

ROAD TO PROSPERITY

Rush on to Wholesale Houses to Replenish Stocks.

BUY HEAVIER THAN LAST YEAR

Country Fast Recovering From Financial Depression—Factories Resuming Operations.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—That the nation again is on the high road to prosperity was shown today by reports from all sections of the country. On every hand it is agreed that the depression following the financial flurry of last fall is a thing of the past, and that the outlook is for a steadily increasing volume of business until normal conditions have been reached. In some branches of trade prosperity in a full measure has been recorded, and other lines show an improvement that promises some satisfactory records at the close of the year.

Following the end of the stringency in money comes an improvement in collections and a corresponding facility of barter and sale. It also has been demonstrated completely that the general public escaped the effects of the flurry. The people have cash with which to supply their needs, and their needs are just as great as ever.

With more factories resuming operations every day, the number of the unemployed is decreasing, and it is believed that before long the idle mill will be the exception.

Chicago wholesalers report that the country merchants are coming in with their spring orders in greater numbers than a year ago. In almost every case they say that their stocks are low and must be replenished immediately to care for the demands of their customers.

The steel business, recognized as the barometer of trade in general, has shown marked improvement within the last few weeks. Such articles as wire and nails, which get to the general public quicker than the other products, are in great demand, and the railroads are coming into the market for large quantities of supplies.

The outlook is for bigger business, both in quality and in quantity, than last year," said Walter D. Moody, business manager of the Chicago Association of Commerce. "I have been around the wholesale district a good deal lately, and I find it is optimistic over the outlook for the spring business. I have had direct reports from many of the large houses, and they all read the same. There are many merchants in town, and they are coming by every train. They are flocking to the wholesale houses, and in practically every case they are buying freely.

JAPS AT TARGET PRACTICE

Have Small Cannon Mounted Along California Coast.

Santa Monica, Cal., Feb. 13.—On an unfrequented bluff, which marks the northern limit of Santa Monica bay, a party of seven Japanese, with a small cannon in their possession, have been for several days past engaged in experiments that have aroused the suspicions of the settlers in the homestead district, and the news of their operations, reaching here tonight, has created some little excitement, particularly as it is known that the portion of the American battleship fleet will remain several days in the waters enclosed by Point Duma, where the party of Japanese made its headquarters.

Their evident anxiety to escape observation, he said, drew upon them the careful observation of several of the settlers, who found them on one occasion in possession of a small pivot gun, which, mounted on a cliff 185 feet above the water, was being fired, first in one direction and then in another.

The Japanese, unaware that they were being watched, seemed interested in determining the range of the little piece of artillery, which threw missiles over a mile from the shore. The gun was operated with smokeless powder.

Free to Work for Strike.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 13.—Judge McLemore has dissolved the injunction obtained in his court sometime ago by the Luckenbach Towing Company, of Brooklyn, N. Y., by which the Norfolk Marine Engineers Union, its officers and members, were restrained from interfering with the employees on the Luckenbach tugs in an effort to bring on an engineers' strike. Judge McLemore ruled that no injunction could lie until the evidence against plaintiffs, or their property, was attempted by the defendant.

Mail Subsidy Bill.

Washington, Feb. 13.—On motion of Senator Gallinger, the Senate today agreed to consider the ocean mail subsidy bill next Monday. The bill authorizes the Postmaster-General to pay for ocean mail service in vessels of the second class on routes to South America, the Philippines, Japan and China and Australia at a rate of \$4 per outward mile, which is the rate now paid to vessels of the first class which carry mail under contract with the government.

Portugal Growing Quiet.

London, Feb. 13.—The Times this morning publishes a long Lisbon dispatch relative to recent events in Portugal. It says that the situation is improving daily and that the government adheres to its policy of conciliating public opinion, but that it would be a mistake to consider all danger over.

COURT SHIELDED CRIME.

Remarkable Petition for Re-Hearing Filed in Schmitz Case

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—In what is probably one of the most remarkable papers ever addressed to a California court the prosecution in the San Francisco bribery-graft cases today filed with the Supreme Court a petition for a re-hearing of the decision of the Court of Appeals in which ex-Mayor Eugene Schmitz and the former political boss, Abraham Ruef, were virtually held to be guilty of extortion, the conviction of the former reversed and the plea of guilty by Ruef practically nullified.

The petition openly criticizes the Court of Appeals for its decision and charges that the court by its act had virtually legalized blackmail in the state.

The appeal is signed by Attorney-General U. S. Webb, Francis J. Heney, William H. Langdon, Charles W. Cobb and Joseph Dwyer. The petition concludes:

We ask for a rehearing because the decision, with the greatest respect to the court that rendered it and to this court is:

1. Fallacious in its logic.
2. Devoid of reason to support it.
3. Unsupported by the authorities cited.
4. Diametrically opposed to high authorities, which we cited in our briefs but which are unnoticed by the opinion.

MAKE SECRET TREATIES.

Germany Destroys Hope of Reform and Gets Concessions.

London, Feb. 14.—The Foreign Office has been advised by Sir N. R. O'Connor, the British ambassador at Constantinople, that Baron Marshall von Bieberstein, the German diplomatic representative, announced at the last meeting of the ambassadors to Turkey that Germany has decided, instead of signing the joint note to the Porte demanding judicial reforms in Macedonia, to agree to the Turkish proposal that the Macedonian foreign gendarmerie be placed under the control of Turkey.

No confirmation has been received by the Foreign Office, however, of the report that Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey have entered upon secret treaties, but the independent action of Germany in the matter of the reforms in Macedonia has caused disquietude, as it upsets the work accomplished during the past year and makes the future uncertain.

In the meantime the powers are continuing the consideration of the recommendations of their ambassadors. It is not expected, however, that the Porte will accept these recommendations, in view of Germany's support of the counter-proposals, and it is believed that the entire question will have to be reconsidered.

REACH VALPARAISO.

Battleship Fleet Being Escorted by Chilean Warships.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The Navy Department has received the following message from Admiral Simpson, of the Chilean navy, on board the cruiser Chacabuco, which piloted Admiral Evans' fleet partially through the Straits of Magellan: "Talcahuano, Chile, Feb. 12, 1908.—Admiral Evans requests me to inform the Department from the fleet at sea Tuesday 4 p. m., bound for Callao, via Valparaiso: 'Everything going on well. Admiral Evans much better in health.'"

Mr. Hicks, the American minister to Chile, today cabled the state department that the Chilean cruiser Chacabuco, presumably now at Valparaiso, would sail south today for the purpose of joining the battleship fleet again with two Chilean warships, one of which is the Esmeralda.

The three vessels will convey the fleet to Valparaiso, where President Montt will review it from a war vessel and at the same time salutes will be exchanged between the vessels of the two navies.

The Chacabuco conveyed the battleships from Punta Arena to a point nearly opposite Porto Montt, when she left them and proceeded north.

Jiu Jitsu in Germany.

Berlin, Feb. 14.—The Japanese method of wrestling, jiu jitsu, is to be introduced into all the military and naval gymnasia of Germany, at the express command of the Emperor. His Majesty has directed all officers to acquire a thorough acquaintance with the rules of jiu jitsu. The officers, upon obtaining their certificates of efficiency in this new method, will be detailed to the various local gymnasia throughout the empire where they will impart a knowledge of the methods to the recruits as soon as they join.

Rescue Modern Crusoes

Washington, Feb. 14.—A man by the name of Jeffs, and whose home is said to have been in Connecticut, is believed to be stranded on one of the Galapagos or Tortose Islands, situated off the west coast of South America. A prominent person from Connecticut, interested in Jeffs' case has written to the department, asking that one of the vessels of Admiral Evans' fleet stop at the islands on its way from Callao, Peru, and make a search for him.

Companies Increase Forces.

St. Louis, Feb. 14.—The Republic Iron & Steel Company in East St. Louis put 900 men to work yesterday and today announcement was made by the National Enameling & Stamping Company that 400 extra men will be given employment in the tin mills of the company at Granite City next Monday.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FORBIDS GLAD HAND.

Corrupt Practices Act May Be Found Unconstitutional.

Salem—That the corrupt-practices bill, to be submitted to a vote of the people under the initiative and referendum, is in direct conflict with that section of the Constitution which guarantees freedom of speech is believed by many who have read the measure. The bill makes it a crime for any person to ask, solicit or in any manner try to induce or persuade a voter on election day to vote for or against any candidate or measure. This would bar the use of any kind of argument on election day and there is doubt whether it would be constitutional.

Under this section of the law it is probable that newspapers published on the morning of election day would be prohibited from printing anything calculated to influence voters in determining how to mark their ballots.

The words "in any manner try to induce or persuade" would cover a multitude of acts. Candidates who went to the polls and extended the glad hand to voters would unquestionably come within the terms of the act, for it is common knowledge that a warm handshake is one of the most potent means of getting votes.

LARGE RETURNS FROM COWS

Tillamook Dairymen Make Over \$100 a Year per Cow.

Tillamook—Another co-operative cheese factory to make its annual report is that of the Red Clover Creamery Company, which makes a good showing and is exceedingly flattering to the dairymen who take their milk to this cheese factory. Following are some of the interesting figures in the report: Amount of milk received for the year, 1,739,048 pounds; amount of butter fat contained in milk, 68,577.7 pounds; average test, .03943 per cent; amount of cheese manufactured, 195,009 pounds; returns received, \$27,692.06; average price received 14 1-5 cents per pound f. o. b. Tillamook; average yield, 11.21 pounds per 100 pounds of milk.

The price paid the patrons for butter fat kept at a high price during the whole year, as the following figures will show: January, 30.5 cents; February, 28.27 cents; March, 36 cents; April, 37.55 cents; May, 34.37 cents; June, 34.96 cents; July, 34.08 cents; August, 36.78 cents; September, 36.16 cents; October, 36 cents; November, 36.5 cents; December, 33.33 cents.

As the numerous cheese factories of Tillamook county are making their annual returns, the dairymen are now in a position to know the results of their year's work, who are comparing figures with previous years, and as a result of this a large number of dairymen have made over \$100 per cow for last year, and considering that they raise all their own feed on their farms and do not have to buy mill feed, the profit in dairying last year was exceedingly large, they receiving their pay every month. As an illustration of this, W. B. Alderman has made \$2,385.96 from 21 cows, or \$113.61 per cow. He takes his milk to the Maple Leaf Creamery Association, and it is made into cheese.

New Depot for Albany.

Albany—Some of the material has been received here for the construction of the new union depot at Albany. The new structure, which will be one of the finest depots in the state outside of Portland, will stand a short distance northwest of the present structure. Besides the improvement which will be made by the erection of the new building, the depot will be on the city side of the tracks, a change the people of Albany have desired for years. The erection of the new depot will necessitate the movement of the present freight depot and a sweeping change in the present arrangement of the yards.

New College Building.

Milton—At a meeting of the board of Columbia college it was decided that an administration building costing \$25,000 should be erected, and it is understood that this building shall be ready for use at the next college term next fall. The building is to be equipped in the most modern way, giving every advantage to the students. This is a South Methodist institution, and is proving very successful. There is an enrollment of over 100 students this term, all from different parts of the north-west.

New Bank for Milton.

Milton—Application for a charter for a new National bank, with a capital of \$25,000, to be established in Milton, has been made to the Controller of the Currency at Washington. It will be called the First National Bank of Milton. The stockholders are: J. L. Elam, W. H. Steen, J. H. Hall, C. W. Steen, Highly Harris, H. M. Cockburne, H. B. Lee, David Still, F. E. Cockburne, C. T. Cockburne and John McEwan.

Record Raft of Logs

Astoria—The Sorenson Logging Company sold a raft of logs from its camp at Svensen Monday that is believed to have been a record breaker. The raft contained 51 logs, the longest being only 32 feet, and still the raft scaled 222,500 feet. The logs were purchased by Finke Bros., who are operating a coeprage plant at Brookfield.

Eagles Worry Benton County.

Monroe—A pair of large eagles are playing havoc among the small lambs on the foothills west of town. They are expert in keeping out of rifle range and no one has been able to get a shot at them.

HOW TO MARK YOUR BALLOT

Instructions for Voting on Initiative and Referendum Petitions.

Salem—That there is a general misunderstanding as to the manner in which ballots should be marked in voting upon referendum measures is indicated by the fact that in addressing a public meeting a few days ago a prominent speaker made the assertion that in order to defeat a referendum measure one must vote "Yes." This was an error. Ballots are to be marked in exactly the same manner as to both initiative and referendum measures. Those who wish a bill enacted or a proposed constitutional amendment adopted should mark their ballots before the word "Yes." Those who are opposed to it should vote "No." Whether submitted under the referendum or proposed by initiative, the measures appear upon the ballot in exactly the same form. A bill that has been passed by the legislature and has been referred to the people stands in the same position as a measure that has been proposed by initiative.

PRECIOUS STONES IN RIVER.

Albany Man Makes Great Finds on Gravel Bars.

Albany—That the gravel bars of the Willamette river are full of valuable stones is evidenced by the number found by J. G. Crawford, of this city, in the past year. People spend hours, says Mr. Crawford, searching on ocean beaches for stones, which can be picked up in ordinary gravel bars where no one ever thinks of searching.

On the Willamette just above and opposite this city is a wide gravel bar and on this during the past year Mr. Crawford has found the following stones and minerals: Agates of various colors, cornellians, various shades of jasper, conglomerate jasper, white jade, feldspar which resembles the blue ground of South Africa, indicative of diamonds; chalcocopy, silicas of various colors, black obsidian, black and red obsidian, moon stones, opals, rubinated quartz. Thompsonite, serpentine, oolitic, sandstone, saturite, phallus and miltoritis, composed of iron and sulphur. On this same plain-appearing gravel bar Mr. Crawford has found in his searches in the past year a fossil shark's tooth, primitive axes, pastels and mortars and paleoliths.

New Salmon Hatchery.

Astoria—Master Fish Warden Van Dusen received from the O. R. & N. Co. a lease to the property on Tanner creek, near Bonneville, which the state fisheries department desires as a site for the establishment of a large central salmon hatchery, and of a system of retaining ponds, where the small fry can be fed and kept until large enough to protect themselves against their numerous natural enemies before being turned out.

Albany's New Flour Mill.

Albany—Albany's new flour mill began running today in one of the warehouses of the old Albany Farmers' Company and will be conducted by E. A. Johnson, recently of Drain, and P. B. Marshall, secretary of the Albany Farmers' Company. The new mill has a capacity of 50 barrels a day. The new firm will also manage the three warehouses of the old company at Albany, Tallman and Tangent.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 82c; bluestem, 84c; valley, 82c; red, 80c.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50; gray, \$27.50 per ton.
Barley—Feed, \$26.00 per ton; brewing, \$32.00; rolled, \$29@30.
Corn—Whole, \$32.50; cracked, \$33.50.
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$20@21; clover, \$14@15; cheat, \$15; grain hay, \$14@15; alfalfa, \$12@13; vetch, \$14.
Butter—City creameries: Extra creamery, 37¢ per pound; state creameries, fancy creamery, 20¢@35¢; store butter, choice, 16¢@17¢.
Cheese—Oregon full cream twins, 15¢; Young America, 16¢@16½¢ per pound.
Poultry—Average old hens, 13¢@13½¢; mixed chickens, 12¢@12½¢; spring chickens, 12½¢@13¢; roosters, 10¢@11¢; dressed chickens, 14¢; turkeys, live, per pound, 9¢@10¢; ducks, 14¢@15¢; pigeons, 75¢@1.00; squabs, \$1.50@2.
Eggs—Fresh ranch 30c, candled, 23¢@24¢; per dozen; Eastern nominal.
Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 9c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 5¢@6½¢.
Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6½¢@7¢; packers, 5¢@6¢.
Fruits—Apples, table, \$1.75@3.00; cooking, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$8@11 per barrel.
Vegetables—Turnips, 75¢ per sack; carrots, 65¢ per sack; beets, \$1.00 per sack; garlic, 8c per dozen; Artichokes, 90¢@1.10 per dozen; beans, 20¢ per pound; cabbage, 1¢@1½¢ per pound; cauliflower, \$1.75@1.85; celery, \$3.75@4 per crate; eggplant, 17½¢ per pound; lettuce, hothouse, 50¢@1.25 per box; onions, 15¢@20¢ per dozen; parsley, 20¢ per dozen; peas, 10¢ per pound; peppers, 17½¢ per pound; pumpkins, 1¢@1½¢ per pound; radishes, 20¢ per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 1¢@1½¢ per pound; tomatoes, crates (6 baskets), \$5@5.50.
Onions—Buying price, \$2.50 per hundred.
Potatoes—Buying price, 40¢@60¢ per hundred delivered Portland; sweet potatoes \$3.25@3.50 per cwt.

THREE DEAD; 23 INJURED.

Sheridan Local Wrecked by Broken Rail at Forest Grove.

Forest Grove, Ore., Feb. 12.—Three were killed and 23 were injured, one very seriously, by the derailment of the Sheridan local on a short trestle bridge about three-fourths of a mile west of this city at 6 o'clock last night. The dead are: Mrs. Edward Bates and 5-months-old daughter, of Forest Grove. J. A. McDonald, of McMinnville. Mrs. J. H. Brown, aged 60, of Sheridan, was badly crushed, and may not recover.

The accident resulted from a broken rail, one 30-foot section at the west end of the trestle bridge being splintered into four pieces by the weight of the heavily loaded coaches. The defective rail apparently did not give way until after the engine, mail and baggage cars had crossed in safety.

The smoker was the first to leave the track, carrying with it two day coaches. The smoker and the first day coach ran over the ties for a distance of 20 yards and pitched from the trestle to the ground, ten feet below, striking on their sides. The second day coach also left the track, and turned only partly over.

Miss Grace Harding, of Gaston, a passenger in the rear coach, was thrown through a window into less than two feet of water beneath the trestle, but escaped uninjured.

PRINTERS SENT TO PRISON.

Members of New York "Big 6" Fined and Sent to Jail.

New York, Feb. 12.—President Patrick McCormick, of the local Typographical Union, known as the "Big 6" and George W. Jackson and Vincent J. Costello, union organizers, yesterday were fined \$250 each and sentenced to 30 days imprisonment for disobedience of an injunction obtained by the Typothetae of New York in 1906. Thomas Bennett and William S. Anderson were fined \$100 on the same charge. Sentence was imposed by Justice Bischoff in the supreme court.

This is the first time any such heavy sentence in the case of a labor organization has been imposed in these courts. The troubles grew out of the strike of Typographical Union No. 6, commonly called "Big Six," ordered early in 1906 against the Association of Employers known as the Typothetae of the city of New York for a closed shop and an eight-hour day.

WILL BAR JAPS.

British Columbia Legislature Enacts Educational Test Law.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 12.—The new immigration law, enacted by the British Columbia legislature recently, on the lines of the Natal act, which applies an educational test to immigrants arriving in British Columbia, who must be able to read and write in English or a language of Europe to be permitted to land, became a law today, when Lieutenant-Governor James Dunsmuir assented to the bill.

Immediate provisions were made for the enforcement of the new law, which is obviously aimed at the Japanese, and officials have been instructed to carry out its effect on all immigrants arriving after today. There are at the quarantine station 258 Japanese, left there by the steamer Kaga Maru, in quarantine, 125 of whom are bound here, and these will come under the provisions of the new law.

RURAL PARCELS POST BILL.

Burnham Proposes Measure to Help Country Merchants.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Senator Burnham, of New Hampshire, today introduced in congress a measure of distinct importance to rural interests throughout the United States. It is a bill to provide a rural delivery parcels post for merchandise and other articles actually mailed on rural delivery routes. The rural free delivery routes now number more than 38,000, and on them in excess of 15,000,000 people receive a daily postal service.

The measure has the indorsement of the president and postmaster-general, Meyer. It provides, in brief, for the establishment of a rural parcel post at special rates of postage for the delivery of foodstuffs, dry goods, drugs, books and other merchandise.

Fund for King's Slay.

London, Feb. 12.—A special dispatch to the Standard from Lisbon states that the public acquiescence in the assassination of the King and Crown Prince as a justifiable political act, and that no effort will be made to bring to justice the accomplices of the murderers, although they are numerous and in many cases known. On the contrary, says the dispatch, no surprise is expressed that the republican newspapers demand the criminal prosecution of the king's equerry, Flegueria, who sabred one assassin.

Naval Uniform a Bar.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 12.—The Rhode Island supreme court today confirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Chief Yeoman Fred Bueuzle, who sued the proprietors of a Newport dancing pavilion for refusing his admission because he wore the uniform of the United States navy. When the case was tried in the superior court Bueuzle was awarded 25 cents damages, this being the sum he had paid for his ticket.

Arbitrate With France.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Secretary Root and Ambassador Jusserand today signed a treaty providing for the arbitration of any issue that may arise between France and America.

CAN'T MAKE RAIL

State Railroad Commission No Such Power.

COURT SO DECIDES WRECK

State Constitution Gives Rate-Making Power to Legislature—Extra Session May Be Called.

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 12.—The Washington state railroad commission has no authority to fix minimum rates is the gist of a decision handed down by Judge Hanford of the federal court in the joint wheat rate case. Judge Hanford holds that section 18, of article XII, of the state constitution, the power to establish and fix maximum freight passenger rates is reserved to the legislature and cannot be given to a commission.

By this decision the usefulness of the railroad commission as a rate-making body is destroyed, and Governor Mead stated tonight that he had under consideration the advisability of calling an extra session of the legislature to consider submitting to the next general election a proposed amendment to the state constitution giving the railroad commission power of rate making.

The decision is a victory for R. & N. and the commercial interests of Portland as opposed to the efforts of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern to divert the Washington wheat traffic from land to Puget Sound seaports.

The case will immediately be carried to the supreme court of the United States. If the ruling is held in the higher court of the state commission will have only to take testimony and furnish data relative to rates and submit this to the legislature with recommendations for fixing rates.

CHILEANS CHEER FLEET

Navy Thunders Salute—Rooster Evans Toasted.

Valparaiso, Feb. 15.—The American fleet of 16 battleships, under command of Rear-Admiral Evans, passed Valparaiso yesterday afternoon and continued on its way northward for Callao, Peru, next stopping place. All Valparaiso and thousands of persons from the city in Chile witnessed the passing of the fleet.

President Montt and other high officials of the republic met out from shore to greet the ships, and almost the entire Chilean navy exchanged salutes with the Americans around Curanipe and into Valparaiso Bay. A file, headed by the Chilean Chacabuco and five Chilean boat destroyers.

President Montt and other officials embarked on the battleship General Baquedano and in position well out in the bay. Around the Baquedano the fleet swung at a speed of four knots, the presidential salute was passed in review. It was from the time the head of the entered the bay until the fleet had passed the president's ship turned toward the open sea.

SHIP GOES ASHORE.

Vessel and Cargo of Coal on Oregon Coast.

Bay City, Ore., Feb. 12.—An American wooden ship Emily, 103 days out from Newcastle, W. Va., with a cargo of coal for land, went ashore half a mile from the Nehalem river, on the Oregon coast, at 1:30 o'clock this morning. The vessel immediately ran in two and ten members of the crew were drowned. Captain Knapp, Second Mate Charles Thomas and three members of the crew were saved.

The survivors were brought to Bay City yesterday morning and now quartered at private residences. The ship has broken up and a total loss, as will also the 2,110 tons of coal. The vessel was consigned to the Pacific Coast company at Portland.

Army of Buyers in New York.

New York, Feb. 15.—The Chamberlains Association estimated fully 700 more buyers reached yesterday, making nearly 4,000 in the city. Although yesterday is a holiday, large wholesale buyers were compelled to keep open because of the great number of buyers. The winter goods season is supposed to close in January. The winter goods season has been lengthened and many buyers are reported as placing orders west report a great increase in business.

Abolish Race Track

Oakland, Feb. 15.—A mass meeting was held here tonight as a means of abolishing the race track at Emeryville. There was a large attendance. President Benjamin Wheeler, of the University of California, was the principal speaker. He stated that racing horses, of which there are not many, is not harmful, but that the racing ring which goes with the racetrack is one of the worst institutions of the times. He called on the occasion to score bridge whittling.

After Express Company

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 15.—The first-class mail matter was against the American Express company in a suit filed in the States district court here today.