

# Bismarck Daily Tribune.

TWENTIETH YEAR.

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3, 1900.

FIVE CENTS

## LOCAL DIRECTORY.

### OFFICERS OF BURLEIGH COUNTY.

Sheriff ..... H. P. Bogus  
Treasurer ..... E. H. Sperry  
Auditor ..... W. S. Moorhouse  
County Judge ..... John Fort  
Clerk of Court ..... Walter Skelton  
State Attorney ..... E. S. Allen  
Register of Deeds ..... Chas. A. Johnson  
Coroner ..... John White  
Superintendent of Schools ..... C. D. Edick  
Surveyor ..... John Harold  
Physician ..... C. A. Ballard  
County Commissioners—George A. Welsh,  
Harvey Harris, Gust W. Johnson.  
County Board of Health—Dr. W. A. Bentley,  
J. B. Fries, E. S. Allen, S. H. Har-  
vey, J. F. Fort, Dr. W. A. Bentley,  
E. S. Allen.  
Tribbals, Edward  
Rawlings, Elvis Wood, John Clark.  
County Constables—Patrick McHugh, John  
Hubert, David Williams, Ole Sather.

### BISMARCK CITY OFFICIALS.

Mayor ..... Edw. G. Patterson  
Clerk ..... Henry W. Richter  
Treasurer ..... S. M. Fye  
Justice ..... J. F. Fort  
Attorney ..... J. S. Allen  
Aldermen—First ward, John White, M. J.  
Halloran; Second ward, H. P. Bogus, E.  
S. Pierce; Third ward, Walter Skelton,  
J. A. Barnes; Fourth ward, S. D. Rohrer,  
W. H. Sanderson.  
Chief of Police ..... P. McHugh  
Night Watchman ..... John Hubert  
Chief of Fire Department ..... Wm. Jager  
Custodian of Engine ..... P. McHugh  
City Surveyor ..... John Harold  
Foundmaster ..... Chas. White

### PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND OFFICES.

School Board—Jas. Hare, Harvey Harris,  
H. L. Michelson, Louis Larson, James  
McDonald.  
State Officials—Offices at Capitol  
County Officials—offices at courthouse  
except as herein otherwise indicated.  
City Council—regular meetings first and  
third Tuesdays of each month. City Hall.  
Chambers of W. H. Winchester, district  
judge, First National Bank Building.  
Office of County Judge ..... Webb Block  
Office of State Attorney ..... Webb Block  
Office of Mayor ..... Sheridan House  
Office of City Treasurer ..... First Nat. Bank  
Office of City Clerk ..... First Nat. Bank  
Office of City Justice ..... Webb Block  
Office of County Justice ..... City Hall  
Office of Sup't. Schools, First Nat. Bank Bldg.  
U. S. Land Office, First Nat. Bank Bldg.  
U. S. Surveyor General ..... Webb Block  
U. S. Court rooms ..... Webb Block  
U. S. Commissioner, J. R. Gage, First Na-  
tional Bank Block.  
Deputy U. S. Marshal ..... E. G. Patterson  
United States Weather Bureau, (and state  
weather service), J. B. H. Ironson, director,  
government reservation,  
West Main street.  
Postoffice, Adm'n. G. Patterson, postmas-  
ter, Webb Block.  
St. Alexius Hospital ..... Main & Sixth Sts.  
Acting Assistant U. S. Marine Hospital Sur-  
geon, F. R. Riley, First Nat. Bank Bldg.  
United States Board of Pension Examining  
Surgeons—Dr. G. A. Stark, president; Dr.  
Ballard, secretary. Board meets the  
first and third Mondays of each month at  
the office of Dr. Ballard, First National  
Bank Block.  
Western Union Telegraph office, Main and  
Fourth streets.  
Authorized Northern Pacific Surgeons—F.  
R. Smyth, Bismarck; G. B. Furniss, Man-  
dan.  
Officer in charge of construction of new mili-  
tary post, Major E. B. Robertson, U. S. A.  
Resident engineer in charge of military post, T. H.  
Humphreys, Bismarck Bank Block.

### TERMS OF DISTRICT COURT—SIXTH DISTRICT.

First Subdivision—At Bismarck, third Tues-  
day in May and fourth Tuesday in No-  
vember.  
Second Subdivision—At Medora, Billings  
County; two terms, at such times as judge  
shall direct.  
Third Subdivision—At Williamsport, Em-  
mons county; two terms, at such times as  
the judge shall direct.  
Fourth Subdivision—At Steele, Kidder  
county; third Tuesday in June and second  
Tuesday in January.  
Fifth Subdivision—At Stanton, Mercer  
county; two terms, at such times as the  
judge shall direct.  
Sixth Subdivision—At Washburn, McLean  
county; two terms, at such times as the  
judge shall direct.  
Seventh Subdivision—At Mandan, Morton  
county; third Tuesday in April and first  
Wednesday after the first Monday in No-  
vember.  
Eighth Subdivision—At Sanger, Oliver  
county; two terms, at such times as the  
judge shall direct.  
Ninth Subdivision—At Dickinson, Stark  
county; first Tuesday in April and second  
Tuesday in September.  
Hon. W. H. Winchester, judge; chambers  
in First National Bank Block.  
R. M. Tuttle, Stenographer.

### MAILS AND TRANSPORTATION.

#### MAILS CLOSE.

Eastern via N. P. No. 2—7:30 p. m.  
Western via N. P. No. 1—11:45 a. m.  
Office hours of postoffice, general delivery,  
5 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., daily, except Sunday;  
box delivery from 7 a. m. to 11 p. m. daily.  
On Sunday the general delivery is open  
between 1:30 p. m. and 2:30 p. m. Gen-  
eral delivery is closed while mail is being  
distributed after arrival of trains each way.

#### WEST BOUND.

No. 1—Leaves St. Paul at 10:35 p. m.; Fargo,  
8:15 a. m.; Valley City, 7:30 a. m.; Jamestown,  
8:58 a. m.; Tappen, 10:22; Dawson, 10:30;  
Steele 10:48; McKenzie, 11:45; Burleigh,  
11:52 a. m.; Bismarck, 12:12 p. m.

#### EAST BOUND.

No. 2—Leaves Mandan, 11:55 a. m.; Bismarck,  
12:10 a. m.; Burleigh, 12:35 a. m.; McKenzie,  
11:53 a. m.; Sterling, 12:53 a. m.; Steele, 1:43  
a. m.; Dawson, 2:55 a. m.; Jamestown, 3:45  
a. m.; Valley City, 4:45 a. m.; Fargo, 4:50  
a. m.; St. Paul, 3 p. m.

Passengers can obtain permits of agent  
to ride on some way freights each way.

#### STAGE LINES.

For Fort Yates, way points and connections,  
including Glencoe, Livonia, Campbell, La  
Grace, Fort Rice, Cannon Ball, Williams-  
port, Gayton, Hampton, Emmonsburg,  
Winema and Standing Rock; stage leaves  
every morning except Sunday; returning  
leaves Fort Yates at 7 a. m., arriving in  
Bismarck about 6 p. m.

For Fort Berthold, Coal Harbor, Turtle  
Lake, Weller, Washburn, Painted Woods,  
Falconer, Elbow Woods, and way points,  
stage leaves every morning except  
Sunday; returning leaves Berthold every  
morning, arriving in Bismarck about 6  
p. m.

For Slaughter, Conger, Crofte, Cromwell  
and Francis and way points, stage leaves  
at 8 a. m. Mondays and Fridays; return-  
ing arrives in Bismarck Tuesdays and  
Saturdays.

#### MISSOURI RIVER PACKETS.

Benton Transportation Company, I. P.  
Baker, general superintendent; steamers  
leave weekly during navigation season  
for Standing Rock, Fort Yates, Cannon  
Ball and way points, and to Washburn,  
Coal Harbor, Mannhaven and up river  
points, as per special announcement.

#### Coinage For 1899.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The total coinage  
of the mints of the United States  
during 1899 was \$199,248,191, as follows:  
Gold \$111,844,220, silver \$20,061,519,  
minor coins \$1,887,451. The coinage  
for December amounted to \$9,711,884.

## TOLD BY FRENCH

### Official Report of the Successful Engagement Near Coles- burg.

### Some Thousands of Boers Report- ed to Be Retiring Toward Norvalspont.

### While Probably Overestimated, the Victory Will Have Moral Effect.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The success of  
General French's column is at length  
confirmed officially, the war office issu-  
ing a dispatch from Cape Town, Mon-  
day, Jan. 1, stating that French reported  
at 2 p. m. from Coleskop, by helio-  
graph, as follows:

"Leaving at Rensburg, holding the  
enemy in front, half of the first Sur-  
folks and a section of the Royal Horse  
artillery, I started thence at 5 in the  
afternoon, Dec. 31, taking with me,  
five squadrons of cavalry; half of the  
Second Berks and 80 mounted infantry,  
infantry carried in wagons and 10 guns.  
I halted for four hours at Maidor's  
farm and at 8:30 this morning occupied  
the kopje overlooking and westward  
of Colesburg. The enemy's outposts  
were taken completely by surprise. At  
daylight, we shelled the laager and en-  
folded the right of the enemy's posi-  
tion. The artillery fire in reply was  
very hot from a 15-pounder using Royal  
Laboratory ammunition, and other  
guns. We silenced the guns on the  
enemy's right flank, demonstrating  
with cavalry and guns to the north of  
Colesburg, toward the junction, where  
a strong laager of the enemy was hold-  
ing a hill, and a position southeast of  
Colesburg, as far as the junction. Our  
position cuts the line of retreat via the  
road and bridge. Some thousands of  
Boers with two guns are reported to be  
retiring towards Norvalspont.

"All Remington scouts proceeded to-  
wards Achterland, yesterday morning.  
Slight casualties, about three killed  
and few wounded. Details later."

Brief independent messages from  
Rensburg filed the evening of Jan. 1,  
supplement General French's dispatch  
but slightly. According to them, the  
British were still shelling the Boer  
position at 5 o'clock Monday and expected  
to enter Colesburg Tuesday.  
The British losses were 8 men killed  
and 7 wounded. The Boers are sup-  
posed to have suffered heavily from the  
accuracy of the British artillery fire.  
General French's statement that the  
Boers were using a 15-pounder and  
Woolwich ammunition, evidently re-  
fers to one of the British guns captured  
at Stormberg.

The Boer strength in the engagement  
with General French was estimated at  
from 5,000 to 7,000 men.

#### Disposed to Overrate It.

While the afternoon newspapers are  
disposed to overrate the brilliancy of  
General French's success, it will doubt-  
less have a good moral effect, and if  
promptly followed up, as seems likely  
from the fact that Remington's guides  
are already advancing on Achterland,  
it may result in securing Norvalspont  
bridge, thus gaining an important strat-  
egical advantage, as thence General  
French will probably be able to  
threaten Bethul bridge, which is the  
line of retreat of the Boers facing Gen-  
eral French.

Other official dispatches dated Jan. 1,  
say General Methuen's position is un-  
changed.

Mr. George Lynch, the newspaper  
correspondent, who was captured out-  
side of Ladysmith, and imprisoned at  
Pretoria, has been released and has ar-  
rived at Lorenzo Marques.

Sir William Thompson has been ap-  
pointed consulting surgeon to the British  
forces in South Africa.

General White reported, under date  
of Dec. 31, that the number of cases of  
dysentery and fever is increasing.

### PILCHER REPORTS.

Defeated a Command of Boers at Sun-  
side Laager.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The war office has  
received the following from Cape  
Town:

"Colonel Pilcher reports through the  
officer commanding at the Orange  
river: 'I have completely defeated a  
hostile command at the Sunnyside  
laager, this day, Jan. 1, taking the  
laager and 40 prisoners, besides the  
killed and wounded. Our casualties  
are two privates killed and Lieutenant  
Adie wounded. Am encamped at  
Dover Farm, 20 miles northwest of  
Belmont, and 10 miles from Sun-  
nyside.'"

### UGLY RUMORS CIRCULATED.

Disaffected Cape Colony Dutch Treated  
to Seize Cape Town.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 3.—Ugly rumors  
are in circulation of a Dutch ris-  
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with the object of seizing Cape Town  
and the docks and capturing the gov-  
ernor of Cape Colony, Sir Alfred Mil-  
ner. The center of the movement is  
said to be Pearl, a village about 80  
miles from Cape Town, where a meet-  
ing of the Africanderbund was held re-  
cently. A secret meeting was held at  
Richmond on Dec. 28 and it is reported  
that the members of the bund in these  
two towns are acting in concert. The  
members of the bund at Wellington  
and the Dutch in Clan William district  
are said to be armed with Mausers and  
to be anxious to use them in behalf of  
the Boers.

Although the stories of an uprising  
are discredited the police and military  
are taking ample precautions.

### OPENED WITHOUT CEREMONY.

Water of Chicago River Quietly Turned  
Into the Big Drainage Canal.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—At 9 o'clock a. m.,  
water was turned into the \$38,000,000  
drainage canal, and began to flow to-  
wards Lockport, where it will fall into  
the Desplaines river, and thence,  
through the Illinois and Mississippi  
rivers to the Gulf of Mexico. What is  
termed by the canal engineers, the  
"collateral channel," has been for some  
time completed from the Chicago river  
in the southwestern part of the city to  
within 15 feet of the main channel of  
the canal. This 15-foot wall of earth  
with the two sluice gates behind it has  
been all that has kept the Chicago river  
and Lake Michigan out of the canal.  
At 10 o'clock Monday night, a steam  
dredge began to cut away this wall of  
earth and a few minutes before 9  
o'clock the water in the collateral chan-  
nel was against the sluice gates and  
only a few inches of timber remained  
to be removed before Chicago was to  
realize her dream of years and see the  
Great Canal in Actual Operation.

When the water began to back up  
against the sluice gates the timbers  
were knocked away and the first water  
from the Chicago river ran into the  
canal. The engineers of the sanitary  
district have cut a channel to carry  
300,000 cubic feet of water a minute,  
but the water at first was allowed to  
flow into the canal at the rate of only  
5,000 cubic feet a minute. The effect  
of turning 300,000 cubic feet of water a  
minute into the empty canal, would be  
like the bursting of a reservoir and  
would tear away every bridge over the  
canal and wreck the controlling works  
at Lockport. Therefore the water will  
be turned in gradually. Probably a  
week will elapse before the canal is full  
of water and is carrying away the sewage  
that now flows into the Chicago  
river.

An occasion that might have been  
made one of the most memorable in the  
eventful history of Chicago was suf-  
fered to pass by unimproved because  
the trustees of the sanitary district  
were intent only on their one great aim,  
the opening of the canal. Aside from  
the trustees and the engineers of the  
board, there were less than a dozen  
spectators present.

### DANCED IN CHICAGO.

Winnebagos Visit Their New Chief,  
Thomas Roddy, at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Winnebago In-  
dians fresh from the reservation near  
Black River Falls, Wis., danced their  
war and other tribal dances in Chicago.  
It all took place at the Chicago resi-  
dence of Thomas Roddy, soon to be in-  
stalled as "White Buffalo," chief of  
1,500 Winnebagos.

In the dance, the Winnebagos were  
assisted by Chief Roddy's children.

Eagle Eye, in a grey suit, sat on a  
leather couch and beat the tom-tom and  
gave direction for the dances.

Chief Roddy had an audience of  
Woodlawn people as guests and Eagle  
Eye explained the origin of the dances  
to the dancers came up.

Chief Roddy will leave this week for  
the reservation and will be installed  
formally as chief of the tribe in the  
middle of January.

### BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT.

Outcome of Iowa's Senatorial Fight Is  
Still Doubtful.

DES MOINES, Jan. 3.—The legislators  
have been pouring into town all day  
and the senatorial fight is entering  
upon the last stage. The Cummins  
people claim to have 47 safe votes for  
Eaton, their speaker-ship candidate,  
while the Gear supporters claim 54.  
Forty-one are necessary to nominate in  
the caucus. The Gear men insist they  
will name Bowen for speaker without  
trouble, but add that they have the  
senatorial contest so well in hand that  
they will surely elect Gear even if they  
do not organize the house.

### Escaped Prisoner Surrenders.

DENVER, Jan. 3.—Wyatt Sharp, who  
escaped last May from the Arkansas  
penitentiary where he was serving a 13-  
year sentence for murder, has surren-  
dered to the police department in this  
city. Sharp killed B. A. Whetstone in  
a fight at Huntington, Ark., in 1896.

### Town Half Destroyed.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Jan. 3.—The little  
town of Massena, in the southwest part  
of this county, was half wiped out by  
fire of incendiary origin which broke  
out shortly after midnight. The loss  
will be about \$20,000, partly covered  
by insurance.

## MUCH DEPENDS

### Arrival of Papal Delegate Ch- appelle at Manila Considered Important.

### His Action in Regard to Brother- hoods Fraught With Great Good or Evil.

### Governor Leary of Guam Pro- claims Abolition of Peonage on His Island.

MANILA, Jan. 3.—6:45 p. m.—Arch-  
bishop Chappelle, the papal delegate to  
the Philippines arrived here on the  
United States transport Sherman,  
which sailed from San Francisco, Dec.  
8. He will lodge in the house formerly  
occupied by Charles Denby, of the Phil-  
ippine advisory commission. This ac-  
tion on the part of Mgr. Chappelle set-  
tles the contest between the various  
friar brotherhoods in Manila, who, sepa-  
rately, have been using their influence  
to obtain the privilege of entertaining  
the archbishop and the Rev. Father  
McKinnon, late of the California volun-  
teers, and now a regular army chap-  
lain, who was also a passenger on  
the Sherman. It is said  
that the friars are striving to  
secure Mgr. Chappelle's ear for the  
purpose of securing better protection for  
individual interests. The arrival of the  
papal delegate directs attention to the  
question of the church and the brother-  
hoods in the Philippines, including  
the matter of deciding the brother-  
hood's claims to real estate and other  
property of the church receiving state  
support, and the re-establishment of  
Spanish curates in native parishes. By  
the appointment of Mgr. Chappelle as  
Archbishop Nozaleda's successor, the  
Filipinos and Spaniards feel that steps  
will be taken in these momentous mat-  
ters, which may bring

#### Infinite Good or Evil to the Islands.

Consequently Mgr. Chappelle's ac-  
tions will be closely watched and fully  
discussed. All classes of the brother-  
hoods are anxious to send representa-  
tives to the parishes in the provinces  
recently occupied by the Americans.  
This matter will soon be brought to  
Mgr. Chappelle's attention and his aid  
in this connection will be solicited. In-  
asmuch as the question of the expulsion  
of the brotherhoods from the islands  
and the freedom of the people from the  
alleged injustice of members of the or-  
ders has always been declared to be the  
principal cause of the revolt of the Phi-  
lipinos against Spain's sovereignty, long-  
time residents of the island declare  
that if the friars are returned to their  
former parishes, the natives, seeing  
them return under American adminis-  
tration, will surely attack and kill  
them and otherwise cause disorder.

Revolutionists having started the  
rumor that Mgr. Chappelle intends  
eventually to recommend the appoint-  
ment of Father McKinnon as arch-  
bishop of the Philippines, the latter's  
defense of the brotherhoods in the  
American newspapers has been  
translated and circulated among the  
natives for the purpose, it is declared,  
of showing that Father McKinnon will  
support the brotherhoods if he is se-  
lected. Such statements as these cre-  
ate uneasiness among the natives,  
which is increased by recent news re-  
ceived from Spain to the effect that  
Mgr. Chappelle will support the  
brotherhoods.

The Tagalogs, it is declared, have be-  
come more embittered against the  
church since Archbishop Nozaleda ex-  
communicated an insurgent priest and  
it is said the number of Protestant mar-  
riages among the natives continually  
increases.

### PEONAGE ABOLISHED.

Captain Leary, Governor of Guam, Is-  
sues Another Proclamation.

MANILA, Jan. 3.—A naval officer  
who has arrived here from Guam,  
brings a proclamation issued by Captain  
Leary, naval governor of that island,  
decreasing the absolute prohibition and  
total abolition of slavery or peonage,  
the order taking effect Feb. 23. The  
prologue of the proclamation declares  
that the Spanish system of peonage,  
amounting to slavery, is a menace to  
popular liberty, and a violation of the  
privileges guaranteed by the American  
Constitution.

### STORIES WERE TRUE.

Reports of Hardships Suffered on the  
Massena Corroborated.

MANILA, Jan. 3.—Colonel Pettit,  
commanding the Thirty-first infantry,  
and Lieutenant Colonel Hayes, who  
commanded the three companies of that  
regiment on board the transport Ma-  
nana, which arrived here Nov. 28, and  
reported terrible experiences at sea, the  
steamer being classed as unseaworthy,  
undermanned and short of provisions,  
have filed official reports, corroborating  
in every detail the story told at the  
time, describing the hardships of the  
soldiers.

### GOEBEL HAS CONTROL

His Friends Will Organize Both Houses  
of the Kentucky Legislature.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 3.—All doubt  
as to the ability of the Goebel Demo-  
crats to organize both houses of the  
legislature was demonstrated by the at-  
tendance in the Democratic caucus  
during the evening. In the house caucus  
all of the 58 Democrats answered to  
roll call and participated. In the senate  
four Democrats remained out. They  
were Senators Alexander, Hayes, Gil-  
lespie and Roberts. Senator Hill was  
also sick and absent, but is not classed  
with the dissenters.

In the senate caucus Senator Herold  
created a sensation by making an al-  
leged expose of the anti-Goebel lobby,  
claiming he had been approached by J.  
Whallen of Louisville and offered \$400  
to remain out of the caucus. The  
money, he said, had been placed in a  
box at the Louisville Trust company,  
the key of which he passed up to Sen-  
ator Goebel, who was presiding over the  
caucus, ending his speech by declaring  
that he had entered the deal for the  
purpose of exposing Whallen and fur-  
ther that there was not money enough  
in the world to make him disloyal to  
his party and his state.

#### Elected Caucus Nominees.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 3.—Both houses  
of the legislature organized at noon by  
electing the nominees of the Demo-  
cratic caucus.

#### PREPARING TO CONTEST.

Kentucky Democratic Candidates Serve  
Notice on Republicans.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 3.—Attorneys  
for Goebel and other contesting Demo-  
cratic candidates for state offices have  
served notices upon the Republican  
contestees to take depositions to be used  
as evidence in the pending contesting  
cases and the naming of their wit-  
nesses. The list of witnesses includes  
a long array of prominent men in both  
the Republican and anti-Goebel Demo-  
cratic parties, like Governor Bradley,  
Senator Deboe, General Basil W. Duke,  
John H. Whallen and others.

#### OHIO LEGISLATURE.

The Caucus State Selected by a Strict  
Party Vote.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 3.—The Seventy-  
fourth general assembly met during  
the day and elected the Republican  
caucus nominees by a strict party vote.  
Under the reorganization effected  
Judge A. G. Reynolds of Lake  
county is speaker of the house and  
Oscar Shepard president pro tem. of the  
senate. Lieutenant Governor Jones  
holds over until next Monday, when he  
will be succeeded by Hon. John A.  
Caldwell of Cincinnati.

#### Mississippi Legislature Organized.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 3.—The Miss-  
issippi legislature organized shortly  
after noon, Hon. Jud Russell of Lauder-  
dale was elected speaker.

#### Croker Breaks a Leg.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A special dispatch  
from Wantago, county of Berks, says  
that Richard Croker, who has been  
staying at a country house near there,  
slipped while mounting a horse, owing  
to the animal swerving, and broke his  
leg.

#### German Cruisers for Delagoa Bay.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—The German second  
class cruiser Schwabe has left Dar-  
es-Salaam, a seaport of Africa, 25 miles  
south of Zanzibar, for Lourenzo Mar-  
ques.

#### MCCOY THE WINNER.

Defeats Peter Maher in Five Rounds at  
the Coney Island and Athletic Club.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Kid McCoy  
again placed himself in the champion-  
ship class by defeating Peter Maher in  
a brisk, well fought battle of five  
rounds before the Coney Island Athletic  
club. The fight was scheduled to last  
25 rounds and the purse was to have  
been \$20,000, but the attendance was  
not as large as had been expected and  
before the fight was begun the princi-  
pals agreed that the winner should re-  
ceive the gross gate receipts.

#### IN TWO DEPARTMENTS.

Complete Reorganization of the Mil-  
itary Commands in Cuba Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—It is probable  
that the present month will be marked  
by a complete reorganization of the  
military commands in Cuba. The im-  
pression prevails that there is to be a  
heavy reduction in these commands  
and it is intimated that the outcome  
will be the creation of two departments  
instead of the six which originally com-  
posed Cuba and the four into which  
the island is now divided.

#### EARTHQUAKES IN TIFLIS.

Ten Villages Are Reported to Have  
Been Destroyed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 3.—An earth-  
quake Monday destroyed 10 villages in  
the Aichalkalaki district of the govern-  
ment of Tiflis.

#### Trial Trip of the Wisconsin.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Work has so  
far advanced on the United States bat-  
tle-ship Wisconsin that she will make  
her trial trip within the next two  
weeks. Her main battery of four 13-  
inch guns will be the heaviest ever  
mounted on an American man-of-war.  
It is expected that she will exceed the  
speed required by the navy department.

## THAT OPEN DOOR

### Secretary Hay Makes an Import- ant Announcement to the Cabinet.

### Favorable Responses Received From Five of the Interested Powers.

### Insures the United States a Full Share in China's Future De- velopment.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The session of  
the cabinet was brief, but it was the  
occasion of an important announcement  
by Secretary of State Hay, that the ne-  
gotiations with the great powers of Eu-  
rope and Japan, to secure a common  
understanding for a continued "open  
door" policy throughout China had  
been eminently successful, and that  
favorable responses had been received  
from Great Britain, Germany, France,  
Russia and Japan. The only country  
addressed which has not yet responded  
is Italy, and a favorable answer is also  
expected from her.

Secretary Hay's statement to the cab-  
inet fully confirms the information sent  
out from this city last Saturday. The  
announcement of the success of the ne-  
gotiations was extremely gratifying to  
the president and cabinet, as it insures  
to the United States a full share in the  
future development of commerce with  
the great empire of China. Secretary  
Root was not at the cabinet meeting  
and therefore none of the matters  
which usually occupy such a large  
share of the attention of the cabinet  
was considered.

#### BREAK THE HEMP CORNER.

Secretary Root Has Cabled Instructions  
to General Otis.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—A special to The  
Herald from Washington says:  
Secretary Root has taken measures to  
break the corner in hemp. As a result  
of discussing the matter with the president,  
he has cabled this instruction to  
Major General Otis:  
"Apparently speculative corner in  
hemp here. Is raising prices, to great  
injury legitimate consumers. Desirable  
to get South hemp ports open as soon  
as practicable."

This instruction is due to the protests  
made by prominent cordage manufac-  
turers and by farmers, calling attention  
to the fact that the opening of parts in  
Northern Luzon today would afford no  
relief to the hemp situation, and ear-  
nestly requesting that Southern ports  
be garrisoned and opened to the trade.

#### A GOOD ROADS MOVE.

Congress to Be Asked for a Five Million  
Dollar Appropriation.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 3.—The most impor-  
tant step which the League of American  
Wheelmen has yet taken in its  
inauguration. President Keenan of the  
L. A. W., has arranged for the intro-  
duction early in congress of a bill ap-  
propriating \$5,000,000 for the construc-  
tion of improved highways throughout  
the United States. Representative Gra-  
ham of the Twenty-third congressional  
district will father the measure, which  
every L. A. W. member and official  
throughout the United States will be  
asked to give his energetic support.

President Keenan says that he feels as-