well into the forenoon before voters visited the polling places in the country towns and fishing places. The polls closed in most places at 5 p. m., but in a few small towns voting ceased an hour earlier.

In the cities the activity of the party workers began at 6 a. m., and in those places where there are manufacturing plants the early voting was fairly heavy. In a few of the larger cities the Republican leaders stationed detectives at the polling booths to prevent illegal voting, but in the early hours there were few interruptions in the steady line of voters from the marking booths to the ballot boxes.

Contests for the Legislature as well as for county offices and the enforcement of the prohibition law brought out a large vote in many towns and cities, while other places reported much apathy in voting in the early forenoon.

It is many years since Maine voters have had such ideal weather on Election Day. The summer season seemed extended for the benefit of the state. The weather was warm, without being oppressively hot. The country roads were in good condition, after recent rains, for travel to the voting places.

BURLEIGH FOR SENATOR

Republican Chairman Claims Maine Legislature.

Waterville, Me., Sept. 9.—Warren C. Philbrook, chairman of the Republican State Committee, gave out the following statement:

My prophecy of a "comfortable margin" has been realized. We have elected a Governor, three Representatives and a majority of both Houses of the Legislature. We shall elect ex-Representative Burleigh to the United States Senate, and the entire control of the state government for the next two years will be in the hands of the Republicans.

MEANS VICTORY FOR TAFT

Chairman Hilles Says Maine Shows Tide Is for Him.

Chairman Hilles of the Republican National Committee was greatly pleased with the Maine returns, and gave out the following official statement concerning them last night:

Despite the constant cry that this is a Democratic year, the Republican party has won an oldtime Republican victory to-day in Maine, a state which, above all others, has been pointed to as one in which the Democratic party was gaining a sure hold. The returns to-night show that the Republicans of Maine have carried the state, have elected the candidates to both state and national offices and have gained at least one member of Congress.

The entire result, it seems to me, must prove to the country the utter folly of a third party entering the present Presidential race, and has illustrated in the most forceful manner possible what the Republican party, with President Taft at its head, can do in the approaching Presidential elections if those Republicans who have followed a false light will return to their natural allegiance.

In spite of the fact that on the Democratic side it has been made a national campaign of the highest importance, and speakers sent from all parts of the country, headed by the Democratic candidate for the Vice-Presidency, Governor Marshall, and the near Presidential nominee, Champ Clark, the Republicans have won a great victory and redeemed the state from Democratic control. In 1910 the Democrats elected their candidate for Governor by a plurality of 8,753. Two years of Democratic administration have shown the people of Maine the errors of two years ago, and they have called the Republican party back to power.

The sweeping character of the victory is illustrated by the fact that on Sunday Governor Plaisted predicted his own reelection by 17,000, and the Democratic state chairman publicly predicted a plurality of 15,000. In 1908 the Republican candidate for Governor had a plurality of 7653. Two months later President Taft's plurality in the state was in excess of 30,000; and the success of yesterday, gauged by the standard of four years ago, insures to the President a large margin in the November election.

The Maine returns, following so closely upon the Republican victory in Vermont, show conclusively that the Democratic party is still the minority party, and that those contending that the Republican party has lost its grip upon the voting public are badly mistaken. The Republican committee avoided a spectacular and sensational campaign, and the organization worked with a will and was most effective. The result is a rousing vindication of the party, and an indorsement of the administration that clearly forecasts their perpetuation in power four more years.

There is nothing in the result of to-day to encourage the Democrats to hope for success in November. The tide has unmistakably turned in the direction of President Taft and his re-election.

TAFT AGAIN AT BEVERLY

Returns from Maine to Hear of Republican Success.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 9.—President Taft returned to Beverly to-night from a twenty-four-hour visit to his brother, C. P. Taft, who has a summer cottage at Biddeford Pool, Me. He was just in time to get the early returns from the Maine state election, and was pleased with the apparent Republican strength they displayed. He had no comment to make.

On the way from Biddeford the President picked up Mrs. Taft, who had been the guest of friends at York Harbor over Sunday night. His automobile passed through many Maine towns and villages filled with election crowds. Mr. Taft was recognized frequently and got many a cheer from men around the polling places.

The President felt so refreshed to-night that he hoped to be able to resume his golf to-morrow, though his right ankle is still a little lame. He had a few callers in the afternoon, among them a committee interested in the Industrial Commission, authorized by Congress at the last session and yet to be named by Mr. Taft.

NIXON TO RUN FOR ASSEMBLY.

Buffalo, Sept. 9.—James L. Nixon has been designated by the Republicans as their candidate for member of Assembly in the 7th District. Mr. Nixon takes the place of A. L. Shoemaker, who declined the designation.

ANOTHER MOTORCYCLIST DEAD.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Curtis D. Edwards, a professional motorcyclist, died to-day from injuries suffered Saturday night at the Riverview motordrome. Edwards' machine skidded while he was driving fifty miles an hour. He was thrown against a railing and suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries.

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HEARS DEFENCE WILL ASK CHANGE OF VENUE

Joker in Application, if Granted, Would Postpone Trial of Becker Until December.

WHITMAN OPPOSES DELAY

Already Plans Extraordinary Term and Expects to Assign Justice Goff, No Matter Where Case Is Heard.

Word was brought to District Attorney Whitman yesterday that the defence in the case of Lieutenant Becker has laid plans to make application to-day in Special Term of the Supreme Court for a change of venue to Broome, Cortland or Chenango County. The application is to call for a stay of proceedings until the question is argued, and the joker in the proposition lies in the fact that in those counties there are only two regular terms of the Supreme Court in a year—one in December and the other in May.

That would delay the Becker trial, if such application was granted, until December. The District Attorney does not believe that a change of venue would militate in any way against the success of the case against Becker, although he will fight to have the case remain in New York County, but he is strenuously opposed to a delay of the trial until December.

To checkmate any such move, it was reported last night, he has made a preliminary and tentative application to Governor Dix, asking that an extraordinary term of the Supreme Court for any one of those three counties be designated. The Governor has assured Mr. Whitman at previous points in the case that he will support him to the limit, and it is believed that if Becker's lawyers attempt to delay his trial by means of the change of venue they will find an extraordinary term of the Supreme Court awaiting them in whatever county they go to.

Furthermore, it is said, Governor Dix will resent any such attempt to dodge Justice Goff, the justice whom he designated to hear the case, by appointing him to preside over the extraordinary term of the Supreme Court in whatever county the defence has the case transferred to.

Whitman Fears No Jury.

This latest and probably last move for delay by Becker's lawyers may take the case to Binghamton, the county seat of Broome County; Norwich, the seat of Chenango, or Cortland, the seat of the county of the same name. In any event, it is likely that Justice Goff will be the justice presiding at Becker's trial, and Mr. Whitman is convinced that he can convict Becker before a jury anywhere in the state.

The District Attorney let it be known last night that he expected to convict Becker, not on the evidence supplied by Rose, Weber, Vallinsky and Schepps, although their testimony will be of great value to the state, but on the testimony of a number of witnesses whose names have not yet appeared in the case—witnesses who can swear that for six months preceding the Rosenthal murder there was not a single day on which Becker did not visit Rose at Rose's house, or Rose visit Becker at Becker's house.

With that point so strongly clinched, Mr. Whitman is not worried over the intimations from the defence that they intend to blacken the character of "Bald Jack" Rose. The more they blacken Rose's character the more the evidence the District Attorney will present disclosing the extremely close relations between Rose and Becker will hurt the latter.

Mr. Whitman had a talk yesterday with the Salvation Army lassie who was an eyewitness of the murder. He declined to give out her name, but said she had picked out the pictures of the four gunmen of the murder from a batch of pictures, and there was no question but what she could identify the murderers positively. The District Attorney is satisfied that her testimony, together with that of other eyewitnesses, will absolutely disprove any claims of the defence that Vallinsky did the shooting.

Another eyewitness to the murder came to see Mr. Whitman yesterday. This one, a man, told Mr. Whitman that he had seen the murder at close range, but had gone out of town immediately after it because he did not want to get mixed up in the case as a witness. He said the stories he had read in the newspapers convinced him that the District Attorney needed all the corroboration he could get and he felt it was his duty as a citizen to come forward. His story of the murder corroborates that told by the Salvation Army girl and by Giovanni Stanich. Mr. Whitman will not divulge his name until he produces him on the stand as a witness.

Has Nine Witnesses in Hiding.

The District Attorney now has no fewer than nine different witnesses, whom he is keeping in seclusion in New York and nearby cities, who will appear to give evidence for the people against Becker. Every one of these persons is afraid of police intimidation or persecution if it should become known that he is to be a witness against Becker, and Mr. Whitman has agreed to take care of all of them until they are called upon to testify.

Process servers from the District Attorney's office served a subpœna on Police Inspector Edward Hughes yesterday, calling for his appearance as a witness in the Becker trial. It is understood that within the next two days subpœnas will likewise be served upon every one of the police inspectors in Manhattan and upon several of the civilian employes of the Police Department.

It is not alone for the value of their testimony as witnesses for the people against Becker that the District Attorney has planned to subpœna these men, but also in part because he is afraid that some of them may unfortunately choose some time in the near future as a good time to apply for extended vacations.

Federal investigators on the trail of opium traffic informed the District Attorney yesterday that a house in West 56th street against which they had collected enough evidence to justify a raid had as one of its tenants a man who answered the description of "Gyp" the Blood. Mr. Whitman was informed that the federal sleuths would raid the place last night, and he sent Detective Lieutenant "Eddie" Ravens along with the officers. The suspected man was still there when the raid was made last night, but he proved his identity as other than that of the much wanted gunman of the Rosenthal murder, although he bore a striking resemblance to the well-known "Gyp."

Mr. Whitman arranged with Patrick A. Whitney, Commissioner of Correction, yesterday to exclude newspaper men from seeing Lieutenant Becker in his cell in the Tombs hereafter unless they go in a body.

HE ROARS FOR MR. WALDO

General Smith Praises Honesty of His Former Lieutenant.

General Jacob H. Smith, U. S. A. (retired), known in army circles as "Hell Roaring Jake," arrived here yesterday, accompanied by his wife, on the Holland-America liner Rotterdam, after a European trip of four months.

The general, who was Rhinelander Waldo's commanding officer in the Philippines, did a little bit of roaring when the reporters surrounded him down the Bay, but he had a smile with the roar.

"I haven't anything to say," he said. "Better interview Mrs. Smith here. She will do the talking for both of us."

The veteran officer had read abroad about the police investigation and was interested to know how Commissioner Waldo was making out.

"Fine fellow, Waldo," he said, "the bravest and most honest soldier I ever had under me. I first knew him when he was a lieutenant in the 17th Infantry, of which I was colonel. When I became a brigadier general I picked Mr. Waldo for various special services. Several times he was assigned to tasks at risk of his life, but he always came through with success and bravery. He was an officer of tact, and never failed. I certainly can vouch for the honesty of the Police Commissioner."

MURDER CAR IN TROUBLE

Machine Now Being Used for "Seeing New York."

The notoriety gained by No. 41,313, the gray touring car used by the murderers of Rosenthal, has been capitalized and the automobile is now being used as a sightseeing machine. The fact was brought to the attention of the police by the arrest of the driver, Frederick J. Halloran, who was taken to the West 30th street police station yesterday afternoon by Patrolman Reynolds, of Traffic Squad C, who said he was blocking traffic at 28th street and Broadway and had refused to move his car when told to do so.

Halloran said he lived at the Hotel Imperial. He was released in $500 bail furnished by John Keating, of the Imperial Hotel. Halloran told the police that he had bought the car from Louis Libby, who owned it at the time of the murder.

ASKS FOR LOWER RATES

New York Firm Complains of W. U. Telegraph Tolls.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Sept. 9.—W. N. White & Co., of New York, have filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission asking that the Western Union Telegraph Company be required to put in effect more reasonable rates, alleging that the company has already caused the firm to pay $5,000 in overcharges.

It is set forth in the complaint that newspaper rates are only 25 per cent of the ordinary commercial rates, and for that reason there is discrimination in favor of the press. It is also urged that the telegraph company sends special night and day messages at reduced rates, and that only recently a reduction has been made in the rates on cable business between New York and London. These instances are cited to support the contention of the complainant that a general reduction in rates is possible, and that the commercial rate now in force is unreasonable.

The complainant alleges that the Western Union company is stifling competition by the absorption of competitors and that the control of several cable companies has been obtained to this end.

Several novel points are raised in the petition, and it is understod the proceedings are in the nature of a test case to ascertain the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the right of that body to regulate the rates charged by telegraph companies.

Negotiations between Holland and the United States were begun to-day looking to a uniform standard for lifesaving equipment on the vessels of the two nations. The State Department denied a report that it was negotiating a convention with Holland for the mutual preservation of the present status quo in the Pacific.

WETS WIN IN HOT SPRINGS

Democrats Name Sheriff Who Will Not End Gambling.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Hot Springs, Ark., Sept. 9.—Though it will be to-morrow sometime before the complete returns of to-day's election in this county will be known, it is assured late to-night that the full Democratic ticket has been elected and that statewide prohibition has lost in this county. Constitutional amendment 15, which gives cities of the first and second classes the right to issue bonds for improvements, has also carried in this city, from the present indications.

Garland County, and Hot Springs in particular, was more interested in the Sheriff's race than in any other, and the evident result is causing genuine joy in all sections of the city. R. L. Williams, the Democratic nominee, has won over "Tom" Bledsoe, Republican, by almost two to one in the city, and it is believed the country vote will be almost solid for Williams.

Much depends on this race to this city, as Williams ran on a liberal platform, while Bledsoe never quite clearly outlined just where he stood on the questions important to the people of Hot Springs. Williams stands for conservatism, and has openly stated the city administration may look after the gambling question in the event of his election, and Mayor Waters stands for permitting gambling in the finer clubhouses under a high license and rigid regulations.

Williams is also in favor of permitting the major league ball clubs which come here for spring training to practise on Sunday, and will permit other things which have been prohibited by Hale and Wood.

THROWN OUT OF T. R. RALLY

Asked Candidate for Governor to State Views on Initiative.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Because he insisted on asking an embarrassing question at a Bull Moose rally at noon to-day, George E. Cole, founder of two Chicago voters' improvement societies, was given a seat on the sidewalk. Later he received an apology and was allowed to ask his question. State Senator Funk, Progressive candidate for Governor, was addressing a business men's meeting in a theatre when Cole arose and demanded to know how Mr. Funk stood on the initiative and referendum. Funk continued his speech, and finally a special policeman picked Cole up, rushed him through the lobby and threw him on a hard spot on the sidewalk.

Professor Charles E. Merriam ordered that Cole be brought back. He was placed in a box and allowed to ask his question.

CURRAN INQUIRY DEFIED BY MAYOR

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to produce any documents from the files of the Police Department on request of the committee unless subpœnas were served for the data required.

Subpœnas duces tecum were straightway served on the Commissioner, and the police records of raids and arrests on gambling houses, disorderly houses and other matters desired by the committee were produced, Chairman Curran said.

Mayor Gaynor's letter to Alderman Curran was as follows:

City of New York.
Office of the Mayor.
September 9, 1912.

Sir: While away for a short vacation I received your letter of September 3 asking me to attend before the committee of the Board of Aldermen which is inquiring into the Police Department, and state my views with regard to the administration of that department and whether any changes in law or system are needed to centre the personal responsibility in the Commissioner.

Your letter makes it necessary for me to speak plainly to you, much as I regret to do so. I cannot ally myself with you in any effort to discover wrongdoing in the Police Department. I have devoted much of my life to efforts to lift government up and make it respectable and honest, and I intend to continue that work, but I have never allied myself in it with any one who was not himself above reproach.

I have called attention to the miserable grafting carried on by members of the Board of Aldermen in respect to the licensing of the news-stands and the like throughout the city. By an ordinance of your board the Bureau of Licenses cannot grant these licenses except on a certificate of approval of the alderman of the district in which the license is to be granted. I have now for more than two years been calling the attention of the Board of Aldermen to cases where aldermen refuse to grant these permits unless the licensee pays heavily for them. Sums of $50 and $250 are commonly paid, and there are about seven thousand of such licensed stands.

The method by which this is done is that the aldermen, in place of dealing with the licensee personally and handing the certificate over to him personally, as the law and official duty require, refers such licensee to a go-between, who is generally what is called a ward heeler, and then hands the certificate over to such go-between, who holds it and refuses to deliver it to the licensee until he is paid for it.

Speaks of Moral Effect.

I have no doubt that the aldermen who do this share in the extortion money. Evidence has accumulated here that you pursue this system. I do not see how I can expect the police to be honest when they see on every hand that even the aldermen of the city are taking graft personally or enabling corrupt go-betweens to do so. I cannot ally myself with you in any effort to investigate the conduct of any official or any department of the city government.

My attention has also been called to the fact that you have of late several times published statements with regard to your visits to this office which are very far from being truthful. That is another reason why I do not wish to have any relation with you.

If the committee wants any fact of me let it subpœna me or notify me to attend, and I will do so and give such fact. Beyond that I shall not go. I at first thought I might be able to work with your committee in the investigation of the Police Department which I am making myself, and regret that in the circumstances I cannot do so. I cannot enter into any petty or partisan inquiry, and it is now plain that that is all you purpose to make. Very truly yours,

W. J. GAYNOR, Mayor.

Henry H. Curran, Esq., Alderman 26th District, New York City.

The big aldermanic chamber at the City Hall, where the sessions of the aldermanic committee are held, was crowded when the time arrived for the opening of the inquiry at 2 p. m. yesterday. There were several women in the gallery. All had come, apparently, in expectation of hearing the Mayor testify. The aldermanic desks and chairs which were not occupied by the municipal legislators themselves had been given up to the public.

All in Readiness.

The members of the investigating committee were all present and occupied the clerks' seats below the towering canopy which shelters the elevated chair of the President of the Board of Aldermen. Chairman Curran occupied that seat yesterday.

The other members of the committee are Aldermen Ralph Folks, Robert F. Downing, secretary; James Hamilton, O. Grant Esterbrook, W. Augustus Shipley, Frank L. Dowling, majority leader in the board; Francis F. Kenney and James J. Smith. Mr. Buckner and associate counsel Nathan A. Smyth, Louis Lande and Charles Guthrie sat at a long table in front of the committee. The witness chair, which the Mayor was expected to occupy, was placed on a raised platform between the lawyers and the committeemen.

After a half hour's wait, Chairman Curran mounted the rostrum and brought the meeting to order with a rap of the gavel. Every one sat up and listened for an explanation of the Mayor's absence. The chairman requested those present to avoid any demonstration of approval or disapproval throughout the hearings, and placed a ban on smoking. Then the suspense was lengthened by the reading of the resolution of appointment of the committee by Secretary Downing.

A prevailing spirit of hostility between the Tammany members of the committee and the chairman and his Republican-Fusion associates was displayed by some of the exercises that followed.

Mr. Buckner came in at the last moment, and Chairman Curran announced that the committee's counsel had a statement to make. Addressing the committee Mr. Buckner said:

At the request of your chairman, I called on Mayor Gaynor a few minutes ago, who had been requested some time since to appear to-day before the committee. The Mayor requests that the matter of his appearance be adjourned until to-morrow at 2 o'clock, as he said this was his first day back from his vacation and he had a great deal of official business to attend to, but that he would appear to-morrow at 2 o'clock before this committee without subpœna. I think in view of that it is only reasonable that the adjournment should be granted, if the committee approves, and that as a matter of courtesy to the chief executive no further action should be taken by the committee at this time.

Chairman Curran started trouble in the Tammany ranks by asking:

"Mr. Buckner, do I understand that the Mayor has given his promise and his word of honor that he will appear here at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon without subpœna?"

Mr. Buckner replied that the Mayor had promised to come, but had said nothing about "his honor."

Alderman Dowling jumped into the opening to criticise the chairman for his remark about the Mayor's honor.

"I think the chair is a little bit sarcastic when he talks about the Mayor's word of honor," he said. "I wish to file an objection to that going on the record. It is so nonsensical for a chairman of a committee to question the Mayor's word of honor, whether he be here or not. If you want him go and subpœna him. That is the way to do business if you want him and if you don't believe in his honor. You have got the power. Go and do it."

Alderman Smith arose to make a motion that the chairman's remarks be stricken from the record. The motion went unseconded and was lost when Alderman Folks moved to adjourn, which the committee did by a majority vote.

Alderman Dowling stuck to his chair and made a feeble and unavailing protest.

"We are ready to go ahead, you know. We are here for that purpose," he was heard to say amid the confusion of the departing crowd.

THIEVES ROB LENOX HOME

Take $1,500 in Gems from Guests of George B. Blake.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Lenox, Mass., Sept. 9.—While Mr. and Mrs. George B. Blake and their house party, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Stanton Blake, of France, and Mr. and Mrs. William G. Nickerson, of Dedham, Mass., were at the ball given by Mr. and Mrs. Newbold Morris, at Brookhurst, Saturday night, thieves entered the Blake villa, Pine Needles, and stole jewels of the value of $1,500 belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson and George B. Blake.

Mr. Blake gave out the list of stolen property to the police to-day. Belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson were:

Bar pin of large emeralds and diamonds, three emeralds in the centre and two diamonds on each end, $500.

Emerald and pearl earrings; pendants of pearls with emeralds at the ear screws, $100.

Emerald pendant, studded with pearls, $200.

Cut jet earrings with pearls, $25.

One jewelled hair ornament.

One blue leather book containing articles of value.

One gold chain, gold matchbox marked with a crest, gold scissors, cigar cutter, alligator leather pocketbook.

George B. Blake's hunting case gold watch, engraved on the inside of the case with his name, was also taken.

No clew to the robbers has been found.

SERIES OF RUNAWAYS

Former Cavalryman Mortally Hurt in One of Trio.

South Brooklyn streets echoed yesterday with the rattle of galloping horses, for no fewer than three animals ran away within two hours.

In attempting to check the career of a runaway horse which was attached to a delivery wagon of the Union Dairy Company, of No. 544 Waverly avenue, Thomas Larkin, forty years old, of No. 823 Dean street, received injuries from which he will probably die.

Larkin, who was formerly in the United States cavalry, made a flying leap at Atlantic avenue and South Oxford street, and sent the horse sprawling to the ground, but he was caught underneath it. At the Cumberland Street Hospital the doctors found that Larkin had had his back broken and had received internal injuries.

CATTLE SCARCE IN WEST

Bumper Corn Crop Will Not Reduce Meat Prices.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Chicago packers and other livestock experts say the bumper corn crop will not have the effect of reducing the present high price of meats, as many of the consumers have hoped. The cattle crop is short and the scarcity is so pronounced that even the greatest corn yield in the history of the country has no chance of helping the situation. Distillery feeders say they will be satisfied if they secure 75 per cent of their usual number of cattle. Cattle money is abundant, but farmers are afraid to commit themselves, regarding current cost of stock cattle as prohibitive of profit. A Central Illinois operator, who has been in Chicago all week endeavoring to purchase a string of stock cattle at what he considered a reasonable figure, said:

I am going to let this gambling proposition alone for a while. If we get a bumper corn crop, and cattle can be put in at a reasonable price I'll fill up later, but the road to the elevator is easily travelled and it is easier to winter the cash realized on corn than care for steers, with all the attendant risk and labor, not to speak of expense.

Disgusted cattle traders by the score are returning fruitless from purchasing expeditions in the West. "The West is shipping out beef only this year, and not much of that," said Russell Conley, of Marshall, Mich., just back from a still hunt for thin cattle and sheep in Montana.

"A search warrant is needed to find cattle in localities that were full of them two years ago. There won't be enough thin stuff to eat the hay crop, which is a big one."

Sheep also are scarce, and no congestion of hogs is even suggested. During the month of August Omaha received only 82,500 cattle, or 46,000 less than a year ago.

FIND HORSE-KILLING GERM

Not Communicable to Human Beings, Expert Says.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 9.—State Bacteriologist H. H. Waite, of the University of Nebraska, has discovered the germ which causes the mysterious disease that has been killing horses in Kansas and this state, according to a statement given out by Governor Aldrich to-day. The germ is said to enter the horse's head through the mouth or nostrils and thence find its way to the brain. The germ is supposed to diffuse itself through the atmosphere as well as hay or other provender.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 9.—The disease which has killed thousands of horses in Kansas during the last month is not communicable to man, it was said to-day, after Dr. J. S. Crumbine, secretary of the State Board of Health, and Dr. A. L. Skoggs, a meningitis expert, investigated the case of a youth who was said to have contracted the disease. Data gathered by Drs. Crumbine and Skoggs tend to prove that the disease is due to the pastures, as it is found that horses not on pastures are not affected.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Governor Aldrich and the state veterinarian of Nebraska telegraphed to-day to the Bureau of Animal Industry an urgent appeal for help, saying that the cerebro-spinal meningitis had spread into half of the state. The Department of Agriculture will send representatives to advise with the Nebraska farmers.

TELEGRAPHERS FOR STRIKE

Vote to Quit Pennsylvania Lines Unless Better Paid.

Philadelphia, Sept. 9.—Correspondence made public by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to-night shows that the telegraph operators employed on its lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie have voted to go on strike unless demands for increased pay and other conditions are granted. The men want an increase in wages of 10 per cent, two days off a month and a uniform schedule of working conditions.

Officials of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers claim that 2,800 operators employed on the lines east of Pittsburgh are members of the organization. S. C. Long, general manager of the company, told H. B. Perham, president of the order, that the company had under consideration a request asking for betterments in the working conditions of employes in the telegraph department, and believed the reply would be satisfactory to the men. The request under consideration, however, was presented by employes who are members of a rival organization.

It is believed that further communications will be exchanged before drastic action is taken by the organization of which Perham is the head.

CUMMINGS GOING ABROAD.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 9.—Senator Cummins soon will start for Europe, where he will remain until a short time before the November elections. The trip will be in connection with a report to be made next winter by a Senate committee, the exact nature of which has not been made public. Mrs. Cummins will accompany the Senator.

GERMANS TO THE FRONT

Former Mayor McClellan Says They're the Coming Race.

George B. McClellan, former Mayor of this city, arrived here yesterday, accompanied by his wife, on the Holland-America liner Rotterdam. He had been spending his vacation motoring through Germany, France and Italy. He said that wherever he went he found Germans. "Germany is the progressive nation of to-day," he said. "The American tourists no longer predominate at the resorts. It is the Germans. I believe they will be the money power of the world in the next decade."

The former Mayor said that abroad it seemed to be a foregone conclusion that Mr. Wilson would be elected President. Personally he said the nomination of Mr. Straus for Governor was a splendid selection.

Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, who had been spending the summer in Germany, was a passenger on the Rotterdam.

Among others on the Rotterdam were Harry Allen Jacobs, the architect, who went to Paris to get ideas for the plans of the Friars' new building, and John G. Shedd, successor to the business of Marshall Field & Co., in Chicago.

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