

TO DEVISE A PLAN.

The National Democratic Committee and Several Senators in New York for Consultation

As to How to Stop Republicans From Electing Senators From Several Western States.

The Fight in Montana Is on Before the Supreme Court of the State.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The committee of United States senators, Gorman, Carlisle and Bruce, which was appointed by the senatorial caucus to come to New York and consult with the Democratic national committee concerning measures to prevent the alleged steal of senatorships by the Republicans in Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas and North Dakota, were busy during the morning receiving callers at the Fifth Avenue hotel. Among those who consulted with the senators was Martin Maginnis, member of the national committee from Montana. He gave the committee the full information about the alleged scheme to defeat the people's will in his state. The information will be laid before the Democratic national committee when they get together. The matter will be brought up at the meeting of the national committee during the afternoon.

FIGHTING FOR CONTROL.

Montana Democrats and Republicans After the Legislature.

HELENA, Dec. 12.—The great fight for the control of the Montana legislature began before the supreme court during the day. The suit was brought by A. J. Leech, Republican, to compel the returning board of Choteau county to issue to him a certificate as representative from that county. The board, composed of two Republicans and one Democrat, became convinced that a large number of votes had been purchased in Box Elder precinct, and threw out the vote of the precinct. This action gave the county to Hamilton, Democrat, by a majority of seven votes. It became known after the state canvass had been completed that the Democrats had secured a majority of one in the legislature. The fight was begun by the Republicans to knock out that majority and pave the way for the return of a Republican senator. A writ of mandamus was issued in the case by Chief Justice Blake last week during the court's vacation. Before the full court attorneys for Hamilton raised the point that under the state constitution no single justice of the supreme court had the right to issue a mandamus, but that it must be issued by the court during one of its regular terms. The constitution specifically confers the power to district judges, however. Miss Ella Knowles, the brilliant female lawyer, was one of the attorneys for Leech.

Montana's Vote.

HELENA, Dec. 12.—The vote of Montana on presidential electors was: Harrison 18,833, Cleveland 17,534, Weaver 7,259, Bidwell 517. Dixon, Democrat, is defeated for congress by Hartman, Republican, by 230 votes. Miss Knowles, the woman Populist candidate for attorney general, at first supposed to be elected, is defeated by Haskell, Republican, by 5,000 votes.

AN INVESTIGATION DEMANDED.

Some Republicans Want to Know What Became of the Campaign Fund.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A scandal is brewing in connection with the national Republican committee. There are charges of a serious nature in regard to the expenditure of the money contributed for campaign purposes. Some party leaders who claim that their states or districts were neglected by the national committee, are calling for a statement of how the money which came into the committee's hands was spent. A very large sum was raised to enable the national committee to conduct a vigorous campaign. Advocates of a protective tariff desired a liberal and widespread distribution of literature. It is well known that the amount raised was over \$1,000,000. Some place it at \$1,500,000. In spite of this the committee neglected the legitimate demands of the campaign leaders in Minnesota, Illinois, North Dakota, Nebraska and other states.

When Senator Davis was in the hottest of his great battle in Minnesota, he wrote twice to the national committee for money. No attention was paid to his request. His letters were not even answered. Mr. Rosewater made requests for speakers and documents for Nebraska and Illinois. Little or no attention was paid to him. Congressman Johnson, of North Dakota, was similarly insulted. Mr. Johnson says he has evidence that some money furnished by the national Republican committee was used in an effort to defeat him. He has written to Gen. Clarkson for information relative to the money sent to North Dakota. There is to be shared inquiry into the committee's finances at a meeting to be held here soon, the belief being that a large sum is to be accounted for. It is not known to what extent Chairman Carter had the handling of the money. Possibly he is not to blame for the waste of campaign funds, but the criticism freely made regarding the mismanagement of the campaign are mostly upon Carter.

We learn from a doctor that stammering is almost unknown among savages. Is this infirmity, then, one of the penalties we pay for civilization?

IDAHO DIAMONDS.

A Rich Field Believed to Have Been Discovered on Snake River.

BOISE CITY, Dec. 12.—Reese Walter, assessor-elect of Ada county, thinks that wonderfully rich diamond fields have been discovered on the south bank of Snake river, east of Walter's ferry, and accompanied by a half dozen friends, started for the scene of the reputed bonanza to make locations. The discovery was made by a party of surveyors who were at work at the site of a proposed dam at the mouth of Bruneau river, in Gwyne county. The engineers, suspecting that the peculiar white stones might be valuable, sent a quantity of them to Portland for examination, and were quickly assured that they had run across genuine diamonds. City Attorney Stevenson said that he had been assured that the formation of the ground in which the diamonds were embedded was of exactly the same nature as that of the famous Kimble diamond mines in South Africa.

MINUS THE ALCOHOL.

A New Kind of Beer Which Is and Isn't Like the Old Fashioned Article.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Beer with a froth and an acrid taste, but without alcoholic properties, that is what is promised Chicago by the Non-Alcoholic Beer Brewing company just incorporated. "We will manufacture beer in the regular way from malt and hops, but it will not be allowed to ferment," said Paul Dilg, one of promoters. "The process was discovered by Prof. Brescher, who has been experimenting on the subject for three years. It is, of course, a secret, but we produce a beer that has all the appearance and taste of the old fashioned product, but it will be non-alcoholic. It will be supplied mainly to families, as we do not expect a saloon trade. The company intends leasing a brewery here and will begin business in about a month."

Burned Several Blocks.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 10.—A Summer special to The News and Courier says: About 9 o'clock p. m. a fire started in the opera house during the performance by the "Chick" company. The flames spread rapidly and soon the opera house was in ruins with burning buildings all around. The theatre and eight business blocks were entirely consumed. The flames raged five hours and leveled the principal business blocks in the town. Losses and insurance can not yet be estimated.

O'Neill Will Contest.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—Congressman John O'Neill has filed notice of contest on congressman elect Charles F. Joy. Joy's majority on the face of the returns was 67. O'Neill claims that in stead of it being an honest majority Mr. Joy was defeated by over 3,000 votes. He expresses himself as confident that his case will be so plain that congress will seat the contestant without doubt.

Iowa's Vote on State Officers.

DES MOINES, Dec. 12.—The state board of canvassers has completed the work of canvassing the vote on the state ticket. For the head of the ticket, secretary of state, the vote was: McFarland, Republican, 219,464; McCollough, Democrat, 196,686; Gillette Peoples party, 20,256; Taft, Prohibition, 6,087. Nearly the same vote was given other state officers.

Ahlwardt Gets Five Months.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Telegraph's Berlin correspondent says that Rector Ahlwardt was condemned to one month's imprisonment for libeling Loewe, four months on Kuhn's complaint and two months for calumny against the gunmakers, but the court accepted the plea of non-malice, and reduced the sentence from seven months to five months, with costs, which are estimated at \$2,500.

Corbett Is Wary.

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—Champion Corbett's manager, Mr. Brady, says that Corbett will not recognize any deposit made by Mitchell unless it was made with a reputable New York newspaper. Corbett will get ready to fight in September or October next, but will not recognize Goddard until Goddard meets Jackson and decides the championship of Australia.

Doc Taylor Resisted.

BRISTOL, Tenn., Dec. 12.—"Doc Taylor," the condemned murderer of five people, including Moonshiner Ira Mulleiss, was sentenced to be hanged Dec. 16, but the court of appeals has deferred the hanging until after the June term of court, at which will be decided whether or not he is entitled to a new trial.

The Bi-Metallics Will Try to Secure One Before the Conference Adjourns.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 12.—The special committee of the international monetary conference again considered the proposition of Sir William Houldsworth of the British commission, for a bi-metallic union, silver to be received at national mints at a rate per ounce to be agreed upon and circulate as money. The committee also considered the plans of Danish delegate, Tietgen, and the Belgian delegate, Allardt, and a final report was prepared to be submitted on Tuesday. The bi-metallics hope the conference will not adjourn without recommending that the governments interested adopt a modus vivendi to avert a financial catastrophe.

Ramsay Is Confident.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Grand Chief Ramsay, of the Railway Telegraphers, is still confident of the success of the success of the Rock Island strike. He has received a few messages announcing defections from the ranks of the strikers, but claimed that they were counterbalanced by additions and that the men were gaining ground right along. Freight yards all along the line, he said, are being blockaded, and that branch of the company's business is practically at a standstill, according to his advice.

THE MAFIA AGAIN.

The Italian Society Evidently at Work in the Vicinity of New Orleans.

Three Atrocious Murders Charged to Their Account—Story of a Mortally Wounded Man.

Four Murderers Hung at Louisville Ky.—The Crimes They Exploited.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10.—The details of a horrible crime reached this city during the night, and the evidence points to another outbreak of the Mafia in Louisiana. Between 10 and 11 o'clock Wednesday night, what will probably be a triple assassination took place at Convent, St. James parish. The place where the crime was committed was the levee bank on the site of what had been the celebrated Nita crevasse. It is one of the most lonely spots in the parish. Thursday morning Deputy Constable Joseph Moulton, while riding along the levee, came upon the traces of a terrible struggle. A little further on he found two dead bodies. Investigating the matter further, Moulton came upon a man badly wounded and nearly dead. The man was quickly attended by physicians, and after a time recovered sufficiently to

Tell the Following Story!

My name is Stephano Werita. Tuesday night I and two friends, one named Antonio Paoli and another whose name I don't know, met four men at the French market. The men, as far as we know, are Luigi Lugio, Sabbato Marew and two others whose names are unknown. The four men we met induced us to go to St. James parish under promise of getting us work Wednesday. We left New Orleans Wednesday night and took the train, checking our baggage for Convent station. When we got to the levee Lugio asked me what time it was. I pulled out my watch, and as I replied that it was just 10:30 o'clock, Lugio shot me in the back. My two companions were standing near me at the time. Marew stood by the unknown man who was with me, and the sixth man, the stranger, was Paoli. As Lugio slashed the young man near him. He fled, with his assailant in pursuit. He stumbled and fell near the cane break and the man chasing him cut his throat from ear to ear. While this was going on Marew crept near Paoli and shot him through the head. Lugio thought I was dead and ran away. The others did likewise, and I crawled to the farmhouse of Mr. Kahn.

Werita will die. He is frightfully wounded and it is not believed he can stand the trip to the city. The case is in the hands of the police, and every effort will be made to run the assassins to earth. The authorities are positive the crime is that of the Mafia order.

SCIENTIFICALLY EXECUTED.

Four Murderers Pay the Extreme Penalty at Louisville, Ky.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 10.—The four murderers in the county jail were hung at 7:54 a. m. The execution was witnessed by only a small crowd, and was quietly and scientifically conducted. Following are the crimes for which the four men were executed:

Almost from the cradle to the gallows the life of Dennis McCarty was a record of brutal crime. But it seemed that he reserved the most terrible act of his wicked career to commit against the woman who he had vowed to protect—his wife. In her murder he committed a double crime, for in a very short time the wife would have been the mother of another child. The confession of McCarty himself, was that there was not the slightest provocation for the deed. About 7:30 o'clock, on the evening of Sept. 7, 1891, McCarty, while intoxicated, shot his wife, Ella H. McCarty, three times, at his home on Portland avenue and Nineteenth street. McCarty was 34 years of age.

Stephen Hite was sentenced to the scaffold for committing a deliberate murder. The murder was committed at 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning, Sept. 20, 1891. Saturday evening Hite and Albert Baumman started out together "to have a night of it." Hite began drinking heavily early in the evening, while Baumman was more temperate. During a game of dice in a saloon, the men became involved in a quarrel. They were ejected from the house when Hite overpowered the quarrel, striking Baumman over the head with a cane. They clinched and Hite drew a long sharp knife from his pocket, placed the point against Baumman's abdomen and slowly pushed the blade into his stomach. Baumman died almost instantly.

Nelson Lewis, colored, was hanged for the murder of George Dean, also colored, at a dance near Middletown, Ky. The tragedy occurred on the night of Nov. 23, 1891. The negroes had been to a dance, which was given at the house of Carrie Gibson, a negro. Lewis and Dean began quarreling in the house and Lewis left the premises. After a short time Dean walked out and Lewis shot at him with a pistol. The ball missed his mark and Dean ran toward the door. As he reached it Lewis fired again. This ball entered Dean's back and passed into his heart. Lewis said the shooting was done in self defense.

The crime for which Grant Thomas, colored, was hanged was the murder of Birdie Coleman, a colored girl 18 years of age. The crime was committed between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock on the morning of Feb. 9, 1891. Thomas was convicted on circumstantial evi-

dence. He was seen leaving the house of the dead woman shortly after 7

o'clock, and from certain other disclosures made at the coroner's inquest Thomas was arrested near the scene of the murder. He had notified the dead woman's husband of her death while the inquest was in progress and was arrested on his return. Thomas was only 19 years old.

A CHANCE FOR TROUBLE.

Report That Kansas Populists Will Use Force to Organize the House.

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 10.—A conference with members of the People's party was held here during the day. Those present included the new state officers, the state central committee, candidates for senator and aspirants for appointments under Governor Lewelling. A plan was agreed upon to organize the lower house of the legislature by revolutionary methods. As it stands the Republicans have sixty-three members or one majority. The scheme advocated by the leaders of the People's party is to have the new secretary of state to allow no one to enter the hall but People's party members and to station guards and officers, resorting to the state militia, if necessary, to prevent the Republicans gaining admission on the day when the legislature meets. Lawyers have been consulted and Judge Weber, a Populist, declared his party would organize the house at all hazards. Governor-elect Lewelling denied that the conference discussed such means for the control of the legislature. Leaders declare they will organize the house and senate and new state officers will be inaugurated Jan. 10, and the following day the legislature will meet so that the entire state government will be in the hands of the Populists.

It is said the new state board will meet immediately after the inauguration and revoke the certificates of half a dozen Republicans and issue certificates of election to half a dozen Populists and thus control the legislature and elect a Populist United States senator. It is said this action would bring to Topeka a host of Republicans who would resist it by force if necessary.

A SHIP CANAL.

Believed Congress Will Authorize One From the Great Lakes to the Hudson.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Representatives Lind of Minnesota and Chipman of Michigan have joined hands on a move, which, if accomplished, will be of great interest to the Northwest. In the last house Mr. Bently, of New York, introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 for a complete survey and examination of the best route to connect the Great Lakes with the Hudson river, either by a direct route from Lake Erie or a canal around Niagara and a canal from Oswego. The agitation which Secretary Thompson, of the Duluth chamber of commerce, is making has had the effect already of stirring up congressmen who live in states to be benefited, and they are heartily in favor of a meeting of deep waterway men in this city, as has been proposed. It is believed that such a meeting will bring men enough here to influence congress in passing the bill. Mr. Chipman is confident of getting the bill through.

Fed the Baby on Pins.

BUTTE, Mon., Dec. 10.—William and Mary Pushman have been placed under arrest on the charge of murder in the first degree. For some days there has been much excitement in Walkerville, near Butte, over the apparent attempts of Mrs. William Pushman, of that city, to kill her two weeks old babe. The child was found to have been fed on pins. An autopsy was held, the infant's left arm was found to be broken and the skull had been fractured by a heavy blow on the left side of the head. Physicians said that this blow had been administered since birth. There were signs in the abdomen of protracted starvation.

Diplomatic Disputes in Sight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—A special cable dispatch to The Herald from Valparaiso says its correspondent at Porto Cabello telegraphs that the government has manifested its pleasure over the arrest of many Federalists on the frontier in the Province of Corrientes, Argentina. But in Argentina a different sentiment prevails. The residents of the province believe the pursuit and capture to be a violation of foreign territory contrary to political usages. There is likely to be a lively diplomatic dispute between Brazil and Argentina over the question.

Was a Witness Against Graves.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 10.—Henry G. Trickey, the dead Boston reporter, was one of the chief witnesses in the Dr. Graves murder case at Denver. The latter's friends say that in the event of a new trial Trickey's death will save the doctor. Trickey swore to the infamous condemnation of Widow Barnaby by Dr. Graves.

To Organize New Banks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The following applications for authority to organize national banks has been filed with the comptroller: Citizen's National bank of Austin, Austin, Minn., by John W. Scott and associates; First National bank of Washburn, Washburn, Wis., by A. E. Gooding and associates.

Nickel Ore in Iowa.

KEOKUK, Ia., Dec. 10.—Dr. Charles R. Keyes, assistant state geologist, has just discovered nickel ore near Keokuk, which is the first discovery of the kind ever announced from Iowa. The ore is very rich, and the finding of it has caused quite a sensation.

Are for Mrs. Lease.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.—A dispatch received here from Abilene, Kan., states that the State Equal Suffrage association, in session there, adopted a resolution endorsing Mrs. Lease for the United States senate.

SNOW AND WIND.

A Genuine Blizzard Has Raged in Most Portions of the West for Twenty-four Hours.

The Worst of the Storm Appears to Have Been in Kansas and Nebraska—Roads Blocked.

In the Southwest Tornadoes and Thunder Storms Prevailed—Twisters in Texas.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—A blizzard has been prevailing throughout the West for twenty-four hours or more. In this city a drizzling rain, which fell nearly all day, turned into a furious snow storm with a gale from the West. The temperature was not up to the freezing point and the snow melted as it fell. The snow has now almost ceased to fall, but the skies still threaten. Along the lakes the storm seems to be general. At Detroit the wind is high and the weather is becoming colder. At Toledo a heavy storm of rain and snow prevails. Cleveland reports cloudy and threatening weather, and at Erie a heavy rain is falling.

In the far west the storm has been general and still continues. In western Nebraska intense cold, accompanied by wind, but in South Dakota and Eastern Nebraska the weather is not severe. Through the day the wind from the north blew a hurricane. Though the fall of snow has been extremely heavy, probably ten inches throughout Nebraska, the high wind has kept the ground clear in many places and in others piled up drifts in which a man can easily be lost.

Fears for Stock.

The greatest fears are entertained both in Nebraska and South Dakota for the safety of range stock. It is yet scarcely cold enough to cause much loss in this respect, but if the mercury falls 10 deg. more the loss will be enormous. In Omaha the inconvenience occasioned is great. Enormous drifts of snow covered the streets and rendered street car traffic impossible. Snow plows could make no headway with the snow drifting on the track as rapidly as displaced. Cars could scarcely be moved. All trains were delayed, and when the widespread storm was reported from the interior many trains were abandoned.

City Schools Closed.

All the city schools were closed. A large barn collapsed during the day from the weight of the snow. Several small buildings were wrecked.

At Beatrice, Neb., two feet of snow fell, which has drifted badly.

Snow fell throughout the entire State of Iowa. The snow was accompanied by a high wind. At Fort Dodge a howling blizzard raged all day. The snow drifted into great heaps, causing a suspension of all business. At Keokuk, a storm of rain and snow prevailed and indications are that it will continue. It has been gradually growing colder. Telegraph service is impeded.

Kansas, too, was storm swept. None of the trains from the west on any of the roads arrived during the day. The snow is not so deep, but it is drifted and many of the tracks are covered with it, especially in the northern part of the state. Near Phillipsburg it is very deep and covers wagon roads, and in some localities it is over the house tops. The real storm did not begin until 4 p. m. and it has lasted furiously ever since. Out near Dodge City the snow is deep and

Many Cattle Are Dead.

Telegrams from the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska divisions of the Rock Island indicate the most furious blizzard in several years all over the northern part of Kansas. The people were not prepared for it, owing to the splendid weather recently. No dead are reported, but there is much suffering.

At Emporia six inches of snow has fallen, and it still falls lightly, with heavy wind accompaniment, making a genuine Kansas blizzard.

Reports at Missouri Pacific headquarters in Atchison are that the snow storm is heaped throughout Northern Kansas and Nebraska. The snow in the cuts between Nebraska and Union is four feet deep and still drifting.

Trains Have Been Abandoned.

The wires are down on the central branch of the road and no reports have been received from the West. Snow plows and linemen have been sent out and every effort is being made to keep the track open.

At Salina, a heavy storm, accompanied by a blizzard, began Tuesday evening and continued for twenty-four hours. There are fully fourteen inches of snow on the level and the traffic has been suspended. The storm is general throughout the northwest part of the state. Because of the suddenness of its arrival much stock will suffer for want of shelter.

FROM ST. LOUIS.

Tornadoes and Thunderstorms Reported Throughout the Southwest.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.—During the evening there was a drop of 25 deg. in the

temperature in this section, accompanied by a wind which reached a velocity of thirty-five miles per hour toward midnight, with flurries of snow. In the morning the gale abated somewhat, but it is growing colder and spitting snow, with indications of a heavy fall before night.

Advices from all over Arkansas, the Indian Territory and Texas report a big drop in the mercury, with severe wind and electric storms, and several funnel-shaped cyclones. One at Brenham, Tex., demolished a dozen houses and injured

several persons, though none fatally. Dennison, Tex., reports several houses blown down and a bunch of cattle killed by lightning. In the Indian Territory many head of cattle and a stockman named John Wismore were killed by lightning at Big Prairie. A tornado three hundred yards wide struck Paragould, Ark., about 11 a. m., and did \$20,000 damage to buildings, fences and sidewalks in a twinkling, but fortunately no one was seriously injured. Other points report general damage to timber and fences, but few buildings of importance injured.

PROBABLY ADJOURN.

Indications That the Monetary Conference Will Not Take Action Till May.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 9.—M. Beernaert, the Belgian minister of finance, denies in an interview the statement of The Tageblatt. He says that he is far from despairing of the international monetary conference, and looks at any rate for some result of the deliberations. He believes the conference will continue in session until about Saturday, Dec. 17, and then adjourn until May for real and decisive business. Many of the delegates, he adds, and especially the Germans, will anxiously await President Cleveland's message before coming to a final decision. It is considered unlikely, that, at the meeting of the conference this afternoon, there will be an immediate discussion of the proposals of Sir Wm. Houldsworth, bi-metallicist of the British delegation, to the effect that a bi-metallic union should be formed by the nations willing to enter into such an arrangement, and that the nations preferring to retain a single gold standard should undertake to establish the following or a similar arrangement, viz: That their mints should receive silver bullion in not less quantity than a fixed minimum against receipts, noting the quantity and value at a specified rate per ounce, to be determined by international agreement, the quantity so specified to be delivered by weight to bearer whenever demanded, and in no other manner or no other account whatsoever, the receipts to circulate as money.

The prevalent opinion of the conference is opposed to Sir William's plan, and it is expected that it would be submitted to a special committee for preliminary consideration.

Sure of an Exhibit.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—The educational forces of the United States are now sure of enough room to make a creditable exhibit at the world's fair. The executive committee and the board of directors, which for months has held back for another building at Jackson park, have voted \$120,000 for that purpose. The plans for the new building were approved a week ago, and Chief Burnham has advertised for bids. This new building will not be used for the educational exhibit, however. The main building, Manufactures hall, will shelter the educational display. Professor Putnam's ethnological exhibit will be removed from Manufactures hall to the new building, and the educational exhibit will take the space in Manufactures hall reserved for Professor Putnam. This change is advantageous for both exhibits.

Two New Saw Mills.

RED LAKE FALLS, Minn., Dec. 9.—M. Lally has arrived from Minneapolis and is now on his way to Crow Wing lake, where he is in charge of the construction of the mills being erected by T. B. Walker. Mr. Lally states that the frame of one of the mills is already erected and the other is under way. This location is all that could be desired by those owning pine in that section, as Crow Wing lake, near Leech lake, is in the very midst of the pine region. The point of location is at the proposed junction of the Great Northern from Winnipeg to Duluth, and the Park Rapids branch with that line. The mills will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 and their joint capacity will be about equal with that of the mill at this place. It is expected they will be ready for operation early in the spring.

Countess and Maid Murdered.

ROME, Dec. 9.—The Countess Vis Tonte and her maid were murdered in the countess's villa, at Valeria, Friday evening. Both women were nearly hacked to pieces and had been otherwise maltreated. A German named Ichmann, who had been intimate with the maid, was suspected, and was arrested in this city in the evening with a purse bearing the countess's crest in his possession. He has confessed both murders.

Affects Churches.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 9.—A suit has been commenced in the district court that is attracting widespread attention from the fact that it affects evangelical churches all over the world. The action is brought by Bishop Esher and his faction to restrain Rev. J. H. Yaggy from obtaining possession of certain churches and property that are in dispute. The evangelical church property in this city is valued at about \$600,000.

To Protect India's Silver.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9.—The vice president of the Indian currency commission has written to the government asking whether in considering the failure of the Brussels conference, steps should not be taken to protect the interests of the Indian currency, and requesting that the sale of India bills below the different rates be stopped, pending the decisions of the Herstell commission.

Insufficient Evidence.

OMAHA, Dec. 9.—Dick Beslin and George Hayes, the gamblers arrested for the murder of Mayor Miller, have been released, the county attorney stating that the evidence was insufficient. Clara Allen, the woman who swore she saw Miller murdered, was arrested on the charge of perjury.