## WAR ON PACKERS IS NOW NATION-WIDE

Juries East and West Ready to Indict.

### ANCIENT LAW IS UNGOVERED

to Influence Markets.

### CIVIL SUITS IN MISSOURI

Sherman Anti-Trust Provision Will Be Basis of Attack in Many States-Each Illegal Act to Be Regarded Separate Offense.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19,-(Special.)-War fare upon Packingtown has assumed

Nation-wide proportions. Indictments were voted yesterday against directors of the National Packing Company by a New Jersey grand

The Federal grand jury in Chicago, industry for evidence of anti-trust law violations, has about completed its big task, and a report within two weeks is

Investigation of the packers in Mis souri under the state trust law, is well under way. More recently Kansas has inaugurated similar proceedings.

### High Prices Quickens Action.

This combined attack, bread as it is, may be augmented further. Many states, it was declared today, have enacted anti-trust laws under which they may proceed individually against transmit by wireless to General Esity is attributed in some quarters to

Action in New Jersey is based upon an ancient law which forbids the storage or destruction of produce with the intent of influencing the market. San Francisco May Forbid Union Originally it was an old English statute, and few states have adopted it. Nevertheless, the New Jersey act, though long unused, is believed by the authorities of the commonwelath to furnish grounds for prosecution.

### Packers Are Not Worried.

A somewhat modified view obtained in Chicago. Many held that the suddenness of the New Jersey jurors' de cision tended to cast doubt upon the seriousness of the attack. There is a wide distinction between indictment and conviction, it was pointed out. Ogden Armour, Louis F. Swift, Edward Morris and other packers named in the new charges were unwilling to be interviewed, but their attorneys appeared confident that the New Jersey attack would fail.

The suit in Missouri is in the civil courts and the punishment which that state seeks to inflict upon the big packing houses is eviction. The Chicago grand jury, on the other hand, is conducting its Inquiry under the Sherman anti-trust law, and whatever action it may take will be the result of mature consideration.

### Chicago Inquisitors Busy.

What would develop if the beef investigations in New Jersey, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas should utilize evidence and still more complicated questions regarding possible convictions at different points were cleared up by lawyers today.

The constitutional provision that a man cannot be punished twice for the same offense was held to offer no simultaneously in several states, for when an act held to be illegal is committed in many states it is regarded as

a distinct offense in each. Although District Attorney Sims had little to say of the developments in the warfare upon the packers, it was learned that the course of the local investigation is nearing its end. body may be ready to report to Judge Landis in two weeks' time.

### CLUB WOMAN OF 90 VISITS MRS. SAGE

MADAME SEVERENCE CHATS

Suffrage Leader Journeys in Automobile to Make Call on Visitor at Pasadena.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 19 .- (Special:)-At the request of Mrs. Russell Sage, Madame Caroline M. Severance mother of women's clubs in America, and although 90 years old, still a leader in the suffrage movement, journeyed today to Pasadena to meet the New York 88-year-old woman of millions The two women lunched and chatted New Jersey Forbids Storage together for nearly two hours and at parting were delighted with one another. One of Mrs. Sage's first thoughts eaching Southern California was of Madame Severance.

"There is one woman in California," he said, "whom I must meet, and she

Is Madame Severance. The desire was duly communicated to Madame Severance and as the cluboman was feeling unusually vigorous yesterday she called an automobile and started forth. The meeting of the two oted women was an interesting event. Mrs. Sage will return Madame Severance's visit as soon as she is strong enough to make the trip.

### CONSULS MOVE FOR PEACE

Representatives at Manaqua Proffer Good Offices.

MANAGUA, Feb. 19.-The Consular oody resident here voted today to offer its good offices as peace mediator between the government and the insurgents under General Estrada. The move delving into the records of the packing is considered important, for beyond the international character of the body, the members are versed in Nicaraguan affairs and are men of more or less in-

> A committee, composed of the British, Italian and Spanish Consuls, was appointed and later visited President Madriz, who was found to be in sympathy with the object of the Consuls, but unwilling to state the terms upon which he would make peace with the

insurgents. The Consuls also communicated with Rear-Admiral Kimball, asking him to the big firms of Packingtown. A trade at Bluefields a message in which number, it was ascertained, contem- the Consuls condemned further shedplate doing so. This inquisorial activ- ding of blood and asking the insurgent

Men to Work for Them.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19 .-- If the various unions affiliated with the San Franadopted last night by that organization none of their members will be permitted to work in a house where Asiatics are

The resolution followe dthe voting down of a recommendation that no more saloons where Asiatics are employed be unionized, and it was adopted on plea that it was not fair to single out the saloons for boycott on account of employing Orientals when other business were permitted to employ them.

### COVERT TO COME TO WEST

Prominent Postal Official Takes New Position in Service.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.-Richard P. fovert today tendered to Postmaster General Hitchcock his resignation as chief clerk, of the Postoffice Department, o accept the position of assistant super-atendent. Division of Salaries and Alpowances of the same department, with headquarters on the Pacific Coast, probably at Los Angeles,
He will be succeeded as chief clerk by Theodore M. Weed, now chief clerk of the Department of Commerce and

Mr. Covert has been identified with the

Postal Service since 1901, and is held in high personal and official regard.

### obstruction to proceedings conducted ALL DIE ON ITALIAN SHIP Gale Off Irish Coast Causes Wreck

That Costs Twenty Lives.

QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 19.-The Italian ship F. S. Clampa, with all of her crew was lost in a recent gale off Dunwoody Bay. The wreckage came ashore today. It is understood that the crew number-ed 20. Some of the bodies have been re-

## COAL WORTH FIFTY TIMES PRICE PAID

Alaska Fuel Figures Astound Committee.

### CUNNINGHAM TONS 50,000,000

\$500,000 Guggenheim-Morgan Offer, Value \$25,000,000.

### PRE-MERGER DEALS MADE

Manager Birch Tells of Getting Claims Before Syndicate Was Formed-Wickersham Would Be Counsel, Was Refused.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 .- The Senate ommittee on territories today furnished an attraction in the way of the developments relative to Alaska coal lands which fairly entitled it to rival in interest the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation.

Manager Stephen Birch, of the Guggenheim-Morgan Alaska syndicate, was again the witness. He reeled off figures concerning the value of coal in the Cunningham claims and the Alaska coal and copper mines that were quite calculated to cause heads of the mempers of the committee to swim

Placing the tonnage in the Cunningham mines at 50,000,000, he said the coal could probably be taken out so as to net a profit of \$25,000,000. This statement, taken in connection

with the fact that the syndicate had agreed to pay only \$250,000 for half of the property, aroused much interest. Birch placed the probable output of the entire Bering River coal district, of which the Cunningham group is a part, at 560,000,000 tons, with net value of \$200,000,000 and a gross alue of \$909,000,000.

Merger Prompted Extension. But there was another portion of Mr. Birch's testimony which attracted even more attention than that relating to coal mines. It had reference to his efforts to extend the holdings of the Alaska Coal & Copper Company in the Bonanza group of copper mines before

it was acquired by the Guggenheim-Morgan syndicate. Responding to questions from Mr. Frazier, Mr. Birch said some of the land now embraced in that group would be located by himself through the use of his own name and the name of other stockholders of the company. "Did the company furnish the money

to pay for the claims?" asked Mr. Fra-Mr. Birch responded that it had done so, and mentioned some of the stockholders whose names had been so used. "They were dummies, were they not?"

asked the Tennessee Senator. "No, indeed," responded the witness. They were interested in the property. located a claim myself."

"Was there an understanding with the company that these claims should be turned over?" Mr. Frazier asked. There was no such understanding. was the reply. "I was there as manager and I went ahead and made the locations to protect the company."

Law Violation Denied. Asked if he had received any compensation for this service Mr. Birch replied that he had not except in so

far as be had received pay for his general work for the company. "The land was desirable and the law was complied with in all our proceed-

ings," he said. Testifying concerning the Guggen neim-Morgan options on the Cunning ham mines, Mr. Birch said it covered only a half interest, the Cunningham people retaining the remainder. syndicate had agreed, he said, to pay \$250,000 and to furnish transportation. The company was to be capitalized for

Some veins in the Cunpingham group (Concluded on Page 2.)

\$5,000,000. He estimated it would cost

\$1.75 a ton to mine the coal and was

ed at a profit of 50c a ton.

### RUSH FOR LAND IS **DECLARED CERTAIN**

YUMA CLAIMS TO BE AWARDED

Applicants Stand in Line for Hours Only to Find That Method Has Been Changed.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19 .- More than 100 men and women who have b waiting in line since midnight to file on the 40-acre irrigated farms at Yuma, which will be thrown open March 1, learned tonight that they had spent days and nights in the streets fronting the Government land offic for nothing. Secretary Ballinger, of the Interior Department, wired the land officials here today that he had changed the plan for giving away the Government land, and that instead of permitting entries of "first come, first served" it would be a simultaneous

distribution. This means a mad rush and much excitement on the entry-day, as the Secretary ordered the land office to engage a large hall and there distribute the 172 farms to those who manage to get in the hall first between the hours of 8 and 9, on the morning of March 1

Much dissatisfaction was expressed among the prospective settlers in line when Receiver Robinson announced the Secretary's decision. The only ones who were pleased were those who offered as much as \$1800 for preferred places in line and had been re-

## ABERCROMBIE IS SHIFTED

Officer Cause of Inquiry Placed in Secondary Position on Sound.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 19.-Lieutenant-Colonel Abercromble, Twenty-fifth Infantry, who was command at Fort George Wright at Spokane until recently suspended by General Maus, commanding the Department of the Columbia, was today ordered to Fort Lawton, Wash., where Colonel Ralph Hoyt, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, s in command.

This action followed the receipt by the Department of the report of General Maus on the recent friction that arese at Fort Wright, and while no details of the report are made public, and General Maus' recommendations are withheld. It is assumed, from the efreumstances that the department is dissatisfied with Abercrombie's conduct, and has declided to place him where he will not have command of troops, but will receive

orders from a superior officer. This change leaves Major Joseph M. T Partello in command at Fort Wright.

### JUDGE IS OWN PRISONER

Jurist Editor Fines Himself Fighting on Street.

WELLINGTON, Kan., Feb. 19 .- Just cause William Stotler, a newspaper man, happens to be the Police Judge here, that did not excuse him from arraigning himself in his own court on charge of disturbing the peace after he had engaged in a fight with J. L.

Ferguson today. Immediately after the fight, Stotler summoned himself into court. "Have you been fighting?" he asked

"Yes," he answered,

"But, Judge, I---" "Tut, tut, interrupted the Judge, "I'll fine you \$5 and costs."

Ferguson was then arrigned by Judge Stotler and fined the same amount.

Stotler also is the city editor of a Wellington paper. The fight started over an article Stotler wrote about Ferguson.

### REPUBLICANS UP IN ARMS

Taft's Choice of Democrat Rouses Ire in New York.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 .- Many New York Republicans are in arms against the reported intention of President Taft to appoint Frederick H. Bugher, present acting Police Commissioner of New York and a Democrat, to the office of Surveyor of the Port of New York, to succeed James S. Clarkson, whose term will expire in a short time.

It is understood that for some time of the opinion that it could be market-Senator Root has been trying to persuade the President to place Mr. Bugher, who is a nephew of John R. Mc Lean, in the office of Surveyor,

# WHICH IS FIRST?

Crisis Among British Liberals Has Come.

### IRISH AND LABBRITAS ANGRY

War Threatened on Asquith if Lords Given Respite.

### HE WANTS BUDGET FIRST

Compromise Possible by Which Cabinet Would Be Pledged to Attack Lords, When Laborites and Irish Would Back Budget.

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LONDON, Feb. 19 .- This has been the week of negotiations, a rise and fall in fortunes, desperation being succeeded by brilliant hope and final uncertainty. The struggle is still about the best tactics for facing the question of the House of Lords.

The Irish party steadily adheres to the veto bill preceding the budget, believing that the budget should be kept as a lever against the Lords, and obstinutely refusing to budge from Redmond's policy as announced in his Dublin speech, that, if the budget is placed before the veto, they would vote against the budget and thus destroy both the budget and the House of Lords.

### Cabinet Says Budget First.

The Liberal ministers are equally obstinate Indeclaring that they must put the budget through before tack Their great argument is that the ministry is responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the tion and that it cannot allow finish cial chaos to continue and especially as the country already is threatened with a loss of \$50,000,000 owing to arrears in the income tax, which cannot be legally collected till the budget is passed

A large section of the Radicals sym pathize with the attitude of the Irish believing that a postponement of the a surrender on the budget will convince the country that the ministers are not in earnest in making their fight against the Lords. The Labor party is still more outspoken in demanding the immediate tackling of the veto and George Barnes, Immediately after his election as the new chairman of the Labor party, writes a public letter expressing surprise at the attitude of the Government.

### Asquith's Plan Misunderstood.

The situation is complicated further by what appears to be a general mis apprehension of the meaning of Asquith's speech, in which he declared he would not assume or retain office without safeguards that the House of Lords could never again destroy the budget or Liberal legislation. The general interpretation was that Asquith would either resign or get a guarantee from the King that he would have 500 new peers created and transform the Liberal minority into a Liberal majority in the House of Lords. It turns out that Asquith never meant this and that he has not asked, and as a matter of fact could not get, such guarantee until the veto bill is prepared and passed by the House of Commons and rejected by the House of Lords.

A compromise is possible by Asquith's oringing in a series of resolutions setting forth a plan to force a veto bill before Easter and before the introduction of the budget, and these resolutions, is satisfactory, would be carried by a majority of over one hundred, the Irish combining heartly with the Liberals and Labor parties for such resolutions. It would be possible then that the Irish could vote for the budget, but this still remains doubtful. Much, if not everything, depends on the tone of the speeches on Monday night (Concluded on Page 2.)

### **BLUSHING BRIDES** AND SLEUTHS SAIL

BERMUDA VESSEL CARRIES 52 COUPLES ON HONEYMOON.

Skipper Asks in Disgust Whether He Commands Dovecote or Ship, Glad Detectives Travel.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 .- (Special.) -Covered with rice and old shoes from stem to stern, the steamship Oceana of the Quebec Steamship Company, left today for the Bermudas. On board were 52 newly-married couples. It is assumed that this establishes a record cargo in newly-weds: The captain of the liner, looking down from the bridge with evident disfavor at his unique argo, remarked: "What is this, anyway; a steamship

or a dovecote? The bridal baggage was large, and nnumerable mothers, fathers, uncles aunts, brothers, sisters and friends were on hand to make the parting pleasant for the victims of Cupid. On board the steamship were also two central office detectives. As usual the detectives let every one know they

form saw them off. The Oceana's cubin passenger list numbered 336. This is the largest number ever sailing to Bermuda on one

vessel.

were detectives. They resolutely refused

Bermudas. Three policemen in uni-

lowever, to tell what took them to the

### ALSEA BAY HOLDS BACK

Citizens . However, Will Consider Yaquina Improvement Project.

NEWPORT, Or., Feb. 19 .- (Special)-The Toledo delegation, which went to Waldport yesterday with the intention of inducing Alsea Bay people to join the Port Commission of Yaquina Bay, to help carry the southern part of Lincoln County for a \$50,000 bond issue for the improvement of waterways succeeded in getting nent of waterways, succeeded in getting a committee appointed to meet with the Elk City. Toledo and Newport commitees in Newport the latter part of next xeek. When the terms of the bond issue tood only for the improvement of the Yaquina River, between Yaquina and Te-ledo, Waldport's sentiment was directed against the plan.

The lower part of the county protests that it has been neglected by the county officers, who are nearly all citizens of Toledo. Some time ago a special twelve mill tax was voted for road building and better schools. Of this money seven mills went for better roads and five mills for improved schools. It is questionable if they will support the Port Commission.

### GIRL'S DEATH IS PUZZLE

Autopsy Shows Ptomaine Poisoning Did Not Kill Lucile Clark.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.-An autopsy a hotel yesterday, indicates that she did not die of promaine poisoning, as was at first thought.

Dr. O'Hanlon, the Coroner's physi-

cian, said tonight that the viscera had been sent to the College of Physicians and Surgeons for microscopic and chemical analysis. Miss Clark came here from India last Fall. expected to go to California in a few

### CASTRO HEADS NEW PLOT

Hernandez May Also Be Involved in Venezuelan Revolt.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Feb. 19 .- The discovery of a new plot against the Government and in the interest of ex-President Castro, has caused a sensation. Many arrests of prominent perions have been made.

Disquieting rumors regarding the colitical intentions of General Jose Hernandez, leader of the Nationalist party and formerly Minister at Washington, who is now in Paris, have alarmed his partisans here.

### VASQUEZ CHECKS MENA Latter Still Fighting With 700 Men and Amrican Help.

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, Feb 19.-Word was received here from General Vas Quez vesterday, saying he was holding General Mena in check with 1000

Mena, he said, was still fighting at St.

Vincente, having 700 men and two Hotchent General seemed to be to avoid a decisive battle and to make his way west-

## PHILADELPHIA GAR STRIKERS BURN, HIT

Two Coaches Afire, Missiles Strike Many.

### FIRE HOSE DISPERSES MOB

Discharge of 200 Trolley Men Arouses Association's Ire.

### POLICE ALERT FOR CRISIS

Turning in of Cars Follows Refused Rise in Pay-Union Sought Sole Recognition -- Thousands Walk. Patrolmen Protect Line.

PHILADELPHIA. Feb. 19 .- Coming chen least expected, a strike was declared against the Philadelphia Rapid Fransit Company by the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway employes this afternoon and tonight the police and firemen were busy bandling turbulent crowds.

Two cars were burned, a score of cars were attacked, forcing their crews to abandon them, and numerous arrests

Except in the central part of the city, streetcar service was almost at a standstill. Cars running through the central

sections were heavily protected.

Great crowds collected near the burned cars, and for a time it was feared a riot yould follow. Firemen were ordered to urn their hose on the crowd and the mob scattered quickly. Many passengers were truck by missiles but no one was serious-

### Strike Second in Year.

The strike is the second inaugurated by he trolleymen in a year. The men asked an increase in wages and wanted the company to recognize no other union but he Amalgamated Association. The Union eaders charged that a rival organization had been put in the field to defeat the Amalgamated Association's campaign for better working conditions. The company declined to recognize the Amalga-

mated Association exclusively. The break in the negotiations came last Thursday. Lust night and today 200 men performed today on the body of Miss Lucile Clark, 22-year-old daughter of a British army officer, who died in service." This aroused the indignation of

Union headquarters, with the result that a strike order was instantly issued.

### Police and Firemen Called.

The greatest difficulty was experienced from 5 to 7 o'clock when thousands of people found it impossible to get a footnold on the cars and were compelled to walk. Thousands refused to ride on cars, fearing attacks. The police and fire Departments, in an-

ticipation of a strike, had been on a 'war footing' for a month and were ready for business when the trouble came

The moment the news that a strike had been called reached the City Hall, the police plans were placed in operation. Mounted police were assembled in the City Hall court and squads of policemen and firemen were assigned to each of the 19 barns in the city. Policemen and firemen also were put on cars to protect men who desired to remain at work.

### TYPHOID SUITS PLANNED

Salem Attorneys See Difficulty in Making Proof for Verdict.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 19 .- (Special.)-Several relatives of persons who died from typhold fever in the recent epidemic are pooling interests in a plan to bring an action for damages in a large amount against the Salem Water Company, which, it is alleged, furnished impure water.

Several of the attorneys consulted kiss guns and two-Maxim guns manned | Several of the attorneys consulted | by Americans. The tactics of the insurg- have declined to take the case against the water company, believing that it will be impossible to prove facts suf-

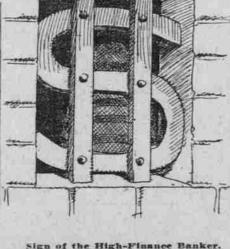
HARRY MURPHY MAKES SOME PICTORIAL OBSERVATIONS ON AN INTERESTING VARIETY OF THE WEEK'S INCIDENTS



Leave Him a "Paramount Issue."









Some Make This Game Pay.





The Rules Will Be Revised.

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