

ing made. I believe this requirement of a detailed statement of expenditures should be omitted from all future ap-propriation acts." tendant ban. URGES DEATH PENALTY.

SEEKS TO RETAIN SEAT.

HONORED OFFICE, NOT MAN. At a dinner here not many days ago, at which President-Roosevelt was the star guest, the chairman announced a toast to be drunk standing to the head of the nation. A western con-gressman, when he got up with his glass in his hand, said to a fellow member of the house, "I will drink to the office, but not to the man." This remark was heard by others at the table, and it naturally provoked some little discussion, but only loud enough for a few to hear what was said. One SOUTHERN ITAL' in the discussion, but only hold endogenergy for a few to hear what was said. One congressman said that, no matter what might be thought of Mr. Roosevelt in the large cities, he was so strong among the country people that the Republican congressmen out in the west who dared oppose him at the last election of the strong strong strong strong the country people that the Republican congressmen out in the west who dared oppose him at the last election of the strong The city member who had declined to "drink to the man" had to admit that with the everyday citizens of the big cities the president was just as popu-lar perhaps, but he insisted that the men of affairs, as he calls them, were against him and will be glad when he quits the White House and starts for Africa to shoot lions and tigers, Representative Pete Hepburn of Iowa has served notice of contest upon his Democratic rival, who managed to his Democratic rival, who managed to beat him by several hundred votes on the face of the returns at the recent election. There are no charges of fraud or misconduct. Col. Hepburn merely insists that irregularities and the acceptance of certain ballots by the udges brought about his supposed visited by a serious and fatal earththe judges brought about his supposed defeat, and if the elections commit-tee of the house will only straighten things out the veteran legislator is of the opinion that it will place him in the seat instead of Democratic Mr. Jamieson, who will be sworn in when Congress meets in extra session next

Sicily Center of Disturbance,

RIOTS NEAR AMOY GROWING SERIOUS

Helena, Mont., Dec. 28 .- Teachers from all over the state are assembled Amoy, Dec. 28 .- The riots which Saturday with the refusal of natives to obey an order prohibiting the planting of opium poppies now affects 12 villages. Twenty miles west of Tungan, 2,000 men are reported under arms. They have withdrawn to the Belin mountains and the authorities have

in Helena today for the convention of he Montai

rive at church, where his congregation had assembled for Sunday worship, a earching party was formed to locate HOLDING CONVENTION

"I have already called attention to the need of providing for the death penalty in the case of life prisoners who make vicious assaults on their who make vicious assaults on their reliow-prisoners or the guards, wheth-er murder is done or not. I wish to repeat it in connection with the re-commendation made above. The more I think about these men, and the ab-solute hopelessness of reformation, the more I am convinced that it is only by these two penalties that the society of the present and the future can be of the present and the future can be adequately protected against this worse than useless element.

FINANCES OF STATE.

"A suggestion regarding the finances of the state, which have made be-fore, I wish to repeat here. By law the state treasurer is made custodian-of the funds of the state. But I believe there is nothing in the con-stitution which can be construed as presenting the treasurer from placing stitution which can be creasurer from placing preventing the treasurer from placing the funds, subject to the bond he is under, where they will draw interest for the state. The low should be under, v for the state. changed so as to require this to be

done. "In connection with this matter, done. "In connection with this matter, I would suggest that the salary of the treasurer be increased so as to be full compensation for the work and responsibility of the office, and the large bond he is required to give. "In line with the last suggestion, I blieve it would be well for a change to be made in the law which now requires state officers to pay into the state treasury only once quarter the fees received in their offices. Interest might be had on these funds if they were turned over to the treasury at least at the end of each month. It is a source of danger for any officer to be permitted to keep public funds on hand, or deposited in his own mame in any bank he may choose, for so long a time. The money should be in the hands of the state treasurer, or lent at interest by him, not left when the the state of various state be in the hands of the state treasurer, or lent at interest by him, not left file in the hands of various state officers as at present. The state has borrowed money and paid a large amount of interest, much of which need not have been paid if the fees in the hands of state officers had been turned over to the treasurer at the close of each month instead of the end of the quarter. end of the quarter.

STATE DEFICITS.

"It is my opinion that the creation of deficits for the conducting of the affairs of the various departments and affairs of the various departments and institutions of the state, should be re-duced to a minimum; and if possible abolished altogether. The way to reach this end is for the legislature to inquire more closely into the needs of the various departments and institu-tions and then make an appropriation inquire more closely into the needs of the various departments and institu-tions, and then make an appropriation which will be definitely understood to be all that can be allowed for the period rovered. Those in charge of the expenditure of the tunds will then limit expenditures according to the appro-priation. As it is now, too many ap-propriations are regarded as only par-tial provision for the work; and the officials making expenditures seem to think that it will be an easy matter, after exhausting the fund, to secure a defeit. The result of this work is that after a legislature has appropri-ated all the funds available for neces-sary expenses, the next legislature is called upon to make up deficits which were not foreseen or even contem-plated. It is a clear case of living be-yond the means at hand, and should not be encouraged. It should not even he telerated, if a way can be found tolerated, if a way can be found to avoid it.

STATE CONSERVATION. "The appointment of the Utah State donor's name,

STATE'S EVIDENCE IN NIGHT RIDER CASSE ALL IN

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 28 .- After three days' adjournment, the trial of the eight alleged night riders indicted for the murder of Capt. Rankin, was refor the murder of Capt. Markin, was re-sumed today. The state completed its evidence today. All of the witnesses for the defense are in the city and the courtroom was crowded with men from the lake region. The defense asked that the witness, Thomas Cloar, who was on the stand last week, for the state, be recalled as some valuable information had been learned in regard to his testi-mony.

had been learned in regard to his testi-mony. Walter Holt, a fisherman from near Samburg, told of Tid Burton receiving a letter from the night riders telling him to attend a meeting that night or they would hang him. The night rid-ers paid Holt a visit on the night of May 23, and he recognized Garrett Johnston as the leader. Will Rogers, from near Clayton, was introduced to corroborate the story told by Fehringer, detalling the route taken by him in assembling the band for the Walnut Log raid. After the state had rested the defense asked that the court withdraw all of the evidence from the jury pertaining to other raids than the killing of Capt. Rankin. Judge Jones expressed his doubt on the matter and stated that he would render his decision later.

REPORT OF ATTEMPT ON SHAH'S LIFE UNCONFIRMED

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.-There is no confirmation from any source of the re-ported attempt on the life of the shah of Persia. A local newspaper, The Vecher, yesterday said it had heard that two men disguised as priests had made an attempt to kill the Persian rul-er Dec. 26. Armed with revolvers they gained an entrance to the palace and fired one shot before they were over-powered. The bullet went through the coat of the heir to the throne.

SAN FRANCISCO DISASTER.

Relief Corporation Has a Balance of \$397,267.25 on Hand.

San Francisco, Dec. 28 .- With a balance of \$397,267.25 on hand, the relief

corporation, which had charge of the distribution of the fund donated to San Francisco at the time of the fire of 1906, will turn this money over to

of 1906, will turn this money over to the various charitable organizations and go out of existence the first of the year During its existence the cor-poration distributed \$9,553,140.76. The actual cost of administering the affairs of the society from Aug. 1, 1906, to the present time was \$125,021.27, 2.03 per cent of the entire sum disbursed. Roughly speaking, the relief corpora-tion has provided and assisted in pro-viding about \$,000 homes in this city, or shalter for about \$0,000 persons, at a cost of about \$1,900,000, which is of a permanent character, and ranges all rermanent character, and ranges all the way from the refugee cottage that was moved from the camp to the North Beach flats, which were constructed with the aid of the building bonus

with the aid of the building bonus money. The relief home for aged and infirm, built at an expense of \$374,567.89, and presented to the city, is also of a per-manent character. Besides this large contribution by the society to many hospitals and other charities have ma-terially aided in their rehabilitation, and is of a permanent benefit. Of the vast sum of subscription money received, every cent is account-ed for, and but \$503.95 is on the books of the relief corporation without the donor's name.

March. FEW CONTESTS OCCUR.

No contests have been decided in this Congress and probaby none will be this session, according to the outlook. Three negro contestants are trying to get the seats of South Carolina Democrats. The elections committee, how ver, does not seem to think enough or the cases to take any action. Du the Fifty-first Congress, when Mr Reed of Maine was speaker, there were more than 20 contests, and many Dem-ocrats were turned out and Republicans put in. Along about that era each party worked partisanship heavily, but in the two succeeding Congresses the Democrats got to be fair in these Republican previously, just as the Re-publicans had made it serious for Demcrats-and ever since there has been a tendency in the house to do the right thing, the result being that the num-ber of contests is dwindling with each succeeding Congress. PURCHASE OF HISTORIC HOUSE

A bill to purchase the house in Washington in which President Lin-coln died is again being pressed, the appropriation asked for being \$150,000. If the government buys the property 3,000 relics go with it. This old fash-ioned residence is located opposite the building used during the war as Ford's theater, in which Mr. Lincoln was shot by Booth. Thousands of people visit by Booth. Thousands of people visit

the ancient mansion during the year. CROKER TO RAISE CHICKENS.

New York, Dec. 28 .- Richard Croker's fondness for race horses is well known, but he is no less interested in the apparently prosaic pursuit of chicken raising. Returning to, the city last hight from Lakewood, he announced that he had ordered 150 eggs, selected for hatching, from which he will stock his estate in Ireland. The eggs, if true to their guarantee, will produce pure bred white leghorns.

CHICAGO'S LOW DEATH DATE. Chicago, Dec. 28 .- This city has suppiled during the last week a tangible proof of the fallacy of the old adage, "A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard." No Christmas has been "greener" than the one which has just passed, yet the death rate-11.59 to the 1000-is the lowest ever reported for a 1,000-is the lowest ever recorded for a week in December.

Greatest Loss of Life and Property on Island.

TIDAL WAVE SWEPT CATANIA.

Approach of Wall of Water Was Seen And Sharp Cries of Warning

Rang Out. Rome, Dec. 28 .- Southern Italy was

quake this morning. The center of the disturbance was in Sicily and the greatest loss of life and property occurred on this island. The reports are as yet incomplete but the people everywhere were thrown into a condition of panic. At Catlannissetta, a Sicilian town of 30,000 people, a number of houses were shaken down and the in-habitants fied for safety to the streets.

Vast crowds gathered in the parks and the churches are filled. At Mineo, a small town 100 miles southwest of Catania, several houses collapsed and

the scenes of panic were repeated. At Catania the docks and shore front were overwhelmed by a tidal wave. Much damage was done to shipping, several steamers being damaged. At Catania the shocks lasted 20 seconds At Agosta, in the province of Syra-cuse two churches and several houses were demolished, but no lives lost. The prisoners in the local jall made their escape for liberty through the praying crowds on the streets. Troops were called out and quiet was restored. There were shocks also at Lindua Gloass, Santa Saverina and Noto, all

n Sicily. The latest reports from Calabria say that three dead and 60 wounded have been removed from the ruins of Stefanconi.

TIDAL WAVE AT CATANIA.

Catania, Sicily, Dec. 28.—A tidal wave swept into this port today, the result of the earthquake disturbances. The people on the waterfront were thrown into an indescribable condition of fear. The approach of the water was seen and sharp cries of warning rang out. The people field from the docks and waterfront of the town.

waterfront of the town. Where the sailors could get ashore boats of all kinds were abandoned. The waters came and left confusion and damage in their wake. It is not known how many lives were lost. A num-ber of fishing boats were swamped and three steamers in port were more or less damaged. An Austrian steamer, the Budatow, was nearly overwelmed. Much merchandise piled on the docks was washed away. Reports have been received here from Palermo, the capital " Sicily. The shocks there lasted 52 seconds. The telegraph and telephone systems were put out of business and railroad communication was interrupt-ed but the submarine cables from Palermo are still working.

STEAMERS IN COLLISION.

Newcastle, N. S. W., Dec. 28.-The British steamer Advance and the British bark Iverna were in collision off here today. The Advance went down, and with the exception of her first officer, all members of her crew lost their lives. The Iverna put into Newcasus leaking badly.

HOTTENTOTS ON WARPATH.

additional troops.

Capetown, Dec. 28.-The Hottentots in lerman Southwest Africa are again on the war path. They recently raided some cattle posts near the Beuchanaland border and murdered two Euro peans. Seven German soldiers sent in pursuit of the raiders were all shot down by the Hottentots. There is great anxiety among the local residents.

ADOLPH ROOS DEAD.

San Francisco, Dec. 28 .- Adolph Roos, San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Adoiph Roos, a prominent pioneer merchant and cap-italist of this city died today after a protracted illness following an opera-tion for cancer. He was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, aged 71 years.

STEAMERS DAMAGED BY EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS

London, Dec. 28 .- A dispatch received from Catania, Sicilly, says the Swedish from Catania, Stelly, says the Swedish steamer Asta, the Austrian steamer Budatwo, and the Italian steamer Orseo-lo were damaged today by an earth-quake and consequent Lidal disturbance at that port. The extent of the injuries to the vesseels is not given.

MORE THAN HALF THE SOUTH ABSOLUTELY "DRY."

Washington, Dec. 27.—A wave of pro-hibition has swept with such remark-able effect over the south that the new year opens upon a vast stretch of teritory absolutely bereft of liquor, while sent to Cuba.

condition will not be modified except through a radical change in political thought, through failure to enforce the laws against the traffic, and, perhaps

laws against the traffic, and, pernaps other obstacles which follow in the wake of prohibition. Georgia for a year has been experi-menting with a "near prohibition" law forbidding the sale of liquors contain-ing more than 4 per cent alcohol. State-wide prohibition laws become effective on Jaz. 1 in North Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi. Prohibition advocates in Louisiana have suspended their fight to test the new Gay-Shat-

Tennessee is the other chief of in-terest among the other states where state-wide prohibition fights are in progress. The prohibitionists assert that a state-wide bill will pass the leg-islature which they expect to organ-ies and control ize and control.

ize and control. Kentucky, the second largest distili-ing state in the Union, with 119 coun-ties, has but four in which the sale of liquor is not prohibited. Virginia presents a string of victories for anti-saloon elements, as prohibi-tion now exists in 30 of the state's hun-deed counties

dred counties. In Texas where more than half the tives and a few friends.

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the Montana State Teachers' associa-tion, which is to be in session Mon-day, Tuesday and Wednesday. The first session will be held this evening. Tomorrow morning efforts will be made to form a state school masters' lub. Wednesday afternoon and even-ing C. R. Ashbee, of London, Eng-land, will address the teachers on asked one viceroy at Foo Chow for

MONTANA TEACHERS

Arts and Crafts. The citizens of Helena have made magnificent preparations to entertain the teachers and indications are that it will be a most successful meeting. Many prominent speakers will speak before the institute.

BUTTE'S BAD MAN SENTENCED.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 28.—Paddy Rodgers, Butte's last bad man of the frontier type, was today sentenced to the penitentiary for 15 years on a burglary charge.

"DEATH VALLEY" SCOTTY WANTS TO BE A SOLDIER

Chicago, Dec. 28 .- Walter Scott, otherwise known as "Death Valley Scotty," entered the United States recruit-ing office today and declared his intention of enlisting in the army ser-vice. Scotty came east a few days ago when he arrived in Chicago on a

special train with the announced in-tention of ridding himself of part of an unlimited fortune supposed to be located in Death valley His efforts to establish a reputation as the champion spender of the world occupied considerable space in newspapers for a time, the source of his income was a matter of speculation, and it is said has never been cleaned up. "I have set the pace long enough,"

"I nave set the pace long enough, said Scotty today, "and the life does not agree with me. I am tired of it and want to lead a quieter life." If Scotty passes the physical examination set for later in the day he will join another batch of recruits and be sent to New York tomorrow, at which point after a 10 days' furlough spent in closing up his affairs, he will be

MISSOURI RATE CASE

Kansas City, Dec. 28.—The hearing of the Missouri rate case involving 18 railroad companies operating in this state was resumed this morning in the United States district court here be-fore Judge Smith McPherson. The case involves the two cent passenger and the maximum freight laws of Missouri which the railroads art attack-ing as confiscatory. The state today continued the presentation of its side

CLAUS SPRECKELS'

of the case.

FUNERAL VERY SIMPLE

San Francisco, Dec. 28 .- The funeral of the late Claus Spreckels took place of the face claus spreckers took place this afternoon from the Howard street residence of the family, where hun-dreds of friends had called to pay tri-butes of respect. A brief service was conducted by Rev. Julius Fuendeling of St Marks' Lutheran church and a few simple hymns were sung by a quar-et. The remains were then carried to tet. a funeral car and taken to the Spreckels mausoleum in Cypress Lawn ceinetery, accompanied only by rela-

searchipg party was formed to locate Rev. Robert L. Dougherty, pastor of the Congregational church at Buchenan, N. D., and on visiting his apartments the minister was found lying in a pool of his own blood. He had committed sui-cide. A razor with which he had killed himself, was gripped in the hand of the victim while a rambling note was found on a table. His actions had been watched for sometime by the people of Buchanan who were not satisfied that he was in his right mind.

Kansas City, Dec. 25.-Rev. Robert L. Dougherty was the son of Rev. James G. Dougherty of Kansas City, Kan. Members of his family today said they believed that the young preacher had taken his life following a mental break-down due to dil health and overstudy. Rev. James G. Dougherty, father of the dead man, was the first of the lead-ere in Kansus to take up the fight against lotteries, gambling and the li-quor traffic. FELL FROM A TRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 28.-R. C. Winsey fell from a window of a Pullman sleeper from a window of a Pullman sleeper on the Monon railroad, near Reynolds, Ind. He was sick when he boarded the car in Chicago. When the train reached Lafayette, Ind., his berth was reached Lafayette, Ind., his berth was found to be empty. A switch engine was procured and a fast run made to find the missing man. He was found beside the track and was hurried to a hospital. Winsey said he fell from the window when he opened it to get some fresh air. The train was running 60 miles an hour.

PATHETIC SUICIDE OF A CHILD. New York, Dec. 28.-Sunday saw an-other pathetic child suicide in this city when Arthur Kirby, the lo-year-old son of Mrs. Margaret Kirby, a Brooklyn widow, ended his life last night by inhaling gas through a tube. Despond-ency, because he was unable to pur-sue his studies in order to prepare himself for a college education, is sup-posed to have prompted the child's act. With the death of his father and elder

with the death of his fast and effect and effect brother only a few weeks ago, the boy was forced to leave school and go to work in a butchershop. He visited his mother on Christmas day, then re-turned to his employer's house, where he ended his life last night.

SIX TOES ON ONE FOOT.

New York, Dec. 28 .- A physical de-

 A 10 days' furlough spent
 New York, Dec. 28.—A physical de-formity, that of six toes on the right foot, is practically the only clue by which the police hope to solve the identity of the man whose body was found in the North river near the Jersey shore yesterday. The man weighed about 160 pounds, was 5 feet 6 inches tall and wore a dark suit.

ALL QUIET AT STEARNS, KY.

ALL QUIET AT STEAKNS, KY. Stearns, Ky., Dec. 2.—Everything was quiet here today and only 25 soldiers were on guard. A posse was sent out during the day to see if any trace could be found of Berry Simpson, George Stanley and Reuben West, charged with being leaders of the strikers in their fight of Christmas day. One report says they are in Tennessee. It is believed the trouble is practically over, but the Lumber Plant Mine will be guarded for a time to provent revengeful acts by friends of the men who were killed Christmas day.

CHOLERA IN ST. PETERSBURG.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.-St. Peters-burg still continues to saffer from the Asiatic cholera. There were 18 new cases and five deaths from the disease yesterday. This has been the edaily av-erage for the past month.

IDAHO POSTMASTERS.

(Special to sthe "News.") Washington, D. C., Dee, 2.--Postmas-ters appointed: Idaho-Tyson, Kootenai county, Laura E. Vanorschale vice E. Des Granges, resigned: Rice, Fremont county, Amanda E. Roseborough vice E. E. Roseborough, resigned: Van Wyck, Roise county, Jno. H. Emory vice E. E. Fisher, resigned.

ritory absolutely bereft of liquor, while the area wherein prohibitionists have triumphed, marks the battle ground for impending fights on the question. More than half the south's territory is "dry" absolutely, and in the remain-ing area the sale of intoxicants is re-stricted. It is evident that the cities are the only remaining strongholds for the saloons, and it is unlikely that this condition will not be modified except

their fight to test the new Gay-Shat-tuck law for the regulation of the liquor traffic. Tennessee is the chief center of in-