

Bismarck Daily Tribune.

TWENTIETH YEAR.

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, MONDAY, JAN. 15, 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 Schell
States 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,
E. S. Pierce, E. S. Allen.
Insanity Board—E. Fort, Dr. W. A. Bentley,
E. S. Allen.
County Justices—Edgar Tibbals, 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 E. M. Egan
Justice F. F. Fort
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 City Jail F. H. Block
City Surveyor John Harold
Foundmaster Chas. White

PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND OFFICES.
School Board—Jos. Hare, Harvey Harris,
E. L. Michelson, Louis Larson, James
McDonald.
State Officials—Offices at Capitol
County Officials—offices at courthouse
except as heretofore otherwise indicated.
City Council—regular meetings first and
third Tuesdays of each month at city hall.
Chambers of W. H. Stark, president, district
judge, first National Bank Building.
Office of County Judge Webb Block
Office of States Attorney Webb Block
Office of Mayor F. H. Block
Office of City Treasurer First Nat. Bank
Office of City Clerk City Hall
Office of City Justice Webb Block
Office of County Justice Webb Block
Office of Supt. Schools First Nat. Bank Bk.
U. S. Land Office First Nat. Bank Bk.
U. S. Surveyor General Webb Block
U. S. court rooms Webb Block
U. S. Commissioner, J. R. Gage, First National
Bank Block.

Deputy U. S. Marshal E. G. Patterson
United States Weather Bureau, (and state
weather and crop service) B. H.
Henson, director, government reservation,
West Main street.
Postoffice, Agatha G. Patterson, postmas-
ter, Webb Block.
St. Alexis Hospital Main & Sixth Sts.
Acting Assistant U. S. Marine Hospital Sur-
geon, F. R. Smyth, First Nat. Bank Bk.
United States Board of Pension Examining
Surgeons—U. S. Stark, president; Mr.
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 mil-
itary post, Major E. Frickman, U. S. A.
Resident engineer, new military post, T. H.
Humphreys, Bismarck Bank Block.

TERMS OF DISTRICT COURT—SIXTH

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 Willamport, Em-
mons County, two terms, at such times as
the judge shall direct.
Fourth Subdivision—At Steele, Kidder
County, two terms, at such times as the
judge shall direct.
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, two terms, 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. 1-1:45 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, the 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 Bismarck at 10:35 p. m.; Fargo,
6:35 a. m.; Valley City, 7:50 a. m.; Jamestown,
8:55 a. m.; Tappen, 10:25 a. m.; Steele, 10:30
a. m.; McKenzie, 11:45 a. m.; Bismarck, 12:15 p. m.

EAST BOUND.

No. 2—Leaves Mandan, 11:25 a. m.; Bismarck,
12:10 a. m.; Bismarck, 12:35 a. m.; McKenzie,
11:45 a. m.; Steele, 12:35 p. m.; Steele, 1:45
a. m.; Dawson, 2:45 a. m.; Jamestown, 3:45
a. m.; Valley City, 4:45 a. m.; Fargo, 4:30
a. m.; St. Paul, 8 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, Sargents, 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.

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, Mannheim and up river
points, as per special announcement.

Omaha's Alleged Bribery Case.

OMAHA, Jan. 15.—Members Cowie,
Hess and Sears of the board of educa-
tion, arrested for accepting a bribe in
connection with contracts, have given
bond for appearance for trial on Jan. 24.
Member Irely has not yet been arrested.

STATED BY BRYAN

Position of the Democratic Leader on Expansion Again Set Forth.

Opposed Only to Features Which Make Subjects Rather Than Citizens.

If Neighbors Qualified For Citi- zenship Wish to Join Us It Is Well.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 15.—W. J. Bryan
passed through Kansas City for Colum-
bia, Mo., where he was to speak in the
afternoon. Asked about his Minneap-
olis interview, in which he was reported
as expressing views favorable to ex-
pansion, Mr. Bryan said:
"I have for one year been discussing
imperialism and I have tried to distin-
guish between such an extension of the
nation's limits as would not change the
character of the government, and an
expansion which converts a homogene-
ous republic into a heterogeneous em-
pire. When the annexation of any given
territory is under consideration, the
question is first, whether the people want
to come in, and second, whether the
people are capable of sharing in the
government and destiny of this nation.
I believe that all people are capable of
governing themselves, and that the Filip-
inos should be allowed to govern
themselves, but I do not think they are
sufficiently advanced to share with us
in the government of the nation. If the
Philippine islands are annexed the peo-
ple there must either citizens or sub-
jects. I am not willing to admit them
as citizens and do not believe that a re-
public can have subjects, therefore I
ask this nation to give them independ-
ence and then protect them from out-
side interference. Each proposed an-
nexation must be considered upon its
own merits, but in considering these
merits the conditions of the people
should have more weight than geo-
graphical position or commercial ad-
vantage."

WANT SECOND PLACE.

Southern Republicans Would Furnish McKinley's Running Mate.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 15.—A special to
The Journal from Washington says:
Prominent Southern Republicans are
trying to create sentiment in favor of a
Southern man for vice president with
McKinley. The way is open for a new
man since Root and Bliss have posi-
tively refused to permit the use of their
names. It is suggested that if South-
ern politicians will stand aside and per-
mit a soldier to come to the front that
the section may get second place on the
ticket. "Joe" Wheeler and Fitzhugh
Lee are especially spoken of. They are
Democrats, but enthusiastic expansion-
ists.

Scotfield for Second Place.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 15.—The Mad-
ison Journal, the official Republican or-
gan, prints a letter to the editor of The
Journal in which Governor Edward
Scotfield is proposed as a vice presiden-
tial candidate.

SENATE VERY CLOSE.

Republicans Claim Goebel Must Receive a Majority in Each House.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 15.—The Re-
publican leaders insist on their claim
that the contestants for state offices
must receive a majority in each branch
of the legislature, instead of a majority
in the aggregate as claimed by the
Democrats, and this is another of the
questions which may have to go to the
courts. If the Republican contention
is sustained it is admitted Goebel
would be in exceedingly close lines in
the senate with the chances against
him. The latest poll of that body by
the Republicans is that it contains at
least five anti-Goebel Democrats, and
Senator Hill (Dem.) is ill at home with
little prospect of getting here during
the session. With Hill and Goebel not
voting the Goebel senators under these
circumstances could not muster a ma-
jority.

Exchange Building for Winona.

WINONA, Minn., Jan. 15.—The lum-
ber and grain men of this city will soon
organize a corporation for the purpose
of erecting an office building to be
known as the Grain and Lumber Ex-
change. A lot centrally located was
purchased for \$6,250. Mr. Charles Hor-
ten is the head of the concern. The
building will be three stories, of brick
and will cost about \$50,000.

BRILLON, Wis., Jan. 15.—Well drillers

on the farm of William Wiechert,
at a depth of 145 feet, struck a gas vein
which hoisted their drilling machinery
out of the hole and has continued to
emit gas continually since.

Crispi's Son Goes to Prison.

ROME, Jan. 15.—Luigi Crispi, the son
of former Premier Crispi, has been
sentenced to three years' imprisonment
for the theft of the jewels of the Coun-
tess Celeri in April, 1898.

NICHOLAS TO MURAVIEFF.

Czar Highly Praises His Foreign Minis- ter for Recent Services.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 15.—The czar
has addressed a rescript to Count Mu-
ravieff, the minister of foreign affairs,
highly eulogistic of the eminent qual-
ities displayed by the minister in bring-
ing about a happy solution, in con-
formity with the czar's instructions, of
the disquieting political events arising
from the Cretan insurrection and the
Turko-Greek war, thus showing true
appreciation of the historic mission
which has fallen to the lot of Russia.
After remarking that the introduction
of an autonomous administration in
Crete ended the agitation which had so
long troubled the repose of the Turkish
East, while the maintenance of friendly
relations with all the powers showed
the fruitful influence of Russia's peace-
ful and continuous policy, the rescript
proceeded:

"Appointed guardian of the most im-
portant interest of the state you have
co-operated, while conforming exactly
with the indications I gave you, in the
realization of the traditional tendency
of Russia to obtain in the far East an
ice-free outlet to the sea. The agree-
ment arrived at with the government
of China, relative to the cession in
unfruct of the Kwang-Tung peninsula,
with Ports Arthur and Dalmay, while
testifying to the reciprocal friendship
and confidence which exists between
the two great neighboring empires, ful-
fills the evident necessities of Russia as
a maritime power and will create in the
Pacific a new centre for the commercial
and industrial enterprises of the entire
world. The negotiations subsequently
undertaken under my direction with the
British and Japanese governments led
to the conclusion of partial understand-
ings, which by removing any reasons
for misunderstandings in the political
domain, enable Russia to devote her
strength to the progressive develop-
ment of the prosperity of her possessions
in the far East.

"I feel particular satisfaction in re-
cording among the services you have
rendered the efforts and care you have
consecrated to the fulfillment of my
most inmost desire to assure to all peo-
ples the benefits of real and durable
peace. The results of the labors of
the conference at The Hague give me
steadfast hope that solid bases
have been established for the realization
of aims dear to my heart. All the powers
have recognized the possibility of generally
settling this question. I recall with real
pleasure your eminently useful labors
and devotion to the throne and I appreciate
the assistance you have rendered in in-
creasing the prestige of Russia by your
brilliant execution of my directions
and views, with the object of securing
a pacific settlement of the complex
problems of external policy.

"I regard it, therefore, as an agree-
able duty to express to you my cordial
gratitude and I remain ever your in-
variably well disposed and sincerely
grateful."
NICHOLAS.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

Usual Quietness in Demand at This Season Noted.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Bradstreet says:
Quietness as to demand, but marked
steadiness as to prices, is still the lead-
ing feature in trade lines, a condition,
it must be remarked, not uncommon at
this stage of the year, which is a sort
of middle ground between stock taking
and inventory time and the actual
opening of the spring season.

Aggressive strength in prices is con-
fined to a few staples, such as pork
products, tallow, cotton seed oil and
similar products. Raw and refined
sugars have both been advanced this
week and quite a flurry in coffee oc-
curred as a result of reports of the out-
break of the plague at Rio.

Havana Customs Receipts for December.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The war de-
partment has given out for publication
a statement of the receipts from cus-
toms at the port of Havana, Cuba, for
the month of December, 1899. The
total receipts for that month were
\$1,108,130. Attention is invited to the
fact that though there was only 24
working days in the month of Decem-
ber, the total collections exceeded those
in any other month of the past year.

Believe Bryan Is Misquoted.

OMAHA, Jan. 15.—The general im-
pression here is that William J. Bryan
is misquoted by the Utah correspond-
ent of The Commercial Bulletin on the
subject of free wool. If Mr. Bryan has
changed his views on the tariff no one
in Omaha can be found who knows it.

Thirty Cars Demolished.

WILMERING, Pa., Jan. 15.—A monster
freight wreck occurred on the Pennsylv-
ania road near here. Freight No. 808,
eastbound, with 75 cars, broke in two
and 80 cars were derailed and piled
high at the side of the track. Traffic is
blocked on all tracks.

Asks \$25,000 Damages.

MONTREAL, Jan. 15.—Mrs. O'Neill of
Chicago, who was arrested while en
route to England two months ago on a
charge of fraud and who was subse-
quently discharged by the Montreal
courts, has instructed her attorneys to
enter action against Marshall Field &
Co. of Chicago for \$25,000 damages for
alleged false arrest.

JUST A SKIRMISH

Boers and British Race For a Po- sition, Which the Latter Secure.

Account Via Brussels and Vienna About Severe Fighting at Ladysmith.

British Papers and Public Berat- ing War Office and Field Officers.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—An absolute veil
has been dropped over the occurrences
at the theatre of war, and the country
is in complete ignorance of what is hap-
pening. Further news of General Bul-
ler's movements are waited with eager
anxiety.

RENSBURG, Cape Colony, Jan. 15.—A
strong force of British troops advanced
during the morning under cover of a
brisk artillery fire and encamped at
Blingsfontein, on the Boers' eastern
flank. The Boer patrols retired, but
subsequently a body of Boers attempted
to seize the position, threatening com-
munication between the British en-
campment and Rensburg. The New
Zealanders, with a brilliant dash, frus-
trated the attempt. They raced and
seized the position first and fired volleys
at the enemy, who retired in the di-
rection of Colesburg.

VIENNA, Jan. 15.—The Neue Freie
Presse publishes a dispatch from Brus-
sels, saying news has been received
there from Pretoria to the effect that
the Boers have stormed all the heights
around Ladysmith and that the capitu-
lation of that place is hourly expected.
It is possible that the news received
in Vienna, by way of Brussels from
Pretoria, may refer to the fighting of
Saturday last, Jan. 6, when the Boers
captured the British trenches three
times and were thrice driven out at the
point of the bayonet, and the fact that
the Boers occupied one British position
all day long, only being driven out of
it at night.

FIERCE CRITICISM.

British Public Greatly Stirred Over the Conduct of the War.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The time has come
when the people of Great Britain no
longer keep silent regarding the mis-
management of the war. The flood-
gates of criticism have been opened,
and under the stream of adverse com-
ment pouring forth reputations are
wilted. The stern upbraiding of the
government by papers that almost for a
century have been conservative has
already been touched upon in these dis-
patches. Abuse of the war office has
always existed, and now it is only a
few degrees more bitter than it was before.
What chiefly marks the passing of the
British from a period of passive dis-
contentment to most severe fault-finding
is the outspoken abuse of their gen-
erals in the field.

Fierce Service Jealousies.

There are unpleasant stories of fierce
service jealousies. In short, all the
army's shortcomings, which have been
secretly whispered in clubs, are this
week finding their place in print, and
not in disreputable journals, but in or-
gans that a month ago would have
fiercely denounced such tales as unpari-
tarian whether they were true or other-
wise. It is now well known that Gen-
eral Buller despises Field Marshal Lord
Roberts and hates General Lord Kitch-
ener; that Lord Wolseley, the com-
mander-in-chief, shares General Bul-
ler's feelings, and that Wolseley is
scarcely on speaking terms with the
secretary of state for war, Lord Lans-
downe.

One paper, usually well informed on
service matters, declares it quite likely
that General Buller will throw up his
command and come home, and be a
thorn in the side of the government.
This is probably an exaggeration, but it
is admitted on all sides that he is likely
to make himself as disagreeable as pos-
sible to Lord Roberts.

Generals White, Clery, Gatacre and
French all come in for their share of
abuse, and there is evidence presented
that the service generals are divided
among themselves.

Kit of a London Volunteer.

What is being forced upon the war
office is that 100 colonials accustomed
to bushwhacking, cow-punching and
scouting are worth 1,000 English clerks
and farmers. To find instances of the
appalling impracticability distinguish-
ing the formation of Great Britain's ir-
regular corps, it is only necessary to
read the list of the kit being taken out
by the City of London volunteers. The
officers of this body carry to the plains
of South Africa, an air pillow, cork
mattress, canvass bucket, a tin box of
candles, a lantern, a filter and a host
of other impediments that an American
officer would burn before starting on a
ten miles march, while the men are
laden down with four pairs of pants,
four pair of shoes, three caps, pajamas,
two large Turkish towels, a filter,
a clothes brush, a writing portfolio and
other such articles. No wonder the
British forces are not mobile.

BULLER ADVANCING.

Brief Dispatch Interpreted to Mean He Has Started for Ladysmith.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—General Buller's
28 words announcing his forward move-
ment of Thursday is interpreted as
meaning that he has passed around the
western end of the Boer lines at Colenso
and is now several miles beyond them
and 17 miles from General White's out-
posts at Ladysmith. The Boers a few
days ago had forces with guns at
Springfield, whence Buller sent his dis-
patch. These commands have been
obviously dislodged either by fighting
or by maneuvers, the Boers retiring
across the Tugela as General Buller ad-
vanced.

From General Buller's dispatch,
coupled with the fact that official intel-
ligence from the seat of war has vir-
tually ceased since Monday, the deduc-
tion is drawn that important operations
are in progress, as he cannot move far
without going against the Boer en-
trenchments.

Disease Worse Than Bullets.

The death lists from enteric fever and
dysentery at Ladysmith, averaging
about 80 daily, are considered more se-
rious than the 420 casualties of Satur-
day's fighting, as they show the unsani-
tary condition of the beleaguered town.

A letter from Ladysmith dated Dec.
6 said that even then 90 men out of the
battalion of which the writer was a
member were sick with either dysen-
tery or enteric fever and according to a
dispatch to The Daily Chronicle dated
Jan. 8 the patients and attendants in
Tombige camp, where the hospital is,
then numbered 2,800.

Mr. Chamberlain has issued tele-
grams from Ceylon showing that the
legislative council of the colony has
voted to send 125 mounted men to
South Africa.

It is officially announced that the
Earl of Ava has died of his wounds.

Fifty the Principal Speaker.

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 15.—Memorial hall
was filled to the limit of standing room
with Boer sympathizers, who were ad-
dressed by former Congressman John
Fifty of Illinois. His speech, while
ardent, consoled the people to possess
themselves with patience and not to at-
tempt to offer such aid to the Transvaal
arms as would involve this country.

Thanks the Colonies Are Doing Wrong.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—According
to J. F. Archibald, editor and prop-
rietor of the Sydney Bulletin, who has
just arrived here from Australia, there
is a growing feeling in Australia that
the British colonies are making a serious
mistake in aiding England to wage
war against the Transvaal.

Will Ask For \$20,000,000.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The London Sun
reports that on reassembling of parlia-
ment, Jan. 30, the government will im-
mediately ask for a further war credit
of \$20,000,000.

THREE SCORE DEAD.

Believed Not a Soul Escaped From the Wreck Off St. Johns, N. F.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Jan. 15.—At least
60 people perished by the wreck of the
unknown steamer which went on the
rocks five miles off this point Thursday.
The ship is a 2-masted steamer of nearly
3,000 tons and probably carried a crew
of 60, with possibly some passengers.
Many dead bodies are visible tossing
in the surf. Two of them, thrown up
in a cove, cannot be reached owing to
the heavy sea. One is judged to be
that of a woman. Boats and other
wreckage are strewn among the rocks
for miles.

Residents along the shore made every
possible effort to rescue the survivor in
the rigging, but lacking proper outfit
they were unable to succeed. There is
not the slightest prospect that anyone
on board escaped death, as the intense
cold would kill anyone who escaped
drowning.

Possibly a Cable Ship.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Jan. 15.—The offi-
cials of the French Cable company are
apprehensive that the wrecked steamer
may be, their cable repairing boat,
Francois Arago, which carries a crew
of 120 men. She was known to be off
the Newfoundland coast, engaged in
cable work, and she has not been re-
ported for several days.

AT A COST OF MILLIONS.

Completed Portion of Siberian Rail- road Must Be Reconstructed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Before the
completion of the Siberian railroad it
has become necessary to reconstruct
the work already done and this will
cost not less than \$25,000,000. In the
haste of construction and the anxiety
to get everything cheap the road was
laid with a 12-pound rail instead of a
24-pound rail. The bridges were built
of wood and crossings were made flat
apart. Consequently more than 20
miles an hour cannot be made on the
level with safety. To add to the danger
there has been put on the lines the
heaviest engines in existence, the com-
pound system. The light rails, the
steep inclines and the high grading
combined make traveling risky. On
steep inclines, owing to the light rails,
the heavy engine cannot be held and
turning at a speed of 33 miles an hour
runs the rails out. Therefore it has
been concluded that the road must be
reconstructed on broader lines.

JUDICIAL REFORM

Secretary Root Will Make Sweep- ing Changes in the Cuban System.

To That End a Commission of American and Cuban Attorneys.

Who Will Investigate and Make Recommendations, Will Be Named.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Secretary
Root has taken steps to institute at
once reforms in the judicial system in
Cuba, the animating purpose being to
correct as soon as possible, the Cuban
prisons abuses which have already
been the subject of representations to
the war department. General Wood
has been giving this matter his atten-
tion, and his investigations into the
conditions of the prisons and the faults
of the Cuba judicial system generally,
have confirmed Secretary Root in his
purpose to apply corrective measures at
the earliest possible moment. To ac-
complish this purpose the secretary has
decided to appoint a commission com-
posed of three Americans and an equal
number of Cubans. This commission
will probably consist of Horatio Rubens,
E. L. Conant and Mr. Runcie for the
American side. These are all lawyers,
well versed in the Spanish code, as well
as thoroughly acquainted with Ameri-
can practice.

The Cuban contingent will probably
be selected by Governor Wood from
among the members of the Havana
bar. The commission will meet at the
earliest possible moment in Havana,
and begin at once a revision of the
criminal methods, following this up
later on with amendments of the civil
code, where necessary. It is not the
purpose to outrage local sentiment and
disturb well established practice, ex-
cept in instances where rank injustice
flourishes under it. But it cannot be
tolerated that persons charged with
the smallest of misdemeanors and little
larcenies should languish, as at present,
for a year in jail before having any
kind of a trial, and to such abuses as
this, as well as to the incommunicado
system, the committee will devote its
immediate attention.

Mr. Rubens has had a consultation
with Secretary Root and left Washing-
ton for New York. He expects to pro-
ceed to Havana, via Miami, next
Wednesday.

REMOVED BY WOOD.

Fiscal of the Cuban Supreme Court Loses His Position.

HAVANA, Jan. 15.—"Frederic Mora,
fiscal of the supreme court, is hereby
removed for the good of the public
service. This removal is the result of
investigation into the administration of
justice under his supervision."
The foregoing official order was
handed to Senator Mora by Governor
General Wood during the morning.
Senator Mora's fall has been predicted
ever since the first case was brought
against the customhouse officials and
the disgraceful condition of the pris-
ons, especially as affecting those wait-
ing trial, has been generally charged
against him. For some time it has
been said that Mora had been devoting
too much attention to political affairs
and too little to his duties.

General Wood's Investigation

has shown that the office of the su-
preme court fiscal is largely responsible
for a number of the untried cases, and
not only Mora, but a number of others
in the department of justice have been
persistently trying to block the cases
against customhouse officials whom
Collector Bliss is anxious to prove
guilty of wholesale bribery and corrup-
tion.

Every possible influence has been ex-
erted to protect the incriminated men
from receiving the punishment which
is their due. Mora's letter to the su-
preme court regarding the customhouse
fraud cases under trial, which has al-
ready been published, was a last straw.
His dismissal had been decided upon
some days before.

PULLMANS MUST PAY.

New York Inheritance Tax Decision Is Affirmed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The appellate
division of the supreme court handed
down a decision written by Judge