THE ISTHMIAN COMMISSION

MEN CHARGED WITH WORK OF PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION.

MAKE THEIR ANNUAL REPORT.

Detail Work of Sanitation Which Has Changed Health Conditions and Made Life There Possible.

Number of Men Employed, Arrangements Made For Quarters and Food Supply. General Work of Engineers Enormous Quantities of Supplies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-The annual report of the Isahmian canal commission has been made public today. It is a lengthy document of 123 print- and the gold employes- that is, those ed pages, and gives in full detail the of the higher class at 90 cents per work accomplished luring the past day, and they get good food in place of year, and what is proposed as nearly as bad. the commission is prepared to indicate The force employed on the 'sthmus commission is prepared to indicate The force employed on the 'sthmus commission is prepared to indicate The force employed on the 'sthmus commission is prepared to indicate The force employed on the 'sthmus commission is prepared to indicate The force employed on the 'sthmus commission is prepared to indicate The force employed on the 'sthmus commission is prepared to indicate The force employed on the 'sthmus commission is prepared to indicate The force employed on the 'sthmus commission is prepared to indicate The force employed on the 'sthmus commission is prepared to indicate The force employed on the 'sthmus commission is prepared to indicate The force employed on the 'sthmus commission is prepared to the commission of the commission is prepared to the commission of the what it will do.

The members of the commission decided, during their first trip to the hope for large and satisfactory repreparation had been accomplished in several directions. The Isthmus must tion, proper quarters and food must be provided for employes, and adequate terminal facilities must be constructed for the prompt and economic handling of supplies and material. It was decided, therefore, to stop at ones excavation on a large scale until the preparatory work was done. The commission realized that this was a radical change of policy, but believed that it would be approved when a full statement should be made of existing conditions and of the difficulties to be overcome before canal construction could be undertaken in accordance with a comprehensive and systematic plan. eHealth and Sanatation.

In order to make the Isthmus a place fir to live in and to work in the first essential was its thorough sanitation. Four thousand one hundred men are now employed in the sanitary undertaking, and so effective has been this work that yellow fever has been virtually extirpated from the Is: hmus, as the statistics given in the following table will show: (1905.)

Month, Cases. Deaths.

lisenses among the laborers scattered along the canal has at no time been as high as 30 per 1000. The death rate on the Isthmus for the year has been about 53.78 per 1000, but among the employes of the commission the rate of morality has been only 24,30 per 1000, which is probably as low as might be reasonably expected among an equal number of men engaged in similar work in any chmate,

Comparisons with the records of the French are the best indication of what has been acomplished. In October, 1884, when the French company had on the Isthmus a force of 19,234, it lost 161 men. In October, 1905, the Istamas canal commission and the Panama Railroad Company employing 19,685 men, lost only 55.

.The largest number of deaths dur ing any one year attributed to any one Jisease was due to malarial fever, which claimed 85 victims in the four months from May 1 to August 31, 1905. During the same period there were 54 deaths from consumption, 49 from pneumonia, 47 from yellow fever, 46 from dysentery, and 57 from diarrhea and enteritis. Deaths from any one other enuse were not numerous,

In view of the gratifying conditions snown by these statistics and the complete success attending the efforts of the health department to check the yellow fever epidemic of May and June and to arrest in its early stages the outbreak of bubonic plague at La Boca, it may be safely said that the problem of sanitation need no longer be considered formidable obstacle to the construction of the canal.

Care of Employes. Other essentials of scarcely less importance than the thorough sanitation of the Isthmus were the providing of suitable habitations for all classes of employes and the establishing of a system of food supply which would afford

wholeome food at reasonable cost. The commission inherited from the French company 2175 buildings, all in bad condition. Of these, 22 were desbeen repaired, 58 new buildings have in progress very little has been done in representing that the German governcourse of construction. Two new hotels steam shovels have been at different and even in a nervous condition bethree stories high and containing from 55 to 60 rooms each, have been complet- ebra cut, which is the largest single ed, and authority has been granted for factor in the construction of the canal, eight others, a portion of which are under construction at the present time. of material have been removed. By great calmness and without nervous Work is in progress also on cottages this work two things are geing accomfor married employes, on bacaelor quar- plished. First, the levels of the cut ters, and for shops and storehouses. In are being put in propor condition for this work of construction 2400 men are the installation of the largest number of employed, and additional carpenters and machines which can be effectively opother building trade workers are being crated, and second, data is being gathsent out with every steamer. This work ered which will be useful in future esis being pressed forward with the ut- timates of the cost of canal construc-

most vigor. \$1,039,451.88, of which \$286,487,38 was now employed. Railroad tracks and TOKIO, Dec. 28.—The emperor, on for the period prior to April 3, 1905, yards have been built, and Iredging has opening the diet today made a speech The total amount expened has been and \$752,964.50 for the period subse-

quent to April 3, 1905. The question of food supplies was the

most serious qustion that confronted the commission. If the men could not be fed, the canal could not be built. .

The commission was thus brought face to face with the problem of feeding 17,000 men with a base of supplies 2000 miles away.

local commissary stores at every important labor camp, to provide mess houses and to furnish food, both cooked and uncooked, to all employes at cost. Orders were sent by cable to have the commission's steamers equipped with refrigerating plants, arrangements were made for the erection of a temporary cold storage plant at Colon, and refrigerator cars were purchased for immediate shipment to the Isthmus, thus establishing a line of refrigeration from the markets of the United States to the commissary stations of the Istamus, The equipment in existing hotels was also purchased from individual lessors and their management assumed by the commission. The net result of these efforts is that today all employes are given opportunity to obtain an abundant supply of wholesone fool, cooked and uncooked, at reasonable prices. The silver men-that is, the common laborers-are being fed for 3) cents per day

November 15, 1905, was as follows.

In November, 1901; the commission employes on the Isthmus numbered 3 Isthmus, that it would be useless to 500. In November, 1905, they number ed, approximately, 17,000. Of these 11,sults in canal work, either in quantity 300 were under the Jepartment of comof excavation or an cost, until thorouga struction and engineering, 2500 under the bureau of material and surches. and 3050 under the department of gov be made healthy by thorough sanata- erament and sanitation. There were in the local au litor's office 46 men and in the office of the disbursing officer 21. Of the 17,000 employes about 2705

were on the gold rolls and 14,250 cn the silver rolls. The number of white Americans on

the Isthmus is estimate 1 at 1500. The Panama Railway Company employs about 2500 men, who are ont include it the total of 17,000.

Unskilled Labor.

The question of inhor is a grave and perplexing one. A sufficient supply of labor can be seenred from the rear by tropical islands and countries so far as numbers are concerped. The question of quality is a very different matter, Unless a much geater efficiency can be developed than is secured at present i will be necessary to look elsewhere for a better class.

cents to \$1.04 per day in gold. As compared with the best common labor in the United States its efficiency is rated from 25 to 33 per cent. Over 80 per cent of the employes of the canal are now and will continue to be alien laborers. A majority of the other 20 per cent employed will be in a clerical, a supervisory, or some other capacity to which the various labor laws of the United States are not applicable. It is to tais kind of labor that we are compelled to apply the eight-hour lawthat is, to aliens who know nothing of the law's existence until they arrive or the Isthmus. Such application will inerease the labor cost of canal construction at least 25 per cent and will add many millions unnecessary to the total expenditure.

On November 15, 1904, by executive or ler of the president, all employes on the Istamus of Panama, except persons subject to civil service laws and regu-

Appointments to the indoor positions, such as clerk, accountant, and stenographer, and to the positions in the hospital service such as interne, physician, and unrse, are made after competitive experienced, however, after the present commission assumed office in securing through this means a sufficient number of properly qualified men for the outdoor technical, mechanical, building trades and railroad positions.

But with the hearty co-operation of the civil service commission a plan has been adopted for securing the large nub

ber of persons desired. From January 1 to December 1, 1905, 2725 persons were appointed in the United States for service on the Itshmus of Panama in 153 lifferent grades of positions, and of the above number appointed 2043 persons have been transported to their places of duty the remainder having failed to sail after selection and appointment.

During the past summer complete data relative to all officers and employes has been secured, and a complete service record card system has been established, giving the official history of all officers and employes, with the execption of laborers.

with a monthly report of changes in the all employes opportunity of obtaining service, an accountability is now rendered to the civil service commission relative to the employes of the canal

regulations. the way of actual excavation. Eleven times in operation, however, in the Cul-

In the Culebra work 2600 men ar

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STRIKERS LOSING HEART

It was immediately arranged to open MOSCOW REBELLION IS ENTERING UPON FINAL STAGE.

Authorities May be Unable to Restrain the Fury of the Lower Classes

of People.

Revolutionaries Tear Up the Railroad Moscow and St. Petersburg and Soldiers Are Compelled to Walk.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec.28 .- Accord- being killed. ing to advices received by the govern-

principal danger now seems to be that rest the man, the "black hundreds" will complete officers waited, and not once did Cook That year, 106 per cent was paid for revolutionaries to overthrow the em the officers had nim. peror and even with the best of intentions, it may be impossible for the au- him under \$800 bonds to keep the classes when once the opportunity is offered them. The attacks made upon the striking railroad men at the waysi le stations sufficiently shows the tem wife applied for a divorce. On his per of the peasant class.

Four thousand strikers marched out of Moscow, completely destroyed sev, eral miles of railroad track between St. Petersburg and Moscow, thirty miles outside of Moscow, to prevent the arrival of troop trains. The trains were backed twenty miles to Cline, it is understood, and the troops will proceed on foot for their lestination,

Konevo Under Martian Law.

Koveno, Lithuania, Dec. 28 .- The city is under martial law. The field guns in the squares an the machine guns posted at strategic points have over-awed the revolutionaries. Members of

Guns Would Insure Success.

morning prints a dispatch from Moscow dated December 27, which says: "If the revolutionaries should receive guns the troops would be obliged to take ref-

Captured By Insurgents.

Paris, Dec. 29 .- The Journal's St Petersburg correspondent telegraphing on December 28, says that General Ba-Caucasus with secret orders and a disemployed merely as laborers, were made that he has been captured by the insurgents.

Germany May Take Hand.

London, Dec. 29,-The St. Petersburg the relations between Russia and Germany are distinctly strained and that examination and certification by the there is a possibility of international civil service commission. Difficulty was complications arising from the rebellion in the Baltic provinces.

Officers Make Arrests.

Moscow, Dec. 28 .- All members of the Social revolutionary committee have been arrested and a quantity of bombs infernal machines and correspondence seized. Three hundred revolutionaries today invaded the residence of chief of secret police and killed him. At the me lical bureau 650 wounded and 105 killed have been registered, but it i known that there are fully 1000 unidentified dead in the Loutehow quar-

Gapon at Bordighera.

Rome, Dec. 28 .- According to Giorn ale Di Italia, Father Gapon is residing in his country house at Bor-lighera near Genoa, and several Russians of note meet at his house every night.

REPORT IS DENIED.

With this information as a basis and Treaty Negotiations Between Germany and United States Are Not Halting, Says Correspondent.

COLOGNE, Dec. 28 .- The Cologni commission as required by the rules and Gazette prints an inspired dispatch from Berlin calling attention to the report cabled from Berlin to New York ment circles are seriously concerned cial treaty with the United States have come to a standstill. The Berlin correspondent of the paper says: "The ness. It is wholy untrue that the ne gotiations are halting. On the contrary they are proceeding at a normal pace.

EXPRESS APPRECIATION.

Emperor of Japan Addresses Diet From Throne on the Loyalty of Nation.

been done at both emis of the canal so from the throne expressing his appreciation of the loyalty of the nation and of the devotion of all public services, rganization a year ago.

which, he said, had enabled the war with Russia to be brought to a glorious conclusion. His majesty announced that friendly relations with Russia had been restored and that the attitude of the treaty powers toward Japan are be-coming more amiable. He alluded with satisfaction to the Anglo-Japanese alliance and to the necessity which compelled Japan to give her guidance to Korea. The house of representatives after adopting a loyal address to the emperor, adjourned to January 20. HORRIBLE MASSACRE IS FEARED.

WERE AFRAID TO INTERPERE. Lewis County Officials Watch Drunker Man Toy With Gun all

Night.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 28,-Sheriff Urquhart and Deputy Schlittler spent a cheerless Christmas night, because Track to Block Troop Trains Between Harvey Cook, a rancher on Lincoln creek, five miles west of Centralia, celebrated a little too freely Christmas day and was threatening his wife with a gun. The officers feared a sudden interruption might result in Mrs. Cook

ing to advices received by the govern-ment tonight the "rebellion" at Mos- filed a complaint here that the father cow is entering on its final stage. The had threatened to shoot Mrs. Cook and 800,000, at the rate of 30 per cent per guerrilla warfare was continued today, himself. Urquhart and Schlittler went on a smaller scale. Governor General at once to the seene, and through the Doubassaff is acting with great ener- windows of the Cook house they saw gy and hundreds of the members of the the old man sitting inside with a gun at 60 per cent.

The strikers have lost heart and the do his bidding. The officers decided to sensationally rate workmen's council is considering the wait outside unobserved until a favorquestion of calling off the strike. The able opportunity was presented to ar-

the work begun by the troops and end dispense with his gun. Just as the the revolt with a horrible massacre. dispense with his guil. The lower plasses are represented as Cook laid aside his weapon and went being enraged at the attempt of the into an adjoining room. In an instant

Justice Westover, at Chehalis, put thorities to restrain the fury of these peace. He is now sobering up in the county jail. About a year ago Cook terrorized on privately arranged loans, the rate his family in a similar way, and his

COMMANDER HOSLEY STARTS. Leaves Annapolis With Drydock Dewey on Trip to Philippine

Islands.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 28 .- The gigantie drydock Dewey made an auspicious start this afternoon on its 14,000-mile trip to the Philippine islands, under interest and other year-end settlements. direction of Commander H. H. Hosley of the United States navy. There was the call money market, no mishap of any kind. Three vessels in tandem are towing the Dewey. Next to the dock is the collier Brutus, then but in the main stocks held well in the Republican organization in Phila-States Mortgage & Trust Company. The the the collier Caesar and in front is the early trading, considering the market Jewish Bund fired on a passing patrol tug Potomac. Commander Hosley will usual sensitiveness to the situation. On pose of the Lincoln party and the true today. The patrol fired a volley, killing have his quarters on the Glacier, the the stock market the excitement is not supply boat which will accompany the great, dock and its attendants.

London, Dec. 29 .- The Times this WILL ENTER CHURCH IN ROME. ROME, Dec. 28,-The Italia says that Princess Ena of Battenberg, who will soon be married to King Alfonso of they would be assured of victory and Spain, will come to Rome in January to be accepted into the Catholic church uge in Kremlin, where the governor and at St. Peters. She will be baptized by other nuthorities have alrealy sought Archbishop Stoner, the highest English prelate in Rome.

TUBERCULOSIS EXHIBITION.

BOSTON, Dec. 28 .- A free tubereuosis exhibition on lines similar to the recent exhibition in New York opened ron Stakelberg left St. Petersburg for today in Horticultural hall and will remain open for ten days. The purpose patch received at St. Petersburg reports of the exhibition is to furnish the people with an opportunity to learn about the means and methods of treating and preventing tuberculosis. All that science knows about the dreaded disease is shown by charts, pictures and mod- then climbed rapidly to 80, 90 and 125 correspondent to the Times reports that els. The exhibition includes not only the greater part of the exhibit displayed in New York, but also a complete demonstration of what has been done for the care of consumptives in Massachusetts, by public and private enter, their local correspondents. A great

HIGH SCHOOL DISCUSSED.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 28 .- The present and future status of the high school formed the general topic of discussion this morning at the state teachers' convention. The speakers at this, he concluding general session of the convention, included Superintendent A. F. Nightingale of Chicago, J. E. Armstrong of Englewood, and H. A. Holister of Urbana.

MEETING OF SCIENTIFIC MEN. NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- The Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America began its annual meeting today at Columbia university with an at- This stock rose rapidly to 275 against endance of members from the leading 239 earlier in the day. There was no institutions of learning and scientific bodies of the United States and Cannda. The sessions will continue through the company's mines. Amalgamated the remainder of the week and will be devoted to papers and discussions dealnce in which the society is interested.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 28 .- The memtional Bank said today: bers of the Indiana State Teachers' "The enormous volume of business Association in annual session here this which obtains throughout the country afternoon laid aside business and de- is making a strong demand upon the voted themselves to a special program banking power, and naturally has man honor of James Whiteomb Riley, terially advanced the rates of interest.

ts first annual meeting in this city to-

lay with members present from many targe cities. The hostelries of Dayton united for the entertainment of the vis-

IN HOOSIER POET'S HONOR.

he "Hoosier Poet." The meeting was The foreign exchange credit, which the seld in Tomlinson hall, which was fill- country would normally make, is much ed, to overflowing with the teachers curtailed by the shortage of cars, and their friends. Mr. Biley himself which prevents the tripid marketing was present and his appearance on the abroad of cotton and grain, and also platform was the signal for an enthu- by the concerted withholding of cotdge presided and the speakers include would anticipate such exchange by d Henry Watterson, Meredith Nichol- our credit abroad, but Europe has troubles of its own. The Russian cloud son and other persons of note. hangs over the markets. A possible de-BUCKEYE HOTEL CLERKS. fault in the interest upon the enormous indebtodness of Russia has seriously DAYTON, O., Dec. 28 .- The Ohio disturbed Berlin, holds Paris in anxiety State Hotel Clerks' Association began

itors. The report of the officers show hat the association has had a gratify-

and, of course, exercise a strong re-

flex influence in London. Money has

fortunate that at such a time and under such circumstances prices of listed se-curities should be persistently advanced day by day. It has added to the money strain and is primarily responsible for the high rates of interest. Stock (if HOLDS STRONG worthy) would have found a higher level in a normal manner without caus-BATE ADVANCES TO 125 PER CENT ing conditions fraught with possible

At 2:15 the call money market be came much easier and dropped to 6 per cent and at 2:45 the quoted rate GOES UP BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS. ens 6 and 10 per cent.

IN NEW YORK CITY.

Years, but Causes Little Ex-

citement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- The call

The advance in the interest rate was

sensationally rapid. From 60 there was

Some stocks were sold out during the

Demand Starts Early.

the rate down. Immediately after-

money was offered at that rate.

Russell Sage Makes Loan.

came from out of town banks through

market started to advance, led by a

sensational movement in Anaconda

except the report of a rich strike in

was carried up 21/2 points in sympathy.

owing to its large holdings of Ana-

conda, and other copper and smelting

Explains High Rate.

President Hepburn of the Chase Na

The greater part of today's offerings

95 per cent.

for loans.

ent at 60 per cent.

stocks were also strong.

This was regarded as an effort to keep ate.

High Rate of Interest.

call loans.

promise to be good the suit was drop- it advanced again and closed with

Secretary Shaw Undecided. Call Money Reaches Highest Price in Chicago, Dec. 28 .- According to the Evening Journal, Secretary of the Treasury Shaw was asked if he had any intention of taking steps to relieve the money situation in New York, and

replied: 'When I decide to take any steps to Russell Sage Takes Advantage of Good Figures and Places Loan of \$6,000,000 relieve the situation there I will make -Banker Hepburn Explains Cause of public announcement of my intention I have not made up my mind one way or the other."

Call Money 15 Per Cent at Boston.

Boston, Dec. 28 .- A bid of 15 per money market opened strong again to cent for money on call was made here day. The first loan reported was \$2,today, being an unusually high rate for the Boston market. annum, and this was followed almost immediately by another loan of \$200,000 WILL FIGHT MACHINE.

So-Called Lincoln Party Holds an Anti-Machine Seance in Phila-delphia,

a quick advance to 75, 90 and then 100. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28-Members When 100 per cent was touched, all recof the executive committee and leaders of the Lincoln party gathered to-day at the Hotel Steuton in this city to perfect the details of organization, After lending at 100 today there were adopt rules covering the new situation loans at 90 per cent. The 90 per ceut quotation did not last long, and at 11 and map out plans for a continuation of the fusion fight against the Repub 'clock 110 per cent was paid for lican "machine" in Pennsylvania. funds, and shortly afterwards a loan of

With a leader and an organization \$400,000 at 125 per cent was reported. in each of the fifty senatorial districts After having reached 110 per cent on of the state, the Lincoln party will ask the stock exchange and 125 per cent the electors of Pennsylvania to support a complete state ticket in Novem for eall money late this afternoon fell ber next. As a step in this compreto 6 per cent. Just before the close. hensive effort, every effort will be exerted to capturing control of the elec-tion boards, to be voted for in Feb-Although brokers were compelled to ruary, which boards will conduct the pay the highest price in years for cash with which to carry their stock, there sit in February, 1907, when the sucwas little excitement over the situation. cessor of Mayor Weaver will be elected. Many stock exchange houses provided The Lincoln party has failed to sethemselves several months ago with cure the united support of the reform time loans to carry them over January element. It is opposed by the City party which brought about the "re-1. which is a time when money is always in great demand for dividends. form" victory at the Philadelphia elec-These time loans are not affected by

City party assert that the broader Thebaud, who also was connected with scope of the Lincoln party will have the Mutual, had resigned some weeks delphia. It is hinted that the real purintent of its promoters is to control the hold-over senators, all of whom will vote for the successor of Boies Penrose Prisoner Is Believed to Be Man Who The demand for money started within in the United States senate. The City fifteen minutes after the opening of party resents what it terms an attempt ousiness. As a rule nothing is done in to use it to further a plan to capture money until after 11 o'clock. Today a control of the high state offices and ultiloan was made early at 30 per cent. mately a seat in the United States sen-

ROYAL ARCANUM TRIAL.

wards bids were raised rapidly at 10 er cent between quotations. A re-SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 28.-The quest for accommodation at 40 brought trial of F. C. Wilcox of this city, who no offer. Then the bid was raised to is charged with "pernicious activity" 50, with no better results. The next in opposing the enforcement of the inwas 60, at which figure a second loan creased insurance rates of the Royal was made, one of \$200,000. No more Areanus, was begun today before the special committee appointed by Su The third loan was made at 70. Then preme Regent Howard C. Wiggins. Mr. the demand for money from brokers, as Wilcox is a member of the national exa result of heavy calling of loans by ecutive committee of Royal Arcanum the banks in order to make arrangecouncils and also of the law committee ments for the January 1 disbursements. of five which has charge of the litigabecame urgent, and most of them were tion against the supreme council to apprehensive as to whether they could prevent the enforcement of the new renew their loans at all. The call rate rates of assessment. His case is regarded as a test case and the result is per cent. The top rate yesterday was awaited with keen interest by the membership of the order throughout this country and Canada,

> BURIAL OF OIL LAMPS. BERLIN, Dec. 28,-At Unruhstadt,

many industrial and commercial houses a little market town in eastern Prussia, also loaned through their banks. Rus- a curious ceremony was enacted this sell Sage, through his representative, week to celebrate the opening of the was reported to have loaned \$6,009,000 new gasworks. A procession was orgaat 90 to 100 per cent. More than the nized symbolizing the "death of the oil usual discrimination was shown by the lamp." It was headed by the staff of leaders of the housesmiths and bridge banks in the collateral accepted by them the gasworks, followed by bearers of men's union, that on Tuesday next, Janbanners with inscriptions and wound The rate for 60 and 90-day loans to- with creps. Then came a band playing for an increase in pay from \$4.50 to \$5 day was 6 per cent and a commission. making such loans really equivalent to ried by old lamplighters. The proces- that every big building in the course of 9 per cent. Toward 1 o'clock the de- sion made a round through the town, mand for funds seemed to have been and on its way collected all the oilpretty well satisfied, and money was fed street lamps, which were adorned Just as soon as the money tension on the bier "for burial." seemed to have been relieved the stock

NORTH AND SOUTH UNITED. WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, O.

Dec. 28 .- A large and brilliant wedding here today was that of Miss Ruth Mil definite news to explain this advance liken, daughter of Col. B. H. Milliken of this city, and Hon. W. W. Wester field, assistant United States district attorney at New Orleans. The ceremony was performed in Grace M. E. church, which was magnificently decorated with flowers.

CONCERTED MOVEMENT BEGINS. Representatives of Sixty-Eight Institu tions of Learning beet to Modify Football Bules.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- The concerted movement toward reforming the game of football by the colleges and universities of America was begun here today when the representatives of sixty-eight institutions of learning agreed to act together in securing the adoption of rules and the enforcement of them, that are expected to materially lessen the danger to the players, to do away with mass formations and to secure permanent officials for intercollegiate contests. The conference fected permanent organization, and aping increase in membership since its our great volume of business practical of the above mentioned universities to be devoted entirely to papers and organization a year ago.

ly with our own resources. It is un-were represented at today's conference, discussions on scientific topics.

DID NOT SELL OUT WHILE SU-PERINTENDENT INSURANCE.

HE SAYS ACCUSATION IS FALSE

Declares Mutual Reserve Did Not Write Own Report of His Investigation.

Judge Cady Is Also Brought Before Armstrong Committee Through His Connection With Prussian Life Insurance Companies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28-Louis F, Payn and J. Ryder Cady, who was employed at times as counsel by Payn, while the latter was state superintendent of insurance, were the principal witnesses today before the insurance investigating committee. Payn in reply to one of the first questions asked him, emphaticaly denied the report that he had received \$40,000 from the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company and had allowed that company to write its own report of the investigation which Payn caused to be made in 1899.

Judge Cady was brought into the investigation by reason of his having ap-peared before Payn in the interest of Prussian insurance companies seeking admission into the United States, This application was denied by Payn, but two years later was granted. President McCurdy of the Mutual Life Insurance Company had asked that this permiasion oe he'd up until he could see Payn. The request was refused, but Payn had Cady call upon McCurdy.

Hughes asked if McCurdy said the Mutual Life would pay any money for a contrary decision. Judge Cady said he did not know but that McCurdy ofgeneral election in November next and fered him a retainer on behalf of the Mutual Life, which he refused.

McCurdy Quits Trust Company. New York, Dec. 28 .- It was learned today that Richard A. McCurdy, former president of the Mutual Life Insurance tion last month. The leaders of the Company, and his son-in-law, L. A. resignations were accepted.

> OFFICERS ARREST ITALIAN Shot At Southern Pacific Train.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 28.- min named Gombetti was arrested, charged with firing a gun through the rear ear of the first section of the north-bound passenger train Christmas day. A witness saw a man standing with a small rifle on the track in the rear of the train just after the report of the gun rang out. As Gombetti was the owner of the only rifle, a 22-caliber, found in the camp, he may be asked to prove that at was someone else. He asserts that he saw a man shoot such a weapon at the train, but the officers believe that they have the right man, It appears that the shot came from the rear and went through the car, from end to end, The ball, after piereing, the glass in the rear, struck the easing in front and fell to the floor of the ear. While budly flattened, it is said to have been fired from a 22-caliber rifle.

WILL STRIKE ON TUESDAY.

Housesmiths and Bridgemen of New York Will Demand Increase In Pay.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28,-The announcement was made to lay by the uary 2, the 4,000 members would strike a dead march, and finally a bier, car- a day. This, the leaders declare, means construction in this city and within a radius of fifty miles on Long Island and in New Jersey in which structural with crepe bows, and reverently placed | iron work is being lone, will be tied up indirectly and will throw out of employ ment about 75,000 men.

MISSOURI FRUIT GROWERS. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.-With an

attendance representing every portion of the state, the Missouri Horticultural Society assembled at the Coates House today and began its forty-eightn annual session. An executive session this afternoon preceded the formal opening of the gathering this evening when welcomes and responses will be delivered and addresses on horticultural topics made by Dr. J. M. Stedman of Columbia, R. G. Rau of St. Joseph, Miss Adelaide Utter of Kansas City, and others.

WILL SWEEP CONTINENT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 .- Plans for an ld ashioned religious revival to sweep the continent of America were made today by the religious workers from all over the country at the evangelistic conference conducted by R. A. Torrey and Rev. Charles M. Alexander at the

WESTERN SURGEONS MEET.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28 .- The unual meeting of the Western Surgical and Gynecological Association began in pointed a rules committee of seven this city today, with headquarters at which will communicate with the repflex influence in London. Money has been 8 and 10 per cent in Berlin, and unusually strong in other centers.

Condition Is Unfortunate.

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