

IS FOR SHIP SUBSIDY LAW LAID AT WHITE HOUSE

Representative
Declares Bill Will
Be Passed.

USE READY TO ACT

Democratic Opposition Will Not
Be Allowed to Stand in
the Way.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Representative Dwight of New York, republican "whip" of the house, talked with the president some time today about ship subsidy legislation. On leaving he asserted the president's recommendations will be enacted into law by congress and the house could act soon after reassembling. The bill of Representative Humphrey of Washington is the one agreed upon by the president and republican leaders.

Urged by President.

In his message to congress upon the convening of that body the president urged a ship subsidy law looking "to the establishment of lines between the Atlantic seaboard and the eastern coast of South America, as well as lines from the west coast of the United States to South America, China, Japan and the Philippines."

Will Override Democratic.

Dwight declared the democratic opposition to the ship subsidy bill will not retard the passage of the measure to any degree.

BROADENS SWEEP

Conference at White House Has
Important Bearing on Com-
ing Investigation.

OF INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

Taft Will Share With Congress the
Responsibility for the Verdict
Returned.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—There were the highest of developments yesterday in connection with the impending congressional inquiry into the conduct of Secretary of the Interior Ballinger. While it has been authoritatively stated that the investigation would be thorough, it became certain, as a result of the acute stage reached in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, that it will be much more comprehensive and sweeping than has been imagined.

At an extended conference yesterday between President Taft and Representative John Dalzell of Pennsylvania, member of the committee on rules and one of the most influential republican members of the house of representatives, it was decided that the joint committee of the senate and house which will inquire into the propriety of Secretary Ballinger's conduct while commissioner general of the land office, as well as head of the interior department, will be created under a joint resolution.

Brings In All Government.

The significance of the decision is this: While under a simple resolution of the senate or house the investigation would be conducted only by the body in which such a resolution originated, and while, under a concurrent resolution, the inquiry would be broadened to cover both branches, thus making the inquiry a purely congressional one, under the joint resolution the case resolves itself into one of "the federal government vs. Secretary of the Interior Ballinger."

It was President Taft, who not long ago came out with a sweeping endorsement of Secretary Ballinger as any member of a cabinet, accused of high crimes and misdemeanors, ever has received, who yesterday insisted that the responsibility of passing upon Mr. Ballinger's conduct be not put entirely up to congress but that he be permitted to have a share. The joint resolution will accomplish this.

Taft Angry at Criticisms.

Mr. Taft has been irritated as a result of the criticisms of his course in "putting the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy up to congress" after his published statement giving his secretary of the interior a clean bill of health. So now, in order that no one may say he shied off on congress the duty of whitewashing Mr. Ballinger, or made possible a Scotch verdict of "guilty but not proven," he wants the congressional committee created in such a way that it will have every facility for arriving at the truth.

Message on Conservation.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Unless President Taft abandons a pretty firmly fixed intention, he will not wait for the conclusion or even the beginning of the congressional inquiry into the matters connected with the Ballinger-

THE WEATHER

Generally fair and rising temperature tonight and Thursday. The minimum temperature tonight will be about zero.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 6 below; maximum in 24 hours, 15; minimum, 6 below. Precipitation in 24 hours, trace. Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 8 miles. Relative humidity, last evening 92, this morning 92.

J. M. SHERIER, local forecaster.

Dec. 29 In American History.

1778—Savannah, Ga., captured by the British.
1808—Andrew Johnson, seventeenth president of the United States, born; died 1875.
1890—Battle of Wounded Knee Creek, between Sioux hostiles and United States soldiers.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 4:37, rises 7:20; moon rises 7:37 p. m.

Pinchot controversy before sending to congress a special message on conservation of national resources. The president is expected to begin the preparation of this message as soon as he has finished that dealing with the proposed amendments to the interstate commerce and anti-trust acts upon which he is now engaged. Furthermore, it can be stated upon adequate authority Taft is confident the conservation legislation he proposes will be enacted into law before the end of the present session of congress.

EXPORTING DAYS NEARING AN END

"High Prices for Farm Products
Have Come to Stay," Says
Champ Clark.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—"The present high prices for farm products have come to stay; the rural population is playing out; the present census, if it classes the unincorporated villages as towns, will show between 60 and 65 per cent of population living in towns," declared Champ Clark in the house yesterday. "At the present rate, in 20 years, the United States will cease to be an exporting nation, for agricultural products, except as to cotton."

"One of the principal causes of the high prices of farm products is the world movement of people toward the towns and cities, while a few people in towns and cities have gardens, raise chickens and occasionally pigs, practically the entire town and city population are nonproducers of anything to eat, but are consumers only."

"For the first time Argentina last year beat us in exporting corn, and Argentina and Brazil are now fighting to take the frozen meat trade from us."

MORSE'S MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL DENIED

New York, Dec. 29.—Judge Hough of the United States circuit court this afternoon denied a motion for a new trial for Charles W. Morse.

BOILER BLOWS UP; FIVE DIE

Accident at Plant of the Metropolitan Electric Co. at Reading, Pa.
Reading, Pa., Dec. 29.—Five employees were killed by the explosion of a boiler at the new plant of the Metropolitan Electric company in West Reading. The dead:

CLIFFORD MARTIN, Toms River, N. J.

ELMER DENGLER, Bremen, Md.

MARTIN LYNCH, Phoenixville, Pa.

JAMES CONNOLLY, Reading.

FRANK COLE, Reading.

Would Succeed DeArmond.

Butler, Mo., Dec. 29.—Phillip S. E. Griffith of Greenfield, Dade county, yesterday was nominated by acclamation by the republicans of the Sixth Missouri district, as candidate to succeed the late David A. DeArmond. On Dec. 23 the democrats named C. C. Dickinson as their candidate.

Lincoln's Office Burns.

Danville, Ill., Dec. 29.—The old war museum, where President Lincoln had his office when he was riding the circuit as an attorney, burned today.

Homer Davenport Ill.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 29.—Homer C. Davenport, the cartoonist, is seriously ill here, a victim of complete nervous collapse.

ELEVEN CRAFT AND SIXTY MEN LOST IN STORM

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 29.—Eleven Newfoundland schooners, and their crews of 60 men are believed to have been lost in the Christmas blizzard, while great destruction to property in this island colony has resulted.

IS PRESIDENT STILL, HE SAYS

Zelaya Is Quoted as Making
Boastful Statements on Way
to Mexico City.

NOT OFFICIALLY NOTICED

Arrival Hailed, However, by Central
Americans—One Revolutionary
Leader Quits.

Cardoba, Mexico, Dec. 29.—Zelaya declared last night that he was still president of Nicaragua, although he may never return to assume that office. Madriz, he asserted, is only the provisional president and he (Zelaya) had not relinquished that office. Zelaya admitted that, in reply to his request for asylum aboard the British cruiser Shearwater, he was told he could board it only with the understanding that he would agree to leave Nicaragua forever. Mexico, on the other hand, he declared, made no reservations in granting him similar permission.

Hopes Affairs Will Quiet Down.

Zelaya said he was leaving Nicaragua in the hope that affairs there would quiet down. In support of his claim members of the party said that the Guerrero floated the Nicaraguan flag in addition to the Mexican flag. Reports of his wealth, Zelaya said, were grossly exaggerated. His fortune is not over \$2,000,000. He denied he had wrongfully obtained any part of his fortune through government concessions.

Not Officially Welcomed.

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—Zelaya arrived here today. No Mexican officials met him. He was, however, greeted by 200 Central Americans and Mexicans who welcomed him enthusiastically.

Revolutionary Leader Resigns.

Port Limon, Costa Rica, Dec. 29.—General Juan Pablo Reyes, major general in the revolutionary army of Nicaragua, who resigned his command and has taken up his residence at Cartago, Costa Rica, has sent a telegram to his late chief in which he gives as the reason of his resignation Estrada's refusal to accept Madriz as president. It is reported here the revolutionists had set up as their candidate for the presidency Dr. Don Adan of Cardenas.

POSTMASTER IS BURNED

Official at Avalon, Mo., Loses Life
When Home Is Destroyed.

Avalon, Mo., Dec. 29.—Cyrus Eastman, aged 60, the postmaster, was burned to death in a fire that destroyed his home today. He had escaped but returned to the building to save valuable papers.

HUGE CAPITAL REQUIRED TO RUN LARGE CITIES, THE CENSUS SHOWS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—If the 153 largest cities of the United States were to merge themselves into one great corporation, they would need a working capital of \$1,250,000,000, or just about the equivalent of the capital stock of the United States Steel corporation turned into hard cash.

The census bureau has made an elaborate investigation of what it costs to run our municipalities; how the money is spent, and who gets it. The net amounts spent on public works and departments, or collected from taxes or other sources of revenue, composed about 58 per cent of the total transaction for 1907. The remaining 42 per cent was spent incidentally to the conduct of the city's business or in transactions where the city acted merely as a fiscal agent, as in the collection of revenue for the state or county.

Departments Cost Big Per Cent.

To maintain the departments of city government takes 36 per cent of the total cost. During 1907 the 153 cities enumerated collected nearly \$600,000,000 in their own revenues and then borrowed more than \$400,000,000 for improvements. But an American city as a collective institution is far from a bankrupt.

During 1907, after paying all main-

tenance and operation and interest upon debt, the cities of the United States had among them \$122,600,000 to push new work.

It costs more than \$35,000,000 in a year to protect life and property; it costs more than \$37,000,000 for sanitation and the preservation of health; the leading item of \$109,000,000 is for education, and for recreation we spend least of all, a little more than \$12,000,000.

It costs \$3.37 per capita in New York to maintain the police force and only 49 cents in Oshkosh, Wis. It costs \$3.42 in Washington and only 44 cents in Lincoln, Neb.

Many Cities Own Water Plants.

It costs only 40 cents per capita to maintain the fire department in New York, Ky., and 44 cents in Harrisburg, Pa., but it costs \$3.62 in Atlantic City. The tendency of municipal ownership shows itself in some directions. Of these 153 cities, 116 own and operate their own water plants. Only 75 of them own their own market places.

And, in summing up the costs of all the items of city government, it appears that interest upon borrowed money makes almost as great a showing per capita as any other item. It averages \$3.04 per capita and goes up as the size of the cities increase.

NEWLY DISCOVERED GAS CAUSE OF AURORA BOREALIS, SCIENTIST SAYS

Boston, Mass., Dec. 29.—Neon, a newly discovered gas, is the cause of the aurora borealis, according to a statement made yesterday by Dr. W. L. Dudley, head of the department of chemistry at Vanderbilt university of Nashville, Tenn., before the division of physical and inorganic chemists of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Dudley showed what he claimed to be the only sample of neon in this country. It requires more than 100 tons of air to get a pint of neon. Dr. Dudley has discovered that the friction of neon against mercury in a Crookes tube produces a yellow light and when held near a wireless coil Hertzian waves illuminate the gas.

Dr. Dudley's conclusions are that

MILK TRUST IS EXPOSED

Combine Shown to Have
Been Reaping Exorbi-
tant Profits.

YET CRIED FOR MORE

Extorted Higher Prices in the
Face of Returns Already
Unreasonable.

New York, Dec. 29.—Investigation into the so-called milk trust was given added impetus today by a startling discovery made by Marvyn Scudder, an accountant employed by the state to go over the books of the larger milk companies in the city. Scudder stated the books of the Borden company showed more than \$15,000,000 of the \$20,000,000 capital stock represented "trade marks and good will," which, the accountant said, represented nothing tangible in the way of assets.

Paying Big Dividend.

On the company's capitalization a dividend of 6 per cent was paid on preferred and 10 per cent on common stock. Scudder said the books showed a surplus of \$8,824,230 made in 10 years, and Special Deputy Attorney General Coleman is preparing to ask the company that if such profits are possible with milk at 8 cents what justification had the companies for saying they were losing money at that price and to raise the price to 9.

Surplus Four Times Actual Cost.

Scudder further showed that of the Sheffield farms the company's capitalization of \$500,000 over \$300,000 was for "good will etc." The Sheffield company paid 15 per cent dividends last year and to date this year 22 per cent on its stock and its surplus was \$963,672, nearly double the capital stock. Enormous profits were shown to have been made by the Alexander Campbell Milk company at 8 cents per quart.

The Profits Growing.

Scudder also submitted figures from the books of the Borden company showing that during the nine months of this year ending Sept. 30 the company's clear profit in New York and Chicago was \$1,076,772, exceeding by \$222,947 the net profits of the same branches of business in the corresponding months of 1908.

WANTS TO RULE THE TEACHERS

Chicago Not Only Seeks Next
Meeting but Demands the
Presidency.

AT SPRINGFIELD MEETING

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, City Super-
intendent, Candidate—Rap
for State Solons.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Chicago not only seeks the presidency of the State Teachers' association, now in session here, but will also endeavor to capture the state meeting for next year. Its candidate for the presidency is Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, city superintendent of schools of Chicago, and she is being backed by President David Fairley of the Illinois Normal university at Normal. Frank D. Thompson, principal of the Springfield high school, and Professor Henry Shryock, vice president of the Southern Normal university of Carbondale, are also spoken of in connection with the presidency.

Committee to Nominate Named.

President Bardwell of the state association this morning named the nomination committee which will report tomorrow morning. City Superintendent of Schools T. C. Clendenen of Cairo, is chairman of the committee. It is said if the committee reports adversely to Mrs. Young, her nomination will be made from the floor of the convention. The member of the nomination committee from the Fourteenth district is County Superintendent E. L. Gregory of Aleno.

Rap for Legislators.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 29.—What "low brow" disciples of brawn would have classed a "short jab in the wind," but which ethical pedagogues declared was simply a polite protest, was handed the general assembly at the opening session of the State Teachers' association last night.

President C. M. Bardwell of Aurora was the one to pass out the wallop to the lawmakers, and he was applauded by his fellow teachers as vociferously as though the "polite protest" had been a knockout. In his annual address Mr. Bardwell declared the legislative acts of past years that have benefited teachers have been few and far between, allowing due credit for the school law codification.

Following this dab at legislative stinginess the Aurora man urged the general assembly with overlooking the importance of consulting the teachers on subjects which really interested them.

Teachers Applaud Rap.

"They consulted the brewer's wishes on liquor legislation; why not the teachers on educational questions?" was Mr. Bardwell's parting shot, and it evoked a loud burst of applause from the 700 instructors in representatives' hall.

In extending a welcome to the association Governor Deneen declared he was once a teacher. He remembered that he had endeavored to give advice to other assemblages in the representatives' room, but had met with less success at times than at present. He hoped the time would come when he would see more of the class of persons he was addressing in the other gatherings that used the hall.

COOK REPORTED AT LONDON, ONT.

Rumor Says He Started for Detroit,
but Search Fails to Locate
Him.

Detroit, Dec. 29.—Specials from London, Ont., says that a man closely resembling Dr. F. A. Cook, the explorer, passed through London yesterday en route to Detroit.

A diligent search by newspaper men has failed to locate Dr. Cook in this city. When the report reached here yesterday that the explorer had taken a train from London, Ont., to Detroit it was thought he might be on his way to Mount Clemens to take the baths or to Jackson, Mich., where he has relatives, but he cannot be found in either of those cities tonight.

RIVAL POISONER OF GIRL?

Los Angeles Police Called Upon to
Investigate Peculiar Death.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29.—Believing her daughter Bessie, aged 18, poisoned, Mrs. Jennie Priest today asked the authorities to investigate the cause of her death. She was engaged to marry Harry Sayre of Newark, N. J., and recently dined with a woman said to be a rival and was immediately taken sick, death following.

TURKISH CABINET IS OUT

Young Turks, However, Keep Their
Grip on the Government.

Constantinople, Dec. 29.—The Turkish cabinet resigned last evening, following the resignation earlier of Hilmi Pasha.

It is reported that serious conflicts have occurred in Bagdad. This is not confirmed officially.

The cabinet was constituted May 5

CHICAGO GRAFT PROBE IS BEGINNING TO BEAR FRUIT

and parliament with scarcely a dissenting voice voted confidence in the ministry after the government's policy, including economies to meet the financial deficit and the eradication of the cause of the Adana outbreaks was explained. The committee of union and progress, which was the moving spirit in the overthrow of the former sultan, has, since the change of administration, retained its grip on the government machinery. Recently the committee demanded the resignation of the minister of public works, and this was complied with. The grand vizier's program did not satisfy the wishes of the Young Turks.

ONCE A SUSPECT

Colonel Gordon, Appointed Sen-
ator to Succeed McLaurin,
Had Price on Head.

AS LINCOLN CONSPIRATOR

Compelled to Live in Canada for a
Time After Close of War—
Proved Charges False.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 29.—When Colonel James Gordon of Okolona is sworn in as the new United States senator from Mississippi he probably will be the only member of the upper house of the United States congress on whose head the government once put a price of \$10,000 "dead or alive."

Colonel Gordon, who has been named by Governor Noel to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator A. J. McLaurin, was one of several Confederate leaders suspected of being in conspiracy with J. Wilkes Booth to kill President Lincoln. He escaped arrest and probably death only by the intervention of a Yankee colonel with whom he had crossed swords in a fight in Virginia.

Was Intimate with Booth.

During the earlier years of the war Colonel Gordon had formed an intimate friendship with Booth, and after the assassination of President Lincoln the reward of \$10,000 was offered for his capture. Colonel Gordon went to Canada, and it was several months after the close of hostilities before he found it safe to return home.

During one of the campaigns in Virginia Colonel Gordon had fought with the colonel of a New York cavalry regiment. Both were wounded in the conflict, but they afterward became fast friends.

Former Fox Friends Him.

Colonel Gordon wrote a letter to this New Yorker denying that he had any part in the conspiracy and stating that he desired to return home. His former foe took the matter up with General Dix, then in command of the army forces in New York, and the latter sent him a passport and an invitation to come to New York and surrender, which he did. He afterward satisfied General Dix that he knew nothing of the Lincoln conspiracy.

He took the oath of allegiance and returned to his home in Chickasaw county, where he since has resided.

LOVERS DIE IN HOTEL ROOM

Parental Opposition Leads to Tragedy at Peru, Ind.

Peru, Ind., Dec. 29.—A man registered at a hotel as L. B. Lenhart of Chicago shot and killed Dora Chappell and then killed himself in the dining room of a hotel this afternoon. The cause is not yet known.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 29.—The man who shot Dora Chappell in Peru, Ind., today was Roy McKinney of this city. He and the girl were in love but her father separated them.

Buildup Attacks Young Girl.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 29.—Beulah Jarvis, a 15-year-old girl living near Cozmann, was set upon by her father's big bulldog and so badly bitten that her recovery is doubtful.

Rail Conference Again Futile.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The conference of representatives of railroad men and railroads was resumed today but no definite progress was made.

New Tariff for France.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The deputies today, 365 to 142, adopted the new tariff bill.

WINNIPEG HAS INTENSE COLD; WAVE GENERAL

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Extremely cold weather prevails throughout the north-west. The lowest temperature reported this morning was at Winnipeg, 23 below; Huron, S. D., 20 below; Norfolk, Neb., and St. Paul, 18 below; Sioux City, Iowa, 16 below; Des Moines, Iowa, 12 below. Central and western Kansas marked 8 to 18 above, while central and northern Missouri went the other way, reporting an average of 7 below. Indications are that Thursday will see rising temperatures with possibly snow flurries in the far western sections.

Connery and Rogers In- dicted for Alleged Coal Frauds.

SOLD FUEL TO THE CITY

Other Corporations and Indi-
viduals Expected to Come
Within Scope.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Two indictments on the charge of obtaining money from the city by false pretenses in connection with the sale of coal to the city were returned by the grand jury here today against James P. Connery and Michael H. Rogers.

Company Is Accused.

Connery is secretary and treasurer of the Chicago Fire Appliance company, one of the corporations under investigation in regard to alleged graft charges, and is secretary of the Miami company. Rogers is democratic committeeman of the Thirteenth ward and is head of the Rogers Coal company.

Expected to Extend.

It is expected that the investigation by the grand jury will extend to other corporations and individuals who are charged with having illegally profited in transactions with city hall officials in furnishing supplies to the city.

HONOR MEMORY

English, Assisted by Other Na-
tions, Celebrate Gladstone
Centenary.

SERVICES AT WESTMINSTER

Statue in the Strand Literally Cov-
ered With Floral Offerings.
Many From Abroad.

London, Dec. 29.—The centenary of the birth of William Ewart Gladstone was commemorated today by memorial services. Floral offerings were placed upon his statue in the Strand, many of which were sent from abroad. Many foreign delegates representative of Finland, Russia, Holland, Bulgaria, Greece, Serbia, Armenia, and other states, joined in the services at Westminster. At Hawarden, where Gladstone died May 19, 1898, and at other points throughout the country largely attended memorial services were held.

Statue Hidden.

The statue of Gladstone in the Strand was fairly hidden beneath floral offerings that had come from all parts of the world, while his tomb in Westminster abbey was covered with tributes, including a solid silver wreath received from the government of Bulgaria.

GIRL'S BODY FOUND; JUMPED FROM TRAIN?

Malvern, Iowa, Dec. 29.—The body of Miss Cecil Dodd, aged 20, stenographer, who lived at Red Oak, Iowa, was found beside the Wabash railroad tracks here today. It is believed she jumped from a train while it was in motion.

SICILIAN QUAKE RECALLED

Italy Fittingly Commemorates Anniv-
ersary of Catastrophe.

Rome, Dec. 29.—King Victor and Queen Helena united with their subjects yesterday in religious services and other exercises held throughout Italy in commemoration of the first anniversary of the earthquake which destroyed Messina and Reggio, and killed 260,000 persons. The prominent newspapers are urging greater interest in reconstruction of the stricken towns. The exercises included the presentation of bronze plates by the naval league to the consuls of the United States, Russia, England, Spain, Germany and France in gratitude for the relief work of those countries.