MAY EFFECT PEACE

THREE REPUBLICAN SENATORS DESERT HAGGOTT.

Governor Peabody Refuses to Take Part in the Muddle at Present.

DENVER, Col., January 21.-The most important development in the condition of the deadlock in the senatorial situation this morning was the announcement that committees had been appointed by the republican and democratic senators as well as the house to meet together at 10 o'clock and legislature to come together in joint session for the purpose of balloting for a United States senator to succeed Henry M. Teller.

The time for such joint session being noon today and the fact that it was understood that the house would refuse to meet in joint session unless the senate had reached a settlement of its dispute over the question of what persons were entitled to seats by that time, made it necessary that some-thing be done and the conference at 10 today was arranged for. Another fruitful influence was the report which seemed well founded that Gov. Peabody had notified Lieut. Gov. Haggott, who has presided over the republican senate, that he would not recognize that body nor issue a certificate of election to a senator elected

Democrats Stayed in Senate All Night. senate chamber, where they remained all night, after giving out the announcement that they would not leave the chamber un-til a senator was elected or the session expired by limitation. A number of bills were introduced in this body.

D. R. Fairley, chairman of the republi-

can state central committee, whose resig-nation was demanded at a meeting of the committee on Monday, has refused to com-ply with this demand and is still conduct-ing the business of the committee at the republican state headquarters. He takes the stand that he was not lawfully deposed, but that the federal officeholders violated their oath of office by coming to Denver and voting him out of office with the proxies furnished them.

The provisional committee appointed at the meeting of the state central committee on Monday to assume the power and work of the chairman, is conducting business at the headquarters of Edward O. Wolcott, the leading republican senatorial can-

Defeated Candidates Arrive. Republican candidates for the house who

were defeated in the election began to arrive in the city this morning and some of them stated that they had come in response to telegrams from Speaker Sanford. The supposition is that they have been called to be in readiness to take seats should the house determine on general unseating of the democratic members. Unless the conference arranged by the governor to publicans and democrats in the senate shall agree, the joint legislative convention to elect a United States senator will have two bodies claiming recognition, and how it will end no one can tell.

Three republican senators, Drake, Com-forth and Wood, have deserted the body over which Lieut. Gov. Haggott presides, leaving only six regularly elected republican senators in that organization. Com-forth and Wood, it is said, have signed a pledge not to vote for Wolcott for senator.

Haggott Senate Not Recognized. Gov. Peabody has not yet recognized the Haggott senate. When asked to do so he replied:

"There is nothing before me at this tim to consider; when the proper time comes I will consult constitutional attorneys and then determine which senate body I shall The democratic senators held possession of

the senate chamber all night, sleeping on cots. They have held practically a continuous session since 10 o'clock Monday morn-The democratic senators adopted resolu-

tions providing for a joint session and sent them to the house, but the messenger was not permitted to enter the house chamber. Democratic members of the house began filing into the senate chamber at noon and the joint session will be held there.

WILCOX FOUND GUILTY.

Verdict of Murder in Second Degree-Thirty Years' Sentence. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

HERTFORD, N. C., January 21.-The jury in the Wilcox case this afternoon brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree, and fixed his punishment at thirty years in the penitentiary at hard

Lawyer Cropsey of New York stated today the Misses Cropsey were not present today because there might be some shooting following the verdict. Sheriff Winslow does not anticipate violence, no matter what the verdict may be, but stated today he hoped it would not be brought at night. Miss Olile Cropsey says she and other members of the family want Wilcox hanged, for they earnestly believe he killed Nell. She says, too, none of them would sign a paper praying for commutation of

There was deathlike silence when the jury came down. Wilcox stood up like a statue as Foreman Reed declared that he was guilty of murder in the second degree.
Judge Council promounced sentence, giving him the maximum, thirty years at hard labor. Wilcox showed no emotion

SHERIFF AND EDITOR FIGHT.

Difficulty Occurred in Front of Hagerstown Court House. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., January 21 -- A fight occurred at noon today in front of the court house in Hagerstown between Sheriff Samuel P. Angle of Washington county and Editor Richard J. Hamilton of the Hagerstown Daily Mail. Sheriff Angle accused Editor Hamilton of publishing libelous articles about him in connection with the recent jail breaking here.

The sheriff struck Hamilton in the face, and some half dozen blows were exchanged before the combatants were separated by

Mr. Hamilton preferred charges against Sheriff Angle at police headquarters, but later withdrew them.

FIRE ON LA TOURAINE.

Saloons and Deck Cabins of French Liner Destroyed.

HAVRE, January 21.-The French line steamer La Touraine, which arrived at Havre December 25 from New York, is on fire. It is hoped that the vessel and the bulk of her cargo will be saved. The fire, which broke out at 12:80 o'clock. raged with great flerceness, destroyed the saloons and deck cabins, and spread to the

holds before it was gotten under control. The Trial of the Protector. The naval trial board has been instructed to conduct the trial of the Lake submarine hoat Protector at New London, on

VENEZUELA WANTS BLOCKADE SHIPMENTS OF COAL MEETING RAISED BY THE ALLIES.

Claims of All Foreign Coun-

tries.

Raising the blockade is Venezuela's condition precedent to the formal institution of negotiations with the powers for a settlement of their claims. Her representative, Minister Bowen, has presented this proposition to the allies' representatives in Washington and it has been cabled to the foreign offices at London, Berlin and Rome. Little progress can be made pending the receipt of the powers' answer which it is expected

may not reach Washington for several days. Considerable reticence is being maintained by the negotiators as to the preliminary steps and they are averse to discussing Venezuela's initial proposition until a reply to it has been received. It is understood, however, that in asking that the blockade be lifted, Minister Bowen made it endweavor to meet some understanding that will clear the situation and enable the claims of the allies. He did not state, however, what the character of this surety was, and it is expected the reply of the powers will be in the nature of a counter proposition that Venezuela, agree to a settlement of the claims arising from injuries done to foreign citizens in Venezuela. A cash payment for these obligations is not expected by the powers, but they are insistent that prior to the lifting of the blockade suf-ficient guaranty be made for their prompt payment. The guaranty which Mr. Bowen intimated he could give is taken to mean ither that Castro has succeeded in negot-

Minister Bowen's Powers.

ating a loan or that he is willing to allow

It developed today that Minister Bowen's powers include jurisdiction over the claims The house and republican senate re- of all foreign countries, President Castro mained in session until about 10 o'clock last | having authorized him to negotiate through night, when they adjourned until 10 o'clock | the representatives here with all the powthis morning. The latter body met in the ers having claims against his country. That room of the lieutenant governor. The dem- will of course involve the working out of ocratic senate retained possession of the an intricate scheme for the proper collection and distribution of the Venezuelan imports, which will require considerable time and study. But no active steps will be taken until the preliminary difficulties have been cleared away.

Minister Bowen Makes Calls.

Minister Bowen called on the representatives of the allies here yesterday afternoon and urgently requested them to name an early moment for the beginning of the negotiations. The results of his requests have not yet developed, but it is hoped that Mr. Bowen will receive answers in the course of a day or two. The absence of Baron Sternberg and of Count Quadt, the charge of the Germany embassy, who is in New York, in the opinion of the other allies need not prevent the initiation of negotiations with Minister Bowen. In fact, it is not at all certain that there will be a joint meeting of the negotiators at any stage. Mr. Bowen is not clear himself on that point, and if the allies' representatives here prefer to discuss their issues separately he

is perfectly willing to do so.

It is expected that the Italian and British ambassadors and the German charge will soon return the calls of Minister Bowen, when they will take occasion to present the formal thanks of their governments for his services in caring for the foreign interests in Venezuela throughout the troublesome

ANTI-TRUST BILL COMPLETED.

Will Be Reported to House Judiciary Committee Tomorrow.

A bill for the regulation of trusts has been completed by the republican members of the Littlefield anti-trust subcommittee. The measure was laid before the democratic members of this subcommittee at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and will be reported to the full judiciary committee at a special meeting tomorrow, according to the present plan. A special rule for its onsideration in the House will be brought in next week, when it is predicted it go through the House with flying colors. The measure is declared to contain many amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law and to provide for publicity in the affairs of corporations through reports to

UNION STATION BILL.

Conferees Heard Railway Men and District Commissioner Biddle.

The conferees on the union station bill net at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the room of the Senate committee on the District of Columbia. There were present Senators Gallinger and Martin and Representatives Babcock and Meyer. It was understood that President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company would come before the conferees today, but he did not arrive in the city. For the Pennsylvania company there were present Colonel Cassell and Mr. Neale, and for the Baltimore and Ohio Company, Mr. Hamilton.

The representatives of the two companies placed before the conferees written statements showing the views of the companies on the bill as it was passed by the House. The companies object to the provision placed in the bill by the House by which they will jointly be assessed a million dollars more than was provided in the bill, as it was passed by the Senate. These communications were read by the conferees, but they did not enter upon a discussion of the subject.

The representatives of the railroad companies were with the conferees about half an hour, and a few minutes later Commissioner Biddle arrived in order to confer with the conferees in relation to the engineering features of the bill as now drafted. At 3 o'clock Col. Biddle was still

tee room. DANGER NOT IMMINENT.

with the conferees in the District commit-

Inspector of Buildings Reports Regarding K Street Building.

The Commissioners were recently informed by Joseph H. Lee of 3203 K street northwest that the notice served on the owner of No. 3212 K street to take down a portion of the building, which is in a dilapidated condition, has been disregarded. The matter was referred to the inspector of buildings for investigation and report, and he has submitted a statement, in which he

says: "The structure in question, the second story and attic of which were destroyed by fire, is not in imminent danger of collapse. I am informed by the owner, Mr. John A. Baker, that the reason for delay in repairing these premises is caused by a controversy between himself and the insurance company, and the matter will shortly be settled by arbitration, but pending settlement the existing conditions should not be disturbed. As soon as an award is made the necessary repairs will

be completed.
"In view of the facts stated, I would recommend that a reasonable time be given, in which the parties interested may come to an understanding, and that the building to an understanding, and that the building be inspected from time to time to see that rapid deterioration does not take place, and in case the structure becomes dangerous to adjoining property that it be ordered to be removed within forty-eight haurs."

The Commissioners have approved this

District Appropriation Amendments. Mr. Clark of Montana today in the Senate proposed an amendment to the District appropriation bill appropriating \$2,000 for grading, regulating and macadamising Kansas avenue, in Petworth subdivision, from Trenton to the north side of Utica

course.

OFFERS A GUARANTEE SUPPLY INCREASING CITIZENS WANT

THE DEMAND.

Minister Bowen Has Power to Settle High Prices Still Prevail, but There is Plenty for Those Willing

To Buy.

The shipments of coal to Washington have continued to increase, it is stated, and the danger of a coal famine here is decreasing steadily. The high prices for fuel still prevail, but there is plenty of coal for those who have the money to pay for it. At both railroad yards today several large train loads of anthracite and bituminous product have been received, and the work of unloading by the local dealers will be in the nature of a joint reply and is progressing. As indicating the delay in the matter of transportation a promi-Va., is quoted as saying that about the middle of December he shipped a train load of coal for Washington from his remainder. of coal for Washington from his mines at New river, and the fuel has not yet reached

this city. The distance between the New this city. The distance between the New river coal fields and Washington is about 300 miles, and the trainload of coal has been in transit for about a month.

Pursuing the same theme the Wheeling (W. Va.) Register says:

"West Virginia mines could flood the cities were means of transwith coal if there were means of trans-porting it. But operators in West Virginia and elsewhere have been clamoring for rall-road cars in vain and the coal lies idle at the mines. In New York it is charged that thousands of cars loaded with coal lie sidetracked just outside the city, purposely

withheld from the market. "The railroads may not be within the jurisdiction of the Chicago grand jury—in fact, the railroads do not seem to be within the jurisdiction of any authority or law, municipal, county, state or national—but it seems evident that they form the backbone of whatever conspiracy there may be to profit by the necessities of the people in the powers to collect the revenues from the Venezuelan customs until the payments are

this instance."
The charge has been made that some dealers have been demanding two prices for anthracite. That is, one customer has been able to buy hard coal at \$7.50 a ton, while his neighbor is obliged to pay \$12 per ton to the same dealer for the same variety. An explanation of two prices for the same product was given today to a prospective customer in one of the offices of a large dealer. The gentleman ordered a ton of coal and on being informed that the price was \$12 he asked why it was that his neigh-bor could get coal for \$7.50 from the same firm. The answer was to the effect that all of the \$7.50 a ton coal has been reserved for regular customers, whose orders have stood on the books for a long time. The Reading coal is furnished to the old cus-tomers at the lower price, while new customers, it was stated, are supplied, if at all, with independent coal at \$12 per ton.

PHILIPPINE COINAGE BILL.

Minority Will Try to Substitute Amercian System. Without preliminary business the House

today resumed the consideration of the Philippine coinage bill. Mr. Cooper, chairman of the insular committee, continued his argument in support

of the bill. Mr. Jones (Va.), a member of the insular committee, explained the opposition of the minority to the bill and the nature of the urbstitute they would offer. The substitute provides for the immediate introduction in

the islands of the complete Americain coinage system.
Mr. Maddox (Ga.) and Mr. Patterson (Tenn.) supported the minority substitute. Mr. Shafroth (Col.) announced his opposition to both bills.

THE SENATE.

When the Senate met today the Vest resmittee on finance.

Mr. Quay, then in accordance with his given yesterday, called up the state-Mr. Burnham (N. H.) addressed the Senate in opposition to statehood for Okiaoma, Arizona and New Mexico.

MINERS WANT MORE WAGES.

Resolutions Introduced in the Convention at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, January 21 .- At the session of the mine workers' convention today the resolution committee reported a number of resolutions submitted by the different locals.

Most of these resolutions first demanded increases ranging from 18 to 25 per cent for the run-of-mine basis; for weighing coal on the miners' car; for smaller differentials, and for advance in the wages of inside and outside common labor.

A resolution from an Illinois local to buy \$10,000 residence in Indianapolis as a permanent residence for the president of the association was read. The resolution was not concurred in by the committee. A resolution from one of the Pennsylvania anthracite districts asking that all districts petition the legislatures of their respective

states to cause one per cent of all coal sales to be set aside as a permanent benefit fund for the miners who are crippled, injured or permanently incapacitated in mine casualties was not concurred in.

printed in the Polish language brought forth long discussion and on the advice of President Mitchell the matter was referred to the executive committee.

COL. DEITSCH VERY ILL.

Cincinnati's Chief of Police Not Expected to Recover.

CINCINATI, January 21.-Col. Philip Deitsch, who has been at the head of the Cincinnati police for a quarter of a century, is lying critically ill at his home with pneumonia. The absent members of his family, including Lieut. Auswell Deitsch of the 5th Infantry, U. S. A., at Fort Leavenworth, have been called to his bedside. His physicians give no hope for his recov-

A pathetic feature of the case is that Mrs. Deitsch is herself almost at the point of death, and is kept in ignorance of her husband's condition. Colonel Deitsch is widely and favorably known in police circles throughout the country.

Burglars Loot Archbishop's Residence. CINCINNATI, January 21.-The residence of Archbishop Elder was entered by burglars early this morning and a quantity of clothing and about \$300 worth of silverware stolen. They failed to reach a safe containing considerable money.

Our Representation in Siam.

The Senate committee on fereign relations today agreed to recommend an increase in the diplomatic representation of the United States in Slam. At present there is a min-ister resident at Bangkok who is also consul general. The committee recommends two offices instead of one, providing for a consul general and increasing the rank of the minister to minister plenipotentiary.

Smallpox in Ohio.

PERU, Ind., January 21. Owing to the prevalence of smallpox in Ohio, the state board of health has requested the railroad companies whose lines cross the Ohio-Indiana state line to instruct their employes who run into Ohio to be vaccinated at once to prevent the disease from spreading.

B. T. Shull Victim of Apoplexy. CHICAGO, January 21.-Robert T. Shull. traveling salesman of Woodbury, N. J., died of apoplexy at the Auditorium Hotel today. He was employed by W. A. Shull, hardware manufacturer of Philadelphia,

General Alger's Election Ratified. Mr. Gallinger also proposed an amendment to the District bill appropriating stature in joint session at noon ratified the election of Russell A. Alger as United \$75,000 to aid in the construction of the Status senator to fill the unexpired term LANSING, Mich., January 21.-The leg-

Records Show That District Desires Federal Advance.

EXPRESS SENTIMENTS

MOVEMENT UNDER WAY TO SE-CURE FURTHER INDORSEMENTS.

The Voice of the District to Be Unmistakably Raised for Information of Congress.

The citizens of the District have on various occasions expressed their desire that the cost of great permanent works be paid for by means of a loan of some description, either the issue of bonds or the advance of sufficient funds to the District by the government on a long-term basis. This fact has been unmistakably placed on record in various forms in the past. Nevertheless an impression has obtained at the House of Representatives that the business men of Washington do not desire the advance, but prefer to continue in the old way of paying for their great public works on a cash basis by means of increased current taxa-

In view of the action of the House yesterday in passing the appropriation bill framed on the cash payment basis the friends of the federal advance measure, which Chairman Babcock is to bring up in the House next Monday, feel anxlous that this misconception of the District's position be emphatically corrected, and consequently steps were taken today to secure additional expressions of the public sentiment on this score of the federal advance in season to demonstrate to the House next Monday that there is practically no dissent from the principle underlying the District committee's bill. In all likelihood meetings of the Board of Trade and Business Men's Association will be held between now and hen in order that the situation may canvassed and resolutions passed restating the position of those bodies with regard to the loan.

Past Action of Board of Trade. The Board of Trade several years ago indorsed the general principle of a loan by urging the issue of \$4,500,000 of bonds to pay the cost of laying the great sewer system. Last season the question came up in a different shape, the principle underlying the sewer bond project being extended to apply to the whole program of great public

The committee on municipal finance, of which Mr. John Joy Edson was then and is yet chairman, adopted, on the 17th of January, 1902, resolutions of which the follow-

"Resolved, That Congress be urged to adopt the plan recommended by the Com-missioners for obtaining money for permanent improvements, namely, a loan from the United States to the District of Colum-bia for a sufficient sum to reimburse the general revenues of the District for expenditures already erroneously made, and to pay for the District's share in carrying out the following improvements now urgently called for by our people, said debt to be for a period of, say, twenty-five years, payable in annual installments, with interest at the rate of 2 per cent per annum: 1, Filtration; 2 Sewage; 3, Improvement of Anacostia Flats; 4, Municipal Building; 5, Street Extension. Provided, that in all cases the cost of the same be divided equally between the United States and the District."

The board of directors of the Board of Trade three days later approved the report olution requiring the finance committee to prepare and report a bill removing the bodying this resolution. Later, May 5, 1902, the same committee adopted the fol-lowing resolution, suggested by the pendency of the proposition to add a personal tax to the biffdens imposed on the District: "Resolved, That the committee is of the pinion that a personal tax is unnecessary especially in view of the proposed plan to obtain an advance of funds from the government payable in twenty years; that this committee will urge that extraordinary improvements be met by such advances of

Citizens' Associations Indorse Loan. On the 5th of January, 1902, representatives of nine different citizens' associations of the District of Columbia held a meeting and adopted the following resolutions: "It is the unanimous sentiment of the delegates from the different citizens' assoclations throughout the District that Congress should grant at once an advance from the United States treasury to the District commensurate with the present urgent needs of the District for public improve-ments, and that money so advanced should be paid back through a series of years in proportions provided by the compact or or-ganic act of 1878 relating to the District of

The organizations represented at the meeting were 'the Brightwood Citizens' Association, Brookland Citizens' Association, North Capitol and Eckington Citizens' Association, Georgetown Citizens' Association, Takema Park Citizens' Association Northeast Washington Citizens' Association, East Washington Citizens' Associa-tion, Mount Pleasant Citizens' Association, Business Men's Association of Congress Heights and the Southern District. Secretary Bulkley of the Business Men's Association said this afternoon to a Star reporter that he proposed calling a meeting of the board of directors of the association for Friday next at noon, for the purpose of reindorsing the loan bill.

Army Orders

Capt. Robert W. Rose, 21st Infantry, has een ordered to the general hospital, Washington barracks, for treatment. First Lieut. James McD. Comer, 25th Infantry, has been granted leave of absence until February 28.

The leave of absence granted Second Lieut. Edwin L. Cox, 9th Cavalry, has been extended three months on account of disability.

To Improve Grant Street.

Senator Gallinger has proposed an amend ment to the District of Columbia appropriation bill appropriating \$10,000 for grading and macadamizing Grant street between 18th and 19th streets.

Stock of Groceries Damaged by Fire. MILWAUKEE, January 21.-The brick warehouse of Wm. Grossman, filled with a stock of groceries, was damaged \$75,000 by fire early today.

\$100 Beward for Murderer. The commissioners of Prince George's

county, Md. have offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest of the murderer of Mr. Van Brownell, a farmer, whose body was found in the road near Bowle about three weeks ago. There was a stab wound in the man's side. It was thought that he had been murdered by one of a number of Italians employed on the Baltimore electric read. One of them was arrested on suspicion, but at a hearing before Magistrate Ryon he was acquitted. Since the murder a number of the railread employes have left the neighborood of Bowie. The county authorities are making an effort to solve

Petitions in Bankruptcy. Geirge J. Mueller and Thomas E. Young,

& Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., this afternoon petitioned the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to declare Fred A. Malthy of Benning, D. C., a bankrupt. The petiioners, who claim that Malthy is indebted to them in various sums, declare that he is insolvent, and has committed an act of bankruptcy in that he has conveyed all his assets, in trust, to secure the payment of a promissory note. Aftorney Robert Preston Shouley represents the petitioners.

Joseph Drukker, a merchant of 1201 Pennsylvania avenue, this afternoon filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy. His summary of debts is stated to be \$6,005.72 and his assets \$3,700. Attorneys Wolf and

CONSIDERING REPORTS ATTEMPT TO BRIBE FINANCE AND

AT BASE BALL PEACE CONFER- MR. LESSLER'S STATEMENT TO ENCE IN CINCINNATI.

Boston Club Will, It is Announced, Later He Declared that a Mountain Vote With the Majority

Today.

CINCINNATI, January 21.-The National Base Ball League meeting was called to order by President Pulliam at noon. At that hour representatives of the New York and Brooklyn clubs were still working on the minority report, the contents of which were carefully guarded.

President Hermann of the Cincinnati club had copies of the majority report ready and submitted them to Soden and Conant of Boston and other members in advance of the meeting. The report gave a history of the peace negotiations from the annual meeting in New York last month to the close of the work of the committee of the whole last night and recommended the whole last night and recommended the adoption of the original joint peace agree-ment of January 1 0as amended yesterday. so that the fifth section should provide for an American League charter in the borough of Manhattan, instead of having the section cover the whole of Greater New York. Hermann and Brush, the authors of the two reports to be considered today, had a onference before the meeting. It was stated by Hermann that neither of the reports would likely be adopted as pre-sented, but after the first session a third or final report probably would be drawn up for final adoption. It was stated the final report would not involve any further change in the joint peace agreement than the limiting of the American League in New York to the Borough of Manhattan. It was not announced until today that the vote of yesterday on the Hermann

the National and American Leagues was adopted in committee of the whole by the vote of 6 to 2. It was stated before the meeting convened that the Boston club would vote to-day with the majority, so that the vote of 6 to 2 was assured on final adoption.

schedule for the interchange games between

St. Louis Physician Tries the Drug, With Good Results.

RESORT TO FORMALIN.

ST. LOUIS, January 21 .- As a last resort in an effort to save the life of Mrs. Alice Garrett, Dr. Walter B. Dorsett last night commenced the use of formalin for bloodpoisoning, recently successfully applied by Dr. C. C. Barrows of Bellevue Hospital, New York. A marked improvement in the condition of Mrs. Garrett, who was at death's door, has resulted. This is believed to be the first use of this treatment in the west.

Calvary Church Incorporated. A certificate of incorporation of the Calvary Baptist Church and Congregation was placed on record this afternoon. The incorporators are S. Walter Woodward. Charles W. Needham, George G. Seibold Eugenie C. Rice, Henry P. Sanders, William S. Shallenberger, Ira J. Meagley, David

A. Chambers and Lewis E. Payson. A. Chambers and Lewis E. Payson.

Certificates of incorporation of the Beals and Beals Company, the United States Automatic Car Fender Company, the Eagle Gold Mining and Milling Company, the Union Oil and Gas Company, the Pueblo Chieftain Mining Company, and the Century Printing and Publishing Company were also placed on record here today. Virgil M. also placed on record here today. Virgil M. Fookes, James A. Black, Abner E. Anson and Charles W. Embrey are the incorporators of each of the first four companies, and Charles W. Embrey, James A. Black and Abner E. Anson for each of the last

Lunacy Proceedings Instituted. against the following, who are alleged to be of unsound mind and unfit to be at liberty: John D. O'Connell, Mary Walker, William J. Bruff, Martha Ross, Cella Des-

kins, Richard Gray, Lee B. Thomas, John Carroll, Lulu Merten, Mary E. Elliot, Logan Thomas and Clara V. Mutersbaugh. They are now at the Government Hospital for the Insane, awaiting the judicial inves-tigations, which will take place Friday afternoon before Justice Barnard, in the room of Criminal Court No. 2, city hall. The court at that time will also hear testimony relative to the sanity of Mrs. Sarah E. Suit of this city. This case was set for nearing last Friday, but was postponed be cause of the absence of Dr. Harry M.

The latter was not present owing to the death of Mr. Marx Kaufman, his father.

Kaufman, one of the medical examiners.

Government of Tutuila. A bill vesting in the President authority to appoint persons to govern the Island of Tutuila in the Samoan group today was reported from the committee on the Pecific Islands by Senator Foraker. The bill is similar to that provided for the island of Guam and places in the hands of the President's representative full auth civil and military. The duty on goods im-ported into the United States from Tutuila s fixed at 50 per cent of the rates from

Verdict in Favor of Defendant. Justice Clabaugh, in Circuit Court No. 2. this afternoon directed the jury to render a verdict in favor of the Washington and Great Falls Electric Railway Company, in connection with the proceedings at law to recover damages in the sum of \$10,000, instituted against that company by Belton D. Stewart. Contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff was the basis of

foreign countries.

the court's action.

Naturalization of Porto Ricans.

Senator Foraker today introduced a bill renouncing on the part of the United States all right to the church lands in Porto Rico. The same bill grants the right of naturalization to the Porto Ricans and to people inhabiting other possessions of the United States similarly situated.

A Shorthand Typewriter.

From Success. Attempts to combine stenography and typewriting have not been very successful litherto, but it is claimed that the problem has now been solved by a Frenchman, M. Lafaurie, in a machine named by him "the stenodactyl." In this machine there are only ten keys, one for each finger, and the position of the fingers remains the same throughout the writing, the different sounds being written by depressing different combinations of keys.

In this way sixty-two sounds can be registered, which are found to be sufficient for phonetic writing. The left hand writes the consonants and the right hand the vowels, and as the hands are employed simultane-ously, each movement of the two writes a syllable. The speed is thus trebled, and an operator who can write seventy words a minute on an ordinary typewriter can do two hundred words on the "stenodactyl." It is claimed that this type of instrument is destined to come into wide use and that it will practically solve the problem of a universal or international system of stenography.

Powdered Carbon as a Fuel.

When coal or charcoal is very finely pulboth of this city, and Stewart, Newberger verized it will burn much like gas. Attempts to utilize this fact have been quite successful, the best method employing a sort of rotating ventilator to blow the powder into the combustion chamber. The resulting flame can be controlled as desired. and the method has many good points. A French paper, the "Revue Technique," describes it as "very seductive," but hesitates to recommend it, both because of the exto recommend it, both because of the ex-pense of proper pulverization and the pos-sibility of disastrous explosions from spon-taneous combustion of the finely divided coal. Some of those who approve the method believe that a pulverizer may be at-tached to each furnace, which will grind up the coal as it is needed, and thus ob-

HOUSE NAVAL COMMITTEE.

Was Being Made Out of a Mole-

hill-Investigation Begun.

Charges, which created no small sensation, were made at the meeting of the House naval committee yesterday afternoon. Representative Lessier of New York, stated that an effort had been made to bribe him to vote for an appropriation for submarine torpedo boats. The amount of the bribe was given as \$5,000. Mr. Lessler's disclosure of the alleged of-

fer to bribe him came just before the final vote on inserting provisions for additional submarine boats in the naval appropriation bill. A bill was before the committee providing for ten submarine boats. By a vote of 9 to 6 the committee reduced the number of boats to be provided to five, and the vote was about to be taken upon inserting the provision as amended into the appropriation bill under the heading "increase of the

At this point Mr. Lessler asked to be heard. He is described as having been somewhat excited in his opposition to the provision and as an argument against the provision told the committee of the attempts to bribe him. Moreover, he stated that he had told other members of the committee of the incident. There was immediated that the had told other members of the committee of the incident. mittee of the incident. There was immediate demand for an investigation, pending which it was decided to postpone final action upon the provision for submarine Investigation Begun.

The committee at once took action by

appointing a special subcommittee to investigate the charges. The following members were appointed: Mr. Foss (Ill.), chairman of the naval committee; Mr. Butler (Pa.), Mr. Taylor (Ohio), Mr. Wheeler (Ky.) and Mr. Rixey (Va.). The subcommittee forthwith entered on its work and during the afternoon heard Mr. Lessler's complete story.

Another meeting of the subcommittee was held this morning, but at its conclusion each

member stated that an agreement of secrecy had been made, and that nothing could be The subcommittee concluded its investiga-

tion at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and will make a report to the full committee to-Mr. Lessler's Comment.

Mr. Lessler when seen this morning de-

clared that an effort was being made to

make a mountain out of a molehill. He would make no other statement regarding the matter. Reports that the bribe had been offered by an ex-member of the House were heard, but neither Mr. Lessler nor any member of the committee would confirm this state-

MAJOR SYLVESTER'S SALARY. Entirely Omitted in the Bill as It Pass-

ed the House.

In making the point of order yesterday against the increase in the salary of Major Sylvester from \$3,300 o \$4,000, and in having that point of order sustained by the chair, Representative Fitzgerald eliminated the whole salary of the chief of police from the whole salary of the chief of police from the bill. When the bill is printed as it passed the House yesterday it will read: "For the salary of the superintendent of police !——." The Senate will have to supply this amount, and should it see fit to place the amount at \$4,000 the matter will then become the subject of conference between the two houses, and not subject to a point of order by any member of the House.

Representative Beidler of Ohio introduced a resolution today in the House which was referred to the committee on rules which provides that consideration of his bill for the preservation of Alaskan fur-bearing seals shall be in order in the House immediately after the bill providing for a delegate from

Mr. Beidler's Seal-Preserving Bill.

Philippine currency question. Sustains Patent Commissioner. The Court of Appeals this afternoon, in an opinion written by Mr. Chief Justice Alvey, affirmed the decision of the commissioner of patents in the case of George W. Flather, appellant, against William F.

Weber. The case was one of interference

Alaska in the House. This latter bill follows

the bill now under consideration on the

in connection with a patented process for making amber varnish. Estate Left to Daughters. The will of Edward Raynor, dated October 20 last, was filed today for probate. His estate is left in equal shares to his daughters, Edwinah Davis and Pheaba J.

D. Attlee. Washington Stock Exchange.

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—Regular cail, 12 o'clock noon—Washington Railway and Electric 4s, \$1,000 at \$114. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, \$1,000 at 104%. Capital Traction, 16 at 129%, 16 at 129%, 5 at 129%, 20 at 129%. Washington Railway and Electric Pref., 25 at 49%. Union Trust and Storage Co., 10 at 110%, 5 at 110%, 10 at 111%. American Graphophone Co. Pref., 24 at 9%, 4 at 9%. Mergenthaler Linotype, 1 at 187%, 10 at 187%, 5 at 187%, 10 at ton Railway and Electric Co. Com., 13½ bid, 14½ asked.

National Bank Stocks—Bank of Washington 410 bid, 459 asked. Metropolitan, 700 bid, 775 asked. Central, 300 bid. Farmers and Mechanics', 300 bid. Second, 160 bid. Citizens', 180 bid, 183 asked. Columbia, 192 bid. Capital, 167 bid, 175 asked. West End, 145 bid, 150 asked. Traders', 145 bid, 155 asked. Lincoln, 120 bid, 135 asked. Riggs, 725 bid, 800 asked.

Insurance Stocks—Firemen's, 26 bid, 29 asked. Franklin, 50 bid, 56 asked. Metropolitan, 75 bid, 90 asked. Corcoran, 75 bid. Potomac, 61 bid. Arlington, 30 bid. German American, 280 bid. National Union, 7½ bid, 9 asked. Columbia, 11 bid, 12 asked. Riggs, 8½ bid, 9 asked. People's, 6½ bid, 7 asked. Commercial, 5 bid. Colonial, 110 asked.

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Title Insurance Stocks—Real Estate Title, 90 bid, 93 asked. Columbia Title, 4½ bid, 5 asked. Washington Title, 2½ bid, 2½ asked.

Telephone and Graphophone Stocks—Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone, 40 bid, 46 asked. American Graphophone Com., 4½ bid, 5½ asked. American Graphophone Pref., 9 bid, 9½ asked. American Graphophone Pref., 9 bid, 9½ asked.

Gas Stocks—Washington Gas, 79½ bid, 79½ asked.

Georgetown Gas, 76 bid.

Type Machine Stocks—Mergenthaler Linotype, 11½ bid, 157½ asked.

Lanston Monotype, 11½ bid, 11¾ asked. Miscellaneous Stocks—Greene Con. Copper Co., *22½ bid, 22½ asked. Washington Market, 16½ bid, 20½ asked. Norfolk and Washington Steam-boat, *215 bid. J. Maury Dove Co., 110 bid.

Grain, Provisions and Cotton Markets. CHICAGO, January 21.-Grain: CHICAGO, January 21.—Grain:

Open. High. Low. Close.

Wheat—May. 79% 80%-% 79% 80%-%;

July. 74% 75%-% 74% 74% 75%
Corn—May. 41% 44% 444-1/4

July. 43 43% 42% 42% 42% 43

Oats—May. 36% 36% 36 36% 36

July. 32% 32% 32% 32% 32% OHICAGO, January 21.—Provisions:
Open. High, Low. Close.
Pork—May. 16.80 16.92 16.70 16.70
July. 16.50 16.62 16.45 16.45
Lard—May. 9.60 9.70 9.60 9.60
July. 9.42 9.52 9.42 9.45
Ribs—May. 9.25 9.30 9.20 9.20
July. 9.12 9.15 9.10 9.10 Low. 8.74 Close. 8.74

Stocks Were Strong, but Market Dull.

SMALL GAINS NOTED

ADVANCE LARGELY DUE TO SHORT COVERING.

London Absorbed a Fair Line of Amer. ican Shares During the Day.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

don market American railway shares were fractionally lower. Consols were 1-16 higher for both accounts. The local stock market opened dull and at about yesterday's closing figures. Commission houses had very few orders either way, and the traders generally were dis-

posed to wait and see what the larger in-

NEW YORK, January 21 .- In the Lon-

terests did before making any new ventures. The sidetracking of the Cuban reciprocity treaty in the Senate had an unfavorable effect upon Sugar, and that stock, though not active, acted heavy throughout the morning

There appeared to be some pool support in Cheasapeake and Ohio in the early dealings, which led to a slight improvement in

Canadian Pacific acted about the same way, and it also gained ½ per cent after the first few minutes of trading. St. Paul, Union Pacific and Atchison were inclined to rally a little, and Missouri Pacific acted well, gaining % over yesterday's low price on buying said to be for the inside interests. The local tractions did not vary much in price, but there seemed to be a little more bullish talk and feeling on Brooklyn Rapid Transit on account of the decision yesterday against the constitutionality of the franchise tax law. Copper shares were a shade easier, but very inactive, not a share being dealt in in the first ten minutes of

speculation. After the first hour of trading, notwithstanding the apathy of speculation, the market showed some rallying tendency, the improvement averaging about % per cent, with some gains of % and % per cent from last night's closing prices. Sugar showed the most advance in this rally, the price gaining 1 per cent. price gaining 1 per cent. Sloss Sheffield gained 2 per cent over yesterday's price, said to be due to active buying from Canadian sources. There was some weakness in Chicago Union Traction shares this morning, but no news to justify it, the advertisement in

this morning's papers calling for the de-posit of stock with a protective committee really being a bull argument on the stock, and this action is taken with a view to help the contemplated merger of Chicago street railroads, said to be impending. Chicago and New York capitalists are now considering plans to that end, in order to better Chicago's traction facilities, a committee already having been appointed to harmonize with the municipal authorities in regard to this matter. In government bonds old 4's, 3's and 2's, registered, lost 4 per cent. Railroad bonds

were steady.

not show much signs of broadening, though the fractional advances were languidly held in most instances. This firmness was due in a great measure to the purchases by arbitrage houses for London account, which footed up about 20,000 shares, and consisted mostly of orders for the Eries and Ontario and Western stock. These purchases looked like an offset to the sales made for London The buying throughout the morning hours was not considered to be for well-

informed people, being practically all for

the professional short account, who cov-

ered their sales because the market appar-

In the afternoon trading the market did

ently had an oversold appearance and under those conditions ought to enjoy a little As in the matter of speculation, the feature of the money market is its lethargic condition, and this is largely due to the curtailed transactions in stocks for the past few days on the stock exchange, and also to the fact that large lenders show more of disposition to put out funds at cur-rent low rates on call. This rate is about 41/2 per cent, and bankers generally express the belief that this is likely to be the minimum rate for some time to come. Time rates are quoted at about 5 per cent.

New York Stock Market.

Amalgamated Copper... 631/4
Am. Car & Foundry...... 407/4
Am. Car & Foundry, pfd. 901/4

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Open. High. Low. 3 P.M.

641% 623% 41 40% 915% 90% 129 95 86% 9912 100% 671/ General Electric N. Y., Ont. & Western ... Pressed steel Car..... 601/4 60% 21 251/8 75 . 718/8 211/4 283/4 70/4 United States Steel, pfd.

Kansas City Southern.... American Locomotive... American Loco., pfd.....

Southern Railway_

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Md., January 21.—Flour firm, unchanged; receipts, 4,678 barrels; exports, 3,688 barrels. Wheat firmer; spot and January 82a82½; February, 82½a82½; May, 85½a83½; steamer No. 2 red, 77½a77½; receipts, 7,270 bushels; exports, none; southern by sample, 74a82; southern on grade, 78a82. Corn firm; spot, 59½a59½; January, 59a59½; February, 53¾a53½; March, 51¾a52; steamer mixed, 58½a56½; receipts, 80,134 bushels; exports, 81,000 bushels; southern white and yellow corn, 57a60. Gats steady; No. 2 white, 43; No. 2 mixed, 41a41½; receipts, 16,466 bushels; exports, none. Rye firm; No. 2, 55½; No. 2 western, 56½; receipts, 3,970 bushels; exports, 25,713 bushels. Hay firm, unchanged. Grain freights quiet, unchanged. Butter steady, unchanged; finney imitation, 22a23; fancy creamery, 29; fancy ladie, 20a 21; fancy roll, 20; good roll, 17a19; store packed, 16a18. Eggs firm, unchanged; fresh, 27. Cheese firm, unchanged; large, 14a14½; medium, 14a14½; small, 14½a14½. Sugar firm, unchanged; fine and coarse granulated, 5,01½. Baltimore Markets.

Government Bonds.

