

son is an aunt of Winston Churchill and the wife of Capt. C. O. Wilson of the royal horse guards. This was the first definite news that she was a prisoner. Lady Wilson has been acting in the double capacity of newspaper corre-spondent and Red Cross nurse and there had been much anyiely about her spondent and Red Cross hurse and there had been much anxiety about her. When has heard from Lady Wilson had left Mafeking on horseback, with her mald as her sole companion. She was reported to have reached Settlasoll. A special dispatch from Capetown an-

nounces that the British at \$8,000

St. Louis, Dec. 8.-Judge Thayer in the U. S. court today granted a writ of habeas corpus in the case of John Reese, one of the members of the ex-ecutive council of the United Mine Workers' association of Iowa, now in jall in Fort Scott, Bourbon county, Kansas, for contempt of court.

sas, for contempt of court. The writ was made returnable Dec. 27, when arguments as to the jurisdic-tion of the circuit court of Bourbon county will be heard. Bail was fixed

jurisdiction over him in this case.

Schley to be Thanked.

would use every effort to secure early consideration of his joint resolution

giving the thanks of Congress to Rear

INVESTIGATING IDAHO.

Resolution to Have the House of Rep-

by a special committee of nine members

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Roberts Not There Today - Business

Mr. Dalzell (Pa.) from the committee

on rules, then presented the amend-

mittee on insular affairs, to consist of 17 members, to have jurisdiction "over

all matters (excepting those affecting the revenues and the appropriations)

pertaining to the islands which came to the United States through the treaty of

mittees on foreign affairs, merchant ma-rine and fisheries, public lands, military

affairs, naval affairs and District of Columbia, from 15 to 17 members, and

the committee on territories from 13 to 15." Adopted

The committee on rules of the House

of Representatives today decided to bring in a rule for the consideration of

com-

1899 with Spain, and to Cuba," a increase the membership of the

Transacted.

Admiral Schley,

of the House.

convened today.

on Monday

The first witness called to the stand was Judge Powers. He testified that In 1886 he was Justice of the Supreme court of Utah Territory and ex-officio judge of the First district court. While acting in the latter capacity, the deacting in the latter capacity, the de-fendant was tried before him on the charge of train robbery. The jury con-victed Smith and witness sentenced him to nine years in the penitentiary. After sentence had been pronounced, Smith stepped up close to the bench, and sbaking his fist, said: "I will kill you, s— of a b—." He also threat-ened Dr. Pike, who had festified at the trial regarding his sahit". Judge Pow-

metal, a guard of a revolver trigger, a "Tintic Miner" card, burnt photo-graphs, scraps of brown paper, powder in a giant, powder, box, small white handkerchief, blocks of wood, twine and studies of reals stubbs of nails.

These articles, witness stated, were found by him, Marshall Henroid and others in the shaft of the old Pacific others in the shaft of the old Pacific mine at Diamond, after the 25th of August. The Pacific mine was situated about 500 yards east of north of the Diamond mine. The pieces of wood, witness paid, looked as though they had been sawed with a wide set keyhole saw. A saw of that description was used in the Diamond mine shop.

charge of embezzlement will seek sat-isfaction in a damage suit. Having employed Attorneys Harrington and Snow he will soon begin suit against Rowland for \$5,000 for defamation of

character. "I have mortgaged my home," said Att today, "In order to pay the ex-penses of the law suit. I propose to vindicate myself in every particular in this connection.

Directly in his line of march is a con-Directly in his the of march is a con-siderable American force at Bayon-bong, to the westward of that point is Wheaton's force, and to the east of Bayonbong is an almost impassable mountain range. So with Young be-hind him, with Col. Hare close in his rear, and his front obstructed, the war department officials feel that Aguinaido has little chance of escape to the southward. Major Batcheller is said to be making rapidly for Aparri, about the only port on the extreme north end of the island, so as to reduce the outlet in that direction. The best chance remaining to Aguinaldo is believed to be to abandon the es-cort of three hundred now traveling with him, in which case he could easily insure his personal escape in disguise. Gen. Otis also reports the arrival of the transport Olympia, with the Thir-ty-ninth infantry, one battallon of the Forty-fifth infantry and some recruits. There were no casualties on the voy-

his old stronghold in Cavite province

his chances of success are very slight.

nage that preparations were com-nif there to advance in force Nov. for Rhodesia for the purpose of re-ing the railroad line and restoring the railroad line and restoring madeation with Col. Baden-Powelt. Bers, however, were strong-Gaberones near estrenched ny between Magalapye and Mafeements are rapidly arriving

ats were again current at Orange

Tuesday, Dec. 5, that Mafeking

ts known through dispatches from

issance in force.

Seristrom to strengthen Galacre, Ming the much needed artillery. is suborities expect speedy news | and the ship released.

nounces that the British gunbart Part-ridge has captured the British steamer Mashona, Capt. Johnstone, which left New York Nov. 3, via St. Vincent, Nov. 16, for Algos Bay, laden with flour for the Transvaal. The cargo will be landed at Capetown, and the phin schemed.

right to a seat, afterwards taking up/

the general merits of the subject. He

said he favored open sessions. He in-

dicated also that he desired to present

testimony relative to the manner in

which the charges against him were

Mr. Roberts then retired and the com-

mittee continued in private session un-

til 12:30, when a recess was taken until

2 p. m. Details of the procedure were

The 2 o'clock meeting was brief and

was adjourned until 10 e'clock tomorrow

morning. No announcement was made

except that Chairman Tayler of Ohio

It is understood some question exists

still under consideration.

WBERTS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Favors Open Sessions-General Expression of His Wish-**Committee Holds a Protracted Private** Session.

prepared.

SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS."]

Vathington, D. C., Dec. 8 .- The Robcommittee met this morning, and educeseing a plan of action, rebagreed upon, and after hearing tions from mombers of the comthe they adjourned until tomorrow. E Roberts was present during the weession, but took no part in the willings. It is understood that he Estas his own counsel.

Fabington, Dec. 8 .- The committee ich is to incuire into the status of Roterts of Utah, held a protracted | said the work was progressing satisfacain behind closed doors today. torily and smoothly. being the early hours of the meeting Roberts was present and made a as to whether Roberts shall be treated anish as to his general wishes in as a contesting member or be asked to Extion with the inquiry. He said plead as in a trial, and the committee secally was desirous of having the will probably hear him further before stite first go into his prima facie | reaching a conclusion.

MARRACKS DESTROYED BY FIRE. Muth Cavalry Quarters Go Up in Smoke-The Conflagration Caused by an Incendiary-Loss Heavy and

Fire Bug Unknown.

SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS."] he. Utah, Dec. 8 .- The barracks oched by troops of the Ninth cavalry Fort Duchesne were totally destroyed for about eleven o'clock this fore-The loss is in the neighborhood an thousand dollars.

wything belonging to the soldiers and. The fire is undoubtedly of estary origin and is the third one war there within the last six

NOR WILL GET THE CERTIFICATE Marky State Board's Decision will be

as over. Election Commissioners Ellis and Pryor were in the chambers of the on a Two to One Vote. tablint, Ky., Dec. 8.-The situation night preparing the decision which is to be announced on Saturday morning. torning was the same as last The board of election commisan sim stands two for Taylor and

to be announced on Saturday morning. Commissioner Poyntz was not with them, and did not go near the capitol building in which the court chambers are situated, during the ovening. There has not been the slight st evidence of trouble so fart Judge Pryor, hairman of the board of election commissioners, said it would To beed. Tomber of Democratic politicians iava been here ever since the can-ting bard commenced its work de-tes for home today. They all agreed aying they thought the fight over

The two previous fires cost the government something like thirty thousand dollars, and were believed to be of in-cendlary origin, but an official investigacendlary origin, but an official investiga-tion failed to locate the responsibility. The last fire wiped out the quarter-master's quarters, which are now being rebuilt under the direction of Colonel McGregor. Troop K just got com-fortably located when they were burned out. The signal sergeant at that end of the locates respiring the wires

out. The signal sergeant at that end of the line is away repairing the wires, and the details of this morning's blaze are difficult to obtain and the telephone line is working badly.

the certificate of election was as good

court of appeals until a late hour last

the finance bill, the general debate to begin next Monday and continue until Friday, debate under the five-minute rule Saturday, with provision for a vote Monday, Dec. 18, immediately after the reading of the journal. Twenty min-utes on a side will be allowed for de-

Mr. Daizell then offered the resolution for the consideration of the currency bill. It provided for general delete bill. It provided for general debate, beginning next Monday until next Fri-day, debate under the five-minute rule on Saturday and a vote upon the bill

on Saturday and a vote upon the bin immediately after the reading of the journal on Monday, the 18th. Mr. Richardson, upon behalf of the minority, said he dissented most em-phatically.

Mr. Dalzell closed the debate for the are, parsent close of the orbital for the special order, and the roll was called on its adoption. The special order was adopted, 163 to 144, a strict party vote. At 1:30 p. m. the House adjourned until Monday.

Sinners Die Together.

New York, Dec. 8. --Policeman Hens-ley and a young woman, said to be Ma-mie Jackson, 25 years old, were found dead today in a room of a Houston street hotel. They had been killed by gas, the two jets in the room being found turned on. All windows were closed tightly and the transom over, the door was shut. Whether it was an accident or suicide is not known.

trial regarding his samily. Judge Powers then told of his going out to the penitentiary at Smith's request, at Reese is a waiking delegate of the Mine Workers' association, who went to Bourbon county, Kas., where a coal which

time to prisoner penitent the be pre-for tended miners' strike was in existence, and contrary to the injunction of the cir-cuit court held meetings. He was ar-rested and sentenced to three month? what he had done. Witness afterwards recommended Smith's pardon. In the year 1891, while Smith was still in the penitentiary, witness received a letter imprisonment for contempt of court. The attorneys for Reese appealed to the from him which complained of witness' treatment. Smith threatened to in-U. S. appellate court, claiming that the circuit court of Bourbon county has no jure him; that he proposed to get even through 'witness' family. After that Smith wrote Judge Powers again ex-pressing sorrow for what he had said Washington, Dec. 8.—Representative Berry, of Kentucky, said today that he would use every effort to secure and done and asked witness to help get him a pardon.

CROSS EXAMINATION.

Judge Powers was then cross exam-ined by Attorney Truman, who asked the witness if he had ever seen Smith

before his trial. Judge Powers-Yes, I saw him when I ordered him committed to the insane

asylum. Mr. Truman-You believe him inresentatives in the Business. Washington Dec 8-Representative

sane?. "I think there was sufficient doubt Lentz, of Ohio, has introduced a resoabout his sanity to warrant his being lution reciting charges in connection committed. with the use of troops under Brigadier

"You believed him to be insane?" "No, I never believed him to be in-General Merriam at the Idaho mining troubles and asking an investigation

"Do you know Smith's handwriting? "No, he is not an associate of mine." "How do you know the letters from

the penitentiary were written by him?" "He said so himself when I talked with him. I had only his word for it." "Had you any communication with Smith after his release from prison?" "No, I had forgotten that John Smith

Washington, Dec. 8 .- Mr. Roberts, the lived " "Why didn't you keep the threatening

Mormon representative-elect from Utah, was not in the House when the House letter?" "I have received other threatening

It was agreed immediately after the reading of the journal that when the House adjourned today, it be to meet etters and did not think if of sufficient importance to keep." "Did you receive other threatening letters from the penitentiary?"

"No: for some unaccountable reason the senders of the other letters are not ments to the rules agreed upon by the committee for the creation of a com-

in the penitentiary." (Laughter.) JUDGE ROLAPP TESTIFIES.

Judge Hen. ond Judicial district way that ne ness called. He stated that ne mass tried Smith's attorney when he was tried Judge Henry H. Rolapp, of the Sec-

further testified that he received a letter from Smith while the latter was in the penitentiary, in which he said that if he, the witness, would not assist him in getting a pardon, he would place witness on the list with Judge Powers and others.

DR. W. R. PIKE CALLED.

Dr. R. W. Pike was next called to the stand. Witness said he was su-perintendent of the Provo asylum, about thirteen years ago, at which time Smith was one of the inmates. The defendant was confined there about four months. Witness then related the threats made by Smith towards Judge Powers and himself after the sentence. As near as witness could remember Powers and himself after the sentence. As near as witness could remember, the language used by Smith was "I will kill you, too, wou d— s— of a b—, if its the last act of my life." By Mr. Truman—Did he kill you? Dr. Pike—No.

Did he ever attempt to kill you ?"

tion when he was in the asylum?"

"Was he insane when he was re-

"I regarded him as a sane man when he was brought to the asylum." "Was he excitable?"

"No, he was quiet and deliberate."

TESTIMONY OF OFFICERS.

N. W. Crookston, ex-sheriff of Cache county, Detective E. W. Franks, and ex-Sheriff G. R. Belnap, of Weber county, all testified to the threats made by Smith in the court room after the trial, against Judge Powers and Dr. Pike.

P. H. Hansen said that in 1886, he was convicted of unlawful cohabita-

FOUR TIMES IN "PEN."

Under cross-examination Biddlecome said he first met the defendant in the penitentiary about thirteen years ago. Biddlecome admitted he had served four terms of imprisonment, but did not consider he had been convicted either time. Knew Judge Powers, and had a great respect for him. Had never made any threats towards the judge. He was certain of it. Anyone that would say he had ever uttered a disrespectful word against him prevaricated.

JAMES BLOWERS' TESTIMONY.

James Blowers, a mining man from Diamond, testified that he roomed with Smith during the month of August at Mrs. Brown's lodging house in Dialond. Witness was at the time emmond. First time he saw Smith down there was July 21. Met him frequently after that. Remembered the day the volun-teers returned. Smith was not at Diamond that day. He had previously told witness he was going into Salt Lake to see the soldier boys. Smith returned to Diamond the Sunday night following the arrival of the batteries, which was August 20th

Before Smith started for Salt Lake he "took" witness' coat. Smith returned the garment a few days later. Witness had occasion to wear the coat the Wednesday following and in one of the pockets he found some tobacco, which, on being ignited, flashed a number of times, showing powder had been mixed with it. Here court took a recess.

BLOWERS RECALLED.

Blowers was recalled this afternoo and in answer to Mr. Putnam said that Smith asked him the Monday or Tuesday of volunteer week to buy him a pair of small hinges. Witness said he went to the store for the purpose of making the purchase, but the store was out of them. He bought white factory for defendant, at the latter's request. He also cashed a \$15 time check for the defendant Sunday afternoon, August 27th. Witness understood Smith to say that he had a job at Mammoth and was going there to work.

.The distance from Diamond to Mam-moth was about five miles.

CROSS-EXAMINATION. Blowers was cross-examined by At-

torney Westervelt and said he first met Smith at the penitentiary in 1886. Witness was serving a four years' sentence for grand larceny. Never carried for grand larceny. Never carried powder in any of his pockets. Was certain the powder that got mixed up with the tobacco in his coat porket was not there when Smith borrowed the garment.

on redirect examination witness stated that Smith told him he was going to Salt Lake and give himself up. That was after the papers had accused of the crime

Redirect cross-examination. Witness had not read the paper. Smith told him of it, and others had mentioned it to him.

SAW SMITH WITH TOOLS.

John W. Feck, a 19-year-old youth testified that his home was at Diamond but at present he was going to school in Provo. He worked at the Diamond mine last summer. Saw Smith there last July. The defendant went by the name of James McDonald. Defendant assisted witness doing odd jobs and

came and went as he pleased. "Have you ever seen Smith sharpen any tools?" Objected to. Overruled. Witness-"Yes sir, I once saw him sharpen a pocket knife."

sharpen a pocket knic." Continuing witness said he remem-bered seeing Smith bring back to the workshop a keyhole saw, a chisel and a bottle of machine oil. Could not re-member whether it was the first or last of August that he saw Smith return the articles. Witness further testified that Smith asked him for some cotton, and witness said he gave him a spool of his former antagonist. Thread. Smith also asked witness for a iy accepted the offer.

My wife has been at the point of death for several days and when she heard of this affair, it almost broke

hold nothing against the police. They have only done their duty. "I emphatically deny that I embez-zled the harness. My character has been injured and I propose to have

LAST HOPE IS GONE.

Company Cannot Afford to Operate Lake Breeze Car Line.

satisfaction."

The residents of Lake Breeze and other trans-Jordan citizens may as well settle down to the fact that they are beyond the street car territory. It will be remembered that they objected strongly to the abandonment by the Salt Lake Railroad company of the line "over the river;" that they threat-ened suit against the company and finally petitioned the City Council for rollof. The matter may referred to a The matter was referred to a relief. Council committee-municipal laws and the committee has had the plaint under consideration for some time. Last night it met to take de-cisive action, City Attorney Hall being present to give such advice as might be necessary. President McCune of the necessary. President accure of the railroad company was also in attend-ance with his attorney, Mr. E. B. Critchlow. The fact was again brought out that the franchise was granted in

out that the franchise was granted in the boom days; that the company oper-ated the road five years longer than it agreed to, each year recording a big loss; that finally the bridge across the Jordan became exceedingly weak and dangerous and service across the river was stopped.

was stopped. It was admitted by the petitioners that the road was a losing proposition but contended that it s hould be oper-ated notwithstanding, and that the losses should be made up from the other branches which were successfully operated. This the company refuses point blank to do, and says it will for-sake the west from Sixth West street. sake the west from Sixth West street rather than to continue operating the Lake Breeze line at a loss. This further detrimental condition the company does not want to see imposed, and is willing to make the most of a bad case by letting the matter drop. In the meantime the Lake Breeze people will have to make other arrangements

for transit facilities.

WAS BADLY FRIGHTENED. Young Lady the Victim of a Pair of Scoundrels.

During the progress of a concert in the Fifth ward meeting house last night, a young lady ran screaming into the place frightened almost out of her wits. Officer Sperry happened to be present and to him the girl explained the cause of her trouble. She said that she was walking along Seventh South street, and when at a point between Fourth and Fifth West two men suddeniy sprang forth from the shadow of the trees and attempted to sleze her. She evaded them and ran rapidly in the direction of the meeting house. The scoundrels followed her some distance and then went off in another

direction. Officer Sperry made a dill-gent search for the men but could not find them. He says that a number of similar occurrences have been reported recently. "We re watching for such fellows," said the officer, "and sooner or later we will catch some of them and it will go hard with them."

SHARKEY WILL TRAIN CORBETT.

The New York Journal and Adver-The New York Journal and Adver-tiser says today: "Tom" Sharkey will train James J. Corbett for his coming fight with Champion Jeffries. The for-mer sailor and the ex-champion met last night, and Sharkey offered to train his former antagonist. Corbett prompt-

Manila, Dec. 8, 10:55 a. m.-There was considerable relief in Manila when the news was received today that Gen. Young's small force had arrived safely at Vigan, province of South Hocos, Dec. 6. Anxiety has been felt for Gen. Young and the garrison at Vigan since it was known that Gen. Tino had a large aggressive body of insurgents

age.

operating in the vicinity. Gen. Tho made a stand in the moun-tain pass between Narvacan and San Quinto. The natural strength of the position was augmented by trenches and pitfalls.

The fight lasted five hours. Gen. Young had three companies of the Thirty-fourth infantry under Lieut. Col. Robert L. Howze and one troop un-der Captain Chase. He was reinforced during the fight by Col. Luther R. Hare, with a battalion of the Thirty-third, en route to Vigan.

Gen. Young ended the fight by charging and routing the enemy, who left twenty-five dead and several rifles and thousands of rounds of ammunition in the trenches. The enemy employed artillery. Only one American was seri-ously wounded.

The uprising in the island of Negros was led by the police of La Corlata district, where there is a small American garrison. The police inspired false reports of insurgent victories in Luzon and Panay. There are 250 native po-lice in Negros who are armed with lice in Negros who are armed with Springfield rifles. Lieut. Ledyard, the American officer killed, was a son of the president of the Michigan Central railroad, and a popular officer.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. S.-The news of the death of Lieut. Augustus C. Led-yard who was killed in Negros, was broken today to his father, Henry B. Ledyard, president of the Michigan Central railroad while the father was en route home from New York. It was decided to send an intimate friend to meet the president's car and endeavor

to soften the blow. The lleutenant was the father's sec-ond son. He was at Yale at the out-break of the Spanish war, and had outlined for himself a railroad career. Joining the patriotic rush of students, he enlisted in a New York battery and spent most of his time as a volunteer in camp life near Tampa. Afterward at his own and his father's desire he entered the regular army as a second lieutenant and was attached to Gen. Miles' staff during the Porto Rico cam-paign. He was a grandson of the famous General Lewis Cass, and a nephew of Gen. Ruggles formerly ad-jutant general of the army.

German Steamer Aground.

Antwerp, Dec. 8 .- The North German Loyd line steamer Goenigen Luis, bound for Australia, grounded today on Wals-words bank in the lower Scheledt. Her condition is critical. Tugs are assist-ing in the work of attempting to float

Manitobs Elections.

Montreal, Dec. 8 .- The latest returns to the Star from yesterday's legislative shows the election of twenty-four con-servatives and fourteen liberals with two districts in doubt. The liberal party under Thomas Greenway has been in power for many years.

"You had Smith under your observa-

ceived?'