

## GEO. B. THATCHER APPOINTED ATTORNEY GENERAL BY LIEUT. GOV. ROSS LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Attorney George B. Thatcher of Tonopah was appointed to the office of attorney general late yesterday afternoon by Lieutenant and Acting Governor Ross. The appointment was made to fill the vacancy caused by the death Thursday of Cleveland H. Baker. News of the appointment was received by the Bonanza after this paper had gone to press Friday.

Quite a stir has been caused by the appointment as Ross was hurried from Reno to Carson to act in the matter before Governor Oddie could return to the state from Virginia where he has been attending the governors' conference. Oddie is now en route to Nevada and is expected to arrive in Reno tomorrow.

Thatcher left Tonopah yesterday morning and when the appointment was made he was at Fort Churchill. He arrived at Carson shortly after 6 o'clock and immediately hastened to the chambers of Supreme Justice George F. Talbot, who administered the oath of office. Ross made the appointment about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, after the telegraph wires had been kept busy throughout the day. Democratic politicians throughout the state joined in urging Ross to appoint Thatcher, for if the matter was left to Governor Oddie a republican would have been named and such action would have changed the personnel of a number of important state boards. When approached late

Thursday afternoon, Thatcher stated to several local democrats he would accept the position if it was proffered him and then the wires got busy. He left yesterday morning for Carson to consult with Ross, and in the meantime his friends were exceedingly busy. That the efforts of Thatcher's supporters were successful was evidenced by the appointment.

Two years ago Thatcher was a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of attorney general and was defeated by Baker. Since that time has been one of Baker's warmest supporters and this, aided by the fact that he has always been prominently identified with democratic politics in Nevada, won for him the appointment. He has been practicing law in Nevada for the last six years and at the present time is a member of the legal firm of Bartlett and Thatcher, the other member being former Congressman George A. Bartlett, who maintains offices in Reno. Thatcher was one of the democratic presidential electors at the last election. He is a lawyer of no mean ability and thoroughly qualified to fill the office with distinction and with honor.

The new attorney general is expected to return to Tonopah shortly to look after his business affairs before he goes to Carson to take up his new official duties, which will require his residence steadily at the state capital.

## MANY LETTERS JOHN J. McNAMARA READ IN COURT

INFORMATION SOUGHT ABOUT  
BUILDINGS THAT WERE DY-  
NAMITED LATER

(By Associated Press)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 7.—Many letters written by John J. McNamara to William Redding, the Milwaukee local business agent of the Iron Workers' union, were read by the government at the dynamite conspiracy trial today. Redding testified McNamara wrote him about jobs to be done in Milwaukee against firms that the unions had declared strikes. He gave information not knowing that it was to be used in connection with explosions.

## FRANCE IS ON EVE OF ELECTING NEW PRESIDENT

MEMBERS OF SENATE AND  
CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES TO  
SELECT OFFICIAL

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, Dec. 7.—It is the eve of a presidential election in France, and yet one seldom hears the fact mentioned unless he frequents the lobbies of the senate and the chamber of deputies. Even in the halls of legislation there is nothing like the intense interest to be found in every hamlet of the United States preceding the choice of a chief magistrate.

This is due largely to the fact that president is chosen not by popular vote, but by the national assembly, and that his powers, though large, are by no means so great as those of the president of the United States, while his influence on legislation and on public opinion generally is much less.

There is no campaign in the American sense, no primaries, no platforms and no popular discussions. The wish of the people so far as it finds occasional expression is that the president shall be a safe man, without daring ambition or a liking for the dramatic and adventurous. France treats its president fairly well. His residence in Paris is the Elysee palace and in the country the beautiful chateau of Rambouillet. He receives a salary of \$120,000 a year, and in addition an equal sum is allowed him for expenses of entertaining. He assumes office a month after his election.

The members of the senate and of the chamber of deputies, meeting together as the national assembly at Versailles on January 17, will choose a successor to President Fallieres. The foremost candidate is Paul Deschanel, president of the chamber and one of its bright lights for 28 years. He is 55 years of age, and his family has great wealth. In a sense, the leader of each parliamentary group is a candidate, though neither party lines nor combinations or factions determine the choice. A notable candidate from the senate is Alexandre Ribot, three times premier and a man held in high esteem. His wife was Miss Mary Burch of Chicago, and she has assisted him much in his public career. M. Ribot is nearly 71. Other candidates are the president of the senate, M. Dubost, Leon Bourgeois, M. Delcasse, Premier Poincare and Paul Doumer. The latter's program is to save France from materialism and commercialism.

M. Fallieres, in preparing for his retirement, has engaged an apartment near the American embassy. He will devote his time between Paris and his little vineyard Loupillon in southern France, where he produces 600 casks of wine yearly.

Jean Alcard, the academician, supplies as a result of his researches a definite explanation of the fact that the celebrated Venus of Milo has no arms. Some have supposed that the goddess lacked arms because the sculptor, 20 centuries ago, feared to complete his work, thinking that his inspiration would not last long enough to enable him to make arms sufficiently beautiful to match the rest. Others have suggested that she held a lance in her hand as "Venus Victorious," or repelled a lover, who form-

## IRISH LEADER IS INTERRUPTED SUFFRAGETTES

ADDRESS AT HOME RULE DEM-  
ONSTRATION PREVENTED  
BY DISTURBERS

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Dec. 7.—John Redmond, leader of the Irish nationalist party, was interrupted today by suffragettes and was unable to make an address at a home rule demonstration in northeast London. Women and men disturbers at the meeting were forcibly ejected after a series of rough and tumble fights. Redmond said he was sorry to see the women's cause turned into a comic interlude.

## REORGANIZATION OF REPUBLICANS IS DISCUSSED

GOVERNOR HADLEY HOLDS CON-  
FERENCE WITH LEADERS OF  
THE SENATE

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Governor Hadley of Missouri conferred today with Senators Borah, Kenyon and La Follette on plans for the reorganization of the republican party. It is stated that practically all the republican governors at the Richmond conference discussed informally the reorganization of their party.

TESTIMONY IS TAKEN  
AT ARCHBOLD HEARING

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The alleged connection of Judge Archbold of the commerce court, with the attempted sale of a refuse coal dump near Scranton, Pa., was the subject of the testimony at the impeachment trial of the jurist today, who is accused of using his official position to further private business interests.

CALIFORNIA SOLONS  
HOLDING CONFERENCE

(By Associated Press)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—Democratic members-elect to the state legislature met here this afternoon to discuss the preparation of bills to fulfill all platform pledges.

ed originally part of a group with her.

But M. Anard declares that Venus had arms as lovely as her body. With her right hand she held up her draperies; in her left was an apple. Venus was discovered in 1820 by a peasant who was digging his field in the island of Milo. She was in a sort of crypt or grotto. Vaguely realizing the value of the marble, the peasant carried away the top part to his cottage. There it was seen later by a French naval ensign. The white marble, pure as a lily, stood out in all its exquisite perfection from the foul-smelling, smoky hovel, barely lighted by a tiny window.

Informed of the pure beauty of the statue, the Marquis de Riviere, the French ambassador at Constantinople, sent his first secretary to obtain it. The envoy arrived barely in time. The priceless marble had been dragged along by a party of Greek and Turkish sailors to an Ottoman brig. The French diplomat landed men from the schooner in which he had arrived, and captured the treasure after a fight. But it was roughly handled by the sailors in getting it on board, and the arms were broken. Portions lay upon the beach of Milo and were never recovered. This is why Venus is armless in her solemn resting place in the Louvre.

This version of the facts of France's possession of the celebrated statue has never before been made public, owing to a fear of diplomatic complications. When the French secretary arrived at Milo, the lower part of the figure was already on board the Ottoman brig, and it required threats and a gift of money to obtain its transfer to the schooner. A month later the complete goddess (save the arms) was carried ashore at Marseilles en route for Paris.

## NAVAL BATTLE BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH SHIPS EXPECTED

(By Associated Press)

SEDEL BAHR, Dardanelles, Dec. 7. The Greek squadron of six warships was sighted off the entrance to the straits this afternoon. A number of Turkish warships are concentrated in the Dardanelles and the straits are believed to be strewn with mines. The Greek navy has apparently accepted the challenge of the Turks and a naval battle is expected.

Cholera Causing Many Deaths  
CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 7.—Cholera is causing great havoc in the native quarter of the Turkish capital. Over a thousand cases have occurred within the past 20 days, with

half of them fatal.

Peace Envoys Meet Friday  
LONDON, Dec. 7.—The British government has placed the historic St. James palace at the disposal of the peace plenipotentiaries representing the Balkan states and Turkey for the purpose of holding conferences.

The diplomatic meet will be on next Friday and hope prevails that the outcome of the negotiations will be the settlement of the Balkan question. It is uncertain whether Greece will be represented. It is reported they will enter into separate negotiations with Turkey.

## FUNERAL OF CLEVE BAKER IS HELD TODAY IN OAKLAND, CAL.

(By Associated Press)

OAKLAND, Dec. 7.—The funeral of Cleveland H. Baker, late attorney general of Nevada, was held this afternoon from the residence of his father-in-law, United States Senator Perkins of California. Among the pall bearers were Lieutenant Governor Ross of Nevada, Senator-elect Key Pittman, Chief Justice James G. Sweeney and Eugene Howell, state

bank examiner. The remains were cremated.

A large crowd attended the services, which were held in the parlor of the Perkins home. Hundreds of messages of condolence have been received by the widow, who is almost prostrated. The cremation of the remains was in accordance with an often expressed wish of Baker.

## WILL DISCUSS REORGANIZATION OF RAILROADS

CHIEF COUNSEL OF SOUTHERN  
PACIFIC DEPARTS FOR  
THE EAST

(By Associated Press)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—William F. Herrin, chief counsel for the Southern Pacific went east today to discuss with the Harriman executives the reorganization of the Union and Southern Pacific, made necessary by the supreme court decision.

Herrin has resigned from the executive board of the Associated Oil company and is succeeded by Frank Drum. The resignation of W. S. Porter, vice president and general manager of the Associated Oil, is also announced. Ill health is assigned as the cause.

## AMERICAN SHIP IS FIRED UPON BY MEXICAN REBELS

ENGINEER OF VESSEL IS SERI-  
OUSLY WOUNDED ACCORD-  
ING TO LETTER

(By Associated Press)  
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—A letter from a wireless operator on the Pacific Mail steamer San Juan says that vessel was fired on by a party supposed to be Mexican revolutionaries, while at anchor off Acapulco recently. The engineer was seriously wounded.

STATE PRINTS WILL  
MEET MONDAY AT RENO

At the meeting of the Nevada Press association, which is to be held Monday at Reno, the gathering will be called to order by Phil S. Triplett, vice president of the association, owing to the inability of President W. W. Booth to attend. The stress of business affairs is responsible for keeping Booth at home.

COURTS ADJOURN DURING  
FUNERAL OF CLEVE BAKER

Adjournment was taken in the district court today by Presiding Judge Coleman out of respect of the memory of Cleve H. Baker, whose funeral was held this afternoon at Berkeley, Cal. Similar action was taken in every district court in the state while at the capital all offices remained closed throughout the afternoon.

## WORKERS IN NAVY YARDS UNDER CIVIL SERVICE

SKILLED MECHANICS GIVEN PRO-  
TECTION BY NEW PRESI-  
DENTIAL ORDER

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—More than 20,000 skilled workers in the navy yards of the United States were placed under the protection of the civil service by an executive order of President Taft, which was issued with the approval of the civil service commission and in accordance with an opinion from the attorney general.

FOUR TONS OF BULLION  
SHIPPED BY THE BELMONT

Shipping silver bullion by the ton is a habit recently acquired by the Belmont company and in conformance with this habit the company sent out a four-ton consignment this morning. The shipment was composed of 74 huge bars, weighing 129,066 ounces, or reduced to pounds, four tons and 865 pounds. The shipment, which was consigned to the Selby company and handled by Wells-Fargo, was valued at \$103,250.

LAWYER LOSES LIFE  
AFTER RESCUES FAMILY

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Melville E. Mendell, a lawyer, after rescuing his wife and son from a burning house early this morning, lost his life in an attempt to save his 11-year-old daughter, who also perished.

BANKERS TO BUILD  
HOUSES FOR POOR

(By Associated Press)  
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—A corporation capitalized at half a million and managed by leading bankers and charity workers was organized here today to build concrete houses for the poor and remove the shacks dotting a part of the city.

GEORGE GRAHAM RICE  
ON NEW YORK PAPER

George Graham Rice, the stock promoter who ran afoul of the federal government and received a sentence of a year in the New York penitentiary, is now writing articles for the New York Morning Telegraph. Rice is handing out dope on mines and mining and his advice to investors is along the lines of the same stuff he dished out before he was sent to prison. Several copies of the Telegraph have been received in Tonopah and the articles of Rice have caused considerable comment.

## SILVER REACHES HIGHEST MARK IN RECENT YEARS

PRICE OF WHITE METAL IS  
QUOTED TODAY IN NEW  
YORK AT 64 1/2

Silver today reached the highest price in years, the quotation being 64 1/2 cents per ounce, the price having advanced 1/2 of a cent since Thursday. During the last two months the price has reached the 64 1/2 mark and on each occasion after attaining that height it would recede. From present indications it would appear that the quotation will continue to advance until a new record is established. The demand for the white metal is principally from foreign countries that are purchasing the white commodity in huge quantities and consequently forcing the price above the regular levels.

With each cent increase the Tonopah mines profit to the extent of several thousand dollars and that profit means greater dividends. This explains the intense interest being manifested by local people in the quotation of the white metal.

## OLD TIME SURVEYOR IS BURNED TO DEATH

News has just been received in camp that E. R. Dart, a surveyor who was well known in Tonopah and Goldfield, met a horrible death in Los Angeles last Saturday. He lived all alone in a bachelor cottage out on Pasadena avenue. Flames were discovered by neighbors issuing from the building on Saturday morning, but the place was destroyed before the fire department could reach the scene.

It was known that Dart was in the house at the time the fire was discovered, but it is assumed that he was asleep and probably suffocated by the smoke. At any rate, he failed to get out in time, and his charred bones were found in the ruins. The cause of the fire is unknown, but the firemen think he probably fell asleep while smoking.

## GOVERNORS ARE GUESTS OF PRESIDENT TAFT

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The governors of more than 20 states moved on to Washington today from Richmond and continued to participate in the conference on rural credits for farmers and co-operative banks in the White House where they were the guests at a luncheon of President and Mrs. Taft.

## GOOD TONNAGE RECORDED WEEKLY ORE SHIPMENTS

TOTAL OF 10,699 TONS ARE SENT  
OUT BY VARIOUS TONOPAH  
MINES

Ore shipments to the extent of 10,699 tons were sent out from the various Tonopah mines during the past week, the tonnage having an estimated value of \$201,880. The shipment compares most favorably with that of last week when 10,400 tons were extracted.

The shipments were divided among the various companies as follows: The Tonopah Mining company sent 3400 tons, the Belmont 2660 tons to the new mill, the Montana-Tonopah 913 tons, the Tonopah Extension 1055 tons, the West End 1109 tons, the MacNamara 576 tons, the Jim Butler 200 tons, the Tonopah Merger 205 tons, and the Midway 45 tons.

## REPORTS OF DIVIDENDS FOR PAST 11 MONTHS

The dividend declaration of American mines and metallurgical works during November, though not as large as for other months during the year, increased the year's total to a considerable extent. The 11 months of the year, however, have a record of dividend disbursements which bears out the early-in-the-year prediction of Mining and Engineering World that the year 1912 would be one of the most if not the most profitable year in the history of American mining.

By careful compilation of reports made to Mining and Engineering World, says that magazine, we are able to show that, during the above period, there was paid to holders of stock of companies operating American mines and works, no less than \$86,106,607. And this does not include the \$19,043,704 paid by nine securities-holding corporations which look for their profits from stocks owned in other corporations.

While the record made in the 11 months of the present year can not fail to be gratifying to those who are directly interested in the operation of mines and works, the record of the above mentioned 147 mines and works since their incorporation, in paying dividends totaling \$793,142,039, is convincing evidence that mining, when carried on in a legitimate manner, is productive of greater returns than from any other industry.

TEMPERATURE REPORT  
Highest temperature yesterday, 31;  
a year ago, 38; lowest last night, 18;  
a year ago, 22.