

FIGHT FOR SPEAKERSHIP OF NORTH DAKOTA HOUSE IS GROWING BITTER

TEN CANDIDATES BID FOR THE JOB

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EFFORT MADE TO RUN "DARK HORSE"

Want to Swing German Vote—Looks Like Case of West Against East—Lieutenant Governor Has Senate Committees Well in Mind.

(BY H. D. PAULSON.)

Bismarck, Jan. 2.—With ten candidates in the field and less than fifty percent of the house membership on the ground, there is as yet little to indicate who will be named speaker when the organization is perfected at the opening of the assembly next Tuesday.

The fight is admittedly developing into one of the most bitter of recent years. It is largely personal in its nature as yet and with little hint of factional division apparent on the surface.

Three Active Men on Ground. Twitchell of Cass, Thompson of Ward and Hanson of Barnes are the most active of the candidates on the ground. Twitchell is directing his fight particularly at Thompson, while the latter is also true of Hanson.

All three are claiming the lead at this time, but the numbers who will be the speaker are yet to come. Those now on the ground are those who are most concerned with the result.

Case Delegates for Twitchell. Delegates from the backing of the county delegation, Thompson is also with the Ward delegation, and a scattering of Minot citizens, led by J. H. Hanson, are seen to be backing the new citizen, while Hanson is seen to be backing the present speaker as a candidate as his opponent.

Wants Rule Reform. Delegates of Richland, who arrived here yesterday, is making his fight for speakership on the basis of rule reform, insisting that the present rules governing the assembly's proceedings are antiquated.

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WAR, SO ORDER

New York, Jan. 2.—An order for \$2,000,000 worth of shrapnel to be used in the war in Europe has been rejected by the Commonwealth Steel company of Granite City, Ill. It was learned yesterday, because Clarence H. Howard, president of the organization, believes warfare should not be recognized.

Mr. Howard is a Christian Scientist and is known all over the country as the "Golden Rule steel man" because he tries to run his plant by sharing profits with his employees. He talked freely of the trouble in Europe, but he frowned at the report about the \$2,000,000 shrapnel order, and then said with blazing eyes:

"Why, our company would not accept an order for \$15,000,000 worth of shrapnel! Would it be a laudable thing to make these shells and then send them away so that men might murder one another with them? No, a thousand times no!"

U. S. STEAMER IS AGAIN DETAINED

Brindilla Interrupted Off the Coast of Scotland—Taken to Aberdeen.

Hullfax, N. S., Jan. 2.—Word was received here that the American tank steamer Brindilla, whose arrest by the British cruiser and detention at Halifax last October was the cause of the diplomatic correspondence between the United States and Great Britain, resulting in the steamer's release, has been interrupted off the coast of Scotland and taken into Aberdeen.

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ASKS LIVE STOCK OUSTER. Belleville, Ill., Jan. 2.—A quo warranto suit asking that the St. Louis live stock exchange be ousted from the state of Illinois on the ground that it is a trust in restraint of trade, was filed here by Attorney General M. L. Lucey of Illinois.

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WATCH COMPANY NOT BROKEN UP

Court Denies Government's Petition to Dissolve the Keystone Concern.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—The federal district court here handed down its opinion refusing the government's petition to break up the Keystone Watch company on the ground that it is a trust in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

SAILS AGAIN TO BELGIUM. Massapequa Dispatched to Rotterdam With 3,500 Tons of Food and Clothing.

New York, Jan. 2.—The steamship Massapequa was dispatched from this port to Rotterdam yesterday by the Rockefeller foundation with 3,500 tons of food and clothing for the Belgian war sufferers. The foundation has now spent more than \$1,000,000 on ships and cargoes for Belgian relief, it is said.

This is the second voyage of the Massapequa, which was the first of the Belgian relief ships to leave this country. On the present trip the steamer carries a cargo made up of donations received from all over the United States in response to the joint appeal of the foundation and the Belgian relief committee.

HEROIC DOG IN HOSPITAL. Colle, Who Tried to Save Mistress in Fire, Has Burns Treated.

Sheboygan, Wis., Jan. 2.—Shep, a collie dog, severely burned, is being cared for at the City hospital by the city's best physicians and veterinarians, in recognition of his heroic effort to save his mistress, Mrs. Katherine Bauer, from burning to death.

Both were overcome by smoke when the firemen arrived. They found the dog unconscious, with his teeth set in the clothing of his aged mistress. He was revived, while Mrs. Bauer was taken to the hospital.

Apparently reasoning that his mistress still was in the burning home, the dog, when he recovered consciousness, rushed back up the stairs. Two firemen risked their lives to bring the snarling, fighting dog out, and he had to be chained until he was allowed to see his mistress in the hospital.

British Naval Men Live Through Horrors, But Keep Mouths Shut; Suffering of Seamen is Intense

By HERBERT COREY.

(Copyright, 1914, by Herbert Corey.) London, Jan. 2.—Five retired officers sat in one of the service clubs the other day. Each had a son in the navy. Four of them admitted they did not have the most remote idea where their sons might be. The fifth retired officer showed some modest pride.

"I know where my son is," said he. "I got a letter from him last week. He said he saw a tern during his watch on deck."

Maybe it wasn't a tern. Perhaps it was some other sort of seafowl. That doesn't matter. The whole purpose of this narrative is to call attention to one of the most wonderful achievements of the British navy during the present war.

It has individually and collectively kept its mouth shut. Nothing has leaked from the British ships or the British dockyards. There isn't a man in England, outside of the Admiralty offices, who knows where any given ship was yesterday or is today, or will be tomorrow. Wonderful things have happened. There have been tragedies and acts of incredible heroism, and days upon days of grim endurance. And the navy hasn't told.

"You see," said the retired officer, "my son and I are amateur ornithologists. We spent his last leave in the North Sea studying bird life. He cannot write me, of course, where his ship has been. The censor would not pass the letter if he did. But when he tells me that for a week past he has been watching terns fly over the ship, I know where he is at well as though he had given the place a name."

That is the only leak of information from the navy that has come to light, and that isn't leak enough to hurt. The Audacious was torpedoed off Lough Swilly, and went down, as all the world outside of England knows. All England knows, too, in spite of the censorship, because gossip has travelled the length of the island by word of mouth. One man wrote to a friend not long ago:

"Send me the American papers containing the story of the torpedoing of the Audacious. My son was an officer on board her. I know he is safe, because we have heard from him since the disaster occurred. But he did not refer to the affair in his letter."

Think Other Ships Were Sunk. In consequence of this excessive close lippedness, all England believes that other ships have been sunk by the Germans, and the loss concealed. No one knows. That is the worst of it. No one knows where the English fleet is now, or how many ships are watching off Heligoland, or what has happened to them. Not long ago a German hospital ship was seized by the English.

"Outrage!" said lots of people. "Why is this permitted by the Admiralty? A Red Cross ship should be immune."

This was the answer of the Admiralty: "The ship was acting in a suspicious manner."

Nothing else. People worried over it for awhile, and then forgot it. With bombs dropping from aeroplanes and sea-coast towns being shelled by warships, England had other things to think of. Only recently has the ex-

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SELF-GOVERNMENT CANNOT BE GIVEN THE PHILIPPINES

So Declares Ex-president Taft to Senate Committee Today.

NOT CAPABLE OF RULING SELVES

Told President McKinley that U. S. Ought Not to Be in Islands—Quotes Woodrow Wilson in Defining Self-government.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Former President Taft appeared today before the senate committee, conducting hearings on the administration's Philippine independence bill. He told it that the American government cannot give the islands self-government because that cannot be given.

"It must be acquired," said Mr. Taft. He read from one of President Wilson's books a lengthy definition of self-government to prove his contention.

The former president also said that the time required to make the Philippines capable of self government would be the time required to make them English speaking.

Ought Not to Be There. "When President McKinley sent me to the Philippines," said Mr. Taft, in opening his statement, "I told him that I thought that we ought not to be in the islands."

"He said to me that we had the bear by the tail and that we had to stay. But the idea then was that we would get out just as soon as we could; our first purpose in being there was to get out."

Quotes From Wilson. "The present discussion," continued Mr. Taft, "must depend a good deal upon what you mean by self government. I can do no better than quote from the president of the United States."

Here Mr. Taft read President Wilson's definition of self government, setting forth that self government "is a mere form of institutions but a form of character, a growing of a people to political maturity."

"We cannot," said Mr. Taft, "give the Philippines self government because it cannot be given, we cannot present the Philippines as a growing of a people to political maturity. The way to acquire it is through hard knocks, as the Anglo-Saxon race acquired it."

HIGHEST ORDER. Rome, Jan. 2.—King Victor Emmanuel has decorated Premier Salandra, the highest Italian decoration, which entitles the bearer to call himself a cousin of the king. The decoration was given during the ceremony of baptism of the newly born Princess Maria.

WIFE CONFESSES. New York, Jan. 2.—Nettie Salines, 32 years old, yesterday confessed to the police of Atlantic City that she had caused the death of her husband, Alexander Salines, by placing arsenic in his food on December 20, to collect \$1,000 insurance. Coroner Richard Hew I have discovered that a former husband of Mrs. Salines died from poison two years ago.

IMMUNITY PLEAS ARE OVER-ruLED

Indicted Directors of N. Y. N. H. & H. Railroad Lose Case.

New York, Jan. 2.—The federal district court overruled the pleas of immunity interposed by John L. Billard, James S. Elton and William Skinner to the indictments charging them with criminal violation of the Sherman law in connection with their acts as directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railway company.

THE WEATHER. North Dakota: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; warmer in the east and colder in the west; portion tonight; colder Sunday.

UNIVERSITY READINGS. 7 a. m.—15; maximum 61; minimum—17; southeast wind, five miles; barometer 30.45.

RUSSIANS INFLICT ANOTHER DEFEAT UPON AUSTRIAN FORCES IN GALICIA

ENGLISH BARMEN PROTEST.

Assert Government's War Policy Endangers Life of Business. London, Jan. 2.—The Licensed Victuallers' Defense League, representing 25,000 liquor license holders, has passed resolutions charging unfair treatment by the government because of increased taxes and shortened hours for the public bars.

The liquor trade, said the chairman of the meeting, is always the heaviest sufferer in time of emergency, when the government needs money urgently. But such emergencies gave the enemies of the trade a chance to inflict injury on it. They have added heavily to the tax on beer, shortened the hours of business and in many places forfeited the right of entry to soldiers. The economic result of this policy will be to reduce salaries and dismiss employees, besides driving the smaller places out of business.

The resolution declared it to be an unfair and inconsistent policy to leave the men to be denied entry to the bars.

COMMISSION TO APPEAL ACTION

Tax Board Will Take Pollock's Decision to Supreme Court.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 2.—"The board certainly will appeal from the decision of Judge Pollock in the mandamus proceedings instituted by the tax commission against County Auditor Leech of Cass county," said President Packard of the commission late yesterday afternoon. Judge Pollock's opinion is not in line with courts of other states that have a tax commission, and whose laws are similar to those of North Dakota in this matter.

Does Not Affect Work. "This decision will not affect the work of the commission. I firmly believe that this body has the power, under the laws of the state, to assess public utilities and that this law is constitutional. If the decision of Judge Pollock is sustained by the supreme court, the tax commission will see to it that it is not affected by the court's decision in the present case only affects its power to review assessments."

Will Order Reassessment. "Should the lower court be sustained on appeal the tax commission will reassess the property in question, but this is a costlier method. Judge Pollock's order affects the method of procedure only and has not curtailed the powers of the commission under the law creating it."

MONTE CARLO LIFE IS QUIET. International Sporting Club is Open, However, With Tables Where Some Risk Their Money.

Nice, Jan. 2.—Life at Monte Carlo, with the "casino" closed, continues to be quiet, but the International Sporting club is open with tables where some risk their money at baccarat. This so-called "circle" stops playing at 8 p. m., so middle-aged gamblers are able to spend a good night in bed after the strain of the day. In the scarcity of gold gambling rows on with counters instead of coins. One gets them at the entrance against notes; when leaving counters are again exchanged for notes. Extreme difficulty in handling paper caused this important change. The aspect of the gambling halls is the same. The sound is different, that is all.

The opera season has been canceled, but the opera season will start as usual in the second half of January. Theatrical pleasures are of rather serious sort, being confined to classical concerts.

LEAVES FORTUNE TO NEGRO. Mrs. Julia B. Nelson's Will Filed at Red Wing, Names Washington Attorney as Benefactor.

Red Wing, Minn., Jan. 2.—Too William H. Richards, a negro attorney at Washington, D. C., whom she educated following the close of the Civil war, Mrs. Julia B. Nelson, national figure in the cause of woman's suffrage and temperance, in her will filed yesterday, leaves the bulk of her estate valued at \$20,000.

"I bequeath to my former pupil," the will states, after a sister and niece have been provided for, and bequests of \$200 each are made to the American Woman's Suffrage association and the Minnesota Woman's Suffrage association, "all the rest and residue to William H. Richards, who has cheered my lonely life with sympathy and affection as a son should render to his mother."

DETERMINED RESISTANCE OFFERED; REPULSE ATTACKS OF THE GERMANS

SUBMARINE SINKS THE FORMIDABLE

Sporadic Renewal of Teutonic Offensive Indicated in the Dispatches—Operations Are Not General—Kaiser's Army Not Weakened.

ALLIES ARE PLAYING WAITING GAME, PENDING TIME WHEN THEY CAN STRIKE STRATEGIC BLOW AT GERMANY

Attack on Egypt Seems to Have Been Abandoned—The English Believe the Cream of Her Army is Yet to Go to the Front.

ANOTHER DEFEAT INFLICTED UPON THE AUSTRIANS. The Russian war office announces that another defeat has been inflicted upon the Austrian forces in Galicia, whose advance from the Carpathians recently was checked with serious consequences to them. It is asserted that the fortified Austrian positions near Galic were destroyed and 3,000 prisoners were captured.

STILL CAPABLE OF LITTLE RESISTANCE. The Russian statement says, however, that the victory was won only after a hard battle and that the fighting still continues, indicating that the Austrians still are capable of offering determined resistance.

GERMAN ATTACKS ARE REPULSED. The German attacks there, as well as in East Prussia, and also in the region of Miawa, in Poland, near the East Prussian border, are said to have been repulsed.

REPEL SUBMARINE STROKE FORMIDABLE. A British battleship was sunk by a submarine off the coast of the British naval base. The submarine was reported to have been the work of a German U-boat.

OPERATIONS ARE NOT GENERAL. These operations can hardly be classed as general. The German offensive movements in the west, such as are still being conducted in Poland, are not general. The German army by transfers of troops to the east, nor has the pressure of the allies broken their grip on Belgium and France, from the North sea to the Meuse. General Joffre apparently still is avoiding a general attack.

GERMANS PRESS FORWARD IN POLAND. The Germans still are attempting to press forward in Poland, but to the south the Russians have driven the Austrians further back, more than 60 miles in all.

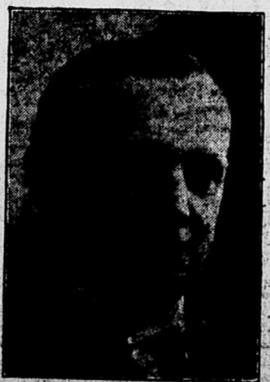
SULTAN PREPARES TO MOVE. It still is exceedingly difficult to obtain any clear idea of the Turkish operations, but according to an Athens dispatch the sultan and his court are preparing to leave Constantinople, fearing an early fall of the city.

CREAM OF ENGLAND'S ARMY. The English view is that Britain's new troops will be the cream of the country, while Germany, having sent in her finest forces at the outset, must depend for reinforcements upon those less fit physically.

GERMANS CLAIM SURRENDERS IN BELGIUM. Berlin, Jan. 2.—The French attacks in the vicinity of Neuport, Belgium, were repulsed by the Germans yesterday, according to the official statement issued at the German headquarters staff.

FRENCH REPORTS ARE DENIED. The French reports of progress in Alsace in the village of Steinbach are denied by the Germans. In the eastern zone of fighting the situation in East Prussia and Southern Poland is said to have undergone no change, but the Germans claim they have made progress on the Hawaka and Bzura rivers, which flow through the region 40 miles to the west of Warsaw.

Prominent Candidates For Speakership of North Dakota House



FRENCH CLAIM FEW SUCCESSES

Recite Series of Minor Encounters—All Gains are Retained.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The French official statement recites a series of encounters along the battle line, comparatively of minor importance.

German attacks and counter attacks have been repulsed. The French gains have been retained, artillery exchanges have been spirited, and in Steinbach, where there was street fighting for several days, the French say they have occupied three new lines of houses.