STAY ON FARM! BACK TO FARM!

THE STATE COUNTRY LIFE COMMISSION ORGANIZES.

A HEARTY BOARD LAUNCHED

Will Help the Farmers to Get Better Results and Endeavor to Put Many Idle Acres Under Cultivation—Four Standing Committees Will Push Along the Campaign With Vigor—All Farmers Are Expected to Co-operate.

Special From a Staff Correspondent.

Annapolis, Md., February 1.—Maryland's Country Life Commission, appointed several days ago by Governor Goldsborough and which is to carry on a campaign in the interest of the stay-on-the-farm and back-to-the-farm movements, organized in the Governor's office today and planned for the work it will carry on between now and the meeting of the 1914 legislature.

Willet M. Hays, assistant secretary of the Department of Agriculture, was elected chairman. Robert Graham was chosen secretary, pro tem. Those present at the meeting were the Governor, Mr. Hays, E. E. Osborne, W. Irving Walker and Edward Reindoller. Robert Crain, Jerome Davis and Henry J. Bowdoin, the remaining members of the commission, were detained at their homes, the first two on account of illness. All the commissioners present were enthusiastic about the campaign that is to be carried on and they all agreed to work to bring better results from the land already under cultivation, besides endeavoring to secure the development of many acres of idle farms.

It was decided to appoint committees on business methods, farm home making, country social life and finance. The first three will cover every phase of rural or farm life, while the last will arrange for the funds that the commission will have at its disposal. While the legislature empowered the Governor to appoint the commission, it did not provide any funds for its work. However, there is no doubt that by popular subscription the commission will receive an adequate amount. From all sections of the state there have come letters from business men, philanthropists and farmers volunteering to give assistance to the commission, and these, no doubt, will contribute toward the paying of the body's necessary expenses. In fact, the Governor has already received one letter from a Marylander offering to give the commission $200.

The particular duties of the business methods committee will be to ascertain how the farmers of the state manage their farms and how they dispose of their crops. The building of farmers' homes will be taken up by the second committee and the third committee will make a special study of the social life of the farmers. It is the intention of the commission to learn of the relations between the farmers and the various state institutions engaged in agricultural instruction. This, members of the commission want it understood, will in no way be an investigation of the conduct of the institutions. The commission will travel in all sections of the state from time to time to meet the farmers, both at prearranged public meetings and on their farms.

Mr. Hays, after the meeting, said: "The commission is going heart and soul into this work and we hope to accomplish much good for the farmers. Of course, we must have the co-operation of the farmers and from what I have observed in the state they will give us all assistance possible."

The various committees will not be appointed until the next meeting of the commission. The date for this will be announced within the next two days.

Mrs. Austin A. Wilson.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Cumberland, Md., February 1.—Mrs. Emma V. Wilson, wife of former State's Attorney Austin A. Wilson, died shortly after last midnight at their home after an illness of less than two days of pneumonia. Mrs. Wilson was the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Smouse and was born at what is now known as Dickens Mills, this county. Besides her husband, she is survived by the following children: Maude E., wife of Bernard B. Young, Cumberland; Mabel, wife of H. O. Cole, Panama; Annie, wife of Cornelius Bagent, Cumberland; Roger A. Wilson, engineer on the Panama Canal; Misses Emma May and Helen Louise Wilson, at home. She is also survived by her aged mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Smouse. Mrs. Wilson was the sister of J. Neff Smouse, Theadore Smouse, Charles A. Smouse, William Smouse, Bender Smouse, Mrs. Milton Hendrickson, Mrs. Addison Withers, Mrs. Addison Willison and Mrs. Samuel S. Little, of Pittsburgh.

Stricken at His Post.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Hagerstown, Md., February 1.—While driving the engine of the Western Maryland Railway express train leaving this city for Baltimore at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Engineer Luther D. Betts was taken desperately ill with appendicitis. Betts felt the attack coming shortly after leaving this city, but tried to stick to his post to the end of his run. When Highfield was reached, he was so ill that he had to be carried from his engine, and Dr. J. C. Beck, who was summoned, declared his case serious. He was brought to this city tonight and removed in an ambulance to the Washington County Hospital for an operation.

Family Overcome by Gas.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Cumberland, Md., February 1.—Mrs. Richard Scarlett, wife of ex-Policeman Scarlett, and her three small children were found unconscious in the Scarlett home, South Cumberland, yesterday afternoon, when William, the 14-year-old boy, went to the house. Failing to arouse them, William left the door open and ran for his father nearby, who hastened home and carried the unconscious forms into the open air. While still quite sick today, they will all recover. They had become poisoned by monoxide gas from a gas stove.

Swallowed a Tin Whistle.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Cumberland, Md., February 1.—Eugene House, of Magnolia, W. Va., was rushed to the hospital here last night on a special train in a futile effort to save his life. He had swallowed a tin whistle given as a prize in a package of popcorn. He died a few minutes after an operation had been performed. He was the son of J. R. House.

For Postgraduate Course.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Annapolis, Md., February 1.—Lieut. Chester H. J. Keppler and Ensign B. S. Bullard reported today at the Naval Academy for the purpose of pursuing the post-graduate course in marine engineering and naval construction, which begins Monday.

Rev. I. R. F. Wegner Resigns.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Ellicott City, Md., February 1.—Rev. I. R. F. Wegner, pastor of First English Lutheran Church, of this city, has tendered his resignation to the trustees, to take effect April 1, to accept a charge at First English Lutheran Church, South Haven, Mich. Rev. Mr. Wegner came to this city to assume his duties as pastor of the Lutheran Church about five years ago.

FREDERICK COUNTY

Mysterious Disappearance of an Emmitsburg Shoolboy.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Frederick, Md., February 1.—Since January 20 Thomas Coyle, aged 16, of Emmitsburg, has been missing from his home, and his relatives have been unable to find any trace of him. The boy's parents are dead, and he had been making his home with an aunt, Miss Vera Coyle, about a mile from Emmitsburg and had been attending St. Euphemia's Parochial School, a Catholic institution, in Emmitsburg. He attended school with his brother, Lawrence Coyle. The latter returned home on the evening of January 20 without his brother and was unable to give any information concerning him.

The authorities have been asked to assist in locating the boy. No reason can be given for his disappearance. When he left he wore a blue suit, black overcoat and gray cap. The boy has large brown eyes and dark hair and weighs about 100 pounds.

Trustees of the Woman's College have instructed former Senator Jacob Rohrback to have prepared the necessary details in order to change the name of the institution to Hood College. The institution was recently left $30,000 by Mrs. Margaret E. S. Hood upon condition that the name be changed to Hood College. During her lifetime Mrs. Hood gave about $30,000 to the college. In addition to these amounts about $15,000 has been raised from other sources. The trustees have awarded to Architect John B. Hamme, of York, Pa., the contract to prepare plans for an administration building to be erected on a site of 45 acres of land which the college owns to the northwest of Frederick.

CHICKENS IN THE SCHOOL

Scientific Poultry Breeding Will Be Taught.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Harrisonburg, Va., February 1.—Scientific poultry breeding will be hereafter taught at the State Normal School and in the public schools of the county. Next week a number of incubators and brooders will arrive and the work will then start. Throughout the county poultry clubs will be organized by Miss Rhea Scott. Miss Scott is supervisor of rural education.

J. W. Kinghorne, of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, spent yesterday here at the State Normal School making arrangements to take up the matter. The normal students expect to develop an industry that will eventally furnish eggs and chickens for the table at the school.

Got Measles at Staunton.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Harrisonburg, Va., February 1.—Rev. Lee Siple, a local minister of the United Brethren Church, and Mrs. Siple both contracted measles while attending the Woodrow Wilson birthday celebration in Staunton on December 28, going to their home in Pendleton county, where they became desperately ill. A message last night from Franklin announce the death of Mrs. Siple and stated that her husband was in a critical condition.

Campbell—Dornin.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Lynchburg, Va., February 1.—At noon today, in Court Street Methodist Church, Miss Evelyn Byrd Dornin became the bride of Harry Latham Campbell. The maid of honor was Miss Mary Rosalie Dornin, sister of the bride; the best man, Woody W. Dickerson. The bride entered the church with her brother, Thomas B. Dornin, Jr., who gave her away. Rev. Dr. J. N. Latham performed the ceremony.

Paris McConnell Convicted.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Bristol, Va., February 1.—Paris McConnell, of Scott county, son of Capt. W. S. McConnell, was this afternoon found guilty of the murder of Elbert Meade on July 28 last and sentenced to 18 years in the Penitentiary. A doubt in the minds of the jury as to whether McConnell's mind was right at the time of the killing is said to have been all that saved him from the electric chair. The trial was at Gate City.

Their Common Stock Decreased.

Norfolk, Va., Fabruary 1.—The Virginian Railway Company's stockholders, at the annual meeting here today, approved a decreased of the common stock from $84,850,000 to $31,271,500.

TAXPAYERS IN A RIOT

Mass-meeting on Courthouse Project Ends in Disorder.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Clarksburg, W. Va., February 1.—An all-day mass-meeting of county taxpayers, called for the purpose of passing on a proposal to erect a modern courthouse here, broke up in a riot late this afternoon, owing to bitterness engendered in the debating.

In the confusion a substitute resolution, providing for the erection of a new courthouse to cost between $200,000 and $300,000, was passed by a big majority, but as sentiment appeared overwhelmingly against the courthouse proposal the chairman held that the original resolution, protesting against a new building, was passed, as that seemed to be the understanding. No one was hurt.

Big Blaze at Huntington.

Huntington, W. Va., February 1.—Fire in the business section early today caused a loss estimated at $85,000. The loss falls principally on the Paul Dober Clothing Company and the Manufacturers' Outlet Company.

PRIEST'S SILVER JUBILEE

Very Rev. Herbert F. Farrell Ordained 25 Years Ago.

Bureau of The Baltimore American,
Room 1005 World Building,
New York, February 1.

Rev. William H. Fletcher, S. T. D., rector of the Baltimore Cathedral, will deliver the sermon tomorrow at the silver jubilee celebration to be held in honor of the Very Rev. Herbert F. Farrell, rector of St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, Far Rockaway. Father Farrell was ordained to the priesthood 25 years ago tomorrow by Cardinal Gibbons in the Baltimore Cathedral.

The celebration, which is to continue for three days, will begin at 8 o'clock, when the members of the Holy Name Society, the Junior Holy Name Society, the Rosary Society, the Blessed Virgin Sodality, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the League of the Sacred Heart will receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

At 10 o'clock the jubilee mass will be sung with the jubilarian as the celebrant.

WINE MERCHANT CONVICTED

White Slavery Charged Against Frank Filaste in New York.

New York, February 1.—Frank Filaste, a wine merchant, said by special agents of the Department of Justice to be connected with the Camorra in Italy was convicted of white slavery, by a jury in Federal Court today. Joseph Ribuffo, a barber, of Paterson, N. J., indicted with him, was also convicted. United States Judge Hand remanded them for sentence and complimented the jury, declaring they had rendered a service to society.

The government's leading witness was Annie Grecco, who testified she was threatened "with the knife" if she did not obey the commands of the defendants to enter a resort in Paterson. While she was on the stand she was told in sign language by defendant's friends in court she declared, that she would be killed if her testimony convicted the men. A large force of government detectives attended the trial as a protectionary measure.

MARYLAND'S NEW COUNTRY LIFE COMMISSION

THIS BODY WAS APPOINTED LAST WEEK BY GOVERNOR GOLDSBOROUGH, AND ITS FIRST MEETING WAS HELD AT ANNAPOLIS YESTERDAY.

—Staff Photographer of The American.

Those in the picture, from left to right: Standing—Willet Martin Hays, assistant secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, of Montgomery county, chairman; Gov. Phillips Lee Goldsborough. Seated—Edward E. Reindollar, of Cecil county; E. E. Osborne, of Frederick county, and W. Irving Walker, of Queen Annes. Members of the Commission not in the picture are: Jerome Davis, of Caroline; Robert Crain and Henry J. Bowdoin, of Baltimore city.

RAPS NEW YORK POLICE

Fola La Follette Makes Address to Girl Garment-workers.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, February 1.—Caustic criticism of the police was the keynote of a brief address made to the striking girl garment-workers today by Fola La Follette, daughter of Senator La Follette.

"Your girls are much better organized than the police of this city," she said. "You use better methods in your work. You fight with discipline, while the police fight like a disorganized army. The public's sympathy is with you white goods workers and you undoubtedly will win this strike."

Miss La Follette's remarks were greeted with cheers. After leaving the hall she went again in the picket firing line and urged the girls to keep up their courage in the face of drastic action of the police. Miss La Follette appeared anxious to get herself arrested in behalf of the strikers, but the police were evidently instructed to avoid having any trouble with the Wisconsin Senator's daughter. Although girls were arrested who merely stood on the sidewalks and listened to her suggestions she was carefully avoided.

Affidavits tending to show that the activity of the police in behalf of the garment manufacturers was due to the payment of "protection money" were compiled today by Samuel Martin, an organizer of the Ladies' Garment-cutters' Union, for presentation Monday before the aldermanic committee investigating police graft.

One manufacturer is said to have openly boasted that he had been furnished ample protection for his factory and strikebreakers by paying $800 to the police of his precinct.

TO STRIKE AT BOSTON

Five Thousand Garment-workers Expected to Quit Tomorrow.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Boston, February 1.—Two thousand woman pickets, some of them, according to union officials, society leaders who are interested in sociological work, this afternoon were pledged to go on the line in Boston's garment factory district Monday at daybreak, when 5,000 garment-workers strike. The strike declared for Monday includes every member of the United Garment-Workers' Union. Union officials were urging 15,000 other garment-workers affiliated with other unions also to strike.

One of the main reasons for the strike is that Boston garment manufacturers have been supplying New York houses where strikes are on with the local output. One hundred and eighty firms will be affected.

POPE'S BIBLICAL INSTITUTES

A Site in Jerusalem Purchased for One of Them.

Special Cablegram to The American.

Rome, February 1.—Announcement of the purchase, by Pope Pius X., of a site in Jerusalem for the erection of a biblical institute, was made today from the Vatican.

The institute is planned to be a branch of the one recently opened by the Pope in Rome, the object of which is to establish, so far as possible, the historical accuracy and authenticity of the Bible. While the work of the Roman institution is confined largely to the investigation of manuscripts and records, the Jerusalem branch, it is said, will be used to look into geographical and historical data relating to Christ and the Apostles.

It is the cherished hope of the Pontiff that the combined efforts of the two institutes will go far to disprove the modern day criticism of holy writ.

HE REDUCED 57 POUNDS

New Method of Flesh Reduction Proves Astonishingly Successful.

Johnstown, Pa., February 1.—Investigation has fully established that Hon. H. T. Stetler, of this city, has reduced his weight fifty-seven pounds in an incredibly short time by wearing a simple, invisible device, weighing less than an ounce. This when worn as directed acts as an infallible flesh reducer, dispensing entirely with dieting, medicine and exercises. Many prominent men and women have adopted this easy means of reducing superfluous flesh, and it is stated the inventor, Prof. C. N. Burns, of No. 17 West Thirty-eighth street, New York, is sending these outfits on free trial to all who write him.—Advertisement.

POWERFUL PLEA FOR THE ALLENS

GIRL OFFERS HERSELF AS HOSTAGE TO VIRGINIA.

EFFORTS TO MOVE GOV. MANN

Miss Nellie Wisler, Fiancee of Claude Swanson Allen, Says She Will Remain in the Death Cell During the Absence of Her Lover If He Is Permitted to Appear Before Chief Executive of the State in His Own Behalf.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Richmond, Va., February 1.—There was not a dry eye among the persons assembled in the ante-room of Governor Mann's private office today at 11 o'clock when Attorney Willis, pleading for clemency for Claude Swanson Allen, made the dramatic proposal of the condemned man's fiancee, Miss Nellie Wisler, of Pulaski, in which she offered to take her lover's place in the death cell while Claude was being brought before the Governor for a conference.

"If your Excellency will deign to see Claude Allen," said Mr. Willis, "and talk with him, we believe you will be convinced he is not a conspirator and cold-blooded murderer. Moreover, if you will receive Claude Allen at your office Miss Nellie Wisler, to whom the man is engaged to be married, will agree to give herself up as a hostage to the state and to remain in the death cell now occupied by her lover until he shall return in person from a conference with you to resume his place in the steel cage."

Following the conference, which continued for two hours, the Governor said his decision would be forthcoming in writing within a few days. He did not indicate in any manner what his final decision would be and those who have waged the battle for commutation of the young mountaineer's sentence will continue the fight.

The plea made was for both the father, Floyd Allen, and his son, Claude Swanson Allen, the contention being that the bullet which proved fatal to Judge Thornton L. Massie in the little courtroom at Hillsville, in Carroll county, on March 14 last, was a stray one fired during the fusillade in which the entire judiciary of the county was slain, except Clerk Dexter Goad, the latter being badly wounded. Attorney Willis related to the Governor the conversation which occurred between Claude Allen and Miss Wisler upon her visit to him in the death cell yesterday evening.

"Claude Allen said to Miss Wisler yesterday that he feared he would not be trusted to visit your Excellency here. 'If they would trust me,' said Allen, 'I would leave this death cell, walk unattended straight to the Governor's office, answer him his questions and return to this prison alone. But you could not expect them (the state officers) to believe this.' 'You could expect it,' cried Miss Wisler, 'only they would take you to see the Governor under guard. If this was not deemed sufficient, I would myself take your place in the death cell here and remain a hostage to the state until your return.'"

During this recital Governor Mann's hand trembled as he traced something upon his writing pad.

Assembled in the ante-room were Attorneys Richard E. Byrd, Harry M. Smith, Jr., Hiram Smith, R. H. Willis and C. Francis Cocke, Judge William F. Rhea, Judge J. R. Wingfield, both of the State Corporation Committee; Revs. J. J. Shearer and George W. McDaniel, Victor Allen, brother of Claude, and Miss Nellie Wisler.

The chair which Judge Thornton L. Massie occupied when he was murdered was exhibited to the Governor. It shows a bullet hole in the left side, the side next to the place where officials of the court stood and a bullet hole in the upholstered back of the chair. The petitioners for the condemned men contend that the murder was not deliberate; that there was no conspiracy and that Judge Massie was accidentally shot by a stray bullet, the bullet holes in the chair indicating that such a thing was possible.

The date for the double electrocution is March 7.

ADOPTED AT LAST

Immigration Bill Now Goes to the President for Signature.

Washington, February 1.—The Immigration Bill, in controversy between the House and Senate for several weeks, was finally adopted by the Senate in the form agreed on by the conference committee. It now goes to the President for signature. The "certificate of character" provision, against which there was so much protest, was eliminated, as was also a provision that would have made it difficult to deport criminals.

HARD TO PICK THEIR SENATOR

WEST VIRGINIANS TO TACKLE THE TASK THIS WEEK.

A LONG DEADLOCK LIKELY

Sixteen Republican Members of the Legislature Refuse to Join a Caucus—Hatfield May Endeavor to Bring Contest to Speedy Conclusion—House of Delegates On Record as Favorable to Popular Election of Senators.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Charleston, W. Va., February 1.—While balloting for United States senator will begin in the separate houses of the West Virginia legislature next Tuesday, and in the joint assembly Wednesday, the senatorial situation is much up in the air. Davis Elkins, Isaac T. Mann, Albert B. White, William S. Edwards, William P. Hubbard and Emmett M. Showalter are the candidates, and on the first ballot it is believed their strength will appear in the order named. After that, all is conjecture.

Of the candidates in the field, the race is between Elkins and Mann. But without a Republican caucus, a long deadlock, lasting probably until the regular session of the legislature ends, February 21, is not at all unlikely. If all members are present in the joint assembly, it will take 59 votes to elect. There are 68 Republican members, 16 of whom have refused outright to join in a caucus.

Hope is yet held out by many Republican leaders that a caucus will be held. The opposition comes from the Edwards following. Governor-elect Hatfield, who has kept out of the senatorial fight, favors a caucus and may take up the fight for a caucus Monday night. He can probably get a sufficient number to participate in an open caucus.

The Senate was not in session today, but the House advanced many measures, principally of a local character. The House unanimously adopted a resolution ratifying the amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for the election of United States senators by popular vote. The resolution will go to the Senate for its action. The House postponed until Monday action on a resolution creating a commission of 15 persons, to be appointed by the Governor, to investigate the Virginia debt and to treat with the Virginia authorities relative thereto.

The House Judiciary Commitee reported favorably a resolution amending the state Constitution, granting the right of suffrage to women. The administration prohibition bill was also reported favorably. A public hearing relative to bills fixing a production tax on oil and gas will be held Tuesday evening by the joint finance committees.

THE IMMIGRATION STATION

A Corner of Fort McHenry Reservation to Be Used.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Washington, February 1.—The War Department today took favorable action on the Linthicum bill for the use of a corner of the Fort McHenry reservation at Baltimore for the site for the proposed new $350,000 immigration station. Gen. Robert Shaw Oliver, Acting Secretary of War, after conferences with Major General Leonard Wood, other officers of the Army and Representative Linthicum, today sent to Mr. Linthicum the following letter of approval:

"I have the honor to inform you that the War Department has no objection to the use of the parcel of land described in House Bill No. 28280 and shown on the accompanying map, by the Treasury Department as a site for an immigration station, provided a right of way to said land is received through the property of the Baltimore Drydock Company as proposed."

THE COW RETIRES, TOO

Pauline Wayne to Be Returned to Her Former Owner.

Washington, February 1.—Pauline Wayne, President Taft's famous Holstein cow, will follow him into retirement March 4. The President today called in Senator Isaac Stephenson, of Wisconsin, who, two years ago, brought Pauline to the White House, and gave her back to her former owner.

Pauline has not been in the best of health for several months. President Taft believes that if she is taken back to Wisconsin and put on Senator Stephenson's farm again her youthful vigor will revive. The Senator was glad to get Pauline back into the fold, for she has supplied milk to the family of a President for two years and will add dignity to his herd.

FIVE NEW PAPERS A DAY

Remarkable Growth Shown by 1913 Newspaper Annual.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Philadelphia, February 1.—New publications came into existence during 1912 at the rate of about five a day, according to census figures compiled by the 1913 American Newspaper Annual and Directory, published here today.

The exact number begun is 1,686. In the same period 1,650 were discontinued, making the net increase for the year 36, about equally divided between the United States and Canada. As in recent years, there were many consolidations. Much the largest comparative growth was in the daily field.

The publishing and printing industry, which the Annual and Directory represents, is one that, in number of employes, value of products and value added by manufacture, is exceeded only by four others in the entire realm of our country's manufacture. The increase in value of output in this industry is remarkable. In 10 years it was more than 86 per cent. The annual income of newspapers and publications is now estimated at $360,000,000—$1,000,000 a day—of which, perhaps, two-thirds is derived from advertising.

The current Annual and Directory describes 24,381 publications, of which 2,633 are daily; 17,285 weekly; 3,069 monthly. These are printed in 11,629 towns, which are likewise commercially described.

Publications issued in the interest of various classes and lines of business continue to be numerous. There are 208 such lists, running from the large ones, devoted to religion and agriculture, to small groups, representing sociology, woman's suffrage, cement and concrete, moving pictures, Esperanto, etc. Every line of activity has its printed exponent in these days.

HARVESTER TRUST WORRIED

Counsel Wants Taft to Hold Back Commissioner's Report.

Washington, February 1.—William D. McHugh, of counsel for the International Harvester Company, today asked President Taft to instruct the commissioner of corporations to withhold from publication his report on the harvester company during the pending trial of the antitrust suit against the corporation. It was represented to the President, it is understood, that the antitrust suit, in fairness to the company attacked, should be brought to a finish before the commissioner announces his conclusions. The President's decision was not divulged.

The commissioner's report has been practically completed and will be ready for publication soon.

NEW PENSION SYSTEM

Dr. A. H. Thompson Now Sends Out All the Checks.

Washington, February 1.—When Dr. A. H. Thompson, a long-time employe of the Pension Bureau, took the oath of office today as disbursing officer, the pension agencies that existed for years passed out. Hereafter all pensions sent to veterans will be forwarded from Washington by check. Eighteen agencies are abolished under the consolidation reform and their clerical forces have been established here. The reform was provided for in the last Pension Appropriation Bill.

POSTOFFICE PENSIONS

Bill for Old-age Retirements Proposed in the Senate.

Washington, February 1.—A system of old-age retirement for employes of the postal service was proposed today by Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, in an amendment offered to the Postoffice Appropriation Bill. It would give the postoffice authorities power to grant "indefinite leave of absence" to an employe who became incapacitated for active work, with annual pay at the rate of $600. An examining board would pass on applicants for retirement.

Presidents to Review Suffragists.

Washington, February 1.—President Taft and President-elect Wilson will be the guests of honor of the next National Woman's Suffrage Association at the big pageant on March 3. The two distinguished guests will occupy the same box on a large stand at the south front of the Treasury.

New U. P. Merger.

Washington, February 1.—Representatives of the Union and Southern Pacific Railroads today resumed their efforts to reach an agreement with Attorney General Wickersham upon a plan dissolving the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger. The railroad representatives included Robert S. Lovett, Frank A. Vanderlip, Julius Kruttschnitt and Maxwell Evarts.

At the conclusion of the conference Attorney General Wickersham announced that no agreement had been reached but that some progress had been made.

TO REOPEN DAMAGE SUIT

Mrs. Sarah Stella Dunn Wants $250,000 From Mrs. Holme.

Bureau of The Baltimore American,
Room 1005 World Building,
New York, February 1.

Mrs. Sarah Stella Dunn got permission from Justice Hendrick today to reopen an alienation suit against Mrs. Lizzie Hastings Holme for $250,000 damages, which was discontinued in the Supreme Court in May, 1912, when Mrs. Dunn failed to prosecute. Mrs. Dunn charges that Mrs. Holme eloped with James J. Dunn, her husband, and went with him to Mexico in December, 1907.

Dunn, a former hotel man of San Francisco, shot himself in an Atlantic City hotel in July, 1911, after he had lost a fortune of $500,000. Mrs. Dunn began her suit before the suicide and continued to press it for some time after her husband's death. Mrs. Holme was the wife of Leicester Holme, secretary to Mayor Hugh J. Grant, and later a city court judge.

Mrs. Dunn states that difficulties with her former lawyer caused her to permit the default. She declares her intention to prosecute the case with due celerity.

The court granted her leave to renew, provided she pays the defendant's attorneys $100 costs.

In opposition, Abraham Levy, Mrs. Holme's attorney, submitted an affidavit of Dr. William Adam Michie, of London, England, stating that Mrs. Holme is suffering from "grave suspicion of fatty degeneration of the heart and mental aberration," making it impossible for her to travel. The doctor declares that to give testimony would endanger her life.

The lawyers further claim that Mrs. Dunn is living in luxurious ease in New York at a fashionable hotel, and that she has an automobile and a big income and is not in need, as she states. A former husband left Mrs. Dunn more than $200,000, the lawyer states.

TO INSIST ON DEMANDS

Railroad Firemen Will Begin Counting Strike Votes Tomorrow.

New York, February 1.—Counting of the strike vote just completed by the firemen and some engineers of the eastern railways will begin in earnest here on Monday. That vote will show an overwhelming majority of the men in favor of a strike, if necessary, to enforce their demands, the railroads concede. The men have notified the railroads that they will insist upon their demands or else demand arbitration under the Erdman act.

The railroads offer arbitration by a board similar to that which settled the engineers' dispute last year, declaring that only by such a body can the interests of the public be adequately protected. The firemen insist that only under the method they propose would they be properly safeguarded.

"The railroads have offered to grant concessions to the firemen," says a statement issued by the conference committee of managers tonight. "They have offered them what is tantamount to an increase of 5 per cent. in their total payroll. As an alternative arbitration similar to the engineers, instead of the Erdman act, has been proffered. The railroad managers are only too glad to pay their men high and increasing wages. It is only from a feeling that such increases as have been demanded are not justified by conditions that stirs railroad managers to resistance."

QUIET FOLLOWS DISORDER

Detective Fined for Clubbing Trenton Porcelain Striker.

Trenton, N. J., February 1.—The disorder of last night among the striking porcelain workers of this city was not repeated today. This was payday at the various places where the strike is going on, and the Police Department took precautions to have out the reserves to see that the strikers got their pay and left the factories without any trouble.

A private detective who, with others, is here from Newark to protect strikebreakers got into an argument with one of the strikers today and struck him with a club. The detective was arrested and fined $20 for disorderly conduct.

ONE WAY TO LIVE CHEAPLY

Enterprising Fellow Who Carts Off Provisions by Wholesale.

Washington, February 1.—Police are searching today for some enterprising economist, who, through the aid of a wagon and his own native wit, is solving the "high cost of living" problem. The economist drove up to a storehouse in Alexandria, Va., across the Potomac River from Washington, and coolly drove off with the entire contents of the place, including 800 pounds of meat. Shortly afterward he drew up before a poultry house and appropriated 62 live chickens. Both robberies were committed in such a matter of fact manner that the police fear his identification will be difficult.

ARMY AND NAVY

Orders Issued to Officers From Departments in Washington.

Bureau of The Baltimore American,
1410 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, February 1.

The following orders to Army officers have been issued:

Leaves—Major Charles B. Ewing, retired, recruiting officer, seven days.

First Lieutenant Frank B. Edwards, Twelfth Cavalry, from Walter Reed Hospital to absence with leave.

Retirements—Col. William H. Miller, Quartermaster Corps, retirement announced.

Orders to naval officers were issued as follows:

Rear Admiral A. M. Knight, detached commander in chief special service squadron; to commander in chief Atlantic reserve fleet.

Lieutenant Commander F. D. Karns, detached fleet engineer, special service squadron; to fleet engineer, Atlantic reserve fleet.

Lieutenant Commander Chauncey Shackford, detached aid on staff, commander in chief, special service squadron; to aid on staff, Atlantic reserve fleet.

Lieut. W. L. Pryor, detached aid on staff, commander in chief, special service squadron; to aid on staff, Atlantic reserve fleet.

Lieut. E. L. McSheehy, to Tacoma as navigator.

Ensign L. E. Lindsay, detached Prairie; to Louisiana.

Ensign F. A. LaRoche, detached Louisiana; to Prairie.

Passed Assistant Paymaster F. W. Holt, detached Naval station, Key West; to Navy Yard, New York.

Chief Boatswain F. R. Hazard, detached Cheyenne; to Vicksburg.

Chief Machinist Charles Frank, to Navy Yard, Charleston.

Machinist R. G. Moody, detached Pittsburgh; to Galveston.

Machinist W. S. Belknap, detached receiving ship at New York; to Vestal.

Carpenter W. H. Hewitt, detached receiving ship at Norfolk, Va.; to Chester.

Carpenter J. S. Jones, detached receiving ship at Boston; to Birmingham.

Paymaster Clerk H. S. Stubbs, appointed; to Connecticut.

Movements of vessels:

Arrived—Nashville at New Orleans; Celtic at Guacanayabo Bay; Vicksburg at Bremerton; Saratoga at Manila.

Sailed—Des Moines from Monte Christi for Santo Domingo City; Virginia, Georgia, Nebraska, from Cristobal for Guantanamo; Paulding from Guacanayabo Bay for Guantanamo; Abarenda from Shanghai for Nagasaki.

FINAL HEARING ON THE TARIFF

HOUSE COMMITTEE WILL NOW BEGIN WORK.

NEW LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT

Chairman Underwood Says the Result of the Hearings Was of Benefit—Last Day Devoted to Evidence Suggestive of Changes in Administration—Bill to Be Ready March 15.

Washington, February 1.—All tariff hearings, so far as the House is concerned, were concluded today and the real work of framing in committee the revision legislation for submission to the next Congress will begin next Monday. The House Committee on Ways and Means devoted today to hearing evidence suggestive of changes in the customs administration act and a miscellany of items bearing on the free list.

James L. Gerry, of New York, former chief of the customs division of the Treasury, and W. J. Gibson, of New York, advocated a number of administrative reforms based on the contention that the would simplify the customs requirements and make them more equitable.

The final testimony in the 23 days of hearings was a plea from the domestic manufacturers of surgical appliances against the free admission of those articles from abroad.

The Democrats of the committee will meet Monday in executive session and meet daily thereafter to frame the new bill. According to Democratic leaders, it probably will be ready about March 15.

The 14 schedules of the bill will be taken up in regular sequence and a Democratic caucus of the House, as soon as the extra session begins, will determine whether schedule by schedule consideration in the House is the most feasible plan.

Chairman Underwood said tonight that the net result of the hearings was of benefit to the committee and that they had produced some new light on various articles which would aid in the work of revising the tariff.

GETS SEVEN-YEAR TERM

David S. Mills, Former Bank President, Convicted by Jury.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, February 1.—David S. Mills, former president of the Audubon National Bank, was convicted of the misapplication of $50,000 of the bank's funds by a jury in the Federal District Court today and immediately sentenced to seven years' imprisonment in the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary.

Mills, who had been out on bail, was sitting in the rear of the courtroom when the jury returned after deliberating less than an hour. He lurched forward as though about to collapse when the verdict was announced, but recovered himself and stood up to receive his sentence with every indication of composure.

BABE BORN TO MRS. BECKER

Condemned Former Police Lieutenant Is Father of Girl.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, February 1.—Mrs. Charles Becker, wife of the convicted police lieutenant now confined in the death house at Sing Sing, today gave birth to a daughter.

Physicians attending her declared that Mrs. Becker was doing well, "but the baby was not so well."

Word was sent to Becker, who is under sentence of death for the murder of Herman Rosenthal.

New Equity Rules Go Into Effect.

Washington, February 1.—New equity rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of the United States for the federal courts throughout the country went into effect today. Their general purpose is to reduce the cost of litigation and eradicate needless delays.

One of the provisions in the new rules imposes rigid restrictions upon the granting of temporary injunctions in such cases as labor troubles.

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU.
Washington, February 1.

Weather forecast for Sunday: For Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, Delaware and Eastern Pennsylvania, fair; moderate westerly winds, becoming variable; Monday, increasing cloudiness and probably snow.

Weather Conditions and General Forecast: The storm that was over the Great Lakes Friday night has passed to the Canadian maritime provinces, and during Friday night it caused rain in the Middle Atlantic and New England States. Snows in the region of the Great Lakes and the Ohio Valley and westerly gales Friday night and Saturday along the North Atlantic Coast. It has been followed by rapidly rising pressure and decidedly colder weather over practically all districts east of the Mississippi River.

The weather is also colder in the Rocky Mountain Region and the Southern Plains States. Another storm is forming over the far Southwest, and it is already causing snows in the Rocky Mountain Region, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma and local rains in Texas.

The indications are that the Southwest storm will move northeastward, following the area of high barometric pressure that is central over the Middle Mississippi Valley, and cause snows Sunday in the Middle Rocky Mountain Region, the Middle Plains States and the Middle Mississippi Valley and rains in the Gulf States. The area of snow and rain attending this storm will overspread the East States Monday or Tuesday. The weather will be fair, however, Sunday throughout the Atlantic States and Sunday and Monday along the North border. The temperature will rise Sunday over the Plains States and the Great Central Valleys and Monday over the East States.

Daily Report.

Custom-house, Baltimore, February 1.

Time.	Thermometer.	Relative Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Velocity of Wind.	Precipitation.	State of Weather.
8 A. M.	35	41	W.	24	.04	P. Cloudy
8 P. M.	24	47	W.	8	.00	Clear

Normal temperature 33 | Highest temperature... 35
Mean temperature... 30 | Lowest temperature... 24

Maximum velocity of the wind, 28 miles an hour, from the west.

Record of Temperature.

The following table gives the minimum temperatures at 8 o'clock tonight for the past 24 hours at the following-named stations:

Atlantic City, clear	34	Montgomery, rain	36
Bismarck, clear	*24	Montreal, clear	22
Boston, clear	34	Nantucket, clear	36
Buffalo, clear	16	New Orleans, rain	44
Charleston, clear	42	New York, clear	32
Chicago, clear	*2	Oklahoma, cloudy	14
Cleveland, clear	6	Pittsburgh, clear	8
Corpus Christi, rain	50	Philadelphia, clear	24
Denver, clear	18	Portland, Me., clear	34
Detroit, partly cloudy	8	Portland, Ore., clear	38
Duluth, clear	*20	Providence, clear	32
Eastport, clear	31	Quebec, clear	24
Galveston, cloudy	54	Raleigh, clear	34
Green Bay, clear	*6	Salt Lake City, cloudy	28
Hatteras, clear	44	San Francisco, clear	48
Havre, cloudy	*8	St. Louis, cloudy	4
Helena, snow	16	St. Paul, clear	*16
Jacksonville, pt. cdy.	50	Scranton, pt. cloudy	24
Kansas City, cloudy