

**COURTS SEEN
AS OBSTACLE
TO REFORMS**

New Governor of South
Dakota Points to Legal Wrongs.

CITES RAILROAD RATES

No Effective Regulation Possible Until Federal Interference Is Removed.

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 7.—"It would seem that no effective legislation of freight and passenger rates within state lines is possible so long as the lower federal courts are permitted to annul and bring to naught all efforts on the part of the people of the states to secure relief," said Governor Frank M. Byrne of South Dakota, in his message to the legislature today. "The people," said he, "do not so much complain of any specific decisions by the courts as of the contemptuous way in which they trample on state laws, and hinder state officials in the performance of their duty in enforcing the laws when no decision or judgment on the merits of such laws has been rendered."

"It was the boast of the representatives of the railroads that in 13 minutes after the governor had signed at Pierre the act fixing passenger fares at 2 cents per mile, the federal judge at Sioux Falls had signed his sweeping order restraining the attorney general and all state attorneys from attempting to enforce it."

INJUNCTION PENDING.
The governor in his message said that various injunctions and the suits growing out of the passenger and freight rate reduction cases have been pending for periods ranging from two to six years, without a decision one way or the other. "In this experience," he said, "South Dakota is in the same condition as many other states and, in fact, that of practically all other states where rate regulation has been seriously attempted."

"Our state freight rates are so high as to practically prohibit exchange of certain classes of commodities between different parts of the state and to work serious injustice to shippers of nearly all classes. For instance, the rate on grain, flour, mill stuffs, etc., from Miller to Watertown, 150 miles, is equal to the rate from Miller to Minneapolis, 300 miles. Parties who recently shipped oats from Brookings to Miller paid regular Minneapolis rates to Miller, though the distance is less than half."

RULES HELD EXTORTIONATE.
The governor said that passenger rates also were "not only high but extortionate," and that he believed the time has come when all public utilities should be brought under control of the board of railroad commissioners.

"The law," he said, "should authorize the attorney general to call for and examine the books of any corporation doing business in the state, regardless of where the office may be."

Other recommendations include:
Strengthening of corrupt practices act with effective limitations as to funds.

Enactment of bank deposit guaranty law.

Regulation of investment companies.

Appropriation for state representation at Panama-Pacific exposition.

Enactment of law limiting number of saloons to not more than one in a town of a thousand or less and others in proportion.

Submission of question of amending state constitution.

Board of control and a board of regents to have charge of state institutions.

Ade Not Hurt.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—George Ade, reported severely injured by a fall to an icy walk in Lafayette, Ind., Sunday, says the report was caused by a slip of the memory on the part of the person who gave out the news. He says it was his hat and not his head that was hurt.

Peoria Church Burned.
Peoria, Ill., Jan. 7.—Fire, thought spontaneous combustion, destroyed Central Christian church this morning. The loss is \$25,000.

**6 SLEEPERS OFF
TRACK; ALL SAFE**

La Crosse, Wis., Jan. 7.—Eastbound Pioneer Limited No. 4, the largest train on the Milwaukee & St. Paul system, was wrecked in a storm near Mauston, Wis., early this morning. Six sleepers left the track. No one was seriously hurt. Passengers were merely shaken up in their berths. The wreck covered east and west bound tracks and blocked all traffic.

The Weather

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline,
and Vicinity.

Cloudy tonight and Wednesday with snow tonight and not much change in temperature. The lowest temperature tonight will be about 15 or 20 degrees.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 19. Highest yesterday 15, lowest last night 14.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 12 miles per hour.

Precipitation .13 inch.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 98, at 7 a. m. 88.

Stage of water 2.2 a rise of .2 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)

Sun sets 4:49, rises 7:25. Evening stars: Venus, Saturn. Morning stars: Mars, Mercury, Jupiter.

**CHURCH BURNS AS
PEOPLE WORSHIP**

Chicago, Jan. 7.—A half hour before the time set for mass several hundred men and women were driven to the street in confusion when fire attacked St. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic church in South Chicago. None was injured. The loss is \$10,000. Ornaments caught fire from lighted candles and spread to the altar and filled the auditorium with smoke.

**SMITH AND GORE
TO MEET WILSON**

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 7.—Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, who was a member of Cleveland's cabinet, and Senator Gore of Oklahoma will confer with President-elect Wilson tomorrow. The meeting with Smith is regarded as one of the most important Wilson has had since he began to consult democratic leaders.

The governor has not declared himself on the seniority rule, but the activity of Smith and other democrats intimately identified with the Wilson campaign has led some to believe he tacitly approves the reorganization movement.

Wilson also wants to learn the views of Smith covering possible appointments to the cabinet. His name has been mentioned for a cabinet portfolio, but it is believed he wishes to remain in the senate. Gore has been conspicuous in the movement to reorganize senate committees.

**ROADS TO BE RUN
BY ELECTRICITY**

Washington, Jan. 7.—What Secretary Fisher believes to be the beginning of the electrification of all transcontinental railroads was marked today by a grant to the Great Falls (Mont.) Power company to transmit, over the public domain under government regulations, power for the electrification of 450 miles of tracks on the main line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroad between Harlowton, Mont., and Avery, Idaho.

**F. CHANCE OUT OF
GAME, IS LATEST**

Chicago, Jan. 7.—An afternoon paper prints an interview with Frank Chance in which the former manager of the Chicago Nationals states positively he will not appear in baseball this season. The purpose in coming to Chicago was to explain his attitude to Frank Farrell, who wants Chance to manage the New York Americans.

**POWELL CLAYTON QUIT
REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**

Washington, Jan. 7.—Powell Clayton, republican national committeeman from Arkansas since 1872, today handed his resignation to Chairman Hillier. Clayton will take up his residence in the District of Columbia. His services with the national committee is the longest on record.

Sherman Estate Is \$370,075.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 7.—The late vice president, James S. Sherman, left an estate valued at \$370,075, practically all personal property, according to today's report of the transfer tax appraiser. The debts and expenses amount to \$46,423, and the net balance goes to Mrs. Sherman.

Alexis at Gift-Giving.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 7.—Russian Imperial Crown Prince Alexis, with his father, Emperor Nicholas, attended the distribution of Christmas gifts from a tree to the Cossacks of the bodyguards at the Palace Tsarskoye Zelo, this afternoon. It was the prince's first public appearance since his illness.

\$50,000 Church for Kewanee.

Kewanee, Ill., Jan. 7.—Announcement has been made by Rev. P. H. Durkin, pastor, that the local Catholic church would erect a \$50,000 sanctuary.

**PROTESTS ON
DUTY CHANGE
POINT PERIL**

Freelisting of Paris Green
Would Close Factories,
is Claim.

PERFUMERS ARE HEARD

Manufacturers Oppose Transfer
of Oils to a 20 Per Cent
Ad Valorem Duty.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Manufacturing interests from Paris to San Francisco affected by the contemplated democratic revision of the tariff were represented today at the second hearing

**BANDITS' LEADER
HELD IN CHICAGO**

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Hubert Cattlett, called by the police the leader of the band of automobile bandits, was captured yesterday afternoon following his daring escape from detectives early Sunday morning.

Though denying any complicity in the recent automobile robberies, Cattlett made an amazing confession in which he freely admitted participation in three holdups and 15 burglaries in the city during the last three months.

Cattlett admitted that his correct name was Hubert Saucier, and that he had used aliases of Cattlett, Morton and Allen at various times since coming to Chicago about eight months ago and not once during his stay here had he been subjected to police interference.

Though voluntarily acknowledging many crimes, the incompleteness of Cattlett's confession was shown by Michael Weckart, a saloon keeper, 1404 Congress street, who identified Cattlett as the man who held him up on the morning of Oct. 30 last, and cut him 37 times.

In his confession Saucier, or Cattlett, as he was known, admitted that the six-inch blade jackknife in the possession of the police was his property

**RAPP SEEMS
TO HAVE POLE
FOR SPEAKER**

McLaughlin of Chicago
Said to Have Agreed
to Withdraw.

FACTIONS CEMENTING

All That Remains to Effect Election Is Sanction of Governor-Elect Dunne.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 7.—Governor-elect Dunne and Roger Sullivan, former democratic national committeeman from Illinois, this afternoon held a lengthy conference in an attempt to

**NEW SYSTEM FOR
CURRENCY URGED**

Washington, Jan. 7.—Seeking to evolve a new currency system plan to be recommended to congress as a substitute for one proposed by the national monetary commission, a subcommittee of the house committee on banking and currency today began a series of public hearings. Bankers and financial experts from all parts of the country have been invited to give their views. Leslie M. Saw, former secretary of the treasury, will be heard today.

Chairman Hepburn of the Chase National bank was first called.
"I think you gentlemen can be assured at the outset," he said, "that you will have the sympathetic cooperation of the banking and business interests of the country." Hepburn urged the necessity for a central bank. "There are three cardinal defects in our currency system," he said. "Want of elasticity, want of market for credit, and a competitive rather than cooperative operation of our reserves."

**EXCHANGE SALES
RECEIVE PROBING**

Washington, Jan. 7.—The "money trust" committee continued its hearings today by probing stock exchange sales. Examination of operations whereby the capital stock of the California Petroleum company was sold three times over on the New York stock exchange in the first month of the company's existence was taken up with G. G. Henry of the firm of Solomon & Co., New York, on the stand.

"Do you see nothing objectionable about national banks and officers of national banks which may be called upon to loan money on the stock exchange taking an interest in a syndicate for marketing a stock to be listed, that may be used as stock exchange collateral?" asked Attorney Undermyer.

"No," replied the witness.
"But you don't want to make public the names of those banks and officers?"

"No, their dealings with us are confidential."

Affidavits to the effect that William Rockefeller has "gouty inflammation of the larynx and windpipe," which necessitated six operations, the last of a "serious nature," were recorded with the money trust committee today as evidence why he should not appear before the committee.

**POWERS ADVISING
PEACE DELEGATES**

London, Jan. 7.—A despatch from Constantinople says the Turkish government has firmly decided not to make any new proposals of peace.

London, Jan. 7.—There is practically no disposition in London to doubt that as soon as the allied delegates have celebrated the orthodox Christmas holiday the peace conference will be resumed. There is deep seated reluctance among all parties against reopening hostilities, although threats of such an eventuality are still uttered. At the same time the powers are occupied in offering friendly advice to the antagonists, and in case this proves insufficient the ambassadors are seeking the best method of intervention. It is believed the greatest effort of the powers will be exercised on Constantinople. If weeks elapse, however, without yielding Adrianople, the Bulgarian delegates declare "It will be General Savoff and cannon who will speak."

**CASTRO IS IN CHARGE OF
HIS FIGHT TO STAY HERE**

New York, Jan. 7.—Cipriano Castro took personal charge yesterday of his fight against deportation. He prepared a new petition asking for a superseding writ of habeas corpus. Later in the day this writ was granted by Judge Holt in the federal district court.

The new writ is more specific than the original document sworn out on his behalf last Friday. Castro believes it will require a more detailed answer from the immigration authorities. Like the original writ, it is returnable Jan. 10.

The Venezuelan ex-president was slightly ill today. The confinement, he said, did not agree with him.

Rich Man's Son Is Tramp.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 7.—Among the prisoners who faced the judge in municipal court was a youth of 22, who gave his name as Bert P. Brown, and pleaded guilty to vagrancy.

"I left my home in Chicago three years ago to join the navy," he told the court. "I was discharged a year ago after I had contracted tuberculosis. My father, W. Z. Brown, is secretary and auditor of the Illinois Life Insurance company in Chicago."

Editor to Succeed Davis.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 7.—Governor George W. Donaghey yesterday appointed J. N. Heiskell, editor of the Arkansas Gazette of this city, United States senator to succeed the late Jeff Davis. The appointment is for the short term ending March 4.

**30 BELOW IN
MONTANA AS
COLD CLIMAX**

Wave Hits West and Extends Southeast to Gulf States.

GALE SWEEPS CHICAGO

Suffering Among Poor of City Relieved by Charitable Societies.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Thirty below at Miles City, Mont., formed the climax to the cold through the west extending southeastward to the gulf states.

Southern California has the coldest weather in 40 years. At San Diego it was 28 above; Pueblo, Col., 22 below; Minedosa, Manitoba, 36 below; Amarillo, Tex., 2 below. Freezing temperatures extend through Texas to the Mexican border and eastward to Louisiana, Omaha, zero; Chicago, 28 above.

HEAVY SNOW AT CHICAGO.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Chicago's first heavy snow storm of the winter drove hundreds of homeless to police stations for shelter and charity organizations were overrun with applications for relief. Street cars were blocked and incoming trains were one to three hours late. A number of minor accidents resulted from snow and ice. Several inches of snow and a gale from the northeast caused additional discomfort. More snow and colder weather are predicted.

MILLIONS FRUIT DAMAGE.

Los Angeles, Jan. 7.—Temperatures four to six degrees lower than Sunday were recorded last night, blighting the hopes of lemon and orange growers. Estimates are that damage to citrus fruit will be ten to thirty million dollars.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Huddled behind a pile of frozen refuse, James Clark, a stableman, aged 28, was found dead today from cold and exposure. No similar death has been recorded in the history of San Francisco.

STEAMER AND CREW LOST.

Astoria, Ore., Jan. 7.—The oil steamer Rosecrans, formerly an army transport, went ashore at Peacock Spit early today. At 11 o'clock the hull sank from sight. Three of a crew of 36 clung to the topmast. Others are believed to have perished.

Sandon, B. C., Jan. 7.—Six men were caught by a snowslide from a mountain 2,000 feet above Noble Five mine yesterday, and three lost their lives. Others had miraculous escapes.

**GIRL IS DRUGGED
IN SLEEPING CAR**

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 7.—The unconscious form of a young woman, who later said she was Miss Evelyn Stewart of Jacksonville, Fla., today was found in her berth in a sleeping car on a Big Four train which left Chicago last night. She had been chloroformed. An empty bottle was found in the berth. Her arms were tightly bound behind her. She was taken to a hospital, but was unable to talk coherently. Physicians believe she took chloroform voluntarily.

**DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE OF
WOMEN IN CONVENTION**

Washington, Jan. 7.—Women from all parts of the United States gathered here today for the first annual convention of the Woman's National Democratic league. Speaker Clark delivered an address of greeting, and Mrs. Matthew Scott, president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, gave an address of welcome.

Darrow Trial on Jan. 20.

Los Angeles, Jan. 7.—At the request of Assistant District Attorney Ford the second trial of Clarence Darrow, the noted labor attorney, on a jury bribing charge, was continued today by Presiding Judge Willis until Jan. 20. Ford explained that he wanted the postponement on account of the district attorney's convention, which convenes here next week.

**\$300,000 FIRE IN
MASON CITY, IA.**

Mason City, Iowa, Jan. 7.—Fire in the business district this morning caused a loss of \$300,000.

The heaviest losers are A. H. Gale, \$75,000; Sever Hardware company, \$40,000.

After a hard fight the Globe Gazette building and Wheeler hotel were saved. The fire started in a confectionary store.



of the chemical schedule before the house ways and means committee.

The first witness was Theodore Ricksecker of New York, who bespoke opposition of the Manufacturing perfumers' association to the transfer of distilled and essential oils from the free list to a 20 per cent ad valorem duty. He regarded it as a mistaken notion that perfumery was a luxury.

He made a plea that "we all are entitled to a slice of happiness," and that perfumery has a virtually a necessity for servant girls as well as woman-kind generally.

FACTORIES WOULD QUIT.

Manufacture of dry colors was taken up with Arthur Somers of New York as a witness. He said he was not in sympathy with the idea of a tax on raw materials that enter into manufacture. "This is no pipe dream," declared Somers. "If you put Paris green on the free list you will wipe out every Paris green factory in the United States."

Lights to Stop "Spooning."

Urbana, Ill., Jan. 7.—Because students of the University of Illinois, which is co-educational, insisted on "undue and unwarranted spooning," as a dean of the university expressed it, Daniels street, which previously has been conveniently dark, is to be equipped with strong lights. One evening a woman member of the faculty saw two students in each other's arms. The plan to light the street better is the result.

**8 DEAD, 40 HURT
ON THE BIG FOUR**

Lafayette, Ind., Jan. 7.—Eight persons were reported killed and 40 seriously injured in a wreck of Big Four train No. 15, Chicago to Cincinnati, 11 miles east of here today.

The wreck occurred at 12:45, three miles west of Stockwell. One body was taken from the wreck.

and that he had once used it in a "fight."

Saucier, in his confession made to Captain of Detectives John J. Halpin, was unable to give the addresses of the places he had burglarized, but gave the vicinity.

He denied that he had ever gone out in an automobile to commit either a burglary or holdup, and when the loop affair of Friday evening, in which Traffic Patrolman Sticken was seriously wounded in an exchange of shots during a pitched battle, was charged to him Saucier smilingly denied it.

Saucier admitted that Albert Cherest, alias DuBoise, was his accomplice in his various crimes, but would not implicate either James Mitchell, the chauffeur, or Charles McNeff, the wounded butcher's apprentice, arrested through information furnished by Saucier just before he made his spectacular dash for liberty last Sunday.

**COMPETITION FOR
THE PARCEL POST**

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 7.—Direct competition, national in scope, between the Wells-Fargo express and the parcel post will go into effect shortly, according to Traffic Manager Graham. Competition will extend to both rates and service, with special regard to butter, eggs and poultry, to be delivered direct from shipper to consignee, eliminating middlemen's profit.

**STRIKERS AND WORKERS
IN A CLASH IN NEW YORK**

New York, Jan. 7.—The air was thick with brickbats today when 400 striking garment workers and employees who refuse to join them fought in Cooper square. Police reserves disposed of the mob and arrested two strikers.

Girls Horsewhipped a Dixon Man.

Sterling, Ill., Jan. 7.—A. H. Warneke of Dixon was horsewhipped on a street of Sterling by the ladies Cook, two girls to whom he is said to have made a remark that was resented.

reach a basis for compromise in the speakership fight.

It was rumored Sullivan, tentatively, agreed to consent to the withdrawal as a candidate for speaker of John J. McLaughlin of Chicago, providing Dunne would give his open approval to the candidacy of Representative Rapp of Fairfield, who is acceptable to the Sullivan faction.

Opposing leaders were brought together by a common desire to effect the election of a democratic speaker, if possible, and avoid a deadlock over the organization of the legislature.

TALK WITH REPUBLICANS.

Sullivan plainly indicated what he expected to do if Dunne made further attacks upon members of the Sullivan forces. It was rumored Sullivan conferred with a number of republicans and had been assured a certain amount of support from that quarter.

Former Mayor Kern of Belleville, regarded friendly to both Dunne and Sullivan, was sent for today to act as mediator.

It is expected he advocates the selection of Representative Karch, also of Belleville, as a compromise candidate of the democrats. Karch is a member of the "wet" faction and possibly more acceptable to Sullivan than Rapp.

**NASH, BUDAPEST CONSUL,
PASSES AWAY IN LONDON**

London, Jan. 7.—Paul Nash, United States consul general at Budapest, died suddenly here today.

**YOUTH SLAYS HIS
MOTHER AND SELF**

New York, Jan. 7.—When his mother refused to let him have his mandolin today, Harry Harrison, a young musical genius, jumped out of bed and slashed her to death with a razor. He then locked himself in a bathroom in his apartments in Brooklyn and cut his throat. He cannot recover.