O'BRIEN SEEKS CARD

Will Not Box Jack Johnson Until He Grows.

IS NOT A NEGRO-HATER

While White Men Wait and Fame Is Great No Man of Color Will Help the Gate, He Says.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Jack O'Brien will not consent to box Jack Johnson, whose manager, Zick Abrams, placed $2500 with the sporting editor of the Bulletin Tuesday to bind a match. O'Brien's Pacific Coast representative, Jack Cribbins, sent a statement this morning which will be read with interest. He says O'Brien is not a negro-hater and will fight Johnson, but not until he has done something to make him a card. Cribbins does not believe that the public is anxious for such a match, for he writes: "Mr. O'Brien's future matchmaking is left to my discretion, and I can assure you I will not consider Abrams' methods of advertising his dark one, while I have offers for contests with men like Marvin Hart, Tommy Ryan, Sam Berger and Twin Sullivan.

"I cannot see where Jack Johnson's last performances with men like McVey or Sandy Ferguson, and his defeat by Marvin Hart, can give Mr. Abrams any opportunity for a challenge. I'm positive the name of Jack Johnson will not help any 'gate' in San Francisco.

"O'Brien has no idea of 'retiring,' and in due time, when I can see Johnson as a card, regardless of his color, Mr. Abrams can rest assured that he and his pugilist will be accommodated."

O'BRIEN MAY FIGHT RYAN

Negotiations Pending Which May Bring Fight in San Francisco.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—That Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Tommy Ryan will be the center of attraction in the pugilistic world before very long, can be gathered from the present chances of the two being matched to participate in a 20-round contest at James Coffroth's club in California. The Philadelphian, it is believed, would undoubtedly like much to have Ryan as his first opponent, as between these two men lies the middleweight championship.

O'Brien, after his recent victory over Fitzsimmons expressed his willingness to take on Ryan as his next adversary. O'Brien says he is anxious to have a clear record of the three championships that he now can battle for. He holds the light heavyweight title and there is some question about whether he or Marvin Hart is heavyweight champion. Besides endeavoring to be the holder of this title, O'Brien is eager to add the middleweight crown to his list. The only way he can procure it is by defeating Tommy Ryan.

When Ryan heard of the Philadelphian's eagerness to get into the ring with him, he immediately urged his manager, Jack Curley, to attend to the affair. Negotiations for the match are now pending and it is expected that before long it will be clinched.

Ryan says he will be ready to take on O'Brien by the first of March, when the latter's theatrical contracts expire.

WILL BRING ENGLISH PUGS

Charley Mitchell Will Import Island Bruisers to America.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Charley Mitchell, best of all English pugilists, will soon be back in New York. He will not be alone this time, for he promises to bring as fine a collection of English boys as he can get. It is the intention to have them over in time for the opening of Tom O'Rourke's new Tuxedo Club just outside of Philadelphia. In the lot there will be such stars as Jim Bowker, Owen Moran, Jabez White and possibly Champion Jack Palmer. There is no better judge of a boxer than Mitchell and in addition to these he promises to have something in the way of a surprise in some of coming boys of England.

THE DAY'S HORSERACES.

At San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—Emeryville results:

Three and a half furlongs—Marion Rose won, Blue Bottle second, Elm Dale third; time, 0:41½.

Mile and an eighth—Hi Caulcap won, Royalty second, Esherin third; time, 1:58⅔.

Six furlongs—Instructor won, Romaine second, Fisher Boy third; time, 1:12½.

Seven furlongs, Follanabee handicap, purse $2000 added—Dr. Gardner won, Nagazan second, Tocolaw third; time, 1:25½.

Mile and a sixteenth—Massa won, Gateway second, The Lieutenant third; time, 1:56.

Six furlongs—Tom McGrath won, The Trojan second, Ebel Thatcher third; time, 1:13½.

At Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—Ascot Park results:

Futurity course—Seaside won, Rubiana second, Durbar third; time, 1:06⅘.

Three and a half furlongs—Nappa won, Sylvan Dixon second, Esther G. third; time, 0:43⅘.

Mile and a sixteenth—Sun Ray won, Clyde O. second, Dutiful third; time, 1:48.

The Pasadena handicap, mile and an eighth, $1250 added—W. H. Carry won, El Grosso second, Marshal Ney third; time, 1:53⅘.

Handicap, one mile—Lustig won, Varieties second, Toupee third; time, 1:40⅘.

Six furlongs—Money Muss won, Revolt second, Quindaro third; time, 1:14⅘.

Basket-Ball Is the Game.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Basket-ball is the all absorbing sport here for the Winter term, and Coach Markel is working a large squad every evening. Captain White brought back with him a good player in Charles Califf, who has played here and at Oregon City. The following men are trying for positions on the first team, which will soon be chosen: Center, Jenson, Kirkwood, Denny, Huston; guards, Califf, Aller, Ward; forwards, White, Withom, Ferrin, Williams. Manager Aller announces the following schedule: January 28, Y. M. C. A. Tigers, with a return game in Portland February 9; January 12, McMinnville College at McMinnville. The dates with Newberg College and Willamette University are not fixed yet, but the former will be played here and the latter at Salem.

Will Plan Rule Revision.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The rules committee appointed by the recent National Intercollegiate football conference met here today and prepared a letter to be sent to the universities having representatives on the existing rules commission with reference to the amalgamation of that committee with the one appointed by the recent conference, which was attended by the representatives of 68 colleges and universities throughout the country. Today's meeting was chiefly for the purpose of maturing plans for carrying out the instructions of the general convention in case the amalgamation scheme submitted to the old rules committee is not accepted.

American Wins at Tennis.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The professional racquet match between Peter Latham, champion of England, and George Standing, the American champion, played on the courts of the Racquet and Tennis Club here this afternoon, resulted in a victory for Standing. Score: Standing, 10, 15, 15; Latham, 9, 10, 10. This was the most important racquet match played since 1890. By his decisive victory this afternoon Mr. Standing will receive a purse of nearly $5000, together with the professional championship.

Will Race on Rollers.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—Harry Davidson, claimant of the world's roller skating championship, and Albert Cookson, who holds that title in England, have arranged a series of three races for the championship of the world. They will compete in three one-mile races on three nights. The first race will take place next Tuesday. Davidson is confident of defeating his English rival, and says a trade will not be necessary. The men will compete for a purse of $500.

Wrestling Bout a Draw.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 6. — After three hours' wrestling before the Coreyville Athletic Club tonight the bout between Samuel Mursbarger, of Indianapolis, and Frank Wittmer, of Cincinnati, was declared a draw, neither gaining a fall.

The preliminary bout between Max Luttbeg, of Cincinnati, and Eugene Traveler, champion welterweight of England, was won by the former. Both contests were catch-as-catch-can style.

Visitors Had Better Team Work.

MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—In a spirited game of basket-ball here last night the team from the Oregon Agricultural College defeated the State Normal team by a score of 16 to 23. The game was free from roughness and wrangling and the best of spirit prevailed. The visitors showed superior teamwork at critical times.

Murphy Lands Lucky Punch.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Tommy Mowat, of Chicago, was knocked out in the second round by Tommy Murphy, of New York, here tonight.

Won by the Agric Girls.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—In the girls' basket-ball game tonight, the Oregon Agricultural College scored 8, Salem 2.

CUMMINS HOLDS WHIP.

Test Vote Shows He Has Power in Legislature.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The first test of the Cummins and anti-Cummins strength in the House of the Iowa Legislature, which convenes Monday, came tonight, when ex-Adjutant-General H. M. Byers (standpatter) was defeated for sergeant-at-arms, at the House caucus, Jack Heffelfinger (revisionist) securing the election by a vote of 37 to 23. The vote is taken as an indication of the division of the Legislature on the primary bill and other measures which it is known Governor Cummins will urge upon the coming session.

UNION WANTS NO REGULARS

Fort Thomas Band Ruled Out of Inaugural of Pattison.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 6.—The local committee in charge of the parade for the inauguration of Governor-elect Pattison was notified today that union bands would refuse to play if the United States Army band of Fort Thomas, Ky., appears with the First Regiment, Ohio National Guard, in the parade. The committee at once communicated with Colonel Sake of the First Regiment at Cincinnati, and he expressed a willingness to annul the contract with the Fort Thomas band, but said he wished to consult his fellow-officers before announcing a decision. The union does not object to the United States bands marching with regular troops, but objects to the National Guard regiments employing them.

ECUADOR IN STATE OF WAR

Rebels Rule Two Provinces—Plaza Summoned Home to Fight.

GUAYAQUIL, Jan. 6.—President Garcia today declared the country to be in a state of war. Colonel Larre, Secretary of War, has been appointed commander of the army.

The revolutionary forces, under Colonel Teran, hold the Tunguragua and Chimborazo provinces.

General Leonidas Plaza, Ecuadorean Minister to the United States, has been called to assume command as chief of the army. Troops continue hastily marching into the interior.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—General Leonidas Plaza, Minister from Ecuador to the United States, who makes his official residence in this city, sailed for home today.

OHIO GOVERNOR IN CAGE

Pattison Will Be Inaugurated in Glass House on Monday.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 6.—The glass cage for Governor-elect Pattison, in which he will stay during the exercises of the inauguration next Monday, is being erected today. The framework is being hammered together in the middle of the reviewing stand opposite the Statehouse, on East Broad street, and the glass, which will take up three sides of the box, will be put in place early Monday. The cage will be about 12 by 12 feet. Beside the glass cage, the Governor-elect, who is not at all well, will have foot-warmers to increase his comfort.

ICE TONGS FOR FIEND

Citizens Attempt to Kill Brute Locked in Jail.

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 6.—A mob of 1800 citizens of Springdale, ten miles north of here, surrounded the village jail late this afternoon and with ice tongs and clubs attempted to kill a farmhand named Lewis, who was locked within, charged with committing a criminal assault on the 5-year-old daughter of Rollin Sheets, a prominent farmer of the neighborhood. After a siege of an hour, these attempts t oget at the prisoner failed, and Marshal Urban secretly brought Lewis to Peoria.

EYE-WITNESS IS INSANE.

Boy Who Saw Shooting of Horner Committed to Asylum.

NORTHPORT, L. I., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Frank Wisnewski, the boy employed by B. T. Horner, and the only eye-witness to the shooting of Horner by Dr. Stimpson, his uncle, was declared insane this afternoon, and tonight was committed to the hospital. It is now certain the prosecution has lost a valuable witness. No trace of Horner's will was found today.

ALL HOPE IN DOUMA

First Russian Congress Summoned for March 3.

COUNTRY SETTLING DOWN

Black Hundreds Call for Massacre of Rebels—Rebels Postpone Action Till Spring—Siberia Demands Home Rule.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The statement was made last night that the new Imperial Douma will be summoned on March 3, the anniversary of the freeing of the serfs of Russia. On the Douma the reactionaries and the bureaucrats are now basing all their hopes. If there is anything that will placate the people and put an end to the present unhappy revolutionary movement, it will be the calling of a national assembly. If a date for summoning the Douma has really been agreed upon and the announcement of the fact is made, it may have a good effect in bringing order out of chaos.

The civil war has come to an end in most cities, but the peasant uprisings and the war in the Baltic provinces are still causes for a great deal of uneasiness on the part of the government. The situation of the railways is also far from satisfactory. There is hardly a district that is working and several of the roads are in the hands of the strikers and no travel is permitted except under the permission of strikers' committees. Gradually, however, the troops are gaining the upper hand in nearly all the disturbed districts, but it will be impossible to bring about anything like order within at least two months. Before that time expires there may be further disturbances in the cities, which will cause the revolutionists in the provinces to renew the struggle.

Douma May Restore Peace.

The Douma, however, may solve the problem, if it is capable of solution. The representatives of the people may wrest enough recognition of their rights to satisfy the people generally. It is understood as well, that Premier Witte will resign once the Douma meets and this will give the Douma an opportunity to put into operation a new system of government.

Reactionary influence is shown in the congress of delegates from the "Black Hundred" of 15 cities, which has been in session here. The congress adopted a resolution calling on the Czar to restore absolutism in its old form and calls on him to suppress the revolution by massacre on an appointed day of all the revolutionists, Poles, Armenians, Jews and other elements of disorder. The congress also has directed a circular to all the local "Black Hundred" originals, notifying them to be ready to inaugurate a massacre of all sympathizers with the progressive movement. This circular concludes with the words: "Millions must die to save Russia, but the death sacrifice is best for the fatherland."

The government has forbidden all meetings until the Douma is summoned. This may result in trouble, as the right of holding meetings was guaranteed by the manifesto of October 30. The Prefect of Police has now seen fit to suspend operation of that section of the manifesto, and the people are certain to resent this.

Rebels Will Await Spring.

There is a disposition of many revolutionists, however, to postpone any action against the government until Spring. The severity of Winter is one reason for the plan of being postponed. The agitation will be kept up, however, if the armed revolution is postponed, and the leaders believe they can gain thousands of supporters before Spring.

All Siberia in Revolt.

Advices received last night and early today report the usual number of disorders. None of them is very serious, however. At Tomsk, a force of armed revolutionists seized the town officials before they could even notify the authorities at St. Petersburg. The terrorism to which the revolutionists along the Siberian railroad have resorted has made it necessary to declare martial law in that section. The road is in the hands of the revolutionists, who decide who shall be allowed to travel over the railroad. Without an order from the committee no one is allowed to ride.

A deputation of citizens from Irkutsk, Siberia, has arrived here to present a request to the government to grant autonomy to Siberia. The people ask that a Viceroy be appointed for Siberia and that a committee be named to deal with Siberian affairs.

HERMANN IS SNOWED UP

ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON IS DELAYED BY STORM.

Expected Any Hour and Will Not Attempt to Evade Trial, But Appear in House.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 6.—Up to a late hour tonight Representative Binger Hermann had not arrived in Washington, but he is expected any hour. His family is of the opinion that he is snowbound somewhere in the Northwest. Information received here today from other persons coming in from the West is to the effect that they have been delayed several days by snow drifts in Minnesota and it is probable that this is detaining Mr. Hermann.

According to the very best information obtainable, Mr. Hermann has not made and will not make any effort to leave the country or flee from justice, as had been rumored, but will in due time put in an appearance in Washington and in the House of Representatives. That he cannot be tried immediately upon his arrival is now recognized, as his son-in-law, H. P. Gately, who is acting as his attorney, is just recovering from a severe illness and will not be able to appear in court for some little time. It is believed that Mr. Hermann will reach Washington within the next day or two and that he will make this move against the advice of his friends.

Francis J. Heney has heard nothing of Mr. Hermann lately and is not aware of his movements or of any arrangements for his trial in this city.

CHANGE OF QUARTERMASTERS

Baker Temporarily Goes to Seattle, Palmer Succeeding Him.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 6.—Major Alfred M. Palmer, Quartermaster, now on leave in the United States, is relieved from further duty in the Philippines division and will proceed to Portland and report to the commanding General of the Department of the Columbia, for duty in charge of the office of disbursing Quartermaster at Portland, relieving Captain Jesse M. Baker, Quartermaster.

Captain Baker will relieve Captain Frank A. Grant, Quartermaster, temporarily, of his duties at Seattle.

Captain Grant, upon being relieved, will proceed to Philadelphia and report to the officer in charge of the general depot of the Quartermaster's Department at Schuylkill Arsenal, for duty as his assistant.

Major Winthrop S. Wood, Quartermaster, will proceed to Seattle and assume charge of the Quartermaster's office in that city, relieving Captain Jesse M. Baker of his temporary duty.

UMATILLA LAND RESERVED

Tract to Be Used in Connection With Irrigation Scheme.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 6.—In connection with the Umatilla irrigation project, the Secretary of the Interior has withdrawn the following areas from any form of disposition whatever:

T. 5 N., R. 29 E., S. E. ¼ section 34; S. ½ section 35, S. ½ N. E. ¼, S. ½ N. W. ¼, S. W. ¼ and N. W. ¼, S. E. ¼, section 36; T. 4 N., R. 29 E., W. ½ N. W. ¼, S. W. ¼ and S. W. ¼ S. E. ¼ section 1; all of section 2, N. E. ¼, E. ½, N. W. ¼, N. E. ¼, S. W. ¼ and S. E. ¼, section 3; N. E. ¼, N. W. ¼, E. ½, S. W. ¼, W. ½, S. E. ¼, section 12.

This land is to be used in connection with the Cold Springs reservoir site. All persons who have made entry of land within this withdrawal prior to the preliminary withdrawal, and who have not acquired vested rights thereto have been notified of the appropriation of their land for irrigation purposes and that their entries will be cancelled and their improvements paid for by the Government, unless sufficient cause is shown within 60 days from date of such notice.

SOP THROWN TO HEYBURN

Proclamation of Shoshone Forest Reserve Is Delayed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 6.—Under an agreement made with Senator Heyburn some time ago, the proclamation creating the Shoshone forest reserve will not issue until February, although everything was ready for the President's signature January 1.

Mr. Heyburn has a promise that no new reserve will be created in Idaho until one month after the case is presented to the President. This concession means nothing, but is a sop thrown out to Mr. Heyburn to give him a chance to square himself with the people of Idaho. His protests against the reserves are unavailing.

BRADY IS ON ANXIOUS SEAT

May Be Removed as Governor and Stick to Mining Company.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 6.—President Reynolds, of the Reynolds Development Company, which got Governor Brady, of Alaska, into the serious trouble that may lead to his removal, is in Washington trying to find out what is to be done with Mr. Brady in the light of the report made against him by Special Agent Churchhill. It is rumored tha Mr. Brady will resign as Governor, if there is any intention of removing him, and then become president of the Reynolds Company.

HEARING ON COLUMBIA JETTY

Burton Agrees Portland Committee Shall Present Arguments.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 6.—Senators Fulton and Gearin today called on Chairman Burton, of the rivers and harbors committee and arranged with him for a hearing on the Columbia River project, when a special committee arrives from Portland. Mr. Burton promised to call his committee in special session to hear what the Portland interests have to present in the way of arguments in favor of an immediate appropriation for the continuation of the jetty. Probably a hearing will be had in the latter part of this month.

National Bank at Forest Grove.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 6.—The First National Bank of Forest Grove, Or., has been authorized to begin business, with $25,000 capital, R. M. Dooley, president; J. E. Loomis, vice-president; O. B. Loomis, cashier.

WISH STORMS TO QUIT

Suit Filed to Remove Indiana Secretary of State.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6.—Suit to remove Daniel E. Storms from his office as Secretary of State of Indiana was instituted in the Circuit Court of Marion County this afternoon immediately following a complaint sworn to by Governor Hanly alleging misconduct in his office, embezzlement, conversion of funds and wrongful use of funds. Saturday, January 13, was fixed as the day upon which the Secretary of State must apear and answer.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Marriage Licenses.

LEE-FOSTER—A. F. Lee, 31, 175 North Twenty-first street; Edith Foster, 20.

SINGER-WING—Joseph F. Singer, 29, 427 Third street; Rose E. Wing, 20.

MILLER-SMITH—Charles E. Miller, 29, 261 Fourteenth street; Minnie A. Smith, 24.

YUNKER-CALNORI—Frank Yunker, 23; Marie Calnori, 22.

MULIBACH-GIGER—John Mulibach, 36, 684 Oregon street; Bernotina Giger, 30.

RANDALL-PHILLIPS—James Randall, 24; Blanche Phillips, 18.

COURTER-THOMPSON—Clement C. Courter, 22, Vancouver, Wash.; Ethel M. Thompson, 18.

Births.

BELDIN—In East Portland, January 4, to the wife of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Beldin, a son.

LEWIS—In this city, January 3, to the wife of Ernest Clyde Lewis, a son.

DAVIS—At 439 Market street, December 5, to the wife of Harry B. Davis, a son.

THOMAS—At 494 Columbia street, December 29, to the wife of B. B. Thomas, a daughter.

Deaths.

BRINSTAD—At Hotel Oregon, January 2, Robin E. Brinstad, a native of Wisconsin, aged 27 years, 4 months and 13 days.

SMITH—At 223 Seventh street, January 5, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Erskine Smith.

WALTERS—At Good Samaritan Hospital, January 1, Henry Walters, a native of England, aged 66 years.

JOHNSON—At St. Vincent's Hospital, January 4, Carl Johnson, a native of Sweden, aged 38 years.

FANCK—At 500 Miller avenue, January 3, Albert Panck, a native of Austria, aged 54 years. Remains sent to La Camas, Wash., for interment.

WARNER—At Seattle, Wash., January 3, Hobart Warner, a native of Connecticut, aged 71 years, 4 months and 11 days. Remains brought here for interment.

NIELSON—At Grand Falls, Tex., December 30, Raymond B., son of Mr. and Mrs. Niels A. Nielson, of 451 Mechanic street, a native of Portland, aged 6 years, 2 months and 15 days. Remains brought here for interment.

JACKOLA—At 221½ Lovejoy street, January 5, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jalmar Jackola, a native of Portland, aged 7 days.

DEUCHAR—At St. Vincent's Hospital, January 5, Miss Machilde J. Deuchar, a native of England, aged 33 years, 11 months and 14 days.

Building Permits.

J. F. JORG—Dwelling, East Eighth street, between Mason and Skidmore, $800.

T. SHULL—Repair of store, 330 Couch, $30

MAY HOLD BALANCE

United States as Arbiter About Morocco.

EUROPE IN DREAD OF WAR

Britain Suspects Kaiser of Aiming to Cause Crisis With France—He May Claim Italy's Aid as an Ally.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The agitation in Europe over the coming Moroccan conference and the result it may bring has spread to this country and officials here are now deeply interested in the matter because of the recently developed fact that the American delegation has become the most prominent factor of the gathering.

It has been believed here that the various European governments which are so deeply interested in the conference, notably France and Germany, had agreed to a programme which would be adhered to rigidly. The possibility of a split between these two governments on some of the questions involved may throw the United States into a position where its delegates with their votes will have the power to settle the issue. In that event, it is considered, the position of the United States may become embarrassing.

It is learned on good authority that the United States Government will do everything in its power to bring about a peaceful settlement of the issues which will be discussed at the conference. From this it appears that President Roosevelt has again determined to use all his power in keeping the world at peace. The difficulties of the situation are great and the American mission will undoubtedly have much work to do.

FRESH ALARM OF COMING WAR

Britain Wonders Whether Kaiser Is Playing for Fight.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—With the Morocco conference at Algeciras only ten days off, there is a deplorable revival of alarmist feeling in London, Paris and Berlin concerning the outlook. The question asked in all the capitals is: Will Germany create an impasse at Algeciras, throwing the whole Moroccan dispute back into the dangerous complications of the last Spring? Only William I can answer.

Apparently a section of German opinion is not a little disturbed by the way events are shaping. There are yellow journals in Berlin as well as in Paris, and their unpleasant talk has caused German bankers to put forth tranquilizing statements concerning the Emperor's New Year's speech to his Generals. The mere fact that sensational publications receive such serious treatment from financiers indicates the present instability of public confidence as to a satisfactory outcome of the conference.

No one need doubt that the studied reticence of the British press concerning the conference reflects the grave view taken in Downing street. Columns of dispatches from Madrid, Paris and Berlin are printed to show how this matter is regarded at those points and by common consent the press refrains from adding an ounce to the normal weight of responsibility resting upon the government, which is pledged to support France at Algeciras—and after. Long-headed diplomats in London continue to believe that reasonable considerations of dynasty and commerce are so patent that the Emperor will avoid a rupture, provided the proceedings at Algeciras do not spell humiliation for Germany.

Europe is coming to the conclusion that the Emperor is not so much of a diplomat as he is a soldier, and that he has found it out. The present feeling is that his reign has been a succession of foiled ambitions and disappointments. His army is larger by 1,000,000 men than when he came to the throne, and he has been able to keep it at the Von Moltke level of efficiency. Already he regards his navy as a match for any in the world, save England's, and with words of peace in his mouth and infinite palaver for America and Russia, he is pushing on with naval construction that will cost more than $60,000,000.

ITALY IN DELICATE POSITION

Germany May Claim Aid Under Terms of Alliance.

ROME, Jan. 6.—Interest here in the conference on Moroccan reforms is growing. This is due to the importance of her delegate, the Marquis Visconti Venosta, who, when he was Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, concluded an agreement with France by which Italy abandoned her claims on Morocco in favor of France, receiving in exchange the help of France in Tripoli.

At that time Germany had shown no interest in Morocco, while Italy considered herself free to so act. Morocco not being included in the agreement of the triple alliance concerning the equilibrium of the Mediterranean. Now Germany, it is said, maintains that any question, even if it were not contemplated by the triple alliance, comes within the terms of the treaty and that, if Germany is attacked by another power, the other two members of the triple alliance, Austria and Italy, are compelled to assist her with arms. Thus the situation of Italy in the conference is becoming more delicate, as the conference may lead to war, though the prospects at present point toward peace.

There is much speculation here as to the attitude the United States will take. Several journalists have endeavored to interview Ambassador White with regard to this, but he has refused to be quoted. Mr. White will leave Naples January 22, on board the Princess Irene, on his way to Algeciras.

GERMANY AVOIDS FRICTION

Book on Morocco Will Give No Cause for Irritation.

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—The German Foreign Office book on Morocco, which will be laid before the Reichstag next week, contains scarcely more than a tenth of the documents relating to the subject. Those selected are designed to rectify some impressions produced by the French book. Everything of an irritating nature will be omitted, as it is regarded as unwise to publish on the eve of the Moroccan conference documents that might cause strife or produce a mood in the representatives of the powers unconducive to calm discussion.

Religious Liberty in Morocco.

ROME, Jan. 6.—In asking Austria to present to the conference on Moroccan reforms a proposition for the religious liberty of Morocco, Pope Pius is following the plan of his predecessor, who, through Cardinal Nina, then papal secretary of state, made a similar proposition to the conference held at Madrid in 1880, citing as a precedent the protocol of the Berlin Congress, which, in article 62, established the religious liberty of all Ottoman subjects.

WILL OPPOSE FRENCH CLAIM

Germany Wants International Control of Morocco Police.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—According to official information received in London from Berlin, Germany not only desires that all the powers shall participate in the execution of reforms in Morocco, but that the work of watching the frontier shall be divided among them, thus realizing the fears expressed by an official of the Foreign Office in an interview with the Associated Press last Thursday, that the German delegates might insist on clashing with what France considered her special privileges, for instance, the policing of the frontier.

If Germany persists in this attitude in the conference, it is believed a most serious situation will arise, as France is certain to resent it and Great Britain will support France. The British government, while believing the conference will finally reach a satisfactory settlement, realizes that persistence by Germany in her demands will cause irritation which will require all the efforts of the delegates to remove and in this it expects the support of the United States, Spain and Italy.

In official and unofficial circles the possibility of war is considered the remotest, even if the conference fails, particularly as those who are inspiring the German policy do not belong to the war party, but are powerful commercial men.

WIFE SEEKS COREY OUT

HUNTS STEEL MAGNATE AT DUQUESNE CLUB.

Reconciliation Has Been Effected According to Stories of Friends. Man Keeps His Silence

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—An incident giving rise to another sensational chapter in the Corey marital trouble occurred tonight at the annual dinner of the Carnegie steel officials at the Duquesne Club when a woman and a youth about 14 years of age answering the description of Mrs. Laura Corey and her son, appeared at the club and inquired for Mr. Corey. Mr. Corey had left the club previously, it being 11:30 o'clock when the woman and the boy entered the club, using the private entrance. Upon being told Mr. Corey was not there both left.

W. E. Corey was present at the annual banquet of the Carnegie steel officials. During the afternoon the regular monthly meeting of the heads of the subsidiary concerns of the United States Steel Corporation was held. Arrangements had been made for the evening gathering at the Duquesne Club which has become an annual function of steel officials. An elegant banquet was served after which there were a number of toasts. Mr. Corey, it was stated, was in his usual good spirits but not once did he speak of his estrangement with Mrs Corey or of the reports of his alleged contemplation of resigning his position.

Everything indicated that he was assured of his re-election at the meeting of the directors of the steel corporation next Spring. Mr. Corey left the dinner shortly after 11 o'clock, leaving the hall with A. C. Dinkey, president of the Carnegie Steel Company. Many of the other guests were at the club and they were enjoying a social chat when the woman supposed to be Mrs. Corey called and inquired for him. It was reported about the club that the woman was Mrs. Corey and those who saw her neither confirm nor deny the report. Those remaining until early this morning gossiped considerably about the Corey family and after the visit of the woman in search of Mr. Corey it was even intimated that a reconciliation had been effected.

Steel Plant Will Grow.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 6.—Plans were announced today for the enlargement of the Homestead works of the Carnegie Steel Company on an enormous scale, involving an investment in new mills, new furnaces and buildings of about $7,000,000.

GATHER AT TABLE

Brilliant Event Is Hood River Commercial Club Banquet.

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Business Men and Fruitgrowers of the Valley Felicitate Each Other on the Good Showing for the Past Year.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The Commercial Club of this city gave a banquet at the Mount Hood Hotel tonight that proved to be the most brilliant social affair in the history of Hood River. One hundred and twenty-five members of the club and their guests were seated in the large dining-room of the hotel, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion. An orchestra stationed in the banquet hall rendered a musical programme during the serving of the dinner and in the intervals of the speechmaking.

The affair was given to celebrate the good showing which the club has made during the past year and to bring together the business men and fruitgrowers throughout the valley to discuss plans for its development in the future. The banquet was a red-letter night in the annals of Hood River, as it marked the giving of the first large function of this kind in the city's history.

The members and guests assembled at the clubrooms and marched to the hotel in a body, where there was a general introduction, and then proceeded to the banquet hall. The affair was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. H. Gilmore, after which an elaborate supper was served. At its conclusion the speechmaking commenced.

H. F. Davidson, president of the club, made a short address and introduced ex-Representative A. A. Jayne as toastmaster. Mr. Jayne delivered the address of welcome and called on Judge Cake, president of the Portland Commercial Club, who was the chief speaker of the evening. Mr. Cake's remarks were received with a generous round of applause, and the toastmaster then called on Hon. E. L. Smith, who responded in the happy vein for which he is noted.

Tom Richardson, of the Portland Commercial Club, was the next speaker, and the hearty applause he received proved his popularity in Hood River. R. M. Hall, advertising agent for the O. R. & N., then responded with a tribute to the progressiveness of this city and its residents, and was succeeded by Roswell Shelly, of Odell, who spoke enthusiastically of the brilliant future of the Valley. M. P. Isenberg followed Mr. Shelly, and in turn was succeeded by Walter Moore, of the Oregon Savings Bank, Portland.

The banquet was a decided success in every way, and it is thought by members of the club that it will be the means of unifying the interest of the town and valley in its efforts to still further develop the many resources of the Hood River country.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Conrad Schmeltzer.

HILLSBORO, Or, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Conrad Schmeltzer, died at his home here yesterday morning. He was a native of Pennsylvania, a pioneer resident of Iowa, served in the Civil War and moved to Washington County, Oregon, in 1872. He was nearly 75 years old. His third wife and six children survive him. The children are: Mrs. Addie Torbert, Gardner, Mont.; R. C. Schmeltzer, Kansas City; Cora, at home; John, Chehalem Mountain; Ada, at home; Frank, Chehalem Mountain.

Mrs. Anna Kirschner.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Mrs. Anna Kirschner died at the hospital last night of old age, after being an inmate of that institution for a number of years. Mrs. Kirschner was a native of Germany, 93 years of age, and had resided in this city for about 30 years. Her only known relative is a daughter, living at Cottage Grove.

WINTER ECZEMA SKIN HARD AND DRY

Some skin diseases are active in Summer, while others wait until cold weather to manifest themselves. Winter Eczema sleeps in the system through the long hot months, and gives no sign of its presence; but at the coming of Winter the trouble asserts itself and it becomes one of the most painful and distressing of all skin diseases. The blood is filled with poisonous acids which seem to be excited by the cold; and as these are thrown off through the pores and glands, the skin cracks and bleeds, the flesh becomes hot and feverish and the itching intense. The natural oils which keep the skin soft and pliant are dried up by the cold, bleak winds, causing it to become hard and dry, giving it that shiny, leathery appearance, characteristic of the disease. The head, face, hands and feet are the usual points of attack, though other parts of the body may be affected. So painful and distressing is the trouble that the sufferer constantly "doctors" and treats it trying to get relief. Soothing washes, medicated ointments and salves are used, but aside from giving temporary relief they do no good. The cause is poisonous acids in the blood, and these must be removed before a cure can be effected. The only cure for Winter Eczema is S. S. S., the greatest of all blood purifiers. It cleanses the entire blood supply of the acrid poisons and sends a fresh, healthy stream to the diseased skin, healing and softening it and curing the painful, itching eruptions. S. S. S. enters the blood and purifies it of all waste and foreign matter, and cures Winter Eczema—or Tetter as it is sometimes called—safely as well as surely; besides it does not contain any harmful mineral to derange or damage any part of the system. Book on Skin Diseases and any medical advice you need, free.

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