TAFT OFF TODAY FOR CANAL ZONE

Trip Ends Feb. 13 at Trouble Arising Over Criticisms of New Orleans.

MEETS KNOX AND HITCHCOCK

President-elect Tells Nothing of Conference.

PLEA FOR WILSON MADE

Committee From Farmers' Union of South Carolina Asks Reappointment for Secretary of Agriculture.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 24 .- (Spe cial)-President-elect Taft and wife and many newspaper correspondents, a corps of expert engineers and other distiguished friends, will begin tomorrow morning a cruise that will end at New Orleans Feb-

Mr. Taft and his immedate party will sall on the North Carolina and the others will go on the Montann. Both boats be crowded to the limit. Returning from Panama the Taft party will be transferred from the warships to the Rapid Increase in Canada's Mineral acout cruisers Birmingham and Salem for the trip up the mouth of the Mississippi River. This arrangement will per mit the North Carolina and Montana to aselst in escorting home the battleship fleet on its return from the world-wide

Plea for Wilson Received.

A rather unusual incident of the day was the appearance before Mr. Taft by appointment of Colonel E. J. Watson, Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration in South Carolina, who represented also the Southern States Association of Commissioners of Agriculture and a committee from the Farmers' Union in this state, representing 10.000 Democratic voters, who came to present resolutions urging the reapdutment of Secretary of Agriculture coming, but told them that he would not announce the makeup of his Cabinet until one or two days before his great increase in the production of

Mr. Taft had no statement to make rived here this morning in response to creasing rapidly. telegrams from Mr. Taft requesting them to meet him in Charleston.

Serenaded by Negroes.

that he had found every moment of his stay in Charleston delightful. Mr. Taft and his party, which included Mrs. Taft, Senator Knox, Mr. Hitchcock, John Hays Hammond and a number of others, were taken to "The Oaks," the very beautiful country home of Edwin Parsons, about ten miles from Charleston, where luncheon was served this

As the party left Mr. Parsons' house there was assembled in the yard 400 or 500 negroes from neighboring plantations, all singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." The picture made a very marked impression upon Mr. Taft.

"It is," he said, "like a bit from dreamland." Mr. Taft made a short falk to the negroes, telling them that they must dogs and a cat, were finally gotten out be made fully operative in a day or a lead, decent, honest lives, and do that

which was right. Sees How Tea Grows.

The party was then brought back toward the city, taking a special train and being conveyed to Summerville, where the tea farm of Dr. C. U. Shepard was visited, and tea raised on the farm was served, Dr. Shepard explaining this country. Mr. Taft was very much interested. The party was then taken Fallure of Coal Supply Puts Vessel the Pine Forest Inu, where the President-elect and party were the guests at dinner of the proprietor, Captain F. W. Wagener. The party returned to Charleston at 10 o'clock to-

Mr. Taft's immediate party, besides himself and Mrs. Taft, includes Assistant Secretary Weddell Mischler, L. O. Wheeler, Secret Service operator; seven civil engineers and Monico Lopez, Mr. Taft's Filipino valet.

LIGHTSHIPS REACH COAST

Flotilla Arrives at Bay City 125 Days Out From New York.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.-Weatherbeaten and stained by the storms of many seas, the lightship flotilla sailed into port today, 155 days out from New York. The little ficet, consisting of three lightships and three lighthouse tenders, made its voyage of more than 14,000 miles without mishap, and Captain Albert Mertz, who is in command, is highly pleased with the performance of his staunch little craft. Out of Callao, the lightships were taken in tow by the tenders to save coal, and 175 miles were

covered in this way. The lightship Columbia River, No. 88, will go north to guard the entrance of the stream after which she is named. The Swiftsure, No. 33, and the tender Manuanita go to the Straits of Fuca. the entrance to Puget Sound. The Relief and tender Sequals will remain here, and the tender Kugui goes to Honolulu.

IMPRESARIO FIGHTS WITH REPORTERS

OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN KNOCKED DOWN IN COURTROOM.

Mary Garden Episode Leads to Eistleuffs.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.-Physical enunters between newspaper reporter and Oscar Hammerstein, manager of the Manhattan Opera-House, begun last night in the lobby of the Knickerbocker Hotel, were continued again today on the pavement in front of the Jefferson Market Police Court and in the courtroom itself, whither the two reporters had been summoned for hearing on Mr. Hammerstein's complaint.

The hearing was postponed for week and the representatives of both factions were arraigned for the fighting in and about the courtroom. All were discharged on this complaint, as the magistrate said no damage had been

Events subsequent to Mr. Hammer stein's sharp response to the reporters in a letter to the manager of the paper following criticisms of the Mary Garden episode attracted a considerable crowd to the arraignment of Frederick W. Hill and James J. Doyle, the reporters charged with assault. Following spirit ed remarks, back and forth, general hand-to-hand encounters ensued.

Policemen interfered and the three adjourned to the court. There an even more strenuous scuffle took place and Hammerstein was bowled over the back of a bench, which broke under his

His sons picked him up, apparently un

YEAR'S YIELD \$86,138,000

Output in Recent Years.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 24 .- (Special.)-One of the most important and interesting departmental reports ever issued from the government offices is that which has just appeared from the Department of Mines. The statistical part of the report shows in the aggregate a mineral production for all Canada valued at \$86,138,000 in 1907, as compared with only a little over \$20;-

000,000 12 years ago. In that portion of the report devoted to the Yukon it is stated that the total production of gold in that territory from 1895 to 1907 was \$122,951,806. The immense possibilities of the coal-bearing areas of Alberta and Saskatchewan Wilson. Mr. Taft thanked them for are enlarged upon, and it is pointed out that the extensive amount of railroad construction under way must result in steam coal.

Twenty years ago the total value of tonight regarding the conference which the mineral production of Canada was he held here today with Senator Knox not more than \$10,000,060 a year. Tod Mr. Hitchcock, both of whom ar- day it is over \$100,000,000 and is in-

BEN HUR TRAIN DERAILED

The President-sleet declared tonight Engine Hits Freight at Castle Rock, Badly Smashing Boxcar.

> CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Jan. 24.—(Specontaining household furniture and live- same time better their own class. stock, bound to Albany, Or., was turned over and rolled partly down the grade, the horses and cattle being plied up in a heap, but fortunately the car lodged in the Orient and to consolidate our in-The animals, two horses, two cows, some

> injuries. The pilot of the special was smashed tion and to work out the solution of the and the front wheels of the locomotive problem. I think there will be little comleft the rails, but after several hours plaint concerning the emigration of Japathe engine was replaced on the track and the train left for Scattle. No one of any government in America." on the train was hurt.

briefly the process of raising tea in NORTHLAND IS DERELICT

at Mercy of Sea.

PORT TOWNSEND, Jan. 24.-The American steamer Northland, in service between Alaska and Puget Sound ports, is tonight reported a derellet by reason of exhausted coal supply at Port Angeles. A tug has been ordered to tow

PEOPLE IN ORIENT

Definite Announcement of Policy Made.

EMIGRATION IS DISCOURAGED

Continued Friendly Relations With America Desired.

POLICY WILL TAKE TIME

Patience Asked Until Problem of Surplus Population Is Thoroughly Worked Out-Frank Statement Made to Loomis.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. - Marquis Katsura, Prime Minister of Japan, and fairs, recently explained at Tokio to Drastic Prohibition Law Presented Count Komura, Minister of Foreign Af-Francis B. Loomis, Commissioner-General to the Japanese exposition, in a series of interviews of uncommon interest and of great political importance, the attitude and position of the Japanese government in respect to the main queslons at Issue between Japan and the

United States. "I was deeply and agreeably im pressed," said Mr. Loomis tonight, "with the direct, explicit and what seemed to me satisfactory statement of Count Komura, Minister of Foreign Affairs, respecting the United States. His utterances were frank, clear and cordial.

Japan Wants Continued Peace.

"Count Komura said Japan's aspira tions were for peace and that, so far as the United States was concerned, his country most heartly desired to preserve unbroken and unimpaired the his tory of the friendship between Japan and the United States. He said the people of Japan had long felt that the United States had been not only a kind friend to Japan, but a very dependable and helpful one, and that his government carnestly desired this amicable relationship to continue and would loyally endeavor to do its utmost to maintain it. He declared the actions of this Government had borne out its words and promises.

Emigration Is Discouraged.

"In the matter of emigration of Japanese laborers," sald Count Komura, "we are doing our utmost to work in harmony States and to meet its wishes. We are energetic in discouraging emigration to the United States and elsewhere except to Corea, Formosa and parts of Manchuria. It is the definite policy of the government of Japan to concentrate its surplus populations—that which is dis-posed to emigrate—in these parts of the cial.)-A special train carrying the Ben Orient which I have mentioned. There Hur company from Portland to Seattle, is opportunity for a very large number crashed into freight train No. 65, on the of our people in Corea. They can be of siding here today. One freightear was general assistance in modernizing the smashed into kindlingwood and its cargo development of that country and can add development of that country and can add Centralia Encounters Gale and High of flour and feed scattered. A boxcar vastly to its productiveness, and at the

Concentrate in Orient. "We desire to concentrate our people against a stump and telegraph pole, terests in this part of the world. We are which held it from going into the river. doing our best to carry out this policy, but a governmental policy cannot always of the car, with apparently no serious year. We have tried. We must have sufficient time to study the whole ques nese laborers in the future, on the par

Wants Time for Policy.

Count Komura then made it very plain that while his government would not fall effectively to restrict emigration and while it would spare no just and proper efforts to maintain the most cordial and friendly relations with this country, he hoped that on our part no discrimination would be made against Japanese subjects and in due time the public sentiment in this country might be as favorable to his countrymen as to other foreigners residing in the United States. The Japanese government has declased (Concluded on Page 3.)

SHOW SIN BRINGS SICKNESS IS PLAN

CALDWELL MINISTER UNDER-TAKES BIG WORK.

Will Try to Obtain 10,000 Expe rience Reports From Persons Incurably Afflicted.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Jan. 24.-(Special.) -To demonstrate anew the truth of the Apostle Paul's saying. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also resp. Rev. B. W. Rice, of this city, has un dertaken an Herculean work.

Rev. Mr. Rice purposes to obtain from 10,000 persons who are afflicted in curably with disease, intimate state-ments of the manner of life which each has led, what his besetting sin has been and how and when it was acquired. Rev. Mr. Rice declares he will guar autee to each person besought for in formation that his name will be held in strictest confidence. He has asked various religious journals throughout the country to set forth the plan and the

appeal. It is the idea of Rev. Mr. Rice to tabulate the returns which he expects to receive. "I expect to demonstrate," he said today, "that cause and effect figure as certainly in our treatment of divine law as when we deal with gravity or gunpowder or music. I expect my data will prove again that sickness and death follow in sin's wake,"

UTAH MAY BE MADE DRY

for Action by Legislature.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 24-Prohibiton that shall be state wide and absolute is the intent of a bill introduced in the lower branch of Utah's Legislature yesterday. The measure, which was drawn under the direction of the Anti-Saloon League in this city, and which is supposed to have the indorsement of the more influential members of the dominant church in Utah, is drastle in the extreme.

Under its provisions the manufacture. prohibited. To obtain liquor from the druggists it will be necessary to present a special prescription, which must be filed with the County Clerk. Violation Aemeanor.

Supporters of the prohibition bill assert

LABOR LEADER OBNOXIOUS

Copper Mines Close Because of Walking Delegate.

walking delegate, four of the largest closed down yesterday and it is said that with the Government of the United the tie-up in the district adjoining Globe and Morenci may become general within

a few days. The properties so far affected are the Old Deminion and the Globe Consolidated Copper companies working the Miami, Superior and Boston. Other mines fol- knell to many of these institutions.

STEAMER'S TRIP PERILOUS

Seas Off Mendocino.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Jan. 24.-The passengers and 875,000 feet of lumber, near Tin Juana, Mexico. had an awful experience when off the

hours, accompanied by tremendous seas. on her beam ends. She hove to and the cargo was righted.

WAGON GONG STARTS PANIC

Excitement at Religious Meeting Allayed by Choir's Singing.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 24.-Many women fainted today during a panic in the Coiliseum, which held 14,000 persons listening to Gypsy Smith, an evangelist. The excitement was subdued by the choir of 1000 voices singing hymns.

The panic was started by the ringing of a gong on the electric light company's trouble wagon, which passed the crowded

LOSE RACE GAME

Pool Sellers Struck by Consternation.

BREEDING FARMS WILL SUFFER

Great Industry of State Will Get Tremendous Blow.

PASSAGE THOUGHT CERTAIN

Bill to Come Up in Senate Wednesday - Trackmen Allowed 60 Days and Measure Will Not Go Into Effect Before Spring.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24. - That racing in the State of California is omed and that the present season at the famous Emeryville and Santa Anits courses will mark the passing of the "sport of kings," is the opinion of the najority of race followers at Sacramento. The passage of the Walker-Otis antiracetrack bill by an overwhelming majority in the lower branch of the Legislature has spread consternation in the ranks of the opponents of the proposed

Similar to New York Law.

The bill as passed by the House will ome up for action in the Senate next Wednesday morning. Its provisions are similar to those of the Humphreys antiracetrack bill which has suppressed poolsale or free dispensing of intoxicants is selling in New York. However, the poolsellers in California will be allowed 60 days in which to wind up their affairs and as this extension will date from the time on which the Governor's signature of the law will be considered as a mis- is penned to the document in the event of its passage by the Senate, it is reasonable to presume that the new law that two-thirds of the members of the will not become operative until well into the Spring.

The effect of the closing of the race tracks in California will be widely felt and incalculable. Not only will the im mense modern courses at Emeryville, In gleside, Tanforan and Arcadia suffer, but the county fairs, at which trotting meets are annually held in various parts of the state during the Summer months, EL, PASO, Texas, Jan. 24.-Assigning will be forced to abandon these events. as a reason the objectionable acts of a There are hundreds of poolrooms being conducted both openly and surreptitious copper producing properties in Arizona, ly in this city and elsewhere and their together with several smaller mines, closing down will add greatly to the idle that death resulted from a fracture at population of the state

Stock Farms Will Suffer.

The great breeding farms which have made California famous the world over will receive a blow, the racetrack follow ers assert, that will sound the deatl lowed the Old Dominton and a general lit is understood that Thomas H. Wil-closing down is said to be imminent. nia Jockey Club, is marshalling his forces at the Capitol and will organize a most bitter and determined opposition to the passage of the anti-racetrack bill. In the event of the closing of the racing establishments in this state, it is fairly certain that rucing will be shifted to Nevada or Lower California. Negotia tions, it is generally understood, have steamer Centralia, Captain Erickson, been under way for some time with a which arrived this morning from Grays view to erecting and maintaining course Harbor, wia San Francisco, with ten on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe and

The wind blew a hurricane for two ANNOUNCE TOKIO POLICY The cargo shifted and the steamer went | Count Komura Prepares Important Speech for Japanese Diet.

TOKIO, Jan. 24.-Count Jutaro Ko mura, Minister of Foreign Affairs, is exsected to deliver an important speech before the Diet in a few days, when, it is understood, he will enunciate the government's policy on emigration and its determination to avoid creating embar-rassment and complications for other countries by not allowing lower class Japaneze to emigrate.

Special dispatches to newspapers here assert that there is a general recurrence of the "Jingo" sentiment throughout the United States, and others declare that fairly marketable quality. newspapers in the United States are invasion of the Pacific Coast.

EX-GOVERNOR TO WED PETITIONER

BLANCHARD OF LOUISIANA WILL MARRY CHARLOTTE TRACY.

Young Woman Asked Him Not to Commute Death Sentence of Negro Who Killed Brother.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 24.-(Special)-The announcement from Bator Rouge was received that ex-Governo Newton C. Blanchard will soon be married to Miss Charlotte Gertrude Tracy, a young lady who is well known in so cial circles in Baton Rouge, but who is now in Canada with relatives, where the wedding will take place.

Governor Blanchard met the young lady during the latter part of his administration, when she appealed to him not to commute the death sentence of a negro convicted of the murder of her brother, Willis Tracy, a short time be-

Young Tracy was shot to death one night as he was about to enter a residence in Baton Rouge. The negro was hanged. Judge Blanchard has been a widower about 15 months.

ICE JAM WRECKS BRIDGE

Slides Delay Traffic on Elgin Branch for Two Days.

M'ALLISTER, Or., Jan. 24.-(Special.)-The uncompleted Baines bridge across the mouth of the Winum River was swept away Wednesday afternoon by the ica gorge which broke up following the Chinook wind which came down the Wallowa Canyon this week. The bridge was about 200 feet long, and the stringers and one pler were torn away by the ice, which swept into the Wallowa River, causing that stream to rise and fall two feet in three hours at the State Fish Hatchery, about two miles below the mouth of the Mintan

Landstides have already occurred on the Eigin extension of the O. R. & N., and one at Lookingglass Creek, six miles east of Eigin, blocked the track for two days. The heavy rain of Thursday afternoon and night has alded the melting snow in softening the earth on the sides of the hills, and a sharp lookout is being kept to prevent a serious accident.

BOXER KILLS HIS FRIEND Friendly Bout Between Cavalrymen Has Fatal Consequences.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 24.-A minary boxing bout, in which Teddy Fick and Mickey Wilson were principals, was fought last night at the Barracks Gymnasium here, with fatal consequences to Wilson. He was knocked unconscious in the fourth round, and died in the hospital this afternoon. The suspicion that the man's neck was broken caused an inquiry to be made today by an officer's court, and it was determined by the civil authorities. The men were on the most friendly terms, both being members of Troop L, 14th Cavalry.

TWO THROWN INTO WATER Doctor and His Wife Rescued From Swollen Stream.

COLFAX, Wash., Jan. 24-(Special.)-Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, of Lacrosse. Wash, were thrown into six feet of water in Willow Creek Saturday and were rescued from drowning by George Camp. The doctor had been called to the Camp home and the bridge near by had become unsafe by the recent floods. The team crossed in safety but the occupants of the buggy were thrown into the torrent. Their escape from drowning is due to the fact that Mr. Camp was a witness to the accident and hastened to the rescue.

BEEHIVE IN LIVING ROCK Use of Dynamite Brings to Light Rich Store of Honey.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Jan. 24.-(Special.) -A beehive in the solid rock of the bluffs near Boise River bridge was the

well men yesterday. The discoverers of the bees' unusual "hive," Ed Smith, J. L. Maxwell and William Mark, proceeded to blast away the rock with dynamite, and their reward was a large quantity of honey of The bees, it was found upon investi-

pointing out the danger of a Japanese gation, had made entry to the interior of the bluff through natural crevices.

ON 13TH BALLOT

Figures He Will Win on Tuesday.

FOUR MORE VOTES PLEDGED

Promise of Chicago Patronage Holds Members in Line.

FOSS IS ACTIVELY IN RACE

Congressman Goes to Springfield to Make Hard Fight for Toga. Hopkins' Friends Assert

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.-(Special)-Albert J. Hopkins hopes to segure his re-election to United States Senate in the Illinois Legislature next Tuesday on the 13th ballot, and on that ballot Chicago political prophets today predicted he will have a arger vote than he has heretofore polled. The friends of the Senator asserted he is not so dead politically as his enemies have

These friends gave out the information that four or five legislators, during the ecess of the General Assembly, have signed the Hopkins pledge from the north-ern end of the state, and that others will be forthcoming further south Monday and esday morning at Springfield.

Foss Ready to Enter Race.

The Senator passed through Chicago this afternoon on his way from Aurora to the capital, and for three hours was at the Union League Club, where also at the same time was Congressman George Edmund Foss. The Congressman's friends let it be understood that he is going to Springfield tomorrow evening to make a hard fight for the toga, on the theory that he had so far kept his hands off, thereby giving the Senator every opportunity to get the plum. Mr. Foss said that he thought he could now with propriety enter

actively into the race. According to the popular vote at the primary, about 40 members of the Legislature are pledged to the Congressman. His advisers said that he will be able Tuesday to get over 30 votes on the first ballot,

with larger increases later, Chicago Patronago Gets Votes.

In Chicago and Cook County the Hopkins men are using all the pressure of is base of the brain caused by a fall. Federal, county and city patronage they This verdict, it is said, forestalls action | can command, and the most effective of the three is said to lie in municipal patronage. The controlling factors of the city administration are said to have been more successful in getting pledges for the

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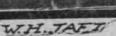
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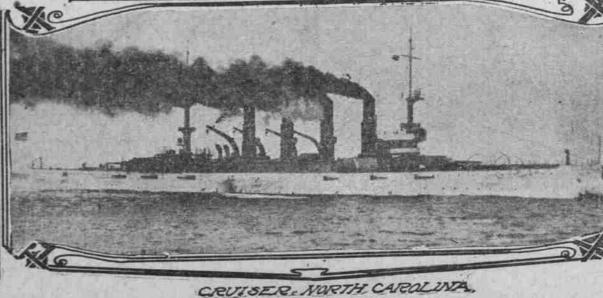
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