

# Bismarck Daily Tribune.

TWENTIETH YEAR.

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10, 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..... Chas. A. Johnson  
Register of Deeds..... John White  
Coroner..... John White  
Superintendent of Schools..... John Harold  
Surveyor..... C. P. Edick  
Physician..... C. A. Ballard  
County Commissioners—George A. Welsh,  
Harvey Harris, Gust W. Johnson,  
County Board of Health—Dr. W. A. Bentley,  
E. S. Pierce, E. S. Allen.  
Insanity Board—J. E. Fort, Dr. W. A. Bentley,  
E. S. Pierce, E. S. Allen.  
County Justices—Edgar Tibbels, 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. Richholt  
Treasurer..... S. M. Pys  
Justice..... E. S. Allen  
Attorney..... E. 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. Jaeger  
Custodian of Engine..... P. McHugh  
City Surveyor..... John Harold  
Foundmaster..... Chas. White

**PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND OFFICES.**  
School Board—Jos. 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—Meets on first and third Tuesdays of each month at 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..... Webb Block  
Office of City Treasurer..... Webb Block  
Office of City Clerk..... City Hall  
Office of City Justice..... Webb Block  
Office of County Justice..... Webb Block  
Office of Supt. Schools..... Webb Block  
U. S. Land Office..... First Nat. Bank Bk U. S. Surveyor General..... Webb Block  
U. S. court room..... Webb Block  
U. S. Commissioner, J. R. Gage, First National Bank Bldg.  
Deputy U. S. Marshal..... E. G. Patterson  
United States Western Bureau, (and state weather and crop service) B. H. Bronson, director, government reservation, West Main street.  
Postoffice, A. G. G. Patterson, postmaster, Webb Block.  
St. Alexis Hospital..... Main & Sixth Sts  
Academy..... U. S. Marine Hospital  
Surgeon, F. R. Smyth, 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 Bldg.  
Western Union Telegraph office, Main and Fourth streets.  
Authorized Northern Pacific Surgeons—F. R. Smyth, Bismarck; G. B. Furniss, Mandan.  
Officer in charge of construction of new military post, Major E. B. Robertson, U. S. A. Resident engineer, new military post, T. H. Humphreys, Bismarck Bank block.

**TERMS OF DISTRICT COURT—SIXTH DISTRICT.**  
First Subdivision—Bismarck, third Tuesday in May and fourth Tuesday in November.  
Second Subdivision—At Medora, Billings County; two terms, at such times as judge shall direct.  
Third Subdivision—At Williamsport, Emmons County; two terms, at such times as the judge shall direct.  
Fourth Subdivision—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 November.  
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. Co. 2-7:30 p. m.  
Western via N. P. Co. 11:45 a. m.  
Office hours of postoffice, general delivery, 8 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., daily except Sunday; box delivery from 7 a. m. to 11 p. m., daily. On Sunday, general delivery is open between 1:30 p. m. and 2:30 p. m. General 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, 7:50 a. m.; Jamestown, 8:28 a. m.; Tappan, 10:22 a. m.; Dawson, 10:30 a. m.; Steele, 10:40 a. m.; Bismarck, 11:45 a. m.; 11:22 a. m.; Bismarck, 12:12 p. m.

**EAST BOUND.**  
No. 2—Leaves Mandan, 11:35 a. m.; Bismarck, 12:10 a. m.; Burleigh, 12:35 a. m.; McKeen, 11:43 a. m.; Steele, 12:35 a. m.; Steele, 1:45 a. m.; Dawson, 2:05 a. m.; Jamestown, 4:45 a. m.; Valley City, 4:45 a. m.; Fargo, 4:45 a. m.; St. Paul, 3 p. m.

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

**STAGE LINES.**  
For Fort Yates, way points and connections, including Glencoe, Livonia, Campbell, La Grace, Fort Rice, Cannon Ball, Williamsport, Gayton, Hampton, Emmonsburg, Winona 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 5 p. m.

For Slaughter, Conger, Crofte, Cromwell and Francis and way points, stage leaves at 8 a. m. Mondays and Fridays; returning 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, end to Washburn, Coal Harbor, Mannheim and up river points, as per special announcement.

**Shafter Escort to Lawton.**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—A formal order has been issued from the war department to Major General Shafter to escort the remains of the late Major General Henry W. Lawton from San Francisco to Washington.

## NOT SO MUCH JOY

### Exultation Over White's Successful Resistance at Ladysmith Saturday

### Gives Way to a Feeling That the General Situation There is Worse.

### Remarkable Revolution in Boer Tactics Came as a Complete Surprise.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Further news of General White's victory is anxiously awaited, as it is generally realized that there was little warrant for the exultation which followed the announcement of his repulse of the Boers.

The remarkable revolution in Boer tactics has been a complete surprise to the British, who had not reckoned on the weakened garrison of Ladysmith being subjected to such a courageous assault, and it is realized that General White's troops cannot be expected to greatly prolong such an arduous defense. In some quarters it is considered unaccountable that General Buller did not press his attempt to effect a passage of the Tugela river while the Boers were engaged northward, and the comment on his apparent supineness is nowise complimentary.

From the Boer headquarters it is said that General Buller is constructing a subsidiary railroad from the main line to Colenso, westwardly, in the direction of Potgieter's drift.

### Boers Still Fortifying.

Advices from the Modder river say the Boers continue to extend their works and it is estimated that 30,000 men are required to defend them.

The prisoners captured by the Canadians and Queenslanders at Sunnyside are going to Cape Town for trial as rebels.

The Canadians expressed intense indignation on learning that the prisoners were British subjects.

The colonial troops continue to earn warm praise on the hillsides, the latest example of their effective work being recorded in the dispatch to the London Times dated Jan. 6 from the Modder river, which said that the news from Belmont which showed that the Canadians and Queenslanders had been so energetic in that vicinity that the Boers had been compelled to desert a large belt of the Orange Free State territory across the border.

### French's Casualty List.

Little change is apparent in the position at Colenso. General French reported to the war office Sunday morning, Jan. 7, that he had reconnoitered with a squadron of the Household Cavalry on the Boers' east flank, two miles from Achterlaag, and drew a considerable force of the burghers, who, being anxious for their communication with Norvalspont, withdrew.

The casualties of the Suffolks near Colenso were:

Killed—Coronel Watson and Lieutenants Wilkins, Carey and White and 28 men.

Missing—Captains Brett, Thomson and Brown, and Lieutenants Rants, Allen, Wood-Martin and Butler, and 107 men.

Wounded—Twenty-one men.

General French further reports that the casualties of the other regiments to Jan. 4 were 13 men killed and 44 wounded.

The queen has telegraphed her congratulations and thanks to General White and his troops of Ladysmith.

A dispatch from Frere Camp last Sunday night said all was quiet there, thus dispelling the widespread hopes that General Buller had followed up his demonstration before Colenso with an effective move elsewhere.

### Object to Boer Gold.

The London Times correspondent at Lourenzo Marques cables that although there is no guarantee that Transvaal gold is of standard value the Portuguese government compels the local banks to accept it as legal tender at the same rate as British sovereigns, "thus giving the republics every facility for extensive transactions here and remitting money to Europe."

Continuing the correspondent says: "It is a question whether the Portuguese order is not a breach of neutrality."

The latest news from Bloemfontein says the officials there recognize that they must evacuate the town at an early date and are securing houses at Pretoria.

It is also announced that the hospitals at Bloemfontein and elsewhere are packed with wounded men.

### Bradley Named by Republicans.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 10.—The Republican joint caucus nominated ex-Governor William O. Bradley as the Republican candidate for senator by acclamation, Congressman Boreing, the only other aspirant for this honor from the minority, having instructed his friends not to present his name.

## HIGHLY INDIGNANT.

### Waiser Thoroughly Aroused Over British Seizure of German Vessels.

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—In confirmation of the statement that the emperor has become thoroughly aroused over the continuance of British seizures of German vessels, the correspondent of the Associated Press is informed that in recent conferences he has spoken in tones of deepest indignation of Great Britain's action.

Court circles here relate a number of details showing his majesty's change of mind as to Great Britain's policy and the reports that England has sent out new and more stringent instructions in reference to vessels going to South Africa, are received everywhere with intense dissatisfaction.

The emperor will make an address at the festival of the Berlin Technical high school and it is said his remarks will be important and sensational.

### Joint Action May Be Taken.

On being asked regarding the proposed joint action of the powers in regard to the seizures a high foreign office official said that such action might have to be taken if the seizures did not cease. He added that Russia was asking joint action with regard to the interruption of telegraphic communication with South Africa, but he denied formally that Germany had sounded Washington about the feasibility of such joint action.

The excitement about the seizures is intense throughout Germany. The Colonialists, the Pan-Germans and the Antisemites are pushing a vigorous propaganda. Their representatives are stamping the country and preaching a war against England.

### IDEA VERY POPULAR.

Anti-British Coalition Certain When the Initiative Is Taken.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The Berlin correspondent of The Daily News, in a dispatch discussing at some length the question of seizure of German vessels by English cruisers, says:

"It cannot be denied that the idea of an anti-British coalition is very popular here. Hopes are now being placed in Russia. Without being pessimistic I must say that the present juncture is very critical. As the matter now stands the fact that no power wishes to take the initiative prevents such a coalition from being brought about."

### BOERS HAVE OBJECTIONS.

Do Not Want a Neutral Consul to Look After British Interests.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—It is evident to the authorities that the Boer government is strongly averse to having a neutral official represent the British interests within its boundaries, and there seems to be a disposition on the part of the Boer authorities to decline to permit an American consul at Pretoria to represent the interests of Great Britain in the full sense desired by the British, as well as by the American government. This fact has been made plain to the authorities in an official dispatch which has been received by Secretary Hay from Consul Hollis at Pretoria. It is not expected that the administration will be content to accept the answer of the Kruger government as final, and it will probably make further representations, through either Consul Hollis or Consul Hay.

### Spurious Coins Circulated.

WINONA, Minn., Jan. 10.—Considerable spurious coin has been found in circulation in the city. Some time ago some light-weight 5-dollar gold pieces were discovered, and recently counterfeit half dollars were presented at the banks. There is no clue to their origin.

### WANTS AN APOLOGY ALSO.

France Asks More Than Payment of Its Claim Against Santo Domingo.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—A Herald Washington special says: Besides the payment of installments of money remaining due in the Bois-mare-Caccavelli claims, the French government has demanded an apology from Santo Domingo. An official dispatch to this effect was received by Secretary Hay from the American representative at Santo Domingo. The authorities have been advised that the money required to pay the French claims has been collected and the only remaining question is that connected with the demand for an apology. The Dominican government has not appealed to the United States to interfere and there is no disposition on the part of this government to do so.

### Albany Showed Up Well.

NEWCASTLE, Eng., Jan. 10.—The United States cruiser Albany, formerly the Brazilian cruiser Admiral Abroun, purchased by the United States government shortly before the beginning of the war with Spain, while under construction here, was given a successful official trial off this port. She developed a speed of 20.87 knots, showed thorough seaworthiness, and exceeded her contract conditions.

### The Herring Handled Over.

DURHAM, Jan. 10.—The seized German steamer Herzog has been handed over to the prize court. The Portuguese governor of Zambeza was among her passengers. The British naval authorities have offered her a ship to convey her to Delagoa bay. The steamer Bonleerath is discharging.

## A COMMON BASIS

### German and American Officials Said to Be Considering Joint Action

### In the Matter of the Seizures of Ships and Cargoes by the British.

### Conference Between Representatives at London Supposedly on This Subject.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—There is some reason to believe that the United States and German embassies are trying to find a common basis on which they can operate in pressing their respective demands against Great Britain for the Delagoa bay seizures. A high official of the German embassy had a long conference at the American embassy and the diplomats are believed to have discussed the steps each country has already taken and the best future procedure.

### NO UNITED ACTION.

This Country Not Co-Operating With Germany on Seizures.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—It is stated here on authority that the United States government is not co-operating with Germany or any other governments in representations to the British government respecting the seizure of goods destined for Portuguese East Africa. Moreover, our government does not contemplate any such co-operation. The difference between the cases of the seized German vessels and the seizures of American goods, the latter in British vessels, is so pronounced that the same principles would have no application. So it is the determination of the department to conduct its negotiations on this point single-handed, and that is now being done.

### DEWEY'S SILVER CUP.

Formal Presentation of the Memento Made at the Admiral's Residence.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The loving cup of silver made from the melted dimes contributed by over 70,000 American citizens, the majority of whom were children, was presented to Admiral Dewey during the morning. A small but notable gathering assembled in the parlors of the Dewey residence on Rhode Island avenue and participated in the ceremony. The cup, which is a massive and artistic creation nearly six feet in height, especially inscribed, occupied the bay window, draped about the base with the American flag. At one side was a large silver bound volume containing the names of the contributors of the dimes who had subscribed to the token through the instrumentality of the New York Journal. The presentation was made by Senator Dewey of New York.

### WHITESIDE CONTINUES.

Montana Ex-Senator Still Testifying in the Clark Case.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Ex-State Senator Whiteside of Montana continued his testimony before the senate committee on privileges and elections in the Clark case. He was cross examined by Mr. Faulkner. He identified two envelopes exhibited which he said had contained money given to him to hold for members of the legislature. They were marked by initials and otherwise, which Mr. Whiteside said had been placed on the envelope at the time the money was deposited in them.

### BLIXT STAYS IN.

Pardon Board Denies the Request for Clemency in His Case.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 10.—The state board of pardons has denied the application for a pardon made by Claus A. Blixt and James Terry, colored, who threatened to shoot the late Judge Seagrave Smith the day of his conviction. The most urgent case before the board was that of Albert Dunai, convicted of murder in the first degree in Jackson county, and sentenced to hang. The board was in session until nearly 6 o'clock, hearing pleas, and did not take any positive action on his case, but adjourned until Jan. 20.

### Striker Fatally Shot.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—Strikers made another attack on men employed at the intercepting sewer in Thirty-ninth street, near Wentworth avenue, and in the general fight that took place, one of the strikers, Roger O'Brien, was fatally shot. Over a dozen shots were fired. A number of the strikers were arrested.

## SATISFACTORY FINANCES.

### Speech From the Throne at the Opening of the Prussian Diet.

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—At the opening of the diet Prince Hohenlohe, the imperial chancellor, read the speech from the throne, wherein it was shown that the finances of Prussia are in a satisfactory condition. The year of 1898-99 closed with considerable surplus and the current year, the chancellor said, was expected to give favorable results. The estimates for 1900 maintained an equilibrium, the introduction of a bill for the construction of light railroads, the introduction of the Rhine-Elbe canal bill after the completion of the proposed waterway for large ships between Berlin and Stettin and other river improvements, and the intention of the government to make the port of Emden available for transoceanic steamers, with the object of rendering the Rhenish commerce independent of foreign ports. The speech concluded with promising the greatest possible attention to the interests of agriculture.

### LETTER FROM CLEVELAND.

Expresses His Opposition to Present Leaders of Democracy.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—The Tribune prints the following letter from ex-President Cleveland. It was received in response to a request for a sentiment appropriate to Jackson day:

"I am only able on account of illness to sit up occasionally for a short time and must forego a contribution to your supplement commemorative to the splendid career of Andrew Jackson. I wish it was to be published at a time when saner counsels prevailed in the party he did so much to strengthen and place upon firmer foundations.

"It seems to me that the inconsistency of unreasoning and false party leadership is impressively exhibited when the claim is made that Jacksonian Democracy sanctions the degradation of the people's currency and a reckless disregard of the restraints of law and order."

### STATE FAIR ANNUAL.

Minnesota Agricultural Society Discussing Timely Topics.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 10.—The annual meeting of the State Agricultural society began at the capitol at 10 a. m. After an invocation Governor Lind welcomed the members. Committees on credentials and resolutions were appointed, and Professor Hays delivered an address on plant breeding.

At the afternoon session O. M. Lord of Minnesota City discussed "Plant Breeding." Theo. Lewis of Louisville, Wis., read a paper on "Care and Breeding of Swine," and J. J. Hill spoke on "Enlarged Markets."

The evening session was under the auspices of the Minnesota Stock Breeders' association. The sessions continue three days and are largely attended.

### FIRE IN PULITZER'S HOUSE.

Residence of New York World Editor Guttered—At Least One Fatality.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Fire gutted the home of Joseph Pulitzer, proprietor of the New York World, at 10 and 12 East Fifty-fifth street. There were in the house at the time the fire started, Mrs. Pulitzer, her daughters Constance and Edith and son Herbert, 3 years old. Mrs. Pulitzer carried the boy out and she and other members of the family and servants found shelter near by. When the fire had been extinguished the bodies of two women were found badly burned. One is believed to be that of Miss Elizabeth Montgomery, the governess, and the other was identified as that of the housekeeper, Mrs. Jellett.

The house contained a valuable historical library and many carefully selected works of art. Nothing of value was saved. The total loss is estimated at \$300,000.

### BRYAN GUEST OF HONOR.

Jackson Day Appropriately Celebrated by the Democrats of Omaha.

OMAHA, Jan. 10.—Jackson day was appropriately celebrated in Omaha by the Jacksonian club. Three separate functions were down on the programme and each was a distinct and gratifying success. The first was a reception to Mr. Bryan and other visiting Democratic leaders and the second was a dinner to the same parties. At 9 p. m. occurred the annual banquet of the club in the parlors of the Paxton hotel. Covers were laid for 800 and there were no vacant places. An elaborate menu was served and it was near midnight before the speaking began. Toasts were responded to by Mr. Bryan, David Overmeyer of Kansas, J. W. Weaver of Nebraska, Congressman Carmack and others.

### NEW EVENING PAPER.

St. Paul Will Have One Backed by the Scripps-McRae League.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 10.—On Jan. 29 the first number of the St. Paul News will make its appearance. It will be an independent evening paper and will be managed by L. V. Ashbaugh, who will also be editor. Associated with him will be G. H. Scripps, T. W. Kellogg and B. D. Butler. The paper will have its own plant, but the location of the office is not yet decided. The paper will be backed by the Scripps-McRae league and will have the press service of that association.

### Objectionable to Thurston.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The senate has rejected the nomination of Richard S. Berlin as census supervisor for the second census district of Nebraska, embracing the city of Omaha. This action was taken because of the opposition of Senator Thurston, Omaha being his home city.

## KEEP ISLANDS

### Senator Beveridge Makes His Anticipated Speech on the Philippines

### Urging a Declaration of the Purpose of This Country in Plain Terms.

### Senator Hoar Makes Reply and Introduces a Resolution on the Subject.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Mr. Allen (Neb.) offered a resolution calling upon the secretary of war for information as to the name of transports, the persons from whom they were acquired, the prices paid and all other information relating to the transport service. It was adopted.

At the conclusion of the routine business, Mr. Beveridge (Ind.) was recognized for his speech on the Philippine question. The text of his address was a resolution which he offered a few days ago, which declares "that the Philippine islands are territory belonging to the United States; that it is the intention of the United States to retain them as such and to establish and maintain such governmental control throughout the archipelago as the situation may demand."

"It was a brilliant audience which greeted Mr. Beveridge when he began to speak. Each gallery was crowded. Forming a fringe about the chamber were many members of the house of representatives who had been attracted to hear the maiden effort in the senate of the young Indianian. Throughout the speech which was very long, Mr. Beveridge commanded the attention of his colleagues of the senate and of his auditors both on the floor of the chamber and in the galleries. He spoke rapidly with notably clear enunciation and at times with passionate force and dramatic fervor, in advocacy of the resolution.

### Hoar Makes a Reply.

Mr. Hoar followed Beveridge and addressed himself to the Indiana senator with great earnestness. It would be a base thing, he said, for this country to strike down the young republic in the Philippines.

Mr. Hoar said he could prove from Otis and Dewey that there was a Filipino government. Otis in all communications said that the people of the Philippines desired to establish their independence. Mr. Hoar said Aguinaldo was brought over and placed at the head of 30,000 people who desired independence and who were furnished arms by the United States government.

Senator Hoar also introduced a resolution calling upon the president to communicate to the senate, if not incompatible with public interests, all communications received by the administration from Aguinaldo or any other person undertaking to represent the people in arms against this country in the Philippines, and all replies to such communications.

Also all proclamations issued by this government and also by Aguinaldo or his representatives. An objection sent the resolution over for a day.

### Otis Took Extraordinary Liberty.

Mr. Hoar said that General Otis took the most extraordinary liberty ever taken by a military commander and suppressed President McKinley's proclamation and issued one of his own in its place.

Mr. Hoar dwelt on the promises which Otis made Jan. 1, 1899, when he guaranteed liberty and freedom to the people.

He said that a guarantee of the proclamation of General Otis of Jan. 1, 1899, would have stopped the war, but at the same time the Filipinos got the other proclamation which proclaimed the sovereignty of the United States over the islands, which said the Filipinos had been bought like a flock of sheep.

### SIAM IS FRIENDLY.

Offers to Donate Ground for United States Legation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The United States minister to Siam writes to the state department that the Siamese government has given another evidence of its friendliness to the United States by offering to present to this country part, or in whole, of the temple grounds on which the United States legation is located at Bangkok. The property is worth \$47,000. The gift, if accepted, involves an outlay of about \$2,000 for improving the premises. Secretary Hay has sent the correspondence to congress for favorable action.

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