PRESIDENT ON CHINESE BOYCOTT

He and State Department Doing Everything in Their Power To Stop It.

THE GOV'T MUST DO JUSTICE

This as Well as Exact it-Immigra tion Department Has Acted With Too Much Harsbness.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.-Responding to communications from the Merchants exchange of San Francisco, President Chinese boycott of American goods and also the exclusion laws. The president writes that this government must do justice as well as exact justice; that Chinese laborers should be excluded.

Charles E. Hughes, counsel for the investigating committee, had asked Mr. Scott whether the Equitable Life Assurance society had not a claim of \$100. also the exclusion laws. The president Chinese laborers should be excluded, but that the exempt classes of Chinese should be treated courteously. If the exclusion laws need to be amended, American merchants must exercise their influence for amendment, he says. The president adds that the immigration department has acted with utmost harshness toward the Chinese, the fault esting ultimately with mistaken pub-

In regard to the Chinese boycott of American goods the president says that everything in his power and that of the state department has been done to stop the boycott. "Anything further," he continues. "must be done by your own representatives in the senate and house by way of making such changes in the exclusion law as to prevent the injustice and humiliation to which the Chinese who do not belong to the coolie class have been subjected in coming to

The merchants' exchange held a meeting and gave prompt acquiescence to the president's views by adopting resolutions favoring such amendments to the exclusion laws as would cause them to conform to what the chief ex-ecutive deemed right and just.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 14.—The twen-ty-fifth annual meeting of the Nation-al Civil Service Reform league opened in Milwaukee today. Much regret is expressed at the absence of Secy. of the Navy Bonaparte, who was to have been the chief speaker. A meeting of the council was held in the forenoon. The first public meeting was held this afternoon, when the subject of civil service reform in the west was treat-ed in papers by Samuel E. Sparling, president of the Wisconsin compission;

president of the Wisconsin commission;
W. B. Moulton, president of the Illinois state commission; Ailan O. Harrison, secretary of the Kansas City
(Mo.) Civic league, and others.
President Charles A. Van Hise of
the University of Wisconsin welcomed
the gathering. the gathering. The annual report of the council was read tonight by Richard Henry Dana

The report in part is as "The most notable event of the year in the United States is the successful revolt against boss rule in politics exemplified in so many parts of the country at once. As the inspiration to civil service reform is to free the country from the boss, this event is a source of great joy to us who have labored so of great joy to us who have involved so long in the good cause, but without sat-isfaction. There comes to all serious-minded men the fear lest the people, content with victory, will lapse into in-activity. We have seen similar revolts before, with no permanent improve-ment. We have turned out a Tweed, and in came a Croker. Out went a and in came a Croker. Out went a Croker and in moved a Murphy. We abolished some particular boss; we removed the man, but we kept the conditions which made the man what he

Boss disease, the report says, is spread and fed by the misuse of the officers and of the contracts, jobs, etc., in the control of the officers. It has been long believed, the report says, that many positions exempted on account of special qualifications, such, for example, as deputy collectors of internal revenue, have been filled on the suggestion and through the influence of the very interests to be inspected, and the positions are held on the same tenure.

The recent insurance investigations furnish illustrations. The former insurance superintendent of New York, James T. Peirce, was attorney for the Mutual Life before appointment, and an employe of one of the officers of the Equitable was made inspector—both to watch the very companies by whose favor they undoubtedly got and held their places. Boss disease, the report says, is spread

The isthmian canal service was classified at a time when that service was sined at a time when that service was being organized, and it was anticipat-ed that so many appointments to be made at once for so distant a scene, with a varied service, would cause a great strain on the resources of the great strain on the resources of the civil service commission, and so it proved. Approximately 1,000 exempted appointments were made for want of eligible lists, and 105 more for which there were nominally eligibles of similar grades, but not tested for the special qualifications desired.

"As to future work," says the report, "we ought to secure in States which have civil service laws the extension of the merit system to some higher muni-

the merit system to some higher municipal and other positions now exempted by law. For the national government we hope to see the fourth class postmasters, or at least the higher grade of them, put under the merit system."

LIEUTENANT-GENERALSHIP.

On Retirement of Gen. Corbin Gen. Arthur McArthur Will Get It.

Washington, Dec. 14.-The authoritative statement was made at the war department that on the retirement in September next of Gen. Corbin, who will succeed Gen. Bates in April next as lieutenant-general of the army, Gen, MacArthur, the officer next in line of succession, will be promoted to the grade of lieutenant-general.
It also was announced that Gen. Wood probably will succeed Gen, Corbin as commanding general of the Philippine division, since he is the senior general officer in the Philippines next to Gen. Corbin.

MEXICO EXPORTS SILVER.

Mexico City. Dec. 14.-Owing to the alexies offered for silver pesos their expertation begins again, a million del-lars going out today and a million del-lars ordered for London account,

WILL HOLD PAT CROWE.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14.—Gov. Mickey announced tonight that he could not honor the requisition of the governor of Iowa for the removal of Pat Crowe to that state. Gov. Mickey gives as a reason the fact that there is still a criminal charge hanging over Crowe

This is between you and me-that

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n Douglas county, Neb., and until that s disposed of he cannot be removed.

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SCOTT OF THE PROVIDENT LIFE IN A TIGHT PLACE.

New York, Dec. 14.-During the in surance investigation today Edward W. Scott, president of the Provident Savings Life Assurance society, made an earnest appeal to Chairman W. W. Armstrong of the investigating committee to exclude from the hearing certain Roosevelt has written a letter in which statements bearing on his relations with he expresses his views concerning the the Equitable Life Assurance society, of which he was formerly Australian

> 000 against him. Mr. Scott at first de-clared that there was no such claim against him, until Mr. Hughes presented letters that passed between Mr. Scott and President Alexander on that subject in 1901, in which President Alex-ander asked Mr. Scott to make a forcounts with the society, showing bal-ances of \$57,933 due the society, were

> In one letter Presidet Alexander wrote that Mr. Scott had accepted the ac-counts. Mr. Scott's letter to President Alexander proposed a conference, but made no admissions as to the acceptance of the accounts.

> When these letters had been read President Scott made an earnest plea to the committee to rule that this sub-ject was foreign to the investigation. He declared that he had been pursued by enemies for several years; that in 1900 he caused the arrest and indictment of a man who had engaged with the Equitable Life Assurance society to deliver to it records stolen from the Provident Savings Life Assurance soclety; that a traitorous bookkeeper who was in league with this man was dismissed from the Provident society's employ, and that it was in connection with these matters that his (Mr. Scott's) relations with the Equitable were re ported to the committee in a spirit of

revenge.

Though Mr. Hughes did not uncover just what the Equitable society's claim against Mr. Scott was based on, he brought out from him the statement that the Equitable society had made such a claim upon him and that Mr. Scott refused to settle it. Another incident in the testimony of

Mr. Scott was his statement that when he bought control of the Providen he bought control of the Provident Savings Life Assurance society's stock he used \$25,000 which had been lent by that company to two of its agents in order to enable them to buy 100 shares of its stock. They did not buy the stock and Mr. Scott said he took over the loan and delivered to the society a promise to turn over to it 100 shares of its stock when he got the stock. It is now held by the trust company, to is now held by the trust company, to whom he still owes \$50,000 which he borrowed to buy it.

OLD FLAG HOUSE BOUGHT.

Ross Made the First Flag.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.-The two-story brick structure at 239 Arch street, known as the "Old Flag House," where Betsy Ross designed the American flag, has been purchased for the government. Final payment on the property was made today,

On Oct. 22, 1898, a meeting was held in the "Old Flag House" under the direction of John Quincy Adams and Charles H. Welsgarber, and the Ameri-can Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial association was formed and later incorporated. The object was to pur-chase the historic dwelling and save it to the nation.

This was accomplished through the issuance of membership certificates at the uniform price of 10 cents and the co-ope of ion of the people of the entire country. There are 1,000,000 stockholders.

ELLIOTT SHEPARD HATES JAIL

He Wants French Authorities to Let Him Off With a Fine.

Paris, Dec. 14.—Application for executive elemency has been submitted to the foreign office in behalf of Elliott F. Shepard of New York, who was sentenced Oct. 26 to three months' imprisenment and \$120 fine and to pay \$4,000 damages to the parents of Madeleine Marduel, who was killed by Mr. Shep-ard's automobile April 24. The pur-pose of the application is to have a fine substituted for the imprisonment. Premier Rouvier has referred the apolication to the ministry of justice.

LA FOLLETTE BILL KILLED. Milwaukee, Dec. 14.—A Sentinel spe-cial from Madison, says: The assem-bly today refused to reconsider the bill for a cumulative primary election plan, defeated yesterday. This finally ends the fight against the measure, the pas-sage of which was believed to be one of the chief objects of the extra session of the chief objects of the extra session of the legislature. The other bills urged by Gov. La Follette have nearly all been similarly defeated. The defeat of the primary election law is credited chiefly to W. D. Connor, chairman of the state Republican committee, who is

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expected to become a candidate for gov-ernor against I. L. Lenroot of Superior, whom Gov. La Follette is said to favor. The senate passed a bill providing for an investigation of insurance compan-ies. The investigation will be conducted by three senators and four assembly-

EIGHT INDICTMENTS RETURNED IN REBATE CASES

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.-Eight indictments were returned by the federal grand jury today against shippers, freight agents and common carriers in the rebate cases brought to the attention of the grand jury yesterday by United States Dist, Atty, J. Whitaker Thompson. The indictments returned are as follows:

Great Northern Railway company, for offering a rebate to R. D. Wood & Co. of this city, on a shipment of 10,500 tons of iron piping to Winnipeg.

C. L. Campbell, local freight agent of the Great Northern, same charge.

L. W. Lake of New York, general eastern agent of the Mutual Transit company, granting and giving a rebate to the Walter Wood company.

Walter Wood, George Wood, Stuart Wood and Richard Wood, members of Wood and Richard Wood, members of the Wood company, accepting and receiving rebates.

Paul J. Diver, local agent of the Mutual Transit company, offering re-bate to the National Essence of Coffee company of this city, on a shipment from Philadelphia to Minneapolis, Aug.

Mutual Transit company, offering rebate in the same transaction.

Paul J. Diver, offering and giving rebate (two counts) to the National Essence of Coffee company on a shipment from Philadelphia to Winnipeg April 17,

Mutual Transit company, offering and giving rebates (two counts) in the A large number of witnesses were summoned to give testimony in the two cases. Immunity from punishment was

granted those principals in the cases, who appeared before the jury and gave evidence. For instance, President Chas. M. Reald of Buffalo, president and general manager of the Mutual Transit company, who was summoned as a witness in the Wood case, was not indictness in the Wood case, was not indicted, but a true bill was returned against an agent of the company who was not asked to appear. Neither was an indictment brought against the traffic manager of the Wood company, who obtained the rebate for his firm. In the case of the National Essence of Coffee company, the distributions was brought. company the indictments were brought against the carrier and its agent, the shipping company having furnished the

AID FOR U LA INDIANS.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 14.-Later reports from the Pala Indian reservation indicate that the damage done by the high winds of last Sunday was greater than at first believed. Practically all the portable houses furnished to the Indians by the government were car-ried away or destroyed on the spot, while several more substantial cottages were either entirely or partially wreck-ed.

The Indians have been made fairly comfortable in tents and other temporary shelter and the department of the interior has been asked for funds to replace the buildings.

HEARST FIGHT SPREADING.

New York, Dec. 14.- William Randolph Hearst's legal campaign to re-count the ballots in New York's recent mayoralty election was extended today to include the acts of many election into include the acts of many electron inspectors. An order to show cause why these inspectors should not appear before the board of election canvassers and correct errors was signed by Supreme Court Justice Stover. The order is returnable next Monday.

McCALL SEES HAMILTON.

Paris, Dec. 14.-The conference between John C. McCall, son of John A. McCall, president of the New York Life Insurance company, and Andrew Ham-ilton continues, but neither is yet will-ing to announce any conclusions. Mr. McCall when seen today was examining a typewritten manuscript, but he is beginning to arrange plans for his return. The date of his departure is not

LAWYER PLEADS GUILTY.

New York, Dec. 14.—Benjamin F. Chadsey, the Brooklyn lawyer who was arrested at Niles, Mich., and brought back to this city on a charge of larceny, pleaded guilty to attempted larceny in the second degree in the county court in the second degree in the county court in Brooklyn today. Chadsey, who is a prominent lawyer and campaign orator, was charged with the layeeny of funds of a client, Isabella Miller. He fled to South America and later was arrested in San Francisco and brought to this city, where he forfeited bail.

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