PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS IN BRIEF

Tuesday, December 21.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Representa-ves Hamer, Mondell and Martin today held a conference and agreed to unite in pressing for consideration the hill relieving homesteaders in the northwest from the necessity of resid-

tally severe and many requests for rendering aid in such cases. for this relief are being received. is asserted that new settlers are

The senate today confirmed the non ination of Robert Bacon of New York state to be ambassador to France.

President Taft sent to the senate the nominations of General George Stone of California to be naval officer of customs at San Francisco, and Howard Shober of South Dakota to be audifor the interior department in this

The Mann "white slave traffic" bill was favorably reported to the from \$130,000 to \$400,000; appropriathouse today by Chairman Mann of that ing \$30,000 for the Eliza Island light-committee. The report accompanying house; appropriating \$10,000 for launch the presentation of the measure dis for Puget Sound customs service. tinctly disclaims any purpose to usurp in any way the police powers of the

Recommendations for changes in the present law regulating transportation companies are contained in the twen-ty-third annual report of the interstate commerce commission transmitted today to congress.

The report, however, is notable rather for recommendations it does not of the Hailey land office.

Five of the suggestions made by the second committee selected by President interstate commerce act are offered in

Congress adjourned early this afternoon to Thursday, January 4.

Monday, December 20.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Both senate equand house concluded their labors by 2 up o'clock today. Tomorrow a holiday ad-journment for two weeks will be taken. Aside from the confirmation of the nomination of Horace H. Lurton, of Tennessee, to be an associate justice of the supreme court, the principal feature of the senate proceedings was a speech laden with optimism and good cheer for the Christmas season by Sen-ator Dep vw. The address of the New was called forth by what he and in many newspapers as to the ef-fect of the tariff upon prices and as to the waste of natural resources.

Washington, Dec. 20 - "We will re general river and harbor bill February 1," said Chairman Alexander, of the house committee on rivers and harbors, today. Mr. Alexanler said his bill would carry much more than \$30,000,000.

Friday, December 17.

Washington, Dec. 17 .- Denunciation and also another speech of similar by Representative Fitzgerald of New York, who said "a certain distinguished official" was responsible, from which the president (Roosevelt) therefore, because of the bad example the had set for his subordinates. This callivened an otherwise dull session of

It was understood generally that Mr. Fitzgerald had ex-President Roosevelt

tion bill was read, but was not put upon its passage, and will be taken up Monday again. Some saving was ef-Monday again. feeted by reducing appropriations for increases in salaries for district officers by eliminating altogether paragraphs making provisions for new offices.

Representative Macon, Arkansas, again assumed the role of the "watch log of the treasury" and made points order against several sections of the and not wholly without success.

Rather unexpectedly the house agreed

Washington, Dec. 17. — Senatorial friends of Secretary Ballinger are preparing to introduce and pass a resoluion authorizing sweeping congressional investigation into conduct of the interior department, general land office and forest service. in hearty accord with this purpose and said today he would welcome such an investigation in his department, for he is satisfied that a fair and impartial investigation will bring forth satisfacfory answer to every accusation that has been made against him and against other officials of his department.

Army engineers, in a report cent to congress today, recommend an appropriation of \$9,600 for dredging a channel 40 feet wide and two and a half feet deep in the Cowlitz river, from appropriation of \$2,000 to maintain the channel.

Thursday, December 16.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Performing the functions of a municipal legislative body the house today devoted nearly five hours to consideration of the Dis triet of Columbia appropriation bill. The measure carries \$10,156,473 for the

Representative McCredie today introduced bills authorizing the erection of public buildings at Vancouver, Hoquiam and Aberdeen, Wash., to cost \$150,000

Agreement Arrived at on Rate Cases. Washington, Dec. 16 .- A final agreement was reached today between counsel for both sides in the lumber rate eases. Argument will be heard either here or at Chicago. The roads attach importance to the cases, judging from the attention they give. It is evident the real meaning of the cases is more an attack on the powers of the commission than the question of rates, although ostensibly rates constitute the

each. The same bills were introduced in the senate by Senator Jones.

Washington, Dec. 16 .- In a brief session of the senate today a resolu-tion by Cullom was adopted calling on the secretary of the interior for ing on their lands through the winter, formation respecting mining disasters Reports indicate that the weather is and facilities of the federal government

Senator Foster today introduced a joint resolution authorizing the war definding it impossible to remain on their partment to return to the state of Lousiana the original ordinance of seces sion adopted by the people of that

If favorable action is taken upon the subject of Louisiana, it is expected that other states which seconded prior to the vil war will request similar returns. Senator Piles today introduced the following bills: Increasing the limit of the cost of Bellingham public building from \$120,000 to \$420,000; increasing the cost of the Everett building

Senator Jones today introduced bills authorizing the purchase of sites and the erection of public buildings at Wenatchee, Waterville and Ellensburg,

The senate today confirmed the following Idaho postmasters: John E. Jones, of Kellogg; Henry B. Curtiss, of Blackfoot; Leola Wyman, of Mullan, and also Presley F. Horne as register of the Hailey lead.

Wednesday, December 15,

to business today, passed the Esch bill, requiring railroads to make full monthly reports to the interstate commerce measure giving the commission power! to compel railroads to provide uniform equipment for their cars, and then took up for consideration the Mann Panama canal bill, on which general debate

Vigorous opposition to the proposed plan to abolish the Isthmian canal comission and to vest building of the Panama canal and of governing the canal zone in one director-general, appointed by the president, cropped out in the house today in general debate BIG WEDDING CAKE FOR KING. on the Mann bill, reported by the com

Scarcely less intense was the protest aroused when it was learned that the

This would require the abolition of the local An appeal direct to the supreme court of the United States is authorized, however, in questions arising out of the constitution, treaties or laws of the United States, involving a death the Tongan royal crown an sentence or imprisonment. Similar apoof the king and his bride. flicinis of the executive departments peal is allowed in civil cases involving

essity for his measure.

What are the sources of authority sentative Harrison of New York.

FOOD LAW MORE DRASTIC

Department to Add Laboratories for day of the ceremony. Stricter Enforcement

Washington, Dec. 21.-A comprehensive enlargement of the activities Chicago Landlords Lose Test Case in of the department of agriculture in administering the pure food act is contemplated in orders issued today. The object is to inaugurate for ports where the department has no chemical labo- shoo the stork away from their premratory a systematic inspection of foods, as is done at ports where such facilities exist.

A complete chain of laboratory dispropriating \$17,000 for playgrounds for tricts has been established, with head-children of the district. quarters at the principal ports, to which will be sent samples of imported goods when found necessary. All fusing to renew his lease. imports, regarding the right to enter which under the pure food law any doubt may exist in the minds of the customs inspectors at the smaller places will be referred to these chem-

> Officials say that the method will tend to do away with any tendency to import goods in violation of law at the smaller ports, where there are no laboratories, instead of at the larger ports, although their ultimate destination is the same. Headquarters are to be located, among other places, at Galveston, Denver, San Francisco and

Postmasters Will Get More.

Washington, Dec. 22-On January 1 the following fourth-class postoffices will be advanced to the presidential grade, and the salaries of the postmasters fixed as indicated: Oregon: Hermiston, \$1,100; Sherwood, \$1,100; Wallowa, \$1,200. Washington: Almira and Woodland, \$1,000; Granite Falls, Kettle Falls and Oroville, \$1,100. Idaho: Gooding, \$700; Jerome, \$1,600; Burley, \$1,300; Rigby, \$1,200; Cambridge, Cottonwood, Meridian, \$1,100.

M'Veagh Favors Postoffice.

Washington, Dec. 21-The secretary of the treasury has reported favorabiy upon Bourne's bill for a new postoffice building in Portland. The report recites that an adequate postoffice building will require an expenditure of \$1,500,000. The report gone to the senate public buildings committee and Bourne will try to se cure an early report from the committee, and the passage of his bill through

Worst Winter in Years Causes Many Wrecks and Delays.

Chicago, Dec. 20,-Railroads in the West, northwest, and in the central states are experiencing the greatest difficulty of years in operating their trains, Conditions which exist now have not been equalled during any winter for the past decade,

The troubles of the operating men sem prevalent everywhere. In Chicago passenger trains from all directions as from five hours to one-half day te, and in a few instances trains be

To make matters worse, the difficult ave been accompanied by a long serie which have resulted in arousing more-hension everywhere. For most of these marked drop in temperature causes the rails to become brittle.

Within the territory limits of Chicago the operation of trains is made exceed ngly difficult by reason of the cold and smoke. Early in the morning suurban trains are compelled to crawl e; appropriating \$10,000 for launch into the stations, the engine crews un able to see the signals at times on ac ant of the low-hanging smoke

Throughout the west freight traffic is re or less paralyzed. In an effort to get passenger trains over the road the sidetrack freight everywhere for a long The result is that all the sidngs are full of delayed freight and the terminal yards are congested to an

In many sections the sudden extrem old has been tollowed by a heavy fall of snow, which has drifted and thus special committee selected by President Washington, Dec. 15.—Sitting until blocked traffic in many places for hours. Taft to draft changes in the existing after nightfall, the house buckled down In Chicago the operating men on the eked traffic in many places for hours. various roads have been working day and night in the hope of clearing up the lines and getting traffic moving nor-

Passenger trains cannot get out of Chicago on time, because of the non-arrival of Pullman equipment, which use on delayed trains.

Railroad men say one of the greatest causes of delay is the difficulty of steaming engines during severe cold. Another cause is the difficulty of operating coal 20 minutes to one-half hour in securing

mittee on interstate and foreign com- Monarch of Tonga, in New Zealand, Orders 500-Pounder.

Cape Town, Dec. 20,-By comman committee had recommended that the of King George of Tonga, a baker of judicial power of the canal zone be Auckland, New Zealand, has designed rested in one circuit court and such and built a cake for the coming nuptials inferior courts as the president may of that potentate. In its splendor and imposing proportions the cake, to quote his would require the abolition of the local press, "has never had an ful of existing supreme court on the zone. equal in the annals of Australasian face. and, appeal direct to the supreme confectionery."

It weighs 500 pounds and stands eight feet high. Decorating various panels are the Tongan coat of arms, the Tongan royal crown and the initials

Curiously enough, the lady's initials of the government who criticise with of the government who criticise with out just cause was made in a speech by Representative Mann of Illinois, thor of the bill and chairman of the baker's shop window. The identity of committee, attempted to explain the the future queen is in fact a mystery, and one of the conditions imposed on the baker was to complete the secrecy regarding her initials. It is understood that there has been some competition among the ladies of the Tongan court for the kingly bridegroom, and that in order to defer the disappointment of the unsuccessful ones till the last possible moment his majesty will not re yeal the name of the bride until the sion and relinquished his claim.

CANNOT SHUT OUT THE STORK

Court.

Chicago, Dec. 20,-Hard hearted Illinois landlords and flat agents must not ises. The law had its first test today, landlords who refuse apartments to parents, actual or prospective.

Rolla R. Longenecker, father of a boy of 5 and a girl of 3, brought suit Robert F. Schenek, as agent, for reit clear that the reason was that he had children. Longenecker, who is a lawyer and son of the famous lawye and judge, immediately began a test of the law passed last winter covering such cases, and Municipal Judge Himes decided that children and their parents under the constitution, are entitled to ife and reasonable liberty.

Bank Guaranty Attacked

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 20 .- Re straining orders against State Bank Commissioner Young were asked in a suit argued in the district court today. The United States Fidelity & Guaranty company and the Southern Surety con pany, sureties for the state school land commission in the protection of funds deposited with the Columbia Bank & Trust company, asked the court to pre vent the bank commissioner from makng the state guaranty fund and state banks preferred creditors in closing up the bank's affairs, Judge Clark reserved

Road Boosts Dry Farms.

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 20.-It is announced today by the immigration lepartment of the Santa Fe railroad that \$25,000 or more will be spent by the railroad to demonstrate the final practicability of dry farming in the wastes of New Mexico. Hard-working homesteaders in all parts of the terri-tory will be supplied with the necessary funds and implements. Professor J. D. Tinsley, of the New Mexico agricultural college, has resigned in order to take charge of the work,

Minneapolis, Dec. 20.—Flax went to \$2 a bushel on the grain market here According to the elusion in the omnibus public building bill, if one is passed this season.

ROADS BESET BY TROUBLE.

The Redemption of Pavid Corson

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CHAPTER XL-(Continued.) occurred to him that if he left the body where it was and it should be the gravest suspicions of foul play; but that if he dragged it back again wrecks the sudden cold snap is being to the road and laid it with its face held responsible by the railroad men, as in the dust, against the rock with to the road and laid it with its face | that other solitude-a crowd.

pass for an accident. Once more that hideous smile unning lit up the face which in these few moments had undergone a mysterious deterioration. He hastily removed the heap of rubbish, shuddered as he saw the loathsome thing once more exposed to view, but selzed it, dragged mate art in the position which criminal prescience had suggested.

As it lay there in the road nothing ould have seemed more natural than that it had fallen from the horse; felt another momentary relief terror, in which he cunningly conceived a still more sagacious plan, on no friends; it was easy to catch him. He did so, removed the saddle, broke the girth and placed it near the prostrate figure of the quack. Nothing could have more perfectly resembled an accident. An adept in crime could have performed this task with finer skill, and he was free now to turn to the rest of the work that he must do to conceal this ghastly deed.

Approaching the buggy, he found to his immense relief that Pepeeta was still unconscious. With swift and lent movements he freed the mare, led her out into the road and drove hur-

As he emerged from the wood they came to another brook, so similar to the one by the side of which the struggle had occurred, that he conceived the idea of stopping by its side and awakening Pepceta from her stupor there will not notice the difference," he said to himself; "and if she did not witness the fatal blow I can persuade her that I overpowered the doctor and forced him to return while she was in

Stopping the horse, he lifted her inanimate form from the carriage, bore it to the side of the brook, laid it gently upon the bank and dashed a handful of the cold water into her white She gasped, opened her eyes, and, sitting up, looked about her with an expression of terror.

"Where am 1?" she asked. "Do you not remember? here in the wood where the doctor overtook us," he replied.

"He has returned." "But I saw you clench with each other, and it was awful! What hap-pened then? I must have fainted. Do you mean that he has gone back without me? How did you persuade him

"I persuaded him with my fists. You should have seen me, Pepeeta!" "Did he acknowledge that he had

deceived me "He did indeed. Yes, he has gone, never to return. He made his confesso we have nothing to do but forget him and be happy. Are you feeling

"Yes, I am better; but I am not well: I cannot shake it off. It seems too dreadful to have been real. yet how much better it is than if on of you had been killed! Oh! I wish I could stop seeing it. Yet us go! us leave this gloomy wood. get out into the sunshine. See! getting dark. We must not stay here

any longer." Yes, let us go," he said, rising, lifting her gently from the ground and leading her back to the buggy, in which they took their seats and drove rapidly forward.

Pepeeta's thought were full of gladness; and David's full of agony-they through his mind like contrary winds through a forest.

"Was it not enough that I should be an Adam, and fall? Must I also bebrand of a murderer on my forehead?" he kept saying to himself.

CHAPTER XII.

The morning after the fight David nd Pepeeta hurried on to Louisville, and from there took a steamer to New Pepeeta was radiant loy as they embarked. "How happy ! left my old life and the old world behind me!

"And I am happy to see you glad," answered the wretched youth, whose heart lay in his bosom like lead and torture of whose like he had never even dreamed. They embarked unknown and unobserved; but as soon as the first confusion had passed, their singular beauty and unusual appear ance made them the cynosure of every

"Who is that splendid fellow?" en asked each other, as David passed with Pepeeta on his arm, while under their breaths men declared that his companion was the loveliest who had ever set foot on a Mississippi steamer.

David was in need of excitement. The thought of his crime was constantly agitating his heart, the prostrate form of the doctor with wound on his forehead was never absent from his mind, and through all the ceaseless rumble around him he could hear the thud of the stone upon the hard skull. The efforts which he made to throw off these horrible weights that crushed him were like those of a man awakening from a nightmare. He scarcely

dared to speak for fear of uttering which seemed to tremble on his lips fled to the solitude of a forest; here he was resistlessly impelled to cessity of being gay with his beautiful his terror and remorse taxed his resources to their utmost limit, and in his pervousness he kept Pepeeta mov ing with him all day long. At its close tired early to her stateroom. Freed

straight to the gambling tables where the nightly games were in full swing In the months which they had spent ogether the quack had indoctrinated David into all the best-known secrets miliarized him with the use of a cerwith which he had achieved incredible results and which was new to the fraternity of the river. Having natched the players for a long time, David nvinced himself that he could em ploy this trick successfully, and took

from thought. David made his way

David felt his way along with a colness that astonished himself, and his very first experiment with the delicate apparatus concealed in his sleeve was such a brilliant triumph that he saw it was undetected. With a strengthened confidence, he made the stakes larger and larger, and his winnings increased so rapidly as to make him the center of attention. The crowd swarmed round the table. The spectators became breathless. The gamblers were first astonished, then bewildered. surance increased, and when day broke ten thousand dollars lay upon the ble before him as the result of skillful and desperate efforts.

Their loss astonished and enraged the gamblers to such a degree that with a preconcerted signal they sprang at their opponent, determined to remove was not unexpected, nor war unprepared. He fought as he played, and so won the sympathies of the bystanders than in an instant there was a general melee in which he was helped to escape with the -innings.

career had opened before him. Satelto solicit his friendship and nath When he disembarked at New Orleans he had already entered into a partnership with one of the most notable members of the gambling frater and purchased an interest !those "palaces" where games of chance attracted and destroyed their thou-

sands. The newspapers made the gas throngs of that gayest of all citie miliar with the incidents of David's advent. He and Penesia became the talk of the town. They rented a fashionable house, and swung out into the current of the mad life of the metropois of the South

For a little while this and glory softened the pain in the heart of the man who believed himself to be a murderer and encouraged him to hope that it might eventually pass He played recklessly but suc cessfully, for he was a transient face: te of the fickle goddess. When gam ding lost Its power to drown the voice play and the wine cup! To each of them appealing in turn, he went whirling madly around the our the great maelstrom in which so many brilliant youths were swallowed in those ante-bellum days.

For two years David and Pepeeta lived together in New Orleans. were years full of import, and of trouble. A baby came to them, lingered a few weeks, and then died. David pursued the occupation he had choser with the vicissitudes of fortune usua: chance, and the moral and spiritual deterioration which they invariably de-

Peneeta altered strangely. Her bloom disappeared and an expression of sad ness became habitual on her face. She was surrounded by luxuries of every kind, but they did not give her peace With an ambition which never flagged she sought self-improvement, and tained it to a remarkable degree. Endowed with an inherited aptitude culture, she read and studied books. observed and imitated elegant ners, and rapidly absorbed the best elements of such higher life as she had access to, until her natural beauty and charm were wonderfully enhanced. Yet she was not happy, for her life with David had brought her nothing but surprise and disappointment something had come between them, she "Dey des growed apaht," said the

old negro "mammy," who was with them during those two years. "Seem ed to des tech each other like mahbles at a single point, stade of meltin' to gedder lak two drops of watah runnin down a window pane. Mars' David he done went he own way, drinkin he haby die. He seem skeered when he see Miss Pepeeta. She look at him wid her big black eyes full of wonder and s'prise, stretch out her li'l han's. and when he run away or struck her, she des go out to the li'l baby's grave. creeping along lak a shadder through the gyahden, soft lak and still. Dar lak de breeze in he old pine and de brack folks say she wanner all

aroun' in de woods. When Sunday come, she des slip into de churches lake a li'l mouse and nibble up de gospel crumbs and den run away before de priests cotch her. Dark days dose, in de old Ballantrae mansion! ome de night when dey pahted. You

done heah about dat?" The old colored mammy was right. "They just grew apart," as it was in-evitable that they should Perfect selfmanifestation is the true principle and law of love, and when a guilty secret and fear inevitably result. They be-

It was a frightful discipline; but she was sanctified by it. Day by day she became more patient, gentle and resigned, and in proportion as she grew these graces, her lover's awe and fear increased, and so they drifted farther and farther apart. Such relalonships cannot continue forever, and

After the first few months' exciteent of his new life, David's conscience began to torment him anew. He be-came melancholy, then moody, and finally fell into the habit of sitting for hours among the crowds which swarmed the gambling rooms, brooding over his secret. From stage to he passed until he at last reached that of the gambler as rust does iron. And so the wretched victim of many vices sat one evening at the close of the second year with his hat drawn down over his eyes, reflecting upon his past. "What's the matter, Davy?" asked a whistling good-humoredly as he left

"Leave me alone." David growled, and reached for a glass mug-containing a strong decoction to which he was resorting more and more as his troubles grew intolerable. thing happened! As he put it to his lips its bottom dropped upon the table and the contents streamed into his straw that broke the camel's back, for

it had aroused a superstitious terror. With a smothered cry he sprang to his feet and gazed around upon his companions. They, too, had observed the untoward accident, and to them as aster. Not one of them doubted that the bottom would fall out of his fortunes as out of his glass, for by such signs as these the gambler reads his

He pulled himself together and made of the accident, but it was impossible for him to dissipate the imhis companions or to banish the gloom from his own soul. And so after a few brave but futile efforts to break the spell of apprehension, he slipped quietly away, opened the door and passed out into the night.

(To be continued.)

PREY OF THE TIGER.

Preference for Human Flesh After Once Tasting It.

In the intervals of rest and recreation which Mr. Rees doubtless allows himself he may do worse than give his most attentive consideration to certain facts mentioned by a writer in the Indian Forester bearing upon the evolution of the forest tiger's taste, first for cattle and then for human meat, the India Daily News says.

When tired of the monotony of the menu provided by deer or wild pig the forest tiger develops a taste for, domestic cattle, and then its modus operandi is a very interesting study. The menue is changed from deep forest to cattle-breeding area, where the tiger leisurely carries on its depredations until shot-an operation which, owever it might shock Mr. Rees, is one of the most beneficent acts of the

As the writer in the aforesald periodical says, the transition from cattle slaying to man slaying is not a great step. Where cattle abound human beings are, and once the tiger has tasted the human meat it develops an extraordinary passion for it. And so it must have its daily feed. It goes anywhere in search of food.

Many years ago a tiger swam the Rangoon river, nearly a mile in width, and landed in the heart of the locality, crept under the raised floor of a Burman hut and was promptly slaughtered.

About six years ago a large tiger was observed on the platform of the Shwe-Dogan pagoda at Rangoon and was shot by a party of soldiers told off for the purpose. The superstitious Burmese attributed the outbreak of plague in Rangoon to the shooting of this tiger, which they declared was some particular marrifestation of the Buddha. It is a curious fact, however, that the plague outbreak occurred shortly afterward, and the city has not since been free of the scourge.

A Compromise.

"You'll have to send for another doctor," said the one who had been called after a glance at the patient. "Am I so ill as that?" gasped the

"I don't know just how ill you are,"

replied the man of medicine, "but I know you're the lawyer who cross-examined me when I apepared as an expert witness. My conscience won't let me kill you, and I'll be hanged if I want to cure you. Good day."-Phila-

Before and After.

She was a frivolous, fashionable young woman with beaux galore, but one man with only a small income seemed to be the favorite.

"You'll have to work hard before you win that girl," said his mother. "And a good deal harder after you win her." answered his father, who

knew what he was talking about .--

Tit-Bits. Kindness in ourselves is the honey that blunts the sting of unkindness