

THE WILLISTON LAND OFFICE IS AS GOOD AS ASSURED

U. C. T. PLAN TO DRAFT BILL

Important Meeting Held Sunday Names Successor to J. A. McPherson—Territory is Outlined.

St. Paul, Jan. 22.—Direct action toward the advancement of hotel legislation in Minnesota, North and South Dakota will be provided by a grand executive committee of the United Commercial Travelers at a meeting held here yesterday. The meeting was held to name the Dakota jurisdiction, covering Minnesota, the two Dakotas and Montana. A committee was appointed to draft a bill to be presented at the next legislatures of Minnesota and the Dakota states.

STATEMENT MADE BY TAFT

Secretary's Report to Senate Calls Commissioners and Calls for Less Scope of Inquiry.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Secretary Taft today sent to the senate a statement in response to the resolution calling upon him for information as to whether the army and navy officers in the Philippines or members of the Philippine commission owned land on December 1st last or since then whose value would be affected by the new railroads proposed for the islands. Collateral information was sought also by the resolution. Secretary Taft in response gives the entire commission, whose statements are appended, a clean bill of health. Three Filipino commissioners were appointed to the commission. They have not acquired land since their holding office, however.

IMPORTING ITALIANS.

Over 800 Laborers Expected to Arrive in New Orleans. New Orleans, La., Jan. 22.—With the arrival of the Italian Royal Mail liner Vincenzo Florio, which is due here tomorrow from Palermo with 800 Italian immigrants, there shall have been taken the initial step toward increasing immigration to the United States through this port. The steamship company will maintain a bi-monthly service and it is estimated it will bring to New Orleans about 6,000 Italian immigrants annually. The bulk of them will be distributed throughout this section and among the sugar plantations and cotton fields, where the demand for labor is daily becoming greater and more imperative.

NEW LINE OPENS.

Extension of Big Four at Danville Ready For Business. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 22.—Passenger and freight service on the new Indiana Harbor extension of the Big Four railroad was inaugurated today. This road, which connects the Big Four at Danville with Chicago, has been built in record time and is, of course, a Vanderbilt property. The opening of the road affords the Vanderbilts a direct entrance into Chicago from the coal fields of southern Illinois and brings them in active competition with the Eastern Illinois for the coal business.

Mississippi, Jan. 22.—Coroner Kistler began taking the testimony of witnesses in connection with the death of eleven persons in the West hotel fire. A large number of witnesses were present.



BUST OF THOMAS PAINE. (Memorial of Famous Patriot Which Has Finally Found a Resting Place.)

Rio Janeiro Jan. 22.—The Brazilian turret ship Aquidaban has been sunk at Port Jacarepagua as the result of an explosion. It is reported that three hundred of the crew perished and that only one officer was saved.

FIRE IN EAST

\$100,000 Blaze in Baltimore This Morning Wrecks Chrome Works.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 22.—Fire was discovered shortly after midnight in the plant of the Baltimore Chrome works, and before it was controlled about a third of the main building of the extensive plant had been destroyed. The blaze originated in the building in which the engine room is located, but the exact cause is unknown. The milling section of the works suffered severely, but in the absence of the officials of the company it is impossible to say to what extent the machinery is damaged. The earlier indications were that much stock ready for shipment had been destroyed, but whatever damage of this sort suffered was probably by water. The works cover about two and a half acres and are said to be the only ones of the sort in the United States. The best estimate of the loss obtainable places it at \$100,000.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS

IN NEW YORK HARBOR. New York, Jan. 22.—Arrived: Steamers Brooklyn, Genoa, Naples of Azores; Umbria, Liverpool and Queenstown; La Bretagne, Havre (off Nantucket, will speak this morning); Caledonia, Glasgow and Moville (off Nantucket, will dock this morning).

THE GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO

H. J. Hagerman Sworn in at Santa Fe Today—Ball and Reception.

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 22.—Herbert J. Hagerman is Governor of New Mexico and M. A. Otero is a private citizen. Chief Justice William J. Mills administered the oath to Mr. Hagerman early this afternoon in the supreme court chamber of the capitol in the presence of a large crowd of enthusiastic and admiring citizens. Leading men in the political and business and professional circles of the territory formed a large part of the vast audience that filled the chamber. The appearance of the retiring governor and his successor was the occasion of a great outburst of applause. Governor Otero introduced his successor and Mr. Hagerman, after taking the oath, delivered a brief inaugural address. Elaborate arrangements have been concluded for the inaugural reception and ball at the Palace hotel tonight.

Herbert J. Hagerman, the new Governor of New Mexico, is a native of Milwaukee, where he was born on December 15, 1871. His father, J. J. Hagerman, was at that time president of the Milwaukee Iron company. In 1881 Mr. Hagerman accompanied his father to Europe. Upon their return they took up their residence at Colorado Springs, Colo. In 1890 Mr. Hagerman matriculated at Cornell university, and graduated in 1894, being admitted to the bar of Colorado in 1896. Two years later he went to Russia as second secretary of the United States embassy, being appointed by the late President McKinley. He resigned in 1901 and upon his departure from St. Petersburg he was decorated with the order of St. Anne by the emperor of Russia. Immediately upon his return Mr. Hagerman took up his residence at Roswell, N. M., to co-operate with his father in the management of a large ranch and cattle company and other interests, including the largest apple orchard in the south west. He was an alternate from New Mexico to the Republican national convention in 1904, and was a very energetic member of the New Mexico board of managers of the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

WHO'S APPOINTMENT

PLEASES THE JAPANESE. Tokyo, Jan. 22.—The news of the appointment of Luke R. Wright, governor general of the Philippines, to be the first American ambassador to Japan, has been received here with general satisfaction.

Favorable Report on The Bill Expected Which Creates Additional Office in North Dakota.

Fargo Office to be Increased by Five Additional Townships From Bismark District.

By Edgar C. Snyder.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—It is expected that the general land office will report in favor of the bill for the creation of an additional land office in North Dakota. The new district will comprise all that portion of North Dakota lying north of the twelfth standard parallel and west of the range line between ranges 92 and 93, and the land office will be located at Williston.

There seems to be positive necessity for the creation of this district, in order to accommodate settlers not only in Williams county, but those who have taken up public lands in McKenzie county south of the Missouri river. At the present time these settlers are required to travel a great distance to the crossing of the Missouri river at Williston and thence one hundred and twenty miles by rail to Minot to transact their land business. In recent years it has been the policy of the department to have final proofs made before the land officers instead of the court commissioners and county officers, and the creation of a new district would be a great accommodation to that portion of the county in the western part of the state which is being rapidly populated.

It is probable also that the Fargo land district will be increased by adding to it five congressional townships from the western portion of the Bismark land district. The department has recently had a special agent go over the ground, and he makes a favorable report to this end. At one time, it was proposed to abandon the Fargo district and set over to the Bismark office the business of the old district, but it has been found that there are some twelve or fifteen thousand acres in the Fargo district which is still open to settlement. This land is located principally in Dickey county and if the Fargo district is abandoned, the prospective settlers there would be obliged to go to Bismark with their land business, which would be very inconvenient. When the Grand Forks land office was abandoned and the business of the old district was transferred to Devils Lake, there was not a single acre of public domain in the district, and the business of the office was almost nil.

The creation of a new land office at Williston will be a great relief to the office force at Minot, which for the past two or three years has been simply overburdened with business and absolutely unable to keep up with the great number of filings that are now made in that district. Something like six thousand entries have been made at Minot since the first of July last, and last year nearly five hundred thousand dollars were paid in by the Minot district to the reclamation fund. The determination of the department to develop three irrigation projects along the Missouri river near Williston will result in the expenditure of some portion of this money in the state.

The North Dakota congressional delegation here has not up to the present time had any word from the officers of the new drainage association, organized at Grand Forks recently, with respect to the purposes of that association. The Evening Times brought very full reports of the proceedings, but no memorials have been received. It is presumed that the delegation is awaiting some word from the drainage association before formulating a plan of action here.

MEETINGS ARE QUIET.

No Serious Demonstrations of Socialists at Bertha.

Bertha, Jan. 22.—The socialist meetings held here today passed off with complete quiet. The halls, which were filled to overflowing, were closed by the police half an hour before the speaking commenced. Strong resolutions of sympathy with the Russian revolutionists were passed and the protests against the present triplicate suffrage system in Prussia were adopted. The police had taken extraordinary precautions to prevent breaches of the peace. Extra forces of policemen occupied rooms adjacent to the halls where meetings were held and were in readiness to act on a moment's notice. They had also prohibited access to the galleries of the halls for the reason that in case of an outbreak it would be difficult to disperse the rioters, who would have the advantage of firing on the police from above. The speakers urged the crowds to retire from the halls in an orderly manner and to go quietly to their homes. There was no attempt made at street demonstrations.

PROBLEMS OF SOUTH.

Joseph Choate to Preside at Meeting to be Held in New York.

New York, Jan. 22.—Joseph H. Choate, Mark Train, Robert C. Ogden and Booker T. Washington are to speak from the same platform in Carnegie Hall tonight at what promises to be a most notable meeting for the discussion of Southern problems. The meeting has been arranged by the Armstrong Association. Mr. Choate will preside. Mr. Clemens, whose early life was spent on the lower Mississippi, will speak as a Southerner, and Booker Washington, principal of the Tuskegee institute, and Robert C. Ogden, who is chairman of the general board through which Mr. Rockefeller has just established his fund for general education, will discuss the significance of industrial education and the importance of the work that industrial schools are doing for the solution of its race problem.

CHICAGO SNOW BOUND

Chicago, Jan. 22.—A severe storm of alternating rain, sleet and snow which commenced just before midnight last night has caused one of the worst tie-ups this city has known in many years. This morning but few telegraph wires were working out of the city in any direction, there being no communication whatever with the east. The only direction in which the telegraph service was at all adequate was in the direction of Milwaukee. Inside the city telephone communication was badly crippled and electric lines of street cars were almost out of commission, it sometimes requiring an hour to move a car a distance of one square. The elevated roads were still greater sufferers. Many passengers on the Aurora line and the Chicago Electric line were compelled to remain all night in the depots, when the road ceased operations on account of the storm. Large commissions and brokerage houses, which ordinarily use from twenty to thirty wires leading to all parts of the country, were unable this morning to send a message in any direction and were without advice regard-

AUTOISTS RACING TODAY

Drivers From All Over the World Are Competitors for Exciting Records to be Made Today.

Daytona, Fla., Jan. 22.—The "honk, honk" and "foot, foot" of a myriad of automobiles, including all kinds and sizes and numbers, echoed over the beach course here today. It was the opening day of the world-renowned, record-breaking Ormond - Daytona meet. From every part of America and from England, France, Italy, Germany and other countries the automobile manufacturers, drivers and devotees have gathered in hundreds to witness what promises to be the greatest series of races for motor-driven vehicles ever pulled off in this country. Nearly all the foreign drivers who competed in the Vanderbilt cup race on Long Island last fall are here to take part in the great straightaway competition. Arranged against the foreign invaders is the pick of American field, headed by A. C. Vanderbilt, Walter Christie, C. G. Fisher and many others. In view of the large number and variety of the cars entered and the experience of the drivers it is predicted that several records will go by the board before the last

of the eighteen events on the program has been run off.

TRIBUTE TO DEAD.

Remains of Prefontaine Reach Halifax Greeted by Citizens.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 22.—Business in this vicinity was practically suspended today and the mass of the inhabitants gathered to pay a last tribute of respect to the remains of the Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, late Minister of Marine and Fisheries, who died a few weeks ago in Paris. The remains were brought ashore from the British battleship Dominion aboard which they had been conveyed from Cherbourg. Half-masted flags and other emblems of mourning were displayed on all sides ashore. During the landing, minute guns were fired by the Dominion. Only a few cabinet ministers were able to be present. They included Messrs. Fielding, Patterson and Strider. The body was escorted to the special international express, which was in waiting to convey it to Montreal, by a guard of honor of the Royal Canadian Regiment and detachment of marines and bluejackets from the warships. To Be in State. Montreal, Que., Jan. 22.—Arrangements have been concluded here for the funeral of the late Hon. Raymond Prefontaine. It is planned to have the remains lie in state at the City Hall, which edifice has been draped in mourning in honor of the deceased. The funeral, which will be conducted in part by civic and part by government authorities, will take place from the City Hall. An imposing funeral service will be held at Notre Dame church and will be attended by the entire city council and representatives of the provincial governments.

EARTHQUAKE FELT IN STATE OF BERMUDEZ

Caracas, Friday, Jan. 19, via Trinidad, Jan. 22.—An earthquake shock was felt yesterday afternoon at Cumana, in the state of Bermudez. There was no damage.



CHARLES E. TOWNSEND. (Congressman Who Helped Frame New Railroad Rate Bill.)

GUAYAQUIL SURRENDER.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The state department has received a brief cablegram from Guayaquil Ecuador, announcing the surrender of Guayaquil and saying that the situation is quiet. The cablegram contains no further details.

A COLD WAVE

Summer Weather in Mississippi Valley While the Northwest Suffers.

St. Paul, Jan. 22.—The lowest temperature today in St. Paul was 9 degrees below zero, according to the local weather bureau, a drop of twelve degrees since yesterday and thirty-four degrees since Saturday. The coldest weather yesterday was at Prince Albert, Canada, where the mercury ranged from eighteen to twenty degrees below zero. Appearances indicate that the crest of the cold wave will reach St. Paul tonight when it is due to warm up some. The entire east from the Mississippi valley is basking in almost summer atmosphere, and heavy rain is falling in the Mississippi valley as far north as Grand Haven, Mich. Temperatures from 64 at Pittsburg to 60 at Buffalo and higher farther east are the rule. The extreme cold in the northwest and warm temperatures farther south have worked havoc with the telegraph wires. No communication had been established between Chicago and other eastern points and the St. Paul office of the Associated Press up to 10:30 this morning owing to broken wires incident to the climatic changes. The cold wave is gradually moving eastward and according to the weather office unusual conditions will prevail there before long.

CELEBRATION FOR RED SUNDAY

Memory of Killed in St. Petersburg Massacre Observed in U. S. and Abroad.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 22.—Extraordinary precautions were taken by the authorities to prevent disorderly or riotous demonstrations today on the occasion of the first anniversary of the killing of the strikers last year when they attempted to present a petition to the czar. All the factories, mills and other industrial enterprises remained closed throughout the day. Large bodies of troops were held in readiness and no crowd was permitted to congregate on the thoroughfares. Socialists Congregate. London, Jan. 22.—A monster socialist demonstration was held in London today in commemoration of the massacre of St. Petersburg. In Paris, Brussels, Berlin and other chief centers of Europe similar demonstrations were held. Parade in New York. New York, Jan. 22.—A monster parade of Hebrews marched through the streets of the East Side today in honor of the memory of those killed during the riots in St. Petersburg a year ago. It is estimated that the paraders numbered 50,000. Conspicuous among them were a large number of refugees who had escaped the Russian massacres. Red Flags in Boston. Boston, Mass., Jan. 22.—It is announced that red flags will be carried in the street parade of the Russian societies of Boston tonight preceding a public meeting in Faneuil Hall in commemoration of "Bloody Sunday." There appears to be no law on the statute books prohibiting the carrying of the red flags and it is not probable that the police will interfere unless the revolutionary emblem provokes disorder. At the Faneuil Hall meeting speeches will be made in each of the different tongues spoken in the Russian empire.

GOLF ON THE COAST.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 22.—The links of the San Francisco Golf and Country club at Ingleside presented a gay and animated appearance today on the opening of the championship tournament of the California Women Golfers association. It is the first regular tournament of the new association and judging from the entry list and the auspicious opening the affair will be one of the most successful of its kind ever pulled off on the coast.

AERONAUTS TERRIBLE FALL

Car Plunges Three Hundred Feet But Its Occupant Escapes Death—A Miraculous Escape.

Ormond, Fla., Jan. 22.—Charles Hamilton, an aviator, dropped 300 feet with his airplane yesterday and escaped fatal injury by the narrowest of margins. He struck a chair, which was pitched forward upon the air track. He struck heavily and lost consciousness. Later it was found no bones were broken. Although Hamilton was in the air not more than three minutes, his flight was regarded as a good deal of a success. The cause of the accident was the failure of the power of the six-horse power touring car which was used to tow the plane. The combined weight of the aeroplane and 800 feet of rope was sufficient to cause the car to leave the track. Hamilton, by mistake, dropped the chair, which was to have been the signal to the tow driver to stop. The aeroplane then tumbled downward.

EPISCOPAL CHURCHMEN MEET

Important Conference of Bishops Discuss Status of the Church at Indianapolis, Ind., Today.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 22.—The intellect and the power of the Episcopal church in this middle west are concentrated in Indianapolis today. The occasion is an important conference of the bishops of the church in the fifth district, which comprises the states of Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana. "What the Episcopal Church Stands For," is the general subject of discussion at the conference, which has to do with progressive work in this part of the country. This forward movement has been determined at the last general convention held in Boston. Prominent among the bishops taking part are Vincent of Ohio, Leonard of southern Ohio, Gillespie of western Michigan, Williams of Marquette, Grafton of Fond du Lac, Nicholson of Michigan City, Francis of Indianapolis, Anderson of Chicago, Seymour of Springfield, Fawcett of Quincy, and coadjutor-bishops-elect Williams of Milwaukee, Webb of Milwaukee, and McCormick of Grand Rapids. The general topic for discussion at the conference which will be held at the residence of Bishop Joseph Marshall Francis, will be "What the Episcopal Church Stands For." Those who will be present are: Vincent of the diocese of Ohio, Leonard of southern Ohio, Gillespie of eastern Michigan, Williams of Marquette, Grafton of Fond du Lac, Nicholson of Milwaukee, Francis of Indianapolis, White of Michigan City, Anderson of Chicago, Seymour of Springfield, Fawcett of Quincy, Coadjutor Bishop Weiler of Fond du Lac, Osborne of Springfield, Coadjutor Bishops-elect Dean Williams of Trinity cathedral, Cleveland, elected for Michigan; Rev. Dr. Webb of Nashotah, elected for Milwaukee; Rev. Dr. McCormick, elected for Grand Rapids.

FIFTY YEARS WED.

Sir James and Lady Grant of Ottawa, Are Congratulated. Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 22.—Sir James and Lady Grant, who were married in this city fifty years ago, were honored with congratulations today on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. Sir James, although in his twenty-fifth year, is still hale and hearty, and Lady Grant, who was the daughter of Edward Mallock, M. P., and Carleton county for 25 years, enjoys equally good health.

MARKSMEN GATHER FOR

SUNNY SOUTH HANDICAP. Brenham, Texas, Jan. 22.—Leading amateur and professional marksmen from many parts of the country are gathered here for the fifth annual Sunny South handicap. The tournament lasts six days and the prize provided for 11 events which total several thousand dollars in purses and trophies will be distributed among the winners of the various events. The winners of the Sunny South Handicap are: Chicago, Jan. 22.—North Dakota and Wisconsin papers will be published Tuesday; continued on p. 2.