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IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

Happenings of This and Other Nations For Seven Days Are

land Will Be Found in Brief Paragraphs,

British casualties since the war be-

holm. Germany has been the worst it was impossible to launch boats to offender, with England a close sec- go to the rescue. An area 15 miles

David Lloyd George, minister of mu- Otay valley, California, which is near nitions of the British empire, gave out | San Diego, is devastated. an interview in which he says that the war has just begun for England, | Washington and he is absolutely sure that victory will perch on the British colors. By against the British empire.

Sir Edward Grey declared in the Democratic leanings. British house of commons that Great all ships to go through.

The Greek crown prosecutor, upon development of submarine warfare. government orders, has commenced is not in court when the case is called he will be arrested.

A duel occurred between two naval grew out of the forced resignation of the sinking of the Persia. M. Melas' brother as secretary to the king. M. Courmoulis was wounded.

It is stated on good authority that negotiations between the entente powers and Greece for a loan are progressing favorably.

The Allan line steamer Pomeranian (English) outward bound from Glasgow for Canada, has been disabled in a terrific gale and made for Queenstown. All aboard are reported safe. Bernardo and Frederico Duran, Mexican cattle thieves, condemned to die by the Carranza authorities for

Domestic

indicted in Chicago for conspiracy to state attorney to quash the indict- on great fortunes. ment, as he does not wish to prosecute his own sons.

shouting curses on all Americans.

Four United States soldiers were drowned in the Rio Grande river near Progreso, Texas, while attempting to swim across the river to rescue two colleagues who had been captured by armed Mexican civilians while bathing in the river.

The bodies of two American cowboys, Benjamin Snell and Frank Woods, have been found west of Cusifrom Chihuahua.

Robert Strawbridge has been declared the organizer of the first Methodist society of the United States by the three commissions of the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Protestant and the Southern Methodist churches appointed to settle the question of priority between Philip Embury and Rober Strawbridge. The commission held its sesesions in Baltimore.

Fer the relief of Jews suffering in Europe as a result of the great war, approximately \$25,200 was raised at an Atlanta, Ga., mass meeting held by the Jews.

A bill which was intended to submit a constitutional amendment providing for state-wide prohibition, was defeated in the upper house of the Kentucky legislature, where it origi-

According to estimates attributed to be accurate, three-fifths of the bonded spirits and whiskies in the

cratic state-wide primary in Louisiana | Mesopotamia. indicate that Ruffin G. Pleasant, present attorney general, has defeated T. Erzerum have won another victory German machine appeared leads to the C. Barrett, present lieutenant gover. from the Turks. The Turkish loss nor. Both are citizens of Shreveport. was severe, and the Russian yictory a reconnoitering trip and the supposi-

Chicago physicians say there is no teenth floor of a building there, sus- provisional president of Albania.

taining, it appears so far, only minor injuries. The chances seem excellent for her recovery. Two cars of the Great Northern's

Thomas P. Sale, 55, warden of the North Carolina penitentiary at Raleigh, died of apoplexy a half hour after he had superintended the electrocution of two negmes who were convicted on circumstantial evidence.

Suffering and danger from floods, snow and interse cold in the Rocky Mountain region accompanies the storm which struck the Pacific coast. Near Dalles, Wash., a freight train collided with a work train during a blinding snowstorm, killing six men. Havre, Mont., reports 54 degrees below zero. Every stream in eastern Arkansas is at the flood stage as a result of al-What is Taking Place in the South. most incessant rains and in several sections the situation is regarded as

rivers have spread over large areas of lowlands. At least fifty persons were killed gan are now placed at \$549,467 officers when the lower Otay valley dam and men. Of the total 24,122 were of broke, releasing a wall of water thirty feet high. Twenty-five farm homes Germany and Great Britain have werew recked. Rescuers were unable seized or detained 362 British ships, to reach the scene of the disaster, as valued at \$467,150 since the war be- all bridges were washed out and the gan, it is officially announced in Stock- swollen streams were so treacherous

wide and two miles long around the

grave. Both the White and Arkansas

Mass., a Jew by birth, has been nomispring he says the British army will nated by President Wilson to succeed overwhelm in numbers and munitions Judge Joseph Rucker Lamar of Georthe whole Teutonic force arrayed gia on the Supreme court bench. He is an independent in politics, with

A suggestion that all the belligerent Britain had no right to wrongfully in- countries subscribe to a declaration terfere with neutrals obtaining nec- of principles governing attacks on meressary supplies for themselves, prac- chant vessels and forbidding the armtically contending, in the debate on ing of such vessels has been made the blockade question, that it would by the United States, in an effort to line of blockade and forbid any and eral policy disposing of many of the danger. vexatious questions arising from the

proceedings against ex-Premier Veni- other inquiry to Austria asking if any zelos. What he is charged with does of its submarine commanders have any not appear, but it is stated that if he knowledge of the destruction of the British liner Persia. A statement that they had none has never been received in Washington. State department ofofficers, M. Courmoulis and M. Melas, ficials say they have exhausted every at Athens, Greece. The disagreement other effort to establish what caused

> President Wilson explains his change of attitude toward the tariff commission, frankly stating that he changed his mind "because the circumstances of the whole world had changed."

> The Shackelford good roads bill, carrying an appropriation of \$25,000,-000 to aid the states in improving post roads, was passed by the house, 281 to 81. Three members voted "present."

The United States has rejected as being partially unsatisfactory Germathe killing of Bert Akers at San Lo- ny's latest proposal in the Lusitania renzo, near the international bounda- negotiations. There will be another ry, were executed in the cemetery at conference between Secretary Lan-Juarez, Mexico. The brothers died sing and Count von Bernstorff, at which the German ambassador will submit another confidential tentative proposal having embodied in it the Irving and Herbert Updike, recently requirements of the United States.

The Supreme court declared the inmurder their father, mother and sis- come tax constitutional and swept ter, have been released from the coun- aside, by unanimous decision, every ty jails in bonds of \$30,000 each. The contention raised against it and openfather of the defendants asked the ed the way for increasing the tax rate

> Proposals are pending in congress to tax incomes of more than \$1,000,000 as high as 50 per cent. Amendments are pending to carry the tax to incomes below \$3,000 and make graded increases to the surtaxes on incomes exceeding \$20,000 a year.

Germany has submitted to the United States another proposal designed to bring about a settlement of the controversy over the sinking of the steamship Lusitania, with a loss of more huiriachic, according to news sent out than one hundred American lives. It is stated that great secrecy surrounds Otay dam. The lower valley was

European War

The result of the anxiously-awaited debate in the British house of commons on the blockade question is that the British government will adhere to its existing policy.

Hand-to-hand fighting between the French and Germans near Neuville took place when the French tried to re-take trenches captured from them by the Germans. Berlin reports that

all attacks were repulsed. The French report taking mine craters from the Germans, and in mining operations in the Argonne forest have

destroyed the German trenches. The Turks claim to have repulsed another British attack in Mesopotamia, stating that the British were forced to discontinue after "appalling

Aside from the usual bombardments United States are in Kentucky ware- and mining operations and aeroplane 27. Warnings were given again raids, little fighting is going on in shortly before 10 o'clock and a secany of the theaters of the war except ond air attack was momentarily ex-

The Russian in the neighborhood of State-wide prohibition was an issue, is said by military criticis to offset tion is that the Germans have in view the British defeat in Mesopotamia.

Bulgarian invaders in Albania have change in the condition of Miss Min- met defeat at the hands of the Alnie Werner, who fell from the six- banian troops led by Essad Pasha, Italy has captured positions from the Austrians near Oslavia and cap-

tured upward of 2,000 prisoners. The British in Mesopotamia sufferwestbound Cascade limited train were ed a somewhat severe reverse in their swept down the mountainside by an endeavor to reach the besieged town avalanche near Corea station, Wash- of Kute-l-Amara, leaving three thouington, and the death list is reported sand dead on the field, while the Turas containing the names of six. Four kish loss was comparatively slight. bodies have been recovered and taken The British requested a truce of one to Seattle. Two other passengers are day, which was granted, in order that the dead might be buried.

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PRESIDENT IS ONLY AFRAID OF NOT BEING READY TO DO DUTY.

Keep United States Out of War and Maintain Honor.

Cleveland, Ohio.-President Wilson, speaking as he said "solemnly," warnde the nation that the time may come when he cannot both keep the United States out of war and maintain its honor. He declared that the country must be prepared to defend itself and prepared at once.

"America is not afraid of anybody," he said. "I know I reflect your feelwhen I say the only thing I am Louis D. Brandeis, a lawyer of Boston, afraid of is not being ready to perform my duty. I am afraid of the danger of inadequacy; I am afraid of the danger of not being able to express the chief character of this country with tremendous might and effectiveness whenever we are called upon to act in the field of the world's affairs."

"Let me tell you very solmenly you cannot postpone this thing," he declared. "I do not know what a single day may bring forth. I do not wish to leave you with the impression be impossible to establish an effective establish in international law a genthat I am thinking of some particular

"I merely wish to tell you that we are daily treading amidst intricate dangers. The dangers that we are treading amongst are not of our own making and not under our control. I knows what a single week, a single day may bring for them."

Pittsburg.-President Wilson opened his six-day speaking tour of the Middle West by addressing an audience of more than 4,000 that packed Memorial Hall here, later appearboth addresses he set forth the need for a program of national defense and at the larger meeting said that the test of national preparedness lay not who should oppose no obstacle to free | Palestine.

He believed, he added, that both the young men and the employers afraid America will not do enough.

FLOOD SWEEPS OTAY VALLEY.

Repeated Floods Drowned Over 100 .-Big Property Loss.

San Diego, Cal., by wireless to San Francisco.-One hundred lives have been lost, as nearly as any estimate can show, and charming little valleys for 50 miles north of the Mexican line lie desolate from floods and

With the death toll in the Otay Volley seeming established at 50 and all relief agencies working in that direction, reports reached here of floods sweeping the San Luis Rey and San Pasquel Valleys, doubling the loss of

Looting, described by Rear Admiral Fullam, commanding the Pacific reserve fleet, as "The worst I have ever seen,' broke out in the Otay Valley, flood swept by the breaking of the turned into an armed camp patrolled by marines and sailors from the battleship Oregon and the cruisers Milwaukee and South Dakota in San Diego Bay with orders to shoot loot-

ers on sight. The sailors and marines toiled hard to recover the bodies of those who lost their lives in the disaster and at sundown 29 bodies, some of which were mutilated had been gathered to-

A new flood poured down the Tia Juana River which has risen four feet at its mouth at the foot of San Diego May. Officials here said that this undoubtedly indicated the bursting of the Morena dam, 60 miles back in the hills:

Zeppelin Raids Paris.

Paris.-A Zeppelin dirigible passed swiftly over a section of Paris dropping about a dozen great bombs, which killed 24 persons and injured pected by the residents of the darkened city. The fact that only one belief that the Zeppelin was making a similar operation on a larger scale.

Retired Rear Admiral Barker Dead. Washington.-Rear Admiral Albert S. Barker, retired, who served from 1862 to 1905 and who at various periods in his career, was commandant of the Norfolk, New York and told that most of the opposition to the entitled to the exemption of neutral Mare Island Navy Yards, died at his home here of pneumonia. Admiral in that section of the country and be- Britain to take neutral mail ships into Barker was a native of Hanson, Mass., lieves that success of his defense plans | British jurisdiction for purposes of and was 72 years old. He became an depends in large measure on the im- searc hand then submit them to local ensign in 1862 and took part in the pression he makes. He will remain censorship regulations. It also denies capture of New Orleans. Later he away from Washington until Febru- that the British government has any commanded the U. S. S. Enterprise uary 4. The president will go over authority over neutrals' sealed mails and ran a line of deep-sea soundings the army and navy programs minute- on ships which merely touch at Brit around the world.

WILSON NOMINATES PRESIDENT WILSON PRESIDENT WRITES

PITTSBORO, CHATHAM COUNTY, N. C., FEBRUARY 2, 1916.

TO SUCCESS THE LATE JUSTICE LAMAR ON SUPREME COURT BENCH.

HE SOLEMNLY WARNS NATION WAS A COMPLETE SURPRISE WAS IN A FIGHTING MOOD

Time May Come When He Cannot Senate and All Official Washington Received News Without Forewarning.

> Washington.-Louis D. Brandeis of of Associate Justice Lamar.

The Senate received the nomination with unconcealed surprise-in which all official Washington joined, because Mr. Brandeis had not been dorsements.

Some Senators announced to their colleagues they were opposed to the record his opposition at this time was Senator Wadsworth, Republican, of

Senators who aproved the nomination were not lacking, although they, too, avoided public expression of their views. They felt sure however they

ity to confirm the appointment. It was learned that among the enthink no man in the United States one from Gifford Pinchot, former chief the forces opposing the former Secre- to enjoy the public confidence. tary of the Interior in the noted Ballinger-Pinchot controversy which sent ing before an overflow meeting where its ramifications into many phases of him," said Mr. Wilson amid laughter tion question. That is neither here his hearers were mostly women. In national politics at the outset of Pres- and applause. ident Taft's administration.

Although celebrated as a lawyer, with congress, but with the young men | ist movement in this country which of the country in their answer to the has for its object the repatriation of call to volunteer and the employers | the Jews to a nation of their own in

Some of the Senators disposed to express opposition to Mr. Brandeis were Democrats who sought to put will do their duty and that he was not | their objections on political grounds. Senator James of Kentucky, the native state of Mr. Brandels, unreservedly told them the nominee was a Democrat. Justice Lamar, whom he would succeed, also was a Democrat. Six of the eight Justices now on the bench are Republicans.

FORCE TO PROTECT COAST.

Colonel Haan Says \$1,025,000 Men

Necessary to Protect Coast. Washington.-Why a force of at least 1,025,000 men would be needed to protect the "vital areas" of the United States against a strong enemy was detailed to the senate military committee by Lieut. Col. W. G. Haan, a member of the war department board which spent several years working out defense laws.

L. D. BRANDEIS



Louis D. Brandels, new Associate Justice of Supreme Court.

President Starts on Tour. Washington.-President Wilson left Washington for a speaking tour in the Middle West in advocacy of his preparedness program. He has been ly and touch on other questions.

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS SPEAKS IN NEW YORK URGES SPEEDY READJUSTMENT

OF ARMY BEFORE NEW YORK AUDIENCES.

Declared He Always Accepted an In-

vitation to Fight.-Defends His Policy in Mexico.

New York .- President Wilson open-Boston was nominated by President ed his personal appeal to the country Wilson for the place on the Supreme for national defense. He gave warn-Court bench made vacant by the death | ing that plans for the readjustment of the Army must be formulated and carried out without delay and solemnly declared he could not predict that the outlook for the United States would be as bright tomorrow as today. mentioned among the long list of Speaking at banquets of the Railway ing and the feeling of all our citizens eligibles which President Wilson con- Business Association and the Motion sidered, or among an equally long Picture Board of Trade, he sounded list of aspirants who presented en the keynote of addresses that he will deliver in the Middle West.

Mr. Wilson was in a fighting mood throughout his address. In a speechnomination, but declined to be quot- delivered early in the day, he declared to that effect. The only Senator ed he always accepted an invitation found who was willing to publicly to fight. At night he told the railroad In another letter to Mr. Kitchin he life was extinct within a very few men he was an advocate of peace and States at peace, but he considered the liberty and honor of the Nation even more than peace.

"Woe to any man who plays marplot or who seeks to make party could command the necessary major- politics or personal ambition take the letter, "because all the circumdorsements sent to the President urg- the President in speaking of his de- the extraordinary and far-reaching ing Mr. Brandeis' appointment was fense plan before the railroad men. forestor, whose celebrated controversy action; this is a year of accounting sary that we should have a compewith Secretary Ballinger brought Mr. and the accounting must be definite Brandeis into the public eye six years on the part of parties and on the ago. He appeared as chief counsel for part of every individual who wishes

"For my part, I hope every man in

The President at both banquets and all during his day's visit to New York Mr. Brandeis has been devoting prac- was greeted with enthusiasm. On his theories of policy. They would deal tically all his time of late to the Zion- ride between the hotels where the only with facts and the facts which banquets were held he was escorted | they would seek ought to be the actby a band and the Ninth Command of | ual facts of industry and of the cou-Coast Artillery of the New York Nat- ditions of economic exchange prevailional Guard. Thousands of persons ing in the world, so that legislation of packed the streets and cheered him

as he went by. During his speech before nearly 1,-500 business men at the railway ban quet, where he cast aside almost entirely the text of the address he had previoulsy prepared for delivery there he was frequently interrupted by ap-

The President admitted that in a message to the last Congress he had had learned something in the meantime. He cited his recent support of a tariff commission as another instance of a change on his part, but declared that previously there was

no need for such a commission. Mr. Wilson spoke of men of high tions. character who were clouding the preparedness issue. He declared they were provincial and that the United States could no longer cut herself off from the rest of the world.

The President vigorously defended his Mexican policy. He asserted that to invade Mexico would mean the losing of the confidence of the rest of the Western Hemisphere. He cited the freing of Cuba as an instance of good done by the United States.

"If we are drawn into the maelstrom which now surges in Europe," the President declared, "we shall not be permitted to do the high things we would prefer."

The President defended the confinental army plan drawn up by Secretary Garrison and said that he did not care about details of any plan as long as 500,000 trained men were provided as reserves under the Federal Government. He advocated strengthening the National Guard, but said the Constitution itself put the guard under the state. He added that the United States will not turn in the direction of militarism.

Protest in Mall Matter.

Washington-The text of the American protest to Great Britain against torial." The note describes the practhat a "strong feeling is being aroused" in this country by loss of valuable letters. Foreign banks are refusing to cash

American drafts because they have no assurances that drafts are secure in the mails. The United States declares that parcel post articles are army and navy increases is centered trade and denies the right of Great ish ports

TO HOUSE LEADER

HAS CHANGED HIS MIND BE-CAUSE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED.

Attitude Toward Protection Question .- Deal Only With Facts.

Washington. - President Wilson sent a letter to Chairman Kitchin of the House Ways and Means Committee explaining why he had withdrawn much for Warden Thomas P. Sales his opposition to a tariff commission and he expired at his desk only a litand now was urging the creation of the while after his task was completed. such a body by Congress. He wrote He had just come in from the death frankly that he had changed his mind | chamber and given some instructions because "all the circumstances of the | to attendants in the prison and seated world had changed."

whatever of a change in attitude to- ward on his arms and he struggled for ward 'the so-called protection ques- breath a few moments. The physicians tion" the President said the proposed in charge at the electrocution had commission would have nothing to do just left the prison and it was half with theories of policy but would be an hour before physicians could be charged only with the duty of seeking summoned from the city. It was evifacts to guide Congress in legislation. dent to those about Mr. Sales that had set forth fully his ideas of what a minutes after he was found at his had struggled to keep the United traiff commission should be and urged desk. that the Ways and Means committee consider the matter immediately. He favored a wholly non-partisan, expert organization.

"I have changed my mind," said precedence over candor, honor and stances of the world have changed unselfish, unpartisan service," said and it seems to me that in view of changes which the European war has He declared that the country expects | brought about it is absolutely necestent instrument of inquiry along the whole line of the many questions which affect our foreign commerce.

"I have had in this change of mind no thought whaever of a change of public life will get what's coming to attitude towards the socalled protec-

nor there. A commission such as I have suggested would have nothing to do with every kind htat touched these matters might be guided by the circumstances

disclosed in its inquiries. ASKS CONGRESS TO SPEED UP.

President Anxious That Congress him, then shook him by the shoulder, Work and Adjourn in June.

istration legislative program receiv- sages were sent to physicians, and said the need for preparedness was ed new impetus when President Wil- every effort was made to resustate not pressing. He declared that he son asked Majority Leader Kitchin to the warden, but in vain. He was dead the Capitol and later discussed the discovered. subject with other leaders of both houses. The President is anxious that Congress finish its work and adjourn in June before the political conven-

The outstanding features of the legislative program for the next few months, as Mr. Kitchin forsees thehm,

A tariff commission bill will be reported by the Ways and Means Com-

No revenue measure is likely to be reported until after the military and naval committees bring in their bills. This may be weeks or months. No waterways projects and no new

An anti-dumping clause for the tariff law may be reported later. In addition the shipping bill and the Philippine bill are expected by other congressional leaders to attract

much attention. Turks Check British. Berlin, by wireless to Sayville.-The British force going to the relief of the troops surrounded by Turks at Kut-el-Amara attacked the Turkish position near Menlari on January 23

but were repulsed. Glanders in Richmond.

Richmond, Va .- Dr. J. G. Ferneyhough, state veterinarian, inagurated interference with neutral mails just a strict quarantine against the big made public reveals that diplomatic British stockyards at Newport News and consular dispatches have been because of an epidemic of glanders. treated in a manner the United | He said mules to the value of \$18,000 States considered "vexatiously inquisi- already had been shot, and that over read and write in a few nights and \$800,000 worth of horses and mules, tices of British officials as "unwar- awaiting shipment, are endangered. ranted interference" and in urgently | The British officers in charge, led by requesting a prompt reply points out | General Bridges, he reports, are exerting every known means of combatting the disease.

> Miners Will Not Strike. Indianapolis, Ind .- After a long discussion in convention the delegates representing nearly 400,000 union coal miners in the United States decided that in the event new wage scales have not ben negotiated by the time existing contracts expire they will remain at work so long as there is hope of drawing up agreements. This de-America was made by an overwhelming majority and endorses the policy. of President John White, who advocated the step

DEATH FOLLOWS SHORTLY AF-TER ELECTROCUTION OF TWO NEGRO MURDERERS.

URGING NEW TARIFF BODY STRAIN PROVED TOO MUCH

However There is No Change in His Expired Shortly After Completing Task.-Had Been State Prison Warden Eight Years.

Raleigh.-The strain of applying the electric current for a double electrocution at the state's prison proved too himself at his desk to adjust some Declaring that he had "no thought papers when his head dropped for-

Mr. Sales had been warden at the prison for eight years and had applied the electric current for every electrocution since the electric chair has been installed.

Warden Sales was a native of Washington county, Georgia, and was 55 years old. He had lived for many years in Raleigh holding responsible positions with the city government for many years before accepting appointment as prison warden given him by Governor Kitchin nearly eight years ago. He was for several times prominently mentioned for mayor of Raleigh.

Mr. Sales was twice married; first to Miss Jackson of this city, and atter her death to Miss Georgia Womack of Winston-Salem. Mrs.

Sales and four children survive. It was only a few moments after the dozen witnesses and prison attendants had left Mr. Sales' office that he was found with his face in his arms and breathing as in a heavy snore. He had just procured the signature of the 12 witnesses to the death certificates of Walker and Dorsets and disposed of the last detail of the electrocution when he seemed

to collapse at his desk. A newspaper man entered the warden's office and seeing him leaning forward upon his desk, spoke to but failed to arouse him from an evi-Washington.-Agitation for greater dent stupor. Prison attendants quickcongressional activity on the Almin- ly followed into the room, hurried mes-"speed up" work on the House side of | within a few moments after he was

Soy Bean Is Important.

West Raleigh.-The soy bean will open up a new field of industry to North Carolina farmers, if indications which look encouraging are to be considered as worth anything. C. R. Williams, in charge of the division of agronomy of the experiment statior at West Raleigh ,announces that every day he is receiving inquiries from crushers of the soy bean and manufacturers of soy bean products asking information about the crop in North Carolina.

Mr. Williams says that an approximate yield of the 1915 crop in the state is placed at 1,000,000 bushels, public building bills will be considerand that the average yield the acre is about 20 bushels. The principal section of the state where the crop is grown is the eastern part, but it is well adapted to the Piedmont and western part of the state.

Relief Branch Formed.

Asheville.-With Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt as president, Mrs. Arthur R. Rees as vice president and Mrs. Charles Hartwell Cooke as secretary, a branch of the American Relief Association was formed here for the purpose of securing aid for the war suf-

Moonlight School in Pitt. Greenville.-The interest in moonlight schools is growing. There are nearly 1s0 adults enrolled. It is remarkable how soon they learn to read and write. Many over 70 have enrolled and are learning faster than any child. Men above 50 learn to the wonder is why any one will not enroll. One man 58 could read and write after 12 nights' instruction. Another two years his junior learned in five nights. Men nearing four-score are learning and are happy over it.

Boundary Land Case Settled. Asheville.-Although its deeds call

for land described as lying in Tennessee and North Carolina whereas the highest court in the land has decreed that the land is all in North Carolina, the Babcock Lumber Company was awarded the land along the Tennessee line which has been in controversy cision of the United Mine Workers of for the past several days in United States District Court, with the Bab cock Lumber Company as complainants and B. P. Grant and 31 others as defendants.