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## FORD EXPEDITION **FAILS BY REASON** OF VAGUE PLANS

Mrs. Inez Milholland Boisevain Tells Delegates Control Was Left to Only Few Specially Selected Persons.

Members of Party Divided and in August, 1914, is given in the Many of Them Put in Time Sightseeing.

York, who withdrew from the Ford which blocked the channel. peace expedition Saturday presented at a public meeting of the delegates today a long statement of her lieving the project was doomed to failure.

ples," she said. "Instead of all the work has been confined to a few to 10, 1915. specially selected persons. When the party embarked on the Oscar II. I took it for granted that the rather vague opinion of the body of detegates would be hammered into efthe voyage.

"An organization was not formed until three days before the end of the voyage. To that fact I trace all misunderstandings, dissensions, mistakes in policy, infficiency and inability to get the idea of a mediating peace congress in comprehensive shape before the public. Only Private Discussions.

"The organization when finally formed, was abortive. The Scandinavian public, which expected clear thinking and a definite program were skeptical about the purely private, with the result of Ill feeling, suspicion and condemnation. the reasons stated, I am unable to continue with the party."

Gaston Plaintiff, the personal representative of Mr. Ford, requested Mrs. Boisevain to remain with the expedition, but without avail.

Since the departure of the expedition from New York three weeks ago, no meetings have been held at which peace sandy Most of the dis-Mr. Ford's leaving the party on account of sickness last week, is regarded as a serious handicap.

Want to Reach Hague, expedition should proceed to The Hague juncts.

Cannot Cross Germany. Information has been received that it will be impossible to go to The Hague through Germany. Hence this will necessitate the chartering of a steamer from Denmark and proceeding to The Hague the report says were very good during by sea. The peace sessions will end the year. The total death rate from dis-

#### Entente Allies Win in Persia; Form Cabinet

LONDON, Dec. 36.-"The Persian cabinet has fallen," says the Teheran correspondent of Reuter's Telegram com-"Prince Firman Firma has been nominated premier by the Shah. This is considered a great diplomatic victory for the entente allies."

#### Rurian Begins Work On the Second Note

BERLIN, Dec. 26 .- (By Wireless to Sayille, N. Y.)-The Vienna Neit says the Overseas News Agency, "announces that Baron Burian has already begun work upon the answer to the second American note on the Ancona and that the Austrian reply will be handed during the next few days to the American ambassador at

#### The Weather

For Nebrasks-Unsettled; much colder. Hours.

Local Record. Comparative 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912 33 19 54 dean temperature Precipitation Temperature and precipitation depar-ers from the normal:

Normal temperature
Excess for the day
Total deficiency since March 1.
Normal precipitation...
Deficiency for the day
Total rainfall since March 1.
Deficiency since March 1.
Deficiency for cor. period, 1812.

### GOETHALS REPORTS ON PANAMA CANAL

Cucaracha Slide, Quiet During Dry Season, Resumes Activity When Rainfall Begins.

HEALTH CONDITIONS ARE GOOD

WASHINGTON. Dec. 26,-A de tailed account of the operation and maintenance of the Panama Canal HIT AND MISS SYSTEM IS BAD during the first ten months and a half after its opening to commerce annual report of Governor Goethals of the Canal Zone, made public tonight. Final construction work NOTED SUFFRAGETTE DEPARTS just prior to the canal's opening also is described in the report, which STOCKHOLM, Dec. 26-Mrs. In- embraces the fiscal year ending June z Milholiand Boisevain of New 30 last, prior to the earth slide

Between August 15, 1914, and June 30, 1915, 530 vessels representing a net Panama Canal tonnage of 1,884,728 and cargo tonnage of 2,125,735 were passed through reasons for doing so and for be- from Atlantic to Pacific and 558 vessels. representing a Panama canal tonnage of 1,968,307 and a cargo tonnage of 2,844,667 from Pacific to Atlantic, making a total "The undemocratic method em- of 1.088 vessels with a net canal tonnage ployed by the managers of the expe- of 3,843,0% and a cargo tonnage of 4,960,dition is repugnant to my princi- 792. During this period three minor slides interrupted traffic, the channel being closed from October 14 to 20 and Octomembers formulating plans, the ber 21 to November 4, 1914, and March 4,

Millions of Yards Moved.

Construction of the canal proper, except for dredging, excavating and construction of the cast breakwater at Celon virtually was completed prior to this fiscal year. In the old Culebra Cut, fective shape by group action and renamed the Gaillard cut, there were reconstructive thinking throughout moved, in the process of construction during the year, 1,960,607 cubic yards at an average cost of approximately 42% cents a yard. In maintaining the channel-including removal of earth deposited SING HALLELUJAHS by slides—there were taken from Gaillard cut 4,710,566 cubic yards at a cost of 34 2-3 cents a yard and from the channel at the Atlantic entrance 1,233,301 cubic

yards at a cost of 10 1-6 cents a yard. "Cucaracha slide," the report says was very active from July to October, 1914, quiet during the dry season, and active again with the beginning of the rainy season in April. On the west serious mindedness of the delegates. At side at Culebra the slide showed little the meetings the discussions have been activity through the greater part of the IN SOME CANTATAS ARE SUNG year, but in June, 1915, the general movement of the bank was noticable, and it was estimated that 5,000,000 cubic yards of material were in motion on June 30, 1915, on the west side. It is estimated that about 4,000,000 cubic yards will have to be removed from the east

s'de.

Of the \$394,395,140 appropriated by congress to June 30, last, the report states that \$14,689,873 has been spent on fortidinner tables at the hotels. Between fications; \$750,000 to cover three annual the churches the music of yesterday dinner tables at the hotels. Between payments to the Republic of Panama: had the joy of Christmas as its chief meals, the delegates went sightseeing. payments to the Republic of Panama: had the joy of Christmas as its chief government of the canal zone for the fiscal year 1918, \$4,289,159 for the operation and maintenance of the canal to the end of the fiscal year 1915, while Rev. Charles F. Aked of San Francisco stock on hand aggregates \$2,225,000, leavand Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver have ing \$365,985,116 appropriated for the actual explained that it was imperative that the construction of the canal and its ad-

to carry out the original plan as far as. Two million dollars of this was invested This will result in the for- in colliers, and \$6,562,067 was returned to mation of a permanent committee to sit the Treasury department up to the close at The Hague to adopt ways and means, of the fiscal year 1915 as miscellaneous The committee is to consist of a small receipts, leaving \$357,436,048 as the net number of persons from each of the neu- amount expended for the canal including the amount available for work still in progress. A dry dock, two coaling stations and terminal piers,not included in these figures, are yet to be constructed.

Health Conditions Good,

Health conditions in the canal zone about January 7, when most of the mem- ease was reduced from 14.46 in 1914 to bers of the party will return to the 11.77 in 1915. Victims of malaria, the principal cause of disability, were reduced twenty per cont in number and the death rate 32 per cent, in theyear . The admission rate to hospitals from typhoid was reduced more than 76 per cent, from dysentery, fifty per cent, and the death rate from pneumonia was reduced more than 39 per cent.

Labor conditions were excellent. More than 6,000 men were given transportation because they could not be used.

#### Theatrical Promoter Dead of Pneumonia

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 26,-William D. Mann, railroad man and theatrical promoter, died here yesterday of pneunonia. He was 55 years old.

Mann entered the railroad field during Comstock days" when he was station agent at Virginia City, Nev., then a bonanza boom camp. In the early '80s the Rock Island railroal and later was and Bert Krelle. general passenger agent of that line at Topeka, Kan.

In 1890 he became identified with the theatrical world in N v York as man- mas music rendered by the choir under ager of the Herald Square theater. He John S. Helgren. At St. Mark's Lutheran inquiry. was married in Paris, France, to Marguerita Sylva, the opera singer

#### Col. Welsh Orders Up Cold Wave Flag

A cold wave swooped down on Omaha and vicinity, beginning Sunday afternoon, and within a short time a big drop in the great day is that the Greek church temperature was felt.

Colonel Weish, forecaster of the by Julius Caesar. The year, according weather bureau, ordered the cold wave to this calendar, is a few minutes longer flag hoisted at noon, and issued the than it is according to the Gregorian caraccompanying prediction of strong northerly winds, with probably snow and a

#### V. B. CALDWELL'S CONDITION IS STILL VERY SERIOUS

It is reported that Victor B. Caldwell, president of the United States National Bank, who is ill at his home, 600 South Twentieth street, with asthma Bright's disease, is reported to be hold-ing his own, aithough his condition is

NOTED BR TOR WHO ATTACKED WAR LEADER" orthcliffe, in the papers under his control, have ed on an attack against Lord Kitchener and Sir John French, the commander at the front.



LORD & LADY NORTHELIFFE

## ON BIRTH OF CHRIST

Most Churches Hold Their Christmas Celebrations Sunday with Yuletide Music.

Jubilations and hallelujahs arose in sermon, song and prayer in the churches of Omaha yesterday in celebration of the age-old but always new story of the Babe of Bethlehem.

Some of the churches held their Sunday school Christmas tree celeheld them last evening. And in all motif.

ated, nearly every one having a Christ mas tree, either left over from the Sunday school "kiddles" " celebration or prepared for it. At Immanuel Lutheran church, Nineteenth and Cass streets, two big and finely decorated trees occupied positions at the front of the main audi orium. Arches spanned the space be tween each of the pillars in the gallery and arches were arranged above the chancel rail. These were hung with holly leaves below and fitted with scores of candles above. It was a most striking sight when all the candles were lighted and the choir of nearly seventy voice sang a beautiful Christmas carol. Dr. Adoiph Hult preached a Christmas

sermon in the Swedish language. Trinity cathedral was another elabor ately decorated church. The color schem was green. The pillars were wound from top to bottom with green. The chance was a mass of verdure, giving a decidedly pleasing effect. Last evening the choi under the leadership of Ben Stanley gave a special carol service.

Christmas Message. "The Christmas Message" was Rev. G Peters' subject at the North Side Christian church yesterday morning. Special music was rendered by the choir under direction of J. H. Davis. The soloists were Mrs. C. A. Mangum, Miss Ruth

Peters, Mrs. Wiles, Mrs. William Stewart and Walter Cody. Thomas J. Kelly's choir at St. Mary's

Avenue Congregational rendered a very mprebensive program of Christmas nusic at 4 p. m., including such old and famous carols as "Good King Wenceslas," sung by Mr. and Mrs. Kelly and the Solos were also rung by Mrs. Kelly and Miss Vera Ione Beats.

Some of the churches presented Christmas cantatas in commemoration of the birth of Christ, At the Castellar Presby terian church "The Christmas King," including "Luther's Cradle Hymn," was given. Solo parts were taken by Miss Margaret Koopman, Mrs. Frank Brown. went to Denver, Colo., to represent Miss Esther Boggs, Miss Anna Breim

Christmas Music by Choirs At Kountse Memorial Lutheran church there was an elaborate program of Christ-

the choir under Arthur Melcher also sang a variety of Christmas composition One Christian church in Omaha did not celebrate Christmas yesterday. It was the only one that took no notice of the great festival. This was the Greek Orthodox church at Sixteenth and Martha streets. It is the only church of its kind in Ne brasks and there are only five of this de nomination in the United States.

The reason this church did not celebrate still uses the Julian calendar originated endar, now used by nearly all the world and in the course of nineteen centuries to 30 degrees within 24 to 36 the Julian calendar has fallen behind the Gregorian about thirteen days, Therefore December 25 on the Julian calendar does not come until January 7 of the Gregorian calendar. The celebration of Christmas by the Greek Orthodox church will take place January 7.

Ask Closer Relations. BERLIN, Dec. 38.—(By Wireless.)—The professors of the Austrian universities according to the Overseas News Agency have signed a manifesto asking the government to establish after the war, permanent and close commercial relation with Germany.

### WILSONS DRIVEN BY RAIN FROM LINKS

President and Wife Drenched by Storm Before They Are Able to Reach Hotel.

EXECUTIVE CATCHES A COLD

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 26 .-President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson yesterday by heavy rainstorm which broke suddenly and drenched both of them before they could reach their hotel a mile away. Despite brations Saturday evening, but many the cold mountain air, however, it was said at the hotel tonight that neither had suffered any serious effects, though the president caught a slight cold.

caddles, the couple had just started around the links when the first rain drops fell. They immediately turned back for the hotel and as the storm his coat and threw it about Mrs. Wilson's shoulders. Even this did not save her from a thorough drenching.

Eat Christmas Dinner.

This evening the president and Mrs. Wilson ate a Virginia Christmas dinner in their private suite. A turkey reasted in southern style, was served with other favorite dishes prepared especially for the couple. On the table was a small Christmus tree.

More than fifty Christmas gifts, sent by relatives, members of the president's family and close friends, were delivered at the presidential suite today. A large beuquet including a cluster of roses and some orchids, Mrs. Wilson's favorite flower, came from the White House conservatories. There also were hundreds of messages of Christmas greetings and congratulations.

Acknowledge Gifts.

Prior to the trip to the golf links the ouple did not leave their suite during the day, plans for a motor ride during the afternoon having been abandoned because of the storm. They spent several hours writing acknowledgements of gifts and Christmas messages.

#### Turks Await Reports On Woes of Armenia

ROME, Dec. 25.-While reports coninue to be received here of the sufferings of the Armenians the representation made by Monsignor Dolci, apostolic delegate at Constantinople to the Turkish government, so far have not produced in attendance. the desired effect. The Ottoman officials have replied that investigations have the trenches, everything in the attitude bean ordered and they are waiting for of the service brought out the same reports from those entrusted with the note:

#### MRS. INEZ STAPLES DIES OF GAS ASPHYXIATION

Mrs. lnez Staples, aged 40 years was ound dead in her room at 200 Harney Street, Sunday morning as the result of gas asphyxiation. The body was discovered by Isabell Hoffman, cousin of the dead woman, who lived at the above address. Miss Hoffman had been to the home of her parents in Council Bluffs and upon returning smelled gas corom the room.

Investigation revealed the body of the dead woman, and three gas jets turned on. A note dated "Nov. 16, 1914" giving instructions as to what should be done with her body and personal effects, was ound on the bureau.

Worry over the death of her husband come by the gas in her cousin's room out in salaries,

## PEACE THROUGH **VICTORY SLOGAN** IN THE TRENCHES

Soldiers Sing Christmas Carols on Firing Line While Cannon Boom and Shells Fly

Through Air. VAUDEVILLE GIVEN AT FRONT

Men Turn from Business of Killing to Celebrating the Birth of Christ.

GERMAN ORCHESTRA IN TRENCH

day afternoon. The echoes of these and windows in preparation for the usual Christmas eve festivities.

After the usual systematic shellsional rattle of machine guns was all against the attacks of a foreign foe, that broke the stilness of death that settled over the city. The cathedral stood out against the twilight in ragged ruins like a spetre, with crumbling walls of demolished build- defenses. ings all around, giving the aspect of a gigantic cemetery with decaying headstones.

Christmas Spirit Visible.

The rattle of machine guns struck up again and a few rifle shots rang through the clear air. Toward & o'clock, the soft strains of an organ were heard from an

invisible soruce. Santa Claus and the Christmas spirit, notwithstanding the war, were in evidence everywhere along the Atola battle front where the Associated Press correspondents passed Christmas eve. They were in the trenches and shelters with the simple soldiers, in the temporary asset. barracks where the traditional Christmas eve theater was replaced by an improrivalled the best that Paris could do in the time of peace. In the quarters where the officers celebrated with no less one finds behind the battle front, midnight mass was celebrated.

Rockets Let Loose. From the road running almost paralall

due to habit.

o'clock, the line as far as the horizon in one form and another. although no reports were heard.

bottom, ust far enough firom the Ger- nations to pursue." man line to permit tranquil sleep, soldiers entertained each other with simple folk council May Have songs and examined parcels from home and talked of victory.

Germans Sing.

"They are singing over there," said a soldier just back from the first line trench referring to the Germans. "They've got an orchestra and they're shouting to beat the band, but it does not sound very gay." Meanwhile the impromptu the concer

in the trenches went on in tones that were light, gay and confident. Tht same phrase was heard in all the tonats given here. It is "peace through victory." A little farther from the trenches in a bombarded barn covered by an improvised roof, the midnight watch was pre ceded by a concert in which the actor-

soldiers, who had loked the military on the stage in peace times, reversed the order of things and with the greatest zest caricatured the civilian behind the son occupied by the armies.

Women in Evidence,

All along the roads in this region two lines passed in different directions. Some with pick, shovel and rifle, were going to take their turn in the trenches, while others were going back to the old village church to swell the congregation. Officers, including generals, colonels, captains and lieutenants, with a sprinkling of etvilians an dmany women were As in the quarters of the soldiers near

'Peace through victory.

A stretcher bearer, with a military ter, and offers better food than Chinese medal, and a grenidier, with a war cross on his breast, sang a Christmas anthem to the accompaniment of the modest old quite inspiring as the best cathedral music. The last notes, "Peace on earth. Chinese law, they are flogged for small good will toward men." died away as the offences and executed for serious ones

## Postal Service Has

WASHINGTON, Dec. 36-The postal service has doubled in the last twelve years and during the last flucal year J. Staples who died Feb. 14 after a audited transactions reached the \$2,000, long lilness, and worry over her own poor the line of the first time, according health is believed to have caused her to the annual report of Charles A. Kram, take her own life. She is survived by auditor for the Postoffice department, two brothers. Edward and Raiph Mc-Nair, and one sister, Mrs. Tom Marmon of Cheyenne, Wyo. An inquest will be great source of income, netted \$13,00,000 was paid to the post of the year. About \$20,000,000 was paid to the line of the post of the post of the year. About \$20,000,000 was paid to the line of the post of the year. About \$20,000,000 was paid to the line of the

# STEPHENS STEERS

Nebraska Congressman Says Paid Preparedness Propaganda is Frightening Nation.

WOULD MUZZLE FEW ADMIRALS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 .- (Special)-Representative Dan Stephens whose position on preparedness has been the subject of some speculation, this evening gave out a general statement of some of the features he will support when the subject of military preparedness comes be-

fore congress. Mr. Stephens said: "The president has taken the middle ground ARRAS. ON THE FRENCH and on the side of conservatism as FRONT, Dec. 26,-Hundreds of big between the small navy men and shells tore the air over Arras all Fri- the militarysts. He has no doubt been compelled by the circumstances were the last compliments of the sea- to take this advanced position as son and they had no sooner died away | compared with his former attitude than the life of Arras began to show in order to prevent the millitarists itself through re-opened cellar doors from forcing their program upon congress. The country has been misled by the paid preparedness propoganda into believing that the nation ing died down, rifle shots and occas- has no defense worth mentioning

Const Defenses Good.

"The people have been led to believe that nothing is being done to increase the strugth of our army navy and coast

claim that our coast defenses are the best in the world. I am convinced that these claims are correct and when we and air craft and plenty of ammunition tion. we are doing well enough."

"To the battle fleet," said the Fremont congressman, "I would add a great merchant marine, government owned, as an In time of war it would be a tremendous a phase of the enforcement of the regu-

"I would take all profit out of war by building all war craft in government vised concert and vaudeville that almost yards, and manufacturing all arms and ammunition in government arsenal.

"I would repeat the war stamp tax and in lieu thereof raise the graduated tax simplicity and dignity and in the first rate on incomes without lowering the were driven from the golf links here little church, still defying shell fire, that exemptions. Let these with great incomes pay a rate sufficient together with an inheritance tax, to pay for the increased cost defense, "Then I would mussle fighting admirals

> and cocky diplomats who are thrilled to this trench, rockets shooting up into with the sheen of great power in their the air from both lines recalled the hands. Fourth of July fire work in America. An No admiral or diplomat should issue officer explained that this was partly demands that might lead to war upon representatives of other governments un-

> "Fuses are set off every night," the till he has orders to do so from congress. the Germans may, as last year, have an sistent with honor and the needs of the idea that we are going at them before natives. These possessions are a standing menace to our peace and welfare.

> was illuminated as by a long line of "Have we lost our sense of proportion brilliant stars. Flashes of different colors and are we drifting back into barbarism could be seen far away to the north, from which we came? Let us hope not, with twelve inches of chalky mud at its world a sane and wholesome course for

## To Cut to Keep

Members of the Recreation board de-cided to ask for \$30,000 for 1916 when the city council makes up the new budget within the next two weeks.

There is every indication that the cou cfl will have to do some shaving off on the estimates of the various city departments in order to stay within the maximum total general city fund as provided by the city charter Every department is asking for a goodly allowance and the annual budget melee

#### Shanghai a Refuge For Chinese Crooks

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) SHANGHAI, Dec. 16 .- China's appeal to the foreign powers to preserve peace in portion of the republic beyond Chinese urisdiction is somewhat justified by conditions in Shanghai. This city is a refuge for criminals and outlaws from various parts of China and many of them are desperate enough to undertake any criminal commission. The municipal jail contained more than 1,300 convicts late in September, a record for this season, Chinese crooks enjoy life in the Shanghal It affords a pleasant home in win-

coolies are accustomed to. There is considerable agitation here for the restoration of flogging in an effort organ played by a simple soldier with to discourage loafers from seeking jail such a master hand that the strains were sentences. No other part of China is as lenient to criminals as Shanghai. Under Chinese law, they are flogged for small congregation was filing out of the little Here in Shanghai jail sentences and comchurch, while in the distance the booming fortable lodging make law breaking very of cannon recalled, "No truce for Christ- attractive. Recently there have been many cases of Chinese actually assaultgetting locked up during the winter.

#### Doubled in 12 Years Kaiser's Condition Is Exciting Alarm

LONDON, Dec. 26.-Alarming rumore emperors condition anxiety in Berlin.

## **UNCLE SAM FINDS** A MIDDLE COURSE NEW PROBLEMS IN HANDLING ALIENS

Changed Status of Immigrants Brought About by War Conditions Makes New Tasks for Federal Bureau.

DIFFICULTIES OF DEPORTATION

Rules Formerly Existing Have Had to Be Modified or Changed to Meet New Situations.

MANY EAST INDIANS REJECTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. - Unprecedented problems with which the federal bureau of immigration has had to deal as the result of the war in Europe are pictured in the annual report of Commissioner General Anthony Caminetti, made public

today by the secretary of labor. Particular attention is directed to difficulties encountered in enforcing the deportation of undesirable aliens because of the prospect, in many cases, of placing them in extreme hazard either on the high seas or after being landed in a foreign port. Although in the niath the policy of protecting allens proved to be correct and was successful, the commis-"Nothing could be farther from the sioner general says, one of its results truth than this. Coast defense experts has been to leave in the United States at the close of the year 1,328 foreigners with no right to be here round out our fleet with more submarines and destined ultimately to deporta-

New Problems Presented. "It would be impossible," the report

continues, "adequately to describe auxiliary to the navy in time of war. It problems which have confronted the buwould give the navy an air of usefulness reau as the result of the unique situation that it does not possess now and would produced by the existence of the Euserve commerce and steady freight rates, ropean conflict. There has hardly been lations which it has not been necessary to modify, suspend or remodel in its applications. Such propositions as the control of land boundaries, particularly the Canadian border (Canada being involved in the war); the handling of alien seamen, especially those employed on vessels of belligerent nations interned in United States ports, and the handling of aliens of an extremely undestrable type impelled to come to the United States from belligerent countries because of the very situation arising from the status of their native land, are but a few of the larger problems with which the Sureau has been confronted. Successfully to meet this situation has been no easy

task."

Many Rindus Rejected. Urging the necessity for excluding With secret service guards acting as officer explained, "even when the moon "I would get rid of the Philippine aliens on economic grounds, the repor shines brightly as tonight, and besides islands at the very carliest possible con- tells of the rejection of many Hindu and East Indian laborers who attempted to land at Pacific ports on the ground that they were likely to become publi The fuses multiplied at the approach They impoverished and ruined Spain and charges. It refers, too, to a case now became heavier the president removed of midnight and on the stroke of 12 have cost us to date million of dollars pending in the supreme court involving the right of the government to exclude certain Russians on the ground that they were bound for a locality in the west where it was known that there was not and let us hope that we may calmiy face sufficient demand for laborers to justify Several miles up the deep wide ditch a bleeding world again to establish in the the belief that they would be able to maintain themselves. Expressing the hope that the court will sustain the administrative officers, the report declares that if the officers are not vested with discretion to exclude allens under such circumstances, "the law is not as comprehensive as it should be and much less Within the Limit potent to protect the people of this country than the bureau had always supposed

Asks for Automobiles.

The commission calls attention to various schemes resorted to in smuggling Chinese and other immigrants from the east into the country and suggests that if there is any doubt about the letter of the law relating to persons admitted as natives, sons of natives, etc., proper amendments should be enacted. An appropriation is asked to provide automobiles for patrol work along the Canadian border, a decision of the comptroller of the currency, having obliged the bureau to discontinue the expenditure of money for this purpose.

Plans for further development of the bureau's employment bureau work are outlined, one of the new phases of the program being an effort to induce many coming aliens who have been tillers of the soil in their own country to go to farms instead of to congested industrial centers.

General Law is Needed

An urgent plea for the enactment of a general immigration law, similar to the Burnett bill vetoed by President Wilson at the last session of congress on account of its literacy test provision, concludes the commissioner's recommendations for legislation. The proposed law, the report says, represented the result of experience and investigation of half a century, framed to conform to all supreme court decisions, and would have improved the existing law by strengthening and extending many of its most important provisions.

#### AWARDS IN HARRISON COUNTY CORN CONTEST

LOGAN, In., Dec. 36.-(Special.)-Acording to information received by Dr. M. A. Humphrey, county acre corn leader in Harrison county, the gold watch offered by Louis A. Wilson, live stock salesman at Logan, will go to Fred Fore-man at Missouri Valley, and the 250 gold piece offered by the county officials for best quality without reference to yield will go to Ray Mahoney of Mondamin is the county prize contest. Local prizes will be awarded as follows: