



Senate Committee on Privileges
And Elections Expected to
Receive it Today.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING

Committee Has Been Notified and it

Is Not Known When it Will
Be Submitted.

SENATOR NOW ON HIS WAY HOME

Reasons for Change in His Program
Could Not be Learned With
Definiteness.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The answer of senator Reed Smoot of Utah to the charges preferred against him will not

ed with the senate committee on privileges and elections tomorrow, according to the program heretofore arranged, and it is now uncertain when

the answer will be submitted. The committee has been notified to this effect and had deferred the meeting set for tomorrow. Mr. Zmoot left here with his wife today for

He is on his way to Utah in connection with the charges filed against him. It is expected his answer will not be filed until after he has had a conference with his attorney.

ation with persons in his state. The reason for the changes in the senator's program could not be learned with definiteness.

Plan for Money Order System.
New York, Dec. 19.—After a three days' session here, the bank money order commission has adopted the following plan:

... committee of the American Bank-
... association, representing 7,000 banks,
... agreed upon a plan for money or-
... system, whereby sums not to ex-
... \$100 can be sent by mail and the

ers cashed by any bank belonging to the association. The scheme will, of course, come into direct competition with the money order division of the postoffice department, and it is ex-

ed, cut largely into the government
venues. The proposed system is
d to be operated precisely as ex-
ange is now sold and the orders are
be sold by a guarantee company.
he committee's report will be sub-

ference on Isthmian Affairs

Washington, Dec. 18.—After a conference today between Secy. Moody, and Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of navigation, Brig. Gen. Elliott

mandant of the marine corps, it decided that if present conditions the isthmus of Panama continue. Elliott will sail for Colon on

Dixie from Philadelphia when that
 el goes south with the battalion of
 ines which have been ordered as-
 bled at Philadelphia for dispatch
 he isthmus. The Dixie is now on
 way north for this purpose. Gen.

It has been anxious for some time to be given field command, and the present intention of officials to accede to his request.

It was inadvisable to longer announce the plans of the department the freedom shown during the few weeks, and for that reason a

Russia Wants No Rupture.

18, Dec. 19—Russia has made an-
nounce toward avoiding a rupture
Japan, and there is reason to be-
lieve it will be followed in a few days
by the submission of a second proposition

action already taken consists in giving assurances that the first proposition of the czar, approved was not in any way an ultimatum or sine quo non but a preliminary step, and

...preliminary step leading towards
the adjustment. This declaration is
...ered by the officials here as removal
...of the most dangerous aspects of
...uation as it had been asserted that
...a's proposition was practically an
...atum which on being rejected by

Liars May Quit Philippines.
e, Dec. 19.—The settlement of the
lands question is the main

practically settles, it is considered the question of the friars themselves. The Franciscans, it is believed, abandon the islands altogether since they have no money to purchase lands and no other way.

no other means of support. A few of the Recollects will remain, as they still have some property there. The Dominicans will be looked after by their uncle, and the Augustinians will re-occupy the building erected at Hilo, which was used by the Americans as a barracks.

and will claim an indemnity from government. The Augustinians will rebuild as a school.

the old regime Spain paid for the transportation of friars to the Philip-
