conse-quences of the strike is the throwing of thousands of shopmen out of employment.

Trains Behind Time.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 8.—Division Su-perintendent Tice arrived here one and a half hours late tonight with the east-bound Newton and Purcell train, running on eard time. He denies that all the operators are out on strike and claims that he will continue to move passenger trains over his division.

Mrs. McLean III.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8-Mrs. Washington McLean, mother of John R. McLean, proprietor of the Cincinnati Enquirer. of Mrs. Dewey, wife of Admiral Dewey, is seriously ill of heart trouble at her home here. The attending physicians

The correspondent of the Asso-

An official of the Japanese Legation informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that the latest advices justiway Telegraphers, but will temorrow, and the strike will then be compete.

The officials of the Santa Fe decided in conference tonight that shops here would

moderated by the powers.

The Foreign Office here formally con firms the statements that the rem minor points of the Pekin joint note have been settled. An inspired article in to-day's Cologne Gazette, detailing the contents of the note, substantially agrees with what has been printed on the

The first guns of the campaign of abuse against Yon Bulow were fired this week by the Agrarians of West Prussia, who referred to the Imperial Chancellor as they did to Caprivi, as being a man "without an acre and without grain." The Agrarian leaders strongly expressed sus-pleton of Count von Bulow as "having no heart for suffering German agriculture."

It is learned from private sources that Emperor William will send a special en-American stock farms, with a view of purchasing stable and carriage horses for the imperial stable. Hitherto, the court has purchased exclusively in Hungary

The Emperor personally filled out his census formula, saying his business was "German Emperor and King of Prussia."

Mr. White has received from a Kansas lady a package containing a crasy quilt square and asking him to obtain the sig-natures of her defunct grandather and randmother, and of the late Prince Bis-narck and the late Field Marshal Von Moltke, as well as Emperor William and Count von Bulow, etc., for a church fair

At today's session of the trial of the wealthy Berlin banker, Sternberg, charged with an offense against morality, Mar-garet Fischer, who was summoned from New York, where she had become Mrs. Miller, testified at length. Her testimony was in favor of the defendant, but sh was in lavor of the defendant, but she admitted having received large sums of money from Sternberg. The Berlin Bar Association gave notice that it will take formal proceedings against Herr Sello, the leading lawyer for the defense, for suspicious doings in connection with the sternberg case.

reasons leading thereto will be made the subject of an interpolation in the Reichstag early in the coming week on the first budget debate. The Imperial Chancellor, Count von Bulow, will personally reply. The excitement on the subject is still deep and far-reaching, as evidenced by today's Die Nation, which contains an article by Professor Theodore Mommson, who approves of Emperor William not receiving the Boer statesman, as being more dignified and more just than if he received him and confessed his power-lessness to avert the South African tragedy, which is now going on toward the final act. The Vossische Zeltung takes a similar view, and says that "byreasons leading thereto will be made the I takes a similar view, and says that "hy-

pocritical France, which is seeking to em-broil Germany with England, would have left Germany in the lurch, probably con-federating with England against Ger-many, after succeeding in rupturing the bonds of Anglo-German friendship."

An editorial article in the Kreuz Zeitung, on the subject of President McKin-ley's recent message, is significant, as expressing the views and aims of the

ley's recent message, is significant, as expressing the views and aims of the moderate German Agrarians. It says:

"It does not matter if the Americans lose the German meat trade, since American manufactured imports to Germany will enormously increase, which is watched anxiously in Germany, Austro-Hungary and Switzerland. If Germany, in the projected treaties, imitates the Dingley tariff, how can the Americans complain? It would only be an act of self-defense."

The article then proceeds to enumerate the many apparent unfairnesses in the tariff relations with the United States. The Cologne Volks Zeitung, the leading Centrist organ, acknowledges the cease-less attempts of the United States Ambassador, Mr. White, to promote the peace between the two countries, but claims his efforts are pooh-poohed and frustrated by the Republican ingoes in America, who are particularly venomous against Germany.

England After More Land. NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Madrd says: England is negotiating for the cession of the Balearic Islands, the seaport of Ceuta, a port in Galicia, and extension of territory at Gibraltar. The arrangement is made to be in connection with the ob-servance of neutrality by Great Britain during the Hispano-American War. Ever

since the conclusion of peace it has been suspected that Great Britain has been moving in the direction indicated. Russian Dinner to Americans CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. &-The Rus-

sian naval attache here gave a dinner tonight in honor of the efficers of the United States battle-ship Kentucky, now at Smyrna. Many distinguished per were present.

German Bridge Collapsed. COLOGNE, Dec. 8.—A bridge at Differ-dingen, in the Grand Duchy of Luxem-bourg, collapsed today as an express train was passing over it, and the train plunged into the stream. Five persons killed and eight were badly injured.

Railway Accident in Spain. MADRID, Dec. 8.—A collision occurred today, between Ovejo and Vacar, on the ratiroad from Cordova and Belmez. As a result, seven persons are dead and 12 are suffering from injuries sustained.

A Norwegian Saving. CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 8.—The Norwegian Government has saved nearly 1,000,000 kroner from the budget. The treasury now holds over \$2,000,000 kroner surplu-

Kid McCoy's Marriage. LONDON, Dec. &-Kid McCoy said to-day that his marriage with Marguerite Cornellie would occur in Paris of New York Christmas.

Fire in Swedish Town. STOCKHOLM, Dec. 3.—A fire at Bor-lange has rendered 150 persons homeless and caused damage to the amount of 500,-

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS.

The Polish peril alarms Germany. Page 1. Germans are still excited over the Kruger in cident. Page 1. The Chinese question is approaching a settle.

ment. Påge 1. Kruger was officially received by Queen Wilbelmina. Page 2. The British show little interest in Nicaragus

inside facts of the rupture between Holland and Portugal. Page 13. Philippines.

The Philippine Commission has prepared a tar-iff for the islands. Page 1. Pifty-two Pilipino prisoners were taken by American troops. Page 1. ney will inspect a site for a naval station at Ho Ho. Page 1.

Domestic. Rallway telegraphers of the Santa Fe system are on strike. Page 1.

A Boston yacht may compete for the honor of defending the cup. Page 11. Instructions were given to the jury in the Morrison trial. Page 11. The Presbyterian committee concluded its dis-cussion of creed revision. Page 13.

Pacific Coast. Population of Oregon towns having more than 2000 and less than 65,000 inhal

Fire at Silverton caused loss of \$12,000. Incondiarism is suspected. Page 4. Two men have been arrested for starting the Silverton fire. Page 4.

Price paid for Lakeview sheep believed to be highest on Pacific Coast in 10 years, P. All the damage claims arising out of Fourth of July street-car accident at Ta-coms have been settled. Page 4.

Commercial and Marine. New York banks show heavy loss in cash

Lack of snimation in stock and wheat markets. Page 23. Steamship Adato clears for Heng Kong. Nitrate freights affect Oregon wheat market.

Rough voyage of the Belgian King. Page & Portland and Vicinity. East Side Railway sold under mortgage.

Direct primary bill further explained by E. W. Bingham. Page 13. rtland sends a fire engine to the relief of Fentures.

Page 24.

sciety in and out of town. Pages 14 and 15. "The Drama" and music. Pages 16 and 17. Books. Page 18. "Billiards, Past and Present." Page 25.

Salem-Multnomah Meet;" "Sir Thomas the Cup;" "Eugene's Season Ended;" i cellaneous sporting matter. Page 26. entatives a plan for the permanent improvement of the Arkansas River, the total estimated cost for open river navi-gation being \$25,385,400. The river ex-tends about 460 miles from its source in Colorado to its mouth, but the Board cellaneous sporting matter. Page 26.

"Paw Is Sorely Tried," "Wanted, a Detactive;" 'Revised Version of the Old Tale of the Fox and the Stork;" "Poems Worth Reading;" humorous miscellany. Page 27.

"In Land of Discontent," "Flitter Finally Found;" "Jack and the Chickens;" children's miscellany. Page 28.

Fashlons and Woman. "Season's Styles Fixed;" "Aids to Comeliness;" "Plea for Grandmothers;" miscellany. Page 29.

"Carporator in the Orient;" "Should Not Be of Army Engineers recommends that the improvements be confined to the lower reaches below Grand River. The usefulness of the improvement and its value to commerce are set forth.

Carpenter in the Orient," "Should Not Be Lavish;" miscellany. Page 30, "Norman Holt," serial by General Charles

King. Page 31.
China Ripe for World-Wide War;" "New
Home for Ruler of the Nation;" "America's
Great Future;" poem, "Why She Failed;"
"Largest Kitchen on Earth;" miscellany. Rio de Janeiro, en route to Washington. Democrats' War-Tax Bill. WASHINGTON, Dec. &-The minority members of the ways and means com-

Committee Hard at Work on River and Harbor Bill.

HARMER EULOGIES IN HOUSE

Two More Battle-Ships and Two Armored Cruisers Are Provided For in the Naval Appropriation Bill.

LAST OF THE BOER LEADERS.

GENERAL DE WET, WHOM THE BRITISH ARE MAKING DESPERATE

date for the rising against the foreigners in the capital. No alarm is felt, how-

ever, as the troops are sufficiently numer-

ous to deal with a rising, should one

PEKIN AGREEMENT.

Text of the Document Received in

Washington.

agreement reached between the powers at Pekin has been received at the State De-

partment, and is now in process of trans-

of any of the powers, other than that of

Japan, has been had, but assurances have been received that the remainder of the

powers will promptly ratify the agree-

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—The trans-port Belgian King arrived here today, 35 days from Manila, via Hong Kong and

Nagasaki. Among her passengers were Lieutenants Cabanni and Parker; Dr. Robert Calturan, Mrs. Calturan and six children. The latter were Pekin refugees

MILLS WILL PAY THE BILLS

Lick Observatory Enabled to Chart

the Southern Heavens.

made of the heavens for this purpo

tions for the expedition.

cluded in the assis

the use of the great spectograph, presented by D. O. Mills several years ago, Lick Ob-servatory has done remarkable spectro-scopic work. Acting Director W. W. Campbell will at once begin the prepara-tions for the exactly

Building Association Assign

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8 .- The Missouri Guar-

antee Savings & Building Association made an assignment in the sum of £100, 000 this afternoon to William H. Verity, trustee, for the benefit of the creditors

and stockholders. All property was in-

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 8.-D. O. Mills,

and boarded the vessel at Nagasaki.

lation from the cipher code.

EFFORTS TO CAPTURE.

suit each case, in some cases only one-fifth being allowed while in others the al-lowance is much more.

THE DAY IN THE HOUSE.

Tribute to the Memory of the Late

Representative Harmer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Under a spe-cial order adopted at the last session, the House devoted today after 1 o'clock

to paying tribute to the memory of the

late Representative A. C. Harmer, of Pennsylvania. When the House met a bill was passed

to include cherries in the list of fruits

from which brandy can be distilled under

section 355 of the Revised Statutes, after which the House took a recess until the hour set for the eulogies.

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Eulogies were pronounced by Bingham (Rep., Pa.), Cummings (Dem., N. Y.), Grosvenor (Rep., O.), Adams (Rep., Pa.), McCleary (Rep., Minn.), White (Rep., N. C.), McAleer (Dem., Pa.), De Armond (Dem., Mo.), Otey (Dem., Va.), Demorrell (Rep., Pa.), and then, at 2:25, as a further mark of resuect to the memory of the deceased, the House adjourned.

Naval Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—It is expected that the forthcoming naval appropriation bill, now being framed by the House

committee on naval affairs, will contain

provision for two more battle-ships and two more armored cruisers, following the

ecommendations of Secretary Long.
Admiral Hichborn, Chief of the Bureau

000,000 for the construction already au-thorized. This is considerably more than ever required, and Admiral Hichborn ex-

plains that it was the necessary result of the large amount of naval ships which recent Congresses had authorized.

Arkansas River Improvement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Secretary of War today sent to the House of Repre-

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. &-Robert W. Wilcox, Hawaii's Delegate-elect to Conogress, arrived here today on the steamer

of Construction, was before the com-tee today. His estimates are about 000,000 for the construction already

mittee are holding informal meetings in order to prepare the minority report on the bill reducing the war taxes. The report will be submitted by Represen-tative Richardson, of Tennessee, Mon-day. It is understood that the report will not oppose the reduction proposed, but will present additional features to which the bill should apply.

MISSION STATIONS BESIEGED

Chinese Outrages Still Continue is the Interior.

PEKIN, Dec. 6.-Captains Wingate and Ryder, who accompanied the expedition to Kalgan, returned today. During their absence they visited several places to which the Germans did not go, but they encountered no opposition. They learned that some il Europeans, mostly Swedish and Norwegian missionaries, beside Captain Watts Jones were massacred at tain Watts Jones, were massacred at Kwei Hua Cheng by orders of the Taotai, and that 190 native Christians had also been put to death. The details of the WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The river and outrages are most revolting. Captains harbor committee is holding daily executive sessions and is making such progress station, where the priests in charge and

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The population of certain incorporated places in Oregon having more than 3000 and less than 65,000

inhabitants follows: Albany 1889

Ashiand 542

Astoria 526

Baker City 1256

Eugene 1117

Grant's Pass

La Grande 07
 Baker City
 128
 295

 Eugene
 1117
 4111

 Grant's Pass
 1422
 1422

 La Grande
 2583
 262

 Oregon City
 1282
 362

 Pendleton
 730
 2568

 Salem
 2836
 572

 The Dalles
 2232
 3029
 (It is manifest that an error has been made in the census of Eugene and Salem

for 1900.) PHILIPPINE TARIFF.

Taft Commission Prepares a Bill Fixing Duties.

MANILA, Dec. 8.—The Philippine Commission has prepared a bill fixing the dutles upon imports and exports. There will be a public discussion of the measure next week. Under its provisions importations from the United States into the islands are dutiable. The importation of explosives, adulterated wines, articles under faise trademarks and apparatus used in games of chance is prohibited. The rates of duty have not yet been perfected, Fifty-two prisoners were captured in the suburbs of San Antonio and San Benita last Wednesday by a detachment of the Thirty-seventh Regiment. Many escaped, but a portion of them were overhauled and captured by the gunboat Laguna de Bay. MANILA, Dec. 8.-The Philippine Com-

REMEY GOES TO ILO ILO. Will Inspect a Site for a Naval Sta-

Will Inspect a Site for a Naval Station.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—A cablegram from Admiral Remey announced the temporary transfer of his headquarters from Casite to lio lio. He salied today with the flagship Brooklyn and the Zafiro for lio lio, at which port the Don Juan de Austria arrived today. The Admiral's movement to the southward was explained at the Navy Department by the statement that he is engaged in an inspection of eligible sites for a mival station. Mail advices from the Philippines state that Colonel Thomas MacGregor, Ninth Cavairy, has been assigned to the command of the Third district, Department of Southern Luzon, relieving Colonel James Lockett, Eleventh Cavairy, Colonel Walter Schuyler, Forty-sixth Infantry, has been assigned to the command of the Fifth district, Department of Southern Luzon, vice, General R. L. Hare, who has been transferred to the command of the Fifth district, Department of Southern Luzon, vice, General R. L. Hare, who has been transferred to the command. ern Luxon, vice, General R. L. Hare, who has been transferred to the command of the Fourth district in the same department, relieving E. E. Hardin, Twentyninth Infantry, who has joined his regi-

ientucky Ordered to Manila.

WASHINGTON, Dec. & Secretary Long oday cabled instructions to Captain Colby, at Constantinopie, to proceed with his ship, the Kentucky, from Smyrna on his interrupted voyage to Manila, to rethat there is fair prospect of completing the bill before the holiday recess. Owing to reports that a horizontal reduction was to be made on all estimates, the authoritative statement is made that no such reduction is contemplated. The committee is taking up each project on its merits and is applying such measures of economy and cuts in the estimate as doing its utmost to suppress outrages. place the Oregon on the Asiatic station. It cannot be learned officially that the mission debts have been discharged, but it is said that the Kentucky's m which was one of courtesy, has been dis-

HILL AND THE SUBSIDY BILL Its Defects Explained by the Great Northern Magnate.

doing its utmost to suppress outrages.
Chinese carrying concealed weapons are arrested daily in Pekin. Natives alloge that December 19 has been fixed as the CHICAGO, Dec. 8 .- President J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern Railway, was the guest of the Bankers' Club at the monthly dinner tonight. Mr. Hill, in the first part of his remarks, merely alluded to the subsidy bill by saying that he had made some inquiry concerning the building of boats in this country and upon the Clyde, and found that he could have them con-structed in this country at a much lower figure than in Scotland. This, he de-WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.-The text of the clared, did not look much as if sidy were needed for shipping. If such a measure were passed, it would, in his opinion, assist most those who needed no assistance, and he mentioned the "or greyhounds" as those most likely to be

> He then branched out into a talk on the manner of controlling railways by legis-lation, and declared that the matter was one which none but experts understod, and that railways could no more be properly handled in this way than a broken limb could be set by statute. In the close of his speech, Mr. Hill again came to the subsidy bill, and said concerning it:

oncerning it:

"It is an excellent thing, if it is not abused. I believe that if we could pay a tonnage on the actual commodities of a certain kind, based on the distance carried, there would be some justice in a subsidy. I analyzed the first bill that was drawn carefully and found that carefully a carefully and found that carefully are carefully and found that carefully a carefully and found that carefully are carefully and found that carefully a carefully and found that carefully are carefully are carefully and found that carefully are carefully are carefully are carefully and found that carefully are carefully ar drawn carefully, and found that out of to 000,000, about \$7,500,000 went to what is \$9,000,000, about \$7,500,000 went to what is known as the American Line, and a good friend of mine and fine gentlemen. They are always very kind to me when I am crossing. At the same time why should we, as a nation, pay 39,000,000 a year for 30 years and have seven-eighths of it go to 10 or 12 ships? I am glad to say that the New York capitalist, at the request of President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, has promised the University of California to defray the expenses, about E2,000, of a two years' astronomical expedition from Lick when attention was called to this, the bill was amneded and now it is in much better shape. The \$9,000,000 is to be dis-tributed pro rata among all the ships that salled under the American flag, and they Observatory to South America or Austra-lia. The object of the expedition is to study the movements of stars in the line of sight. Already this work has been done at Lick Observatory for about three-fourths of the sign. have set apart 30 per cent of the appro-priation for the Pacific Ocean. No doubt some of my friends thought they were serving me and, in a money sense, perfourths of the sky. Two years' work at an observing station south of the equator will complete the first general survey ever haps they were, but I would rather see them take the duty off the plates that are to go into the ships when they are built. If Congress will appropriate \$150,-000,000 for a class of ships that will reduce the cost of carrying our commerce, we will have a right to feel that they have done well, but we don't think that they should give the bulk of it to 20 or Il ships that are only compelled to run 21 knots once to the satisfaction of a vernment officer detailed for that pur-

> Kipling Goes to Africa. LONDON, Dec. 8 .- Mr. and Mrs. Rudyard Kipling left Southampton this even-ing on the steamer Tantalion Castle on their way to South Africa.