DESERET EVENING NEWS: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1900.



SO SAYS SECRETARY ROOT.



Tells Senator Proctor Some One is Undertaking to Convey False Information to the Press. table Compound.

Washington, Dec. 14 .- Secy, Root has addressed the following letter to Senator Proctor, acting chairman of the mmittee on military affairs: Sir: I enclose a letter from Brig .-

Gen. Tasker H. Bliss asking attention to the report of his recent testimony before your committee as a witness regarding certain objections to the confirmation of Gen. Wood. It appears that the press reports of Gen. Bliss' testimony are the precise contrary of what he in fact testified. He wished this set right for his own reputation, and I shall take the liberty of doing far as practicable, by giving his to the press.

"At the same time I wish to call the attention of the committee to the fact attention of the committee to the fact that some persons seem to be persist-ently furnishing to the press false statements of the testimony taken by you, the perversion of the evidence being in every case to the prejudice of Gen. Wood. It cannot be doubted that the newspapers' publishing these re-ports are sent to them by the repre-sentatives of the press in good faith, under the same belief. It is evident that some person is undertaking to convey to the press representatives inprivey to the press representatives in-imation of what goes on in the com-littee, and is taking advantage of the formation of a what has advantage of the fact that the evidence is not published to state it falsely, for the purpose of injuring Gen. Wood in the public esti-mation; so that, while your committee will act on the evidence actually be-fore it, the public judgment as to how you cught to act will be based upon an entrely different and erroneous idea of what the evidence is. If the evidence actually given called for Gen. Wood's presence I should, of course, bring him back from the Philippines, but I do not feel justified In withdrawing him from the important duties which he is performing on account of false reports of evidence which has never in fact been given. It hardly seems fair that performing on account of near rights in fact been given. It hardly seems fair that an officer who is not here to protect himself, but is serving his country faithfully, under orders, on the other side of the world, should have his reputation stabbed in this way. I earnestly request your committee's at-tention to this subject. Very respect-fully. ELIHU ROOT, "Secretary of War." Gen. Bliss, in his letter, contradicts the report that he strongly opposed the admission without payment of duty of the silver service purchased in New York by the Jai-Alai, and that he re-ceived mandatory instructions from Gen. Wood to admit said silver service free of duty. He says he testified most positively, under oath, that neither di-

itively, under oath, that neither dinor indirectly, verbally nor in g, personally from him nor writing, personally from him nor hrough any subordinante, nor from any person whatsoever, "had received even an infimation as to the remission of duties upon these articles; that I or-dered the remission of duties because I believe then and I believe now that it was in accordance with the law; that if any mistake was made I was solely responsible for it. I further tes-tified that during the two and a half years that I served directly under the orders of Gen. Wood as military gov-ernor of Cuba I know of no action of his that was not consistent with the character of an honorable officer and a man of integrity." the

Mrs. Haskell, Worthy Vice-Templar, Independent Order Good Templars, of Silver Lake, Mass., tells of her cure by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vege-

"DEAR MES. PINKHAM :- Four years ago I was nearly dead with inflamma-tion and ulceration. I endured daily untold agony, and life was a burden to me. I had used medicines and washes internally and externally until I made up my mind that there was no relief for me. Calling at the home of a friend, I noticed a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-pound. My friend endorsed it highly, and I decided to give it a trial to see if it would help me. It took patience and perseverence for I was in bad con-dition, and I used Lydia E. Pink-ham's Vegetable Compound for nearly five months before I was cured, but what a change, from despair to happiness, from misery to the delight-ful exhilarating feeling health always brings. I would not change back for a thousand dollars, and your Vegetable compound is a grand medicine.

"I wish every sick woman would try it and be convinced." -- MRS. IDA HASKELL, Silver Lake, Mass. Worthy Vice Templar, Independent Order of Good Templars. - 36000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be pro-duced.

The firm of Leopold Mayer & Son The firm of Leopoid Mayer & Son weathered the famous black Friday of financial distress, the panic of 1873 and the troublous times of 1893. Mr. Mayer retired from business in 1900, leaving the office to his son, Na-thaniel A. Mayer. A widow and six children survive. children survive.

Kischineff Trials Still Going On.

New York, Dec. 14.—Although the Kischineff trial has been in progress 22 days, the case against the first batch of 27 persons, charged with actual murder has not been concluded, according to the Times correspondent at Moscow. One of the advocates engaged in the case says the evidence against the bulk of these men is overwhelming.

Guarding Against Dynamiters. New York, Dec. 15.-As an outcome of several explosions of dynamite in several explosions of dynamice in buildings being constructed in various sections of the city every large struc-ture being erected is now under guard of police and private detectives. No great damage has been done by the ex. preat damage has been done by the ex-plosions already reported because the powder used exerts its force only when in a confined space, as drill holes. Rewards have been offered by the Iron league for the apprehension of the persons involved but so far no clew has been found as to their identity.



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Gold from France.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The imports of France, for the last 11 months increased \$51.303, 200 and the exports decreased \$6,524.200.

Fire in Denver.

Denver, Dec. 14 .- Fire broke out in the building on Market street occupied by the Hardesty Manufacturing com-pany today causing a loss estimated at \$20,000. The Hardesty Manufactur-ing company and the Colorado Produce company are the principal losers. Capt H. M. Sorwash of Hook & Ladder company No. 2, fell from the second story of the building to the basement, sus-talaing internal injuries. It is believed he will recover.

Leopold Mayer, Banker, Dead.

Chicago, Dec. 15.-Leonard Mayer, a retired private banker of Chicago, is dead at his residence here after a week's filness of heart disease. Mr. Mayer was born at Abenheim, Ger-many, in 1827 and came to America in 1850.

As a banker Mr. Mayer had an influ-ence on the financial history of Chicago.



been found as to their identity.

Armenian Revolutionary Plot.

New York, Dec. 15 .- The existence of a well organized Armenian revolution-ary plot in the Caucasus has been offiary plot in the Caucasus has been offi-cially recognized by Minister of the In-terior De Pleve, says a Times dispatch from Moscow. The movement grows out of the government's decree taking possession of all church property. Reports from Baku are to the effect that the Armenians and Jews there are in mourning and refuse to visit the theaters or other places of anusement.

Three People Burned to Death. Chicago, Dec. 15 .- A dispatch to the Tribune from Braidwood, Ill., says: Mrs. J. Messersmith, her daughter, and Frank Smith, a clerk, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the meat market and residence and the dry goods store of J. Simon here today.

COLOMBIAN PRESIDENCY.

Gen. Reyes, if Elected, Will Accept the Same.

Cept the Same. Washington, Dec. 14.—If elected to the presidency of Colombia by the everwhelming majority which Bogota dispatches indicate, Gen. Rafael Reyes, Colombian minister to the United States, the Associated Press learns, would regard the call of his country as a command which it would be diffi-cult for him to refuse to obey. It is learned that Gen. Reyes is still undecided as to the nature of his note to the state department formally set-ting forth Colombia's views of the Panama situation. It can be stated,

Panama situation. It can be stated, however, that Colombia will first ex-press her protest against the events on the isthmus, but further than this Gen.

the isthmus, but further than this Gen. Reyes has not decided what form his statement shall take. Gen. Reyes called at the state de-partment today and was closeted with Asst. Seey. Loomis for nearly an hour. In reply to a question, the general said he had given assurances to this gov-ernment that pending his diplomatic ernment that pending his diplomatic mission to Washington there would be mission to Washington there would be no hostilities upon the part of the Co-lombian troops. As to what would be done after that the general would make no statement, but significantly shrugged his shoulders. He would not disclose the nature of the paper which he is preparing for presentation to the state department, but wanted it said that Colombia, in that statement, did not make any demand for a part of the \$10,000,000 to be paid to Panama in consideration of the canal treaty. Gen. Reyes expressed the hope that there would be no war between the there would be no war between th United States and Colombia.

To Give the Poor Farms.

Chicago, Dec. 15 .- Plans for affording Chicago, Dec. 15. -Plans for affording the poorer residents of crowded cities a chance to acquire farms and homes for themselves in the country have been discussed at a banquet given the advisory committee of the Field and Workshop society at the auditorium. Organized last June, the society has for its object the formation of branch in-stitutions in every large city and the placing of bonds needed for the pur-chase of lands, tools and seed, with railroads and other interested indus-trial enterprises. trial enterprises. The keynote of several addresses

The keynote of several addresses was: "Get away from the cities--their crime and strenuous life--and into the country, where the best citizens are produced." The speakers included Frank O. Low-den, Judge Marcus Kavanagh, Judge Richards Tuthill, Mrs. Warren Spring-er, Prof. Wilbur Jackman, Prof. J. K. Milliken and Raymond Robbins. The society will hold a general ses-sion in Washington before the adjourn-ment of Congress.

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