

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE IS READ TO CONGRESS

Few Spectators—New Committee Appointments—Senator Alger Sworn in.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The galleries were scarcely filled today when order was called in the house of representatives.

lost part of the holiday appearance it wore yesterday, though upon the desks of Senators Simon of Oregon and Alger of Michigan reposed beautiful flower remembrances.

At 12:10, the president's message not being received, a recess was taken until the receipt of the message at 12:30, when the house was again called to order, and the message submitted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—In anticipation of the receipt of President Roosevelt's message members of the senate today assembled early in the senate chamber and in the cloak rooms adjoining.

WRECKED.

Rio Grande Western Ditched with Fatal Results.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 2.—No. 1, Rio Grande & Western railway west-bound passenger train, struck a rock at 3 o'clock this morning near Westwater, on the Utah and Colorado state line, ditching the train and wrecking the engine and baggage cars.

COLONEL RAY

DOESN'T WANT CANTEEN AT FORT WRIGHT.

Colonel Ray of Fort Wright is quoted as not being in favor of a canteen at Fort Wright.

A DIRTY RIVER.

PETITION AGAINST ITS POLLUTION CIRCULATED.

The matter of the pollution of the river below Spokane by the depositing of garbage and city refuse in the stream is again calling forth strenuous protests from some of our citizens.

A petition has been prepared and is being passed round for signature, urging the mayor and city council to take steps to obviate the necessity of dumping this filth into the stream by building an incinerator.

GIVE BASKET SOCIAL.

The Covenant Order of Muskeeters of America will give a basket social on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. A large attendance is expected.

STRIKE.

French Sailors and Stokers' Strike Becomes Serious.

MARSEILLES, Dec. 2.—The sailors and stokers' strike has become so serious that 2000 more gendarmes were ordered to the scene today.

RECORD RUN.

Fire Department Makes Quick Time.

With a run of 22 seconds from the first toot of the whistle to the Whitehouse and to the signal for "fire out" the department has established a new record.

The blaze, which was in the basement of the Whitehouse, was extinguished without trouble and the department was back in the fire hall ready for another run in about six minutes.

The Baltimore & Ohio, Southwestern and the Big Four have increased the pay of switchmen, coming into line with the Chicago scale. This increase amounts to 3 cents per hour and reduces the time of working by two hours.

RICH COPPER STRIKE IN CEDAR CANYON

Stevens County Miners Becoming Excited Over Finds—Spokane Largely Interested.

It is rumored this morning that a very rich strike has been made in the Turk mine, which is located in Cedar canyon, Stevens county. This district has not been given much publicity as yet, but is known to be one of the richest copper, gold and silver districts within a radius of a hundred miles of Spokane.

The Huckleberry mountain country, which adjoins Cedar canyon district, is exceedingly rich in copper and the chances are this district will be a record-breaker next season. The Spokane reservation, on which are known to exist several large bodies of ore, will probably be opened in the near future and will swing Cedar canyon and Huckleberry mountain into public attention with the excitement usually incident to such an event.

POST OFFICE SITE LOCATION POSTPONED

Report of Inspector Opened But Not Given to the Public.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The location of a site for the new post office for Spokane was today temporarily postponed.

It may be two weeks before the department makes a decision. The Washington congressional delegation is being flooded with telegrams from influential citizens of Spokane, protesting against the selection of certain sites reported to have been the choice of the inspector, and urging the further consideration of other sites.

STOLE HATS.

Store Window Broken and Display Robbed.

Some festive burglar man determined to have headgear aplenty for the holidays and has raided the display window of the Whitehouse clothing store. He broke the window just enough to permit the entrance of his arm and secured about a dozen soft hats. He appears to have had a decided liking for hats of the stiff variety also, and in trying to get them through the broken glass destroyed several valuable samples.

Chicago.—Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture before the livestock exhibition expressed himself favorably to a permanent exposition of that character for Chicago.

MAKE A BREAK.

CARRIE RAY TRIES TO ESCAPE ARREST.

Carrie—not of the Kansas saloon smashing fame—but Carrie Ray, a Danish woman, it is stated, emulated the Kansas Carrie last night to the extent of smashing the windows in the door of John Nichol's saloon. Carrie is said to be a resident of Jap alley and she is considerably harder to handle than Carrie of Kansas.

Walla Walla, Wash.—F. A. Dryden has been appointed to succeed Warden J. B. Catron at the pen.

WON'T MAKE USE OF THE WALLACE CUT-OFF

President Mohler of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co. Says Northern Pacific Will Run Over This Track.

President Mohler of the O. R. & N. passed through town this morning in his private car.

In reply to an inquiry he stated that there was no foundation whatever for the report that the Northern Pacific proposed to lease or obtain trackage rights over the O. R. & N. cutoff via Wallace. This story revives every time President Meilen comes west simply because

Sheriff Keller Returns.

Sheriff F. F. Keller and Deputy "Bill" Pate, the two Chelan officers from whom two prisoners escaped and who later, with the assistance of the penitentiary bloodhounds, recaptured them, did not tarry in Spokane long enough to be interviewed, but made close connections with the Great Northern and returned to Wenatchee.

HANDEL.

Program of Matinee Musicale Club.

The regular monthly recital of the Ladies' Matinee Musicale club will be given Friday morning at All Saints' parish house. The following program will be rendered from Handel, in charge of Mrs. Herbert Coleman:

Part 1—Chorus, "And the Glory of the Lord," from the Messiah, Spokane Oratorio society; sketch of Handel's life, Mrs. Herbert T. Coleman; "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" (for soprano), Miss Arnetta Owen; sketch of the "Messiah," Mrs. Harry Wood.

Part 2—"Dead March" from Saul (for piano), Miss Ruth Libby; (a) "Thy Rebuke Hath Broken His Heart," (b) "Behold! and See if There Be Any Sorrow," (c) "Thou Shalt Break them" (for tenor), Charles F. Orr; "He Was Despised and Rejected" (for alto), Miss Harriet McCoy; "Hallelujah Chorus" from the Messiah, Spokane Oratorio society.

Boise, Idaho.—Governor Hunt has removed State Engineer Ross and appointed James Stephenson to fill the office, through the alleged reason that Ross went over state heads in making reports direct to Secretary Hitchcock of the interior.

SPOKANE THUGS GET DESPERATE

Young Woman Held Up and Relieved of Money and Neck Chain.

The desperate character of the thugs who are gradually rousing decent Spokane citizens to a frenzy by the number and boldness of their holdups was exemplified in a case just brought to police attention.

Third aves. by a bold, bad highwayman, who very politely requested her pocketbook and any other valuables she might possess.

NEW CLERK.

DESK AT THE NEW SUB-POST-OFFICE FILLED.

C. R. D. S. Oakford, a resident of Spokane, has been appointed to the clerkship at the sub-postoffice at McNab's drug store.

EXPLOSION.

Portugal's Queen Prostrated in Palace.

LISBON, Portugal, Dec. 22.—An explosion of gas occurred in the royal palace today in a gallery leading to the apartments of the late Don Fernando.

FIENDISH ATROCITIES PRACTICED BY TURKS

Horrible Record of Inhumanity Upon Helpless Christians in Macedonia.

VIENNA, Dec. 2.—The Evening Post today prints further details of the horrible atrocities inflicted upon Macedonian Christians by the Turks.

drink filth from a chalice. Three Sisters of Mercy have expired as a result of unmentionable tortures.

In some cases the Turks bind 60 or 70 prisoners together and leave them in isolated places in a helpless condition where they slowly starve to death.

PROVING ANDERSON TO HAVE BEEN INSANE

Evidence Given by Accused Man's Children and Others to This End.

Further developments in the Anderson murder trial, which fills the courtroom daily, shows that 30 witnesses have been subpoenaed and only five have passed the attorneys' cross-examination.

he fired the shot which put an end to Featherstone's existence.

Some new developments have come as evidence of the man's insanity. The children of the unfortunate man were put on the stand and it was noticeable that the stories told came from the hearts of the little ones.

In connection with this defect another important disclosure was brought out, which shows that on the fatal night Bootblack Hukenberg struck Anderson on the head with a club. Hukenberg's reasons for the assault is best told in his own words:

On the fatal Tuesday night in August when the crime was committed Anderson, who had been elected as a delegate to the republican primaries, was celebrating the event and while thus engaged

Anderson had been drinking and came to my house and, being under the impression that Mrs. Anderson was inside, he came in through a window, forcing an entrance. When he was on the inside I struck him with a club."

HUNDRED THOUSAND DAMAGES AWARDED

Mrs. Jennie Leys for Death of Her Husband in Tunnel Disaster.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Jennie Leys against the New York Central Railroad company this morning returned a verdict allowing \$100,000 damages with interest from January 8 last.

yet recorded in the tunnel suits arising from the tunnel explosion last winter.

NEW YORK.—Richard Canfield's fashionable gambling house has been raided by the police. Gambling paraphernalia was discovered in a recess in the wall covered by a steel door. A similar raid with

similar circumstances was made also on a tenebrous resort.

A complete synopsis of the president's message appears on page 2 of this issue.

The Wonder

Blankets and Comforts

- 11-4 all wool blankets; full weight; gray, tan or white; \$7.50 blanket, at..... \$5.98 Extra heavy full size cotton blankets; \$1.50 quality, at..... \$1.25 Regular size all wool blankets, full weight; colors and white; regular \$5.00 kind..... \$3.98 Full size cotton blankets, good weight; \$1.25 values, at..... 98c

Ladies' and Children's Underwear

- Ladies' black union suits, the Florence make. These goods are fast dye, best quality wool. The former price was \$3.50; for this week we price them at, per suit..... \$2.00 Ladies' union suits, extra size, in natural gray wool; sizes 7, 8, 9; Oneita fastening; hand finished seams; very elastic; they are well worth \$3.00; we have marked them, a suit..... \$2.50 Ladies' camel's hair vest and pants, in sizes 30, 32, 34; a garment we always sell for \$1.50; on account of small sizes we have marked them to close out, at, a garment..... 98c Special price on ladies' mixed wool pants, in white or gray; goods will sell regularly for 98c pair; price to close, a pair..... 50c Boys' wool fleeced shirts and drawers in tan jersey ribbed; usually sell according to size up to 45c; price, all sizes, at, each..... 25c We still have some of those children's all wool pants and vests in ribbed or flat goods; values up to \$1.25; for, garment..... 49c Children's tights, either black or white merino; sizes 3 to 6; the dollar quality; per pair..... 50c

Men's Rain and Snow Coats

We are closing out this line. Only a few coats left, in odd sizes. This is a rare bargain, though. Heavy covert cloth; wool; single or double breasted; extra length; velvet collar; absolutely waterproof, and answers the double purpose of a rain and overcoat; cost you \$6.50 anywhere, but at The Wonder..... \$3.98

Millinery Clearance

Do not forget that this week you can purchase double your money's worth in value in Trimmed Pattern Hats at this store. Lack of space forces us to a quick clearance on these hats, and we give you this opportunity to make yourself a lovely Christmas present at a small cost.

Attractive Christmas Presents

in all kinds of Novelties, Dolls, Toys, Etc., AT STARTLING PRICES.

Half-Price Sale of Ruffled Swiss Curtains

Decidedly attractive for bedroom use; three yards long and full width; made with green, red, blue and old gold stripes. You would pay \$2.50 for them at regular sale price. Special, while they last, at per pair,

\$1.25



Havana, Dec. 2.—The Havana secretary of finance, when General Wood was here, had been