Roads.

PROVIDES FOR 1,500 WOUNDED With Open Arms the Vatican Receives and Cares For the Messina Wound-

and Cares For the Messina Woulded-Enquiry Was Made by the May-or, and Although He is a Free Mascribes How Queen Helena Was In- Villefrance, on January 14th jured in a Messina Hospital.

whether these unfortunates could be some of the other vessels. It is not taken in there. The Vatican replied in the affirmative and the wounded division will remain long at Naples division will remain long at Naples were received with open arms.

tion that has carried on a persistent at the Navy Department to-day that the first 120 of the wounded sent the changed conditions would delay

onlyed at the railroad station by Mon-Relief Committee Charters Lloyd signor Miscatelli, sent especially by the Pope. Some of them were takthe Vatican in public conveyances, but the more greviously injur-

sire to bring them consolation, and lng first-class. sought them out. He passed though Ambassador hospital Although he id not ac-tually set foot on Italian territory, he was overwhelmed and said he would which, under the law, is guaranteed forbids the distribution of money enjoys the right of extra-territorial-through any but Red Cross channels, The hospital, although belong-

ground. Signor Mirabello has given the following account of the accident to Sold Their Toys to Help the Sufferers. Queen Helena three days ago at Messina, when her majesty suffered con-HO WTHE QUEEN WAS HURT.

The Queen was in one of the im-provised hositals. She was in the donated the proceeds—\$2—to act of bending over a wounded wo-man when suddenly the door was thrown open violently and a crazy man rushed in, crying loudly, 'The en dof the world has come. as fallen in. Save your-Save yourselves. earth has fallen in.

'The wounded woman, terrified, jumped from her bed and started Queen, driving her head with became full of blood and this bleed- prisoner is insane. ing continued for some time."

"And what did the doctor say?" "I don't know," Bignor Mirabello successful, Justice rompains, plied. "don't think he was even tion of counsel for Mrs. consulted. that her majesty took chloral that granting a writ of habeas corpus com-night to induce eleep. Who could pelling the asylum authorities to have slept under those fearful con- produce Thaw before that justice in

"The next day her majesty continued her work as usual, although son was not legally committed to the every now and then her lips were reddened by blood. Queen Helena is worthy the undying admiration of the entire Italian

SEARCHLIGHTS AID RESCUERS.

Brilliant Lights From Warships in Messina Harbor Help the Rescuers

Almost Unbearable. Messina, Jan. 4 .- Although confused and without system, the work but that his brother-in-law did not of rescue has been carried on brave. show up. As the men met to-day, ly by night as well as by day Search-lights on the warships flood the ruins engagement?" Dr. Wylle then shot with their rays and give light to the him.

salvage parties.

his bullets. The King with some of ministers at his side has been directing and supervising the relief work, yet he has found time to visit the field hospitals and speak words of encouragement to his stricken sub-The Queen has been spendconsoling and encouraging. The brunt of the work of rescue has falduty. Praises for the Russians are on amount of damages asked entered the unsafest shells when asked to do so by some frantic woman who had not lost all hope that husband for child was still alive.

Although the sir in Messina heavy with the stench of putrefying bodies, several groups of Sicilians have camped out in the cleared spaces of the city and, obstinately refuse the invitation of the authorities

move away. survivors of the disaster are so dazed and worn out that they are quite incapable of describing their experiences connectedly, but the actheir counts of all agree that the devastation was accomplished in less than one minute. strait slipped, then a tidal wave rushed in and out, and all was over. Those capable of analyzing their sensations say that when the shock came they feit an upward thrust of the earth-quake. This was followed by an oscillatory motion and the crust of the

Few of the survivors are able to explain how they escaped. They know only that amid failing plaster and masonry they managed to safely from windows or stumble down crumbling stairways.

## FLEET JOINS RESCUERS.

First Division Ordered to Naples and the Others Will Be Placed at Medi--Change Will Not Interfere With Fleet's Programm Washington, Jan. 4:-The first

division of Admiral Sperry's battleship fleet has been directed to go to Naples to assist in the relief work durance run of several days which The remainder of the fleet is to be will bring her back to Hampton The remainder of the fleet is to be distributed at various points on the Roads to join the North Carolina Mediterranean at Admiral Sperry's after repairs to the latter. Both discretion. None of the other Italian cruisers will then proceed to Charlesorts is to be visited by the American

visiting other Italian ports was on the ground that it was inadvisable in view men to have entertainment or shore mayor of Atlanta, defeating the regleave there. Two of the battleships ular primary nomines, was installed go to Toulon, France, and twe in office is-night.

This programme will not interfere with the assembling of the fleet as originally contemplated at Gibraltar. prior to their leaving for Hampton

The ships of the first division or, and Although He is a Free Mason and Has Always Fought the Vatican, Love and Sympathy Unlocks the Doors and the Sufferers Are Attended To—The Pope Visits the Hospital and Cheers the Unfortunate Ones—Signor Mirabello Department of the Minnesota. The original programme contemplated that the Connections Horse Output Helpers Was Inthe Minnesota and Kansas to Mar-Rome, Jan. 4.—Upon the arrival of seilles on the same date. In conse-Reggio this morning, Mayer Nathan telephoned the Vatican Vasking rearrangement of the itineraries of To realize fully what this incident signifies, it must be explained that flignor Nathan is not a Catholic, and that he was at one time grand master of the Free Masons, an organization of the Free Masons, and organization of the Free Masons, and organization of the Free Masons, an organization of the Free Masons, and organization of the Free Masons of the as by the time they arrive there the there was no reason to suppose that

Steamer.

Rome, Jan. 4 .- Ambassador Griscom and the members of the Ameri ed were carried on stretchers by the can relief committee have chartered They were received in for two weeks the Austrian the Vatican precincts by the nursing steamship Oceania. The steamer can accommodate 1,400 steerage and 100 The Pope could not restrain his de- first-class passengers. She is now be

Ambassador Griscom to-day basilica of St. Peter's over the livered to Count Taverna, head of the arch connecting the basilica with the Italian Red Cross, \$250,000 from the in reallty went outside that area make an exception to the rule which ity. The hospital, although belong-ing to the Pope, stands on Italian \$2,000, which he had contributed to the expenses of the relief ship.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 4 .- Deeply touched by the suffering of the earthquake survivors, Newell and Katharine and Katharine Johnson, two small Atlanta children, sold their Christmas toys and have

## THAW'S THIRD EFFORT.

The Lawyers Secure a Writ of Habeas Corpus and His Case May Go to a Jury.

White Plains, N. Y., Jan. 4 .- A running toward the door. The Queen third attempt to free Harry K. Thaw tunate and extended her arms to stop her. But the woman was out of her mind with fright. She lowered fore Justice Tompkins in the Supreme head and precipitated herself on Court here. Again the court is askfull force against her majesty's breast, ed to present Thaw's case to a jury The Queen fell backward. Her mouth to determine whether or not the

As in the previous cases the pre-liminary move in the matter was and Speaker-Cannon had left the Cap-Bignor Mirabello successful, Justice Tompkins, on mo-William The doctor knew only Thaw, Harry K. Thaw's mother, Nyack on Saturday next. Mrs. Thaw in the moving papers claimed that her anylman; that he is not a criminal,

having been acquitted by a jury, and that he is now same. Georgia Physician Uses His Gun. Columbus, Ga., Jan. 4 .- Dr. S. J. Wylie shot his brother-in-law, Thomas Dudley, here to-day when the men met in the heart of the business to Carry on Their Work at Night district. The wounded man states—King and Queen Have Worked that he and the physician were at Heroically Among the Ruins- outs over a family matter and had and filled with sympathetic desire to agreed to settle their differences in a lend their votes to any appropriation duel with pistols. He states he was which would bring relief, were early Stench From Putrefying Bodies is agreed to settle their differences in a

present at the rendezvous on time Dudley's wound is not considered fatal, the bullet striking near his The King and Queen of Italy, on board the battleship Regina Elena twice before it was discharged while have given a noble example of devo-

> Negro Woman Asks Damages of Southern. Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 4 .- A civil ac-15 hours a day beside the sick tion for damages against the Southbeds on the Regina Elena, aiding and ern Railway was instituted to-day by The Lydia Seizer, a colored woman, fal-through Mr. Lindsay Patterson, her len upon the sailors, foreign as well attorney, who had her granted the as Italian, and all have done their privilege to sue as a pauper. The every lip. They hesitated before no been made public yet. The woman dug under tottering walls or asserts that she was put off a train leaving Charlotte last summer because she would not pay fare for her child, who, she alleges, was not 5 years old. This is the first case of the kind that has been brought here in some time, and it will be watched with interest.

> Forsyth's Schools Gets \$6,000 From Recorder's Court,

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Jan. 4 .- The county school board met to-day, with dollars. Griffith, J. W. Pinnix and E W. Hauser present. City mplished in less than Treasurer W. E. Franklin was in at-The strata below the tendance with an order from the mayor authorizing the payment to the county treasurer of \$6,000, accruing from the recorder's court in fines and forfeitures and set aside as the county's apportionment for schools.

> No Trouble With Honduras is Anticipated.

Ala., Jan. Fotes, Honduran consul at Mobile, referring to the publication of a probable Central American conflict said to-day that all these reports are notable for their want of veracity. He said that peace in these countries an assure d fact, and that the neutrality of Honduras is maintained by the treaties of Washington, and in consequence, Honduras to-day has only a normal number of regular soldiers.

Montana on Endurance Test. Norfolk, Va., Jan. 4 .- The cruiser Montana left here to-day on an enton from which point President-elect

Taft will mart for Panama, Atlanta's New Mayor Takes Charge. Atlanta Ga., Jan. 4.-Robert Italy's great grief to permit the Maddox, who was recently elected

VATICAN OPENS ITS DOORS others (additional to the Ohio and CONGRESS AIDS SUFFERERS OVERMAN AT WHITE HOUSE THE PRESIDENT'S ANSWER

By a Unanimous Vote Congress Pass- President Roosevelt Consults the The Chief Executive, in Reply to the es the Bill Appropriating \$800,000 For the Earthquake sufferers— Members of the house Are Early in Their Seats, Eager to Vote on the Measure and its Passage is Greeted Cheers-Conference Agreement Was For \$500,000, But at the Urgent Request of the President It Was Increased to \$800,000-Change in Fleet's Programme Being Con-

SENATE SUMMARY. With practically no opposition the Senate yesterday passed the House bill appropriating \$300,000 to aid the Italian carthquake sufferers. Senator Bailey, of Texas, declared that such appropriations were unconstitutional but did nothing to delay congressional

action. The sum of \$400,000 was appropriated by a Senate bill for the purchase or construction of a building in Paris as the home of the American ambassador. The bill will at once go to the House for its consideration. January 14th was designated for consideration of the omnibus claims bill which carried an appropriation of \$2,300,000. At 1:32 o'clock the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE SUMMARY After having been in session a little over an hour the House of Representatives yesterday adjourned out of respect to the memory of Representative

Davey, of Logisiana, who died during

the recess. Numerous messages from the President on various subjects were read The most important were a message commending aid for the Italian earth-quake sufferers and a message responding to a resolution asking for information as to what the President meant in his annual message regarding the secret service. The relief asked for the stricken Italian people was quickly and unanimously given, the sum of \$800,000 being appropriated, while the secret service message was referred to the special committee having to do with the matter, after Mr. Griggs, of Georgia, had moved to have

motion he later withdrew. Washington, Jan. 4 .- Bountiful prosions for the earthquake sufferers Italy was made by Congress to-day and that, too, by unanimous vote.

it returned to the President, which

In the House there was vigorous handclapping as the bill carrying the appropriation was sent on its way. The munificent sum of \$800,000 was reception in both houses of a message rom the President calling attention o the calamity and the pressing need for ald for the stricken sister nation.

The President's signature was not affixed to the bill to-night as it did ot reach him, neither the Vice President nor the Speaker yet be to-morrow.

recess when the earthquake occurred prevented earlier action, although by the President's direction and with confidence of congressional approval supplies aboard the naval ships Celtic and Culgoa intended for the battleship fleet were diverted and ordered delivered as quickly as their speed capacity could take them to the

scene of suffering and want. No such generous help ever was ext in the heart of the business tended to a stricken people by this. The wounded man states government before. The Legislators, anticipating the President's In their seats and prepared to take immediate action.

> WORK OF THE RED CROSS. Confident that the further contriutions of the American public will justify its assumption of responsibiliauthorizing Ambassador Grisom at Rome to charter and load with supplies a relief vessel, and also to transport refugees, the American National Red Cross advanced the necessary means wherewith to meet the suggestion of the ambassador and his committee of Americans in Rome, Over \$330,000 has been collected through the Red Cross alone, of which

\$60,000 represents the advance re-ferred to, one-half of which The Christian Herald has agreed to raise. Because of the belief of the Prime Minister of Italy, expressed in a message to-day, in response to a cable-gram from the President to Ambassador Griscom, transmitted last Saturthat the American fleet of battleships will arrive at the scene of sistance, conferences are being held with the view to rearranging their sailing programme, especially as it has been determined that the fleet's visit to the several Italian ports where preparations were making for its ap-propriate reception would be ill-timed

under the present circumstances. President Roosevelt in a message to Congress to-day asked for a appropriation of half a million

At the conference at the White House last night, attended by Speaker Cannon, \$500,000 was agreed upon with an order from the as the amount which should be propriated. Ten minutes before the House convened the Speaker received a letter from the White House sugsting that the amount be increased to \$800,000. Before any action could be taken by the committee on appro-priations the House was in receipt of the President's message on the sub-At the hurried meeting of committee in front of the Speaker's desk the \$500,000 the committee had placed in its measure was increased to conform with, the President's later

recommendation. THE PRESINDENT'S MESSAGE. The President's message follows: To the Senate and House of Repre-

sentatives: "The appailing calamity which has hefallen the people of Italy is followed by distress and suffering throughout a wide region among many thousands who have escaped with life but whose shelter and food and means of liv-ing are destroyed. The ordinary manery for supplying the wants of civilized communities is paralyzed; and an exceptional emergency exists approve the application of supplies which demands that the obligations of above indicated and further appropri-

tional lines. to Italy; the warm and steadfast friendship between that country and our own; the affection for their na-tive land felt by great numbers of good American citizens who are im-migrants from Italy; the abundance with which God has blessed us in our

MEASURE CALLS FOR \$800,000 QUESTIONED AS TO JUDGESHIP, MESSAGE WRONGLY CONSTRUED

Charges of Corruption Against the

House or Any Member Thereof-If

There Had Existed Any Corruption

the Matter Would Have Gene to the Courts-Reply is Received

Good-Naturedly, Being Greeted With Cheers and Laughter-Gal-

leries Crowded With Spectators.

Washington, Jan. 4 -Unusual at-

tention was paid in the House of

Representatives to-day to the read-

ing of a message from the President

replying to a resolution of that body

calling upon him for an explanation

ervice. The galleries were packed to

The President's specific references

to certain speeches by Mesors Taw-

storm of laughter. The Speaker rap-

ped several times vigorously for or-

"I am an employe of the House of

any comment on the matter now be-

the doors.

North Carolina Senator Regarding The Three Applicants, And He Is Told That a Good Lawyer For The Position Is Demanded by the State Bar-If Man From Western District Is To Be Named, Tom Settle's Friends Urge His Name-Duncan Takes a Hand in Lexington Post-Office Site Controversy-Appointment of J. M. Burroughs as Asheboro Postmaster Withdrawn.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT,

Observer Bureau,

Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, Jan. 4. "We demand that you appoint

good lawyer, one that the bar of the sage that members of Congress were State will respect, said Senator Over- afraid to be investigated by the secret man to President Roosevelt to-day. when asked concerning the eastern Carolina judgeship. Mr. Overman went to the White House to ask the President to withdraw the nomination of J. M. Burroughs as postmaster at Asheboro, and was interrogated concerning the sion, and also to Mr. three applicants for the vacant judgethip. "Would you appoint a Demo-The President said that he would not unless he could not find a fit Repub- Busby said: lican. "Well, It is none of our fight, Mr. President. But you must name a Representatives. It would not be appropriate for me in any way to make man who can fill the place creditably. He should be a first-class lawyer."

fore the House. I will say, however, that the article quoted from The Chi-National Committeeman E. t. Dun-that the article quoted from The Chi-an is having the hardest fight of his life to land his man, Judge Spencer B. message was prepared in the regular Adams, and it looks now as if he course of work as a newspaper corwould not succeed. The President, I respondent when I was the represenam told, has declared repeatedly that tative of The Inter-Ocean. I doubt if he would not go out of the district fur a dozen members of Congress ever man if he could get one in it.

Messrs. Duncan, Charles H. Cowles, to-day." Elwood Cox, A. H. Price and Samnel G. Bradshaw, called on the Presi- GOES TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE. dent in behalf of Mr. Adams to-day. Thos. Settle, of Asheville, is here, and Thos. Settle, of Asheville, is here, and ceeded many of the members many of his friends are urging Mr. chuckled, others laughed outright Roosevelt to name him if he goes to the western district for a Republican. their neighbors.
It is urged that no outcry would be When the rea made by the bar if he were appointed. The President promised Mr. Over-

ment. I was told to-day that Mr. Duncan ferred to that committee. had taken a hand in the controversy over the postoffice site at Lexington. placed herself in front of the unfor- from the Matteawan asylum for the granted almost immediately after the It is alleged that he has joined the McRarys against the Walsers.

The Republican organization of tion of the public building at Washington. ALABAMA DELEGATION PRO-

TESTS AGAINST JUDGE. Washington, Jan. 4.—The President day received a delegation from the itol before the Senate passed the Birmingham, Ala., bar, introduced by measure. President Roosevelt will Representative Underwood, protesting sign the bill, making it effective when against the nomination of Oscar R. reaches him, which probably will Hundley as judge of the northern dis-The delegation retriet of Alabama. Only the fact that the national leg-islature was adjourned for the usual tion of Mr. Hundley, and if they fall Judge Hundthe Senate, they assert.

> has not yet been confirmed. HAINS TELLS HIS STORY.

ley's nomination has been before the Senate for about twenty months but

Defendant Takes the Stand in His Own Behalf and in a Cool Manner Presents His Side of the Case-Will Be Cross-Examined To-Day.

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 4 .- Taking the tness stand in his own defense Thornton Jenkins Hains for over four hours to-day related with a wealth of detail the story of the shooting of William E. Annis and of the conjugal troubles of Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr. that, counsel asserts, caused the mental unbalancing of the army ofcaused the ficer and led to the killing of the publisher on sight.

When court adjourned to-night ains' direct examination had Hains' direct examination had not been concluded and he will likely be on the witness stand all day to-

Thornton Hains told his snappy, crisp sentences that fell from would be far better to do this than has lips as soon as his counsel had to do what was actually done, and completed an interrogation. He show- strive to prevent or at least hamper ed no signs of nervousness, and at times during the trial illustrated his the executive branch of the govern brother's expressions and appearance ment; and when speaking of his wife's conduct with dramatic inflection of voice and above words is that the majority of facial expression.

The defendant declared that when went to Bayside to look at real estate on August 15th he had no idea. that his broth r was armed and that provision in question; and he did not know that Annis was at the yacht club. He told the jury that all the shots had been fired by Captain Hains before he rushed to the float to protect his brother from John Tonning, the boatman, and the club members, whom he said he thought would harm the captain.

Thornton Hains denied that ointed a revolver at Mrs. Annis. The defendant stated that he had no idea how many shots Captain Hains had fired, and when Charles Roberts, a club member, picked the revolver up and the muzzle of the weapon pointed at him he drew his own gun and told Roberts not to

shoot. District Attorney Barrin said he would probably take all day to-morrow to cross-examine the defendant.

mediate and effective relief.

"Private generosity is responding nebty to the demand by contributions gress with corrupt action in his official through the safe and efficient channel capucity, and to inform of the American Red Cross Society. "Confident of your approval, I have for the punishment of any such in-

ordered the government supply ships dvidual by the courts or has report-'Celtic' and Culgoa' to the scene or ed any such delinquencies to the disaster, where upon receiving the au- House of Representatives." thority which I now ask from you they will be able to dispense food, clothing, and other supplies with which they are laden to the value of about \$300,000. The 'Celtic' has already sailed and the 'Culgoa' is at Eight vessels of the re-Port Said. turning battleship fleet are already under orders for Italian waters and that government has been asked if their service can be useful.

approve the application of supplies the cases of Senators Mitchell humanity shall regard no limit of na- ate the sum of \$500,000 to be applied to the work of relief at the The immense debt of civilization tion of the executive and with the This would simply be doing my duty consent of the Italian government. "I suggest that the law follow the the laws without respect to persons. form of that passed after Mount Peles

disaster in 1902. "THEODORE ROOSEVELT. "January 4th, 1909."

District Attorney's Cross-Examination Fails to Shake the Wite Testimony-Mrs. Belzi Takes

House Resolution Asking For an Explanation of His Former Mes-Media, Pa., Jan. 4.-The dramatic sage, Declares That He Made No. detail of Mrs. M. Florence Erb that the participated in the killing of her susband; the repetition and corrobo-ation of stories which she told of crutal treatment accorded her by the nurdered man, and the testimony of Mrs Catharine Beizt, the self-confessof slayer of her brother-in-law, o the family differences which led up to the shooting, marked the pro-ceedings in the trial here to-day of the two women charged with the murder of Captain J Clayton Erb on ictober 6th.

ow's account of the events on the night of the gragedy. District Attorof the intimation in his annual mesed here with the murder of your hus-band. Do you fully realiez that?—
The witness leaned forward in her thair with apparent calmages and demanded "Mrs Erb, you are charg-

plied: "I fully realize it."
With growing emphasis the witness of Minnesota; Smith, of Iowa; Sherley, of Kentucky, and Fitzgerald, declared she had in no way assisted for geiting out of the race has since Mrs. Beizl in the killing of her husthe restriction of the operations of band, and that she was not an actual the secret service was up for discusparty to the murder. Busby, the

Speakers' private secretary, created a witness stand late in the afternoon and began a recital of the family it is explained that the withdrawal roubles and quarrels that led up to he shooting of Captain Erb. reference to him in the message Mr. guilty of extreme brutality, and that Wade H. Ellie, as has been since he let his anger fail upon either her printed. or Mrs. Erb if they ventured to op-

Once, Mrs. Beizt said, she asked Captain Erb why he did not want er to visit her sister, he replied: don't want any beggars around here When Mrs, Erb remonstrated with him for giving vent to such utterences he ran at her and choked her almost into insensibility.

saw the article or heard of it until As the reading of the message pro-

while some were prone to joke with When the reading had been con-cluded Mr. Perkins, of New York, chairman of the special committee nan to withdraw Burroughs' appoint- which originally considered the matter, moved that the message be re

> "Is an amendment in order to that motion?" inquired Mr. Griggs, of Georgia, in a deliberate voice.

"It is, replied the Speaker.
"Then," said Mr. Griggs, "I mov Beaufort county is opposing the loca- that this message be returned to the President. "Oh, no, oh, no," shouted several f Mr. Grigg's Democratic colleagues.

Mr. Perkins insisted that the message should go to the special committee and in the meantime Mr. Griggs withdrew his motion, saying he took that action at the request of his party leaders.

The message was referred. Following is the full text of the President's message:

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. I have received the resolution of the House of Representatives of De-

cember 17th, running as follows: "Whereas there was contained in sundry civil appropriation which passed Congress at its last session and became a law, a provision in reference to the employment of the secret service in the Treasury Depart

ment: and Whereas in the last annual mes sage of the President of the United States to the two houses of Congress It was stated in reference to that pro-'It is not too much to that this amendment has been of ben eft only, and could be of efit only, to the criminal classes,' and It was further stated. The chief argument in favor of the provision was that the Congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by the secret service men, and it was further had stated: 'But if this is not considered desirable a special exception could be made in the law, prohibiting of the secret service force in investigating members of Congress, effective action against criminals

"Whereas the plain meaning of the the Congressmen were in fear of being investigated by secret service men and that Congress as a whole was actuated by that motive in enacting the

Whereas your committee appoint ed to consider these statements of the President and to report to the House cannot find in the hearings before closed with the intimation that if committees nor in the records of the after a practical test the rate fixed House or Senate, any justification of this impeachment of the honor and

integrity of the Congress; and "Whereas your committee prefer in order to make an intelligent and comprehensive report, just to the President as well as to the Congress, to have all the information which the

President may have to communicate;

Now therefore. Be it resolved. That the President be requested to transmit to the House any evidence upon which he based his statements that the 'chief argument in favor of the provision that the Congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated cret service men,' and also to transmlt to the House any evidence con necting any member of the House of whether he has instituted proceedings

HAS MADE NO CHARGES.

I am wholly at a loss to understand the concluding portion of the resolu-I have made no charges of cor tion. ruption against Congress nor against any member of the present House. ing any member of the House matter as to which the Federal gov-Burton, and Representatives Williamson, Hermann, and Driggs, at different times since I have been President in the execution and enforcement of But I do not regard it as within the province or the duties of the Presideat to report to the House "alleged

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MRS. ERB UNDER FIRE.

Stand, But Court Adjourns Before She Finishes Her Story.

Centring his attack upon the wid-

Mrs. Catharine Reizl went on the pose or criticise him

The witness was still on the stand hen court adjourned. She will rewhen court adjourned. sume the story of the tragedy to-morow morning

STANDARD SCORES A POINT.

Supreme Court, in Few Words, Dismisses Petition For a Writ of Cer-tiorari in the Case of the Standard Oil Company-Case Goes Back to Judge Landis' Court For a New Trial

Washington, Jan 4 .- The \$29,000 .-00 fine case of the Standard Oil Com-Court of the United States. This decision of the court was anounced by Chief Justice Fuller to-

The case came to the court on the government's petition asking the court for a writ of certiorari to order up the record in the case for review of the decision of the Unit-Appeals control of Appeals for the seventh circuit by which Judge Landis' original decision imposing a fine of \$29,000,000 against the Standard Oll Company for accepting repeates from the railroad companies and on the 25th. He had planned to the charleston Saturday afternoon.

In the Supreme Court the case turned largely on the right of the court to interfere in view of the fact that the case had been passed upon by the Court of Appeals, the government contending for such privilege as while it was urged in behalf of the oil company that the preedents were all against such a proceeding.

The action of the court consisted In the announcement that the government's petition would not be grant-ed. The effect of this announcement will be to leave standing the decision of the Court of Appeals which was adverse to the government and favorable to the company.

The court's announcement of the esult of its decision not to entertain the case was the barest formality. No promise from Mr. reasons whatever were given. The

tiorari was denied. Under this ruling the case will now decision of the Court of Appeals.

COURT UPHOLDS GAS LAW.

New York's 80-Cent Gas Law Will Be Given a Trial and if Unremunerative the Gas Company Can Revive House the Case.

Washington, Jan. 4 .- Speaking for he entire membership of the Supreme live influence in American life ourt of the United States, Justice Peckham, of that court, to-day nounced the decision of the court in the cases of the public service comnission of New York, the City of New York and the Attorney General of New York, versus the Consolidated Gas Company, of New York City, which involved the validity of the cent gas law of that city. In effect the decision upheld the law, but it should prove to be unremunerative,

the gas company should have the privilege of reviving the case. The United States Circuit Court for the southern district of New York, by which the case was tried which granted an injunction against o'clock last evening, Mr. J. C. Brown, the enforcement of the law, was reversed but was instructed to dismiss

the case without prejudice. tice Peckham that the full opinion in his left breast. would be placed on file at some time in the future.

Priest Elopes With 17-Year-Old Girl. seems that the assassin had a buggr mena Slani, assistant priest at St. as to the identity of the murderer Rocco's Roman Catholic church, this city, and Julia Lesta, 17 years old, had been discovered up to a late simultaneously last disappeared Thursday, and to-day the girl's father received a letter from the priest children, stating that they had been married in New York and would not be heard

from again. Rev. Father Siani had been a urate in the church for two years. He had heard confessions and offered the sacrifice of the mass daily. had heard many times the confessions of the girl with whom he eloped I had proof of such corruption affect- and had called frequently at her home. Rev. James Zuccorell, rector of the church, said to-day he would helf service can be useful.

ernment has furisdiction, action would take steps to have the cloping priest clated.

"I recommend that the Congress at once be brought, as was done in unfrocked. Bishop O'Connor has been and notified.

> Southern Steel Company Will Soon Start Up.

Harding, member of the re-organiza-tion committee of the Southern Steel Company, announced to-day that the new corporation will be one of the ibrgest in the South and that the plant will resume operation within six or eight weeks. Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 4 .- W. P. G.

COMMENT AFFECTS TAFT

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

TOOK NO PART IN OHIO MATTER

President-Elect Regrets the Interpre-tations and Explanations Being Put Upon His Brother's Withdrawal From the Ohio Senatorial Race Withdrew of His Own Accord, Believing That Such an Act Would Harmonize His Party in That State Mr. Taft Adds Little Rock to His List and Game of Golf-Mrs. Taft Gives Up Her Trip to the Canal Zone.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 4 .- Regret is felt by the President-elect at what both he and his friends regard as the unfair interpretations and explanations being printed regarding the withdrawal from the Ohio senatorial contest of Charles P. Taft. William

chair with apparent calmness and re-plied: "I fully realize it."

There seems to be nothing further to be said by the Cincinnati capitalist, even though the reason he assigned been made the subject of adverse comment. He is thus left, in the eyes of his friends, in a false light, is this which the Presidentelect feels keenly. In this connection was not made at the instance of the She President-elect, neither on the sugges-was tion of Frank H. Hitchcock, nor of nated himself from the contest entires the interest of party harmony in the State, and on his own initiative, is remarked with vigor. By re-maining in the fight, it is asserted, he could have made possible the elec-tion of a "dark horse" at least. But that he recognized that the result of such a course would work havec in the Republican party in the State, and chose rather to voluntarily take himself out of the race, is regarded by his friends as exhibiting a high de-gree of self-sacrificing loyalty, and was exactly what he denominated it a move entirely in the interest of party harmony.

LITTLE ROCK ADDED TO SOUTH-ERN TOUR. Little Rock, Ark., was to-day added; to the list of Southern cities which will claim the attention of Mr. Taft, when as President he makes his prom-

lsed tour of the South. This trip he expects will be made next fall. A formal invitation from Little Rock was presented to Mr. Taft by Chairman Tucker, of the Republican State central committee of Arkansas, and H. L. Remmel, a promi-nent Republican, of Little Rock. They received encouraging assurances. In-cidentally they said something about, Federal appointments, and claimed a greater Republican gain-20,000in Arkansas than in any Southern

reach Charleston Saturday afternoon, but now will endeavor to leave here

this change Mrs. Taft has about decided she will abandon the Panama trip and instead accompany the Charles P. Taft family to Cuba, a trip which is to be taken by them shortly, and wherein they will witness the change of administration on that island and the withdrawal of the American government. Mr. Charles P. Taft is expect-

was ed here next Sunday. VISIT FROM SCHOOL GIRLS. Fifteen girl students of the Tubman High School of Augusta obtained a of a call at the Terrett cottage to-day, for a visit to the school before he many words that the petition for cer- leaves the city. Mrs. Taft was also

Albin H. Sanders, chairman of the go back to Judge Landis' court for Reciprocal Tariff League of Chica-a new trial in accordance with the go, and editor of a breeders' paper. talked with Mr. Taft to-day in the interest of tariff legislation would tend to secure larger foreign markets for the products of the farm. Mr. Sanders is on his way to Washington to take this cause before the ways and means committee of the

> Mr. Taft is to be told to-morrow that the best constructive and directassociation of American agricultural olleges and experiment stations. H. Balley, of Ithaca, N. Y., is here in that connection.
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> Henry W. Taft left for New York to-day after defeating the President-

elect and John Hays Hammond at golf. FARMER SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Unknown Party Fills J. C. Brown, of Johnston County, Full of Buckshot, Death Being Instant-No Clue as to the Identity of Assassin. Special to The Observer.

Seima, Jan. 4 .- When returning from a tenant's house on his farm two miles from Selma about 7:30 a prominent farmer, 38 years old, was fired on from ambush by an un-The court merely announced its known party and instantly killed, the conclusions and it was stated by Jus- whole load of buckshot taking effect

Bloodhounds were put on the trail this morning but soon lost it. It Newark, N. J., Jan. 4 .- Rev. Filo- in waiting nearby. No clue whatever

hour to-night. Mr. Brown leaves a wife and four

Night-Riders in Alabama Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 4.—George Lowery, aged 22 years, reported today that during last night he was taken out of a house at No. 7 coal mine. He a few miles in the country, by nightriders and laid across a log a severe flogging. The whipping is said to have resulted from the pres-ence of a woman in the community

whom Lowery had been asso-

Schooner Capsizes; Four Drowned. Mystic, Conn., Jan. 4,-The Gilbert Transportation Company's schooler Myra W. Speers capsized 15 miles off Cape Cod on the night of December

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