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#### Congressman Cook of Colorado Addresses Letter to President And Vice President.

#### LAND FRAUD CASES TROUBLE

Calls Prosecution of Them Persecu. tion-Talks About Dictatorial Encroachment of Executive.

Washington, Jan. 12 .- In a personal letter which he has addressed to the president and vice president, Speaker Cannon and all members of Congress, the justices of the supreme court. members of the president's cubinet and the Washington newspaper correspondents, George W, Cock, Republ'can congressman-at-large from Colorado, severely arraigns the adminis-tration for its course in prosecuting alleged infractions of the public land

alleged infractions of the public land laws in Colorado. Congressman Cook inists that great injustice has been done to a number of Colorado's most honorable, upright and law-abiding business men in that they have been unnecessarily branded as criminals through over-zealousness of the government in ordering indict-ments without furnishing proper evi-dence. He cites the recent decisions of federal Judge Robert E. Lewis at Denver, in which he quashed indict-ments against some 30 citizens to show the government prosecutors were over-active in their efforts to punish land frauds.

#### REP. COOK'S LETTER.

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REP. COOK'S LETTER. Congressman Cook's letter follows: "My Dear Sir: I most earnestly pro-test against the continued bigh-hand-ed, pernicious political persecution made by certain of the department budeaus of the government in this city, branding many of our most hon-orable, upright and law-abiding busi-ness men of Colorado as criminals. "Their only information and au-thority for such malicious statements are reports may to them by non-res-ident special agents and prosecutors seals innocent men are for the sole purpose of securing personal promosent fo Colorado, whose accusations against innocent men are for the sole purpose of securing personal promotion in Washington and the opportunity for the governmental bureaus here to disseminate among the press inroughout the country misrepresentations as to timber land and coal they are the do not exist in Colorado. "Judge Robert E. Lewis of the United States district court, Denver, on Dec. 24, 26 and 30, quashed all of the indictments against some 30 of our most worthy and reputable chizens (several of whom have been engaged actively in bio ness in Colorado for 30 years) on the ground that the government had absolutely failed to furnish any evidence whatever against these men-a most stinging and severe rebuke by Judge Lewis of the United States district court (an apointee of the present administration). "Active preparations were made by for the prosecution of these cases. They condem honorable men of unquestioned integrity before they are found guilty of any violation of the law, or even alven an opportunity of defense. "Judge Lewis's decision gives university betore they are faund severe alven an opport of the severe found guilty of any violation of the present and protunity of defense." "Judge Lewis's decision gives university and severe alven an opport of the prosecution of t States.

defense. "Judge Lewis's decision gives uni-versal satisfaction to all of our people in Colorado, regardless of their present affiliations, and is indorsed by our press; in fact, every newspaper in the state most heartily commends Judge Lewis's action. The truth has been windicated. "In this connection I beg to call at-

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Carson, Nev., Jan, 12 .- Many memexcited, irritable condibers of the state legislature, which has tion of the brain nerves. been called by Gov. Sparks to meet in It is the outcry of a special session next Tuesday, for the purpose of providing means to preserve tired brain. Relief will order at Goldfield, have already arcome quickly by tak-ing Dr. Miles' Antirived. Gov. Sparks stated today that he hoped the legislature would finish its business in two weeks. There will be Pain Pills, as they soothe a caucus of the members tomorrow on organization. It is believed that the old attaches will occupy the positions held at the session of last spring. Lieut.-Gov. Dickerson said today that he is in favor of any legislation that will promote the interests of the state. As he has been opposing Gov. Sparks' policies, this statement has produced a better feeling. Congressman Bartlett, who is in ac-cord with Gov. Sparks, has arrived and will remain throughout the session. The Goldfield Miners' union and the Mine Owners' association will both be represented by prominent members. Gov. Sparks was unwilling tonight to outline his message to the legislature, saying that he did not care to discuss it in advance of its transmittal to the legislature. Tuesday. a caucus of the niembers tomorrow on the nerves, and when this is accomplished, the pain subsides. This is the natural, sensible way. No

harm can come from their use if taken as directed, as they do not derange the stomach or leave any

It in advance of its transmittal to the legislature, Tuesday. A lively session is looked for, as there are many radical labor sympathizers among the members, who will fight any measure authorizing the organiza-tion of a state militia or a constabula-ry similar to the Pennsylvania consta-bulare tores. It is said by those who bulary force. It is said by those who are working for a militia or constabul-ary force that, if the plan is blocked, the legislature will be asked to memorialize Congress to enact a law estab-ising a permanent military organization in Nevada.

#### FINE CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT

tention to editorial below, Denver Re-publican of Dec. 26, 1907, written by ex-Senator T. M. Patterson, owner and editor of the Rocky Mountain News, Denver, New York, Jan. 11.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold 36,084,050 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent reserve fund. This is an increase of \$15-583,600 in the proportionate cash reserve was a deficit of \$11,509,550. The statement follows: "Referring to the action taken at the last cabinet meeting of the year, Dec. 31, as to the Colorado cases, the president criticised the judiciary and authorized the attorney-general as

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of the supreme court of the United States. "An article in the Washington Star of Dec. 31, quotes the commission-er of the land office as saying: "They will call 80 violations of the land laws in Colorado to the attention of the grand jury and some of these may involve a number of the persons whom Judge Lewis has discharged." "This is a subterfuge bordering on the farcical, and is disceminated to the press of the country for the purpose of misleading the public as to so-called land frauds that do not and have not evisted in Colorado. "Our Citizens in Colorado have with patience submitted to these persecu-tions for alleged offenses, and every fair-minded citizen should join in com-mendation of the fact that we have in our beloved country true judges who have the courage of their convictions and believe in justice to every citizen and a real 'square deal' emphasized. "In conclusion, I beg to say I assume the personal responsibility for state-ments herein made." Reno, Jan. 12.-Residents of Surprise Valley avenue, attracted by an explosion set off by robbers, hurried from their beds at 3 o'clock this morning, and stood in the road watching four men make away with the contents of the wrecked safe in the Nevada Engineering Works office. The thugs who are supposed to be the gang that has operated here for several weeks, locked the watchman at the factory in a railroad car, before blow-ing up the office, although further pre-

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