#### ASTRONOMER DESCRIBES WORLD'S PROBABLE END

Those "easy" persons who are al ways afraid that some predicted end of the world

will come to pass suddenly should South find considerable comfort in the assertion of Profesaor Lowell that there is the best of scientific evidence for believing mankind will cataclysm which program."

may put this earth in the scrap heap. an end will come to the earth, but he as minority leader. about the eminent astronomer and confessed in connection with the his work do not doubt his word, of bribery charges

our sun. When it hits the bull's-eye, like pawns to Shurtleff and Lorias it is bound to do some day, our mer. little hunk of mud will cease to exist.

later would it appear as large as the without protest. brightest stars in the heavens. Nearly three years more and our geasons would begin to change, the days becoming longer. The beginning of the Wins First Important Political Manend would come about five months later. The stranger would not strike our little planet, but would pass so the sun, like a couple of dust specks United States senate. into a roaring furnace fire.

Professor Lowell, who has so calm-Harvard in 1876, he continued the the Lorimer election. study of astronomy in many parts of Flagstaff, Ariz. Being a fellow in jority of the committee. theritative. His odd theory concern. Congress. ing the end of the world, therefore, has aroused no end of controversy among men of science.

#### NINETY-YEAR-OLD IOWAN WHO KNEW HENRY CLAY

on, but Uncle

farm home near birth a Kentucki- out the

was sitting, book in hand, with feet tion out of order. elevated, leaning against a tree. He antly with young Cooper whenever they met and the latter has always Crumpacker Proposes 435 Members, cherished his memory in his heart of hearts. The opposite, however, is true in the case of Thomas H. Ben-1837. Mr. Cooper's father became a close political associate and trusted lieutenant of Benton. He managed was a frequent visitor at the Cooper tee on census. home. On one of these occasions the speech than Benton. At one time of population, when the latter was spending the . referring to me, 'This young man is not going to vote with us this year.' Benton, in a loud enraged tone, roared, "if he was my son I'd disinherit him.'

"I'd have given all I was worth," age so I could have thrashed him."

Howell-"Is he in good standing?" Powell-"He was until I sat on him."

# NATIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTERES'I

BELIEVES LORIMER GUILTY.

Dakota Senator Protests

Against Whitewash Report. Washington, Jan. 10. - Senator Crawford, of South Dakota, bitterly attacked Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, today, charging that he must have known of the corrupt practices em-ployed in electing him. The election of State Representative Shurtleff as have many years' speaker of the lower house of the warning of the Illinois legislature, Crawford said, great and final was the "first step in the corrupt

"The next move," he continued, The professor has no doubt that such | "was wiwo install Lee O'Neill Browne

makes no attempt to say when the He reviewed the testimony of the event will occur. Those who know representatives and senators who law is invalid or whether it has the

"The strength of this testimony is course; and those who do not know not broken by its association with tion, with an invested capital of more may rest assured that Professor State Representatives White, Beckettan \$400,000,000, or the emasculation Lowell is amply qualified to render meyer, Holtslaw and Link, relf-conan opinion on this important subject. fessed criminals. They are contempt-The probable nature of the end of lble people, I readily grant, but there the world, as the conclusions of the is something so consistent in the scientists show, will be a drop into theory that Lorimer purchased them, the sun; but Professor Lowell says and something so completely antagowe shall have advance knowledge of nistic in the theory that they were this, and he knows. As the acten honest votes cast in Lorimer's favor, tists have figured it out there is that I cannot escape the conviction somewhere in the remote confines of that these men betrayed their honor space a great mass of matter-once a and blackened the fair name of the world, but now dead-hurtling toward state for paltry dollars and permitted chief counsel for the appellant fell the Browne and Broderick to sell them

It is well for our peace of mind its purpose," he said. "Its only tenthat no such dead world is at present dency is further confirmation and within dangerous proximity. Yet who corroborative proof that Lorimer was knows what day the morning papers unlawfully elected. I wish I could may announce that one has been dis- believe that Lorimer himself did not covered by aid of the sun's light re- know that fraud was being commitflected upon it as it enters our little ted. I regret to say it, but I personcircle-butting into our society, so to ally believe that Lorimer knew speak. While it would then be cerenough about what was going on in tain the end of the world was at Springfield to prove to any reasontain the end of the world was at hand, still, there would be ample time in which to prepare for the inevitable. About 27 years would elapse from the live it was discovered by some an accepted the results of their acts and accepted the results of time it was discovered by some as their corrupt practices, of which he tronomer with his telescope until the must have had knowledge. I may be fatal mass could be seen with the wrong, but I am willing that the renaked eye, and not until three years port of this subcommittee be adopted

#### CANNON TRIUMPHS.

euver When Congress Meets.

Washington, Jan. 9 .- Senator Bev. favorably. close in its dash to the sun that the eridge today introduced a resolution earth would turn and follow until, to declaring that William Lorimer of Panama canal zone. Flint's amendgether, they would drop silently into illinois was not duly elected to the ment makes the canal free of tolls the sun, like a couple of dust specks

ly announced the probability of this a minority report on the finding of ernment at any time to take over startling end to all earthly hopes and the senate committee on privileges vessels which accept the use of the startling end to all earthly hopes and the senate committee on privileges canal without tolls, the question of fears, was born at Boston, Mass., and elections, which investigated the cost to be settled later, and enables March 13, 1855. Graduating from charges of bribery in connection with the president to fix the tolls at not

study of astronomy in many parts of the world until 1894, when he established the Lowell Observatory at proval with the findings of the ma- over vessels, the government can at

nearly all the important scientific and Speaker Cannon had his hour of auxiliaries it needs in war. astronomical associations of Europe triumph in the House today in winnd America, his opinions have long ning the first important political nal a real competitor of the transbeen accepted quite generally as au maneuver of the present session of continental roads. There have been

discomfited. by a majority on a ruling identical them. with the one he made last March, It is rare nowadays to meet a man when the House overruled his deciwho knew Henry Clay, Crittenden and sion through a combination of insur- been paid by transcontinental roads Thomas H. Ben gent Republicans and Democrats.

On the eve of their return to power Johnny Cooper, the Democrats voted to sustain the der the terms of the contract was who just celebrate ruling of the chair. The insurgents compelled to run its steamers with-ed his ninetieth -- 27 of them-stood by their guns out freight in order to prevent steambirthday at his and fought the Speaker bravely in a ers from being competitors of the lost cause.

It was on the point as to whether Hamburg, Ia. was a proposed amendment to the rules personally ac offered from the floor, constituted a quainted with question of high constitutional privithose famous men. lege that the storm broke. Mr. Cooper is by precisely this question that called "revolution" of last March. hood days lived amendment providing for a rules next door to "Harry" Clay. He de committee of 15 members to be electscribes Clay as being the possessor ed by the House, instead of three of remarkably long ears and prodi members appointed by the Speaker. sity for better protection of the Paglously big feet. His favorite attitude The Speaker ruled the Norris resolu- cific Coast. Particularly they ap

## would always stop and converse pleas. SHALL THE HOUSE BE LARGER?

Campbell Would Cut to 225.

Washington-The question as to how ton. The Coopers removed from Ken- the United States shall be reappor- authorizing an increased number of and swimming to safety. The acciaccordance with the 1910 census returns was discussed with the president Benton's campaigns in that section by Representative Crumpacker, of Inof the state and the great Missourian diana, chairman of the house commit-

The bill which Mr. Crumpacker will younger Cooper was tempted to whip introduce will provide for a member- tle one-story houses for their resid-Benton. "My father," said he, in a ship of 435, an increase of 43 over the ences and are self-sustaining these reminiscent mood, "was a talking present number. This would be on a are the Alabama Indians in Texas, acman, and could make a better stump basis of one representative to 211,880 cording to a report sent to congress by of Cape Cod had seen in many years

Cannon Inherits Fortune.

Washington - Speaker Cannon received a letter from King, King, & Co., bankers of Bombay, India, notifying him that a woman client of the House committee on insular af sald Uncle John, with vehemence, "if theirs, having been warned by her fairs, Representative Martin, of Colhe had been a young man of my own physicians that she had less than six orado, who started the inquiry, crossmonths to live, had deposited with them has will for examining Dean C. Worcester, of the visiting notables are to have their voices "phonographed" and the recthem her will for execution upon her death, in which Joseph G. Cannon, of arrest of Manila newspaper men for bonne for future generations. The plus the \$75,000 raised by the uni- a private sanitarium. Rev. A. B. Lar-Danville, Ill., s made sole heir to an libel in connection with publications records will be made with unusual versity itself in compliance with the kin, his son, attributes the scientists'

same time, expressed the opinion that to about 225 and kept permanently at that figure. He said he might intro-

duce a bill to that effect. AFTER TOBACCO TRUST.

Dissolve Big Compine. Washington-Before the court of last resort Saturday began the final legal battle for life of the American Toseco company and its subsidiaries. High priced corporation lawyers matched wits with the government's trust busters in a struggle to determine whether the Sherman anti-trust power to crush the tobacco trust.

On the outcome of the fight depends the life or death of the vast corporaof the Sherman law, which would nullify the government's strongest weap on against corporate aggression.

Attorney General George Wickersham and Special Attorney J. C. Reynolds commanded the forces of the government.

Attorneys John C. Johnson and William B. Hornblower represented the tobacco company. To Johnson, as duty of making the opening argument, and his legal defense of the accused today. corporation consumed by far the greater part of the day.

by the government against the American cTobacco company, its officers, directors, and affiliated corporations for the purpose of seeking to prevent and restrain monopolies in tobacco and related commodities, alleged to be conducted in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and certain provisions of the Wilson tariff act.

#### MAKE CANAL COMPETITOR.

Senate Bill Would Let American Coastwise Vessels in Free.

Washington.-Pacific Coast shipwho have been fighting for water transportation as an offset to the exorbitant transcontinental railroad rates, will be benefited by the adoption of the Mann bill, Senator Flint's amendment, which the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals has voted to report

It is a bill for the governing of the trade; imposes tolls The resolution was handed in with owned steamships; enables the govless than 50 cents nor more than

Under the provisions for taking any time obtain all the colliers and

The amendment will make the cawell defined fears that unless condi-Badly battered in the three days' tions changed the Panama canal storm that swept the House last would not give shippers the relief March, the Speaker "came back" in that was hoped for when it was proja way that brought a grim smile of ected. Such eminent authorities as satisfaction to his countenance and Admiral Evans have proved that unleft his enemies, the "insurgents," der existing conditions of control of steamship lines by railroads, the ca-The Speaker today was sustained nal is practically turned over to

It was brought out in the investigation here that \$70,000 a month had in a pool as a bonus to the Pacific Mail Steamship company, which, unrailroads.

## PACIFIC TO BE DEFENDED.

Taft Promises Delegation More Coast Defense Vessels.

WASHINGTON - Representatives President Taft regarding the necestorpedo boats.

Model Indians Are Found. drink to any extent, that have aband- into False creek. oned tribal customs and adopted the white man's ways, that have built lit-

Worcester Under Fire. land investigation was resumed by lives in the surf.

GRAFT MONEY PAID BACK.

Pennsylvania Recovers \$1,595,740 on Crooked State House Deal-

Harrisburg, Pa.-Restitution of \$1,300,000 and the surrender of warthe house should be reduced probably rants aggregating \$200,000, upon convention of the National Wool which payment had been stopped, were made in the Dauphlin County Court by the men convicted or otherthe Capitol frauds.

agreed to drop further criminal ac. closing address of the newly elected Government Begins Final Effort to tion against the defendants indicted, and the retiring officers, and one Dissolve Big Compine. of Joseph M. Huston, of Philadelphia, lated themselves and their fellow delwho is under an indeterminate sen. egates was the comparatively peace tence of from six months to two years and who has an appeal in the had been conducted. supreme Court, the Capitol fraud state satisfied.

The new Capitol, a magnificent structure, with its rich furnishings, ost approximately \$13,000,000. this the state alleged it had been defrauded of about \$5,000,000. Up to in prosecuting the cases. Restitution made by certain defendants.

#### PATTEN SUED FOR BIG SUM.

Cotton Speculator May Have to Pay \$6,000,000 for Gambling.

whose successful operations in

The plaintiff, Dr. Paul Burmaster,



MENE WALLACE.

New York, -- A letter received from Mene Fallace by his friend, Chester Beecroft, plained that the Peary relief ship which a Mene back to the North, left him by miles from Etah in a strang part of enland with no provisions, no furs and dors. Mene was landed at North Star and had a great deal of trouble to to Etah, where he was known. Mene that Peary is hated in his country. get to Etah, where he was known. Mene says that Peary is hated in his country for his cruelty. He does not believe that Peary found the Pole or that Cook found it. Mene was brought to this country about 14 years ago by Peary, with his father and two other Eskimos. All died but Mene. He attended the public schools in New York, but got homesick.

been a participant or a loser in any the operations with Mr. Patten. but brings suit under an Illinois statute whereby any person having knowledge of a gambling transaction may sue and recover to the amount of three times the total lost by any of the victims.

Burmaster was inspired to bring the suit, he said, through recently becoming acquainted with a retired broker who related to him the manner in which men win and lose money on the Board of Trade, chiefly through dealing in futures.

## Deep Destitution in China.

Shanghai.-Very intense suffering, Ellis and Haley, with Senator Jones completely away, and in some in Utah was given the western vice the bill of 1910 and, as such, Jought an and in his boy when Norris, of Nebraska, offered an and Representative Humphrey and stances the entire population per- president by the election of George for its passage night and day for several members of the California ished. Crops were destroyed and the Austin, of Salt Lake City, and there months. Probably the longest speech deligation had a long conference with government has been asked to pro- being no rivalry for the position of ever delivered by the West Virginia vide for the destitute.

pealed for more submarines and Locomotive Slides Through Draw. Vancouver, B. C .- Sliding along The upshot of the conference was rails made slippery by the heavy that both the President and Secre- snow, a Great Northern engine drawtary Meyer expressed themselves fav- ing a long freight train, plunged orably upon the demand of the Pa- through the open draw soon after 9 cific Coast delegation and legislation o'clock Tuesday morning. Engineer will be drafted and formally recom- Baker stuck with the engine and mended by the Secretary of the Navy made the 30 foot drop, getting free tucky to Clay county, Missouri, in tioned into congressional districts in coast defense vessels for the Pacific dent was witnessed by hundreds of people and a miniature panic ensued as the big machine hung for a second over the end of the bridge, then Washington-Indians that do not broke from its coupling and plunged

## Seventeen Parish in Atlantic.

Highland Light, Mass.-The worst disaster the Life Guards of the coast Secretary Ballinger. The investiga- occurred Tuesday on the sand bars Representative Campbell, of Kan- tion of the condition of the Indians was off the Peaked Hills. They stood on night at our house my father said, sas, who also saw the president at the directed by congress. The Interior de- the beach with their lifeboats and with red pepper, has been positively partment reports only 192 Indians left. other apparatus, unable to render as identified as Captain D. F. Keller of sistance, while three coal-carrying Reading, Pa., for 10 years a soldier barges were hurled to destruction in the United States army and form-WASHINGTON. - The Philippine and all on board-17 men-lost their erly of Troop A, Eighth cavalry.

## Voices of Great Man Canned-

Paris.-Great men of France and visiting notables are to have their Los Angeles.—Andrew Cornegle voices "phonographed" and the rec- has donated \$25,000 to the University Mr. Martin sought light as to the ords will be preserved at the Sar- of Southern California.

WOOL MEN ADJOURN.

F. R. Dooding, of Idaho, New Presi-

dent-Next Convention at Omaha. Portland.-With three loud cheers for Portland, the forty-seventh annual Growers' association adjourned Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in Trans-Atlantic Steamer Line In the Armory to meet in Omaha next wise implicated by Pennsylvania in year. This marked the close of the most important convention yet held In consideration, the commonwealth by the organization, according to the and the retiring officers, and one All Rivals Driven Off Sea or Into ful manner in which the deliberations

Action at this convention makes it cases are declared ended and the incumbent upon the association to government brought suit today in the begin what promises to be a most United States Circuit court under the wide-spreading campaign for the education of the nation to a realization Sherman anti-trust law against thir-of the urgent necessity of a protective tariff on wool and woolen goods, carriers, which are estimated to conin order to save from alleged wreck trol ninety per cent. of the steerage date the state has expended \$107.961 and ruin, the sheep and wool industries, so closely allied that the traffic, worth to them \$55,000,000 a \$1,595,740 is said to have been killing of one means the inevitable year. Twelve officers of the defendant destruction of the other.

It was explained by the various speakers that with the duty free wool are named as co-defendants. from Australia, Asia, Africa, South America or any other foreign coun-charges, entered into an illegal contract try, the sheep industry would soon dwindle to nothing, a condition that would not only prove disastrous to which they constituted themselves Chicago, Jan. 10.-James A. Patten, the wool-growers themselves, but the Atlantic conference, with power to retired millionaire grain broker, would deprive the American people of apportion all traffic pro rata, impose one of its most important sources of cotton market led recently to Fed- food supply, one that will increase heavy fines on members of the coneral grand jury indictments, was sued in importance at a greater ratio than ference for violation of any article of

cost of wool in the average suit of ence. president or the Chicago Antigamb- clothes is so small as to be almost As a result, it is alleged, the Rus-The tobacco trust suit was brought ling League, does not asser! to have insignificant and that therefore the sian volunteer fleet, plying between duty protecting these two industries New York and Libau, was driven out and those closely related thereto is of business and the Russian-American therefore of such little moment to line was forced to make terms with the consumer that if the facts were the conference and enter its memberunderstood by the people at large ship, the sheep and woolgrowers need Sn

The association will make it a part of its work to carry on such an educational campaign as was advocated in the report of Retiring Secretary the court to "enjoin the defendants speakers, and a man well versed in every detail of the industries will iness of any person or corporation enbe sent to Washington and main- gaged in the business of carrying tained there to guard against any steerage passengers between points in measures being enacted under mis- the United States and Europe. apprehension. It was set forth durthere is no reason to doubt that the bidden either to enter or clear any of issues affecting the sheep and wool their vessels at or from the port of industries are and have been treateu in all fairness, misunderstandings and unfamiliarity with actual conditions have and may lead to measures the effect of which would be anything but that intended.

The resolutions adopted indicate also a better understanding between the sheep and wool men and the forest service and closer relations and more friendly terms than in Prominent Leader in Congress Passthe past. The resolution provides for a national advisory board, consisting of a representaive man from each state and territory having a reserve, to take up with the secretary of agriculture and the forestry were his wife, his daughter Katherine, department changes which it is be- and four sons, David, Richard, Stephen lieved should be made in the inter- and Blaine, and the physicians. to make a careful consideration of within half hour of death. all complaints and of the regulations of the forest service.

is indorsed from the viewpoint of and fears were expressed that he quicker transportation as well as might not live through the night. The from a humanitarian point of view.

The resolution carries a protest against the proposed Parson's bill, and authorizes the executive committee to take up the matter of encouraging responses were given. freight rates with the Interstate Comdeemed necessary.

The election of officers went off in kins, W. Va. accordance with a cut and dried program, the delgations from the various in the senate Mr Elkins was chairman states having fixed up a slate prior of the important committee on interamounting to starvation, among 1,000, to entering the convention hall. Dr. state commerce. As head of this com-000 farmers in the northern part of J. M. Wilson, of Wyoming, who had mittee he had charge of the Hepburn the province of Anhuit, following the been urged to accept the presidency, rate regulation bill of 1907 and of the drowning of 1000 persons, is reported retired in favor of Frank R. Gooding. in an appeal by the provincials to of Gooding, Idaho, ex-governor of the the government for aid. The Huai and state, and younger brother of retir-Kwo rivers, which for two weeks ing president F. W. Gooding of Shohave been out of banks, are said to shone, Idaho. The nomination of have caused the devastation of 7000 Mr. Gooding was made by Frank R. tion. square miles. Villages were washed Hagenbrath of the Idaho delegation. eastern vice president, A. J. Knollin senator was made in its support. of Chicago, was re-elected.

## Steamer Thieves Make Haul.

Seattle.-Express thieves between Seattle and Alaska have gotten away of six small clams a day, Edward with \$75,000 worth of negotiable Meredith, of Port Angeles, Wash., stock certificates of the Owl Mining and Frank C. Smith, of Spring Creek, company, a package of valuable gold ore specimens, a bundle of currency several other parcels of considerable value, shipped to Seattle by the Alaska Pacific company from Cordova. Although the officials of the company are reticient they are keeping the wires hot between Seattle and Cordova in an effort to lo- sisted on what food they could find. cate the missing plunder.

## Ex-Captain to the Bad.

rested Wednesday when, it is said, he attempted to steal a \$600 diamond after trying to blind the jewelry clerk Captain Keller is wanted at Reno, Nev., for a \$7500 forgery.

College Gets Carnegie Money. This gift, estate valued at \$2,500,000. Cannon had befriended the woman years ago. Concerning the lease of public land to Mr. Wercester's nephew. Concerning the land to Mr. Wercester's nephew. Concerning the lease of public land to Mr. Wercester's nephew. Concerning the land to Mr. Wercester's

# **BIG TRUST SUED** BY GOVERNMENT

Alleged Combination.

Combine-Ports May Be Closed to Ships.

New York, Jan. 5 .- The Federal Sherman anti-trust law against thircompanies, all resident in America,

These companies, the government for \$6,000,000 in the Superior Court the increase in the population.

It was pointed out that the actual against all lines outside the conferagreement and wage competition

Suit was brought by Henry A. Wise, never fear abolition of the duty or United States district attorney, acting under instructions from Attorney

General Wickersham. In its petition the government prays Walker and by other from further agreeing, combining and conspiring to injure or destroy the bus-

"Further, that each, every and all ing the sessions repeatedly that while the defendant steamship lines be fortheir vessels at or from the port of New York or any other port of entry in the United States, or any of its possessions, so long as they shall continue to operate under the aforesaid alleged unlawful combination or conspiracy.'

#### SENATOR ELKINS DEAD.

es After Long Illness.

Washington, Jan. 5 .- Senator Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, died at midnight last night. At his bedside

est of the sheep industry. This ad- Death was due to septicemia or blood visory board will also find it its duty poisoning. He was conscious until

In the early evening there were persistent rumors in Washington that the The proposed speed limit measure Senator's condition had become grave, Elkins family, however, were hopeful to the last and to the numerous inquirers who poured in at the Elkins home

Though no funeral arrangements merce commission should this be have been announced, it is probable that Mr. Elkins will be buried at El-

During the larger part of his service administration bill of 1910. A railroad builder and owner himself, Mr. Elkins had an intimate knowledge of all questions affected by this legisla-

He was the outspoken champion of

## Shipwrecked Men Starve.

Valdez, Alaska-Marooned for 60 days on Sawmill and Galena bays, and subsisting for 30 days on an average Pa., were brought to Valdez in a pitiable conditiion. It will be weeks before they can leave the hospital. With provisions for 10 days they left Valdez November 1. Their power boat was frozen in at Jackson bay, but was freed again. For 18 days they sub-

North Coast Limited Robbed.

Seattle-The mail car on the North ern Pacific's St. Paul North Coast St. Paul.-Charles J. Williams, ar- Limited was held up by two masked men soon after the train left Seattle Wednesday night. Mail Clerk Harry O. Clark, of Spokane, was shot and the registered mail was rifled. Clark was brought to Seattle for treatment. A posse of seven deputy sheriffs is making a systematic search of the country around about Kent, 16 miles from here, where the men left the train.

## Strain Proves Too Much.

Los Angeles-Professor Lucien Larkin, the astronomer in charge of Mount Lowe observatory, has suffered a mental breakdown and has been placed in