

SHREWD SENATE MOVE.

ALDRICH DEFERS DEBATE.

Democratic Attacks on Efforts for Financial Relief Forestalled.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Aldrich has once more demonstrated his right to the title "Manager of the Senate" by taming a galaxy of Democratic fire eaters and forestalling present debate on the financial situation and the recent financial operations of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Cortelyou did not enjoy the prospect of the debate, and some of the financiers in the Senate regarded the prospective discussion as inopportune and as possibly inimical to the fast returning confidence in business circles.

This morning Mr. Aldrich called together the committee on Finance, of which he is chairman, and proceeded to have a dress rehearsal, so to speak, of the prospective debate.

When the flow of oratory, which was, of course, all behind closed doors, had ebbed, the Senator from Rhode Island cleverly indicated the weak points in the arguments of his political opponents as well as the danger to the national prosperity which their statements and conclusions might constitute.

All the oldtime skill of the "manager of the Senate" was evident in what the head of the committee said. Flattery, respect, sympathy, concession and adulation were all used in exactly the right proportions.

Senator Teller was the first to fall before the well directed batteries of the chairman. Senator Daniels came down next. Then Senator Talliferro, whose own interests in Florida are extensive, raised the white flag. Senator Bailey, of Texas, made a fine show of resistance, but he too succumbed at last and brought with him Senator Money into the enemy's camp.

Senator Aldrich played his trump card. "Gentlemen," he said, in substance, "it is far wiser that we should conduct this little affair here among ourselves. Withhold your very able remarks on your resolutions for the present. I pledge you my word that all in the proper time this committee will report a most sweeping resolution embodying all the many excellent points which yours embrace, possibly several others. In the mean time we will send for Mr. Cortelyou and Mr. Ridgely, and between us we will put them through their paces. Unhindered by a curious and disrespectful public, we will be able to subject them to such a cross-examination as they never before experienced. I will help you, gentlemen, if there is the slightest occasion for a mere layman to add his insignificant talents to the able efforts of the exceptionally capable legal talent of my Democratic friends."

When the Senate met, a few minutes later, all of the objectionable resolutions were referred to the Committee on Finance, practically without debate. Mr. Aldrich reiterated his promise of an adequate and comprehensive resolution "at the proper time." Mr. Clay made a few comments on the timeliness of his resolution, and then subsided.

Senator Tillman's resolutions, introduced yesterday directing the Committee on Finance to make investigations concerning the recent bond issues and also relative to Clearing House certificates, were also placed before the Senate. Mr. Tillman said in view of what had been done with the other resolutions on the same subject he would not discuss his resolutions at this time, but he would like to have them lie on the table until he could secure information he was endeavoring to get. His request was agreed to.

REMOVES ALLEGHENY OFFICIAL.

Pittsburg Mayor Lops Off Head of Director of Public Safety.

Pittsburg, Dec. 10.—Samuel J. Greer, Director of Public Safety of Allegheny under the old regime and Deputy Director of the same department in greater Pittsburg under the provisions of the act consolidating the two cities, was removed from office today by Mayor George W. Guthrie, this being practically the first official act since the Councils of the two cities organized as one.

The Mayor refuses to discuss the subject, but friends say he took this action believing that Greer is not in sympathy with his policies. Guthrie was elected on a fusion reform ticket and Greer was appointed by a straight Republican administration. Allegheny for years has been run on more open lines than Pittsburg, and Mayor Guthrie announces that regulations keeping down the bid in the city are to be applied to the annexed territory.

MEMORY IMPROVED.

Many persons suffer from poor memory who never suspect coffee has anything to do with it. The drug—caffeine—in coffee acts injuriously on the nerves and heart, causing imperfect circulation, too much in the brain at one time, too little in another part. This often causes a dizziness which makes a good memory nearly impossible.

"I am nearly seventy years old and did not know that coffee was the cause of the stomach and heart trouble I suffered from for many years until about four years ago," writes a Kansas woman. "A kind neighbor induced me to quit coffee and try Postum. I had been suffering severely and was greatly reduced in flesh. After using Postum a little while I found myself improving; my heart beats became regular and now I seldom ever notice any symptoms of my old stomach trouble at all. My nerves are steady and my memory decidedly better than while I was using coffee. I like the taste of Postum fully as well as coffee. My sister told me two years ago that she did not like it, but when I showed her how to make it according to directions she thought it was delicious. It is best to pour cold water over your Postum, let it come to a boil, then boil 15 minutes. That brings out the flavor and full food value. There's a Reason."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Get the booklet "The Road to Wellville," 25 pages.

TENSION AT GOLDFIELD.

Strike at Cripple Creek, on Since 1903, Called Off.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 10.—The attempt to start up the work on the dumps of the Mohawk combination lease-to-day was abandoned by Manager Siebert, who had announced last night that he would commence work on the dumps of his mine, which is close to the camp of the federal troops. The men who had been in readiness to make the attempt were told that they would not be needed until Thursday morning, at which time work at all of the mines in the camp would be started. Manager Siebert was in consultation with other members of the Mine Owners' Association until a late hour of the night. There were rumors that Western Federation men were arming and would attack the guards at the Mohawk, but after the mine owners had spent several hours in investigating the rumors proved false.

Suppressed excitement prevails everywhere. Nobody knows what is going on except those who are leading the forces on either side. The mine owners assert that they are fully prepared to open the mines on Thursday morning, while the officials of the miners' union scoff at such assertions. The union officials refuse to divulge their plans.

Governor Sparks arrived here at noon from Carson City. He denies that an effort has been made to induce him to ask for the recall of the troops, and says they will remain here until there is no possibility of trouble.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—General Funston said to-night that he would leave San Francisco tomorrow with two or three staff officers for Goldfield to look over the situation. He wished it made plain that he was not going there to take command of the troops or in any way supersede Colonel Reynolds. Neither is it his intention to order additional troops to the mining regions.

General Funston expects to spend only two or three days in Goldfield.

Denver, Dec. 10.—The executive board of the Western Federation of Miners has officially called off the strike in the Cripple Creek district of Colorado, giving as the reason the fact that the camp is in need of skilled mine workers, and may, by calling off the strike, many union men employed "in less favorable places" can go to Cripple Creek and accept work without violating their union pledges.

AMORY WINS AT LAST.

Gets Verdict for \$10,000 Against H. H. Vreeland in Libel Suit.

Colonel William M. Amory, former secretary to the Third Avenue Railway Company, after a third trial of his action to recover \$50,000 damages for libel from Herbert H. Vreeland, held before Justice MacLean in the Supreme Court, recovered yesterday a verdict for \$10,000.

The two former trials of the suit resulted in disagreements of the jury. The last suit was tried before Justice Amend during the October term of court. Amory alleged that Vreeland, after he had been arrested in a proceeding for criminal libel, which was dismissed by Magistrate Barlow, made charges against him in which he held him up as a notorious character and one of a gang which was engaged in publishing false statements with regard to the Metropolitan Street Railway Company.

It was argued on behalf of Vreeland that Amory, former District Attorney Philbin and others had embarked in a conspiracy to ruin the Metropolitan company by civil and criminal procedure. Amory asserted that Vreeland's allegations were false and slanderous, and that charges made by him as to juggling with the stock of the Metropolitan company prior to its merger with the Interborough were absolutely true.

Colonel Amory has an action now pending against the Public Service Commission for \$7,000 services, which he claims to have rendered in supplying the information which enabled William M. Ivin, special counsel to the commission, to substantiate the charges made by him against Thomas F. Ryan and August Belmont as to the manner in which the merger was carried out.

Colonel Amory, after the jury had rendered the verdict in his favor, held a levee with his friends in the courtroom, and expressed his gratification and the satisfaction it afforded him to have received a vindication at the hands of the jury.

RECIPROCITY WITH GERMANY.

Workings of New Agreement To Be Made Clear by Consular Report.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The Senate today adopted a resolution offered by Senator Gallinger calling on the President for all information in his possession relating to the declared exports from Germany to the United States, as shown by invoice digests of American consuls for the months of July, August and September, 1907, compared with the exports from Germany for the corresponding months of 1906. It is expected that the resolution will elicit valuable information concerning the manner in which the reciprocal tariff agreement of July 1 last between the two countries is working.

It should be shown that under the agreement German exports to the United States have increased to a large extent, as it is believed it will, the fact will generally be regarded by those who view the matter as does Senator Gallinger as indicating that it was most largely to the advantage of Germany, as our exports to Germany have not been greater in the last several months than before the arrangement went into effect.

PRINCE ITO TO RETIRE.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 10.—Advices received by the steamer Empress of Japan are that Prince Ito will resign his post as resident general of Korea at the beginning of the new year, when all the Elder Statesmen probably will retire. A well informed Japanese correspondent writes that the principle of no increase in taxation and no new loan bonds will be maintained for the next fiscal year, but increased taxation the following year will be inevitable.

MOTHER LOVE DEFIES SMALLPOX.

Mrs. Etta Vogel Brower, of No. 863 Park Place, Brooklyn, is quarantined in the Kingsdon Avenue Hospital with her three children, who have the smallpox. The husband and father, Edward S. Brower, was secretary to C. Brackbridge, when Mr. Brackbridge was Public Works Commissioner. When the children were removed to the hospital Mrs. Brower insisted on accompanying them, and she will now have to remain until they are well.

APPROVED BY THE ART COMMISSION.

At a meeting of the Municipal Art Commission yesterday, Robert W. de Forest presiding, designs were approved for the Hudson Memorial Bridge, which is to be erected across the mouth of the Harlem. The commission approved designs for a building for dormitories for men and women for the City Poor Farm, on Staten Island, and designs for a building for hospital nurses on Randall's Island. Designs were also approved for a tuberculosis infirmary on Blackwell's Island.

BANK MANAGER ENDS LIFE.

La Paz, Bolivia, Dec. 10.—Felipe Pinilla, manager of the Banco Agricola, committed suicide today. This, with the announcement that there is a shortage of \$10,000, has caused a sensation.

VICHY CELESTINS. Bearing the name. is genuine and the only water that has the guarantee of the French Government for absolute purity. Natural Alkaline Water. Used at meals prevents DYSPEPSIA and CURE GOUT and INDIGESTION. Ask your Physician.

STOESSEL TRIAL BEGINS.

Pleads Not Guilty to Needlessly Surrendering Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 10.—Lieutenant General Stoessel was placed on trial this morning to answer with his life and reputation for the loss of Port Arthur on January 1, 1905. With confident manner he pleaded not guilty to the charge of needlessly surrendering the fortress and thereby humiliating the Russian army. The trial is being held in the auditorium of the Army and Navy Club. The other accused officers are Generals Fock, Reiss and Smirnov.

The court was convened at noon by Vice-Admiral Douhassoff, and the entire afternoon was taken up with the reading of the voluminous and detailed indictment. The accusations against the general are disobeying General Kuropatkin's order to hand over the command of the fortress to General Smirnov, suspending the construction of the second and third lines of defence, countenancing ironical and often abusive reports written by General Fock concerning various officers in charge of the defence, and sending false reports to General Kuropatkin and Admiral Alexieff regarding the battle of Tein Chau, May, 1904.

General Fock is charged with disobeying General Stoessel's orders to defend Tein Chau to the last extremity. General Reiss, as Chief of the General Staff, is charged with cognizance of General Stoessel's intention to surrender Port Arthur, exaggerating the straits of the fortress before the military council, urging the uselessness of further resistance and advocating capitulation, sending a letter to General Nogi proposing negotiations for the surrender of the fortress and signing the Japanese terms at Shushlin without obtaining definite instructions from General Stoessel. The indictment charges General Smirnov with failing to remove General Fock from his command, although he suspected the agreement between Generals Stoessel and Fock to surrender the fortress.

It is generally understood that Stoessel is in possession of a weighty weapon in the shape of a telegram received by him before the surrender of Port Arthur, in which the Emperor said: "Don't push the defence to extremities," meaning for him to spare the lives of the Russian soldiers when their power of resistance was exhausted, as the Emperor feared that the Japanese might repeat the feat of a former capturer of a fortress, when they put to death 10,000 Chinese.

TO CHECK GERMAN NAVAL LEAGUE.

Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria Resigns as Protest Against Political Agitation.

Munich, Dec. 10.—A sensation has been caused by the resignation from the German Naval League of Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, who was a member of the executive committee of the Bavarian branch. The action is regarded as a protest against the active political agitation of the league.

Many public officials and aristocratic friends of the prince already have followed his example, and the defection in Bavaria may be the beginning of the weakening of this powerful organization. The league has upward of a million members, and sends lecturers into all the rural districts to urge that a powerful navy be built up so that the empire may be relieved from the danger of a war with Great Britain.

The league has become so energetic and influential that the government has been embarrassed by its demands for a more rapid increase in the navy than the Reichstag is willing to vote or the imperial finances are able to stand.

MOROCCAN NEGOTIATIONS SUCCEED.

Demands Made by France and Spain Accepted by the Foreign Board.

Rabat, Morocco, Dec. 10.—The French and Spanish missions to the Moroccan government have brought their negotiations with the Foreign Board to a successful termination and will leave here tomorrow.

The Foreign Board has agreed to accept the demands made by France and Spain in the matter of contraband of war, the immediate institution of the international police force, the construction of a sewerage system at Tangier at once and at other ports later, the application of Article 69 of the Algeiras pact regarding the acquisition of property by Europeans, and the abolition of the tax on merchandise in transit through Tangier.

RUSSIA NEEDS \$33,000,000.

Credit Operations Necessary to Cover the Government's Extraordinary Expenditure.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 10.—In making the budget statement in the Douma to-day M. Kokovsov, the Finance Minister, announced that to cover the extraordinary expenditure about \$33,000,000 would be needed, and, in the government's opinion, this sum could be procured only by credit operations. Simultaneously with the approval of the budget bill, he said, the Douma would be asked to sanction the conclusion of necessary loans.

Among the items of expenditure which make a loan necessary the minister mentioned an increase of \$28,000,000 for national defence, \$27,000,000 for the army, \$6,000,000 for the navy, \$23,000,000 for improvement in communications, \$6,000,000 for agriculture and \$3,000,000 each for public instruction and the Ministries of the Interior, Finance and Justice. The extraordinary expenditure for last year amounted to \$102,000,000.

MR. THOMAS WILL SPEAK.

Augustus Thomas will deliver the introductory address at the Broadway Theatre to-morrow afternoon on the occasion of the benefit performance for Mrs. McKee Rankin. As already made known in The Tribune, the benefit has been arranged by the women of the stage and will be participated in by the leading players now in the city. Signor Novelli, Edwin Arden, Edmund Breese, Forrest Robinson, John Kettered, Viola Allen and Cecilia Loftus will appear in the trial scene from "The Merchant of Venice." These players comprise the committee of arrangements: Viola Allen, Ethel Barrymore, Julia Marlowe, Grace George, Fritz Scheff, Annie Russell, Maxine Elliott, Phoebe Davies, Etta Shannan and Cecilia Loftus.

TIFFANY & Co. Suggestions for Christmas Gifts. The Holiday stock in every department is now unusually complete. In addition to the conventional styles of jewelry, silverware and watches, the department of unmounted stones offers unlimited opportunities for individual taste in selections for mounting and in the choice of pearls for necklaces. There is also a varied collection of tourmaline, amethyst, topaz, kunzite, coral and jade beads and richly carved objects of rock crystal, lapis-lazuli and nephrite. The Fancy Goods stock comprises many styles of gold and silver mesh bags, plain and mounted with precious stones; rich fans of Point d'Angleterre, d'Alencon, Burano and Venetian laces, antique fans of Louis XV and XVI periods, rare Vernis Martin, Houghton and Maurice Leloir painted fans; toilet articles in silver, shell and ivory; jeweled parasols, umbrellas and canes; leather goods, including every requisite for traveling, motoring and shopping. For the cabinet are rich pieces of bric-a-brac, miniatures by Patout, Paillet, Soyer, Mollica; enameled cigarette and vanity boxes set with precious stones; plaques and jewel caskets; reproductions in silver of rare antique vases and coupes; plain and gilded French silverware of the Empire style; game boxes, smokers' articles, desk fittings, opera glasses, lorgnons; a great variety of Dutch silver, unique hors d'oeuvre and bon bon dishes of silver and glass, English automobile baskets with all fittings. The Bronze Department presents a great variety of statuettes from France, Germany and Austria, by Gérôme, Bareaux, Barrias, Moreau and others; also an extensive line of busts of Washington, Lincoln, Beethoven, Mozart, Wagner; animals by Barye, Bonheur, Peyrol, Proctor, Remington; hall clocks in various woods to correspond with house decorations; clock sets of bronze and marble, regulators with gilt and glass cases, automobile, ship's bells and traveling clocks; Tiffany bronze lamps, for oil or electricity, with Favre and leaded glass shades. In the Pottery and Glass Department are the finest products of the noted English Potteries: Minton, Copeland, Doulton, Crown Derby; also unique and artistic effects in Moorcroft Luster pottery, Lancastrian and Ruskin wares, remarkable Doulton crystalline glazes, authentic Royal Copenhagen signed pieces, rare National Sèvres vases; Tiffany Favre glass and other American products from the Grueby, Robincau, Rookwood and Trenton potteries; also English glass vases, bowls and table sets in cut and rock crystal effects.

Fifth Avenue and Thirty-Seventh Street

WARSHIPS ASSEMBLED.

All but One of Admiral Evans's Fleet in Hampton Roads.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 10.—Except for the Minnesota, which is lying at anchor twenty miles off the coast and will pass in at an early hour tomorrow morning, all of Rear Admiral Evans's Pacific bound Atlantic fleet of sixteen ships are assembled in Hampton Roads, whence the flower of the American navy will start on Monday next upon the journey of fifteen thousand miles.

The battleship Kentucky dropped anchor in Hampton Roads at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon with the exchange of usual salutes, making the fifteenth battleship to arrive. The Minnesota, the last of the warships expected at the rendezvous was reported by the wireless station at Cape Henry to-night.

The bad weather of to-day made the coaling of the battleships Illinois, Virginia and Rhode Island somewhat difficult, and neither were conditions auspicious for the carrying of other supplemental navigation, magazine and provision stores from the navy yard to the ships as they lay at anchor off Old Point Comfort.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Dec. 10.—Captain Murdock, commanding the battleship Rhode Island, has been summoned to New York, owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Murdock, who is suffering from pneumonia. It is possible that in this case another commander would be appointed.

The repair ship Panther and the supply ship Culgoos, of the fleet, which will make the voyage around Cape Horn, left the Brooklyn navy yard yesterday afternoon for Hampton Roads to join Admiral Evans's battleships. The only boats in commission at the navy yard now are the torpedo boats Dahlgren and Craven. These will not go to the Pacific. After being overhauled in the yard they will probably proceed to Norfolk for the winter.

NOBEL PRIZES DISTRIBUTED.

Ceremonies at Stockholm and Christiania—Italy and France Win Peace Honors.

Stockholm, Dec. 10.—The distribution of the Nobel prizes, apart from the peace prize, which was awarded at Christiania, took place at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The prize for literature was awarded to Rudyard Kipling, that of physics to Professor Albert A. Michelson, of the University of Chicago; that of medicine to Dr. Laveran, of Paris, and the chemistry prize to Professor Edouard Buchner, of the University of Berlin. All the recipients were present. In addition to the prizes, which this year amount each to \$38,000, each recipient will be given a diploma and a gold medal.

Christiania, Dec. 10.—The Nobel peace prize in this year to be equally divided between Ernesto Teodoro Moneta, of Italy, and Louis Renault of France. This announcement was made to-day by J. G. Loevland, the Norwegian Premier, at the meeting of the Nobel Institute. M. Renault is the permanent delegate of France to The Hague Tribunal. M. Moneta has been prominent as a worker for peace in Italy. He was elected president of the Fifteenth Annual Peace Conference at Milan, in September, 1906.

FRENCH TERMS TO TRIBESMEN.

Trouble-Makers in Algeria Must Accept Unconditionally or Suffer the Consequences.

Paris, Dec. 10.—The terms of surrender proposed by General Liautey to the Beni Nasen tribesmen, who after engaging in an insurrectionary movement in Algeria recently sent emissaries asking for pardon, follow the lines of the terms proposed for the submission of the warring Moorish tribes at Casablanca, namely, the surrender of their arms, the delivery of hostages and the payment of an indemnity. Unless these terms are accepted unconditionally General Liautey will resume the offensive to-morrow.

COUNT DE GONTAUT-BIRON DEAD.

Paris, Dec. 10.—Count Louis de Gontaut-Biron, whose wife is the daughter of John G. A. Leshman, the American Ambassador to Turkey, died to-day. Count de Gontaut-Biron, according to recent reports received in New York, had been critically ill at a private hospital at Neuilly for some time. It was stated that he was suffering from blood poisoning and that the amputation of one of his legs had been decided upon.

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

Appropriation of Nearly \$6,000,000 Needed to Clothe Troops.

Washington, December 10. THE RESERVE OF A NUDE ARMY.—The reserve stock of clothing and equipment for the army has been entirely exhausted. The quartermaster depots at New York, Philadelphia and other places are without the usual quantity of material held to supply the demands of the regular establishment and to make requisitions from the National Guard. There have been heavy drafts upon this stock of clothing, and there has been no means of renewing the supply. It has been found necessary to curtail the issues to the regular establishment in some cases in order that all the troops may be supplied as far as possible. It will be necessary to make an appropriation of nearly \$6,000,000 to bring the stock up to the required proportions to meet the demands.

ORDERS ISSUED.—The following orders have been issued: ARMY.

Captain GUY V. HENRY, 12th Cavalry, is designated to fill requisitions in the regular establishment of the Chesapeake for assignment to duty with the 1st Cavalry. Major WILLIAM A. NICHOLS, 1st Infantry, to Vancouver Barracks, pending arrival of his regiment. First Lieutenant DAVID W. KELLY, coast artillery corps, from coast artillery school to artillery District of Columbia. Major PIERRE M. B. TRAVIS, 11th Infantry, to Washington Barracks for examination for retirement.

Rear Admiral R. M. BERRY, detached commandant navy yard, Norfolk, December 10, home. Lieutenant E. C. COLE, detached commandant the Shubrick; to command the Tingey. Middleman W. C. NIXON, detached the Kentucky; to Hamilton Road. Surgeon J. F. CONNOR, detached the Shubrick; to Hamilton Road. Assistant Surgeon A. J. TOLLON, to Naval Hospital.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.—The following movements of vessels are reported: ARRIVED.

Dec. 7.—The Whipple, the Hopkins, the Hull, the Stewart, the Lawrence and the Triton, at San Juan. Dec. 8.—The Yorktown, at Mare Island; the Saturn, at San Diego; the Wasp, at Mare Island; the San Juan, at New York; the Missouri, the Vermont, the Rhode Island and the Connecticut, at Hampton Roads; the Kentucky, at Newport.

Dec. 9.—The Maine, at Hampton Roads; the Standish, at Hampton Road; the Arctura, at Lambert Point; the Adams, at Bermuda. SAILLED. Dec. 8.—The Nebraska, from Breton to San Francisco; the Yorktown, from San Francisco for Mare Island; the Alexander, from Mare Island to San Francisco; the USS Oregon, from San Francisco for the Hawaiian Islands; the USS Albatross, from Norfolk for the Hawaiian Islands; the USS Albatross, from Norfolk for the Hawaiian Islands; the USS Albatross, from Norfolk for the Hawaiian Islands.

JAPANESE NAVAL PROGRAMME.

No More Cruisers, Coast Defence Ships, Dispatch Boats or Gunboats to Be Built.

Seattle, Dec. 10.—According to advices received by the steamship Empress of Japan, the naval programme of the Japanese Admiralty will eliminate entirely cruisers, coast defence ships, dispatch boats and gunboats, which, in view of recent experience, are considered useless. A prominent Japanese naval official says that the future building will be restricted to battleships, armored cruisers, destroyers and torpedo boats. The new battleships will be of 20,000 tons and the armored cruisers not greatly inferior in armament and displacement. The work of small cruisers will be done hereafter by destroyers.

GIBBES WILL CONTEST ENDS.

Probate Court Sustained—Report That Compromise Has Been Reached.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 10.—The contest over the will of Miss Emily O. Gibbes, of this city, who left the greater part of an estate valued at \$500,000 to Barnard College, was ended in the Supreme Court to-day when a decree was ordered, sustaining the Probate Court in allowing the will. The will was contested by Mrs. Edwin A. Post, of New York, a sister of the testator. It was understood after the adjournment of court that a compromise had been reached.

SOUTHERN MEN THREATEN STRIKE.

Dissatisfied with Dismissals of Officials on Asheville Division.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 10.—As the result of the removal of Superintendent Ramsour and half a dozen other higher officials on the Asheville division of the Southern Railroad, several thousand trainmen on this division have threatened to walk out. They say that the Asheville officials were not treated fairly, and have appealed to President Taylor.

ARMORY FITTINGS HIGH.

Witness Says 71st Regiment's Is Like a Woman's Boudoir.

When Brigadier General George Moore Smith was testifying before the Waldright Commission in the room of the Armory Board yesterday he made a biting reference to the appointments of the 71st Regiment Armory. Senator Fuller, who acted as counsel for the commission, in the absence of Colonel Olin, read a list of some of the luxurious appointments of the armory for the officers, \$22 \$98 for a mahogany desk; for you consider for a chair, \$180 for an upholstered couch and \$190 or \$200 for rugs, a reasonable thing to ask?" he asked General Smith.

"I consider the items which you refer to as extravagant," General Smith replied. "I do not believe in fitting up an armory like a woman's boudoir."

The commission wanted to ask some questions of Patrick F. McGowan, President of the Board of Aldermen, who is a member of the armory board. A note requesting his attendance brought Mr. McGowan to the boardroom in the Hall of Records, but that was all. When the session began Colonel W. C. Sangser, who presided, asked Mr. McGowan to be sworn.

"What do you want of me?" asked Mr. McGowan. "We would like to get your testimony."

"I don't see where you get a right to swear me," said Mr. McGowan, "for I came here as a matter of accommodation in response to your note, and not under subpoena. I am perfectly willing to answer any questions and give any information I may have, but I fall to see how you can take advantage of the situation to swear me as a witness."

Senator Fuller then said the commission would excuse Mr. McGowan, but that a subpoena would be issued. Mr. McGowan reiterated his willingness to testify.

General Smith testified that in each of the last five armory buildings there was open competition among architects, except in the case of the 71st Regiment armory, where Clinton & Russell, the architects who undertook to remove the debris following the big fire, also submitted a plan for a new armory which was accepted by the board.

The general said \$450,000 covered the cost of the erection of a new armory, not including furniture or site. It was advertised so that no contractor took the contract and sublet various parts of the work. He said the board asked for an appropriation of \$50,000 for furniture for the 71st Regiment armory and got \$37,000.

General Smith said the sites for the armories for the 2nd Regiment and the 2d Naval Battalion had been selected by the armory board subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate. Lawson Purdy, who is a member of the armory board, advocated a change in the law which would make each commanding officer responsible to the board for all supplies furnished to the armory, and making it mandatory for them to render an inventory of supplies on hand and a statement showing their disposal.

PREPARING FOR ANTI-BOYCOTT TEST.

Representative of American Federation Gather Depositions at St. Louis.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] St. Louis, Dec. 10.—H. H. Ralston, who with T. C. Spelling, of Washington, is representing the American Federation of Labor in the taking of depositions here in the anti-boycott test case of the Buck Store and Range Company. J. W. Vance, present agent for the Federation, declared to-day that the Federation purposed to fight the suit on the ground that it has the right to use the boycott against any corporation or individual, if force is not employed.

SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE IN ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—A slight earthquake shock, which rattled windows downtown, was felt here to-night at 10:32 o'clock. The movement seemed to be from south to north.

M. Knoedler & Co. PAINTINGS and Water Colors of various schools Old English Mezzotints and Colored Sporting Prints SPECIAL EXHIBITION OF Paintings by Frederic Remington on view until Dec. 14th. 355 FIFTH AVE., Cor. 34th St.