# THE DESERET EVENING NEWS.

TRUTH AND LIBERTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1901, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

# FIFTY-SECOND YEAR

**GUN-IN-POND** THEORY EXPLODED

Draining of Bog Completed, but No Revolver Found-Weapon Recovered by Police Belongs to Mill Creek Youth.

took after them. I was on a horse a

had been found right where I lost

mine and I thought I would come up

or it. I told several people about los

the gun and this morning I met Johnson and he told me he thought

would find it at the police station se

where he got it from either, by

When Chief Hilton reached the sta-

ion this morning young Peterson was

waiting for him. Before showing Pe

him closely about it. The boy describ-

d the gun in detail, mentioned the rust

on the pollshed part, the broken handle

roduced Mortensen's pistol and asked:

and the folding hammer. Chief Hilton

mething before they could get it.

satisfied and would call again for it.

Young Peterson said he was perfectly

"Well, that settles the gun question

o far as this one is concerned." re-

Petrovitsky is highly indignant over

ffect that he made statements that

ould implicate Mortensen as the pur-

was not the man; that I never saw him

The pawnbroker said he sold a gun

"No," replied the boy.

Is this it

question

en was the man.

00, because it isn't true."

rson the gun, the chief questioned

nted it and offered to irade my

came up here for it. I don't kno ow long Mr. Pine had the gun, but

hink he had it for a long time. I do

liber for it and so we traded.

The Hay murder gun-mystery re- | down to the pasture for Pine and whe The Has unsolved. The slough in which I got to Thirteenth South and Sta the efficers expected to find the weapo has been drained but no revolver The task was completed was found. hie this afternoon, and the sheriff and hi deputies, and the chief of police, and his men, now agree unanimously that the gun is not there.

fbe explosion of that theory means that the officers must look elsewhere for the evidence they expected to find in this bog. What their next move will ot known. As to the gus found on south State street by the police, its ownership was clearly esublished today, and the last doubt that may have existed in relation to the possibility of it having belonged to Vortensen, is effectually removed. As related in detail below it was the property of a young man named Fred Peterson who lost it something over a week ago while herding cows in the neighborhood of where it was found.

## SLOUGH THEORY EXPLODED. Officers Unanimously Agree that Gun

Is Not in the Pond. The work of draining the slough in is supposed the murderer of James R. Hay threw the revolver aftercommitting his horrible deed, has been empleted but no revolver has been

Assistant County Attorney Loofboumarked Chief Hilton row, under whose direction the work has been done, Sheriff Naylor, his depthe story published this morning to the ities and the eight men who have been working on the job have given up all hope of finding the weapon in the bog. chaser of the gun. He again denied emphatically that he ever said Morten-A big crowd was on hand today exsecting to witness some startling elopments but they were doomed "I said just the opposite," he de-clared, "I told the officers that he Men, women and hlidren climbed the barbed wire fence pelosing the field and tramped through before and that he was never in my store. My clerk never, saw him either he mud to be present when the revol er was found. Mr. Loofbourow, Sher and I would not say the gun the police have was ever in my house. I would f Naylor and Deputy Sheriffs Busby ind Raleigh were at the scene of ope not swear to such statements for \$1.00,ations nearly all day, and at a late hour his afternoon they were unanimously f the opinion that the gun was not in similar to young Peterson's, but thinks the slough. Mr. Loofbourow had the he would remember if a tiece was broken out of the handle. If the gun mey on hand to pay off the men and broken out of the handle. stated he would discharge them at 4 men have accomplished a big place of work since they undertook the job, and their search for the gun has en most thorough and complete From the slough they have dug a trench 00 feet long with an average depth of five feet. After draining the water out as much as possible they dug ove the whole surface of the slough with shovels probably a hundred times and many were the thrilling finds they made. Bones by the score were scraped by the shovels and each time it was thought the gun had been found. Pieces of wood and rocks were carefully raked out of the soft mud and moss but no gun. One of the workmen threw out a shovelful of soft mud in which some bright object appeared. Upon close eximination it was found to be a small fish. It was alive, too, and wriggled forously until some small boy threw s back into the water. The men found it a most disagreeable tob in removing the moss and ice. Afface of soft mud which was almost waist deep. Tons of it was thrown out the bank and carefully examined for any trace of a gun. The men carched with shovels and with their feet and they believe if the gun was there they would have found it. Any hard substance was easily detected and thrown out for examination but in each instance it revealed a bone, a rock or Nece of wood Detective Franks, who has been quithy working on the case since the body of Hay was found, was on the scene probing around the field, in ditches and every place where it is likely a gun would be secreted. Deputy Surveyor McAllister and an assistant was on the ground taking measurements of Mortensen's premises and the land adjoining it as far out as the nilroad track.

to the gone cutting establishment of Mitcheli Bros, on Dec. 28, and stole some tools, was also arraigned before Judge Joseph Hall this morning. He acknowledged that he was the guilts party, but said he was drunk and di-not realize what he was doing. He was e could not raise the sureties, so was nanded to prison. DESERTER ARRESTED.

Officer Hutchins this morning arrestd William H. Dedrick, a private of he 18th infantry, who deserted from "ort Douglas on Nov. 23rd. He will brought back to the post this even-

REMAINS ARRIVE HOME. The remains of T. C. Chamberlair are yesterday, arrived home this morn

The funeral will be held from the late home on Lincoln avenue, Thurs day afternoon, at ? o'clock,

MISSIONARIES RETURN HOME had the gun in my back pocket. I sur base it must have joited out and fallen to the ground. I did not miss it for some time, but when I did I searched for it, but could not find it. I read last night's paper and learned that a gun hud been found right where I lost Elder Samuel Russell Brings Elder

Richards From Switzerland. Elder Samuel Russell of this city has

returned home from Switzerland, bringing with him Elder Joseph E. Richards of Parowan, who has been ill for some time. Elder Richards will continue on to his home at once. He has been away only five months.

Elder Russell left home about fifteen months ago and would like to return and finish his labors, but he does not know yet whether he will go back of not. He has acquired proficiency is the use of the German language and was very much interested in the work. He says that the Elders in the Clar mission are all doing good work and the cause is growing in that land.

TOWN OF FOREST DALE. The Incorporation Will be Consummata

ed on January 6.

"Is this it?" showing him the revolver On the 6th of January at high noor "Yes, that's my gun," quickly res-onded the boy. The chief informe", "eterson that he would have to keep Forest Dale will rejoice in the proud itle of township. The county commissioners find that a majority of the he weapon for a day or two until Of electors desire the incorporation of the leer Sperry saw the young man who ound it, as the officers had to "put up" listrict, and so it will be granted.

district, and so it will be granted. The trustees of the new township will be, Joseph W. Summerhays, president: B. W. Ashton, Pat Ryan, Royal E. Young and John M. Cannon. They will officiate gratuitously and their bonds will be fixed at \$500 each. Forest Dale was in election district No. 87 but a new district will be necessitated on ac-count of the incorporation, which will

To the Editor: count of the incorporation, which will take in a little more than one-half of old one and will be known as district No. 89.



The Republican factions in the City Council agreed today to meet in caucus at the office of Mayor Thompson on Lake, have each a grand central com-

Friday evening next for the purpose of deciding who is to be the president of | mercial organization, of which they are that body for the next two years. One | most proud, which in a sense gives difaction stands strongly for Thomas for that position a

He Claims He Stepped on

Rotten Plank.

that on landing in this city he stepped

on a rotten plank in the platform and

esult of which he has been confined to

his room ever since, and has been un-

able to attend to his business of sam-

WATSON FILES AFFIDAVIT.

pling and smelting ores.

sprained his right leg and ankle, as a



Secy. Hay's View Communicated to Berlin Government-Basis is Monroe Doctrine As Defined in President's Message.

Washington, Dec. 31 .- Secy, Hay's , American countries which do not pay view as to the proposed German protheir debts.

gram in Venezuela was communicated Nothing has been heard from Carato the German government in the shape cas to sustain the report that United of a written memorandum. This sup-States Minister Bowen, through urgent plemented verbal exchanges that had representations, has induced a posttaken place in Washington between ponement of the execution of the German program. It is certain that no Ambassador von Holleben and Presiinstructions to that effect have been dent Roosevelt directly, and between given Mr. Bowen, though it is admitted the ambassador and Secy, Hay at that it would be the duty of any United greater length. The state department States minister to exercise all of his positively declines to make public the owers within the lines of the genera memorandum or its substance, but it policy of this country to prevent possi ole bloodshed. Confirmatory evidence is pointed out again that the basis of had from unofficial sources of the the United States' representations is urpose of the German government at to be looked for in the utterances of least to delay action against Venezuela President Roosevelt in his annual mesuntil the issue of the present revolusage to Congress touching the Monroe tionary movement directed against President Castro. doctrine in its application to South

TO ORGANIZE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

## Suggestion Made That Such a Movement be Instituted at Once-Will Find Strong Endorse nent.

leginning. It is said that the gentlemen who Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 31 .- It has come to me that some of the live busihave this matter under consideration. while not wedded to any particular form, look with much favor, and are ness men of this city have determined that the reproach of having no central. inclined to approve and cony after the public, general official organization o Kansas City Commercial club organizousiness men here shall be removed. ation, which has wrought such wonder in that city. They note that many surrounding

cities, such as Portland, Seattle, Spe the work for good that it has performed kane, Denver, Kansas City, Minneapo for the business interests of that place ls aimost inestimable. lis, etc., many of which cities ar vastly inferior in bank clearings to Sal

follows "You come in contact and close per sonal touch with all the live, energetic business men of the town. There 1 rection to the city's business, and which

the Panama Railroad company, was driven ashore at Christopher Colon during the night. The vessel is now in helpless condition. As this dispatch is sent, the seas and winds are still high. Much damage has been done to the Pacific Mail company's dock and to other property.

Wires Undergound in Denver. Denver, Colo., Dec. 31.—The board of aldermen have adopted Alderman Kel-ly's ordinance compelling electric light, telegraph and telephone companies to put their wires underground.

# SHOT FIVE PERSONS.

A Jeweler Killed His Son, a Clerk And Wounded Three of His Family. Turners Falls, Mass., Dec. 31 .- Louis

Bitzer, a jeweler of this place, today shot five persons, two of whom, his clerk, Miss Ida Columbe, and Eltzer's five-year-old son, are dead. His other victims were his wife, Christina, and his two daughters, Annle, about 10 years of age, and Carrie, 12 years old. It is thought they will not die. There s evidence that it was Bitzer's purpos also to take his own life, but his New Yo rompt arrest apparently prevented im from carrying out this purpose He is about thirty-five years of age. From a note left in his store by Bitzer, it appears that while he was cleaning a revolver the weapon was dischargd accidentally and the bullet hit Miss 'olumbe in the head, killing her in-Overcome by the accident. stantly. litzer rushed to his home, hatless and wild with excitement and began the from Ju ork of exterminating his family. The little boy, ill in bed, was shot and

The 16-year-old daughter, Annie, was vounded through the left hand and ear. The 11-year-old daughter, Carrie, was shot through the neck. Mrs. Bitwas shot through the neck. Mrs. Bit-zer was hit in the face, the bullet pass-ing through the nose. The sound of the shots brought neighbors into the house and Bitzer was arrested. The police believe that Blizer is in-

sane. The note which they found in his store after the affair was almost an in-coherent jumble of words. After tellin of of the shooting of Miss Columb Bitzer wrote that he had determined to go to his home and end the lives of is wife and children and his own. He isked that at his funeral the hymn, 'Nearer, My God, to Thee'' he sung. Substantially the same story was told by Bitzer after his arrest.

# PANAMA STOCKROLDERS.

#### Urged to Sell Canal to Washington Government for Reasonable Sum.

Paris, Dec. 31,-All the newspapers here today publish an address to the shareholders of the Panama Canal company, issued by M. Bunau-Varilla, large shareholder, who, as cabled Dec. made an appeal to the shareholder and others to contribute a start, at the beginning of the new year, to funds to carry on the work of the canal, and who only secured promises of 200,000 francs. In this address, which takes up half a page in the papers, M. Bunau-Varilla gives the text of a letter whi

recently wrote to the new preside the canal company, commending th decision to attempt the "impracticable task" of reopening the negotiations with Washington for the sale of the ompany's property and urges that the nly course open in order to clear the ituation is for the company to make, efore January 7, a straightforward sell the property

# NORTHERN PACIFIC'S **REPLY TO POWER**

NUMBER 34

Secures Order Transferring Case to Federal Court-Characterizes Suit as Attempt to Block Legal Conduct of Business.

Minneapolis, ec. 31 .- The reply of the , a holder of common stock who claims that his property is injured by the controlling interests in the Northern method of retirement adopted. Power's Pacific to the action of Peter Power of attorneys point out that while dividends rk, in securing an order reon preferred stock since it is non-curat lative are not payable unless earned the 4 per cent certificates which it i straining the retirement of the preferred stock and the carrying out of proposed to issue to holders of preferred yield a regular rate of interest and are Northern Securities company schenie was very prompt. C. W. Bunn therefore in the nature of a prior lien reperal counsel of the Northern Pacific on the property, thus depreciating the value of the common stock. within a few hours after the service o The opposing attorneys spent the morning in arguing the various points in the case before Judge Lochren. Power's attorneys first asked for more no order of Judge Ellicit or the dis trief court of Hennepin county, secured ige Brooks of the same court time to prepare their answer, but this transferring the case to the was refused on the ground that the case must be settled today if the stock is on of the federal court. An to be retired. Next they moved that the n Judge Lochren of that court. ed late last night on Power attorneys to appear at 10 matter be remanded to the Hennepin county district court, where it originat-ed. After an hour and a half of argu-ment, this, too, was denied, and the pehis morning and show caus restraining order should not be I. The Northern Pacific attortition for the dissolution of the injunction was taken up on its merits. Mr. Bunn made a long argument in tend that the retirement of the i stock is in every way legitiwhich he made this significant state-

at it has been legally agreed to jority of the stockholders; that o relation whatever to the proment: rger and that Power's action a purposely delayed until it that there is a plan here to turn the Northern Pacific over to somebody ight to be too late for the road counter action before Jan. 1 date on which the proposed remust be made if it is not post-other year. They characterize n as the attempt of a few dis ersons to throw obstacles in of the Northern Pacific in the nduct of its business and point t recent applications for an in-n in New York were peremptor-used by the courts. To this the ys for Power answer that the New York action was in behalf of the holders of preferred stock who object to the retirement under the terms of the The present action has a dif-

ferent relation because it is brought by

Northern Pacific from going into an illegal corporation. The part we do ob-ject to is that section preventing us from retiring the preferred stock, as we have a right to do." Upon the conclusion of Mr. Bunn's argument, the court took a recess for dinner. It is said a final decision will he rendered this afternoon.

"Our friends across the table say

else. That is utterly untrue. The re-threment of the preferred stock can

have no relation whatever to that part of the injunction. I shall decline in

this case to enter into any argument

as to anti-trust laws or their violation

The stock question can have no bear

ing on that. We do not object to that part of the injunction restraining the



Helena, Mont., Dec. 31 .- The confer- | he and Atty.-Gen. Douglass will leave ence of governors and attorneys general of the northwestern states, called to take action on the proposed North-ern Pacific-Great Northern-Burlington mourn the death of their faithful and efficient chief executive, John R. Regmerger, reconvened in Gov. Toole's office this morning. All of those who at-

for St. Paul tonight. The Rogers resolution was as follows: "Whereas the people of the state of ers, who after serving a term in the legislature, was twice elected governor

not be a pronounced success from the

no business man who has any standing

Its progress has been marvelous and

A prominent resident of that city writes of the "Commercial club," as

## THE OWNER OF THE GUN.

#### Wespon Found by Police Belongs to Fred Petersen.

It has now been established beyond all question that Peter Mortensen did hot purchase the gun found by Officers Davies and Sperry, from Jacob Petrovitky, the pawn broker. It has also been proved positively that the pistol in question was never in Petrovitsky's store and therefore could not have been sold by him to Mortensen or in fact to any one else.

facts were established last evening, but were not given out then for reasons best known to the officers who secured them. The owner of the Fan has been found. He told where he last the weapon, how it came into his Possession and how, and when and where he lost it. Before it was shown to him he described it minutely and there is and can be no doubt as to the trathfulness of his statements.

expected for a man in my position. The owner of the weapon which has Mortensen spends a great deal of his time reading magazines his friends caused so much comment, is Fred Peterson, a youth fifteen years of age, have sent him, and also in figuring up the resides with his parents at 2224 his accounts and affairs connected with Third East street.

The facts that developed last even-ing are these: C. C. Johnson of 1920 contracts. ate street, informed Detectives Sheets and Janney yesterday, and also the desk sergeant, that he knew of a oung man who lost a 38 callber revoler about a week ago near Thirteenth South on State street, and said he would see the young man and send him the police station. He failed to see

erson, however, but the young man ecided to come up town this morning claim his property. Immediately upon his arrival young eterson was interviewed by a "News"

eporter and in answer to a series of tions told the following story: About a week or ten days ago. I. aded a 44 caliber gun I bad, to Jim chased a pair of gloves from Provest ine, a neighbor of ours, for a 33 call-The gun has a few rust marks on and it is a five shooter. It has a fold- | knitting works. og hammer on it and it is loaded from small time handled gun and in default of which he was obliged to a small piece hus been nicked out of journey back to the county jail with handle. How I came to lose it was | the sheriff.

like this: I was taking some cow's

he sold was broken in any way he hinks he would remember it and could then identify it positively Officers Davles and Sperry maintain that Mortensen started and showed signs of nervousness when Petrovitsky was taken before him, but the pawn-

broker says if Mortensen started he does not remember it; he noticed nothing of the kind The story that the pollce are working at cross purposes is the merest kind of rot and is denounced by them. Chief Hilton denied this morning that any such state of affairs existed and ing votes.

said if there was any double dealing he was not aware of it.

# PRISONER'S FATHER COMING.

Announcement Made that He is On His Way Here From San Francisco.

Mortensen had a quiet day at the ounty jail today, having only one vis-He is feeling as cheerful as even itor. He is feeling as cheerful as even and does not appear to be worrying in the least over his unpleasant situation. on Alighting From Train at Salt Lake He was made more contented than ever this afternoon when he learned that his father was coming from San Francisco to visit him and would be here tonight While Mortensen is willing to talk to Willlam G. Wigginton has brought a those who visit him he will say noth-\$10,000 damage suit against the Rio ing about the case to anybody. It was nderstood that he would be informed Grande Western Rallway company. He of the draining of the slough to see complains that on Dec. 4 he was a paswhat effect, if any, the news would have upon him, but Sheriff Naylor desenger from Murray to Salt Lake City on one of the defendant's trains, and

cided not to say anything about it to him. They realize they can get nothing from him no matter what they say or do, and he is subjected to no mor questioning. While some of the officers believe the gun was disposed of op the night of the murder, others are of the opinion that it was taken away by a friend of the accused.

## ATTENDING TO BUSINESS.

# Prisoner Running Up Figures and

Claims that His Wife Deserted Him at Carlisle, England. Reading Magazines. An affidavit by Joseph William Wat-

The condition of Peter Mortensen, the son was filed with the county clerk to-day in the divorce suit brought by Jane alleged murderer of young Hay, does not change unless it is that he is more Watson against her husband, Joseph cheerful than ever since his confine-William Watson. The document comes ment in the county jail. through Watson's solicitor in Carlisle, He is confident that when his case I. Arthur Broughton. In it the defendcomes to trial he will be acquitted but he says he realizes his name will alant says that he will not defend his

vife's action as he has not the means ways he associated with the crime. to come to America, but he asks that the affidavit be read to the court at "I am not feeling as depressed as might under the circumstances." said he to the "News," "because I feel sure I can prove I am innocent. I wonder," the trial. Watson states that after his mar-

ringe he went with his wife to live with he continued, "if when I get out of this, her parents, but after staying at their the papers will be as willing to say good tome for little over a year the old folks things about me as they are to publish rdered him to leave the house. Fince the circumstances that seem to b then Watson admits that he has not against me." He said he thought th naintained his wife, but he states that officers should be anxious to prove his she received out of the Carlisle Co-opinnocence as much so as they are to fasten the blame on him, then he addrative society the sum of £17, which was standing in their joint names, and "It's an awful strain to be under also the proceeds of their furniture and wedding presents. He states furbut I am feeling as well as could be they that as his wify deserted him a court of England would not grant her

decree of divorce, LATE LOCALS.

# Daniel Bain, a painter of this city Dablei Bain, a painter of this city, is lying in a critical condition at the Keogh-Wright hospital. He was oper-ated upon by Dr. Fisher today for an

IN THE OGDEN COURTS. Two Men Arraigned Before Justice bstruction of the stomach, an afflic-Joseph Hall-Deserter is Arrested. ion he had been suffering from everal weeks. Dr. Fisher stated this ofternoon that his patient, while not

(Special to the "News.")

n imminent danger, was in a very seri-Ogden, Dec. 31 .- Morris Provost, the ous condition, largely due, he says, to man charged with having stolen some goods from the Ogden Knitting works

the neglect on the part of the sick man, he having refused to submit to an operation until it became necessary. on December 1, was arraigned before Superintendent of Schools Christen-Judge Joseph Hall this morning. Sevsen will be in his office in the city and eral witnesses were examined, one of county building on Thursday, Jan. 2. from 2 to 4 o'clock; on Friday from 10 whom was Joseph Sanders, who purthe day after the burglary, which were o 12 and from 2 to 4, and on Saturday identified as property belonging to the from 10 to 12.

Provost was held over in \$500 bonds, hotel leads the list.

James Brown, the man who broke in-

ution and th in avery case has resulted in such an while Council Councilman Davis. phenomenal success, that its abardonnan Cottrell is talked of as a comment would be looked upon as a calamiromise candidate. The Democratic members when seen

These organizations supply a volu oday said they proposed to keep out f the fight and lot the majority memthrough which the business interests ers settle their own disputes. Whether city speak; a barometer by which business is gauged; their r not this will be done remains to be quests are respected whenever made, n for the reason that pressure, it is nderstood, is being brought to bear on their endorsement always commande respectful consideration; they are the ertain gentlemen belonging to the miority to induce them to cast the decidmediums through which information to utside business men and seekers after investments are authoritatively sup-\$10,000 SPRAINED ANKLE lied; they are a power which every ity officer respects and to such officers a request from such an organization amounts to a command. They are, too, a vast assistance and support to faithful officers who are W. G. Wigginton Sues the Rio Grande Western for Heavy Damages.

seeking to perform their duties hon-early and with ability. They are a business stimulant; their work all tends to further the progress prosperity and success of both the pubic and private business of the city The conditions which heretofore have been in the way of success here such an organization, have ceased to exist. All former causes of friction have been eliminated; there is no rea-

CASTRO ISSUES AN OPEN LETTER.

son why such an organization should

is a Defense of the Policy He Has Pursued.

RASH CRITICISMS PAIN HIM.

Invites All Who Desire to Make Charges, Feeling Secure in His People's Judgment.

Washington, Dec. 31 .- President Castro of Venezuela has written an open letter, copies of which have been received by officials here, in which he defends the general policy he has pursued and throws considerable light on his aspirations. An indirect allusion is made to the German affair in the president's appeal for united support in defense of the fatherland. The letter was in response to an application, which was granted, for the release of several journalists imprisoned at Caracas. In

the course of the letter President Castro says: "It is paidful to observe that the rashness of some, the impatient ambition of others, the mistaken criticism of the leading classes and the obstinacy of the revolutionary spirit have sorely tried the virtues of my liberal policy. At a time when I have desired to see the ountry happy and its citizens enjoying every comfort I have had the painful of adopting repressive mea duty ontrary to my character, my education

and all my sentiments. "If the offenders in this case have not succeeded in overthrowing the govern-ment they have nevertheless contributed to the propaganda which delays the fruit of peace and makes our progress and our prosperity captive in the clutches of the monster of civil war. Our prosperity has been withheld The most popular elevator boy con-test will be decided tonight. Up to date Arthur L. Armstrong of the Knutsford Our

the community who can afford t "stay out of the club." The late Ex-Senator Steph

White, of California, wrote of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce as fol-

"I know that the Chamber of Com merce has been most influential in bringing about a large and desirable increase of our population and in pro-curing the investment in legitimate enterprises of large means, and thus in creasing wealth and adding to the possessions of those who have located Every indication points to the pros

pects of the comin- year as being more full of promise and progress for this city and state than any preceding year has enjoyed. This proposed organization would at once furnish a central bureau of in-

formation; a consulting station for business men and would swiftly become a guard for and directing force among business men. It seems an auspicious time for such an organization, and if planned on cor-

rect and high and generous lines it will prove an unqualified blessing to the city and state business man. BUSINESS MAN.

which my government is not responsi-ble, but which claim a prompt and quick solution. In carrying out this policy I should have the support of all the citizens of Venezuela because there in rests the sovereignty of the fatherland

"It is my wish that you convey to these tournalists my wish to see them again fulfilling their duties of party opposition. I desire that the press shall bring all the charges it may nave against me, (being confident that its judgment will not affect me). I do this in order to establish under our can system the absolute justification of my political purposes. I do it also be cause I have no fear of an adverse public judgment upon my acts.'

### Ohio Postoffice Burglarized.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 31 .-- Burglars at an early hour today blew the safe in th postoffice and general store at Notting ham, a suburb. The explosion awak ened Postmaster Hoose, who, with eral citizens, opened fire on the cracks-men as the latter were leaving the building with their booty. The bur-glars returned the fire and fully two dozen shots were exchanged. After a running fight, however, the robbers es-caped. A bloody trail showed that at least one of their number had been badly wounded. The value of the plunder secured is not yet known.

J. S. Van Antwerp Dead.

Washington, Dec. 31 .- James S. Van Antwerp, a widely known newspaper correspondent, died early today at his home in this city. His death was due to physical and nervous collapse super-induced by overwork. He was the Washington representative of the Phil adelphia Bulletin, Seattle Times, Mil-waukee Wisconsin, Los Angeles Herald, Duluth Herald and Richmond Times.

### German Steamer Clara Wrecked.

Hongkong, Dec. 31.-The German steamer Clara has been wrecked near Hol Hu, Island of Hai Nah. Forty-two of the ship's company were saved b the French steamer Hanol, but Capt. Ulderup and three officers, four European passengers and 11 Chinese are missing

# Tremendous Sea at Colon.

Colon, Colombia, Dec. 31 (via Galves-ton).--A strong "norther" began blow-ing at 5 o'clock last evening and raised a tremendous sea. The steamers, wit The steamers wit with difficulty, to leave their piers and reach Porto Bello. The Hero (a Norwegian vessel, Capt. Peterson, from Baltimore, Dec. 12, for Colon), having through errors and entanglements for on board a cargo of coal, intended for they were shot. Bitzer was arrested,

better still. notify the isthmian mmission that it can, itself, fix the asonable purchase price at which, its port said, it would have recommended ie Panama route.

## A CABINET DECISION,

International Banking Corporation to be Gov't Agent at Shangaai.

Washington, Dec. 31.-At a meeting of he cabinet today it was decided to make the International Banking corporation, organized in New York to do business in Shanghai, the agent of the overnment for the receipts of nents to the governments of the Chinse indemnity. Consul Goodnow was appointed temporarily to receive these bayments to the United States as they of the plar re collected until a fiscal agent of this government could be selected. The International Banking corporation, of which Marcus Hartley is president. ohn J. McCook is attorney, now has an agent in Shanghal in the person of Mr. Ferron, and to him the amount of annual payments will be made. und out of which the interest on the indemnity is paid, accumulates from the collection of customs is distributed pro rata among the agents of the sev-

ral governments interested. The German-Venezuelan dispute was discussed casually at the cabinet meet-ing. There is an understanding between Germany and this government which will involve the United States. On account of the crowded condition of the prison at Leavenworth, Kas. where many Indians suffering from tuperculosis are confined, it has been de ided to build temporary isolated quarters for the accommodation of these sick patients. Application was made for the pardon of some Indians in whom the disease was in an advanced stage, on the ground that their presence the penitentiary was a menace to the other inmates, but the President and Attorney-General Knox decided that it would not do to release them, and as an alternative decided to erect temporory quarters for them.

Georgia Rivers Falling.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.-Dispatches from various points in Alabama and leorgia indicate that the rivers did so much damage Sunday and Mon-day, have fallen. At West Point, Ga., t is believed the crest of the flood has onssed

The bodies of three people, drowned there Sunday, were found today. Freezing temperature is reported to day to the Florida line, with heavy frost in the northern and central por lons of that state.

#### James River Rising.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 31 .- The water in the James river is still slowly rising. The feed mill and plant of Warner, Moore & Company, which is in the ooded district and surrounded by wa ter, is burning and will be a total loss as it is impossible for the firemen each the flames on account of the 100d.

The fire was caused by water coming in contact with lime. The firemer are standing up to their waists in water fighting the flames.

Shot His Father-in-Law Dead. Ironton, Ohio, Dec. 31-Frank Wilson quarreled with his cousin. Monaham, early today. Mo Fran Monaha shot Wilson's right arm off with a shot gun. Wilson, with his left hand, drew a revolver and shot Monaham through he heart, killing him instantly. Will on was some hours in getting medical attention and will die.

#### Shot His Wife and Daughter

Turner's Falls, Mass., Dec. 31 .- Loui Bitzer, a jeweler, shot his wife, his son, 6-years-old, his daughter, aged 1 years, and Ida Cullum, who was ployed by him as a clerk, today. The boy and Miss Culturn died soon after

vesterday's meeting wer "Wedges his high standard of morals in public and private life, his strict and ent. Before discussing plans for unanimous action by the northwest commonconscientious adherence to the perform-ance of duty; his wisdom, attainments wealths in regard to the railway consolidations, resolutions of sorrow at the and vigorous intellect were appreciated far beyond the limits of his own, and death of Gov. Rogers of Washington were adopted.

The discussion of plans for fighting "Whereas the lack of his wise counsel and advice in the deliberations of this the morger was held behind closed council are keenly felt, now, therefore It seemed to be the general sendoors. we testily to the high esteem in which that final action would timent he was universally held and tender to this afternoon and the distinrenches his bereaved family our expression of gushed visitors while ave for their homes tenight. Atty, Gen. Douglass of sincere sympathy. At noon the conference was still on Minnesota stated that he was confident with apparently no prospects of adthat the work of the conference would not take up more than three or four journment for some time. hours as he did not anticipate much

Atty, Gen. Stratton, who came out for a moment, said the discussion was covering a wider range than had been discussion except on two or three points expected but he believed a Van Sant expressed himsel "plan of action" would be agreed upon as highly pleased over his reception and before adjournment. parent desire of the officials of

or states represented at the con-to lend him their active support thi 2 o'clock. No statement was given the other states represented at the conin his fight against the merger. Both out as to the progress of the conference.

FIGHT FOR THE OHIO LEGISLATURE

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 31 .- While the | Foraker, in a talk over the telephone riends of both Senator Foraker and Senator Hanna each claim that they have the votes to organize the legislature, the truth is that neither side has them, though neither is short more than four votes of having a majority of the caucus. Rerpesentative Wallis of Hardin county, is claimed by both sides, but he asserts that he has not placed himself in either column. He says there are nine members of the who have not taken up a position and upon their attitude depends the result of the organization of the house being Every possible influence is brought to bear by both factions upon the doubtful members who admittedly hold the key to the situation. Senator | aker candidate for clerk of the senate.

with one of his lieutenants here, ex-pressed the greatst satisfaction with the present situation and appears to have the greatest confidence in the final outcome. Senator Hanna on the other hand is equally confident of the ability of his friends to organize the for speaker. Price is the Foraker can-didate. The potent influences behind Price's candidature are Senator Foraker, G. B. Cox, Chas. L. Kurtz and the State Brewers' association, besides Congressmen Beidler and Burton of Cleveland, Nevin of Dayton and Kyle of Troy, the latter of whom is to arrive here today to take up the fight of Sher-iff Scobey of Miami county, the For-

SALT LAKE CENTER FOR OIL MEN

Steps to Organize the Petroleum Interests of Northwest and Make the Headquarters, in This City.

with headquarters at Salt Lake City. This action is deemed imperative by entralization at that point of all western oll interests.

Oregon and Montana contain practical-

JUDGE BRADY'S MURDERER.

hurder of Probate Judge J. C. Brady, Henry H. Wilmthisse has been send to pass the remainder of his life ew at Rathdrum, which he deat Rathdrum, after a long he had been persecuted by peo ho wanted to take away his prop-Wilmbusse was committed to the

caused the rivers Wye and Derwent to overflow, and the whole valley of the Idaho state penitentiary. Sen- Dorwent this morning presents a scene years. Hundreds of business premises. hotels and residences are flooded, and the occupants of several had narrow escapes, so rapidly rose the waters. Ten feet of water covers the Matlock foot

Flood in English Rivers.

London, Dec. 31 .- Melting snow has

### Steps are being taken to organize the | ly the entire oil territory in the northwest, in view of which those most inoil interests of the northwestern states terested claim that the control of such cason of the steps recently taken at Denver, Colorado, looking toward the

The states of Utah, Wyoming, Idaho,

# years ago. Regaining his liberty he murdered the judge in his office at Rathdrum on the 5th of last July. He is Sontenced to Pass Remainder

Of his Life in Idaho Penitentiary. Spokane, Wash., Dec. 30 .- For the

was passed this morning by Judge of desolation unprecedented for ten insane asylum by Judge Brady four | ball ground,

# for the purpose above mentioned, with a cordial invitation to attend.

#### industry should be centered at the principal city adjacent to prominent oll fields. Sait Lake City is the available center, and it is expected that those interested in oil, oil stocks and byproducts, will soon receive notification of the time of a meeting to be called