

Increasing cloudiness to-day, followed by rain by night. Yesterday's temperature—Maximum, 53; minimum, 33.

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INSURANCE PROBE ORDERED; MANN RAPS JUSTICES

Says Gould and Atkinson Should Not Permit Companies to Use Their Names.

DUTY TO RETIRE AT ONCE

Local Jurists on Directorate of Commercial Fire Insurance Company Now Under Fire.

Following a unanimous report by the Rules Committee, the House yesterday adopted the Johnson resolution calling for a sweeping Congressional investigation of the affairs of the Commercial Fire Insurance Company, the First National Fire Insurance Company of the United States, both with home offices in the Southern Building; the office of the Superintendent of Insurance of the District, and the affairs of the firm of Taylor, Nightingale & Underhill, underwriters for the two companies.

OUTLAW PUTS UP DESPERATE FIGHT

Kills Deputy Sheriff and Wounds Three of Posse Before Being Riddled with Shot.

KEEPS FORTUNE IN OWN FAMILY

Senator Rayner's Will Filed for Probate in Baltimore—Makes Many Bequests.

With the request that she continue to live with her husband, Mrs. William H. Rayner, daughter-in-law of the late Senator John Bayne Rayner, is left an annual income of \$15,000. Senator Rayner will probate yesterday in Baltimore. The \$150,000 is left to Mrs. Rayner in her own right as long as she lives, however, and to be taken from William H. Rayner's portion of the estate.

7 DAYS For Shopping Before Christmas

Make the smile wider, the laugh heartier, and the pocketbook lighter.

Florida and West Indies Limited Via Atlantic Coast Line, 250 p. m. Only train carrying through tickets to Florida and Tampa, Fla., with one night only service. 2 other dates: Dec. 18, 1912. New York Ave. 3, W.

PRESIDENT'S SON MAKES GOOD MARK IN STUDIES DURING THE FALL TERM

Waterbury, Conn., December 15.—Charles P. Taft, son of President Taft, leads the Taft school, where he is a student, in scholarship for the fall term, just closed. He obtained a mark of 86, exceeding 90 other members of the school excepting 10. The average for the school in scholarship was 71.

FLEETS MEET IN MIGHTY BATTLE

Reports Differ as to Outcome of Clash Between Greek and Turk War Vessels.

London, December 15.—The most desperate naval battle of the Balkan war was reported to-day as having been fought off the island of Tenedos, outside the Dardanelles. Dispatches received here differ as to the outcome of the engagement. It is believed, however, that the Greeks lost one cruiser and two destroyers, the enemy's fire for an hour and subsequently the Turkish fleet withdrew to seek protection of the forts. From here three Turkish destroyers withdrew to the Dardanelles on the approach of the Greek fleet.

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Member from Wisconsin Seeks to Place Controversy Upon Patriotic, Non-partisan Plane

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

Actuated by a patriotic nonpartisan desire to learn the truth of the charges which have been lodged against the District Committee of the House, to the effect that the welfare of the District has been subordinated to a feud between the chairman and members of that committee, Representative Henry A. Cooper of Wisconsin, a leader of the progressive movement in the House and in the country, yesterday introduced a resolution which calls upon the House District Committee for information as to the status of its calendar.

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Dreams of man whose wife puts off shopping until the day before Christmas.

Asks the District Committee For Account of Stewardship; Cooper Would Settle Feud

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Resolved, That the Committee on the District of Columbia do, and it is hereby requested, to inform the House at an early day what truth, if any, there is in these charges; and be it further

BULLDOG KILLS CHILD

Rescuer, Ala., Dec. 15.—With his jaws locked on the throat of five-year-old Jasper Goff, a vicious bulldog strangled the child to death to-day before it was shot by a neighbor of the Goff family. The dog was dead when it dropped from the child's mouth.

PARIS STRIKE A FAILURE

Paris, Dec. 15.—The "war" against war" strike called for to-day was a flat failure and the widespread labor movement planned for the night of the 16th European conflict that alarmed have talked about was crushed practically before it started.

BUTTER PRICES TO TAKE DROP

"Price Committee" of Elgin Board Abolished and Supplies May Be Disgorged.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—One hundred and twenty million pounds of butter, imported from a hungry nation by the "price committee" of the Elgin Butter Board, was to be sold to-day at its guardian. The committee was to be dissolved and the price of butter was to be something in keeping with its value.

MURDERER ELECTROCUTED

Mattie Del Oro Pays with Life for Slaying of Three.

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