FEAR INSURRECTION

New Elections in Cubb May Not ban train No. 3, bound from Seattle to Present Free Alcohol Law Use-Settle Troubles.

WHAT MAY MEAN ANNEXATION

Further Intervention Would Bring On Inevitable-Annexation Wanted by Few People.

Washington, Dec. 29. — Occasional rumbling or rumors of little sideshow insurrections popping up in certain provinces of Cuba are tending to keep the United States from forgetting the problem it has to deal with down there. There are some angles in this problem that have received little attention as far as the public is concerned, but which have occupied and are now occupying much attention on the part of high government officials and administration advisers among the members of con-

It is a fact not generally known that our government entertains grave fears regarding what may happen following the Cuban elections in January. A great many bave believed that intervention by the United States will have accomplished its purpose as soon as a new government has been chosen by the Cuban people; that our forces would withdraw after inaugurating this new government with tranquility established. That is the rosy view of the situation, and everything would be lovely if our high officials were sure it would work out just that way.

But they are not sure. President Roosevelt, it is understood, has grave doubts about the effect of the coming passenger in the car. election on the defeated party.

If we be forced to do any more intervening there will be an effort by a certain element to force annexation, which some of our ablest statesmen insist is something that comparatively few people in this country want. The administration recognizes the embarassing situation that may confront it and, after President Roosevelt's warning to Cu- American Weekly Publishers' associa-bans to "be good" in the future or take tion, organizations which are vigorthe consequences, the question is just ously fighting the movement to increase what course shall be pursued if the the postage for second-class mail mat-Cubans don't stay good.

STOCK TOO LONG ON JOURNEY

Railroads Will Be Prosecuted Under Thirty-six-Hour Law.

Washington, Dec. 29. - Secretary Wilson, of the department of Agriculture, today transmitted to the department of Justice the nine additional the express companies would pay them cases of alleged violation of what is for hauling the same tonnage. popularly known as the "36-hour law," shall not detain stock on cars for a for the purpose of reducing the annual longer period than 28 hours without postoffice deficit, rather should reduce food and water, except with the consent of the owner of the stock, and then no increase the rate for second-class matlonger than 36 hours.

The cases were one each against the Great Northern, the Oregon Short Line, ernment is an expert traffic manager, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy express companies." and three against the Santa Fe.

WILL CONFER ON JAPANESE.

Bonaparte to Consult Devlin on San Francisco Case.

Washington, Dec. 29.—United States for a conference regarding the exclusion Justice today Mr. Devlin refused to matter is in the hands of the attorney Sanborn November 15. general.

with the San Francisco board of educaknow officially that I am here to discuss the Japanese question."

Greatest Year Since 1888.

Chicago, Dec. 29. - More miles of railroad were constructed in the United largest amount of railway building dur- practically this entire amount is now ing the year was done in Texas, where made up of first-class, or letter mail. 701 miles of track were laid. Louisi- The government pays \$1.45 per pound for second place.

Eager to See Roosevelt.

Manila, Dec. 29 .- The Filipino peo ple are elated over pres reports that WRECK ON INTER URBAN.

Tacoma-Seattle Passenger and Work Trains Meet on Curve.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 27. - Interur-Tacoma, and a work train consisting of a motor and five flatears, collided headon in a cut about a mile east of Milton Wednesday morning. Two persons were killed, one probably fatally burt, AMENDMENT WILL BE PROPOSED and 14 more or less badly hurt. The first coach of the interurban passenger was telescoped, and two of the flatears piled on top of it.

There were about 20 passengers in the telescoped smoker, some of whom strangely escaped with only slight injuries. The car was entirely demolished, and some of the passengers were hurled 20 feet in the flying wreckage.

Train No. 3 from Scattle was late and had orders to sidetrack at Edgewood to let No. 6, the passenger for Seattle, pass. The work train was given orders at Milton to follow No. 6 to Edgewood. C. R. Foss, a brakeman on the work train, was sent to Edgewood on No. 6 with orders to flag No. and hold it on the sidetrack until the work train cleared. He either failed to place the flag or there was a misuaderstanding of orders. Foss disappeared and cannot be found.

No. 3 pulled out on the main track as soon as No. 6 passed and being late, started down the grade at a good speed. met the work train. The curve is so until too late to stop.

over the platform of the first car of the ount of the curve. To this fact alone

THEY ALL "CINCH" UNCLE SAM.

Railroads Gst Three Prices for Carrying Mails.

Chicago, Dec. 28. - Statistics compiled by the representatives of the c hol for his own use. United Typothetae of America and the ter, show that the government is paying the railways three times as much on the average for the transportation of mail matter as the express companies pay the railroads for like service.

On the basis of the postmaster general's statistics, the publishers assert that the government during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1907, will pay the roads almost \$23,000,000 more than printers and publishers compile the which provides that railroad companies statistics to show that the government, its outlay for the transportation than

"One of the chief needs of the gov the Southern Pacific, the Union Pacific, said W. D. Boyce, a Chicago publisher. "It then would get as good rates as the

IT DENIES JURISDICTION.

Standard Raises New Technical Point Against Government Suit.

St. Louis, Dec. 28.-The Standard Oil company of New Jersey and 60-odd District Attorney Robert F. Devlin, of other corporations and individuals al-San Francisco, who was called to Wash- lied with it, as defendants in the govington by Attorney General Bonaparte ernment's suit to break up the alleged oil monopoly, today filed a motion in of Japanese pupils from the public the United States Circuit court attackschools of San Francisco, arrived last ing the jurisdiction of that court to night and will be at the department of bring in nonresident defendants by process, and petitioning the court to vacate discuss his mission, declaring that the the order of service issued by Judge

All of the defendants join in the mo-"Two weeks ago I had a conference tion except the Waters-Pierce Oil company, which is a resident of the eastern tion, at the request of Attorney General division of the Eastern Judicial dis-Moody," he said, "when a statement of Missouri. Henry S. Priest filed are as largely due to the impractical trains, according to the statement of Mountain and Pacific. The system folfacts was agreed upon and forwarded to the motion as counsel for all the parthe attorney general. A few days later ties. Accompanying it was the affida-I was called to Washington and I do not vit of Charles T. White, assistant secretary of the Standard, who certifies that all the petitioners are non-residents of this district.

No News Since September.

Washington, Dec. 28. - Complaint States during the last year than have has been made to the Postoffice depart- offered to cotton pickers and that even been built during any year since 1888, ment that no newspaper or magazine according to the Railway Age. Since mail has been delivered at Fairbanks, the labor necessary to pick the crops. January 1 last, 6,067 miles of track Alaska, since September. This is due The crops in that district are reported ana and South Dakota are almost tied for getting mail to Fairbanks, and lower classes have to wait until there is a shortage of first-class matter.

Pioneer of Alfalfa Growing.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 28 .- Harrision

TOO MUCH RED TAPE

less to Help Farmers.

Requirement as to Registration Makes It Impractical for Farmers to Have Stills.

Washington, Dec. 27.-For several rears past there has been a very active movement in favor of the passage of a free alcohol law, which resulted last session in the enactment of a law removing the internal revenue tax on alcohol to be used for commercial purposes. The demand for legislation of this charvacter came principally from farming communities, and was based upon the theory that if the tax were removed farmers would be able to manafacture from their surplus grain, vegetables and fruit sufficient alcohol to supply themselves with power, heat

Congress responded readily to the demand, and when the law known as Half a mile this side of Edgewood on a the free alcohol law was approved, the curve that runs through a deep cut, it general impression was that the United States had entered upon a policy simishort that it was impossible for the lar to that which is in vogue in leading crews of either train to see the other European nations, and that the farmer of the country would reap a great ad-The trains came together with a crash vantage. It has transpired, however that was heard half a mile. The two that these advantages are not so wideforward cars of the work train went spread as was at first supposed. A close examination of the law shows passenger, striking it at an angle on act that each distillery must be supplied with a distillery warehouse, is due the escape from death of every which the alcohol may be withdrawn and deposited in a bonded warehouse, where by a rather tedious process it is denaturized and then relieved from tax. This would, of course, exclude what are known in Germany as agricultural and produce stills, where special apparatus is very generally in use which enables the small producer to manufacture al

In order to carry out the original intention of the law as understood succeded to the command of the battlethroughout the country, Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota introduced an but in view of extenuating circumstanamendment to the free alcohol statute. The amendment is as follows:

"That for the convenience of persons engaged in the distillation of alcohol the sentences to 10 years' imprisonin quantities that would not justify the additional expense of a distillery warehouse or a bonded warehouse for prisonment in a fortress, while the each establishment, and who employ approved apparatus with suitable alcohol tanks attached, designed to be and the officers of his squadron began locked and sealed by an authorized in St. Petersburg December 5. The acgovernment officer, the commissioner of cused were divided into three catogarinternal revenue, with the approval of ies - First, Rear Admiral Nebogatoff the secretary of the Treasury, shall, and the commanders of the battleships under rules presceribed by him, arrange for the proper denaturing of any alcohol of the required proof so distill- did not endeavor to prevent the surren ed, such distillation and denaturing to be under all the terms and conditions of this act applicable to such cases."

FORCED ON CONGRESS.

President Shows That Frauds Are Traceable to Bad Laws.

congress materially to modify the pubommission.

The president emphasized the fact that the obsolete or impractical land laws are largely responsible for the frauds that have been unearthed during the past year or two. The coal land frauds are due almost entirely to the Impracticability of the existing law timber and stone act.

Labor Scarce in Mexico Also.

Mexico City, Dec. 27.—The scarcity kind has been reported. of labor is bothering the railroads as well as other enterprises just at present. It is reported that in the Laguna district, adjacent to Torreon, labor is The crops in that district are reported for that product.

Too Slow in Unloading Cars. Tokpeka, Kan., Dec. 27.—Referring to the congested condition of the railroads at present, Mr. J. E. Hurley, general manager of the Santa Fe, says: The car shortage is not to be charged President Roosevelt contemplated visiting the islands next summer. The native press received the announcement with enthusiasm.

Parkman, the man who first brought might relieve the congestion if they springfield, Mass., for the purpose of convict any person of posting such notices.

Springfield, Mass., for the purpose of convict any person of posting such notices, or in any way inciting riot. No instance, there are today 14,000 loaded or revolver best adapted to fulfill the serious importance is attached to the cars in Gaiveston awaiting unloading."

EDUCATION IN PHILIPPINES.

Director Says Schools and Pupils Constantly Increase.

Washington, Dec. 26 .- The sixth anin the Philippines concerning the activities of the educational work in the islands for the year ending June 30, 1906, shows that there are now 3,166 primary schools in the islands, with an BURTON WOULD RUSH PROJECT average of 375,554 pupils. Seven hundred American and 6,224 Filipino teachers are employed. All of the school divisions, the report says, conducted teachers' institutes, varying from four to six weeks in the different provinces. The instruction given was divided between the common branches of the intermediate course and special topics of instruction, such as school gardening, domestic science, primary industrial work and methods of teach-

There are 2,454 primary school buildings in the islands owned by the municipalities and, in addition, a number f buildings belonging to the provinces but not constructed originally for school purposes are used. Private instruction, he report says, plays a large part in the intellectual condition of the islands. Many of these schools are supported by the Catholic church, with a history eaching back several decades. of these institutions teach. English, al though in practically all of them Spanish is the basis of instruction. Filipino teachers, Dr. Barrows says continue to gain in reliability, strength of character and moral purpose.

SENT TO DUNGEON.

Many Russian Officers Receive Penalty of Surrender.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26 .- The court martial which has been trying Rear Admiral Nebogatoff and 78 officers of his squadron for surrendering to the Japanese in the battle of the Sen of Japan handed in its decisions tonight. Vice Admiral Nebogatoff, Commander Aprin, Rear Admiral Gregorieff, of the coast defense ship Admiral Senivien, and Lieutenant Smirnoff, who ship Nicolai, were sentenced to death, ces and the long-and otherwise blameless careers of these officers, the court will petition the emperor to commute ment in a fortress. Four other officer are sentenced to short terms of imremainder are acquitted.

The trial of Rear Admiral Nebogatoff second, the officers who advocated the surrender, and third, the officers who

MAY TIE UP HARRIMAN LINES.

Firemen on Sunset Route Threaten Extreme Measure.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 26 .feature of the strike of the Southern Washington, Dec. 27. - President Pacific firemen was the assertion made Roosevelt has made it necessary for by Second Grand Master Shea, of the into a switch engine at the west end of the station with the purpose of stenling lic land laws before the close of the of the differences with the men now out o'clock Sunday morning. present session of congress. His spe- on this division is made, the order is to cial message sent in last week indicates | be given that the entire Harriman systhe reforms most needed, and in the tem of milroads shall lose the services main his recommendations are likely of the Brotherhood of Firemen, includto be carried out. They do not differ ing those engineers who are members, materially from the recommendations he asserting that 86 per cent of the made a year ago by the public land switch engineers and a goofly number of the road engineers will end their services on the road.

Mr. Shea insists that 625 men on the Texas and Louisiann lines of the system obeyed the strike order Sunday, but General Manager Fay, of the road, declares that not more than 400 men Mr. Fay, but a number of switch en- allowed to burn. gines at division points are reported idle in the yards. No disorder of any

Great Increase in Immigration.

more aliens may be expeced to enter | ened state of the sick man does not perat that price it is difficult to secure all this country through the immigration mit of an attempt in this respect being station on Ellis island next year. "The made. The sailing of General Jose the neighborhood of Newcastle about 9 have been laid on 388 lines in 44 states to the fact that the mail contractor is to be good, and unusually heavy, but York this year," said Immigration but rumors of a serious revolutionary and territories, making the country's obliged to carry 800 pounds of mail on the lack of labor prevents the work of Commissioner Wathorn, "will approxi- movement in the western part of Ven- many attribute it to an explosion of total milway mileage 223,319. The each bi-weekly trip from Valdez, and securing the cotton in the usual time mate 1,050,000 persons, as against a exuela continue to be circulated. The total of 859,010 who landed here in press is mute on the subject. 1905. Using these figures as the basis for an estimate in 1907, we may expect 1,283,415 aliens to arrive in 1907."

Adopt New Pistol for Army.

WILL BOOST JETTY

nual report of the director of education Congress Likely to Make Work Continuing Contract.

No Appropriations Made Unless Recommended by Engineers-Celilo Canal Will Get Cash.

Washington, Dec. 24 .- The river and harbors has distributed the proposed items to sub-committees and on Decemer 31 the whole committee will get toether and begin the actual framing of the bill. It will probably take two weeks to perfect the measure.

In formulating the bill the house ommittee will strictly observe its rule o make no appropriation for any proet that has not been recommended by the chief of engineers and approved by the engineer board of review. There officials in turn will recommend no appropriation unless the project has been surveyed and endorsed by the local engineers. There will be absolutely n divergence from this practice and all states will fare alike. In like manner the committee will recommend no appropriations in excess of the amount estimated by the engineers, but in most instances will materially cut these estimates.

This being the case, the committee will under no circumstances recoummend more than \$1,000,000 for the mouth of the Columbia river nor more than \$750,0001 for the Celifo canal.

Indeed, in view of the very heavy demand for appropriations coming from Lichino, of the coast squadron; General all parts of the country, it will be very remarkable if the committee authorizes appropriations as large as recommended the engineers. There is a probabilof the Columbia river may be made a continuing contract and, if that is done, until the south jetty is completed. Celilo canal will be made a continuing contract in the forthcoming bill.

have been asked for by the delegations from the various states; the bill as reported will probably contain 400. Naturally with this heavy cut, part of it must be expected in Oregon and Washington.

EIGHT PASSENGERS KILLED.

Passenger Train in North Dakota Hits Switch Engine.

St. Paul, Dec. 24 .- A special to the Pioneer Press from Enderlin, N. D.,

south bound train on the Minneapolis, log that the robbers were doubtless St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie crashed criminals who have been hanging about brotherhood, that unless an adjustment the railroad yards at this place at 2:10 part of the Mohawk ore shipments,

Eight men were killed outright and custons during the last few days. me has since died of his injuries. be added to.

smoking car, which was completely Reno from Tonopah tomorrow. telescoped by the baggage car, and only two of the occupants of this car secaped injury.

The wreckage took fire from the overturned stoves used in beating the care and there was a race between the rescuers and the flames. By almost superquit work, and that practically all of human efforts the rescuing party manunder which public coal land can be the places have been filled. There is aged to fight off the flames until all of

Castro is Seriously III.

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 24.-Advices effect that the health of President the exact hour. New York, Dec. 26. - Figures just Castro, who is at Macuto, is becoming empiled at Ellis island indicate that more and more alarming. An operaso scarce that as high as \$4 a day is at the present rate of increase 1,283,415 tion is deemed necessary, but the weaknumber of aliens who will land at New Manuel Hernandez is not confirmed, o'clock this morning. The actual cause

Appeal to "Ku Klux Klan"

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 24.-Following the posting of small notices, printed in by fire, which slowly burned away the red ink, in the streets early today, call- coal vein. Washington, Dec. 26 .- Secretary Taft ing the "K. K. K." to meet this even has appointed a board of officers to meet | ing with arms, Mayor Woodward today to lack of equipment. Consignees January 15 at the Springfield armory, offered a reward of \$200 for evidence to

NOT READY FOR CITIZENSHIP.

Congress Will Disappoint Porto Rico. With Roosevelt's Consent.

Chicago, Dec. 22 .-- A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says:

In spite of the president's recommendation no citizenship for the people of Porto Rico will be granted by this. congress and probably not by the next me and probably not before the next one either. The leaders both in the house and senate have come to the condusion that the time is not yet ripe for uch action. They have presented the matter to the president, and he is now aware that his recommendation in this regard will not be acted upon. There are said to be grave matters of public policy involved which might be seri-ously complicated if citizenship should be granted at this particular time toharbor bill will be reported to the the people of Porto Rico. A general unhouse of representatives about January derstanding therefore has been arrived 14 and will pass that body the same at. There is an understanding in conweek. The committee on rivers and gress that the president will acquiesce in this decision because it has been put up to him frequently by some of the strongest men at the capital.

Briefly stated, the objection to citienship for Porto Rico is based upon the existing condition of the population of that island. A large per centage of the people are of mixed strain of Spanish and negro blood. The proportion of illiteracy is naturally large. Much progress has been nade in the school system, but it is still approximately true that 75 per cent of the persons of school age are not receiving instruction.

NAVY EYES TURBINE ENGINE

Will Not Finally Adopt Until Demonstrated the Best.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The most important engineering problem of the present day affecting marine propulsion, in the opinion of Rear Admiral W. Rae, chief of the bureau of steam engineering, whose report was made public today, is that of the steam turbine. Involving such radical changes, Admiral Rae says, the bureau has preferred to wait before adopting it extensively, until it had been demonstrated unquestionably the best system of propulsion for naval purposes.

It is expected that, when the three out cruisers now building, two with ity that the improvement of the mouth turbine and one with reciprocating engines, are completed and their trials continuing contract and, if that is done, have been held, comparative data of the it is as good as a cash apprepriation, in atmost value will be obtained. An that it insures continuous construction officer of the bureau is now abroad making a thorough investigation of marine There is little or no liklihood that the turbine installations already in operation and in contemplation and in addition the work of erecting at Annapolis, Over 1,200 separate appropriations Md., experimental turbine engines, condensers, pumps, etc., is proceeding.

TREASURE CHEST STOLEN.

Thieves Rob Wells-Fargo at Reno of Large Amount.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 22.-Wells Fargo & Company's express box, said to have contained \$30,000, was stolen from the company's office here last night after the arrival of the train from Tonopah. Edward Crofton, the messenger, continued on his way to San Francisco

Efforts of the local police and sheriff Loaded to its full capacity with have been unavailing to capture the people going to their homes in the East | thieves. Charles Ferrell, the detective spend the Christmas holidays, the appointed on the case, stated this evenwhich have been stopped on several oc-

J. J. Burke, Wells-Fargo agent here. Twenty seven were seriously injured admitted today that the amount of the and it is likely that the death list will robbery would reach the first estimate, \$30,000. He will know exactly how All of the fatalities occurred in the much was stolen when advices reach

Will Signal New Year.

Washington, Dec. 22. - The naval observatory will send this year, as usual, four series of New Year's eve telegraphic time signals to announce the exact instant of the beginning of the new year in each of the four great standard time zones of the United lowed will be the same as heretofore, and like that in use daily at noon. Each series begins five minutes before the hour and the clock tick, following a received here from Venezuela are to the silent interval of ten seconds, marks

Colorado Town Shaken.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Dec. 22 .-A violent trembling of the earth was felt on both sides of the Grand river in of the disturbance is uncertain, though accumulated gas in the Wheeler coal mine, which runs north and south beyond Newcastle. One theory of today's disturbance is that the earth settled, the displacement having been caused

Declines Silver at 70.085.

Washington, Dec. 22.-The Treasury department today declined to purchase any silver at the quoted price of 70.065 cents per fine ounce. Two thousand ounces were offered at that price.