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BRINSON OPPOSES MAKING INCREASE

Third District Representative Believes Membership Should Be Kept Down

REPUBLICANS DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANY MEMBERS

Southern States In Any Event Others Under Consideration In. Will Retain Their Own; New Bern Member Contrasts Massachusetts and North Carolina; Sets Record Straight On Tariff Measure

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Washington, Dec. 28.-At the hearing of the census committee today on the reapportionment of the House of Representatives, the sentiment against in-creasing the membership manifested bership to 483. Representative Brinson. a member of the committee, who was forced to curtail his holiday visit home to attend the hearings said he was opposed to a larger membership than the present number of 435. He thinks probably it is already too large for the proper transaction of business, and that ertainly any larger number would of his official family. add to the confusion incident to an unmanageable and unwieldly body.

"The controlling idea in the proposi-

tion to increase the membership to 483" said Mr. Brison. "is to prevent any State from losing a representative, as the contrary would be the case on any les E. Hughes, of New York, Secretary ratio from the present up to and in- of State: Charles G. Dawes, of Illinois, cluding a membership of 482. However, there are a number of us who believe that the number should be kept down instead of increased, and it is not eer-tain that the Siegel bill providing Postmaster General or Secretary of the for a membership of 483 will retain the Interior: Henry Wallace, of Iowa, Secfavor that at first seemed evident." Want To Retain Strength.

If the present ratio of 242,267 population should be maintained, entitling the House to 435 members there would be a loss of 12, one each to Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Rhode Island, Nobraska and two to Missouri. Republi-cans hesitate to deliberately throw away any representation in those states and to escape such political folly they have been inclined to safeguard themselves by increasing the membership as shigh as the exigency of the oc-casion requires, but there are some Republicans who believe it both inexredient and unwise to keep on increasing the membership of the House more ly to meet the lack of growth in population of some of the Republican states, and it is possible that the number may

her of states shall suffer the loss of some representation.

If a membership of 450 should be preferred and so recommended it might go through, for then there would be only a loss of two representatives, one each to Maine, and Missouri. With any nber between 460 and 483 the same

loss would prevail.

he fixed at less than 483 even if a num-

North Carolina would have two additional Congressman with the House membership fixed at any number from 475 to 483, inclusive, but would have but one additional member with the present House membership or any num-ber up to and including 474.

Southern States Secure.

It is a difficult matter to reduce the representation of the Southern States and not disturb the representation of Republican strongholds, but Represen-tative George Holden Tinkham, of Bos-ton, has felt impelled to preserve representative government by introducing and having enacted a bill to cut down the South's representation on account frage to the negro population of that section. However, he has not made much progress with his measure be cause many of his fellow-members feel that those who live in glass houses ought not to throw stones. The Tink-ham bill is based largely on the consti-tutional limitations on the ballot in the South, yet his own State constitution ins similar restrictions and limita-

With a view of meeting Mr. Tink-ham's contention by administering to him his own medicine, Mr. Brinson has taken from the constitutions of North Carolina and Massachusetts, provisions pertaining to the ballot, which show that there is little difference in the suffrage limitations in the east and that of the Southern States.

Contrasts Two States.

Here is article 10 of the Massachu-

setts constitution:
"No person shall have the right to vote, or be eligible to office under the onstitution of the commonwealth, who shall not be able to read the consti tution in the English language, and write his name; provided, however, that the provision of this amendment shall not apply to any person prevented by physical disability from complying with the requisitions, nor to any person who now has the right to vote, nor to any persons who shall be sixty years of age or upwards at the time this amendment shall take effect."

Section 4 of article 6 of the North Carolina constitution is as follows:

"Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the constituand write any section of the constitution in the English Innguage (and before he shall be entitled to vote, he
shall have paid, on or before, the
first day of May of the year
in which he proposes to vote, his poll
tax for the previous year as prescribed
by article 5, section 1, of the constitution). But no male person who was on
January 1, 1869, or at any time prior
thersto, entitled to vote under the laws
of any State in the United States
wherein he then resided, and no lineal
descendant of any such person shall
be denied the right to register and

TY COBB TO BE HONOR GUEST AT BANQUET



Ty Cobb, new manager of the Detroit Tigers, has sent definite word to his Detroit friends that he will be in that city the Matter part of January to be the guest of honor at a banquet celebrating his acceptance of the managership of the team. Men high in baseball circles, including President Johnson, of the American League, and President Heydler, of the National, will attend. The above photograph shows "The Georgia Peach" and Frank Navin, owner of the Tigers, signing the contract in the Hotel Belmont, in New York, leveral days ago, which made Cobb the successor of Hughey Jennings.

REPLY TO HOUSTON

Those who have discussed the ques- Legion Head Declares Secretary's Figures Regarding Bonus Too Large

> Washington, Dec. 28 .- Testimony by Secretary Houston, of the Treasury before the Senate finance committee yesterday placing the cost of carrying out the pending adjusted compensation or soldier bonus bill at \$2,300,000,000 was characterized by F. W. Galbraith, National Commander of the American Legion, in a statement tonight, as 'a scuttle-fish skirmish to muddy the waters so that the principle involved can be clouded in a lot of figures that mean nothing."

Mr. Galbraith estimated the maximum amount the bonus bir would cost the government \$1,878,800,000

"Secretary Houston's whole presentation of the matter," said the Legion commander, "was misleading and designed to frighten the country into a repudiation of its obligation to ex-ser-vice men. The general impression was conveyed by his testimony that the passage of the adjusted compensation bill would entail immediate appropriation of billions of dollars by the gov the present time. The facts are that appropriations necessary to carry out all features of the bill, except that of 1921, and are to be spread over a period

ITALIAN FORCES STOP BOMBARDMENT OF FIUME

Fiuman Delegation Makes Re. quest For Suspension of Firing By Troops

Rome, Dec. 28. Firing on Finme by the Italian blockading force will be suspended, it was decided at a conference in Abbazia today, according to advices received here.

The suspension was requested by the director of national defense at Fiume and the mayor of the city, who net General Ferrario, commander of the blockading force, to discuss the possibility of ending hostilities.

At a conference in the morning the General informed the delegates that pourparlers were impossible without prior recognition of the thaty of Rapallo. Such recognition having not been given, the delegates decided to return to Fiume to discuss the matter and asked for another meeting in the afternoon. They also requested a sus-pension of the firing, which was

WARM RECEPTION FOR

Secretary of State Guest of Honor at Many Social Func. tions In Uruguay

Montevideo, Dec. 28. Bainbridge Colby, American Secretary of State, who arrived here today, faced a busy program of entertainment, which will continue until Friday night. In addition to other functions planned in his honor there has been added a ball by the American colony, a dancing party by the Uruguayan Club and a banquet by the municipality. Elaborate police arrangements were made to control the throngs gathered to greet the Secretary at the dock.

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Immediately after landing one of the first acts of the Secretary was a call on President Brum.

Two Dominican agents, Francisco Henriquez Carvajal, former president of Santa Domingo, and his nephew, Max Henriquez Urena, who are here in the interest of their country, declared yesterday they had no intention of discussing the independence of San Domingo with Mr. Colby. They declared they were pleased with the recent announcement from Washington that the United States government planned soon to permit elections in San Domingo, but asserted they would not abandon their mission, as it is their desire to make South Americans better acquainted with San Domingo. They say that island is entitled to play a larger role in Pan American affairs.

FILES ANSWER TO WIFE'S COMPLAINT

Lexington Editor Reiterates Charges Made In Original Suit Brought By Him

Greensboro, Dec. 28.-Henry B. Varner, prominent Lexington man, today filed an answer to a suit brought by his wife several weeks ago in Pederal ourt here, his answer being a further ssertion of his charges made several months ago that she had been guilty of immoral relations with Baxter Mc-Rary, a negro, then living in Lexing ton. The original suit, the starting of ecking a hundred thousand dollars in

lamages from McRary. Varner declares in his answer filed n Federal court here today that he selieves that his wife "had for several years prior to the 10th day of August, 1920, habitually and secretly for hours at a time received the said McRary in her home in the night time in the ab-

sence of the defendant Varner."
Further Varner charges that he be lieves that at other places she had had clandestine relations with McRary. On the night of August 10, it was charged in the original suit of Varner, the negro was found under the Varner home in Lexington by a policeman and a friend of Varner's.

The answer filed today is the conse-quence of a suit filed by Mrs. Varner asking for support from Varner and the possession of a \$50,000 building in Lexington belonging to him. Mrs. Varcompensation are not asked until July, say whether the plot included reports ner declared in her suit that she was with McRary for a in her life.

> PRESIDENT CELEBRATES SIXTY-FOURTH BIRTHDAY Informal Birthday Party Held

at White House, With Relatives Present

Washington, Dec. 28.-President Wilson, who entered the White House at the age of 56, today celebrated the sixty-fourth anniversary of his birth, his last birthday before retiring to the life of a private citizen.

All of the members of the President's immediate family, with the exception of William G. McAdoo, his son-in-law, spent the day with him. Business en-gagements prevented Mr. McAdoo coming to, Washington, but Mrs. McAdoo, Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, Mr. Wilson's son-in-law, and daughter, and Miss Margaret Wilson, the third daughter, were present for an informal birthday party given by Mrs. Wilson for the President.

Numerous messages of congratulations vere received at the White House during the day, including one from King George of Great Britain.

Mr. Wilson spent the day quietly and with Mrs. Wilson entertained at luncheon Miss Marjorie Brown, cousin of his first wife, and her fiance, Ben-jamin Hill, of New York, whose wedding took place tonight at the home of the bride. Mrs. Wilson, together with Mrs. Medoo, Mrs. Sayre and Miss Wilson, attended the wedding.

COTTON MILLS TO PAY MILLION IN DIVIDENDS

Corporations at Greenville, S. C., Decide To Make Payments January 1

Greenville, Dec. 28.—Approximately a million dollars in dividends will be paid January 1 to stockholders by twenty cotton mills corporations of Greenville county, according to infor-mation obtained today from the var-ious institutions. The mills have an agregate capitalization of about

The dividends are to be larger than the percentage declared last year. The dividends were decided upon at a series of meetings of the directors. Manufacturers in announcing the declaration of dividends said the profits earned earlier in the year, prior to the present depression, enabled the mills to pay substantial returns to the share-holders at this time.

Special New Year races at Pincharst, Saturday at 3:00 p. m.-adv.

SUGGEST NATIONAL PÓLICE BUREAU TO CHECK CRIME WAVE

Jersey Officials Confer On Present Situation

COMMISSIONER ENRIGHT URGES BETTER SYSTEM

New York Police Head Says War Horse of House and For-United States Far Below Efficiency of Police of European Countries; Must Have Central Bureau To Keep Check On Criminals

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 28,-Establishment of a central national police bureau in Washington, through which information could be flashed around the world to keep a check on movements of known criminals, was one of the principal recommendations made at a service set by Justin Smith Merrill, of conference here today of state, county and municipal officials called by Governor Edwards to devise some means of combating the present crime wave in New Jersey.
Police Commissioner Enright, of New

York City, who suggested the estab-lishment of a central bureau, declared the United States was far below the efficiency of police of European countries and that the police of this country could not expect co-operation from foreign countries until a system of checking convicts was adopted. He as-serted criminals from England were en-tering this country daily through Mexico.

Need Efficient System.

"Scotland Yard and other European clice departments are unable to secure information regarding criminals from this country," he said, "and until we can give them sufficient data we cannot expect co-operation from them. With a national police bureau, communica-tion could be maintained with Seot and Yard and other great police agen tion of the police systems throughout the country is astonishing."

Commissioner Enright criticized bond-

the affair, was one filed by Varner ing companies for furnishing security for men arrested as criminals, many of whom, he said, obtained their freedom in this manner, and thus hindered polica investigations. He also suggested that New Jersey adopt an act patterned after the Sullivan Law in New York State making possession of a revolver without a permit illegal.

Deadly Weapons Question. Governor Edwards previously had expressed bimself in favor of stricter regulation of the sale of deadly weap-ons in New Jersey. Commissioner Enright said that closer co-operation between the two states is needed. said police records of crime in 1920 compared favorably with those of re-cent years and that "white New York City is having a few spectacular crimes, some strocious, some tragic," he did not believe there was a real

nation wide crime wave.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "men have been educated to use firearms by recent experiences in the war and some life. The country is undergoing a siege of suffering and probably will be subject to much pain for a few years to

PROHIBITION AGENTS RAID WISCONSIN TOWN

Make Seventy Arrests and Confiscate Much Liquor In Two Score Caloons

Hurley, Wis., Dec. 28.-Federal prohibition agents from Chicago visited nearly two score saloons, arrested about seventy persons, and confiscated two loads of liquors in a raid that started shortly before noon today and continued Miss Knigavetch is a daughter of for several hours. The prisoners and evidence were taken first to Ironwood sian Red Cross and a cousin of the late and thence to Ashland, Wis., where, probably tomorraow, the men will be arraigned before a United States CommisSoner on a charge of violating the Federal Prohibition laws.

The raid was undertaken at the direcion of Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, of Chicago, and was planned by Frank B. Richardson, newly appointed prohibi-tion enforcement agent for this district. The raiding party of fifty or more was n charge of Joseph Callaban.

The crowd that followed the agents grew in a few minutes to more than 200 persons, but there was no demon stration. From the viewpoint of a surprise

party, the affair was a complete success, Federal agents agreed. While it was declared the saloons had not been "tipped off" last night, apparently no great quantity of liquor had been concealed, according to many Hurlevites who watched the "mash march." Street ears were used to transport the agents, their prisoners and the seized liquor from Hurley to Ironwood. A sleigh drawn by two horses followed the agents in their cleanup, and hauled the tiquor to the street cars. In Ironwood a dray met the street cars and took the liquor to the special cars. Moonshine, according to observers who pretended to know, constituted the principal "wet" haul, although there was a considerable quan-tity of the kind that bore brands formerly familiar sights in every saloon

DISASTROUS FIRE IN LEATHER COMPANY PLANT

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 28 .- Fire which broke out in the plant of the Wilming-ton Leather Company tonight caused damage estimated by James I. Ford, tressurer of the company, at \$2,500,000 and upset plans for employing 800 men and women to relieve the unemployment situation in this city.

The intense heat ignited a row of dwellings opposite the plant and they burned quickly.

UNCLE JOE CANNON OLDEST MEMBER IN POINT OF SERVICE

Governor Edwards and New Native Tar Heel Breaks Record For Service In Congress Set by Morrill

> CEREMONIES IN HOUSE TODAY IN HIS HONOR

mer Speaker Has Served Nearly Forty-four Years: Will Be 85 Years Old On His Next Birthday; Hopes To Beat Gladstone's Record

Washington, Dec. 28 .- "Uncle Joe" Cannon, war-herse of the House of Representatives, today established a new American record.

With the close of a dull House session he passed the mark for length of Vermont, who, as Senator and Representative, served 43 years, 9 months and 24 days. The former speaker will begin tomorrow adding new time to ing the ripe old age of 100 and beating Gladstone's record of 53 years in the

British House of Commons. "Uncle Joc's" achievement will be elebrated in the House tomorrow, with Champ Clark, himself a veteran, who retires March 4, leading the speaking ceremonies. Mr. Cannon also will speak and many of the older members will ask time for a few remarks, Young as Ever.

Walking about the corridors of the Capitol today, chewing his long black eigar, Mr. Cannon told a friend there was no use offering a little advice to younger representatives because somebody else always was thinking up smart things and attributing them to him. The remark, charged to Mr. Can-non, that they put spurs on the heels of army officers to keep their feet from slipping off the desk, was never uttered by him.
"But, what's the use!" he asked.

Elected Twenty-three Times.

Counting his victory in the recent landslide, Mr. Cannon has been elected to Congress 23 times. He is now ending the 44th year of service. First elected in 1872, he has just kept coming to Congress ever since, with the excep-tion of two bad Novembers, when his people failed to return him. On May next, he will be 85 years old. Fest of his friends remember that he was years as speaker, and has been doing committee work so long he has forgot-

ten when he started.
"Gladstone served 53 years in the British House of Commons, and with good election luck, I hope to beat that," the former Speaker said. "I have had four years of absence I didn't ask for, and hope to reach the fiftythree, but then, you never can tell."

RED CROSS INTERPRETER ESCAPES FROM CAPTORS

Paris, Dec. 28, - Miss Irene Knignvetch, an interpreter for the American othing for the taking of human | Red Cross, who was eaptured by Bolsheviki with Captain Emmet Kil-patrick, of Uniontown, Pa., at Novo Alexievska October 29, when a detachment of Budenny's cavalry swept down the west coast of the Sea of Azov and surrounded the town, has arrived in Constantinople after escaping from her captors, says a dispatch received by Red Cross headquarters here today.

When Miss Knignvetch last saw Captain Kilpatrick he was being taken to Moscow, the despatch adds. The Bolshes viki planned to transport him norths ward from Moscow for release in return for Russians, whom, the Bolshe-viki allege, are being held by the United States government. Kilpatrick expects to leave Russia by way of Viborg, Finland, in a few weeks.

emperor.

RESUME DEPORTATION OF RUSSIAN RADICALS

Washington, Dec. 28.—Deportation of Russian radicals has been resumed. it was said today at the Department of labor. A number of Russians were started home last week and another batch of twenty-five will leave New, York in about three weeks. The radicals are sent to Liban and moved thence by rail into Sovic: Russia.

Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-

styled Russian Soviet Ambassador, who is to be surrendered on January 3 on a deportation warrant, will be sent to Russia via Libau, it was said at the

department. There are about 500 Russian radicals awaiting deportation at New York and elsewhere, but their movement has been eld up pending the outcome of negotiations with the Esthonian government for permission for them to pass through that country.

EFFECT COMPROMISE IN **NEW HAVEN EQUITY SUIT**

New York, Dec. 28 .- A compromise in the \$150,000,000 stockholder's equity suit against William Bockefeller and other former directors of New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad was effected here today when Federal Judge Charles M. Hough ordered the action

discontinued.

The terms of the compromise pro-vided that the individual defendants. against whom waste and mismanagement were charged, pay the New Haven, the corporate defendant, \$2,500,000, which counsel for the road tonight and had been done.

Then the judge published an ord allowing the lawyers for the complai ants \$833,333,33 — third of the co-promise sum—upon their application for fees, disbursements and expense to be paid out of the sottlement more

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HARDING NEARING A **DECISION ON SOME** OF CONGRESSMEN OF CABINET POSTS

Charles E. Hughes Under Serious Consideration For Secretary of State &

EXPECT ANNOUNCEMENT WITHIN SEVERAL DAYS

clude Will H. Hays For Post. master General, Harry M. Daugherty For Attorney General, and Herbert Hoover For Secretary of Labor

Marion, O., Dec. 28 .- (By the Associated Press.) - After weeks of consideration and consultation, Presidentelect Harding is nearing a decision on several of his most important cabinet

appointments. It may be said authoritatively that so itself and strong pressure was brought far no such decision has been made to bear against that feature of the and that any suggestions he may have Siegel bill which increases the mem- dropped on the subject have been of a tentative and indefinite nature. It is reasonably certain, showever, that in his talks here with leaders in many walks of life, he has indicated clearly what men are uppermost in his mind as he asks for advice on the make up

Names Mentioned. tion with him intimately believe that appointments under very serious consideration include the following. Charof State; Charles G. Dawes, of Illinois, Secretary of the Treasury; John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, Secretary of the Navy; Will H. Hays, of Indiana, Interior; Henry Wallace, of Iowa, Secretary of Agriculture; Herbert Hoover,

of California, Secretary of Labor; Harry M. Daughtery, Attorney General. How many of these actually will be given the places for which they now are most prominently mentioned is a question that even Mr. Harding himself, is not yet prepared to answer. Already several shifts have been made in his tentative appointment slate as he has worked his way toward a balanced and harmonious cabinet and other changes are expected before the

last decision is made.

No Definite Selections. It is certain that for several of the places mentioned the President elect has more than one man under consideration and that the list of seven possibilities given here is far from complete. In regard to most of the cabinet posts decisions may be deferred for several ernment and seriously cripple the fi-weeks and the intervening period of nancial condition of the Treasury at weeks and the intervening period of deliberation may change the whole face of the problem and make one guess at

the present moment as good as another. Mr. Harding's selections for Secretary of State and Secretary of Treasury, however, are expected to be known definitely within a few days. At name of one or two others on whom he of two years." has definitely decided for membership

in the cabinet. Aside from the seven names mentioned, recent gossip about Harding headquarters has brought to the forg the names of several possibilities who hitherto had been in the background of cabinet speculation. Among these are Joseph Dixon, of Montana, prominently mentioned for Secretary of the Interior: Charles D. Hilles, of New York, discussed for Secretary of Com-merce or the Treasury, and A. T. Hert, of Kentucky, whose name has been associated with the portfolio of war.

SAYS ATTACKS ON SOUTH FOR HOME CONSUMPTION Democrat Declares Bill To In.

crease Size of House Will

Be Passed Washington, Dec. 28. - Declaring there would be no "force" bill passed to reduce Southern representation in Congress, Representative Aswell, Louisiana, Democratic member of the House census committee, predicted today the Slegel bill, which would make the

membership of Congress under, the present census 484, will be reported out by the committee and passed at this ession of Congress.
"The Siegel bill will pass because it is fair and non-partisan," Mr. Aswell declared in a statement following the beginning of hearings by the census committee on the bill.

"These attacks on the South are for home consumption and members of Congress understand that." "We are willing for the committee to be a medium by which they may relieve themselves of this partisan, political bunk," Mr. Aswell said.

FATHER OF HEFNER BOYS CAUGHT WITH 8 GALLONS OF LIQUOR IN POSSESSION

Hickory, Dec. 28 .- John Hefner, Hickory, Dec. 28.—John Hefner, father of Cecil and Dock Hefner, was quight with eight gallom of liquer tonight by Hickory officers as he drove into his stables. The liquor was in a keg buried under fodder. Hefner gave bond.

Emmett Mitchell, star witness in the Lippard case, also was in the wagon but he disappeared. Hefner was with his two sons all through their trial in connection and sentence for the murder of Glenn Lippard.

The older son drew fifteen years

The older son drew fifteen years in the State prison but by an alleged confemion yesterday by the younger son was exonerated of blame for the killing. The younger son was given a sentence of neven and a half years in the penitentiary.

STEPS TO PREVENT FREEING CONVICTS

WIDESPREAD PLOT TO

Arkansas Governor Orders Out Machine Gunners On The Strength of Reports

RELEASE PRISONERS State Officials Take Immediate Steps To Counteract Any Ef. fort For Wholesale Delivery of Prisoners From Penal Institutions; Two Oklahoma

Outlaws Included Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 28 .- Reliable reports of a widespread plot to free convicts in the State's penal institu-tions were responsible for the mobilization of the Pine Bluff machine gun company of the Arkanes National Guard, according to a statement to-night by Governor Brough. The plot, the Governor said, was reported to him by penitentiary officials and involved plans for the release of Tom Slaughter and Fulton Green, Oklahoma outlaws

now serving life sentences for murder.
. Withholds Details. Governor Brough declined to discuss details of the reported plot and the plans of the State authorities to counteract it, but stated that the troops would be kept on duty long enough to prevent the contemplated escape and cash compensation, would be negligible make practically impossible carrying for this year and for several years to out plans for a wholesale delivery come and that appropriations for cash later. The Governor also declined to outside aid to the convicts, as was the case several days ago when trustees at the penitentiary confessed that a similar plot was on foot to release

Slaughter, Green and other convicts. From other sources it was learned that the troops stationed at the peni-tentiary will conducted thorough search of the convicts and the buildings within the walls for saws, weapons or other tools or material which might be used in an escape, and under orders from

the Governor prohibit any visitors within the walls. The troops detailed to Little Rock were scheduled to arrive shortly after

Sent To Prison Camps. Slaughter and Green are confined at the penitentiary at Little Rock and principal precautions are to be taken there, but it was learned detachments of the Pine Bluff company also will be sent to the State farms at Tucker, where white convicts are confined, and to Cummings, where negro convicts are imprisoned. The Governor's action in ealling out troops, followed a conference today with penitentiary and mili-tary authorities, during which it was stated the reports of the plot were given him. He said it was not known

how widespread the plans may be. Six of the twelve prisoners who escaped from the State convict farm at Tucker Sunday night were reported to: COLBY AT MONTEVIDEO day as surrounded on an island in the Two of the men were recaptured shortly after the escape was staged. There was no information as to the whereabouts of the other four.

> Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 28.—Twenty members of a Pine Bluff company of the Arkarisas National Guard with machine guns and a supply of ammuni-tion mobilized this afternoon under or

Machine Gunners Leave.

ders from Little Rock, will leave carly tonight in automobiles for an unan-nounced destination, it was announced today. Officers of the company refused to indicate where the men sent or to give any intimation as to the reason for mobilizing the detach-RAILROADS' COAL BILL **NEARLY 100 MILLIONS**

Washington, Dec. 28.—The railroads' soal bill for the first nine months of this year, was \$97,026,624 more than during the corresponding period last year, said a statement issued today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. A resolution asking the commission for a report as to the amounts spent by the roads for coal this year and lest was adopted yesterday by the Senate.

The total coal consumption by the railroads during the nine menths of 1920 was \$1,752.821 tons, while during the same period in 1919 they used 71, 619,009 tons.