OCTOPUS ACQUITTED

Charge of Receiving Rebates Not Proven by Government.

ATTORNEYS ARE DISHEARTENED

Jury Acquits by Order of Judge-Decision of Appeal Court Makes Conviction Impossible.

Chicago, March 10 .- "Not guilty." This is the result reached yesterday in the government's famous suit against the Standard Oil company of Indiana. The suit wherein the defendant company at one time faced a fine of \$29,-240,000 at the hands of Judge Landis on a charge of having accepted robates from the Chicago & Alton railroad, came to an end abruptly. Judge Anderson, before whom the case was brought after reversal by the United States Court of Appeals, instructed the jury to find a verdict of not guilty.

Judge Anderson's decision was not altogether unlooked for, he having pre-viously announced that the proof relied upon at the first trial was incompetent and it was with something of an air of hopelessness that District Attorney Sims and his assistants attempted to show the admissibility ofthe Illinois classification to prove the existence of a legal rate of 18 cents. This was a vital point in the government contention. Assistant District Attorney Wilkerson admitted that the prosecution could not supply the proof deemed necessary and suggested dis-missal. John S. Miller then moved for an instruction verdict of not guilty. This was ordered.

As to whether prosecution on seven other indictments still pending against the company will be instituted, Mr. Sims would not express an opinion, stating that this rested entirely with the attorney general.

*WOOL STORAGE HOUSE.

Growers Form Company and Start Building at Chicago.

Chicago, March 11.—The election of officers of the Warehouse & Storage company, and the laying of the corner stone of an immense warehouse, which, when completed, will accommodate 25,000,000 pounds of wool, were two steps taken today in a movement to make this city the wool center of the world.

J. E. Cosgriff, of Rawlins, Wyo., was chosen president; A. G. Leonard, Chicago, vice president; R. B. Thompson, Chicago, secretary and treasurer. The building will occupy nearly two acres of ground. It will likely be ready for occupancy May 15, in ample time to take care of this year's clip

time to take care of this year's clip ginia coast of wool. It is proposed to store at least 25,000,000 pounds of wool each season, and arrangements are under way to increase the amount to 50,000,-000 the second year.

NEW STOCK-RAISING PLANT.

Hybrid Alfalfa Likely to Be a Great

clover which grows north of the Arctic the Malay Federated states. circle, and some 300 other varieties of Under the treaty British capital to seeds suitable to the semi-arid region the extent of \$20,000,000, will be fur-

the highest latitudes of European Russia. He intends to combine the best elements of alfalfa of four continents and of all climates in a plant which will withstand the coldest weather and which will, it is claimed, make this and mutton in the world.

Trouble for Castro.

Caracas, Venezuela, March 8, via Willemstad, March 10.—The French government has sent a cable message to Senor Lorena, the Brazilian minister here, who is caring for French interests, annuoncing the approaching departure from France for Venezuela, of ex-President Castro, and asking what action Venezuela would take in Lorena replied that inasmuch as Castro had been criminally indicted in Venezuela on a charge of conspiring against same name sunk during the war, and the life of President Gomez, he would had come from Russia, to be followed be arrested.

Aboriginal Giant Found.

San Pedro, Cal., March 11.—The skeleton of an Indian was unearthed at Whites point today by men operating a street grading machine. It was that of a man of unusuaal stature, with abnormally large head and thickness of skull, and gave evidence of having been buried many years.

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SMALL HOPE IN TENNESSEE.

Remaining Standard Cases Desperate -Rebate Law About Dead.

Washington, March 12,-The officials of the department of justice to-day again declined to discuss what further action woud be taken by the government with respect to the several other criminal cases against the Standard Oil company for accepting rebates now pending in the courts for the Northern District of Illinois. It is understood, however, that Messrs. Wilkerson and Sims, the government attorneys, will come to Washington within the next few days for a confer-ence with Attorney General Wicker-sham, when it is presumed a course of action will be decided on.

The decision of the court in the \$29,-240,000 fine case leaves still pending in the Chicago District court three double cases, in which two separate grand juries have found indictments. These three double cases are understood to be similar, if not identical, with the case decided yesterday.

Consideration already has been given

by government counsel to the case of the United States against the Standard Oil company, which shortly is to come to trial at Jackson, Tenn.

The indictment in that case contains 1,500 counts, the specific charges being that the Standard shipped from Whiting, Ind., to various points in the South 1,500 or more carloads of oil on which concessions in rates were made by the railroads.

The decision of the Circuit court at Chicago is not binding as a matter of law on the Tennessee judge, who may try the case, as he is not in the same circuit, but it is considered likely that he may follow the Chicago court so far as the two cases have similarity. The Tennessee case probably will be heard by Judge John E. McCall, of the western district of Tennessee.

WIRELESS TELLS OF WOE.

Atlantic Stations Pick Up Fragments

of Appeal for Help From Sea. Boston, March 12. - Another ses tragedy has been revealed to naval operators at the government wireless stations at Charleston navy yard and Newport by fragmentary messages re-ceived through the ether. Whether the breaks in the message are caused by the distress on board the vessel sending them or not is not known. Not enough has been received at either sta-tion to locate or identify the craft in

tions west south east." Is the way the message was read at Newport. Another wireless station picked up fragments of a message about the same time which were in effect that a vessel was drifting in distress off the New Jersey coast. The word "Trainer" was among other unconnected words received and this led to the supposition that the message might have referred to the schooner "Ann B. Trainer," which was reported early in the week as drifting without masts off the Vir-

"In distress, notify life-saving sta-

BRITAIN GAINS TERRITORY.

Siam Cedes 15,000 Square Miles Under Industrial Treaty.

London, March 12 .- Fifteen thousand square miles of territory has been added to the British empire by the treaty signed yesterday at Bangkok, Siam, under the terms of which Siam

Under the treaty British capital to of the West, Professor Niels Edited Hansen, chief plant explorer of the South from Bangkok. These the Hansen, chief plant explorer of the to be controlled by a new department to be controlled by a new department quite distinct from the present railroad administration of Siam, which is administrat ministered by Gemans. There will be It was Professor Hansen's third trip also a gradual abolition of British ex-to Northern Siberia and his fourth to tra territorial rights in Siam.

Life Saves by Wireless.

Eureka, Cal., March 12.-The oil steamer Asuncion, Captain George E. Bridgett, en route from San Francisco to Portland, hove to 100 miles north of country the greatest producer of beef here this afternoon and notified the Fort Humboldt wireless station that a sailor had fallen from the rigging to the deck. The message stated that his injuries had resulted in severe internal nemorrhages, and medical advice was asked for and was promptly given.

Again on Visiting Terms.

Victoria, B. C., March 12.—News was brought by the steamer Suveric, which reached port today, that Japan was preparing to receive the first Ruscase he attempted to land. Senor sian warships to reach Japan since the war. They are the Korietz and Glyak, new vessels named after two of the shortly by the new cruiser Pavel III, Dzibuti and another battleship.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

INDIANS GET CATTLE.

Government Will Stock Klamath Reservation With Fine Herd.

Klamath Falls-Under what is officially known as the McLoughlin agreement with the Klamath and Modoc Indians, which was approved by congress about three years ago, the authorities are now advertising for 6,000 head of heifers of Durham stock, 2 and 3 years tions for the entry of sections 19, 20, old. If these can be had for division 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 35 and 36, among the Indians to be placed on their fine allotments it will put them in a position to realise handsomely city beginning at 9 octock Tuesday from this productive addition to their wealth. The Klamath reservation with its area of over 1,800 sugare ed in the south half of township 6 miles is not excelled elsewhere on the coast either for meadow lands or upland pasture.

The McLaughlin agreement under which this purchase is to be made aggregated \$537,007.20, more than half s million, which they were entitled to as indemnification for over 600,000 acres of lands excluded from the reservation by an erroneous boundary sur-They were to receive a cash payment of \$25,000, which was paid them two years ago, and \$350,000 was placed in the United States treasury to draw 5 per cent interest, this interest to be paid annually. Of this deposit they can, on properly signed and ap-proved petition, draw annually, if they wish, 10 per cent of the principal. From the deposit they have drawn interest for two years and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, drew \$35,-

000, or 10 per cent of the principal.

From the difference between the full total of \$537,007.20 and \$350,000 deposit this purchase of cattle will be nade, also agricultural machinery, etc., without drawing upon the deposit in the treasury which draws interest.

WATER CODE FAULTY.

Present Effectiveness Denied by Some on Account of Emergency Clause.

Salem-Attorney General Crawford is of the opinion now that the emerg-ency clause in the irrigation code is defective. He bases his opinion upon the technical ground that the clause fails to declare that an emergency exists, as has been required by the Oregon Supreme court. If the view of the attorney general is correct, the appointments made under the act by ex-Governor Chamberlain are void and ers to come to Oregon, and announces the law will not go into effect until that any person desiring literature of this character to send away. rights in Oregon are still open to plun-der by ruthless corporations.

The emergency clause in the water literature is artistic in the extremed by Supreme Justice and is most convincing in addition. Will R. King and ex-Governor George E. Chamberlain. It is the opinion of the Supreme justice that the clause is good and will stand the test of the

It may be that the special session the bills passed by the last legislature and by water users in the business have already been discovered to keen the commission. have already been discovered to keep the special session occupied for a week at the least.

Nursery for Rogue River Valley. Medford—Rogue river valley is to ley, \$1.05.

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Oats—No. 1 white, \$38 per ton. have one of the largest nurseries in the West. The Yakima Nursery com-W. D. Ingles, president of the Yakima @14.50; vetch, \$13.50@14.50. Nursery company, and L. E. Hoover, of this city, consummated the deal. Ingles and Hoover have also purheased ranch, about three miles from Eagle ter prices.) Point, paying \$13,250.

Southern Oregon Counties to Unite. as and Klamath counties are to organize an association for their common protection. The commercial clubs of Southern Oregon have taken up the matter. Thes association will bring pressure to bear at the next legislature for measures which the peculiar needs of this section of Oregon necessitate.

Support Crater Lake Scheme. Medford-Petitions asking the Jackson county court to appropriate \$70,000 for the construction of the Crater lake road, for which the state has appropri- \$4.50 crate; onions, 40@50c dozen ated \$190,000 contingent upon a \$100,-000 appropriation from Jackson and Klamath counties, have been placed in circulation and are meeting with great

Thorne for Insurance Clerk. Salem-Insurance Commissioner Ko- choice, 21@22c. Zer has announced the appointment of

J. M. Thorne, of Roseburg, as chief
cierk in the insurance department.

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county and is an experienced banker.

Cattle—Top steers, \$5@5.25; fair
to good, \$4.75@5; common to medito good, \$4.75@4.50; cows, top, \$4.25;
in the senate.

OPEN SILETZ LAND.

Two and One-Half Townships to Be Subject to Entry in April.

Portland—Register A. S. Dresser and Receiver G. W. Bibee, of the Portland land office, announce that two and one-half townships in the Siletz reservation will be subject to application and entry next month. Legal applications for the entry of sections 19, 20, township 6 south, range 10 west, will be received at the land office in this city beginning at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, April 20. Applications may ed in the south half of township 6 south, range 9 west, beginning at 9 a. m. two days later, Thursday, April 22. Notice that the survey of these two half sections has been approved has been received wby the local land office

officials. On March 23 all of township officials. On March 23 all of township officials. On March 23 all of township of the same conditions.

The lands thus thrown open to entry Little Rock this afternoon in response to a call from the citizens' committee. settlement and improvement of these lands has been held up for a number of years pending an approval of the sur-year. In the meantime many squatters have taken possession of quarter sec-tions of land and have done much towards improving the same and establishing a home thereon. Under the rules of the general land office regulating filings on this land, all bons fide settlers will have 90 days in which to make formal entry on the particular tract on which they have been living. At the expiration of that period the land becomes subject to application and entry by any American citizen.

Helps Advertise Oregon. Portland -- Passenger traffie officials of the Hill and Harriman lines centerseason, and that a majority of them rate of \$25 from Missouri river points as so which has been awarded for this year is lower than it has been in years and One this is likely to prove a strong impetus literature is artistic in the extreme

Chinnok Heads Water Board.

Salem-The State Water Board at its first meeting elected J. C. Chinnok, of Baker City, clerk. No other business was transacted except that the will make an attempt to correct some board began work preparing the blank of these errors, but enough defects in

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat — Bluestem, \$1.16@1.18; club, \$1.08; red Russian, \$1.01; val-

kinds will be grown and distributed. @15; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$13.50 tion started by butchers in Chicago

Butter-City creamery, extras, 36c fancy outside creamery, 326135c; store, his product at a lower price than they the minister of marine has practically 186220c. (Butter fat prices average the William Vonder Hellen 320-acre 11/4 cents per pound under regular but-

Eggs-Oregon ranch, 24@25c dozen. Foultry—Hens, 15 1/4 2/16c; broilers, 206(2/25c; fryers, 186(2/9c; roosters, old, 116(1/2c; young, 1/4)(1/9c; ducks, 20@22c; geese, 10c; turkeys, 18@20c. Veal—Extra, 103@11c; ordinary, 7@8c; heavy, 5c.

Pork-Fancy, 9 1/4c; large, 80/8 1/4c. Apples -75em \$2.75 box. Potatoes \$1.25@1.35 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 21/623c.

Vegeables — Turnips, \$1.25 sack; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.50; horseradish, 10c pound; artichokes, 90c dozen; asparagus, 12@20c pound; beans, 25c pound; cabbage, 2% #334c; cauliflower, \$2 crate: celery, parsley, 30c box; sprouts, 1234c pound

Onions-Oregon, \$1.75@1.90 cwt. Hops—1909 contracts, 10@1034e; 1908 crop, 7@834c; 1907 crop, 3@4c; 1906 crop, 1%c. Wool—Eastern Oregon contracts, 16

@18c; valley, 15@16 %c; mohair,

DEAD EXCEED THIRTY.

Disastrous Effect of Tornado Which Swept Brinkley, Arkansas.

Brinkley, Ark., March 10 .- Thirty injured and property worth \$1,000,000 was destroyed as a result of the tornado that wrecked this town,

The tornado shrieked above the city only a few minutes, but its work of CONFESSES, THEN GOES TO JAIL destruction was complete. The Catholic church, standing directly in the path of the storm, alone escaped damage. It has been converted into a hospital.

The prnicipal streets are impassible and are piled high with wreckage. Every business house is in ruins and there is hardly a home that has not been damaged. All the hotels were demolished, but the guests escaped.

Relief squads have been at work at day caring for the dead and injured. The Rock Island and Southwestern (Cotton Belt) railroads have placed cars at the disposal of the local relief committee and many people are leav-ing Brinkley, seeking temporary re-fuge at other points nearby.

Hundreds of people are homeless and are wandering about, seeking a temporary abode. Three special trains arrived from neighboring towns today, bringing relief workers, physicians

Mass meetings have been called for tomorrow in Little Rock and other citics to raise funds for the storm vic-

FIGHT 2-CENT FARE.

Railroads to Start Suits at Once in Many Western States.

Chicago, March 10,-A meeting of the executive committee of the Western Passenger association will be held tomorrow to formulate a plan of action ing in Portland estimate that fully 50,- in view of the decision of the Federal 000 people will be brought to the court nullifying the 2-cent passenger Norhtwest during the present colonist and maximum freight rate law in Missouri. It is understood that there is will settle in territory tributary to the Rose City. The west bound colonist roads ought to return to a 3-cent fare rate of \$25 from Missouri river points as soon as the schedule can be pre-

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of the Western roads will be held soon made, with a view to concerted action against with a view to concerted action against all 2-cent passenger laws. It is ex-pected that suits will begin soon in Illinois, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Indi-ana and possibly Michigan. The Kan-sas senate killed the 2-cent bill, but a 2-cent rate made by the state commission is in effect.

BAD HORSE ON CUSTOMERS.

Grocer Who Sold Equine Sausages Comes to Grief, Too.

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have gained such a reputation for havy in first class order. sweetness of flavor that he was able to sell great quantities. This is believed to have caused the enmity of his com-petitors, with the result that they examined his product. The butcher was ing the sale of diseased cattle, State's Attorney George Gunther pros-

Utah is Urged to Action.

Salt Lake City, March 10.-Governor Spry sent a message to both houses of the legislature today containing his views on the subject of prohibition. He recommends that a local option and strict regulation bill be passed at this session of the legislature, cautions against radicalism and desires that the welfare of all be considered. The governor also mildly rebuked both senators and representatives for not taking ac-

UTAH CASH STOLEN

r more lives were lost, 60 people were State Treasurer Christiansen Returns \$70,628 State Money.

Appropriates Two Large Tax Payments to Carry Through Nevada Mining Scheme.

Salt Lake City, March 13 .- A shortage of \$70,628.34 in the funds of the state, discovered less than a week ago, has been repaid to the last penny and James Christiansen, ex-state treasurer, admitting the defalcation, is awaiting a settlement with the criminal law in the county jail. Restitution was made by his bondsmen, after the delinquent official had turned over to them all his mining holdings and his wife had mortgaged her home to swell the amount of the security. The bondsmen say they will lose but little.

Christiansen has retained ex-Congressman W. H. King and brother as counsel. The attorneys say that they will demand a speedy hearing, but re-fuse to outline their future course.

Although he has admitted the ap-propriation of the state's money and there is evidence of a clumsy attempt to hide the deficit by falsification of the books of his former offce. Christianson receives more sympathy than condemnation. "He is the victim of his friends," is the comment of those who know most of his personal affairs.

It is related that supposed friends interested him in certain mining enterprises, principally in Nevada, and whenfunds ran low, appealed to him with every form of argument and art of peruasion to save their undertakings from ruin by raising the sum needed to put

them on a paying basis.

The investigation disclosed that Christiansen on May 26, 1908, had taken \$10,628.94, which was paid by Mrs. Julia A. Kimball as an inheritance tax. On January 4 of the present year County Treasurer John Groesfator of accepting the suggestion of the court, and make the rate 2½ cents for the "strong" lines and 3 cents for the "weak" lines. The prevailing sen gave receipts from the back of his out 250,000 pieces of iliustrated literature to help induce would be homesesking that any person desiring literature of this character to send away may have it by simply sending a post card to festival headquarters in this city. This literature is artistic in the extrement of the executive officials out to the county taxes due the state. For both of these amounts, Christiansen gave receipts from the back of his receipt books. The discovery of a shortage came when the county tressponding a post card to festival headquarters in this city. This literature is artistic in the extrement is against this, however, as it is regarded as in conflict with that appears that the realroads ought to earn 6 per cent for the stockholders.

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CRISIS IN FRANCE.

Deficit and Scandals Promise to Upset Cabinet.

Paris, March 13 .- France, like the United States, is confronted with a big deficit in her revenues. The budget of 1909 necessitated the issue of \$12,000,-000 in treasury bonds, while the regular estimates for 1910 show a deficit of \$45,600,000.

The situation complicates the proosal to revise the French tariff, and Chicago, March 10.—J. J. Schmidt, a butcher at Chicago Heights, was found guilty today in Judge Kersen's court of selling diseased horse flesh which had been made up in sausage.

Scandalous corruption in the matter of contracts revealed lately by M. refused to continue in office unless he-Schmidt's sausages were said to is granted sufficient funds to put the

It has been learned that a regular monopoly existed among the navy contractors, who charged exorbitant prices. and made enormous profits. M. Brousse, a member of the chamber of convicted under the state law prohibit-ing the sale of diseased cattle. The penalty is a year in jail, and a fine of mittee, reports that millions have been \$1,000. Schmidt's attorneys entered a swallowed up without any benefit to motion for a new trial. Assistant the navy. In one case boilers costing \$150,000 were purchased for ships that were put out of commission before the boilers were furnished.

Powers Uneasy on Servia.

Berlin, March 13.-The latest Servian note, in which that country nets forth that she does not desire to provoke war with Austria-Hungary, but maintains that the question of annexa-tion of Bosnia and Herzegovina should be regulated by the powers, was de-livered at the foreign office here today. Servia's renunciation of territorial compensation is regarded officially as a peaceful sign. The fact remains, however, that Servia's military preparations are being continued, and are causing counter preparation on the part of Austria-Hungary.