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NO CONFIRMATIONS

DEADLOCK OVER APPOINTMENTS MADE BY PRESIDENT.

STATE BANK DEPOSITS LESS

Record for Year However, Shows Big Increase Both in Deposits and Resources—Ball Player in Ministry.

Washington.—The fact that no appointment of Indian commissioner was made by President Taft before he left for Panama is a keen disappointment to the friends of Assistant Commissioner Fred H. Abbott, whose claims for the place have been urged by Senator Brown, and other friends of the former Nebraska man. The fact that there is an apparent deadlock in the senate over the appointments already made by the president, however, is in some measure a consolation. There is already pending a dozen or more nominations for Nebraska appointments for which no confirmation is in sight. These include the following recently named postmasters: C. H. Borden, Beaver Crossing; Benton Cotterman, Petersburg; Estelle M. Davidson, Long Pine; J. W. Fairfield, Mason City; C. W. Gibson, Litchfield; D. G. Crow, Loup City; P. A. Montgomery, Edgar; Isaac Rousch, Kimball; C. F. Stockwell, Bassett, and C. C. Craig, Morrill. The latter appointment has attracted more attention here because Representative Kinkaid named Mr. Craig following an election by the citizens of Morrill.

Deposits decrease—Resources increase Lincoln.—Although deposits in state banks in Nebraska decreased more than \$3,000,000 from September 4 to November 26, and the average reserve of all banks was reduced from 29 3/5 per cent to 23 2/5 per cent, and loans and discounts increased \$4,295,686 in the same time, the record for the entire year shows a big increase in deposits and resources of state banks. The deposits November 26 were \$8,637,331 more than they were one year prior to that date. The deposits are now \$82,527,694.06.

BALL PLAYER NOW A PRIEST.

"Chick" O'Connor Quits the Diamond to Enter Ministry.

Chicago.—"Chick" O'Connor, first baseman for the Quincy club of the Three I league, has become the Rev. Father Edward O'Connor. He was ordained in the Holy Name cathedral and dined at St. Mel's rectory, with which he henceforth will be connected. Father O'Connor is still in his twenties. He established a reputation as a batsman and infielder which resulted in a demand for his services, but he said that nothing could induce him to put off the moment when he was to become a priest.

Massacre of 30,000 by Moslems.

Boston, Mass.—Frightful details of the butchery of 30,000 persons in the besieged city of Adrianople by Moslems immediately after the Balkan alliance declared war against the Ottoman empire have been received by the Boston Globe in a translation of a letter sent by Nazariene Dean Kanibelle, an officer in the Adrianople Turkish army, to J. J. Bosdan, president of the alliance.

Escaping Gas Fatal.

Lincoln—Harry Herron, a painter, is dead from the effects of escaping gas, in his room at 129 North Twelfth street. He was discovered by C. C. Gladfelter, the landlord. In a semi-conscious condition he was placed in an ambulance and rushed to a hospital. Before the ambulance reached the hospital Herron was dead. He was about forty-eight years of age.

Child Held for Ransom.

Kansas City, Mo.—Irene Justin, an eleven-year-old girl, daughter of Frank Justin, a cabinetmaker, has been kidnaped and is being held by negroes for ransom.

St. Louis.—Twenty-five thousand employees of the Frisco railway system are granted old age and disability pensions as a Christmas gift, according to a brief announcement made Thursday afternoon from the headquarters of the system here.

Paris.—A veritable hail of bombs were thrown into the Turkish fortress of Janina by the Greek military aviator, Moutoussis, and an accompanying comrade who flew over that city in a biplane, according to official advice received here.

Discovers Mine of Opals.

Fremont, Neb.—A valuable opal mine may have been discovered in northwestern Idaho by Mrs. A. Thompson, a former Fremont woman. Samples of what Mrs. Thompson calls pebbles such as she says are found in an endless quantity on her claim were enclosed in a letter to her nephew, Al Koyen. Mr. Koyen took them to jewelers who pronounced them gems of the finest quality. Mrs. Thompson and her two sons are residing eighty miles from a railroad.

PERIL OF WAR OVER

POWERS FAVOR ALBANIAN AUTONOMY AND A COMMERCIAL PORT FOR SERBIA.

BALM HELD OUT TO TURKS

Balkan Allies to Have Famous Selim Mosque at Adrianople Preserved to Moslem Faith—Conference Moving at a Snail's Pace.

London, England, Dec. 23.—London newspapers generally are of the opinion that the agreement of the ambassadors of the powers that their governments will accept the principle of autonomy for Albania, with a provision guaranteeing a commercial port on the Adriatic to Serbia, removes the danger of a great European war, because it ends the friction between Austria and Serbia and Austria and Russia. The Daily Mail says Serbia will have access to the Adriatic over a neutral railroad from the Danube to Durazzo.

Slow Headway is Made. The slow and devious processes of diplomacy are advancing toward a solution of the near eastern puzzle at a snail's pace. The only definite achievement of the day was an agreement by the ambassadors of the six great European powers that their governments should accept in principle autonomy for Albania and a guaranty to Serbia of a commercial port on the Adriatic sea. Having passed this milestone in their deliberations, the ambassadorial conference adjourned over Christmas.

Turkey to Keep Moslems. The Morning Post says it understands that, while there is no possibility that the allies will give their consent to Turkey's retaining Adrianople, they are willing to entertain a request to preserve the famous Sultan Selim Mosque there for the Mohammedan faith and, as they are desirous of friendly relations with Turkey, they are ready to make any reasonable concession to Turkish feeling short of allowing a Christian province to remain under Turkish rule.

Powers to Stop War. Paris, Dec. 23.—The great powers of Europe will interfere if the Balkan league and Turkey resume their war in southeastern Europe. This was the tenor of an announcement made by M. Poincaré, French premier and minister of foreign affairs, in the chamber of deputies.

"It is Europe's duty to intervene," said M. Poincaré, "should the war be recommenced, in behalf of humanity and the peace of the continent."

FRENCH ARE ROUSED BY ACT

Cable Vessel Belonging to Germany Causes Much Bitterness at Cherbourg.

Cherbourg, France, Dec. 23.—Much bitterness of feeling has been caused here, especially in naval circles, by the continued presence of the German government's cable ship Gross Herzog van Oldenburg without any ostensible reason during a series of important naval blockade maneuvers being carried out by the French fleet.

The German vessel, which has been passing in and out of the port since the beginning of the week, took up a position opposite the principal fort. The French admiral in command of the port sent a naval officer to request the commander of the German vessel either to put to sea or to come into the public harbor. The German captain chose the latter course, and his vessel is lying there. The incident has been reported to the French minister of marine at Paris.

BIG SEEDHOUSE IS BURNED

Albert Dickinson Company Suffers a Loss of \$125,000 in Fire at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—Fire, caused by a hot box on a grain distributor, destroyed the corn elevator and a smaller addition to it, of the Albert Dickinson company, a large seed house. The loss is estimated at \$125,000.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 23.—The six-story building occupied by the Birmingham Paper company was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at more than \$200,000.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 23.—The Carnegie plant of the Carbon Steel company at East Carnegie, near here, was destroyed by fire, with a loss of \$75,000.

SENATOR OVERMAN STRICKEN

North Carolinian Rushed to Hospital at Washington Suffering From Appendicitis.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Suffering from a sudden attack of appendicitis, Senator Lee S. Overman of North Carolina was taken to the George Washington University hospital and an immediate consultation was held with a view of determining upon an operation. The physician decided to delay the operation until the patient's condition improves.

Ship Brings \$2,000,000 Ship Cargo. Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 23.—Four thousand one hundred and fifty bales of raw silk valued at \$2,075,000, the largest and most valuable silk cargo ever brought across the Pacific to the Puget sound, arrived here on the steamer Bellerophon from the Orient.

JEFFERSONIAN SIMPLICITY?



—HOW THIS JEFFERSON USED TO GO TO THE WHITE HOUSE?—



CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

SIX HELD FOR FRAUD

MEN ARE ARRESTED IN NEW YORK, ACCUSED OF \$10,000,000 FRAUD BY U. S. INSPECTORS.

ARE HELD IN BAIL OF \$32,000

Income From Alleged Scheme to Make Linen From Flax, Estimated at \$10,000,000 a Year—Oxford Mill Not Affiliated With Promoters.

New York, Dec. 23.—On a federal indictment charging fraudulent use of the mails in promoting stock for a mill where linen was supposed to be made in a day, six men were arrested in a raid conducted by postoffice inspectors at the offices of the Sterling Debenture company here.

The authorities estimate that the yearly income of the promoters in this and other ventures has been more than \$1,000,000, and that nearly \$10,000,000 of the public's money has been paid over to them since they began doing business.

Investors in many parts of the country are named in the indictment as complaining witnesses, and the alleged unlawful conspiracy specified extended over a period of nineteen months, ending December 31, 1909. Government authorities here have been investigating complaints against the defendants for six years, they say.

The Men Arrested.

The men arrested are Frank W. Shumaker, former president of the Sterling Debenture company, and Harry H. Platt, Samuel E. Findlay, Elwyn A. Barron, Wilbur M. Stones, and Sidney Rosenbaum. They were held in bail aggregating \$32,500. Three other men are named in the indictment. One of them has been arrested in Chicago. The others are believed to be in Brookfield, Mass.

According to the indictment, investors were induced to send money to the Sterling Debenture company for the purchase of stock in the Oxford Linen mills, a Maine corporation, under the alleged fraudulent representation that the Oxford mills owned exclusive patent and secret processes that would manufacture linen from American-grown flax at one-third the cost of foreign linen, and in quicker time.

Oxford Mills Not Affiliated.

According to the postal authorities, the Oxford Linen mills are not now connected with the Sterling Debenture company, having broken away from any affiliation with that concern.

Elwyn A. Barron, who was president of the Sterling Debenture company, formerly was a dramatic critic on a Chicago morning paper. Later he became a playwright and went to London, where one of his plays was produced.

PASTOR KILLS A BURGLAR

Minister at Memphis Shoots Down a Negro Who Forces Way Into His Home.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 23.—When Rev. R. F. Kirkpatrick, Presbyterian minister, discovered that a negro burglar was attempting to get into his home, he telephoned to the police, armed himself with a revolver and took up a position at the head of a stairway. Before the police arrived the negro gained entrance and the minister fired, killing him instantly.

Auto Bandits Get Pay Roll.

New York, Dec. 23.—In broad daylight four auto bandits beat into unconsciousness two paymasters of the Silk Finishing Company of America and robbed them, of a bag containing the weekly pay roll of \$35. The robbers then leaped into a big car at the curb, drove furiously up Greenwich street, turned east and disappeared. They secured \$1,300.

REPORT REVEALS HOW COMPETITION IS STIFLED

Water Lines Almost Entirely Controlled by Railroads, Says Commissioner Conant.

Washington, Dec. 23.—That all hope of competition between railroads and water carriers has been systematically stifled by the railroad interests through the purchase of steamship lines was shown in a report on "Transportation by water in the United States, Part 4," just made public here by Luther Conant, Jr., commissioner of corporations.

The report stated that 90 per cent of the canal traffic of the United States was in the hands of the railroads; that the Atlantic seaboard, Gulf and Pacific coast steamship companies were almost entirely controlled by the land transportation companies, and that the steamship trade on the Great Lakes was controlled by these interests to a marked degree. The object of railroad control over domestic water carriers, says the report, is to eliminate the competition of water carriers, to attain entrance into territory not open to their rail lines and to secure valuable feeders, mainly local lines.

The report goes on to state that "the conditions set forth cannot fail to command attention" and that if there is to be any successful attempt to increase competition in domestic water traffic the interstate commerce commission's jurisdiction over joint rail-and-water traffic, particularly with regard to the establishment of joint rates between co-carriers, must be far more generally established than at present. Particular attention is called to the monopoly of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad in the water traffic of the New England states.

WAR ON POVERTY IN SLUMS

Prominent Men of Los Angeles in \$500,000 Housing League—Will Sell or Rent to Poor.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 23.—The Municipal House association in Los Angeles, capitalized at \$500,000, was incorporated. The organization was formed by 34 citizens of Los Angeles to reduce suffering and poverty in the slums and poorer quarters of that city. Among the incorporators are Meyer Lisner, former chairman of the Republican state central committee; A. J. Wallace, lieutenant-governor of California, and Lewis R. Works, a son of United States Senator John D. Works. The object of the corporation is to provide for the poorer classes cheap sanitary homes for rent or sale upon moderate terms.

HICKEY JURY DISAGREES

Twelve Men Trying Confessed Slayer of Boys Failed to Reach a Verdict.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The jury in the J. Frank Hickey case reported a disagreement. Hickey confessed to slaying four children and one man. He was tried this time for the murder of little seven-year-old Joseph Joseph of Lackawanna, N. Y., on October 12, 1911.

STRIKE IN KRUPP'S YARDS

Work on Three German Battleships is Halted by Walk-Out of the Workmen.

Kiel, Germany, Dec. 23.—A great strike broke out at Krupp's Germania shipbuilding yards. Over half of the men left their employment, tying up the work of construction of three German battleships.

Woman's Page Originator Dies.

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—Miss Sally Innes Stone, of St. Louis, the woman who originated a woman's newspaper page, is dead here.

COLLECTS MORE TAX

FORTY-FIVE COUNTIES PAY INCREASED TAXES.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

Forty-five counties of the state paid more taxes for the years 1912 and 1911 than for the years 1910 and 1909, according to a report by State Treasurer George. The remaining forty-seven counties paid less taxes during the same period than for the previous two years. State taxes aggregated \$4,565,902 for 1909-10 and \$4,584,469 for the next two years. Douglas county, of course, was high, with a tax payment of \$416,168 for the biennium closed and \$417,168 for the preceding biennial period. Lancaster, Gage, Otoe and Saunders counties were the only other counties of the state to step over the \$100,000 mark. Otoe and Saunders counties paid more taxes during the last two years than for the two previous years, but the other banner counties escaped with less for the past biennium.

Cash Earned by Convicts.

Over \$14,000 has been earned in cash by eighty-seven convicts now on parole from the Nebraska state penitentiary, most of whom are working at regular employment and many are supporting their families. The biennial report of the state prison board, prepared by Secretary J. A. Piper, gives detailed figures as to the work that body has been doing and what the released convicts are doing to help themselves. The report discloses that a large majority of the applications for pardons and commutations were overruled, but in a number of such cases the board arranged to parole the men.

Government Wants Information.

T. V. Powderly, of the federal department of commerce and labor, has asked Deputy State Labor Commissioner Guye for further information on the recommendation made by the latter relative to the purchase of five and ten-acre tracts of land by workmen for them to farm after they have become too old to follow their trades. The government has added to this prospective demand the likelihood of the part of foreign-born residents who have neither the inclination or means to buy larger farms. The average size of farms in this state according to Mr. Guye's figures, is 800 acres. The state official urges that means be taken to provide for the sale of farm land in small tracts so that the demand, which he anticipates will come later, can be met by the state.

Report of Kearney Normal School.

Principal A. O. Thomas of the Kearney normal school in his biennial report says there are 10,000 teachers in Nebraska and the four normal schools supply annually about one-fifth of the teachers of the state. He doubts if this record can be equaled by any similar four normal schools in the United States. The Kearney normal is now entering upon its eighth year. The matriculations number 4,242, or an average of 600 each year. The building and furniture cost \$220,000. The principal reports that the salary, maintenance, furniture, equipment and all other appropriations in eight years aggregated \$405,040, or a cost of \$95 for each matriculant and \$50 per capita for each of the 8,000 persons enrolled.

Still Fighting Hog Cholera.

That hog cholera, which has been severe in various sections of the state for some time, is still raging with undiminished energy was the assertion made by Dr. J. H. Gain of the department of animal pathology of the state school of agriculture. The demand for serum had multiplied several times over the demand of a year ago, according to Dr. Gain. Dr. Gain has much faith in the serum. He said that several years ago the scourge broke out at the state farm and threatened to destroy a fine lot of animals, but the prompt application of the serum soon stamped it out. Since then there has been no cholera in the drove.

Senator-elect C. R. Keckley is preparing a bill, the purpose of which is to place all employees of the state institutions under a civil service law.

He will introduce the measure at the coming session of the legislature. If it carries, it will require the new board of control of the penal and charitable institutions to engage all help necessary for the proper conduct of the public establishments, from superintendents down, or up, to doorkeepers, on the merit system, and once engaged the employees will be able to hold their jobs indefinitely. Almost seven million dollars in appropriations has been asked for by the various state institutions and departments to run them during the next two years, and an additional half million is wanted for the erection of new buildings. The complete list of estimates filed with the auditor is about \$1,700,000 in excess of the total appropriations made by the 1911 legislature. It is expected that the law-making assemblage will prune these down considerably, but there is little doubt that the aggregate will run a good way beyond the expenditures of the past biennium.

FARM BOY IS DETERIORATING

Labor-Saving Machinery Given as One Cause by Dr. L. J. Cooke of Minnesota University.

Minneapolis, Minn.—The universal use of modern farm machinery, relieving the farm boy of much of the heavy work formerly done by hand, is to blame for his reported physical inferiority to his city-bred classmates, says Dr. L. J. Cooke, physical director at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Cooke recently declared that the average city boy physically was much superior to the country-bred lad. Here are some of the reasons to which Dr. Cooke ascribes the country boy's inferiority:

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