

## LABARRA IS RECEIVED AT CAPITOL

NEW MEXICAN MINISTER IS FORMALLY PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Cordial expressions of friendship on both sides characterized the presentation today to the president of Senator Don Francis L. LaBarra, the new Mexican ambassador to the United States, by Secretary Bacon. Senator LaBarra said his government and people have the heartiest wishes for the constant increasing popularity of the United States. The president said in reply that he tendered every good wish for the increasing prosperity of Mexico and on his own behalf asked the ambassador to convey to President Diaz the expression of his personal regard and earnest wish for his welfare and happiness.

President Roosevelt paid a high compliment to Senator Creel, the retiring ambassador, whose mission, he said, "has so signally contributed to perpetuate and strengthen the mutual good will of our two countries and whose departure is felt by all as a personal loss."

## REAR ADMIRAL SPERRY WILL ASK FOR RELIEF

Washington, Feb. 27.—Rear Admiral Sperry tonight declared that while he had not yet made a formal request to be relieved of the command of the battleship fleet, it was his purpose to do so after consultation with Secretary Newberry. It is understood that his request will be prompted by the fact that his retirement in September will occur only a short time after the fleet reassembles at Hampton Roads. At the navy department the impression prevails that either Rear Admiral Wainwright or Rear Admiral Schroeder will succeed Admiral Sperry.

## PROPOSES TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Washington, Feb. 27.—Representative Jenkins (Wis.) today introduced a joint resolution to submit a proposed amendment to the constitution to the various states for ratification. The amendment suggested states clearly that the vice president shall succeed to the presidency if the president dies or becomes incapacitated before his term of office expires. Mr. Jenkins contends that this provision is not clearly stated in the constitution. He has included in the amendment a provision making the president pro tem of the senate the successor to the presidency should the president-elect and vice president-elect die before inauguration.

### "IT IS ALL BOSH."

Washington, Feb. 27.—"The report from Memphis that I am to be appointed a judge of the supreme court by President Taft shortly after his inauguration is all bosh," declared General Luke E. Wright, secretary of war, today. "I am not slated for any government position in the next administration, and it is my intention to return to Memphis a few days after March 4 to resume the practice of law. The statement that I have taken a five years' leave on the house I now occupy here is not true."

### POPE INDISPOSED.

Rome, Feb. 27.—The pope was indisposed today and this afternoon his holiness felt so ill that he was obliged to suspend further audiences. The attending physicians do not consider his sickness grave, and they believe that his indisposition is often largely due to the frequent sudden changes in the weather. It is possible that the pope's condition may result in changes being made with reference to the consistory, which it had been practically decided to hold at April 1.

### RETURNS TWO INDICTMENTS.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—The federal grand jury returned two indictments today against Fred B. English, a former clerk in the United States land office, charging him with the embezzlement of \$16,000 in fees paid by applicants. There are seven counts in the two indictments. English was once acquitted by a jury on a similar charge. His bond has been fixed at \$3,000 on each count.

### SAYS HE IS INNOCENT.

Dresden, Feb. 27.—Cipriano Castro, late president of Venezuela, today authorized the publication of a declaration of his innocence of the charges that he had conspired to bring about the assassination of Juan Vicente Gomez, the present president of the republic. Senator Castro appeared to be in excellent health.

### CHANGES POSITION.

Washington, Feb. 27.—In reaching complete agreement on the naval appropriation bill today the senate conferees receded from the amendment authorizing the president to keep half of the navy on the Pacific coast. The house opposed this provision on the ground that the president has already this authority and because it opposed the policy suggested by the amendment.

### TWO FIREMEN INJURED.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—The building at 722 Arch street, occupied by Paxton & Comfort company, undertakers' supplies, and other firms, was badly damaged by fire early today, entailing a loss estimated at \$100,000. Two firemen were slightly injured. For some time it was feared that the flames would spread to the entire block.

## IN THE RAILWAY WORLD

### TELL OF TRIP OVER PIECE OF NEW ROAD

J. Flemming, superintendent of bridges and buildings, accompanied by Roadmaster D. Flahaven spent a few hours in Thompson on Tuesday while making a trip of inspection over this district of the Rocky Mountain division of the Northern Pacific railway. The gentlemen left their headquarters at Missoula on Monday and were making the inspection in slow stages. From Missoula they went to St. Regis, going from that point to Paradise on a hand car. They gave the new piece of track between St. Regis and Paradise a close investigation. From Paradise they came to Thompson and after an hour or two spent here, they were met by a section crew to take them over the new Belknap-Tuscor line. Mr. Flemming said that the new line between Paradise and St. Regis was as pretty a piece of track as a railroad man would wish to see for a new grade. "Of course," he said, "we anticipate some trouble on the new line when spring comes. These new fills are bound to settle some and we look for small rock slides, and until these conditions have been remedied I don't believe that a passenger service will be inaugurated. The track is not in shape for fast time. But its a fine piece of road, the grade is light and while there are many curves they will not be a hindrance for speed or tonnage."—Sanders County Ledger.

### CHANGES IN RAILROAD CLERICAL DEPARTMENT

A number of changes in the clerical department of the Northern Pacific general offices are scheduled to be put into effect tomorrow morning. According to a statement issued yesterday by Chief Bunnely, John H. Hayes has been appointed chief clerk in the office of General Roadmaster Hurley, and will have charge of all of the clerical work in the bridge and buildings department. To succeed Mr. Hayes, Harry Mitchell, who has been in charge of the material desk, has been appointed, and C. C. Ritchie, who has been in the employ of the Northern Pacific at Wallace, takes the place of Mitchell. The appointment of John Hayes to the chief clerkship in the road department is a popular one, as the young man, during his services with the Northern Pacific, has made a splendid record and merits the promotion.

### PORTLAND ELECTRIC BACKED BY JIM HILL

Portland, Ore., Feb. 27.—Recent developments in the local railroad situation lead to the belief that the Hill interests are behind the United Railways company of Portland and the Vancouver Traction company. A contract has just been signed whereby the Vancouver Traction company will operate its cars over the bridges of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad into Portland. The Vancouver Traction company also is given use of the tracks of the United Railways into the heart of Portland. Parties to the negotiations which have been going on the last few days include the local Spokane, Portland & Seattle officials, President T. L. Greenough of the United Railways and Mayor W. Pohlman of Baker City, who is heavily interested in the Vancouver Traction company.

### RAILROAD BREVITIES

H. A. Douglas, chief draughtsman in the Puget Sound offices, is reported ill at his home.

W. H. Davison, assistant engineer of the Milwaukee road, spent yesterday at Haskell inspecting track conditions.

Ray Carlow, clerk in the office of Chief Dispatcher Hazen, is reported on the hospital list. Mr. Carlow has been ailing for several days and was ordered to the hospital yesterday.

Trainmaster Carl Yaeger will spend Sunday with his family here.

Richard Rehfield, who has been messenger at the Northern Pacific general offices for the past six months, has been appointed telegraph operator at the downtown Western Union office.

A report has reached Missoula to the effect that Miss Clara C. Kernan, formerly a telegraph operator in the employ of the Northern Pacific at this place and later with the Postal Telegraph company at Spokane, is touring Europe with relatives.

Dispatcher W. G. Elliott returned yesterday from a week's visit in Livingston. On the return of Mr. Elliott to his trick Frank D. Fox will take a short vacation.

### TROUBLES A-PLENTY.

Butte, Feb. 27.—A special from Great Falls says: The troubles of the Great Northern officials upon this division resulting from the burning out of the long tunnel between Fort Benton and Teton were added to yesterday by the caving in of a large section of the next tunnel to the west of the tunnel, upon which repairs are now in progress.

### INSPECTION TRIP.

General Roadmaster John M. Hurley and Bridge Supervisor Josh Flemming made a trip of inspection over the new line from DeSmet to Paradise yesterday. The latter portion of the trip was made on a handcar.

### RAPELJE RETURNS.

Superintendent Rapelje and Trainmaster Carl G. Yaeger returned yesterday afternoon from Wallace, where the officials spent several hours on Friday inspecting yard conditions.

### WILL BEGIN FLATHEAD RAILROAD THIS SPRING

It is understood that D. C. Corbin, the Spokane millionaire, who co-operated with the Canadian Pacific railway in building the Spokane International line, the new link connecting Spokane with the Crows Nest Pass branch of the Canadian Pacific railway, will start work early this spring on his proposed line through the Flathead river valley in southwest Kootenay, thus opening up a rich coal basin and fertile agricultural region. The necessary authority was given by a bill incorporating the Flathead Valley Railway company recently incorporated by the provincial legislature.

The road has already been built from McGillivray, a station on the Crows Nest Pass line, to his coal mines sixteen miles south. From the latter point of the international boundary the location surveys have already been completed.

Corbin is credited with entertaining the ambitious project of extending this railway south to Butte and other Montana smelter towns and providing a route nearly one hundred miles shorter than the branch line from the Crows Nest Pass built by the Hill system several years ago. Corbin is said to be co-operating with the Canadian Pacific railway in carrying out this big project.—Seattle Times.

### REPLACING TIES.

The road department of the Northern Pacific is adding to its section forces all along the line. At the various terminal stations large forces are at work replacing old ties. In the Missoula yard four gangs are employed rebuilding tracks under the supervision of Trackmaster Joe LaPorte.

### RAILROAD'S INVENTORY INCLUDES POKER CHIPS

New York, Feb. 27.—Whisky glasses and poker chips are included in the inventory of the equipment of a railroad filed yesterday in the chancery court at Newark, N. J. The road, which is known as the Council City and Solomon City railroad, runs two months a year from Solomon City to Ruby Creek in Alaska. It is now in the hands of a receiver, who filed the inventory, which included among other articles 150 poker chips, 26 cocktail glasses, 21 wine glasses, 26 whisky glasses, one brandy shaker, one punch shaker and one pair of oilskin trousers.

### SNOW AT SALTESE.

S. J. Stump, agent for the Northern Pacific at Saltese, spent yesterday conferring with local officials. Mr. Stump reports a good business at his station despite the fact that there is now three feet of snow on the ground at that place and snow still falling.

### BAD WRECK IN IOWA.

One man was killed and three others were severely injured in the wreck of the Milwaukee Limited at Vanhorne, Iowa, early on Friday morning. The wreck is said to have been caused by a broken flange on one of the coaches.

### SERIOUSLY INJURED IN FALL FROM CAR

While riding on top of a freight car as it was passing the station at Bonita, Frank Hagen, a fireman in the employ of the Northern Pacific, fell, striking head first on a baggage truck at 2:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The man was picked up in an unconscious condition and placed on No. 57 and hurried to Missoula. The attendants, at a late hour last night, said that the condition of the patient was most critical. Hagen is a resident of Bonita and unmarried.

### DERAILED NEAR CLINTON.

Three cars of a westbound extra were derailed east of Clinton early yesterday morning. No. 1 was delayed about 50 minutes. The derailment was caused by a defective truck.

### LIBERAL TO RAILROADS.

Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—During the meeting of the Alberta legislature just concluded assistance to railroads in Alberta to the extent of \$27,500,000 in bonds was given.

### VISITING PARENTS.

Conductor and Mrs. Charles J. Leonard of Missoula are visiting Mrs. Leonard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilford, at Darby.—Western News.

### STABLE EQUIPMENT SOLD AT AUCTION

Washington, Feb. 27.—"What bid do I hear for this landau, the property of President Roosevelt?" asked a local auctioneer today, addressing an eagerly interested audience. Bidding was lively and exciting. Other stable equipment of President Roosevelt which went "under the hammer" today was a brougham, several blankets and a pair of pistol holsters. As the sale had not been advertised, good prices were not realized. The landau brought \$230, the brougham \$130, a carriage whip 75 cents and the blankets a few dollars apiece.

### BILL IS REPORTED.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The military academy appropriation bill was reported to the senate today. It carries \$2,511,421, an addition of \$15,000 over the bill as it was passed by the house.

# Announcement To All Men Who Would Save Money

When this store closes next Saturday night at 10 o'clock the greatest clothing event ever known in Missoula will pass into history. The hundreds of men who have benefited by it will congratulate themselves, and those who did not will write it down as another lost opportunity.....

This sale has been such a phenomenal success NOT because of the remarkably low prices that have prevailed, NOT because of the superior qualities, and styles of the clothing offered, NOT because of the fact that it carries the same warranty at a reduced price as at regular price---

## But Because of the Combination of These Things

The primary objects of this sale are twofold: First, to carry out a policy of years' standing, i. e., that the last vestage of one season's goods shall be sold before the commencement of another, so that an absolutely new and clean stock shall greet our customers when they come in search of the new things. Second, to make room for the new things; if this were the only reason, it would be expensive room indeed—so great are the sacrifices to accomplish it; just think of paying from \$5.25 to \$14.50 for the room occupied by one suit of clothes! We're doing just this thing when we sell a \$15.00 suit for \$9.75, or a \$35.00 suit for \$20.50.

This sale might just as well have closed last Saturday night as a week hence. The few over two hundred suits remaining would fetch full regular price before another season rolls around. But, NO! It is not a matter of the profit we lose on every suit we sell this week. POLICY COMES FIRST.

## The Last Call

As stated above, this sale will positively close next Saturday night; we may be compelled to bring it to an end earlier.

Tomorrow you will find over two hundred suits, just as good as any presented in this sale—better clothes than a man can buy anywhere else, even at the regular prices—better in fabric, better in making and better in style.

They're "PREMIER" Clothes, Hart, Shaffner & Marx Clothes and Capps' 100% Pure Wool Clothes—the best makes the country affords. Many of them in styles that when we first showed them were so far ahead of styles shown by others that the "others" are just catching up and will show them this spring as "new spring styles."

The Balance of Our \$15 and \$16.50 Suits, to close **\$9.75**

The Balance of Our \$18 and \$22.50 Suits, to close **\$12.50**

The Balance of Our \$25 and \$27.50 Suits, to close **\$16.50**

The Balance of Our \$30 and \$35 Suits, to close **\$20.50**

The Balance of Our \$15 Overcoats, to close **\$7.50**

The Balance of Our \$20 Overcoats, to close **\$10.00**

The Balance of Our \$25 Overcoats, to close **\$12.50**

The Balance of Our \$30 Overcoats, to close **\$15.00**

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