ON NORTH DAKOTA FARMS

STATE'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE IMMIGRATION BRINGING IN SETTLERS

RESUBMISSIONISTS PLEASED

Conditions Brought to Light in Lindelie Trial Give Them Hope for Future Success.

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 24.—The biennial report of Commissioner H. U. Thomas, of the department of agriculture and labor, which has just been filed with the governor, deals briefly with the agricultural interests of the state. The commissioner alludes to the work that has been done in securing immigration, and says gratifying progress has been made, as shown by the large additions to the farming population. The legislature of two years ago was the first to recognize the wisdom of expending money in putting forth printed matter and making a systematic effort to build up immigration work. The appropriation was small, only $500, but good work has been done in getting out printed matter.

The report of the state dairy commissioner, Prof. Kaufmann of the agricultural college at Fargo, is made a portion of that of the agricultural department, and urges more attention to the holding of farmers' institutes and the upbuilding of dairying and kindred interests. Many successful institutes have been held, and much benefit has resulted to the farmers in the line of practical information on agricultural topics.

LINDELIE'S TRIAL.

The resubmissionists do not conceal their satisfaction at the disclosures made at the trial of Lindelie, the secretary of the state enforcement league, at Grand Forks. Well informed public men say that additional impetus will be lent the resubmission movement by such testimony as came out at the Lindelie trial and at the trial of Mrs. Haas at Fargo. This is the first time that the methods of the enforcement league detectives have been aired in court, and it does not appear to have helped their cause. It is reported that the testimony may be published without comment for distribution as a feature of the fight between resubmission and prohibition. It is believed the events of the past six months have brought about a ripe time for the resubmission movement, and that if the resubmissionists cannot win this winter they might as well give up the fight.

DEMOCRATIC PLANS.

The Democrats are talking organization. There are a good many difficulties in the way. During the campaign, the Bryan and Stevenson club at Fargo passed a resolution shutting out all Democrats who did not support the presidential nominee. If the party is reorganized along the lines suggested, by a reversion to old time Democratic principles, it looks as though the fellows who were shut out would be in the saddle and the other fellows would have to take the back seat. If the Democrats reorganize, as suggested, the Populists will form probably a straight party organization and trust to luck to get into the saddle again at some propitious time. At present, the state is so solidly Republican that there is little chance for either the Democrats or Populists.

NEW STATE OFFICERS.

The changes in the state's official family have begun. Judge Morgan will qualify as supreme judge at Fargo this week, after the court has disposed of some matters pending. This places Attorney General Cowan on the bench in the second judicial district. Cowan is one of the shrewdest politicians in the state, and held the tightest grip on the reins of the combination that dictated the ticket at the Grand Forks convention. He was in charge of the second district forces, which came down to the convention to nominate Morgan for the supreme bench. The solid second district was a desirable nucleus for combinations, and Cowan made the most of the opportunity. He ran for judge against the strongest Democrat in his district, John Burke, of Rolla, and defeated him by a majority of over 1,700. He has been attorney general for three terms and his elevation to the district bench is gratifying to a large number of personal and political friends.

MANITOBA'S SOLDIERS.

Province to Give the Boys a Hearty Welcome.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 24.—Elaborate preparations are being made to give a public welcome to the soldiers who will return from South Africa this week. All the prominent citizens are taking a hand in the matter. The train by which the boys arrive will be met by the lieutenant governor, Col. McMillan; Premier Robbin and members of the local government; the members of the city council, school and park boards; national and friendly societies; the military bodies, including the Royal Canadian Dragoons, the Ninetieth battalion, the Winnipeg Dragoons, the Thirteenth field battery and the Veterans' association.

There will be a monster parade to Holy Trinity church, where the primate of Canada, Archbishop Mackroy, of Ruperts Wood, will conduct short thanksgiving services for the safe return of the men. Then the procession will be continued to the drill hall, Broadway, where a banquet will be held, to which only 200 of the principal citizens will be invited. In the evening a promenade concert and ball will be held.

All the soldiers who have previously returned will take part in the demonstration, and those who live at other towns and villages throughout the province have also been invited, and the Canadian Pacific railroad has offered them free transportation for the occasion. Maj. Sanford, of the Ninetieth, has been sent to Halifax to welcome the boys on their return to Canadian soil.

CAPTURED BY POSSE.

Believed Montford Bank Robbers Are Desperate Criminals.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 24.—The names given by the four men captured at Ridgeway Sunday afternoon, charged with an unsuccessful attempt to rob the bank of P. P. Stevens, at Monfort, are Harry Devet, J. Montague, J. F. Berry and James Hopkins. It is alleded the men are noted criminals. A detective is expected here who will identify them. The alleged leader of the gang is Devett. He is 24 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, smooth face, black hair, dark eyes and complexion. His front upper teeth protrude and his nose has a peculiar indentation on the bridge. He is an exceedingly smooth, intelligent talker. His overcoat has the stamp of a St. Louis clothing house. Montague is a veritable giant of an Irishman, six feet and one inch high, very broad shoulders, dark eyes, black hair and black mustache, 27 years of age, with tattoo marks on fingers, wrists and arms.

Berry is 5 feet 8 inches high, very dark complexion, slender form, smooth face, 20 years old. He is very nearsighted, wears glasses and is intelligent in appearance and manner.

James Hopkins is Irish, 54 years of age, with gray hair and mustache and red face. His height is 5 feet 7½ inches.

The men were captured by a posse only after a desperate struggle.

INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE.

Carleton and Cornell, Io., to Meet in March.

NORTHFIELD, Minn., Dec. 24.—Arrangements have been completed for an intercollegiate debate between Cornell college of Iowa and Carleton college to be held on March 7, 1901. The debate will not only be intercollegiate, but interstate. Cornell is the champion debating school of Iowa, having defeated Grinnell repeatedly. Carleton, in her contest with Hamline two years ago, came out victorious, thus proving her to be one of Minnesota's strongest debating colleges. The question to be discussed is: "Should the United States Subsidize Its Merchant Marine Engaged in Foreign Carrying Trade?" Carleton having the affirmative.

Carleton's team consists of Messrs. Nason, Robertson and Clough. Mr. Nason was a member of the team which defeated Hamline two years ago. Cornell will doubtless put up a strong team, and, as it is a larger institution, in point of attendance, than Carleton, the chances of winning are somewhat in its favor.

ACADEMY AT NEW ULM.

Sisters of Charity Talk of Building in the Spring.

NEW ULM, Minn., Dec. 24.—The Sisters of Charity of New Ulm, who conduct a Catholic parochial school with an attendance of 400 pupils, have about completed arrangements for the building of an academy for young ladies. They have purchased the ground, and it is expected the academy will be built early next spring.

At a special meeting of the city council preliminary steps were taken looking toward the acquirement of a municipal electric light plant. A plant with sufficient power to furnish 160 1,200 candle power lights for street lighting is in contemplation. At present the city is lighted by a private company, and the contract expires in two years. The council will submit the matter of building a plant to the people at the spring election, and sentiment favors it.

CHILD FATALLY BURNED.

Young Couple Bereaved by Sad Accident—Sauk Rapids Notes.

SAUK RAPIDS, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A most horrible accident befell the two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carter, of Watab. During the parents' absence from the house the child was playing with a book, and it is thought he went near the stove and in some way it became ignited, spreading to the child's clothing, and when the mother, who had been to the barn, returned to the house, she was dumfounded to find her child burned beyond recognition. The little sufferer lived two hours after the accident. The boy was an only child, and the parents are beside themselves with grief.

In response to a telegram bearing the sad news of their brother Jacob's fatal illness of mountain fever at Kalispell, Mont., Alex and Maggie McGuire left today for that city to be present at his bedside.

James Crowley, of St. George, aged fifty-three years, was buried yesterday from St. Patrick's church in Minden.

PROMOTION FOR BACON.

Becomes Head of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—It was announced here tonight that D. H. Bacon, president of the Minnesota Iron company, has resigned to become president of the board of directors of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad company. He came here with the Minnesota Iron company in 1887. The Tennessee company operates in Alabama and adjoining states. His headquarters will be in New York.

PROBABLE MURDER.

Wealthy Caledonia, Wis., Farmer Found Dead on Railroad Track.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 24.—John Farley, a wealthy farmer of Caledonia, was found dead on the tracks of the Milwaukee, Racine & Kenosha railway. The police suspect the case to be one of murder, as what appears to be a bullet hole was discovered on Farley's chin. An investigation is being made.

STABBED TO DEATH.

Cousin of Detective John Hoy Murdered at Solway.

BEMIDJI, Minn, Dec. 24.—Thomas Hoy, cousin of the Minneapolis detective, was stabbed to death last night at Solway by an unknown assailant. He was married yesterday at Bemidji to Miss Clara Bagley. The coroner is investigating.

Pensions for Northwesterners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Pensions granted:

Minnesota—Original, Moses Friedheim, Minneapolis, $6; additional, Dennis B. Ray, Faxon, $8; original, widows, Anna E. Sage, Minneapolis, $8; war with Spain, Leonard G. Hicks, St. Paul, $6.

Wisconsin—Original, James M. Eddy, Bristol, $6; restoration and additional, Abraham Searles (deceased), Hillsboro, $12; increased, George W. Unruh, National home, Milwaukee, $10; original widows, Sophia Searle, Hillsboro, $8; Mary A. Beggs, Plainfield, $8; special, Dec. 11, Emma C. Buell, Beloit, $8; special account, Dec. 11, Jane C. Stewart, Wild Goose, $8; Amoretta McCulloch, Red Cedar, $12; Mary A. Gaisle, La Crosse, $8; war with Spain, widows, Kate L. Harting, mother, Fond du Lac, $17.

Iowa—Original, James E. Francis, Yale, $8; increase, Ferdinand B. Soles, Mount Ayre, $10; Martin Jessup, Macksburg, $12; John Rogers, Dunreath, $10; Reese James, Villisca, $8; Wilber McCabe, Malvern, $10; John H. Sweeney, Webster City, $8.

Wedding at Hastings.

HASTINGS, Minn., Dec. 25.—(Special.) Chas. H. Ager, of Minneapolis, and Miss Oma M. Stuart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stuart, were married this evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents on West Sixth street. The Rev. M. R. Paradis officiating. Both were unattended. Miss Mabel Bromley, of St. Paul, acted as flower girl. Only the immediate relatives and friends were present. The bride is a popular young lady, and the groom is representative of the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pa. They left on the late train for Minneapolis upon a wedding trip, and intend making their home in Omaha.

Lumber Mills in Manitoba.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 24.—President Cameron, of the Rat Portage Lumber company, says his company has decided to build a large saw mill in Winnipeg, one capable of doing annually a 25,000,000 feet business. When asked if this would affect the Rat Portage lumber business he said:

"I don't think it will. We are not aiming in that direction. The Minnesota lumbermen have sent about 36,000,000 feet of lumber into the country this year, and we intend to compete with them."

New Ferry for Cass Lake.

CASS LAKE, Minn., Dec. 24.—C. C. Hastings is putting in a new ferryboat to be used on the Mississippi river where it enters Cass lake. He will cut a new road from Long lake north of Tenstrike, which will pass directly throught a country thickly settled and tributary to Cass Lake. It is proposed to assist Mr. Hastings in constructing the ferryboat and the new road and to give the settlers the free use of the ferry to Cass Lake, which would secure undoubtedly much new trade.

Girl Drowned in a Well.

FERGUS FALLS, Minn., Dec. 24.—News was received of the accidental drowning of a young Finlander girl in a well on her father's farm in the town of Blowers. The well was simply a hole in the ground, without curbing of any kind, and the girl slipped on the ice and went to the bottom while engaged in drawing water for some stock. She appears to have been in the water about an hour before her absence was noticed, and her shawl, floating on the surface, led to the recovery of her body.

Killed in a Mine.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 24.—James Bradley, a well known miner, of Central City, was instantly killed at the Snawmut mine by a mass of falling rock. He and his partner had just made a blast and as they entered the tunnel, several tons of loose rock fell on top of Bradley. He leaves a wife and children. No blame is attached to the company.

Lutherans Endow a College.

WINONA, Minn., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The Young People's Society, of the German Lutheran church, of this city, has endowed a hospital in the Northwestern university, at Watertown, Wis. Rev. Philip Von Rohr, pastor of the church, is a director of the university.

Shot While Hunting.

PINE CITY, Minn., Dec. 24.—Joseph Ouraduck, a farmer living four miles east of Beroun, this county, accidentally shot himself while hunting today, dying instantly.

Poultry Show at Mankato.

MANKATO, Minn., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A poultry show opened in Mankato today, to continue four days. Fowls are exhibited from Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas. Holden, of Owatonna, is the judge.

NORTHWEST NEWS IN BRIEF.

Renville, Minn.—C. O. Brecke, dealer in groceries and crockery, has suspended. Liabilities are said to be $2,500, and assets $1,500.

Langdon, Minn.—Kemp brothers, have just completed husking twenty-five acres of corn that averaged nearly 100 bushels of shelled corn to the acre.

Lancaster, Io.—Four burglars blew open the safe of the P. T. Stevens bank, at Montford, with nitroglycerine. The men were pursued and caught by a party of citizens.

Pine City, Minn.—Rev. H. Taylor, pastor of the M. E. church, will leave for Asbury hospital, Minneapolis, for treatment of his leg, which was injured in a runaway.

Ottumwa, Io.—City Marshal Siberts has brought as prisoners from Mt. Pleasant Count Van Warner and his "valet" from Mexico. They are charged with beating a board bill.

Park River, N. D.—A fire was discovered in Charles Anderson's store. Tony Alcott gave the alarm. The damage by smoke and chemicals is about $3,000, fully covered by insurance.

Spring Valley, Minn.—The three weeks' union revival meetings, conducted by Evangelist M. B. Williams and Prof. Alexander and Boatman, singers, have closed. About 275 conversions occurred.

Ellsworth, Wis.—An attempt was made to blow up the safe of the First National bank. The robbers succeeded in getting part way through, but were evidently scared away, as they left their tools.

Austin, Minn.—Burglars broke into George W. King's Exchange bank, in Dexter, and got away with $200 in silver. The Chicago Great Western railway station at Elkton was entered and $22 taken.

New Ulm, Minn.—An accident insurance company has been organized. The officers are: G. W. Barnes, president; W. R. Hodges, vice president; Joseph Bobleter, secretary; Dr. O. C. Strickler, treasurer.

Mayville, N. D.—The National Flax Fiber company's plant stands idle, with no immediate prospect of active operations. More than a year ago machinery was moved into the mill, but was never placed.

Rochester, Minn.—George N. Baker, for the past thirty-five years a resident of Olmsted county, died suddenly of paralysis at the age of seventy-seven. He leaves a wife and three children, who are living at Luverne.

Royalton, Minn., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Armstrong, one of the old settlers of North Prairie, died Saturday and was buried today. She was eighty-two years of age and had lived in Minnesota since 1858. A heavy snow storm has been raging.

Marshalltown, Io.—George H. Smith, court reporter for this district, has resigned his position. He holds a patent on a typewriter improvement, and it is said he has disposed of it to the Smith-Premier Typewriter company for $50,000 and a life job at $3,000 per year.

New Ulm, Minn.—The express car on the Minneapolis & St. Louis road caught fire a mile south of Searles, a small station seven miles south of New Ulm, and most of the contents were destroyed. The car was heavily loaded with Christmas goods. Traffic was delayed several hours.

Tyndall, S. D.—Warren F. Doty, who attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor in a fit of temporary insanity, was brought to Tyndall. Failing to improve in mental balance, he was taken to Yankton and placed in the asylum.

Mitchell, S. D.—Persons familiar with the views of the Rosebud Indians in reference to the disposal by them to the government of about twenty-three townships of land situated in Gregory county, say the Indians are strongly in favor of the proposition.

Fargo, N. D.—The half-breed, Lasoque, who was arrested for creating a disturbance on a Great Northern train, and later proved to have stolen a horse at Ada, Minn., returned to Norman county last night with Sheriff Peterson without requisition papers. He admits his guilt.

Dubuque, Io.—J. M. Gemmell, postmaster at Harper's Ferry, was brought to Dubuque to answer to the charge of defrauding the government by misusing money taken in at his office for money orders. He was bound over. Sums at various times were taking amounting to $1,000.

Washington, D. C.—Postmasters appointed today: Minnesota—Hinckley, Pine county, J. S. Patrick; Saint Wedall, Stearns county, William Hulls; Stanchfield, Isanti county, F. A. Olson. Iowa—Clay Mills, Jones county, W. N. Tippet; Delphos, Ringgold county, J. S. Stedman; Templehill, Jones county, W. J. Conberry. Montana—Grantsville, Ravalli county, M. C. Baker.

Sauk Rapids, Minn.—S. N. Wright, for twenty successive years treasurer of Benton county, is very ill at his home here. He has been confined to his home for two weeks, and, though the ills from which he is suffering are not necessarily fatal, his age—now past eighty years—is against him. He was injured in the tornado in 1886, and has never recovered fully, although he attended to his law business faithfully up to three weeks ago.

A QUICK DESSERT.

Get a package of Burnham's Hasty Jellycon at your grocer's, dissolve it in a pint of boiling water and let it cool. The result is a delicious and healthful dessert. The flavors are: Lemon, orange, raspberry, strawberry, peach, wild cherry and the unflavored "calfsfoot" for wine and coffee jelly. All grocers sell it.

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ARE TIED UP BY CONGRESS

WAR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAMPERED BY LAWMAKERS' DELAYS

CAN'T BRING TROOPS HOME

Until Arrangements Have Been Completed to Send Others to the Philippines to Replace Them.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—As a result of a conference between the secretary of war and Quartermaster General Ludington, it has been decided that no further action can be taken with regard to the return of the volunteers from the Philippines until congress shall make provision for their replacement. The war department is considerably embarrassed by the failure of congress to make provision before the recess for the relief of the military situation in the Philippines. Acting upon representations made by General McArthur, the department has concluded that it is absolutely necessary to maintain an army of 60,000 men in the Philippines until the current policy of establishing municipal governments throughout the archipelago has been executed. It is stated at the department that any reduction of the military strength below that figure under existing conditions would prove most disastrous to the interests of the United States.

There are now about 69,000 troops, regulars and volunteers, in the Philippines and arrangements have been made already for bringing home 9,000 of that number. No further reduction will be made until the war department is advised fully of the purpose of congress with regard to army legislation. When the necessary authority has been given it is the purpose of the department to bring home as rapidly as possible all the volunteers and regulars whose terms of enlistment expire on the 30th of June next, but not before it is possible to replace them, man for man, with new recruits enlisted under the terms of the new army bill. It therefore appears that after the 9,000 volunteers have left the Philippines no more troops will be withdrawn from that country until they can be relieved by fresh troops recruited in the United States, in accordance with legislation yet to be enacted.

It is expected that congress will act promptly on the army bill soon after it reassembles in January, but even in that event, it is said at the war department, it will not be possible to get the fresh troops to the Philippines inside of two months' time. The general homecoming movement of the mass of volunteers, therefore, will have to be postponed until about the first of February. That will give the quartermaster's department but five months to bring home the remainder of the volunteers and the regular troops whose terms will expire at the same time, aggregating about 40,000 men, before the first of July.

This undertaking is believed to be beyond the capacity of the transport service as at present organized and may necessitate the charter of additional steamships. All arrangements in that line, however, will be in abeyance until definite information has been received of the intention of congress with regard to the proposed increase of the regular army.

Recent cable advices from Gen. MacArthur indicate a strong desire on the part of the volunteers generally to return to the United States and that comparatively few of them are likely to reenlist without the most liberal inducements are offered. It is understood that Gen. MacArthur has recommended that a bounty of $250 be allowed to each soldier in the Philippines who re-enlists for another term and the plan is said to meet with the favor of the officials of the war department.

COLONIAL CASES ADVANCED.

The United States supreme court today advanced two more cases involving the question of the relationship between the United States and their insular possessions to be heard on Jan. 7. There are now eight of these cases for that date. One of the cases advanced today involves the collection of duties on goods imported from Hawaii.

CUBAN DAMAGE CLAIMS.

The German embassy has laid before the state department the claims of a number of German subjects for damages to their interests in Cuba, as a result of the Spanish-American war and the insurrection which led up to the ward itself. This action of the German government has raised a most important issue and the department of state has given it the closest consideration. It has been concluded, however, that the United States government cannot accept responsibility for the claims. They are regarded as practicallly the same in principle as the claim of Porto Rico against Cuba for $2,500,000 on account of a war loan. Although in that case Gov. Allen of Porto Rico represented the United States government in preferring the claim, that government was obliged to deny its liability, or the liability of Cuba under present conditions. The answer to the German presentation will be based upon the reply to Gov. Allen, recently made. It is known that other governments besides Germany have claims aggregating a very large sum, based on the Cuban insurrection, and succeeding events. They will not be abandoned on account of the attitude of the United States government, but on the contrary they will be held in abeyance until such time as Cuba shall have become independent when they will be presented directly to the government of the island.

Stillwater News.

James Ford has been received at the prison from Martin county, to serve two years and six months for assault. Ford was recognized by Deputy Warden Alexander as a former inmate of the prison, and admitted that he served a term there thirteen years ago. Frank Johnson also received from Martin county, will serve two years and six months for assault. J. G. Silas, received from Wright county, will serve five years for assault; John Anderson, Hennepin county, one year for burglary; James McNeil, Pipestone county, ten months for grand larceny; Ed McCoy, Pipestone county, eight months for grand larceny; Fred Hill, St. Louis county, two months for grand larceny and David Anderson, a United States prisoner from Wisconsin, will serve seven years for manslaughter.

George A. Lammers returned yesterday from a trip to his logging camps at Willow River. Mr. Lammers says that about four inches of snow fell there Sunday and that with cold weather they can begin hauling within a few days.

An exceptionally fine musical programme has been arranged for the Christmas services to be held in St. Michael's church today. There will be services at 10:30 a. m. and 5 p. m.

A large number of traveling men who have been making trips throughout the Northwest returned to Stillwater yesterday to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Gustaf Stutz was arraigned in the municipal court yesterday on a charge of stealing an umbrella and paid a fine of $5.

Coal gas narrowly caused the asphyxiation of the family of J. A. Johnson, residing on the North hill Saturday morning. Mr. Johnson, who left the house early in the morning, in some manner had arranged the dampers of the stove so that the gas escaped into the room, and several members of the family were severely ill during the day.

A number of Stillwater young ladies who are teaching school elsewhere are at home for the holidays.

Christmas exercises will be held in the prison chapel this morning after which the convicts will be given a short freedom on the corridors of the cell room.

TREATY NOW ON ITS WAY

ONE COPY GOES TO LONDON ON TODAY'S MAIL STEAMSHIP

NICARAGUA AND COSTA RICA

Attitude of the Two Interested Central American Governments Has Not as Yet Been Declared.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The state department has decided to send the amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to the British government through two channels—one copy being transmitted through Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and the other through Ambassador Choate, at London, who will present it to the foreign office. It is the understanding that the state department will make no representation whatever as to the changes made in the treaty; the senate amendments will be allowed to speak for themselves, and the action of the department in notifying them to the British government will be purely formal. As the papers leave New York on tomorrow's mail steamer, they should reach London about New Year's day, so that the negotiations will certainly lapse over into the next century at the very earliest.

It can be authoritatively stated that there has been no proceeding, either in the shape of written notes or oral communications, between the state department and the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, that has developed the threat on the part of those governments to refuse assent to the construction of a canal over the action of the United States senate upon the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. All that is officially known of the attitude of the two governments mentioned is that their representatives here, Senors Corea and Calva, thoroughly approved of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty as the basis for the canal construction. Whether or not the changes made in that convention will affect this attitude is unknown. The impression prevails that not being called upon to come to a decision on this point until the British government shall have passed upon the senate amendments, the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica will not anticipate that action by any declaration at this stage. The British government has not, up to this time, given the slightest indication as to its purpose on the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and it is understood that the subject will not be taken up by the British cabinet until the draft of the amended instrument and the advices of the British ambassador at Washington are received. The general results have been briefly summarized in cables to the London authorities, but in a matter of this magnitude they would not act until they were in possession of all the data by mail.

PRESS STATEMENTS UNAUTHORIZED.

Under these circumstances, it is evident that today's utterances of the London press, to the effect that Great Britain will stand firmly on the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, while indicating the popular and to some extent the official trend of opinion, do not announce a policy which has assumed any definite sanction thus far on the part of the British government.

The Nicaraguan minister, Mr. Corea, was asked today as to the report that he had protested on behalf of Nicaragua at the amended form of the treaty. He said he did not care to discuss the matter in its present status, but pointed out the unlikelihood that Nicaragua and Costa Rica would protest while the matter was one of domestic policy. Later on, if it assumed the concrete form of proposition to be submitted to Nicaragua and Costa Rica, it would be for them to say whether it was acceptable or not, but in the meantime it was hardly likely that there would be any protest or any other action concerning a subject still in its creative stages in this country and in Great Britain, and not yet before Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

It also can be stated, not on Mr. Costa's authority, but as a fact, that the Nicaraguan government has not up to this time defined its attitude on the amended document. Mr. Corea forwarded it with full advices, but as the senate acted only a few days ago, there has not yet been time for the papers to get before President Zeyaya's cabinet. And even then, as Mr. Corea has pointed out, it is doubtful whether Nicaragua will assert her position in advance of receiving overtures as to the canal. It appears to be the accepted view, however, in Central American diplomatic quarters, that the senate confined its consideration to the interests of the United States and other maritime powers, and failed to take into much account the interests of those countries most vitally concerned by having the waterway through their territory.

St Paul Creditors Act.

FERSGUS FALLS, Minn., Dec. 24.—A number of Twin City wholesale firms filed a joint petition in the United States court Saturday asking that the firm of Anderson & Peppel, general merchants, of the village of Borup, Norman county, be adjudged bankrupt and their property divided among creditors. The petition states that the firm owes debts in excess of the statutory $1,000, and has committed specific acts of bankruptcy. Several voluntary petitions have also been filed within the past two days, among them being those of John H. Baglien, a farmer, of this county, assets $343.50, all exempt; liabilities, $1,575.25; William Baumgarten, an engineer of Fergus Falls town, assets, $61; liabilities, $618; O P. Melaas, a farmer of the town of Tumuli, this county, assets, $1,890, of which $590 is exempt, liabilities, $2,290.

In Honor of Late Gen. Berry.

WINONA, Minn., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Arrangements have been completed for the memorial exercises to be held in the supreme court at St. Paul in honor of the late Gen. Charles H. Berry, of this city, and formerly attorney general of the state. Judge A. H. Snow, of the Third judicial district, will present the memorial of the Winona county bar. Short addresses will be made by Messrs. Charles E. Flandrau, Thomas Wilson, William H. Yale and H. J. Horn, of St. Paul; C. C. Wilson, of Rochester; George P. Wilson, of Minneapolis, and Chief Justice Start.

Canadians Wanted in South Africa.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 24.—The colonial office is anxious to get as many Canadians as possible to join Baden-Powell's Transvaal mounted police. If 1,000 Canadians volunteer for this service it is the intention of the imperial government to offer ten captaincies and fifteen lieutenancies in the force to qualified officers of the Canadian militia. The pay for men is five shillings per day from the date of landing in Cape Town, with free transportation from Canada to South Africa.

MUNYON'S KIDNEY CURE

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LATEST FROM PAGO PAGO

TUTUILA SAMOANS ARE PLEASED WITH UNCLE SAM'S GOVERNMENT

STILL THINKS HE'S A KING

Mataafa Apparently Doesn't Realize the Changes in What Was Once His Island Dominion.

TUTUILA, Samoa, Dec. 9.—Gov. Tilley has gone to New Zealand with the Abarenda to get supplies of coal and to have the ship repaired. Lieutenant Commander E. J. Dorn, of the Abarenda, is now in charge of the station. Previous to leaving New Zealand, Gov. Tilley made official visits to all the districts. He was accompanied by Judge E. W. Gurr, secretary for native affairs. District meetings were held at the leading centers. At these meetings all the native officials, native chiefs and talking men were present. Highest tributes of praise and thanks were unanimously given by the people to Gov. Tilley and to the United States government for the protection now afforded them. At each district meeting the Samoans passed resolution, recommending to the government the passage of the following laws:

One—The raising of revenues by taxing the Samoans for native affairs.

Two—The abolishment of the custom of presenting large numbers of fine mats and property at marriages and deaths for distribution among the friends attending the marriages or a funeral rite.

The prohibition of the custom of a whole village or a district taking a Malaga (journey) and billeting themselves on other towns and districts for an indefinite period. Some trouble has been caused by the differences and disputes between the local missionary societies, one which is the mormon. It became necessary to enact a law enabling settlements of disputes and a Sunday ordinance is now in force.

HE'S JUST BEHIND THE TIMES.

Mataafa of Upolu does not seem to realize that the German government has supreme control of the government of Upolu and Savii and that the United States has that of Tutuila. He has written a letter to the chiefs of Tutuila, inviting them to attend a gathering of the whole of the Samoan government at his place on Mulimin, in Upolu, and to bring presents which may be construed as tributes. Tutuila chiefs have strongly resented the invitation.

The German government is collecting all the back taxes prior to the hoisting of the flag at Apia.

The money for the guns surrendered by the Malietoa and Mataafa factions is in Apia and the Samoans are awaiting payment. But there are some disputes as to the manner of paying out. The German government wants to do the whole through their treasury, but there are many natives now under America's protection, who are to receive a considerable share of the money.

SUFFERING IN PORTO RICO.

Gen. Davis Says That Surgeon Williams Exaggerates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Gen. Davis when seen at the war department concerning the report made public today by Dr. Williams, a contract surgeon in the department of Porto Rico, setting forth an appalling state of affairs among the coffee planters of the island, said that from his knowledge of affairs in that section of Porto Rico, he should characterize Dr. Williams' statement as much overdrawn and exaggerated. That there was suffering in the coffee planting section of the country the general said he had no doubt. The heavy losses incurred by the hurricane, he said, could have had no result other than to greatly reduce the means of the planters, who had $12,000,000 worth of coffee swept away by the big storm. When Gen. Davis was military governor of the island the war department issued rations to the people of Porto Rico, in order to help to weather over the evil effects of the hurricane. When the government passed under civil administration, however, the issuance of the rations was discontinued as it was believed the islanders had sufficiently recovered.

The general said that Dr. Williams was an acting assistant surgeon in the department and accompanied a small expedition under command of Maj. Watt, Fifth cavalry, wihch, on a march across the island, traversed the coffee planting region. The doctor reported a bad state of affairs in this section in the way of sickness and want of food and was asked for a fuller report by Gen. Davis. This was turned over to Gov. Allen.

Gen. Davis leaves Washington this afternoon for San Francisco, where he will take passage for Manila on the transport Hancock, sailing Jan. 12. He has been ordered to duty as inspector general of the division of the Philippines.

BURGLARS GOT NOTHING.

Failed to Open a Vault, and Now No One Else Can.

SONORA, Ky., Dec. 24.—An unsuccessful attempt was made early today to rob the Sonora deposit bank. An entrance was forced into the building by prying off a door. The burglars then worked with a sledge hammer on the vault, knocking off the combination, but were evidently frightened away before they succeeded in forcing an entrance. They left all their tools lying near the vault. The bank officials were unable to open the vaults today and business was suspended for the day.

WITNESSED MORRIS' MURDER.

Young Woman Government Employe in State of Nervous Collapse.

HALLIDAYSBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—Miss Juniata Rohrbach, an employe of the auditor's office of the war department, has been brought to her home in this city in an acute stage of nervous collapse that is likely to prove fatal. Miss Rohrbach was near the desk of Auditor Frank H. Morris when McDonald entered and shot him. The shock of the tragedy was too much for the young woman's nerves.

ENGLAND AND THE CANAL.

Foreign Office Has Not Considered the Treaty Amendments.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A representative of the Associated Press has been informed at the British foreign office that all the editorial comment in the London Times today and other English papers on the Nicaragua canal treaty, is entirely unauthorized and not inspired by the foreign office. To use official language: "England has too many irons in the fire to take up the Nicaraguan canal matter at present. She has received no official communication on the subject, nor has she given it as yet any official consideration."

FOREMEN SHOOT LABORERS.

Trouble Brewing on McDonald & Co.'s Ecuadorian Railway.

KINGSTON, Jamacia, Dec. 24.—Letters just received here from Ecuador report increasing trouble between the American foremen of the Jamaican laborers, who are constructing the railroad in that country under the concession obtained by James McDonald & Co., of New York. As a result of the disturbances, several Jamaicans have been shot and one of the American foreman had to clear out and take refuge elsewhere. The laborers are now arming and serious trouble is expected.

MACDONALD MAY RECOVER.

Murderer of Auditor Morris Shows Slight Improvement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The coroner's inquest in the case of Frank H. Morris, auditor of the treasury for the war department, who was killed at the Winden building Saturday afternoon by Samuel MacDonald, former disbursing officer of his bureau, was held today. The verdict was that Morris had come to his death by a pistol shot wound isflicted by McDonald.

McDonald, who is a precarious condition at the emergency hospital, suffering from self-inflicted wounds after killing Morris, is somewheat improved and has a chance to recover.

DECLINES THE JOB.

Sir John Lyon Doesn't Want Australian Premiership.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 24.—Sir John William Lyon, premier of New South Wales, who was recently requested by the Earl of Hopetown, governor general of the commonwealth of Australia to form the first federal ministry, has declined the task. He has advised Lord Hopetown to summon Mr. Edmund Barton, who was leader of the federal convention during its session in Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne, in 1897 and 1898.

"Dynamite" Driscoll Dead.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—John D. Driscoll, better known as "Dynamite" Driscoll, died today of cancer of the tongue.

Mr. Driscoll was seventy-years old and was born in this country. He was a friend of John Mitchell, O'Donovan Rossa, Charles S. Parnell, Michael Davitt and all the prominent irish patriots. During the Civil war he served in the Ninth Massachusetts volunteers.

King Christian's Christmas.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 24.—King Christian will spend the Christmas holidays in Denmark for the first time since the death of Queen Louise. Nearly all the members of the royal family are the guests of Prince Waldemar and Princess Marie. Tomorrow there will be a banquet in the palace, which all the royalties will attend.

May and December.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Gen. Reginald Pole Carew, who has returned from South Africa, will marry Lady Beatrice Frances Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the Marquis of Ormonde. He is fifty-one years of age and she is under twenty-five.

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