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NEW OFFICE FORCES TAKE CHARGE OF THE STATE'S BUSINESS

Incoming State Officers in the Main Appoint Outsiders to Handle Affairs of Nebraska.

ACKERMAN LABOR COMMISSIONE

Hotel Commissioner Will Combine His Duties with Those that Are Part of His Position.

THOMAS' FORCE NOT YET FILLED

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 8 .- (Special.) -- Visitors at the state house this morning found many new faces in the different offices in view of the changes made by the new administration.

While it is expected that there may be a consolidation of some departments before long, the promotion of Charles W. Pool, who has been labor commissioner for the last two years, to the office of secretary of state has been the means for a two at least of consolidating the labor bureau and the hotel commissioner's departments.

Ackerman Has Labor Job.

These two departments have been placed in charge of Colonel Philip Ackerman. hotel commissioner, until such time as something else may be done. Colonel Ackerman is a union labor man, having been a member of the leather workers' union in Kansas City before coming to Lincoln. When he was promoted by his company to a road job, under the laws of the union he was given an honorable discharge by letter, which he now carries as evidence that he was in good standing.

In the governor's office there is only one new face. E. P. Mumford of Beatrice succeeds A. M. Morrissey as private secretary, the latter going to the attorney general's office as deputy.

In the office of Secretary of State Poel the new people are Hugh L. Cooper of Tecumseh, deputy; Kenneth A. McRay Grand Island, bookkeeper; Max Kattelman, Omaha, corporation clerk; B. R. Bays, Valparaiso, recorder; Miss Cecile Snapp, clerk, and Miss Etta Saffer, ste-

Auditor Smith's Staff. In the auditor's office Auditor William H. Smith has for his new assistants: W. B. Eastham, Broken Bow, deputy; C. Q. De France, Lincoln, state accountant; J. J. Mahoney, Omaha, and F. A. Stech. David City, examiners; George W. Ellsworth, Fullerton, bond clerk; L. A. Willis, Hastings, bookkeeper. Paul D. Eaton,

bookkeeper, will be retained. Treasurer's Office.

In the treasurer's office State Treasurer George E. Hall has made but two appointments which may be considered permanent. These are William H. Murray of of Secretary of State Wait, as stenogra-

In the land commissioner's office there is no change in the head of that department, but on account of the resignation ofn Ernest Fairfield, who has gone to the court house as one of the deputy recorders, Land Commissioner Beckmann has appointed Karl Schmitt of Lincoln to the vacancy as chief clerk.

Dr. Thomas' Staff. State Superintendent A. O. Thomas goes into the superintendent's office with nearly a new force, as far as the most important places are concerned. This morning Mr. Thomas was confronted with the proposition of finding someone (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Quarter Million Men in Death Struggle in Lower Alsace

GENEVA, Jan. 8 .- (Vis Paris.)-The fighting in lower Alsace is daily growing in intensity around Steinbach, Cernay and Thann. Villages, houses and trenches are taken and retaken at the point of the bayonet and the casualties on both sides have been extremely heavy.

It is stated that about 250,000 in all are engaged, and that both sides are using heavy guns. The Germans are continuously hurrying reinforcements from the Rhine forts.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Saturday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity -Fair with rising temperature. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.



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L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

UNIQUE PICTURE OF KING ALBERT-The Belgian King visiting with the soldiers in the trenches.



FULL VALUATION

Commendation of City Fathers Given Bill Which Goes at Once to

the Legislature.

The city commission has put its seal of was done on the advice of John P. Breen who assisted as an expert in shaping the bill. His idea was to avoid it possible any hazard of unconstitutionality in the new act, should it run the gamut of the And he believes that has

been done. Under the present law Nebraska property is assessed on a one-fifth valuation basis. But there are many specific mill levies, such as the one provided in the Sheldon law for the university. It was necessary to go through the old law and comprehend all these in the new bill, making all these rates conform to the principle of the full valuation basis.

The chief purpose of changing from the one-fifth to the full valuation plan is to remove sources of trouble in the disposition of Omaha and Nebraska securities abroad. The legal department has numerous letters from bond buyers bearing on this point. In fact, "Knocker" Venner makes a good deal of it in his suit against the city.

Causes Confusion.

"States that have the full valuation easis and know nothing about this onefifth basis," says Mr. Breen, "don't take kindly to our way of doing. Your bond buyer or your investor in tangible property asks what is your rate of taxation. You tell him, and, owing to this one-fifth basis, it strikes him as exorbitant, of course. He begins to tell you that that enormous as compared with other western cities. Then you are up against the delicate and difficult task of explaining that this one-fifth proposition works out all right; that it is really not what it seems. But he wants to know why you don't say what you mean, and there is a situation that causes lots of

trouble. Treasurer Ure, another tax expert, and the County. Treasurer's association, are strong for the new measure and the special tax commission is also, but it has pointed out the necessity of very cautious action lest, as Sears, expressed it to the Commercial club, the whole fiscal affairs of the state he upset by plunging the matter into the courts for determination of the validity of the new scheme. Breen apprehends no such danger. There is some up-state sentiment in favor of it and a strong effort will be made to secure the bill's passage at Lincoln.

Palestine Refugees Received by Pope

ROME, Jan. 8.-Pope Benedict yester day received over 600 religious men and women, Franciscans, Benedictines, Dominicans, Passionists, Christian Srothers. and members of other orders, who have been expelled from Syria and Palentine. They recounted to his holiness the detalls of their experiences, but told him there had been no loss of life.

The Turks, while they respected the lives of the holy men,-occupied all the convents, monastarys and schools held by the religions orders and transformed them into barracks. They gave time however, to pile the furniture into the churches and permitted the locking up of places which could not be emptied, like libraries, which were scaled in the

presence of those interested. The English and Russian comm according to the expelled churchmen were treated in the same way. The Italian and Spanish commis did all in their power to assist the members of the religious orders.

HIGH MARK HERE

One Car is Sold at the Price to Which Patton Forced It During His Corner Six Years Ago.

NEW ACT TO AID SECURITIES ALL GRAINS ARE MOVING UP

On private telegraph advices to local approval and commendation on the full dealers that in New York foreign buyers Rine to be sent at once to the legislature. ing everything in sight, the prices on the stand together." until near the end of the sersion, when prices sagged off nearly a cent, though close of Thursday,

The market was active enough to suit the dealers, nearly all of whom were on the buil side, though during the seasion team for the present. a number of them let loose of long lines selling around \$1 to \$1.10.

The Omaha hard wheat prices touched the record, and predictions were freely made that a new high mark will be set Saturday, the indications at the close feat the bill. pointing to another bulge,

July 12, 1909, when Patten in Chicago the United States, the prices on the price was bid and one car sold at this clared. figure yesterday.

Durum Up Two Cents.

Durum wheat continued its sensationa advance that has been apparent for the last thirty days and instead of gaining the customary 1 cent per bushel, jumped cents, two cars being sold at \$1.46 per bushel, the top price ever paid on any market west of Chicago. This grain is said to have come from Frontier county. this state.

While wheat was making its sensational advance, corn, usually looked upon as more stable and conservative, was seeking to climb up to its high record of 80 cents per bushel, made July 15, 1908. It fell short, however, and only got up the line as far as 68% cents per bushel, with the bulk of the sales 1 to 1% cents under this price. On the whole, the gain for the day was 1 to 1% cents per bushel.

Oats caught the spirit of progress and instead of lagging along behind the other grains, climbed I to 2 cents per bushel, closing with 69% the low and 61% cents the high price. Oats are considerably below the record price of 57% cents per bushel, that having been paid for one car

Omaha receipts were fairly heavy, there being 25 cars of wheat, 212 of corn and 31 of oats on sale. In receipts Chicago was the only one of the markets that came anywhere near reaching those of Omaha

Ultimatum Sent to Turkey by Persia

ROME, Italy, Jan. 8.-The Giornale d' Italia has published an interview with the Persian minister to Rome, in the course of which the diplomat said Persia desired to remain neutral throughout the war, but that its territory was being invaded by Kurds and Turks Persia had sent an ultimutum to Constantinople, the minister said, the result of which was unknown as yet. The telegraph is interrupted, and it takes seven weeks for a letter to travel from Teheran

AMERICAN MONEY ABOVE PAR IN SWITZERLAND

BERNE, Switzerland (via Paris), Jan -The American dollar is now worth 5 france 25 centimes (\$1.66) at Berne. This represents a remarkable rise since the opening of the war, when checks on America yielded only 3 franca 50 centimes (70 cents). The rise in exchange is due to heavy buying of grain in the United States for Switzerland.

WILSON HINTS MAY RUN; ADVISES KEEP MORAL POWDER DRY

President in Indianapolis Says People Had Better Worry About Own Affairs More and War Less.

DEFENDS PARTY AND POLICIES

'tief Executive, in Jackson Day Address. Says Democrats Most Progressive.

IS "ANIMATED CONSERVATIVE"

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 8.-President Wilson today defended the policies of his administration before a large crowd of people which filled Tominson hall here. He was introduced by Governor Raiston of Indiana and the president's address was preceded by the singing of "We Take Our Hats Off to You, Mr. Wilson," by an actress.

The president began his speech by declaring that he believed the people of the country should keep their min's on their own affairs rather than too much on Europe.

The president said he admired Andrew Jackson for his fighting abilities. He said the trouble with the republican party was that it "has not had a new idea for thirty years.

From the Grandfathers. "Rvery time the country really wants something done," he continued, "it returns the democratic party to power. Most of the advice taken by the republican party comes from the grandfathers. saving sweet things. I am glad to be out among you where I can say what I

"This country is now guided by the independent voter. There are few regone-third of the republican party is progressive and about two-thirds of the democratic party is progressive. Therefore the democratic party is more progressive than the republican party." The president called himself an "anmated conservative." He declared, amidst applause that the democratic party was carrying out the progressive aspirations of the nation. Praising the federal reserve act he said that this was the first

Party Still on Trial.

time in years when January 1 had not

brought financial stringency to business

"The democratic party is still on trial," ne continued. "We have not finished our or set of men should try to break up the solidity of the democratic party they would gain an unenviable position for valuation tax bill drawn by City Attorney had bid wheat up 4 cents and were tak- themselves. This party must and will

"If a man won't play on a team he closing better than 2 cents above the must get off the team," he went on, referring to members of his party who do not work together. He spoke of himself as the "captain of the democratic

The president attacked the republican that they had bought when wheat was senators opposing the government ship purchase bill, whom he characterized as "self-styled friends of business." He said the credentials of these men as "friends of business" will be harmed if they de-

"I would rather pray for such men than abuse them," he went on. He dewas seeking to corner all of the wheat in clared the democratic party knows how to serve business and is steadily proving Omaha exchange touched \$1.32, and one the fact. The country needs the ship carload was sold at this price. The same purchase bill and will have it, he de

Calla Republicans Obstructionists. "The republicans do not know how to do anything but eit on the lid," he continued.

The administration conservation bills were spoken of by Mr. Wilson as necessary for the welfare of the country. The establishment of a great federal employment agency was suggested in the course of his address. He told of efforts o the Department of Labor to "get jobs and men together."

The president outlined the slowness and cost of court procedure in the nation at present. He said our courts are "decades behind the courts of other countries," and that this should be rectified.

Hints at Second Term That the democrats would have had

najority of about eighty in the electoral college, had a president been elected in November, was asserted by Mr. Wilson.

'I don't want to serve any party any longer than it serves the needs of from Columbus. Blackburn lived in Chi-(Continued on Page Pive, Column Five.) cago and was to years of age. President Wilson's Speech in

Pull Will Be Found Upon Page 5 The National Capital

Friday, January 8, 1918. The Senate.

passed.

Continued consideration of District of the free Columbia appropriation bill.

Adopted resolutions of sorrow at the death of Mrs. Thomas S. Martin, wife of the senior senator from Virginia.

Adjourned at 5:40 p. m. to noon Saturland.

. The House.

Met at 11 a. m.
Resolutions were adopted acknowledging Louisiana's invitation to the celebration of the battle of New Orleans and Representative Dubre spoke on the event. Debate on the Indian bill was resumed. A session was ordered for tonight to take up pension bills.

A bill for six new revenus cutters was reported favorably from the commerce committee. Representative Willis, governor-elect of Ohio, resigned and made a farewell

Received at 5:10 p. m. to 8 p. m.

French Troops on Skis Charge Down | ARMIES OF CZAR Mountain Side and Dislodge Teutons

ST. DIE, Department of Vosges, France. The French advanced to within this Jan. 6. (Via Paris, Jan. 8.)-A brilliant distance of the Germans, while the Alexploit by French Alpine troops who pine troops began to climb the heights to charged on skis down the snow-covered attack the Germans on their flank. mountain slopes at Benhomme, a post on Progress was slow, and the dark forms the Alzatian frontier, forced the Germans of the soldiers, outlined against the snow, to retire on Orbey, five miles down the made excellent marks for the German valley of the River Welss toward Colmar. The Germana held the railroad from St. Marie to St. Croix, menacing St. Dic. stains behind. The survivors pushed for where the French heavy artillery opened, ward until they gained the shelter of the fire on January 5. This led the Germans to expect an attack from that direction. At the same time the Atpine troops, lead. Germans at Diedelshausen. The Alpine GERMANS ARE READY TO STRIKE ing the way for the French infantry, advanced on the German customs house at

Diedolshausen, near Bonhomme. A strong German detachment with quick firers held the route, but the winding naure of the road prevented the Germans from firing more than 700 yards along st.

PARTIAL ANSWER MADE BY BRITONS Preliminary Reply to Note of Protest Regarding Shipping Given

LEGAL ISSUE WILL COME LATER BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 .- Secretary Bryan late today announced to receipt o the note from Great Britain replying to the American communication of December 25, respecting American commerce. The note which is of about the sam length as the American communication will be made public on Sunday afternoon by mutual agreement between the State "I am tired of staying in Washington department and the British foreign office.

to Ambassador Page.

LONDON, Jan. 8.-Ambassador Page today received from the British government the preliminary reply to the American note protesting against British in terference with American shipping. He forwarded it immediately to Washing-

The time of delivery of the more definite supplementary reply which the British government is to make is uncertain. It probably will be within two weeks.

Further negotiations between the two governments concerning specific cases of detention of American vessels will prebede the preparation of the final British

Not Completely Responsive. WASHINGTON, Jnn. 8-It had been

understood here that the British govern ment's preliminary reply to the American note on interference with shipping would not be completely responsive because the work. We are going ahead. If any man legal propositions advanced by the United States and once partly accepted have been since held not generally binding on all maritime powers. State department officials expect a separation of these legal questions from the general repremanent. These are William H. Murray of Franklin as deputy and Miss May Holland, formerly stanographer in the office land, formerly stanographer in the office actory act for prudential reasons. This the first hour. The advance was half have to lie awake nights of high have to lie awake nights.

At noon the British reply had not been received, but officials expected that with prompt transmission it would be uncoded and before them by might

Conversations between Sir Cecil Springs Rice, the British ambassador; Secretary Pryan and Counsellor Lansing have led State department officials to believe the emergency which existed as indicated in

the American note. The legal questions which have aroused controversy and which the State depart ment officials say will be treated later. apply particularly to the assertion of the right to ship cargoes of food and other contraband of a conditional character. as well as to such absolute contraband as copper, where shipped to neutral coun tries through which it might reach a belligerent.

Drops to His Death From Handrails of Union Pacific Train

After clinging to the handrails outside the vestibule of the Pacific Limited, on vcteran Pullman porter, was forced by the numbing cold to let go and as a result feil to his death. The accident took place near Richland, Neb.

train at Columbus and was barely able from Boiselle to Avelup. to swing onto the closed vestibule, where a search of the right-of-way revealed the body of the man about six miles

All Italians in Switzerland Are Liable for Service

Met at noon.

Hearings before committees were resumed on the Philippines and mineral land leasing bills.

Senator Cummins introduced a resolution calling for information of what the United States intends to do with the customs and other taxes collected at Vera. Cruz.

Senator Fletcher introduced a new rural credits bill to put such a system under the federal reserve board.

Senator Walsh's resolution calling for diplomatic correspondence on detention of American copper shipments was passed.

GENEVA. Jan. 8.—(Via Paris.)—All Italians liable to military service in Geneva, numbering several thousands. Have received notification from the consultation. It is stated that similar measures will be shortly taken in other towns of Switzerland. Of the 20,000 Italian residents of Switzerland, it is estimated that 50,000 are liable for military service.

At Chiasso, Come and other points on suiste to present themselves for medical an enemy numerically superior to our examination. It is stated that similar selves.
measures will be shortly taken in other "On"

At Chiasso, Como and other points on the frontier, no Italians between the ages of 18 and 40 have been permitted to cross for the last week, while the exports of Arie Opera House foodstuffs is limited strictly to Switzer-

PROMINENT BLACK HILLS LAWYER DIES SUDDENLY

neral probably will be Sunday.

sharp shooters. Many of the men rolled down the steep slopes, leaving crimson

pines at the summit. Then began an exciting charge on the soldiers, on their skis, slid down the mountainside at a dizzy speed, while the infantry in the road below opened fire Army of Million Men to Make One on the Germans.

Caught between two fires, the Germans gave way, fighting obstinately along the five miles of their retreat.

The Day's War News

Capture of another town in Alsace to the south of Sennheim, is reported by the French war office in its statement of today. The German communication neither affirms nor denies the report, saying merely that fighting is still in progress for possession of the town. It is stated, however, that repeated French attacks in Alsace broke down under the German artillery fire.

Constantinople, regarded by the allies as one of the greatest prizes of the war, should they win and Turkey be forced to give it up, may be abandoned soon as the seat of the Turkish government. A dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, gives in circumstantial detail an account of unsettled conditions at Canstantinople. It is said that preparations have been made to remove from the city archives of state and the treasury, should the necessity arise, and that at Adrianople arrangements are under way to receive the government officials.

The Russian sweep across Bukowina, Austria's northwest province, and through Galicia to the Carpathians, against which the Austrians have been driven back, is admitted in an official statement from Vienna.

An Austrian force which occupied an island near Belgrade. was attacked by Servians, according to an official statement from Nich.

FIGHT IN TRENCHES RAGES VIOLENTLY

British government would recognize the French Official Report Tells of Many Advances and Retreats on Long Line in West.

MINES AND BOMBS ARE USED PARIS, Jan. 8.-The French war office gave out an official statement this after-

noon as follows: "The artillery of the enemy showed during all the day of January 7 great activity in Belgium and in the vicinity of Arras. The French artillery sponded spiritedly and efficaciously.

"Our infantry made some progress near Lombaertzyde. We occupied at a point fifty yards in advance of our trenches a hillock which had been held by the enemy. To the cast of St. Georges we gained ground and we inflicted serious damages on the trenches of the enemy in the vicinity of Steenstraate.

"In the sector of Arras, at the forest on the Union Pacific, W. C. Blackburn, Reithonval, without being attacked, we were compelled to evacuate certain trenches where our men were up to their shoulders in sand and water. To the left of Boisselle our line of trenches has been Blackburn miscalculated the stop of his moved forward and we occupied the road

"In the valley of the Aisne the artillery he clung as long as he could endure the exchanges restorday were spirited. Our intense cold occasioned by the speed of heavy artillery secured good results near the train. The porter was missed just Blanc Sablon. At this point the mine He said that he had carefully gone over before the train pulled into Omaha, and throwers of the enemy inflicted losses (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Austrians Retreat Before Larger Force, Says Vienna Report

ficial statement on the progress of the war was given out today as follows: "In the Carpathian forest lands and In the southern part of the crown land of Italians liable to military service in flukowica, regard for the safety of our advance troops obliged us to fall back on the principal mountain passes before

> the Hungarian-Galician front everything in quiet. In the higher districts there is some frost and snow. "On the Dunajec river and in Russian Poland there have been some artillery

At Boone Destroyed

exchanges.

BOONE, Ia., Jan. 8.-(Special Telegram.)-The Arie Opera house was destroyed by fire this morning, while the north half of the city was threatened STURGIS, S. D., Jan. 8 .- (Special Telewith destruction. The blaze started in gram.)-Wesley A. Stuart, one of the the furnace room under the stage and leading lawyers of this city, died last the entire building was soon wrecked. night at home of pneumonia, aged 14 The loss was \$50,000. The fire probably Deceased was well known to the law fra- means the retirement from the theatrical ternity in the Black Hills and state. Fu- game of B. B. Wiley, manager of the house for a quarter of a century.

TURK AND TEUTON

Pursuit of Army Defeated in Caucasus and March Through the Passes of Carpathians Features of the War News.

More Effort to Break Line Before Warsaw.

ARTILLERY EIGHTS IN WEST

LONDON, Jan. 8 .- Aside from the continued pursuit of the Turkish forces defeated in the Caucasus and the continuation of the Russian advance through the passes of the Carpathian mountains, slege warfare, with intermittent artillery duels, seems for the moment to prevail almost everywhere in the area of hostilities in the eastern arena, as well as in the western.

The reports reaching London show that General von Hindenburg, the German commander in Poland, for some time past has made no appreciable progress toward Warsaw, the mud of Poland evidently having done for him what the broken dikes and the resultant inundations did for the Germans in West Flanders.

Germana Will Strike Again. A dispatch coming to London from Copenhagen declares that you Hindenburg is expecting heavy reinforcements and that with an army of 1,000,000 men he purposes to make one more supreme effort to break through to the Polish capital. The Russians would appear to have had ample time to reinforce themselves and to strengthen their positions around Warsaw, and it is the opinion of British observers that the trench warfare for which the western theater of the war has become famous, will be waged in the region of the Polish rivers. Austria-Hungary again admits the retirement of the forces in Bukowina and it is from this Russian forward movement before which the Austrians are giving way that the most spectacular developments of the next fortnight may be expected to spring, according to the opinion held today by some British observers of the war. The argument is made that once Rulesia gets a good foothold beyond the mountain passes, some thing that may be accomplished in a fortnight if the Russians are not checked, a big stride toward the overrunning of Hungary would have been made. If this is accomplished it will be the first considerable invasion of any territory of the

Teutenle addies. Cardinal Mercier Still an Issue. Both British and French newspapers continue to agitate the alleged arrest by the German authorities in Belgium of Cardinal Mercier. The Germans have been quick to deny that the cardinal has in any way been detained. The London papers nevertheless still give great prominence to the incident and publish the pastoral letter of the cardinal which was said to have gvien offense to the Germans, uppending to it comments gathered far and wide from prominent clergymen and others. They also cast doubt on the German denial, and declare it will require a statement from the

cardinal himself to clear the matter up. How Garibaldi Met Death Fighting for The French Republic

PARIS. Jan. 8 .- Constantine Gerfhaldi, the second of the grandsons of the Italian patriot to die in the fighting for France. was killed during an attack on a series of three German trenches. The story of how he met his death is told by his brother, Captain Ricctotti Garibaidt.

After mines had been laid and exploded according to Captain Garibaldi's story the regiment of Italian volunteers rushed forward, shouting "viva Trieste." They captured the first trenches without diffleuity, but the third trench was a more difficult proposition, being separated from the others by about 100 yards of open ground and commanded by a hill. Notwithstanding this, Garibaldians stormed the trenches, but the Germans delivered a fierce counter attack, and the position of the Italian volunteers be came difficult.

Colonel Peppino Garibaldi, the commander, ordered the regiment to fall back, and Constantine, who commanded the reserves in the accord trench, went forward to his sid. He fell within a few yards of where his brother, Peppino, was standing.

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