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IRISH TRADE GROWS

Emerald Isle Taking Rank Among Commercial Countries.

FOURTH PLACE AMONG NATIONS

In Proportion to Population This Now Holds True.

FOREIGN TRADE ON THE INCREASE

Home Bank Deposits Make More Favorable Showing.

NEW NAVAL DOCKYARD AT DERRY

Donegal Centenarian Dies Before Receiving His Old-Age Pension—Shortage of Water in Derry.

DUBLIN, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—It is gratifying to be able to report that business conditions in Ireland are improving so rapidly that it is now taking its place among the great commercial nations of the world. Statistics have just been issued by the Department of Agriculture, which in Ireland performs the functions of a general ministry of commerce, showing that Ireland now ranks fourth among the nations in the volume of trade in proportion to its population. Holland, Belgium and Switzerland are the only countries which exceed it.

In the two years from 1904 to 1906 Ireland's total exports and imports grew from $510,000,000 to $560,000,000 and the export of eggs alone went up by $4,000,000. The export of poultry from 1904 to 1907 increased by $1,100,000 and the export of pork products by more than $5,000,000.

Trade Picking Up.

While its foreign trade is growing, trade at home is also flourishing in spite of the bad times. A return which has just been issued shows that the deposits and cash balances in joint stock banks on June 30 last were $252,980,000, which is the highest on record and $12,645,000 in excess of the figure a year before. The figure in 1888 was $151,550,000. A great deal of this prosperity, of course, is due to the industrial revival movement and to the policy of Irish public authorities of purchasing, wherever possible, goods made in Ireland.

It is significant of the new conditions in Ireland that men of all parties are working together in the movement for the industrial and commercial regeneration of the country. For instance, the duke of Abercorn and his son, the marquis of Hamilton, are associated with the nationalist members of Parliament, from Donegal to Derry, in an effort to induce the Admiralty to establish a naval dockyard on the Foyle. A dockyard is needed either on the north of Ireland or the Scottish coast, and the Admiralty was considering the Foyle when it suddenly decided that the water was too shallow for its purposes. Investigation revealed that a remarkable mistake had been made on the Admiralty charts. The depth of water at Derry was marked as from eight to nine feet, whereas it is eighteen feet at low water. It is hoped, now that this mistake has been discovered, that the Admiralty will decide to go to Derry, which has offered it a splendid site at a very low rental.

Aged Pensioner Dies.

A few weeks ago I mentioned the case of Charles Kelly of Inver, County Donegal, who applied for and was granted an old age pension at the remarkable age of 111. Mr. Kelly has not lived to draw his pension. He died last week in the house in which he was born and to a day or two before his death he retained his wonderful health and activity. Four days before his death he was engaged drawing turf from the bog to his home for his winter fuel, and on the day before that he walked five miles to mass at Frosses chapel. He was a moderate smoker all his life and, though temperate in the use of intoxicants, was not a teetotaller.

Ireland has just lost another remarkable centenarian in the person of James O'Sullivan of Dungourney, County Cork, who was 100 years old. He appeared a few weeks ago in the chancery court in Dublin as the plaintiff in a land settlement case, and gave evidence so clearly and acutely on his own behalf that he was complimented by the judge on his extraordinary mentality.

A remarkable state of affairs in Derry has been revealed by a typhoid outbreak in that city. The epidemic has been traced to infected milk, but it has also been discovered by the sanitary authorities that a large part of the city has been without water, sometimes for three or four days at a time, on several occasions since October last. The bank of one of the reservoirs which supply the city burst in a storm early in that month and has not yet been repaired. This basin contained 12,000,000 gallons of water, and not only was this lost, but another basin lower down, containing 92,000,000 gallons, was so fouled by the washed down deposit that it had to be closed, and apparently no steps were taken to clean it and restore it to use. The corporation is now hurrying the work of cleaning it and repairing the other and is spurred on by threats of damage suits by the victims of the epidemic.

Reign of Terror in Ireland.

The British government, now that Parliament is about to rise, is instituting a reign of terror in Ireland. They have taken a leaf out of the book of the Indian administration and are trying to muzzle the press. The first action has been taken against Mr. Farrell, M. P. of Longford, proprietor and editor of the Longford "Leader." He has been summoned before the high court to show cause why he should not be committed to gaol for publishing certain resolutions passed at a meeting of the local branch of the United Irish league, and also for publishing certain speeches made at public meetings with reference to land grabbing.

In the meantime the good old British game of jury packing has been revived. At the trial of a number of cattle drivers at Limerick a few days ago the crown solicitor deliberately challenged every jurymen who was a Protestant and a unionist and the result, of course, was that all the accused persons were convicted. The jury afterwards complimented the jurymen on their "courage and independence" in finding a verdict of guilty against their fellow countrymen, whose offense was an effort to induce a British board to break up the grass lands, which it was appointed to do.

A serious outbreak of typhoid fever has occurred on Lough Derg island, where

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For Nebraska—Fair Sunday.
For Iowa—Partly cloudy Sunday.

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A man was engaged in stealing a coffin factory in Memphis, Tenn., when detected by the owners. I, Page 1

The defense in the trial of Mrs. Erb and Mrs. Beisel has put forward the plea that the shooting of Captain Erb was caused by accident in a scuffle to save Mrs. Erb from further indignities imposed by her husband. I, Page 4

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Yuan Shai Kai has been degraded by the Chinese authorities, and in this action all foreigners lose a valued friend, the act being called a disgrace by diplomats. I, Page 1

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Pawnee county, a paradise of beautiful farms and prosperous towns. Officeseekers do not infest Washington as in the days of old. First of a series of letters from Frank Carpenter on the new orient. Poultry and dog show illustrated. How Franklin's kite opened a limitless field. Four Pages

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Port.	Arrived.	Sailed.
NEW YORK	Cedric	
NAPLES		Regina d'Italia.
GLASGOW		Sicilian.
HALIFAX		Carthagenian.
BOSTON		Lancastrian.

COFFIN FACTORY THIEF LATEST

Man in Memphis Starts to Raze Building to Ground Unknown to Owner.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 2.—The police of this city are searching for a man who was partially successful in an attempt to steal a coffin factory. The factory, which had temporarily suspended operations, was a substantial brick structure located in an outlaying and thinly populated section of Memphis. Yesterday it was reported to one of the owners that the building was being razed and investigation developed that under the direction of a man who appeared on the scene several days ago, a force of workmen have been engaged in demolishing the structure. The work had reached the stage where the rafters were being removed and next would have been the making away with the machinery. When the police arrived the master of operations had disappeared leaving the workmen unpaid.

BIG CATTLE STEAL AT UTICA

Twenty-Five Head Taken and Officers Cannot Find Trace of Them.

SEWARD, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Twenty-five head of cattle were stolen Wednesday night from M. Lovell, who lives near Utica, in Seward county. Mr. Lovell was away from home at the time. The work was done so cleverly that no trace of the cattle has yet been found by the officers.

YUAN SHAI KAI OUT

Grand Councillor of Chinese Empire Shorn of All His Power.

RESULT OF MANCHU JEALOUSY

Rheumatism in Leg Alleged as Cause for Dismissal.

DIPLOMATS ARE THUNDERSTRUCK

Reactionary Step Causes Surprise Among Foreign Representatives.

YUAN FRIEND OF FOREIGNERS

He is Regarded as Greatest Chinaman Since Li Hung Chang—Act Will Cripple Chinese Credit Abroad.

PEKING, Jan. 2.—An edict issued today dismisses from office Yuan Shi Kai, grand councillor and commander-in-chief of the forces. The reason given for this action is that he has rheumatism of the leg. The edict orders Yuan Shi Kai to vacate all his offices and to return to his home, adding: "Thus our clemency toward him is manifested."

A second edict appoints Na Tung comptroller of customs and ex-governor of Peking, grand chancllior, presumably in Yuan Shi Kai's place.

The members of the diplomatic corps at Peking are well nigh thunderstruck at the sudden dismissal of Yuan Ski Kai. The step is believed to be the outcome of a Manchu plot, and there are indications that the Japanese representatives alone had any inkling of what was on foot.

Two hours after the foreign ministers became cognizant of the edict of dismissal, the American, German and British ministers were in conference at the British legation. The diplomats were still in conclave this evening, and it consequently will be impossible to learn tonight what course the leading powers will take in this surprising development.

China's Good Name at Stake.

The home governments will act only after an interchange of ideas, but there is reason to believe tonight that Prince Ching, president of the board of foreign affairs, will be waited upon tomorrow by a strong diplomatic combination, such as the British, German and American representatives here.

There is nothing to indicate that the dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai means danger to foreigners, but the good name of China's management of the crisis following the demise of the emperor and the dowager empress and the appointment of a successor has been swept away by this vindictive act, which will astonish and arouse the outside world, cripple China's credit and prevent the withdrawal of foreign troops probably for five years.

Yuan Shi Kai's feelings as yet are unknown and the legations are anxiously awaiting a clue to the throne's future course of action.

Little Surprise at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Though the news of the downfall of Yuan Shi Kai was not entirely unexpected in official circles here, it was received with regret, for the State department has a keen recollection of the great services rendered by Yuan Shi Kai to every Christian nation in securing communication by secret means with the legationers besieged in the compound at Peking during the famous Boxer uprising. At that time Yuan Shi Kai was taotai of Shanghai and did not hesitate to use all of his great power to secure news from the compound which gave the first assurance to the outside world that the diplomats, their families and attaches were holding their own within the legation precincts. It was this information which Yuan Shi Kai conveyed through the American consul general at Shanghai to Mr. Hay that encouraged the European governments to go with America in the remarkable allied march to Peking, resulting in the liberation of the legationers.

Yuan Friend to Foreigners.

For some time there is reason to suspect that Yuan Shi Kai was not closely in touch with the new administration in China. There had been charges affecting his official integrity, but these had [illegible] to naught so long as [illegible] empress, Tsi An, [illegible] lited confiden[illegible] was clothed [illegible] degree of autocratic [illegible] China's external relations as we[illegible] late Li Hung Chang.

It was Yuan who organized the modern Chinese army; dropped out the spearmen and the bowmen and the bearers of stink pots and the makers of loud noises and substituted well drilled, khaki-clad soldiers, educated by European officers. During the Boxer uprising, with his well trained troops, Yuan was almost the only viceroy in China able to extend protection to foreign life and property, and in his later position, with extended powers, he had planned to make the Chinese national army a force to be reckoned with by any nation.

Due to Manchu Jealousy.

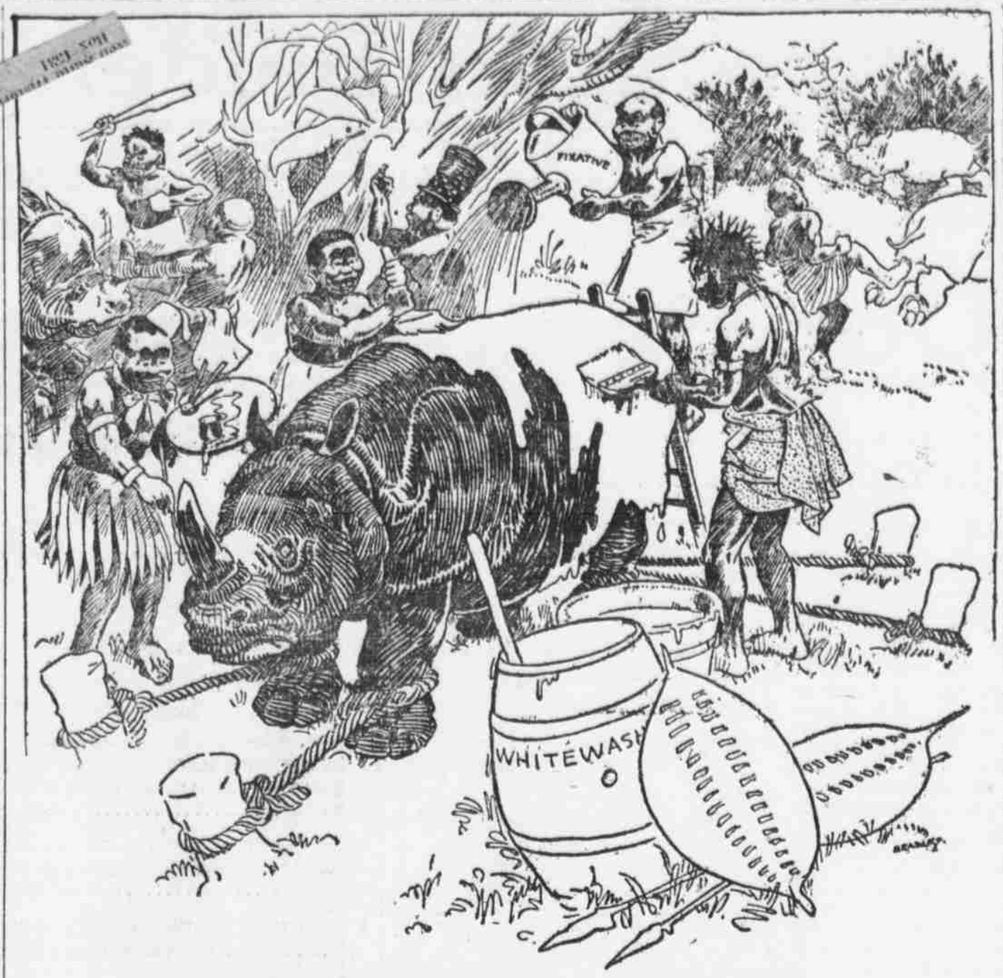
Yuan Shai Kai's office corresponds to that of premier of England and the action of the Chinese government is considered in official circles in Washington as little short of revolutionary. The excuse given in the press dispatches for Yuan's dismissal is regarded as a flimsy one and ridiculous in character. Yuan's displacement is attributed to Manchu jealousy, as he had a great many enemies among the Manchus. He also had great influence with the late empress dowager. Yuan was generally looked upon and regarded as the head man in Chinese affairs, the regent prince, Prince Chun, being looked upon as a figurehead. Na-Tung, his successor, has been in the Foreign office a great many years and is regarded as an able man, but not of such progressive and advanced ideas as Yuan. He has never been out of China except on unimportant commissions to Japan. He is a Manchu and about 56 years of age.

Minister Rockhill at Peking has telegraphed the State department confirming the press reports concerning the dismissal of Yuan Shai Kai, but making no comment on the matter except to refer to it as "an expected disgrace."

SEWARD BANKER BUYS LAND

H. J. Jones of First National Interested in Southern Territory.

SEWARD, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—H. J. Jones, president of the First National bank of Seward today returned from Mexico, where he became interested in a tract of 100,000 acres of Mexican land. It is said that E. Bignell of Lincoln is associated with him in the deal.



LET MR. ROOSEVELT BEW ARE OF NATURE FAKERS

From the Chicago Daily News.

FIGHT FOR A LAND OFFICE

Gregory County Towns in Contest for One to Be Moved from Mitchell.

CONGRESSMEN TAKING SIDES

Gamble and Hall Said to Favor Gregory and Kittredge and Martin Are Lined Up in Favor of Locating it at Dallas.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The commissioner of the general land office has in contemplation the removal of the land office at Mitchell, S. D., to some point in Gregory county and to transfer the business now being conducted at Mitchell to officials of the land office at Chamberlain.

The recent opening to white settlement of Indian lands in Tripp county and prior to that large areas opened in Gregory county, make it almost imperative for the prompt transaction of land office business that a registrar and receiver be located at some point near the Indian country in Gregory and Tripp counties which is about to be settled upon by whites. In brief it has been practically determined to remove the Mitchell office to Gregory county, but just which town in Gregory county is to be selected is the bone of contention. Five towns in Gregory county have entered into competition for the land office, namely: Fairfax, Bonesteel, Burke, Gregory and Dallas.

The delegations from these South Dakota towns have had their innings with Commissioner Fred Dennett and he now has the various propositions under advisement and will shortly take the matter up with Secretary of the Interior Garfield. It was learned at the general land office today that the contest for the new land office has narrowed down to two towns—Gregory and Dallas. Both of these towns have adherents or boomers in Washington today and each is working hard for their respective towns.

This morning Representative Philo Hall accompanied the following gentlemen from Gregory to the land office, where they had an extended interview with Mr. Dennett: Joy M. Hackler, cashier of the Gregory State bank; Fred Huston, postmaster at Gregory, and Windsor Doherty, attorney at law. Senator Gamble and Congressman Hall are assisting the Gregory boomers, while Senator Kittredge and Representative Martin are said to favor the location of the new land office at Dallas.

The Dallas boomers consist of J. D. Keller, C. M. Rose, O. P. Chambers and G. A. Jeffers.

Indian Superintendent Transferred.

S. A. M. Young, superintendent of the Indian school at Chamberlain, S. D., was today transferred to take charge of the Indian school at North Yakima, Wash., to succeed J. Lynch, resigned.

New Banks Authorized.

The application of John Stewart, Frank D. Jackson, Ernest A. Jackson, Frank Jackson and Graydon B. Jackson to organize the First National bank of Dallas, S. D., with $25,000 capital has been approved by the comptroller of the currency.

The following banks have been authorized to begin business: The Whitbeck National of Chamberlain, S. D., with $50,000 capital; William M. Pratt, president; N. W. Egleston, vice president; A. C. Whitbeck, cashier. The National Bank of Bloomfield, Bloomfield, Ia., with $55,000 capital; Henry C. Taylor, president; S. S. Handley, vice president; S. F. McConnell, cashier. The City National bank of Council Bluffs, Ia., with $120,000 capital; T. G. Turner, president; Oscar Keeline and J. G. Wadsworth, vice presidents; Charles R. Hannan, jr., cashier.

Postal Appointments.

Rural carriers appointed: Nebraska—Elwood, route 2, Inar Anderson, carrier; Arthur Anderson, substitute; McLean, route 1, Douglas E. Marsh, carrier; F. E. Marsh, substitute; Wausa, route 2, Elmer C. Peterson, carrier; J. E. Peterson, substitute. South Dakota—Beresford, route 5, Wilbur C. Scroggs, carrier; Frederick D. Savey, substitute; Britton, route 3, Robert E. Smith, carrier; John J. Wells, substitute.

Past Assistant Surgeon L. W. Bishop is detached from duty at the navy recruiting station at Omaha and ordered to duty on the Hancock. Assistant Surgeon A. H. Robnett is detached from duty in Cuba and will proceed to the Omaha recruiting station for duty.

BRIDGE WORKER MEETS DEATH

Counties of Hall and Merrick Have Dispute Over Jurisdiction Over Body.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Henry Reimer, 30 years of age, was instantly killed while working with a gang of five men building a bridge on the border line between Merrick and Hall counties, the pile driver derrick falling and crushing his skull. A physician was at once sent for, but life was extinct when he arrived, the accident occurring six miles east of the city.

When Coroner Sutherland of Hall county was notified he held that the accident occurred in Merrick county and declined to act. When the sheriff of Merrick county was notified he held that the accident occurred in Hall county and likewise declined to act. The body was finally removed without the usual official order to Sondermann's morgue in this city.

The rather unusual incident of a dispute in authority also occurred in the finding of a skeleton in the Platte, four or five years ago. The bridge work in this case was done by Hall county under a joint agreement, the body being on the Merrick side of the road when picked up.

FAMOUS RUSSIAN PRIEST DIES

Father John of Cronstadt Passes Away at St. Petersburg—Last Days Under Cloud.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2.—Father John of Cronstadt is dead. The noted priest for some time had been suffering from chronic dropsy and intestinal complaints, and the end, though sudden, was not unexpected. Father John was born November 30, 1829. As a priest in the Andrew church at Cronstadt, where his zeal and devotion drew about him hosts of followers and attracted the attention of the emperor, who constantly befriended him. A pilgrimage of the present empress to the shrine of St. Seraphin, which, among pious Russians was believed to have been responsible for the birth of the desired heir to the throne, was undertaken on Father John's advice. The late years of Father John's life were clouded by the ill repute of the sect of Johnites, which was exploited by an unscrupulous and immoral group of men and women to their great financial advantage. The priest's eyes were opened to this only last summer, when he anathematized the false leaders.

DECISION FOR SOUTHERN LINE

Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Bonds Underwritten by H. W. Poor in Default.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2.—Judge Don Pardee of the United States circuit court today appointed President H. M. Atkinson and vice president P. S. Arkwright, receivers for the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railroad.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 2.—Holders of bonds in the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railroad in this city were notified today of the appointment of receivers of the road.

Interest on the bonds was defaulted yesterday. The company, which was incorporated in Georgia in 1905, controls several transportation companies in the south and also steamboat lines from Brunswick, Ga., to New York. The capital is $35,000,000 and about $8,173,000 of an authorized issue of $30,000,000 in bonds are outstanding.

The bonds were underwritten by H. W. Poor & Co., the Boston and New York firm which assigned last week.

INSANE MAN PLAYS "DEVIL"

Laborer at Spokane Appears in Church to Put Billy Sunday Out of Business.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 2.—Stark naked and apparently insane, Frank Mays, a strapping laborer, 26 years old, last night attempted to mount the pulpit in the Billy Sunday tabernacle to deliver an exhortation to the assembled early comers on "The Devil." Mays was prevented from carrying out his purpose by ushers with whom he fought for several minutes like a tiger. Wrapped in a blanket he was taken to the city jail, bound hand and foot.

At the station Mays declared he had disrobed to prove that he was an angel from God. Still manacled, the laborer was locked up in a strong cell where he squirmed out of the blanket and shouted that he was the devil come to put Billy Sunday out of business.

LOBBYISTS ARE IN EVIDENCE

Legislators to Have Plenty of Help in Organizing the House.

MEMBERS BEGINNING TO COME IN

N. P. McDonald of Kearney Named as Member of the Normal Board for Full Term and D. W. Hayes for Short Term.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The presence of a lobby here assisting in the organization of the house has given rise to the query, "Who is paying the expenes?"

From the home of Bowman of Nuckolls, there are four or five men whose time must be valuable and they are working for Bowman. Dan Stephens is here "looking on" and it costs money to look on in any game in Lincoln. And there are others who are just "looking on," among them Herdman of Omaha, and their board and lodging costs something. The pay of the speaker is the same as that of members, $5 a day, which, with economical living about sends a member home without losing much money. It is reported a big bunch of "friends" of the various candidates will be here between now and Monday working for their favorites.

This query is interesting at this time, because the lobby law does not apply to persons who dip in on the organization, so no registration is required of the present lobby.

The arrival of a bunch of members of the house today and tonight increased the interest in the speakership fight and gave the candidates something to do besides talk to each other. The Douglas delegation, save Stoecker and Holmes, who are already on the ground, will reach here tomorrow morning and, according to Mr. Stoecker, there will be something doing from then on.

"I am already elected speaker," said Stoecker. "With my nine votes from Douglas county and those members who have been impressed with my letters, no one can beat me." Stoecker is the only candidate who is absolutely sure of election and for the sake of the others he will put sideboards on his band wagon between now and Monday.

Taylor of Custer Strong.

There was one development during the day and that was the growing strength of Taylor of Custer county. He has demonstrated that he is as quick as chain lightning and as smooth as a piece of glass in handling organization affairs. He has one great, big hurdle, however, to overcome before he can rally enough strength to come under the wire. He is for county option, and it looks as though Mr. Bryan's legislature does not wish to be organized along those lines. Like Henry of Holt, Taylor says he does not intend to raise any big row over this question and he fails to see its importance in the matter of the selection of a speaker.

"I believe my chances improve each hour," said Clark of Richardson. "I have received a great deal of encouragement since coming to Lincoln and I feel reasonably certain of being chosen. The contest is a good natured affair, though spirited, and I am well satisfied with its progress.

One of the great uncertainties is the number of members who are favorable to the enactment of a county option law. Those who claim to know say the anti-county option crowd outnumber those who favor it, but if they could get a word favorable from Mr. Bryan, the county option fight, insofar as it affects the organization, is won. But Mr. Bryan has yet to speak it. His literature is being used by the other side.

Graf of Cuming county came intoday and announced that he was not a candidate for speaker, so that lifts the veil a little bit.

Lewis A. Beltzer of Osceola is running for sergeant-at-arms (house or senate not designated) on this platform, which he has printed on his cards: "Thirty-six years residence in Nebraska; three years' service in the civil war; twenty-two years in reform movement of fusion forces; sergeant-at-arms of 1897 legislature; stand for an economical, legislative and short session."

There is no question but what the appeal has made quite a hit with the members, but there is one plank in the platform which some of the members want ex-

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FLEET TO AID ITALY

President Formally Tenders Use of Battleships to Stricken Nation.

TWO SUPPLY SHIPS ON THE WAY

Congress Will Be Asked to Appropriate Half Million.

QUICK ACTION IS NECESSARY

Money May Be Used to Charter Ships and Buy Food in Europe.

LARGE SUBSCRIPTIONS MADE

Over Hundred Thousand Dollars Already Forwarded by Telegraph Through the Red Cross Service.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—President Roosevelt tonight announced that he has sent two supply ships with $300,000 worth of supplies to Italy, that he will ask congress for additional aid and that he has offered the use of the battleship fleet to Italy.

The announcement is made in a telegram made public at the White House, which has sent to Patrick F. McGowan, chairman of the American Italian general relief committee, New York City. The telegram follows:

"I earnestly wish success to the American Italian general relief committee in its great mass meeting at Madison Square Garden. It is of course not possible for me to attend in person. I am doing everything that can be done to get aid to the suffering, and on account of the extreme urgency of the case have sent two supply ships with $300,000 worth of food and provisions without waiting for the authority of congress, being confident that congress will approve my action. I shall also ask congress for additional aid and throughout the coming week will keep in the closest touch with congress and through the State department with Italy, so that everything possible to be done by the United States may be done.

"Furthermore, I have cabled the Italian government proffering the services of any or all of the battleship fleet, if such can be of use in this crisis.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Message to Congress.

President Roosevelt was engaged tonight in preparing the message which will be presented to congress when it convenes Monday. A large amount of data on precedents and generally regarding the aid that is being rushed from various quarters to southern Italy and the means of getting succor to the victims had been prepared for the president and was considered carefully by him.

The data prepared by the president showed that in the Mont Pelee catastrophe the government appropriated $200,000 for the relief of the sufferers. A committee of distinguished citizens was designated to visit the scene and disburse the money. A similar plan appealed very strongly to the president, certain modifications being suggested, such as the selection of Americans now in Italy or delegation of the American ambassador or agents of the American Red Cross to attend the disbursement of the money. The question which the president first sought to determine was, whether aid given in this way woul dnot reach the sufferers sooner than by means of the naval supply ships now on the Atlantic, but many days sail from Sicily and southern Italy.

Money is Pouring In.

Suffering Italy continues to occupy the thoughts of most of the citizens and officials here. Aroused to a full consciousness of the appalling disaster which swallowed up so many lives the one aim is to get relief to the stricken people as speedily as possible. Money is pouring into the offices of the American National Red Cross and is being telegraphed abroad as fast as received. The New York Red Cross has telegraphed $80,000 to the National Red Cross; $10,000 has been telegraphed from San Francisco; Chicago telegraphed $12,000; the governor of Massachusetts has informed the National Red Cross that $50,000 was to be sent to the Italian Red Cross from the Bay state; $100,000 has been cabled by the National Red Cross to the Italian society. Over $3,000 was subscribed locally today, $500 of which came from the plate printers of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and carrying with it a promise of $1,000 more.

Bicknell Will Not Go.

The suggestion that Ernest B. Bicknell, national director of the American Red Cross, be sent to Italy to co-operate with the Italian Red Cross has been abandoned as unnecessary and Mr. Bicknell has been instructed to continue his trip to San Francisco.

Mr. Griscom today cabled that no names of American citizens killed or injured by the earthquake had yet reached him.

Thanks for American generosity is expressed in a telegram received by the president today from President Massiglia of the Italian committee at New York City.

The president has directed the State department to ascertain from the Italian government at what ports it would be most beneficial for the battleships of the American fleet to stop on reaching Italian waters. These battleships contain medical supplies and clothing that will be of great value among the sufferers and the object of the inquiry of the president is practically to permit the Italian government to name the ports where the vessels shall go on their errand of mercy.

DEAN NAMED SUPREME JUDGE

Governor Announces the Successor to Sullivan, Who Resigned.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Late tonight Governor Sheldon appointed J. R. Dean of rBoken Bow as judge of the supreme court for the one year term. This is the position which was tendered to Judge Sullivan, who accepted and subsequently declined. Judge Holcomb of Broken Bow was also prominently mentioned for the place. Dean was one of the first men mentioned for the position after Sullivan declined.

SHALLENBERGER TO LINCOLN

Governor-Elect Will Live with Secretary Until His Inauguration.

LINCOLN, Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor-elect A. C. Shallenberger is expected to reach Lincoln this afternoon to remain until his inauguration, January 7. He will stay with his secretary, W. J. Furse, until that time. Mr. Furse has bought him a home at 1351 South Twenty-first street.