

# To the Sunny Southland

## Ever been South? No?

Well, now is the time to go and escape the wintry blasts of the frozen north and enjoy the perpetual sunshine and beautiful flowers in a land which is paradise in comparison.

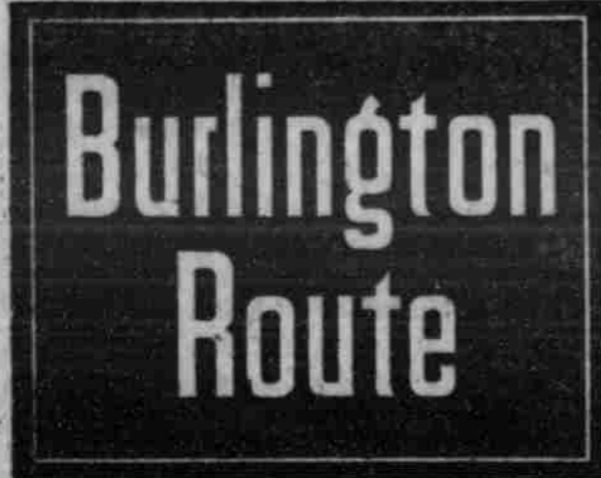
Augusta, Ga., and return	\$46.70
Charleston, S. C., and return	49.50
Havana, Cuba, and return	Via New Orleans 77.50
Havana, Cuba, and return	Via Tampa or Miami 106.70
Hot Springs, Ark., and return	37.45
Jacksonville, Fla., and return	52.50
Lookout Mt., Tenn., and return	41.65
Miami, Fla., and return	74.50
Mobile, Ala., and return	41.50
New Orleans, La., and return	43.00
Savannah, Ga., and return	49.50

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### REPORTS ON SOLDIERS' HOME

General Burton, Who Has Inspected Various Branches, Tells of Conditions.

### COST OF MAINTENANCE IS HIGHER

Inspector Finds that Increase of Expense Per Inhabitant of Home Is Twenty Per cent in Three Years.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—According to a report made by Brigadier General George H. Burton, who has just completed a tour of inspection of the various branches of the National Soldiers' home, it was shown that during last year 33,377 old soldiers have been cared for. The annual per capita expense of this maintenance was \$4.75, which is an increase of 20 per cent during the past three years, ascribed to the general advance in the cost of food products. Of the inmates \$1.15 are drawing pensions from the National Soldiers' home, aggregating a total of \$1,318,774. Eleven members have cash balances of more than \$1,000 to their credit. During the past year there were 1,862 deaths and 1,862 first admissions.

There are 1,118 acres of land cultivated as crops and ninety-eight acres as vegetable gardens in connection with the various branches. The value of farm products was \$90,000, while the cost of maintenance, which includes laws, flower gardens, transportation and teams was \$25,000.

For Defense of Islands. Secretary Root has forwarded to the house of representatives through the Treasury department a supplemental estimate of \$2,000,000 for the defense of the insular possessions of the United States. In his request the secretary says:

Defenses for Porto Rico, the Hawaiian Islands, Guam and the Philippines are urgently needed to protect the newly acquired territory of the United States and government property to be stored there; also to prevent interruption of cable communication between San Francisco, Hawaii and Manila. This estimate is submitted with the object of beginning the construction of these defenses at once as such insular facilities are now the property of the United States or may become so before the appropriation is exhausted, and requiring additional land needed as sites for defenses of the territory of Hawaii.

Shaw Sustains Appraisers. Secretary Shaw today rendered a decision sustaining the board of general appraisers in its decision that certain silk ribbons involved in cases brought before them were suitable for trimmings and not as articles of manufactured silk. The effect of the board's decision was to increase the duty on the ribbons from 10 to 25 per cent ad valorem.

### EVENTS ON RUNNING TRACKS

Suspensions Ordered Both at New Orleans and Ingleside Pending Investigations.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Parisienne and Colonel Taylor were the winning favorites in the third race, Higgins on One More, crowded into the top place and was suspended for three days for foul riding. Handford in the same race excited the suspicion of the stewards who thought him under the influence of drugs and they ordered the refusal of all entries in the future from the stable of J. J. Gilmore, his owner. Aggie Lewis, who won the fourth race, was run up to \$1,000, but over the entered selling price and sold to Albert Simon. Wreath of Ivy was run up to \$1,200 after the sixth race and bought in. Results:

First race, six furlongs: Parisienne won, Dusky second, Miss Rime third. Time 1:14.4. Second race, one mile: Red Emory won, The Knight second, Sarah Maxine third. Time 1:49. Third race, one mile: Colonel Taylor won, One More second, Radford third. Time 1:47. Fourth race, six furlongs: Aggie Lewis won, Agnes Brennan second, Julia M third. Time 1:14.5. Fifth race, five furlongs: Sadducee won, Jimlong second, New York third. Time 1:20. Sixth race, six furlongs: Wreath of Ivy won, Footlights Favorite second, Allegretto third. Time 1:14.4.

INGLESIDE, Dec. 24.—The stewards at Ingleside were not satisfied with the appearance of the third race and suspended the stable of P. C. Donahoe and H. Green pending further investigation. Sad Sam, owned by Green, was plumped on, while Moneybags, one of the Donahoe string, after opening equal favorite with him, dropped to 4 to 1. Sad Sam won and he pleased while Moneybags was distant second. Green claimed Moneybags for \$1,000. It was thought they might have been some understanding. Cathels, tell in the first race three furlongs from the finish and Martin, Marvin and Rhoda, who were behind her, also went down. Ohphant sustained a bruised ankle but the other riders escaped injury. Results:

First race, six furlongs, selling: Louis Wren won, Nubia second, Cardinal third. Time 1:12. Second race, six furlongs: Dick Turpin won, H. J. Frank second, Military Time third. Time 1:12. Third race, six furlongs, selling: Sad Sam won, Moneybags second, Alhermark third. Time 1:13.4. Fourth race, one mile and one-eighth: Club won, Negro second, Coronel third. Time 1:44. Fifth race, one and one-half furlongs: Shotgun won, Kenilworth second, Presto J third. Time 1:29. Sixth race, one mile, selling: Frederick won, El Oriente second, Ilowaho third. Time 1:28.

LEWISVILLE, Dec. 24.—Acot Park was thrown open to the public today and the 1,000 people saw a program of six good races two which were nose finishes. Results: First race, seven furlongs: Ocean Dream won, De Shorb second, Dupont third. Time 1:26. Second race, six furlongs: San Luttion won, Labor second, Urbana third. Time 1:19. Third race, five furlongs: Strife won, Golden Mineral second, Alma Duffour third. Time 1:24. Fourth race, six furlongs: Mount Low won, The Fox second, Stan second. Time 1:14. Fifth race, one mile and sixteenth: Lelinger won, Glen Rice second, Jim Hale third. Time 1:50. Sixth race, one mile, selling: Moore won, Canajo second, Lemo third. Time 1:34.

Jack O'Brien Gets Decision. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Jack O'Brien of Philadelphia had the better of a six-round bout with Jim Jeffords tonight at the Broadway Athletic club. In the third round Jeffords had O'Brien a little grubby, but he soon recovered and held the advantage to the end of the fight.

### EXONERATES ONE OFFICER

Assistant Secretary of State Decides Judge Faldwin Was Falsely Accused.

IS NOT INVOLVED IN POSTAL FRAUDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Judge Baldwin, United States consul at Nuremberg, Germany, has been exonerated by Assistant Secretary of State Faldwin of any connection with the plotting of Brandt-Dent cashiers in the Postoffice department, as related in the report of Conrad and Bonaparte in their investigation of the irregularities in the Postoffice department.

In response to a request from Secretary Faldwin, Judge Baldwin submitted a full explanation of his connection in this matter. Referring to this, Mr. Faldwin says: "Mr. Baldwin seems to have satisfactorily met all the points covering any improper action on his part in the purchase by the Postoffice department of the Brandt-Dent automatic cashiers. He says that, in his capacity as a lawyer, he interested himself in the purchase of these cashiers as a business of his non-law, who was a local agent of the Brandt-Dent company, to the extent of talking with Perry Heist and requesting Mr. Heist to look into the matter of the Brandt-Dent automatic cashiers and that the machine was a very ingenious and useful device, at least to accept and pay for the machines already in use and purchase such other machines as might be legitimate demand for."

Judge Baldwin says that his name was used "without his consent" in connection with this case, although he had nothing more to do with the cashiers. He concludes: "The allegation that Judge Baldwin 'appeared to have been willing to adopt any measures that would bring about an order, whether such measures were legal or illegal, or illegitimate use of money,' appears to be based only on a statement of a letter in a letter of April 4, 1928, in which he said: 'Judge Baldwin also says to find out if possible exactly what the case is. He says he wants to insure our success in that department in the way of dollars and cents, but not to give it to him unless forced to do so, and when you do, if at all, he declines to be present himself and then the agreement, but says it is not even time to think of this now.'

This is met by Judge Baldwin with an absolute, specific and categorical denial, as is in charge that he was in any way connected with or that he had knowledge of any agreement to pay any money to Driggs or that he had any employment with Driggs in any way by the Postoffice department, and that he should be deemed to be connected with any conspiracy with any fraud or corruption which may have existed in that business.

Changes in Postoffice Department. Erven H. Thorpe of Vermont, who has been in charge of the salaries division of Postoffice inspectors, with headquarters at New York city, has been permanently appointed superintendent of the city delivery division of the Postoffice department, succeeding Charles Hodges, who was removed some months ago. Mr. Thorpe was detailed to act in this position at the time of Hodges' dismissal. W. R. Sullivan of Manhattan, Kan., formerly chief of the appointment division of the fourth assistant postmaster general's office, and who during the postal investigation has been detailed to assist in the direction of the free delivery system, has been appointed superintendent of the rural free delivery service in place of H. Conquest Clark, who has been made superintendent of the Atlantic division of rural free delivery service. Beavers Appeal Received. The appeals of George W. Beavers, the

### FAILS TO GET THE MONEY

Threatening Letters to New York and Chicago Millionaires Cause Arrest.

WRITER IS CAUGHT WITH DECOY LETTER

Commercial Artist Brennan Confesses to Having Demanded Large Sums from Prominent Capitalists of Two Cities.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The source of mysterious letters demanding large sums, which for the last six months have been received by men high in the financial world of New York and Chicago, was today traced to Leo R. Brennan, a commercial artist of Chicago, and Brennan was arrested as he was leaving the general post office where he had gone in answer to a decoy letter. When confronted with evidence Brennan confessed to having attempted to extort a dozen demands for sums of \$25,000 and \$50,000 and having threatened his intended victims with death should they refuse to pay. In his confession Brennan declared that all his attempts to extort money had been futile, as he had never received a dollar in answer to the demands.

Financiers of whom Brennan demanded money were J. Pierpont Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, James Stillman and Andrew Carnegie. Of each of these men he demanded \$50,000 in his first letters and on receiving no replies, it is said, reduced the amount demanded to \$25,000. Among those in Chicago on whom Brennan attempted to levy tribute were Marshall Field, R. T. Crane, J. Ogden Armour and G. F. Swift. None of the Chicago men were asked for more than \$25,000.

Marshall Field Casually Arrested. In the case of Marshall Field, Brennan wrote under the name of William Craig. He first asked Mr. Field to leave \$25,000 beneath a pillar of a porch at Field's home. No attention was paid to the letter by Mr. Field until another communication, in which the writer threatened in the first letter was sent to Brennan telling him that his demand on Mr. Field would be met. Then a package was prepared and addressed to "Craig" to be delivered at the registered letter department of the general postoffice. Brennan today called at the postoffice, asked for and was given the package. Signing the receipt, Brennan with a pleased smile on his face turned to walk away and walked into the arms of four detectives, who had been watching the proceedings. No formal charge was entered against Brennan tonight, but it was said he would be held for the federal officers.

The Chief of Brewers. Old Brews, Clary, Pitts, Fritola and like stubborn maladies soon yield to Buckler's Arica Salve or so say. See For sale by Kuhn & Co.

### JIMINEZ MEN AR. RUNNING

Second Defeat by Morales' Troops Too Much for Them.

GUNBOAT BOMBARDS PUERTO PLATA

It Isn't Expected to Do Much Damage, but It Satisfies San Domingo

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—After a second defeat at the hands of General Morales' troops, the forces of former President Jiminez are now in full retreat, says a Herald dispatch from Puerto Plata, San Domingo. Nine were drowned while attempting to ford a river. The Dominican gunboat Presidente, which has begun to bombard Puerto Plata, was first fired upon by the fort. A demand had been made for the surrender of the place by 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon and shots were the only reply. Small damage is expected from the bombardment. Arrests of prominent followers of former President Vaquez are being made in Santiago de los Caballeros.

### SPIDER BITE KILLS BURROUGH

Kansas City Grain Commission Merchant Succumbs to Insect's Poisonous Sting.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—Philip E. Burrough, a grain commission merchant and formerly British vice consul at Kansas City, died here today from blood poisoning, the result of a spider bite. He was prominent in business affairs. Mrs. Burrough was killed here a year ago in a runaway accident.

### Awards Chippewa Lands

Commissioner Richards of the general land office today announced his awards under the sealed bids received from timber on the ceded Chippewa Indian lands in the state of Minnesota, in the vicinity of Cass lake, the sale for which was held in December, 1923. The total amount covered by the accepted bids is \$1,021,771.

### Increase in Postal Receipts

LEAD, S. D., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The receipts of the Lead postoffice this year are much larger than ever before. This is due to the sale of postage stamps. The number of money orders issued was also the greatest, by ever forty. The increase is incident to holiday business. The normal business of the office has shown a steady increase over the old and has more than made up for the falling off in bent rent receipts, which accompanied the establishment of the free delivery system.

### Losses Leg Under Car

LEAD, S. D., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—While moving a car on a sliding with a pinch bar, Robert Manning was thrown under the wheels, which passed over one leg near the ankle. He was brought to Deadwood on the Spearfish train and the foot was amputated at the junction of the lower and middle third of the leg. Manning had moved the car and was endeavoring to stop by thrusting the bar under the wheels. The sudden wrench of the bar threw him partially across the rails.

### The Gigantic Shadow cast by a cigar and a man