

# THE GREAT LINCOLN

All the Land Is Stirred With the Intent to Commemorate His Greatness in His Centennial Year—Some of the Plans.

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(Copyright, 1908, by Frederic J. Haskin.) Washington, Dec. 31.—The year which dawns tomorrow will mark the centennial of the birth of many noted men. Among these there is none so notable as Lincoln, and the plans for memorials to him are bigger than have ever been made in any one year for any one man.

Besides the usual programs of oratory that will make the birthday memorable in scores of cities, towns and villages, the general sentiment is toward more lasting memorials. The ideas range from bronze tablets and memorial arches, to national highways and endowed educational institutions.

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three or four years ago to raise money with which to buy the birthplace of Lincoln at Hodgenville, Kentucky, and there and nearby the old fields, and a stream place where Lincoln's earliest days were spent. The plan includes a system of landscape gardening, and a fine and beautiful museum, as well as a statue of Lincoln, and that will provide driveways connecting with the country pikes. The little cabin will be preserved in a museum to be erected on a knoll overlooking the farm and the great spring where the farmer and draftsman was nurtured. The best and simple annals of the poor, the phase in which he said all his earlier life could be summed up, as to be expanded under this farm memorial into a visible psalm of life that will ring with victory and achievement in every line. Already the association having this movement in charge has secured nearly \$200,000 for its work, 100,000 people subscribing the amount.

At New York and Washington. Joseph H. Choate, are discussing plans for some permanent memorial to Lincoln in that city. Whether an arc de triomphe or a statue, the men most interested mean to have some lasting memorial that will truly typify the life and the work of Lincoln.

Other admirers of Lincoln are urging some great memorial in Washington, D. C. The idea of a statue of Lincoln that will stand in the capital city near that of President Washington, and be an object of interest, instruction and inspiration to every visitor. A bill recently introduced in congress provides for the purchase of what is known as the oldroyd collection of Lincoln relics, and the preservation of these in some suitable fashion. This bill provides for the purchase of the property in Washington adjoining the house in which Lincoln died, and which is now the property of the government. The bill also provides for the purchase of the place and the better preserve it as a museum for the admirers of Lincoln. The bill also provides for the purchase of the place and the better preserve it as a museum for the admirers of Lincoln.

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## COMMONS READY TO FIGHT LORDS

Obstruction, Graft and Oppression of Poor Are the Charges.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 31.—The armies of the unemployed throughout England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, the growth of a malign and vicious political power backed by the liquor interests, and the obstructive methods of the house of lords are charges that today threaten Great Britain with the greatest political crisis in the last 76 years.

The house of lords, which has been riven by factions for many years, is becoming solidified for action on some strictly party matters of policy and the existence of the house of lords is at stake.

The point of attack upon the upper house will be the widest spot in the ancient aristocratic body—hereditary legislation. The Liberals, gaining an increasing ascendancy, have vowed to change the form of succession to vacancies in the house of lords from hereditary to elective.

The Liberals claim that if the opening of the great game preserves owned by the nobility could be accomplished there would be a great increase for the thousands of unemployed to make their homes upon.

Another method of attack on the lords is through finance. Next April's budget—the bill providing governmental appropriations and tax levies to meet them—will be purposely designed to bear heavily on the class the peers represent. The British constitution allows the lords to do one of two things with a finance bill. They may reject it entirely or pass it without alteration.

No changes are permitted in its provisions. Refusal to pass the bill means the stopping of appropriations for the army, the navy and the civil service. Should the lords dare to do this it would mean the cabinet's resignation, the dissolution of parliament and a call for a general election.

The peers own the game preserves and the great breweries and therefore refuse to curb the growing liquor power. They own the government practically, through obstructionist tactics, and their elimination will be the great fight during the coming session.

Bishop Kelley's Jubilee. Savannah, Ga., Dec. 31.—Today was the silver jubilee, or twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of Rt. Rev. Benjamin R. Kelley, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Savannah. During the day Bishop Kelley received many felicitous greetings from both the clergy and laity of the diocese.

Sargent, at Louvre. Will serve one of his famous dinners New Year's day for \$1.00, from 2 to 3:20 p. m. Reserve table now.

## KILLS FRIEND; UNLOADED GUN

Thomas Ritchie, Berkeley Student, Victim of W. Cockcroft at Oakland.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Santa Cruz, Cal., Dec. 31.—Thomas Ritchie, a student of the University of California, was shot through the heart and instantly killed by W. Cockcroft of Oakland, a fellow student, in a mock duel at Benlomon Tuesday night, according to word received here today.

Ritchie and Cockcroft were guests of Sidney Carleton at the Oaks, a summer home of Dr. H. P. Carleton of Oakland. Before retiring the young men were handling pistols and pointing them at each other. Ritchie first aimed

his revolver at Cockcroft and pulled the trigger. Cockcroft hesitated and then pulled the trigger of his pistol, which he supposed was not loaded.

As he pulled the trigger a report followed and Ritchie dropped to the floor. Cockcroft ran to his friend's aid but death had been instantaneous. The shooting occurred just before the time set for the departure of the wife of Dr. Knowles, her daughter Phoebe, and Miss Dorothy Bridges, who had been guests. Ritchie was 20 years of age and leaves a mother and three sisters.

A coroner's jury brought in a verdict of accidental death and exonerated Cockcroft.

HUGE ROUNDHOUSE AT SIERRA SUMMIT (United Press Leased Wire.) Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 31.—A huge roundhouse and turntable are to be erected at Summit, the highest point in the Sierras on the Central Pacific route by the Southern Pacific. Plans have been completed. Orders for several big "double ender" auxiliary locomotives for use on the mountain division have made the improvement necessary in order to provide the new engines with an adjacent roundhouse.

BIGGY CUTS OFF SECOND WIFE (United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 31.—By the will of the late Chief of Police Biggy, made public today, the widow receives but \$1. A like sum is bequeathed to the 10-year-old daughter of Mrs. Biggy and the remainder of the estate, valued at approximately \$600, goes share and share alike to the four children of the deceased by his first wife.

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## FIRE INSURANCE RECEIVERSHIP

Walla Walla Company's Directors Act to Fore-stall Creditors.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 31.—A receiver has been appointed for the Walla Walla Fire Insurance company, with headquarters here and doing business in 27 states and territories. The receivership was effected by the principal stockholders to prevent similar action by creditors. It is alleged that the company has no funds and that \$3,000 in unpaid losses stands against it. John W. McGhee, secretary of the company, was named as receiver. He says he thinks the company can pay out.

Dollar Apiece for Her and Her Child—Estate to Other Children. (United Press Leased Wire.)

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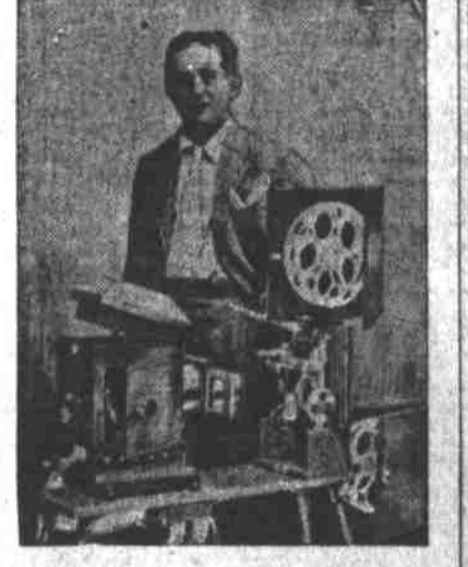
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## MORMON CHURCH BACK TO NAUVOO

Fidelity Funding Affair Makes an Opening for Saints' Return.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Nauvoo, Ill., Dec. 31.—The members of the Mormon church are planning to reoccupy Nauvoo, from which they were driven many years ago, and to rebuild their temple, which was destroyed in 1842.

The proposed action hinges on the failure of the Fidelity Funding company, which financially embarrassed the Catholic academy here. Should the pending court cases go against the academy the property will be sold to the highest bidder. The Mormons will take this opportunity to secure the property if it is offered at auction.

When the Mormons were expelled from Nauvoo it was the largest town in Illinois.

KAISER'S SON NOW CIVIL SERVICE CLERK

For First Time in History Hohenzollern Prince Ignores a Military Career—Under Strict Rules.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—After a honeymoon lasting six weeks, Prince August Wilhelm of Prussia, the fourth son of the Kaiser, has returned to Potsdam with his bride, Princess Alexandra, and has devoted himself to his chosen career as the first civilian of the Hohenzollern family. His royal highness has entered the offices of the Potsdam provincial presidency as a full-fledged civil servant, and will be as much subject to the rules and regulations as the humblest clerk of the staff.

For a few weeks he will work under the personal superintendence of the president, Herr von der Schulenburg, but as soon as the prince has finished this course of instruction he will advance by his own efforts. He intends to acquaint himself with the details of local government, with a view, it is reliably stated, of becoming viceroy of Alsace-Lorraine.

The prince, who is a well-built and good looking young man of 22, has, unlike his brothers, never shown a predilection for a military or naval career. His parents refused their consent to his marriage with the Princess Alexandra of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Gluecksburg until he finished his university course.

NEW YEAR'S DAY AT WHITE HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 31.—The social aids at the White House have completed final arrangements for the president's New Year's reception tomorrow, which will be the last of the Roosevelt administration. The general arrangements for the function are practically identical with those of previous years.

The doors will be thrown open at 11 o'clock in the morning, but it is safe to say that it will be well along in the afternoon before the "plain people" have an opportunity to pay their respects to the chief executive. The invited guests will come the judiciary, members of congress, commissioners and judicial officers of the army, navy, and marine corps, minor officials of the federal and district governments, and the members of the local historical, artistic and other societies.

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