

BEST LANDS YET, M'LAUGHLIN SAYS

Comments on Coming Opening of the Standing Rock and Cheyenne Reservations.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Major James McLaughlin, special agent of the interior department, talked today of the coming opening of the Standing Rock and Cheyenne reservations in north-west South Dakota. He said the 1,600,000-acre tract to be opened was undoubtedly the largest remaining in the country which will ever be opened in a body and expects that the rush for these lands, when this fact is generally known, will be the biggest in proportion to the number of claims that the land office has ever handled.

"I know every foot of these lands," he said, "and can assure you they are much better than the Gregory and Tripp county lands, lately opened. They get more rainfall and are generally more desirable. The Milwaukee road has gone through them, the Minneapolis & St. Louis will follow soon, and there will be a wonderful development. We hope now to have the opening in November of next year. The work of allotting the lands on the Standing Rock reservation will be completed first and it will probably be the first opened."

AMERICAN FLEET IS BANQUETED IN CEYLON

Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 22.—The chamber of commerce and the Planters' association last night gave a banquet in honor of the officers of the United States Atlantic battle ship fleet. Colonel Sir Henry McCallum, governor of Ceylon, in a speech said it had been the good fortune of Ceylon to accord a warm welcome to the fleet and that its presence would be instrumental in the continuance of peace.

Rear Admiral Spence, replying, said that unity of interest and ideas was a far stronger bond of peace than any treaty. The development of Great Britain's colonies meant a stronger bond in the union of trade for the United States and Great Britain. He stated that the influence of American influence in the Ceylon trade was due to the vigorous work of President Roosevelt for good legislation.

BOY KILLED CARRYING A LETTER TO "SANTA"

HUNTING SANTA; KILLED IN STREET

Easton, Pa., Dec. 22.—Five-year-old Fred Gaffney, of the South Side, came over to town to see Santa Claus in the windows of the big store. He tried to cross a street to join his brother, but was run down by a trolley car and crushed to death before the eyes of a crowd of Christmas shoppers.

New York, Dec. 22.—Carrying in his hand a sealed envelope addressed to "Mr. Santa Claus," an unidentified boy about 11 years old was killed by a Third Avenue care near Fifty-second street, Brooklyn. The letter was not opened, being held for the coroner.

HANDS WIFE PRESENT OF \$400,000

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—The record Christmas gift of the season was made today, when David T. Hanbury turned over to his wife property valued at \$400,000.

Although Mrs. Hanbury assumes legal possession of the vast holdings, she will not exercise absolute control until after the death of her husband. Every effort was made to keep the transaction secret, but the facts became public. The Hanburys figured prominently last spring in connection with a divorce suit, but just as the climax had been reached, after days of bitter charges and recrimination, they forgave and forgot and decided to begin life together again. Mrs. Hanbury, one time a telephone girl, has now become one of the wealthiest women in California.

BOY FRIGHTENED TO DEATH BY PRANK

Milleville, N. J., Dec. 22.—Charles Tozer, 6 years of age, died from nervous shock, caused, physicians say, by fright. Last Thursday while at play he was seized by some of his companions and held under a tree which men were felling and told it would fall on him and kill him. He was too young to realize there was no immediate danger and that his companions were in as much danger as he.

He was taken ill on Friday and on Saturday his condition grew worse. He did not seem to suffer pain, but at times he had delirium during which he fought to escape the imaginary fiends. The physicians declared he was suffering from no disease but that his nervous system was wrecked by shock.

MORE HARD LUCK FOR MR. RIDGELY

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 22.—As the result of being run down by the motor car of William B. Ridgely, formerly comptroller of the currency, and until recently president of the National Bank of Commerce here, Mrs. Byrd Greer, of this city, died yesterday. Mrs. Greer was struck by Mr. Ridgely's machine on November 19. Mr. Ridgely was not in the motor car at the time of the accident.

Mrs. Greer recently entered suit against the former comptroller for \$25,000 damages on account of her injuries.

SUN'S RAYS START A FIRE

Winsted, Conn., Dec. 22.—A large globe containing two gallons of water and several goldfish, standing in a window in Charles W. Stickle's house in Torrington, focussed the sun's rays on the table, starting a fire which was discovered by members of the family before much damage was done.

That the heat was intense is shown by the fact that the fish narrowly escaped being boiled.

The number of women and men out of employment in England is variously estimated at from 1,900,000 to 2,500,000.

MILLERS RAISE FIGHTING FUND

Will Present Solid Front in the Battle Against the Government's Ruling.

Minneapolis, Dec. 21.—Fifty thousand dollars in a fighting fund and the combined aggressiveness of the millers of the United States is what Dr. Wiley, the health and pure food expert, and James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, have got to face. This is the result of the meeting of millers in Chicago, following the recent ruling of Secretary Wilson covering bleached flour, which was attended by E. P. Wells and D. M. Baldwin of Minneapolis and Charles Silvester of New Ulm.

Secretary Goetzmann, says the Northwestern Miller, in his circular to the members of the Millers' National federation asking contributions to the fighting fund makes the flimsy charge of prejudice on the part of the officials instrumental in bringing about the restrictive order.

It is asserted that the order practically puts a ban on all white wheat flour manufactured, that 86 per cent of the milling capacity of the United States is expensively equipped for bleaching, that the process is misunderstood and misrepresented and that the governmental order is based upon a narrow conception of the true situation.

CAPITOL GRAFTERS GO TO PENITENTIARY

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—The superior court this afternoon granted a supersedeas to each of the four defendants in the state capitol conspiracy case, pending appeal to the superior court.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—Judge Kunkel this morning imposed the following sentence upon the men convicted March 13 on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the state in contracts for supplying furniture to the new state capitol.

J. H. Sanderson, W. P. Snyder, W. L. Mathews and J. M. Shumaker, \$500 fine and two years imprisonment, the maximum penalty.

Immediately after sentence was pronounced, the defendants were remanded to the custody of the sheriff, pending application for supersedeas, which was made in the superior court at Philadelphia. As soon as it is granted the defendants will offer bail pending an appeal to the superior court.

The men were convicted of defrauding the state out of \$19,308 in a contract for wooden furniture. Other charges involved large sums in the aggregate. They were tried last spring and last week they were refused a new trial.

The Pennsylvania state capitol at Harrisburg, out of the dishonesty in whose construction grew the charges against architect Euston and his associates, including state officials, contractors and supervisors, cost the commonwealth \$13,000,000. It was the proud boast of ex-Governor Pennypacker that it was, beyond comparison, the finest state administration building in America; that it rivaled the palaces of kings and emperors.

Over two years ago Governor Pennypacker made his proud announcement, with the information that the great labor to which he had devoted so much of his time, energy and force during his two years in office, was practically complete. He had watched with daily increasing pride and satisfaction the fairy-like beauty of the great capitol unfolding, and he felt that a dream had been realized when he turned over the building to the state that was paying for the dream.

It was only a matter of a few weeks before the cost of the new palace of show came into question and Pennsylvania learned that its great \$4,000,000 capitol had required \$9,000,000 worth of furniture. The realization of the enormity of these figures came a bit slowly at first, but it gathered force as the facts came out one by one. The electors alone had cost the taxpayers of the state \$2,000,000. No building in all history could boast of such an expensive suit of fittings. The nature of the quickly followed with the amazing revelation that the magnificent chandeliers were paid for by the pound.

In rapid succession came the announcements that furniture had been paid for by the square foot, that desks purchased at this rate for as high as \$600 might have been purchased in the ordinary way for \$55 or \$90; that the solid bronze chandeliers, bought at an unreasonable figure a pound, were bronze shells filled with lead; that had they been solid bronze they might have been bought for one-fourth what was paid for them by the lavish and recreant "dreamers" of state house magnificence.

Then came a demand for the prosecution of the "capitol grafters," as Contractor Sanderson and his associates were called.

ROBBERS BLOW SAFE ON OVERLAND TRAIN; HAUL ISN'T LARGE

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21.—The Oregon Railroad & Navigation train, known as the Chicago-Portland special, was held up and the express car dynamited by four unmasked robbers shortly after 9 o'clock last night, nine miles east of Portland. Express Messenger O. H. Huff said the robbers secured little of value.

The robbers did not molest the passengers, but occupied the express car and ordered the engineer to drive down the track toward Portland, about a mile beyond the point where the train was held up the doors of the express car were shattered by nitro glycerin. The train did not carry a through safe, but a small safe and strongbox being the only receptacles for valuables. The robbers compelled Express Messenger Huff to open the small safe. It contained but three or four small packages, believed to have been of small value. The strongbox was not touched. The robbers escaped.

WAITED IN VAIN; NOW SHE SUES HIM FOR \$50,000

Chicago, Dec. 21.—That she had waited vainly in Palestine for Arthur Owen Simpson to marry her after having gone there, as she alleges, at his suggestion, is one of the complaints in a breach of promise suit for \$50,000 filed by Mrs. Fidelia Love Woodcock, of New York.

Defendant is the proprietor of a restaurant in the Western Union building, but at his home last night he declared he never had heard of the woman.

OFFICIAL VOTE FOR PRESIDENT

State—	Taft (Rep.)	Eryan (Dem.)	Debs (SOC.)	Hilsen (Ind.)	Chafin (Pro.)	Watson (Pop.)
Alabama	25,088	73,374	4,496	665	1,685	1,685
Arkansas	66,942	87,970	1,070	60	60	60
California	182,664	107,770	18,736	4,327	6,443	6,443
Colorado	123,700	126,649	7,974	—	5,559	5,559
Connecticut	112,815	65,255	5,113	—	2,380	2,380
Delaware	23,200	22,184	75	—	650	650
Florida	10,654	31,104	3,747	553	1,266	1,266
Georgia	41,692	73,350	584	77	1,069	1,069
Idaho	50,091	34,090	6,205	—	1,270	1,270
Illinois	629,532	89,660	30,711	7,724	29,359	29,359
Indiana	248,993	338,322	13,476	514	18,045	18,045
Iowa	273,210	200,771	8,287	404	9,837	9,837
Kansas	197,106	161,208	12,420	—	5,032	5,032
Kentucky	233,711	249,000	4,000	200	5,857	5,857
Louisiana	9,958	65,568	2,538	73	—	—
Maine	66,987	35,463	1,758	79	1,487	1,487
Maryland	111,253	111,117	2,500	—	3,000	3,000
Massachusetts	285,906	155,543	10,639	19,222	4,274	4,274
Michigan	333,313	174,313	11,527	754	16,705	16,705
Minnesota	195,786	109,433	14,469	523	10,114	10,114
Mississippi	4,463	64,250	1,408	—	—	—
Missouri	338,315	248,584	25,288	—	4,267	4,267
Montana	32,333	28,326	6,856	443	827	827
Nebraska	126,608	130,781	3,524	—	5,179	5,179
Nevada	10,214	10,655	2,029	—	415	415
New Hampshire	57,771	33,660	1,260	—	584	584
New Jersey	205,238	182,522	10,249	2,116	4,930	4,930
New York	870,070	667,468	38,451	35,817	22,967	22,967
North Carolina	114,887	136,328	246	—	—	—
North Dakota	28,146	24,659	2,909	—	—	—
Ohio	672,312	602,721	33,795	439	11,492	11,492
Oklahoma	110,550	123,907	2,752	274	—	—
Oregon	62,350	39,049	1,430	259	2,681	2,681
Rhode Island	57,771	33,660	1,260	—	—	—
South Carolina	3,847	62,280	101	43	—	—
South Dakota	67,466	40,256	2,846	88	4,369	4,369
Tennessee	33,144	83,304	1,873	322	309	309
Texas	69,229	227,364	8,524	164	1,732	1,732
Utah	61,028	42,061	4,856	87	—	—
Vermont	39,552	11,496	820	804	739	739
Virginia	106,082	138,630	16,773	288	1,111	1,111
Washington	106,082	58,383	16,773	448	4,700	4,700
West Virginia	137,879	111,418	3,676	46	5,107	5,107
Wisconsin	248,673	196,707	28,146	—	11,579	11,579
Wyoming	17,708	12,772	1,396	—	—	—
Totals	7,637,676	6,393,182	448,453	83,186	241,232	33,871
All candidates	14,852,239					

CONGRESS WANTS TO BE "SHOWN"

Resolution Calling on the President for Evidence Passes Without Opposition.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Chairman Perkins, of the house special committee appointed to recommend a course of action relative to suggestions of the president in his annual message concerning the secret service, to which members of congress have taken exception, presented the report of that committee at the beginning of today's session of the House. The report recommends the adoption of a resolution calling upon the president to supply the House with a secret service report, without a dissenting vote and after very little comment.

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APPEARS AT ALTAR AND POLICE COURT

Marries Common Law Husband After 16 Years and Pays Disorderly Fine.

Waterloo, Ia., Dec. 19.—From the marriage altar to the police station this morning was the experience of Ida Strong, of Marshalltown, who was arraigned on a charge of disorderly conduct under the name of Mrs. Howe. A young woman came Tuesday with a young man and registered at a hotel under the name of Tom Mills and wife. She returned to Marshalltown yesterday and told James H. Hull, with whom she had lived 16 years in a common law marriage, that the young man had threatened her. Hull and Miss Strong returned last night and a report was made to the police, who arrested the young man and woman on a disorderly charge. Hull put up a \$50 cash appearance bond and suggested that they get a license to wed this morning, which was done. The husband paid the wife's fine of \$25. Tom Beltzell, the young man, would not pay the fine and was sent to jail for five days. He had a loaded revolver and must answer to the second charge also.

GEN. SIMON IS NOW PRESIDENT OF HAITI

Port au Prince, Haiti, Dec. 19.—General Simon, leader of the last revolution in Haiti, that resulted in the flight of President Nord Alexis from the capital, and who made his triumphant entry into Port au Prince 10 days ago, was today unanimously elected president of the republic by the Haitian congress.

As soon as the result of the election became known the great crowd that had assembled outside the parliament building broke into cheers. Salutes were fired from forts and Haitian gunboats.

Other aspirants to the presidency did not come forward actively. The reason for this course was the fear that another outbreak of disorder would result in American intervention.

LOUD SOX CAUSE BOY'S EXPULSION

Middletown, Conn., Dec. 19.—Young August Marsh, who was tackled on the school playground school eleven left that institution of learning in some haste today as a consequence the students have ceased wearing their trousers "turned up" to reveal the splendor of their hosiery.

August bought and wore socks to the school yesterday and were loud. A young woman teacher could not hear herself think. They drowned the sound of noon whistles so that recess was late. They were Nile green in color, embroidered in vivid red. Better to display their glory Augustus made a double roll in the end of his trousers. "Augustus," said the teacher, blushing as red as the clocks on her pupil's socks, "pull down your trousers' end."

Augustus only grinned.

The teacher reported him to Principal H. Woolsey, who suspended him indefinitely.

NEW PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS REPUBLIC

Berna, Switzerland, Dec. 19.—A. Deucher, minister commerce, was today elected president of the Swiss republic for 1920.

MOTHER SMOTHERED BABY WHILE ASLEEP

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Rufus Wade was awakened this morning to find her little babe smothered to death by the arms. This is the second case of the kind in two days.

All Settled.

"Harry told me he was going to propose to a girl I knew, last night," "Yes, and he'll never do it again," "Why, who was the girl?" "I and I accepted him."

CARACAS ARISES AGAINST CASTRO

'Man of Destiny' Had Better Remain Abroad for His Health.

Caracas, via Willemstad, Dec. 18.—The people of Caracas arose today against the rule of Castro. They were unhindered by the police, swept through the city, wrecking the property of his henchmen and friends.

All statues and pictures of Castro from clubs and other semi-public buildings were burned in the Plaza Bolivar.

Castro's rule in Venezuela is probably ended. In spite of Holland's warlike activity on the coast, there has been no demonstrations against the Netherlands. They all have been directed against Castro and Acting President Gomez.

Further dangerous demonstrations are anticipated. No official act deposing Castro from the presidency has yet been taken, but such a step is expected any moment.

Mob Gathers.

An enormous crowd of inhabitants of the outlying country, gathered in the streets soon after daybreak Monday. Streets began marching up and down the main thoroughfares, and it was easy to see their ill temper would soon result in violence. The police stood and made no attempt whatever to restrain the mob.

The first building to be attacked and looted was that of the lottery monopoly. The offices of the enterprise that has enriched itself at the expense of the people were ransacked and pillaged. The furniture was taken and the lottery tickets destroyed.

The crowd then moved to the printing office of El Constitucional, the organ of Castro, and pillaged it completely. The steam laundry belonging to Senator Rivas, editor of the paper, was wrecked.

The crowd then turned its attention to several drug stores belonging to the son-in-law of General Mendoza, who at one time was minister of finance under Castro and who is universally hated by the enemies of Castro.

BURN STATUES

Statues and pictures of Castro were made into a huge bonfire in the public square and the crowd cheered as the flames completed the destruction of these effigies of the dictator.

Numerous inscriptions setting forth the virtues of Castro and extolling his powers next attracted the mob. Every inscription bearing Castro's name was hacked and cut.

The mob lacked leadership, and finally when it paused in default of other fields for its destructive energies, a detachment of troops was called out and Acting President Gomez issued a manifesto prohibiting further manifestations.

These measures had the desired effect, for the mob quieted down and then dispersed.

There were several fatalities as a result of the demonstration.

Caracas, via Willemstad, Dec. 18.—The Venezuelan capital yesterday witnessed an outbreak of disorder, following the warlike activities of the Dutch warships along the coast, that made it necessary by nightfall to declare martial law in order to put an end to rioting and pillaging.

GILMORE DIVORCE DECREE WITHHELD

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18.—Without evident intent to increase publicity over her estrangement from her actor husband, Mrs. Paul Gilmore finds herself still more prominently before the public than formerly, because of the withholding of her divorce decree by Judge McCoy, of the Fifth judicial circuit at Aberdeen.

The action of Judge McCoy is not based upon any opposition on the part of Paul Gilmore, who was present only through an attorney to conform to the law. The case is known in the parlance of the divorce colony as a "friendly" divorce proceeding, but the presiding judge awaits the interpretation of the recently adopted divorce law calling for a year's residence. Mrs. Gilmore has been a resident of South Dakota eight months, but her case did not come to trial until after the adoption of the new law, which became effective as soon as it was approved by the people of the state under the action of the referendum.

Thus Mrs. Gilmore is the first to come under the possible restrictions of the new enactment, and as the law was enacted nearly two years ago and has simply been in abeyance under the operation of the referendum, the question has arisen whether the law does not apply to residence since the time of its enactment. It is possible that Mrs. Gilmore may be obliged to remain another four months before she secures the coveted document.

DORANDO AGAIN COLLAPSES; INDIAN LONGBOAT WINNER

New York, Dec. 18.—As on the memorable occasion of his first Olympiad, Dorando again collapsed with a slight start last night and Tom Longboat, the Indian runner, who had been by a yard or more nearly all the way, won the Marathon race at Madison Square Garden.

The race was hard fought from start to finish and kept the thousands of spectators in considerable excitement. In 25 miles Dorando was leading by two yards. A moment before Longboat had made a remarkable spurt and put himself on an even footing with the little Italian. Dorando immediately regained first position and the men were fighting it out in the 28th mile with Dorando in the lead, but visibly weaker. The chances of Longboat appeared to improve in the second and third laps. In the fourth lap, while the crowd was crying itself hoarse, both men slackened perceptibly. Then suddenly Dorando staggered and dropped. Longboat finished alone. His time for the distance was 25 miles, 35 yards, 25 seconds. The time was 32.5 seconds slower than the Marathon mark established by Dorando when he defeated Hayes over the same track three weeks ago.

CAN NATIVE BORN BABY BE DEPORTED?

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Can a child born in the United States be deported? That question has been brought up in the case of Katrina Bressi, an alleged "white slave," who gave birth to a child while being held at Waukegan to await an examination before Commissioner Foote.

The question will be presented to the federal authorities at Washington.

DISASTERS ON VESSELS.

Washington, Dec. 19.—There were 1,000 vessel disasters in the United States in the last fiscal year, resulting in a property loss of \$1,565,750, and the loss of 22 lives, according to the annual report of Superintendent Kimball, of the United States Life Saving service. Because of the assistance of the life savers, it is pointed out that \$13,000,000 worth of property, more than \$11,000,000 was thus saved.

More than 5,000 tons of hides and skins are exported annually from Siberia.

GIVE REFUGEE AID AGAINST RUSSIA

Protests at Five Meetings in Chicago Against Extradition of Rudowitz.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Five meetings were held in Chicago by the Political Refugee Defense league to protest against the action of United States Commissioner Foote in issuing an order looking to the extradition of Christian Rudowitz, the Russian refugee.

Enthusiastic crowds attended the various meetings. The various speakers were loudly cheered and resolutions passed declaring the belief of those at the meetings that the Russian refugee was entirely political. These resolutions will be forwarded to President Roosevelt and the secretary of state.

Several speakers declared that the action of the government toward the refugee was based on American interests in Russian bonds and the influence of Wall street.

Decision a Scandal.

At the largest meeting, held in the International theater, during the afternoon, Louis F. Post, member of the board of education, set the audience wild with enthusiasm when he said: "When people believe governments ought to be overthrown, they ought to be overthrown, and when I wish to cast no reflection upon Commissioner Foote, I must say that his decision is a scandal. The Russian cannot here select the lawyer he wishes, and Commissioner Foote's judgment was not infallible. He cannot get 1 cent of his fees unless the Russian government pays him."

Mr. Rudowitz is transported. It will simply be the business of the