

BEN SELLING'S SACRIFICE SALE

LADIES' AND MISSES' COATS
MAN TAILORED

HALF PRICE

LADIES' AND MISSES' \$15 COATS—Now... \$7.50
LADIES' AND MISSES' \$20 COATS—Now... \$10.00

LADIES' SWEATERS

LADIES' \$8.50 SWEATERS \$5.65
LADIES' \$6.00 SWEATERS \$3.95
LADIES' \$5.00 SWEATERS \$3.35
LADIES' \$3.50 SWEATERS \$2.45

BOYS' WOOL SWEATERS

BOYS' \$1.50 SWEATERS—Now 89¢
BOYS' \$1.00 SWEATERS—Now 59¢

MEN'S SUITS AND RAINCOATS

Divided into Three Lots.

ALL REDUCED

LOT ONE—MEN'S SUITS AND RAINCOATS—
\$20 and \$25 regular—Now \$15
LOT TWO—MEN'S SUITS AND RAINCOATS—
\$30 and \$35 regular—Now \$20
LOT THREE—MEN'S SUITS AND RAIN-
COATS—\$40 to \$50 regular—Now \$30

MEN'S FANCY VESTS
HALF PRICE

MEN'S \$15 VESTS—Now \$7.50
MEN'S \$10 VESTS—Now \$5.00
MEN'S \$7.50 VESTS—Now \$3.75
MEN'S \$5.00 VESTS—Now \$2.50
MEN'S \$3.00 VESTS—Now \$1.50

BOYS' and CHILDREN'S SUITS
ALL REDUCED

BOYS' \$15.00 SUITS—Now \$9.85
BOYS' \$12.50 SUITS—Now \$7.95
BOYS' \$10.00 SUITS—Now \$6.35
BOYS' \$ 7.50 SUITS—Now \$4.95
BOYS' \$ 5.00 SUITS—Now \$3.35

BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S
OVERCOATS

Same Reductions as Above.

BOYS' PLAIN KNEE PANTS

\$1.50 KNEE PANTS—Now 75¢
\$1.00 KNEE PANTS—Now 50¢
\$.50 KNEE PANTS—Now 25¢

MEN'S OPERA and SILK HATS HALF PRICE

BEN SELLING LEADING CLOTHIER

SPRECKELS IS DEAD

Pioneer Sugar Refiner of Pacific Slope Succumbs.

LEAVES MANY MILLIONS

Estate Estimated at Over \$50,000,000 Will Be Divided Among His Children and Relatives, Is General Belief.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—After an illness of less than a week's duration Claus Spreckels, widely known as the "Sugar King of the Pacific Coast," died at his home in this city today. Mr. Spreckels was 70 years of age, and was taken ill with a severe cold early this week. This developed into pneumonia, and during the last two days the veteran sugar refiner sank rapidly, his death occurring at 4:30 o'clock this morning. His condition last night was so serious that his physicians warned the members of his family that the end was not far off, and his immediate relatives remained with him until he passed away. At the bedside were Rudolph and John D. Spreckels, his sons, and Mrs. Harry Holbrook and Mrs. Alexander Hamilton, his granddaughters. Rudolph Spreckels had just returned from Honolulu the day before, having been summoned by his brother on his father's recent return from New York in poor health.

for many years been one of the most prominent in the state. John D. Spreckels, his eldest son, had been for years a directing influence in Oriental trade, apart from his other interests, and Rudolph Spreckels, president of the First National Bank of this city, has been a supporter of the graft prosecution in San Francisco to the extent of thousands of dollars, in addition to his active participation. Mr. Spreckels recently returned from New York. On his arrival at home he was suffering from the effects of a cold, which developed into pneumonia. He was not thought to be seriously ill, but his son, Rudolph Spreckels, prominently identified with the graft prosecution in this city, who was in Honolulu, was notified of his father's poor health, and hastened home, arriving yesterday on the steamer Nippon Maru. The other children of Mr. Spreckels are John D. Spreckels, proprietor of the Morning Call, president of the Oceanic Steamship Company and prominently identified with many business interests; C. A. Spreckels, Adolph Spreckels and Mrs. Emma Watson.

Born in Germany. Claus Spreckels was born in Lamstadt, Germany, in 1838, and came to the United States in 1846. After being employed for some time in Charleston



Claus Spreckels, Sugar King of California, Who Died Yesterday.

Was Active to the End. Less than a month ago Mr. Spreckels appeared before the House committee on ways and means in Washington, to testify in regard to sugar duties; and he went from there to New York to attend to other business. In spite of his advanced age, Mr. Spreckels devoted a large part of his time to the various lines of business in which he was interested, and took an active part in many lines of public work as well. Two years ago he was forced to drop his business affairs for a time by a severe illness, but his rugged constitution enabled him to withstand his sickness and again resume active life.

Superior Judge Graham today appointed Rudolph Spreckels and C. A. Spreckels executors of the will of their father, Claus Spreckels, fixing their bond at \$500,000, which was furnished. In applying for letters of administration it was stated that some matters connected with the estate needed immediate attention. Leaves Large Estate. The will is in the possession of the widow, Mrs. Anna Spreckels, and will be opened on Monday. It is said that all of the dead capitalist's children are mentioned in the will and each given a share of the estate, the value of which is variously estimated at from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000. It was stated in court that the income from the estate exceeded a quarter of a million dollars a year. Apart from the importance which attached to Claus Spreckels as the pioneer sugar refiner of the coast and an investor of millions in California and the Hawaiian Islands, the Spreckels family has

GRISCOM TO QUIT

American Ambassador at Italy May Return Soon.

RESIGNATION IS RUMORED

No Cause for Decision Given, and Confirmation Is Lacking, Both in Rome and Washington—Could Continue Under Taft.

ROME, Dec. 25.—The fact that the American Ambassador has given up the lease of Del Drago Palace, where he has made his residence since coming to Rome, has given rise to various conjectures as to the Ambassador's future. Indications are, however, that it is the Ambassador's intention to retire from the diplomatic service. Indeed, it is said on good authority that he has already forwarded his resignation, in which he declines to take office abroad after the retirement of President Roosevelt. It is understood that Mr. Griscom has informed King Victor Emmanuel of his decision. The King expressed regret, but agreed with him that it would be to his advantage to return home voluntarily in his prime, so that he might take an active part in the political affairs of his country.

Mr. Griscom is known to be a close personal friend of the President-elect, and there is no doubt that the question of his retaining his diplomatic post under the new administration would be of his own choice. When questioned tonight with regard to his reported resignation, Mr. Griscom refused to deny the report. He merely said he had no statement to make on the subject.

No Confirmation Received.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Confirmation of the reported resignation of Ambassador Griscom could not be obtained in official quarters tonight. At the White House it was stated that nothing had been received there concerning the matter and State Department officials declared that no word indicating the Ambassador's purpose to resign had reached the department.

BODY GROUND UP ON TRACK

Young Man Hurled Before Train by Drunken Companions.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 25.—Police are scouring the district around Whinock, 30 miles up the C. P. R. line from Vancouver, for the murderers of Odin Lee, a young farmer of that place. The murder occurred last night. Lee and two other men were traversing the Canadian Pacific tracks and quarreling. All carried bottles. As the Vancouver-bound train came along from Seattle, companions struck Lee with a bottle and threw him in front of the train. He was ground to pieces. The murderers immediately fled and have not since been seen. Several hours later pieces of his body

were found on the track. An examination of the train when it arrived in Vancouver disclosed a section of the dead man's neck on the truck of the locomotive.

FOUR BRAVES BITE DUST

Fatal Trouble Reported From Aneth Indian Reservation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Four Indians were killed and one injured at the reservation, located at Aneth, Utah, according to advices received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs today from Superintendent Sletton, of the Ship Rock Indian Agency, located in the northwestern portion of New Mexico. Accompanied by a physician, Superintendent Sletton has left for the scene of the trouble, the nature of which is as yet unknown to officials of the Indian Affairs Bureau.

DENVER, Dec. 25.—The Aneth, Utah, Indian reservation, where, according to a Washington dispatch, four Indians were killed and one injured, is located in Utah just north of the Navajo Indian Reservation and near the Colorado line. The place is remote from telegraph centers, and at the local United States Army Division Headquarters in this city it is reported that nothing has been heard there of the killing.

NOT POLITICAL REFUGEE

Russian Sent Home for Trial Regarded as Mere Criminal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—United States Commissioner Foote today forwarded to the State Department at Washington a review of the evidence which prompted him to recommend the extradition of Christian Rudowitz, wanted by the Russian government on charges of robbery and murder. The Commissioner believes the question of political offenses does not enter into the Rudowitz case, and holds that sufficient evidence was introduced during the hearing to warrant the belief that the accused was not a member of a revolutionary band and should stand trial in Russia.

FORTY ARRESTS PLANNED

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went to Andrew Carnegie and laid an array of facts before him. The result, according to rumor, was that he authorized the expenditure of \$150,000 in the detective work, etc. He is said to take the same stand that Mr. Spreckels did in cleaning up San Francisco. It is reported today that several men connected with the charges of corruption have decided to make a full confession as to the extent of their culpability, together with what they know concerning the guilt of others.

San Pedro Marine Notes.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 25.—The steamer Pasadena, Captain Kalmin, cleared today for Newport to load a return cargo of lumber. The schooner Ludlow, Captain Peterson, finished discharging 900,000 feet of lumber for the Southern California Lumber Company and sailed today in ballast for Grays Harbor. Captain Peterson, finished discharging a lumber cargo and sailed today in ballast for Coos Bay to reload.

VOICES URGE GIRL

Slays Herself to Join Dead Mother and Brother.

THINKS THEY NEED HER

Leaves Note to Father Giving Reasons for Rash Deed—Friends Vastly Impressed by Young Woman's Case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—That strong-minded, talented Louise Barney, the only daughter of Emil Barneford, a wealthy resident of East Rutherford, N. J., should end her life as she did after careful preparation, and leave a letter to her father declaring that the spirit voices of her mother and brother urged her to join them in a world of happiness and joy, has made a vast impression on the young woman's friends and relatives.

Miss Barney inhaled gas through a tube in her little brother Raymond's room. She had laid out beside her a white silk dress, which she had made under a rush order. The girl was dead when the 11-year-old boy returned from school, and this is the letter she left for her father:

"Dear Father: I cannot stay with you or Raymond any longer. I am tired and my father's constant complaint, the next world, on Sunday last, while kneeling on mother's grave in the cemetery, I heard her voice saying to me, 'Louise, I am lonely. Come to me without delay. George and I both want you to be with us to know what real happiness is.' 'I am going, father. Goodbye. Take good care of Raymond. Your loving daughter, LOUISE.' Miss Barney had never interested herself in spiritualism, had never been a student of the psychic. Her mother died six years ago, and her brother George at the age of 15, three years ago. Since the death of the mother the young girl had been a mother to her brother and her father's constant companion. She was a girl with neither fads nor fancies, save a great love for music. She managed all the household affairs in the pretty cottage on Randolph avenue, and was regarded among her neighbors and friends as a model housekeeper and an unusually devoted daughter and sister. 'Not since her mother's or her brother's death,' said Mr. Barneford, 'has Louise ever given the vaguest hint at spirit communications. She was devoutly religious, but would not interest herself in psychic phenomena, a subject that I have given a good deal of attention to. 'Last Saturday I brought home some wreaths for my wife and little boy's grave. It was the anniversary of George's death three years ago. I asked Louise to take the wreaths out to the Berry Lake cemetery. She went to the graves alone on Sunday afternoon, getting home just before dusk. I had been out walking, and when I came in I found her in the parlor, standing before a portrait of my wife. I think she had been there a

long time, for it was almost supper-time. She was staring very intently at the portrait and did not seem to see me as I went in. I touched her on the arm and said: 'What is the matter, Louise?' 'She smiled sadly, and replied, 'Father, mother wants me. She is calling for me.' I did not understand what she meant, and sought to soothe her. I imagined her visit to her mother's grave had affected her, though she did not mention it, nor speak of the spirit voices she had heard in the cemetery.

'I confess I was a little bit frightened, and I urged her to go to her room to rest. She did, and a little while later came downstairs and sat at the piano. She began playing 'Nearer, My God, to Thee,' and played it continuously, with improvised variations, throughout the evening. 'On Monday she seemed sad and preoccupied, but went about her little duties in the usual way, caring for Raymond, seeing that he got off to school in time and helping him with his lessons. In the evening she again played 'Nearer, My God, to Thee,' and nothing else. 'And so it was on Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday, though now

CAPTAIN OF TEXAS RANGERS GETS RELIGION.



Bill McDonald.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Bill McDonald, the gaunt and grizzled captain of the Texas Rangers has got religion and is using sinners to repentance in a revival in Texas. His dead spirit aim is no more directed at cattle ranchers and half-breeds, but at the hard-hearted who resist the evangelist's appeal to reform and repent. Captain Bill is the man who investigated the Brownsville riot for the citizens and reported against the negro soldiers, and who was invited to hunt with President Roosevelt. While there is much rejoicing over Bill's change of heart, there is fear that Texas has lost its most picturesque character since Sam Houston. and then she seemed a little brighter and more cheerful. Yesterday morning, when Raymond set out to school, she called him to her and led him in before her mother's portrait. 'Raymond,' she said, 'always think

of your mother, and of your brother George and of me.' Then she kissed him gently and sent him out to school. When the boy came home he found her dead. She had put the house in immaculate order and allowed the girl to go out for the afternoon. I knew nothing of the new silk dress until I saw it in the room beside her bed. She had ordered it on Monday and it was delivered in the morning. 'It is a very strange case, indeed, for Louise had never brooded over her mother's death. That she heard the voices at the grave her letter states with certainty. It is one of those strange, sad, psychic phenomena that we can never explain in this world.'

Bellingham's Hopes Blighted.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 25.—Senator Fulton today called upon the lighthouse board to ascertain whether there is any intention of removing the headquarters from the Columbia River to Bellingham Bay. He was informed that no such move is contemplated, as the Columbia River is centrally located and will be permanently retained as headquarters of the 13th district. Bellingham asked for the headquarters, but will not get them.

One train was pulled into Bangor recently by 28,000 bushels of potatoes aboard.

Breath Odors Removed by Charcoal

Onions, Tobacco, Decaying Food, Alcohol, Stomach Gases and Impurities Foul the Breath. Charcoal Purifies It.

A Trial Package of Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges Sent Free By Mail. The stomach and digestive canal of man fills with gases from fermenting and decaying food. Such gases impregnate the breath, filter through the system, spread disease and in large quantities extend the stomach so that it shuts off heart action and death sometimes results. Pure, simple willow charcoal absorbs gas at once and stops impure food fermentation. It sweetens the stomach, kills the effect of all odors such as liquor, tobacco, onions, etc., or at least prevents them from causing impurities to arise. The willow is renowned for its curative properties and ancient legendary lore is filled with its use, by barbarians and civilized men. As early as 500 B. C. the ancient Chaldeans were sagely curing disease by charcoal and every monastery of the old world healed the sick and cured the drunkard by using powdered willow charcoal. Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges are pure willow charcoal, compressed with honey into a delicious lozenge. They contain nothing but sweet willow charcoal and honey. One may eat a box of them and feel only benefit from so doing. Two or three after a meal will be a sufficient guard against bad breath and the same amount eaten just before bed time will insure a pure breath upon arising the next morning. Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges tone up the blood, the liver and the stomach. They are great laxatives also, but eating large numbers of them does not increase their effect in a painful manner upon the bowels. They are gentle, powerful and pure and their popularity and tremendous sale give them the stamp of public approval. Go to your druggist today and buy a box, price 25 cents, or send us your name and address and we will send you a trial package by mail free. Address: P. A. Stuart Co., 229 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.