

States (Senator to succeed) Dubois. The ballot stood: Helfelt 89; Dubois 30; T. F. Nelson 1. Helfelt got 18 Democratic votes and 1 Republican. Dubois got 4 Democratic votes. Helfelt is a farmer. He represents the N z Perce county state in the Senate. His age is about 40. His education is apparently only of a rudimentary character.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Port Louis, Island of Mauritius, published today, furnishes particulars of the wreck of the British Indian troop-ship Warren Hastings, which was wrecked off the Island of Reunion on Thursday, January 4th. The ship, it appears, ran ashore at 2:20 a. m. It was pitch dark and torrents of rain were falling. She had on board soldiers and crew to the number of 1,231 men, in addition to a number of women and children, the families of the married men of the military fort. When the ship struck the men were ordered to retire from the upper deck, to which they had flocked at the first alarm, and fall to below. This they did promptly, the most perfect discipline prevailing, although the men were fully conscious of the danger which they were in. Owing to the fact that the surf-boat could not be used in landing the troops, two officers of the Warren Hastings were lowered from the ship's boat to the rocks, and when it was found that a landing could be effected in that way the disembarkation of the soldiers was commenced at 4 o'clock, and completed at 5:30 a. m. with the loss of only two native servants.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The weather bureau reports snow as far as southern North Carolina with a maximum of eight inches in New York.

The reports of the weather bureau show that the cold wave reached the south Atlantic states last night. A snowstorm, quite unusual in extent and degree for the Southern states, accompanied the drop of the temperature. This morning reports show a minimum temperature in South and North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and central and northern Florida, lower by 4 to 8 degrees than any previously reported during the last ten days of January. At Chattanooga, Charlotte and Atlanta it was 6 degrees above zero. The minimum was 22 at Jacksonville. It is not expected that there will be much rise in the thermometer for several days.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—The temperature still hangs close to the zero mark.

One result of the relief work accomplished by the police has been the great decrease in crime. The police and Mayor Swift believe that by the prompt relief afforded the thousands of destitute families, the city has been saved from bread riots.

Among the large subscriptions to the relief fund is one of \$2,000 by the Western Union Telegraph company. Contributions to date amount to over \$50,000 in cash and hundreds of tons of coal and provisions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The Senate committee on interstate commerce today heard arguments upon the bill introduced by Senator Cullom to amend the interstate commerce act so as to prevent ticket scalping. George M. McKenzie, in his opening argument against the measure said the bill

was not in the interest of commerce. He denied that the ticket brokerage business was founded upon fraud. He said there were 500 men in one association and 180 in another. He claimed that brokers were necessary to the weaker lines which could not get any business under the traffic agreements. Cullom asked if the brokers' business did not violate the interstate commerce law in allowing discrimination against a large portion of the public and assist the roads to violate the law when they desired. McKenzie replied he thought his business prevented discrimination.

Asked as to fraudulent tickets he said no frauds had been traced to the door of the associations.

Replying to a question by Cullom he said the law should first be changed by providing a commission of the government to fix all rates. He estimated that brokers were doing twenty per cent of the competitive business, most of which was done by pre-arrangement with the companies. People traveled under assumed names but with the consent of the companies. Before the ticket brokerage was destroyed something else must take its place.

E. D. Caldwell, chairman of the Western Passenger association, spoke briefly in reply to McKenzie. Caldwell denied many statements made by McKenzie.

LONDON Jan. 28.—A dispatch from Madrid says:

Lieutenant General Azacarra, the Spanish minister of war, will be appointed governor general of Cuba, but Weyler will retain command of the military.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Brevet Major General John E. Smith, retired, died today, aged 80. He was born at Berne, Switzerland, 1816. During the Civil war he was colonel of the "lead mine regiment," 45th Illinois. Smith's father served under Napoleon through the Russian campaign and at Waterloo.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—The northern passenger train which left San Francisco on Wednesday, due here this morning, was held up two miles west of Roseburg, Oreg., early this morning. As soon as possible Fireman Hendricks slipped out of the engine, ran to Roseburg and gave the alarm. Arming himself he started back to the scene of trouble.

Supt. Fields of the Southern Pacific road who was at Roseburg took a posse consisting of a dozen armed men, and an engine to the scene.

Heavy explosions of dynamite or powder were distinctly heard at Roseburg. Fireman Hendricks stated that the train was first flagged by the highwaymen. The express car was looted and burned and the safe blown open. No one was hurt. The highwaymen escaped.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Chief H. Zen of the secret service has received the following telegram from Agent Porter, Chicago. John A. Skoog was arrested last night by Policemen McDonald and Rogers for offering one new counterfeit twenty dollar silver certificate and he had four in his possession. He refused to give the police any information whatever. He was turned over to the United States this morning and soon gave his name and address and confessed that he is the maker of said

notes and the only shover off of the same. The notes were made by the photogra; his process.

He was also making a hundred kronor on Sveriges Riksbank, Stockholm, Sweden, the date of Jan. 1, 1892. We went to his room and captured a complete outfit, consisting of negatives, copper plates, paper, ink, camera, a press, together with 45 counterfeit twenty dollar silver certificates and 80 counterfeit hundred kronor notes. Skoog has no accomplice. He passed the first twenty here last November and has passed 25 since then, all in Chicago. He left Sweden four years ago for counterfeiting. He has been held in \$10,000 bonds.

VALLEJA, Cal., Feb. 2.—Work on the gunboat Concord, now undergoing repairs at the Mare Island navy yard, is being hurried so that she may be commissioned about April 1. All woodwork not absolutely necessary has been removed as a safeguard against fire in action.

Work is progressing rapidly in the big cruiser Baltimore.

A new spar deck has been laid and many improvements made below besides a thorough overhauling of the machinery. The cruiser Charleston which has been tied up at the docks out of commission for six months awaiting her turn for repairs has been hauled up under the big shears preparatory to beginning extensive repairs on the engine and boilers. This was originally fitted with double cabins and especially roomy officers quarters but with the advent of so many large ships which are available, or flagship duty is no longer necessary to have a ship of her size, 3,730 tons, fitted for such duty and her officers' quarters are to be reduced accordingly to the size available for a cruising vessel.

The cabin space will be much smaller and the officers' state rooms and mess rooms condensed into smaller space, thus giving more room for the crew. It will probably be nearly a year before the Charleston is again ready for service.

HARRISBURG, Penn., Feb. 2.—A fire broke out in the senate wing of the state Capitol at one o'clock p. m. and at 1:30 the building seemed doomed, as the fire department was unable to control the flames.

The fire originated in the rooms of Lieut. Governor Lyon over the senate chamber. The fire burned several minutes before it was discovered. It had made such a headway that but little could be saved in the costly apartments of the Lieut. Governor.

Across the hall are the rooms of Supt. of Public Instruction Schafer, who was alone in the office when the fire was discovered. He did all he could to check the fire, but it was not in his power. All he saved was the appropriation books. Thousands of dollars worth of records were lost.

The flames had eaten their way through the senate room before the fire department arrived. Part of the roof tumbled in before the water was started. Then the streams were so small that the fire burned on. Soon the great dome was a mass of flames. This burned like shavings. The fire communicated to a house on the side and is now eating its way along the roof. There seems no possible way of saving the building.