

ston has no right to dispose of any of the money unless they have satisfied themselves that the building can be completed for that price. Those who take this position say that it is impossible for the commission to know this at the present time, as in as much as the plans even for the building have not been completed.

Probable Effect.
The District Commissioners, who with the Secretary of the Treasury compose the commission, today acknowledged receipt of the protest filed by the Blue Ridge Marble Company, but it is said at the District building that the protest will have no effect, as a award to the Blue Ridge Marble Company. The reason for this is stated to be that the commission, in advertising for bids, reserved the right to select any stone. The members threw out limestone and several other kinds of stone, and when it came to a choice between the Blue Ridge marble, and the South Dover marble, the commission chose the latter.

TO JOIN POLAR EXPEDITION.
BALTIMORE, Md., April 12.—Local Weather Observer Oliver L. Fassig, in charge of the Baltimore weather office, announced today that he will join the relief ship Belgica, which is to sail from Sandefjord, Norway, for the expedition to the arctic regions in search of the Ziegler north pole exploring expedition.

MILITARY CONVENTION.
Fourth Biennial Session of Order of Foreign Wars.
NEW YORK, April 12.—Nearly all of the twenty-one states of the Union in which the order has commanderies were represented at the fourth biennial convention of the National Commandery, Military Order of the Foreign Wars of the United States, which opened here today.

BENNING TRACK SOFT.
Threatening Weather Did Not Keep People Away From the Races.
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THE HOOKER CASE Removal of Justice From Bench Today's Conclusion.

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Declared to Have Been Immoral and Submitted Administration of Justice to Contempt.

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A Brave Rescue.
Ignoring the injury, he raised a ladder to the window and went to the rescue of Mrs. Herrick and her children. He brought them safely down the ladder, and the two-year-old child of Mrs. Herrick, the half and half son of Mrs. Herrick and Jack Ward.

\$50,000 Fire in New York.
NEW YORK, April 12.—Fire today destroyed the big grain warehouse of the Horace Ingersoll Company, at 604-644 West 94th street, entailing a loss of \$50,000.

YOUNG NOT GUILTY

AQUITTED OF THE CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER.

A jury in Criminal Court No. 1 late this afternoon rendered a verdict of guilty in the case of Samuel R. Young, tried under an indictment for manslaughter, Young, who at the time was trumpeter of Troop H, 15th Cavalry, U. S. Army, was arrested the evening of the 4th of July last for shooting John Jacob Smith, a veteran member of the metropolitan police force.

SUSTAINED THE COMMANDER.

Acting upon the advice of the Judge Advocate General of the army, the War Department has sustained the action of the commanding officer of the army post at Fort Caswell, N. C., in refusing to surrender to the state authorities of North Carolina for trial in the state courts.

Appointed a Brigadier General and Placed on the Retired List.

Lieut. Col. Edward Davis of the Artillery Corps, attached to the military secretary's department, and on duty at the War Department, has been appointed a brigadier general and retired. Gen. Davis is from Kentucky, and during the civil war, served as lieutenant of the 5th Kentucky United States Cavalry, until October, 1862, when he was appointed a cadet at the United States Military Academy.

Personal Mention.

Mr. A. F. Fleet, superintendent of the Culver Military Academy at Culver, Ind., had an interview with Secretary Morton at the Navy Department today regarding the naval academy recently established in connection with the institution.

Referred to the Attorney General.

Secretary Hitchcock has decided to refer to the Attorney General the question of railroad rebates on material used in connection with the irrigation reclamation service, which Controller Tracewell has decided could not be legally accepted.

Petition in Bankruptcy.

WILMINGTON, Del., April 12.—Horace G. Knowles, representing a number of creditors of the Diamond State Steel Company, filed a petition in the United States District Court today asking that the company be adjudged a bankrupt.

NAN PATTERSON CASE Smiths to Plead to Indictments Next Friday.

ARRAIGNED IN COURT
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TO SECURE CONFERENCE
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