# **NEWS OF THE WEEK**

### In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important bu Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Balley has won the first round in the Texas inquiry.

The National Manufacturers' association proposes tariff revision in 1909.

An Ohio grand jory has retuned 939 ble. more indictments against Standard Oil

The State department doubts the authority of this governmenht to act in the Congo affair.

Two bookkeepers in the Brooklyn navy yard have been arrested for receiving bribes as inspectors.

Benjamin F. Shively, ex-congressma from Indiana, has been mentioned as Democratic enadidate for vice president.

Seven persons were injured in a collision between two passenger trains at One Hundred and Twelfth street, Chi-

Pacific coast insurance underwriters say rates will soon be reduced to what they were before the San Francisco disauter. The Nebraska Federal court has is

sued an order to the United States marshal to destroy all fences on govern-A Rock Island passenger train ran

into a freight at Watldron, Mo., killing three trainmen and injuring a number Bryan admits he is a candidate for

Radical reforms are promised in the Chinese government.

Seven rioters have been shot in the presence of the populace at Orizaba, Mexico.

The Union Pacific has granted shipping facilities to boycotted Wyoming coal companies. The Texas legislature is devoting

much time to investigating the conduct of Senator Bailey.

The Wells-Fargo Express company is to replace the Pacific Express company on the Union Pacific.

A Chicago man has been acquitted of crime on the ground that he committed it in his sleep. The judge is also a erection of a state printing office buildsleep walker.

California will endeavor to shake off the grip of the Standard Oil trust.

Eight men crossed the Columbia river at The Dalles on the ice. It was rather difficult but only one fell in and he was rescued without injury.

Bids have been opened for Panama canal contract. The lowest is lower than the estimate made by the commission and they will probably get the work. Their profit is estimated at \$9,-

Wickersham, of Alaska, for four years, and some kind of representation at Presidentt Roosevelt may send some Jamestown. other name to congress for confirmation. The pope has issued an encyclical

denouncing French church laws. The last horse car line in New York mittee.

City is to be equipped for electricity.

Thousands of Chinese in the famine district are living on grass and roots.

Congressman Charles Curtis has been nominated for senator by Kansas Republicans.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat - Club, 66@67c; bluestern 68@69c;valley, 66c; red, 64@65c. Oats—No. 1 white, \$25@26; gray \$24.50@25.

Barley-Feed, \$21.50@22 per tor brewing, \$22.50; rolled, \$23@24. Rye-\$1.40@1.45 per cwt. Corn-Whole, \$26; cracked, \$27 per

Hay-Valley timothy, No. 1, \$13@14 8.50; grain hay, \$7.50@8.50; alfalfa, \$11.50; vetch hay, \$8@8.50. Butter - Fancy creamery, 30@35c

per pound. Butter Fat-First grade cream, 33%c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound.

Eggs - Oregon ranch, 35c

Poultry-Average old hene, 13@1436 per pound; mixed chickens, 12@13c; spring, 146015c; old roosters, 106011c dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live.17@17%c; turkeys, dressed, choice. 200022c; geese, live, 10@12c; ducks,

Voal-Dressed, 516@9c per pound. Beef-Dressed bulls, 1@2e per pound cows. 4@5c; country steers, 5@5)4c. Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 8\4@9c per pound; ordinary, 6@7c.

Pork-Dressed, 6@814c per pound. Fruits - Apples, common to choice 50@ 75c per box; choice to fancy, \$1@ 2.50; pears, \$1@1.50; cranberries, \$11.50@12 per barrel; persimmons, \$1.50 per box.

Vegetables - Turnips, 90c@\$1 per sack; carrots, 90c@\$1 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; horseradish, 9@10e per pound; sweet potatoes, 3c per pound; cabbage, 2c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; celery, \$3.75@4.25 per crate; onions, 10@ 125c per dosen; bell peppers, 8c; pumpkins, 2c per pound; spinach, 4ct se per pound; parsley, 10@15c; squash, 2c per pound. Onions - Oregon, \$1@1.25 per hun-

Potatoes - Oregon Burbanks, fancy,

\$1@1.30; common, 75@90c. Hops-11@13 %c per pound, according to quality.

13:318c per pound, according to shrink- a discussion that ensued, government almost to Three Mile rapids, and cross- N. M., 190 miles north of El Paso early

## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Recommendations Made by Chamber lain to Legislature.

Salem, Jan. 15 .- Governor Chamberain delivered his biennial message this Senates and Houses Effect Orafternoon to both houses of the legislature in joint session. His recommendations follow: Election of Jonathan Bourne and

Frederick W. Mulkey to the long and short terms, respectively, as United States senators, in accordance with the result of the direct primary election.

commission, following generally the measure prepared by the Portland

Enactment of laws to make the tax burden fall more evenly on personal property and corporations. Amendment of the inheritance tax

law to the graduated system, with additional clauses to make evasion impossi-A graduated tax on incomes from

\$3,000 up. Decided increase in cost of commi-

ions to notaries public. Withdrawal from sale for 10 years of the remaining state tide lands

Purchase of the Willamette locks.

Appropriation to operate the portag railway until the 1909 session. A new Mulit, Jackson, joined the 13 support- cold weather known for a decade. personnel for the board of portage Appointment of an expert accountant

to audit the books of all state officers. Creation of the office of expert ac countant, with duties to make uniform all state and county bookkeeping and check funds of state and county officials Enactment of an anti-pass law, with

A reciprocal demurrage law. Continuance of the library commis

an appropriation to pay expenses public officers on public business.

Investment of compulsory visitorial power in some state authority to cover private asylums for insane. A law providing for supervision o

banks in Oregon. A stringent anti-lobbying law. Deposit of surplus state funds in banks at interest, the deposit to be safeguard-

Escheatment to the state of funds in banks where the depositors have not been heard from for over seven years. Prompt action to establish an institute for feeble-minded and epileptic

ed by bonds or other collateral.

Publication of itemized statements of the source of campaign funds and prohibition of campaign contributions by corporations. Compulsory lectures to their classe

by public school teachers on tuberen Measures looking toward eradication

of scables in sheep.
Punishment of wildcat mine promot Flat salary for the state printer and

Board of control for normal schools; with the normal school appropriations in one fund, to be distributed by this board.

New apportionment of senators and representiatives. Transportation of convicts to the per

tentiary by penitentiary officers. Conservative legislation for emple ment of convicts in new fields, without abandonment of the present system at

Appointment of a state engineer to supervise construction of new roads. After standing loyally by Judge James at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition,

A new irrigation code. Extreme caution should be used in changing the t n'ative measure framed by the Portland board of trade irrigation bill com-

### ANNUL TIMBER AND STONE ACT

### Senate Committee Proposes to Sell Timber and Keep Land.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The senate public lands committee today agreed to report favorably the bill to repeal the timber and stone act and substitute sion at 2 o'clock today.

A joint committee of the house and stranged that the message be read in joint sestimates and substitute sion at 2 o'clock today.

A joint committee of the house and stranged that the message be read in joint sestions, 10 below; Bismk, N. D., 6 below; Williston, N. D., 8 below; Dev-Washington, Jan. 10 .- The senate report favorably the bill to repeal the timber and stone act and substitute sion at 2 o'clock today.

Each house provided for a special low; Williston, N. D., 16 box. therefor a law directing that the governber lands, selling only the timber, at all government timber land, the land ployes' payroll to less than half of that can never pass to private ownership, and hence can never be taxed.

To compensate for this loss of taxes, Senator Fulton secured the adoption of per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$1.4 an amendment to the bill stipulating (al6; clover, \$8@8.50; cheat, \$7.50@ that 25 per cent of the money derived from timber sales shall be paid to the counteis in which the timber is cut,

### Would Pay Senators \$8,000

Spokane Jan. 11. - "Resolved, by the Spokane chamber of commerce, in annual meeting assembled, that we would favor a salary for our United States senators and congressmen, exclusive of traveling expenses, of \$8,000 per annum, and would recommend and urge that that sum be fixed at the close of the congress now in session." above resolution was passed yesterday and transmitted by wire to Speaker Cannon, to be read in open session. All asked to take similar action.

Heaviest Rain in Years. the past four days is the heaviest in 18 the past four days is the heaviest in 18 coal for fuel anogener. This winter years. The total precipitation is nearly they have been compelled to almost do California Development company, to-four inches, of which 1.4 has fallen without any and consequently took day sent a call to all directors of the during the past 24 hours. The storm matters into their own hands. has been severe in its effects north and east of Los Angeles. Landslides south of Santa Barbara had, at last accounts. tied up four or five passenger trains bound for this city. Four or five lives Pacific between Pasco and the mounare known to have been lost as an in-

Commission Men in a Rage. Pittsburg, Jan. 11 - The fifteenth innual convention of the National said by railroad men to be the worst in League of Commission Merchants con-vened here today. President F. E. continues and the coal supply is barely Wagner, of Chicago, presided, scored equal to the demand. the railroads and denounced the express companies, asserting their agents acted Wool—Fastern Oregon average best, from the legitimate trade in secret. In of ice in the Columbia has become solid dashed into an open switch at Barney. as commission men to take away trade

# LEGISLATURES MEET

ganization in Two States.

### ALL THE SESSIONS WERE SHORT

Passage of a law creating a milroad Jones and Falconer Will Handle the Gavels in Washington, and Haines and Davey in Oregon.

> Salem, Or., Jan. 15 .- Organized by he election on the first ballot in each house of E. W. Haines, of Washington county, for president of the senate, and of Frank Davey, of Marion, for speaker of the house, the Oregon legislature made Itself ready yesterday for lawnaking. Committees will be announc-

ed Wednesday or Thursday. Haines was elected over Hodson, of Multnomah, by a vote of 17 to 7, four Democrats, Caldwell, Yamhill; Smith. Umutilla; Hedges, Clackamas, and Empire is in the grip of the most severe ers of Haines, and Haines voted for Pullman the mercury dropped to 18 de-Bowerman, one of his followers. Hod- grees below zero; at Palouse, the minison voted for Bailey, and Miller, of

Smith, of Umatilla. and Rothschild, the lone Democrat of Spokane the lowest mark recorded is 1 that body, who nominated himself, re- below. In Yakima valley equally cold one experienced Westerner said: crived one, each voting for the other. In the Republican nominating caucus, large, but elsewhere the present cold Davey, had 44 votes, one of his supporters, Reynolds, being absent, and Vaw- The unprecedented shortage of fuel the committee on public lands, will voting was perfunctory, all knowing to the inconvenience of the situation. what the result would be.

and Davey a few minutes later. in joint convention to canvas the vote for governor, and as soon as the vote not rise speedily. has been announced the oath of office will be administered by one of the justices of the Supreme court. Governor Chamberlain will then read his mes-

There will be no ballot on United States senator until Tuesday, Jan. 22, when the formal election of F. W. Mulkey for the short term and Jonathan Bourne for the long term will take place. It was thought that the election of Mulkey would take place immediately, for the reason that the appointment of Gearin was only "until the next meeting of the legislature," but an investigation shows that even in filling a guns. vacancy the election must be held on the econd Tuesday after organization.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 15 .- Washingon's tenth legislature spent about 60 minutes in organizing yesterday and then took a rest until this morning.

The senate proceedings were out of he ordinary for the most part. Thus Nichols of Seattle nominated Jesse S. Jones of Tacoma for president pro tem, and Jones, a new member here, for the first time was selected by acclamation to a position which heretofore has always gone by seniority. J. Will Lysons was named for secretary, which was a concession to the desires of President Coon, who wanted Lysons chosen again because of his experience as secretary of the past two sessions. W. T. Laube, of Seattle was reminered by the coal, gas and oil resources on ay part of the public domain. \*

ALASKA LEADS THEM ALL. of Seattle, was nominated for assistant secretary, and Billy Conner for sergeant at arms. Both were elected by been reported.

far to have fared both On the flat below Butte 28 degrebelow zero has been reported.

Mint Director Estimates Total Gold Production for 1908. geant at arms. Both were elected by ananimous vote.

The house session ended almost as soon as it began. A. J. Falconer was elected speaker by acclamation, Reid considerable intensithas developed of Tacoma making the nemination and in Eastern Montana arWestern North Godman of Dayton offering a motion on Dakota. At 8 o'clock t night read behalf of the Democrats that it be ings at stations in themadian Northunanimous. L. O. Meigs of North west showed temperats ranging from Yakima for chief clerk and Glenn Cot- 14 below zero to 35elow. In the terill for sergeant at arms were elected

by acclamation. A joint committee of the house and

ment retain title to its remaining tim- committee on employes, the senate lim iting the number to 33 and the house not less than apprised value. As this to 38, all at salaries based upon ordi bill virtually creates forest reserves of nary pay, which will cut the gross em

### Changes in State Offices.

of last session.

Salem, Jan. 15 .- Newly elected state officers took charge of their respective sheep, and even messing human life departments yesterday. Secretary of State F. W. Benson and State Treasurer G. A. Steel went into possession of their offices and are being assisted by their predecessors until they become thoroughly familiar with their duties. Judge T. G. Hailey retired from the supreme bench. Judge Robert Eakin succeeded him. State Printer W. S. Duniway was ready for business. There were no changes in other state offices, the remainder being re-elected.

### Farmers Raid a Coal Car

Pendleton Jan. 15 .- Farmers in the vicinity of Vansycle, a small station on the line of the W. & C. R., in the Mutual Water Companies of imperial other commercial organizations are northern part of this county, raided a carload of coal, left standing on the track there yesterday. The car of fuel was bound for the Potiatch Lumber H. N. Peck, of the joint committee of Los Angeles, Jan. 11.—In amount of company, in this city. Vansycle is the six mutual water emopanies of the precipitation, the storm that has 30 or 40 miles from wood, and as a Imperial valley recently appointed drenched Southern California during consequence the farmers depend upon with a view to procuring means for the the past four days is the heaviest in 18 coal for fuel altogether. This winter

### Worst Snow Blockade in Years.

North Yakima, Jan. 15 .- The snow tains that it takes a freight train from 12 to 24 hours to run from the Columbia river to Ellensburg. All trains coming in here are many hours late. to make the concessions from its usua The snow blockade on the mountains is

COLDEST IN YEARS.

cy Grip Holds Northwest-Shortage of Fuel Incresses.

Portland, Jan. 15 \_ with the mercary steadily falling all day Sunday and Monday and promising to continue at a low point today, Portland is shivering from the effects of the severest cold snap in many Retween 5 ering from the effects of the severest cold snap in many years. Between 5 a. m. and 5 p. m. Sanday the temperature fell 7 degrees virtually without a break. When the weather bureau closed Sunday night at the latter hour the thermometer registered 17 degrees above zero and yesterday hovered near that mark all day. With the fuel shortage more acute than ever before, the cold wave could have there struck the cold wave could hardly have struck Portland at a more unfortunate time. What is true of Portland applies to nearly every city in the Pacific North-west, as the cold snap is general. At Vancouver the Columbia river is frozen over. The Williamette river is full of running ice and may become blocked at any time. Navigation on the Columbia is at a standstill.

Many of the lower river boats have been taken off their runs and from present indications nothing will move for several days.

Inland Empire Icv.

Spokane, Jan. 15. The whole Inland

In various sections the railroad com weather is exceedingly severe and fuel

is demanded by suffering settlers.

therefrom not to exceed 100,000 feet,
Throughout the Palous the frost
has damaged decidnous trees. In orneed such timber in developing and
chards the crackle of barsting fruit
operating their claims. trees is compared to the report of shot

Stock has not yet suffered, but al the ground and wheat crops will not be damaged by frost.

### Montana Swept by Bizzard.

### Cold Wave issneral.

St. Paul, Jan. 15 .- cold wave of United States the cost place was Havre, Montana, with temperature of 22 below. Other teperatures were

### Montana Situatie Serious.

Helena, Mont., Janis,-The worst spell of winter weathexperienced in Montana for many yeanow prevails. Unusually heavy snows the northern part of the state attextremely cold weather is stopping to operations of trains, endangering live of cattle and in remote districts. 01 stockmen say the outlook is more seous for their herds than at any timeince the memorable wintre of 1887-si

Farmers Use Con for Fuel. tremes by the scarcity and high cost coal, farmers in the vicinity of Washtucns are burning corn on the cob. One bushel offern is equal to we were proceeding too slowly." two of coal in price, and when used as fuel it is little more expensive.

### CONFER ON THE MESSAGE.

Valley to Meet.

Imperial, Cal., Jan, 15,-Chairman six companies to meet next Thursday in conference on President Roosevelt's

It is probable that a water users' as sociation will be formed to carry of negotiations for the purchase or to fa vor government control in line with the president's recommendations, providing the Reclamation service is willim rules necessary to proten the rights of the water users of the imperial valley.

## Train Hits Open Switch-El Paso, Tex., Jan. 15.—Running at

a high rate of speed, Rock Island pas-Ice Blockade Solid.

The Dalles, Jan. 15. — The blockade 6:30 yesterday evening for Chicago. age; valley, 20@23c, according to fine-control of the milroads was raised as ing is possible in many places along this morning. Five persons were killed and eight injured.

# PLAN TOO SWEEPING

Western Men Do Not Like President's Order.

### BLOCKS THE WAY TO PATENTS

Hansbrougn Has Bill to Sell Timber and Keep Land-Several Bills to Lease Coal Land.

Washington, Jan. 12 .- Western men

in congress do not take kindly to Presi-

dent Roosevelt's order holding up every

public land entry, pending investigation of each individual case by special agent. The president, upon advice of the river into the Salton Sink, passing agent. The president, upon advice of partly through Mexican territory.

Secretary Hitchcock, made this order

He then tells how the river broke its At Western men adhere to their present but how a sudden rise a month later mum was 11 below zero; Sand Potat, president's order was too sweeping and Linn, voted for Coshaw, and Coshaw for Idaho, reports 12 below; Moscow, Ida- that it will work more harm than good. the property values in the valley, with Tuan Fang estimates that 4,000,000 are ho, witnessed 10 degrees below; North Mr. Hitchcock, however, is firmly con-In the house, Davey received 59 votes Yakima reports 7 degrees below, and in vinced that this is the only way to head off fraudulent entries. But as "Who is to guarantee the honesty of

several hundred special agents?"

Senator Hansbrough, chairman

the timber and stone act and the sub-Haines was elected at 2:30 o'clock ly high prices. In some districts wood is fairly plentiful, while in the Big George E. Chamberlain's second in-Bend and Central Washington sections as drawn a new bill which shall reaugural as governor will be held at 1:30 all fuel is reduced almost to the van- serve to itself title to all public timber river. p. m. today. The two houses will meet ishing point. General suffering is cer- land and sell only the timber. The tain to ensue if the temperature does bill stipulates that persons residing in the immediate vicinity of any government timber land may take, without panies have notified the coal dealers cost, not to exceed 100,000 feet, B. M. definite period, and it is announced that large consignments of coal from Canadian mines to the Inland Empire points have been diverted by the Canadian Pacific railroad to Alberta and shall be subject to entry under the land will be subject to entry under the land to the horrors of the famine.

The North China Daily News, of Shanghai, publishes many telegrams the land will be subject to entry under the watter cities it is leared producing \$100 a year per acre. This area is capable of adding at least 350,—

The North China Daily News, of Shanghai, publishes many telegrams the land will add to the horrors of the famine. that coal cannot be delivered for an in- in any one year, for their own use for points have been directed by the Cana- timbered land chiefly valuable for stone dian Pacific railroad to Alberta and shall be subject to entry under the Northwest Territory points where the placer mining laws. Persons developing claims on forest land may cut

Coupled with and very similar to the legislation providing for the disposal of public timber are the various bills now animals are being fed heavy rations pending proposing to regulate the use and a speedy rise in the price of forage of coal, gas and oil on government land. is predicted. One foot of now covers There are many bills for this purpose, all drawn along one general line. In the main they propose that the government shall retain title to coal, oil and gas bearing land and shall permit Butte, Mont., Jan. 15.—Dispatches from throughout the state all of a blizzord which appears to have generally enveloped the state, rather with great severity in central prints of Monenveloped the state, main rith great severity in central prims of Montana. For the past 35 are Fergus county has been in the proof of a bliz-

Production for 1908.

Washington, Jan. 12 .- The director of the mint today made a preliminary

calendar year 1906. Of the more important increases in with \$45,00,000, and Arizona third. in gold production of \$2,900,000 and California a loss of \$564,000.

In silver production Montana shows a loss of 2,000,000 ounces, Colorado a loss of 65,000 ounces and Utah a gain Bros. These minor companies are to was refused to newspaper men, the offiof 2,217,000 ounces. The figures for all the states show a net gain in gold production of \$7,920,700 and a net gain in silver production of 82,100 ounces.

### Small Sum for Forts.

Washington, Jan. 12.-In presenting the fortifications bill to the house in committee of the whole today, Representative Smith, of Iowa, stated that Spokane, Jan. 15. - Driven to ex- themselves between two conflicting elements, the one "thinking that we were progressing too rapidly in the defense of our possessions, and the other that

cannot be found. I we've dead bodies have been recovered and 10 are in hospitals, frightfully burned. It is bepitals, frightfully burned. It is begulfed in the hot metal ever will be

current, but no one in an official capacity will confirm them. The country
is quiet. Friends of Vice President
Gomez state that, in case he is called
westward to the boundary of Utah. The tions to the letter.

Tennessee Backs Up Roosevelt.

STOP SALTON FLOOD.

President Makes Special Recomm ation to Congress.

Washington, Jan. 14. - President Roosevelt Saturday sent to congress a special message on the flooding of the Imperial valley in Southern California, in which he severely condemns the methods of the California Development company, which owns the irrigation works, and recommends that the government buy out this company and its subsidiary companies, make a treaty with Mexico to carry water through the territory of that republic and construct great irrigation works to cover the whole lower valley of the Colorado and to permanently control that stream. He estimates the cost at \$2,000,000, all of which would be repaid by the settlers in the same way as under the reclama-

He begins by describing the situation in the Imperial valley, as already published. He tells how the California

in the expectation that congress, in or- banks and flooded the valley, how the along the Hual river in North Anhui, der to relieve the congestion, would Southern Pacific company advanced hastily appropriate money to permit money to the development company to the employment of a vast number of repair the break, receiving a majority special agents, but it seems that no of stock as security, how the Southern such liberality will be shown if the Pacific closed the break last November, opinion. They are now, in most in- started the water again into the valley, stances, inclined to believe that the and says that if the break is not closed 6,000 to 10,000 population, will be deepened up to and beyond Yuma, destroying the homes and farms there, the great railroad bridge and the government works at Laguna dam. Southern Pacific, having already spent ter, 14. There was no contest and the throughout the Spekane country adds renew his fight to secure the repeal of about \$2,000,000 for the protection of migrated south or congregated in walled its interests, declines further aid to the Coal is scarce and selling at abnormal-ly high prices. In some districts wood of government timber at not less than

The president says that if the river will not only do the further damage already mentioned, but will leave in a desert condition 700,000 acres of land as fertile as the Nile valley, capable of

an acre, or a total of \$350,000,000 to \$700,000,000. He says the Southern Pacific is now repairing levees to keep out the high water due next March, but permanent work is needed. He would refund no money expended prior to November 1, 1906, and would leave the amount to be paid for work done since that date for future consideration.

### PACKING TRUST COMPLETE.

All Firms Except One Co.nbined in \$500,000,000 Beef Merger.

Chicago, Jan. 14 .- That the merger for several years, has come to pass, is declared in a morning paper. None of the interests said to be concerned could be reached for confirmation or denial While the mill officials are inclined of the report.

territory to be considered exclusive for that he doubts whether the men escaped. estimate of the production of go d and Swift & Company, is said to be the ac-silver in the United States during the credited head of the combination, and fore the gate and made frantic efforts to

the production of gold as compared with 1905 Alaska stands first with a gain of \$6,316,000; Nevada comes next Included in the merger are not only crying that "Father is dead." Later with \$523,000. Colorado shows a loss Libby, McNeill & Libby, the Anglo-police, forcibly to escort the women and American Provision company, the Oma-children to their homes. ha Packing company, the Lipton Packing company, Hammond company, Con-Bros. These minor companies are to pass to the National Packing company,

## tive head of them, according to rumor.

Oppose Government Control. Imperial, Cal., Jan. 14. - The message of President Roosevelt recommending that the government acquire the rights of the Cailfornia Development tary of the treasury will immediately company and take the Imperial valley notify the depository banks, with into the Reclamation service meets the which the temporary deposits of about only once in 13 years had so small an approval of but a small portion of the \$12,000,000 were recently placed to be amount been carried in a fortifications people of the valley. It is said that people of the valley. It is said that returned January 20 and February 1 bill. The bill carries \$132,000 to make whatever mismanagement there may that the dates for the return of the deposits have been in the early days of the California Development company the fact is that more than 100,000 acres are actuwater supply.

## Prompt Shipments of Livestock.

Washington, Jan. 14 .- Senator Culberson introduced a bill Saturday to Pittsburg, Jan. 12.—Fifteen or more men were completely incinerated in aix feet of molten metal in last night's expressionable time. He stated that some plosion at the Jones & Laughlin Steel time ago he presented a memorial from company's furnaces, according to an the Livestock association of Texas prayinvestigation made today. Tons of the ing for relief from car shortage; that fiery substance were showered over 40 this memorial had gone to the commitworkmen. Of these between 15 and 20 tee on commerce, but as yet no action cannot be found. Twelve dead bodies had been taken. Hansbrough called

Doubles Forest Reserve. Washington, Jan. 14. - Secretary of Con't Learn of Castro's Condition. the Interior Hitchcock has withdrawn Caracas, Jan. 12.- Nothing definit 665,600 acres of unallenated public regarding the illness of President Castro land in Western Colorado from all has developed here. The usual rumors forms of disposal under the public land that he is in a desperate condition are laws for an addition to the Uncompanion granting to homesteaders on the public

Stewart Declines Land Office

Washington, Jan. 14. — Philip B. Stewart, of Colorado, has notified the Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 12. — The president that his business engagements onse of representatives adopted a joint are such that he will not be able to ac-

# TEN MILLION SUFFER

Chinese Refugees Swarming Icta Cities in Search of Food.

## NEARLY FOUR MILLION STARVING

All Sufferers May Die Unless Charity Comes to Aid-Hundreds Perish Daily.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 10.-The steamer Shinano Maru, which arrived today from the Orient, brought further advices regarding the appalling famine in Development company dug a canal from Central China. The extent of the famine area is bounded on the south by a line from the sea through Huinan and on the west by a line from Ochou to Kweiteh, north from the eastern corner of Honan to the sen which bounds the

The worst conditions are expected to set in after Chinese New Year in midand says that if the break is not closed before the spring floods in March all set at 10,000,000, of which Viceroy in actual want, mostly starving. The wiped out. He says that ultimately famine area is about 40,000 square the channel in the main stream will be miles, embracing between 20 and 30 large walled cities, besides the scattered country population. The figures given from nine large cities show 800,000 starving refugees have already collected, with no account of those who have cities outside the famine area.

Mr. Bostwick, sent from Shanghai to investigate, says'all these refugees may perish from starvaton unless fe ! by government or public charity. He estimutes the daily expenditure to feed the 4,000,000 now starving at \$20,000, With tens of thousands of starving

huddled in the walled cities it is feared

A typical one from Hauchoufu says: 'Half people actually without provisions daily and die. Many leave country. Numberless brigandages and mur-ders. No local relief hoped for."

### THIRTY-FOUR BURNED. Explosion Scatters Molten Iron With Fearful Results.

Pittsburg, Jan. 10 .- Three workmen were killed, seven fatally injured and 24 are missing as the result of an explosion tonight at the Eliza furnaces of the Jones & Laughlin Steel works. Gas, of the beef packing establishments of accumulating at the base of the furthe country, except Schwarzschild & naces, became ignited. In the result-Sulzberger, which has been predicted ing explosion tons of molten metal

to believe all of the missing men were It is asserted that the negotiations not cremated in the molten metal, nothare completed and that arrangements ing definite is known as to their whereare now in progress by which territory abouts. Only one man, George Knox, vill be allotted to the several compa- has appeared since the explosion. nies interested in the alleged deal, this says everything happened so quickly

the purposes of trade. The tentative The scenes about the entrance to the capitalization is placed at \$500,000,000, mill were pathetic when the families of Louis F. Swift, executive head of the victims learned of the disaster. J. Odgen Armour is represented as desirous of retiring from active connection zied women rushed upon the officers the Swifts, Armours and Morrises; but it became necessary to call additional

The officials at the mills refused to allow anyone to enter the yard where cials saying that later they might issue and Edward Tilden is to be the execu- a statement. A heavy guard of foreign workmen was p'aced at the yard entrance and even the police were power-

Uncle Sam Does Not Need Money.

less to get past.

ally under cultivation with an ample one half on February 15. It is stated in explanation of this change in date that there is no particular need for the money at this time.

> Many Jobs Under Pure Food Law. Washington, Jan. 10 .- Examinations will be held throughout the country on February 5 next for positions in the

Agricultural dpeartment under the pure food and drug inspection law, including a chemist, at \$3,000 a year; several food and drug inspection chemists at \$2,000, and a large number of food and certified to the department as soon as the papers of the applicants can be examined after the examinations.

Relieve Freezing Settlers

Washington, Jan. 10. - At the suggestion of Senator Hansbrough the sento accept the presidency by command of Castro on account of the latter's addition comprises about 800,000 acres.

The leave is to be granted upon application of the latter's addition comprises about 800,000 acres. deducted from the preliminary time required by law to establish title.

### Another Candidate for Bullets.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 10.—General house of representatives adopted a joint are such that he will not be able to accept the position of commissioner of ident Rosevelt in dismissing the battalion of negro soldiers in connection vacant by the retirement of Commissioner Richards, March 4. was recently assaulnated.