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POLITICS IS SUBJECT OF SPECULATION

Lawyers, Farmers and Others Are Mentioned as Available Material for Lower House Positions

SOME COUNTY PLACES SLATED FOR CONTEST

Officers of Constable and Justice of Peace Considered Desirable

While available men in Marion county are reluctant to appear with my intimation that they would like to be candidates for the lower house in the next legislature, the speca- hand axe. stors are getting busy and talking up the hames of men whom they on the subject themselves, and their finger prints taken.

Reason for Suicide Fo lates. Ivan G. Martin is still the member of the 1917 quintet n has said he is going to run. One or two men who were defeated candidates for the last ression may come out aprin.

rge Keech of Stayton is excted to step forward another time, "But he doesn't reason." ok like it," sail a prominent Reyesterday. "He is an exspeaker and his business

He Man Mentioned red Scheurer of Butteville has mentioned and it is said he has intimated that he might enlists. . He also is a farmer is born and taised in Mariot

Another agriculturalist who is beag talked about as available mater al is Peter Kahut who lives between rn and Gervais, A. A. Uln of Silverton is looked upon faof the law fraternity G. E. Un-

nh and Max Page have been men-"Unruh is a man of ability

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SUICIDE CLEARS BANK ROBBERY AND MURDERING

Captain Whisler Finds Excuse for Killing Self After Slaying Four

AXE THEORY IS CORRECT

Bank Official, Later Found Dead. Said to Be Friend of Slayer

CAMP FUNSTON, Kan., Jan. 12 .-With the finding late today of the body of Captain Lewis R. Whisler of Salina, Kansas, in his office at the national army cantonment here, the mystery which had surrounded the looting last night of the army bank and the subsequent murder of four men and serious wounding of a fifth is believed to have been cleared up. The murders were committed with a

Captain Whisler killed himself, firing two shots from a regulation toysk. army service rifle into his head. The D. B. Looney of Jefferson, and through one cheek but the other sibly J. R. Steelhammer of Wood- lodged in his brain. The suicide foln are about the only men in the lowed a general order from headunity not having been in previous quarters instructing all captains at cording to Leon Trotzky, the Bol-Reason for Suicide Found

A note was left by the army officer addressed to a woman whose name the authorities so far have de-clined to divulge. The note said: "I have been thinking of commit

never had a good reason. Yesterday | I went out and made The room in which Captain Whisler's body was found was smeared tion of December 25 as a basis for

with blood spots. Two blood-soaked towels were found in the room and the table was spotted with gore. Captain Whisler borrowed two hatchets from a supply company yesterday, according to officials, and

borrowed two more today. Army officials tonight declined to the robber is suposed to have obtained was found in Captain Whis-

The, suicide of Captain Whisler was the climax of a day of investigation by the army authorities who were confident as the day progressed that the murderer had not left the reservation. Their most definite inand Page is a young man who is formation was furnished by Kearney

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PLACE STAYS

Separate Peace Discussion Is Proceeding at Brest-Litovsk; New Pact Held Cardinal Principle

TROTZKY ADHERES TO DEMOCRATIC PLAN

Ukraine to Have Separate Voice in New Negotiations With Huns

Yielding to German insistence. Russia has withdrawn her demand for the transfer of the negotiations with the central powers to Stockholm and is proceeding, with separate peace discussion at Brest-Li-

The Russian compliance of this point was on the ground that the quadruple alliance would thereby be deprived of "a pretext for breaking off. peace on technical grounds," acdid not wish to leave any possibility in the fight for peace unutilized, he said.

Trotzky reiterated that peace was a cardinal principal with the Bolsheviki and declared they would continue to press for it, despite the reting suicide for a long time but I fusal of the entente powers to join in the negotiations. While nothing appeared that the central powers had withdrawn their no annexations and no indemnities" declarapeace because the entente powers had not agreed to participate in the parleys, the Resians, Trotzky added, adhered to the principles of a democratic peace as they had already set them forth.

After the Russian position has been thus voiced, the conferees ap of the central powers had talked it ing in the streets daylight raids at Hungarian and Russian delegations to get together for private discussions. There three sets of delegates speedily organized themselves into a mmittee for the discussion of political and territorial questions and went into session for this purpose.

The Ukrainian spokesman at the conference gave notice that any peace settlement that might be

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BAKER OPPOSED

Secretary Thinks 'No Human Being Could Be Found To Meet Needs'

SENATORS OPPOSE VIEW

Statement Country Should Feel Secure Criticised; Baker Holds Firm

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 .- Secretary Baker in the course of another vigorous cross-examination before the senate investigating committee, voiced strong opposition to the creation of a department of munitions and was further criticised by senators for broad, general statements regarding adequacy of army equip-ment, which Chairman Chamberlain said would lull the country into a

feeling of security.

Mr. Baker's opposition to a munitions department followed that /xpressed to house leaders yesterday by President Wilson. It was based, the secretary said, upon the fact that the recent reorganization of the war department will meet all requirements and give better efficiency and that the position of minister of munitions would impose an "impossible

Inquiry Planued First.

the reorganization of the department as detailed by the secretary, committee has announced it will press, it was decided to investigate

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ATTACKS TAKE ON NEW VIGOR

Planes Seen Fighting 12,000 Feet in Air With Temperature Below Zero

ITALIAN CROWD CHEERS

Enemy Aviators Set Own Machines Afire Before Captors Interfere

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS. IN NORTHERN ITALY, Jan. 12 .- Aerial warfare on an extensive scale is developing, now that operations along the Piave river and on the mountain front have become inactive owing to the wintry conditions. Beginning with a series of night raids during the monlight over Padua and other undefended Italian cities, the enemy now is becoming bolder and daily appears in broad daylight over the small cities near the front.

Three raiders appeared yesterday and the crowds in the streets saw spectacular battle in the sky. The Germans flew at an altitude of 12,feet where the temperature about 30 degrees below zero. From the ground the aeroplanes looked like tiny white speaks in the bright sunlight. Shrapnel from the city's air defenses burst all around them.

A great cheer went up from the crowds as a fleet of Italian Capronis made straight for the raiders. The Germans adopted the rust of droping and the sightseers became tumultuous in their shouts because they thought the enemy machines were being driven down by the Italian air-

But the raiders regained stability and succeeded in planing away but not until two of them were brought down by the Italian airmen. Both of the raiders, were captured and proved to be Germans, as had been As they alighted the enemy aviat-

ors sprang from their machines and set them aftre before their captorscould interfere. The second raid say whether any of the money which parently got down quickly to busi- was taken about the same time by a ness. They left the question of sep-British raider on the upper Piave, arate representation for the Ukraine No one was killed by the raiders but in the conference for decision at a a fragment of falling shrapnel such plenary session after the delegates wounded a boy who had been standover among themselves. They then ter the recent series of destructive arranged for the German, Austro- and deadly night raids over Padua, Castel Franco, Vicenza, Mestre, and Monte Belluna, lead to the impression that the enemy has embarked on an extensive air raid policy somewhat similar to the submarine campaign. The air attacks are directed military, apparently with the purpose of terrorizing the civilian pop ulation.

> The enemy's avoidance of fighting in the open with the Italians and their allies made it evident that the invaders are less interested in obtaining mastery in the air on the military front than in spreading fear among the inhabitants of the towns and the peasantry far behind the front. Among the many recent raids only one has been made against a military objective. This was against an aerial camp of the Italians and the British near Treviso and was so heavily repulsed—eleven enemy machines being destoryed—that all later raids have been made against the undefended communities.

RUSSIANS NOT TO BE ACCEPTED

Law Forbids Body of Volunteers Joining Forces of Pershing

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Jan. 12. Because of the law does not permit any but citdzens to become officers in the American army, it has become necessary to refuse the officer of a Russian officer, representing a large number of brother Russian officers in France to place a group of of ficers at the disposal of General Pershing, to be used as he might see fit. The decision also affects the plan of the United States army to take over the Russian army in France to be utilized as a labor army at the same rate of pay as the American labor battalions.

Many of the Russian officers would have proved of great value to the American forces, as instructors, aviators and interpreters. When their representative was informed by the American officials that it would be impossible to grant the request of himself and his comrades, he ex-

plained: While senators strongly criticised for Russian liberty under the stars "I had hoped to be able to fight and stripes and would giadly become a citizen of the United States for the thus presaging a possible conflict lat-er at the capitol over legislation the privilege of serving her armies. am now a man without a country, but I am able to fight. I shall offer further the operation of the department under the reorganization plan and endeavor to be of assistance to Young Men's Christian association the men who are fighting."

PHEASANT FRUIT JUICE COMPANY FIRM PLANNING THIRD CONCERN

Proposed Move Is for Purpose of Economy in Marketing by Use of One Set of Salesmen-Stockholders Are Summoned to Meet January 21 to Vote on Enterprise

A persistent rumor is out that the Pheasant Fruit Juice company and the Northwest Fruit Products company of Salem are planning to collaborate in the organization of a third company to be formed in the interest of economy in marketing. The contemplated organization was discussed at the annual meeting of stockholders of the Pheasant Fruit Juice company yesterday, and it is understood that both companies have sent to their stockholders notification of separate meetings to be held Monday, January 21, for the purpose of voting on the enterprise

The proposed new organization, it is said, would not be a consolidation of the two companies, but the two parent companies, as com panies, would hold the stock of the third company.

This arrangement would make it possible for one set of salesmen instead of two sets to work up the markets for loganberry juice products of the two Salem factories. Much expenditure of money and duplication of labor would thereby be avoided. What the name of the third concern will be has not yet been

The two parent companies would retain their identity.

Secretary of State Answers Comment in German Press and Declares "We Are in This War to Very End"

NATIONAL CAPITAL CONFIDENT, HE SAYS

All Allies at Bar Association Meeting

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.-Secretary of State Robert Lansing, speaking here tonight at the annual dinner of the New York State Bar association. declared that until the war aims outchiefly against civilians, instead of slined by President Wilson are accepted by the Prussian government, the war must go on.

"We are in this war to the very end," he declared, emphatically, and brought the diners to their feet cheering.

Mr. Lansing's address was regarded by his hearers as a reply to the comments in German papers upon President Wilson's address to congress. He declared the aims we seek must be achieved and will be. "I, bring you a message of good cheer from the national capital," he said. "In Washington there is

cheerfulness and confidence."

Optimism Guiding Spirit. Speaking of optimism as an asset he said he has been "our source of weath in every task the nation ever undertook, and should be the country's guiding spirit in the war.

"The president was challenged to name the reasons why we are in the war and what we aim to achieve," Mr Lansing continued. "He has named these aims and has done so frankly, without equivocation and very definitely. The statement has not been received with favor by the Germans but unless we achieve those aims we have no sure foundation on which to build an enduping

Secretary Lansing was the first speaker at the dinner which was attended by representatives of most of America's allies in the war. Among the guests were the Duke of Devonshire, governor general of Canada; the ambassadors of Great Britain. France and Italy; the minister from Belgium, and the attorney general of Great Britain Charles E. Hughes

Mr. Lansing toasted all the allies and his tributes to their efforts in the struggle to preserve democracy brought ringing applause.. In concluding Mr. Lansing said: When the roll of honor is made

up on this reat conflict. I can hope for no higher honor for America no word had been received from than that her name may be written not above, but side by side with that of Canada. This is the highest honor that any country can ask.

'Now, my friends, to return to my single message. My message is: Let us all have courage. We are going trains. on with this war. We must win it

The Duke of Devonshire, governor Referring to the relations between

sociations, and ties we have special reason to greet you as comeades in Paul railway operated one train to

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Lashing Below-Zero Wind Renders Task of Clearing Tracks Impossible and Passenger Service Is Annulled

NIGHT IS SPENT IN STATIONS BY MAN

Tribute Is Paid to Work of Trains. Stalled on Rocky Mountains Traffic Worst in History

> CHICAGO, Jan. 12 .- Rallroads entering Chicago abandoned all attempts to operate trains today. The lashing below zero wind made it impossible for workmen to make any headway in their efforts to clear the switch intersections of snow. Scores of passenger trains were reported stalled in drifts throughout the central west.

> Attempts to move freight were abandoned early. Passenger trains were kept running for a time as they could be moved with two engines on the front and one in the rear. Snow plows were ordered out with three engines behind them, but their work was futile. The wind piled the drifts behind them as fast as they could push it from the tracks ahead.

> As conditions became worse to ward nightfull, the railways abandoned all attempts even to keep their lines clearn and concentrated their efforts on the relief of passengers marooned in their trains along all lines from 25 to 100 miles from the

Some Sleep On Baggage. No distress was reported among these victims, of the blizzard as most of the trains carried dining cars and a plentiful supply of fuel.

At night the usual crowd of travelers assembled at the railway sta tions in Chicago and being unable to get trains or hotel accommodations, hundreds spent the night in the stations, sleeping on their baggage. At the Illinois Central station, the railway officials threw open fifteen Pullman cars for women and children.

The New York Centarl railroad reports that several of its trains, including the Twentieth Century Limited, are blocked near Elkhart, Ind. Efforts are being made to transport! This was nearly double that of 1916 food and fuel to the trains. Several Big Four trains are stall-

ed east of here, but the road reported that it had no difinite information as to their whereabouts. Three passenger trains on the Monon route are blocked in the outskirits of the city. Three freight trains are reported "somewhere" on

the line. They are believed to be in Indiana, but officials reported that them since morning. All Trains Annulled. On the Pernsylvania no trains

have arrived in Chicago since this morning. The Pennsylvania also reports lack of communication with .is The Chicago Burlington and Quin-

for the sake of humanity and we will cy was one of the last roads to be come completely blocked by the storms. Trains were run from St. general of Canada, spoke briefly. Paul and Minneapolis, arriving here seven to eight hours late. Great Britain and the United States arrival tonight of the only train operating, the road announced that all 'Connected as we are by closer as trains had been annulled. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St

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Temperature From Rocky Mountains Coast Lowest in United States Since Year 1899

COLDER WEATHER IS TODAY'S FORECAST

Thousands Battle With Grim Spectre of Famine: Relief Work Hard

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 .- The coldest weather experienced in the United States since 1899 exte from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic coast and from the lakes to the gulf. Zero temperatures we registered almost as far south a Birmingham, Asla., while in North Dakota the thermometer went to 32 degrees below zero and it was only twelve degrees higher in many parts of the middle west.

New York and New England to-night had not felt the full severity of the cold wave, reports to the wea-ther bureau showed, but temperatures there were falling rapidly and much colder weather was forecas for tomorrow. In the south the cold extended far into Fiorida and the cold along the gulf coast was severe

PRILADELPHIA, Jan. 12. Pennsylvania railroad announced to night that it had placed a temporary embargo on the sale of tickets to all points do its main line between Pittsburg and Chicago because of the severe storm in the central wes Fickets on the Pan-Handle railroad between Pittsburg and St. Louis and on the Pennsylva: a live bytwee Pittsburg and Cleveland were sol subject to delay.

The Manhattan Limited, feaving was annulled and sleeping cars on other New York-Chicago and Washington-Chicago trains were cancelled

for the night. Reports received by the company were to the effect that the m was one of the worst in years and that railroad traffic between Pittsburg and Chicago virtually was ata' standstill.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—From the Rocky Mountains to the Alleghanies and from the Gulf of Mexico to Hudson bay the most terrible storm in more than fifty years today para-

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Production in 1917 Proves Almost Double That of Previous Year

TONNAGE LEAD GAINED

England and Japan Hurry Construction to Combat U-Boat's Work

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 .- America's merchant ship production in 1917 is put at 901.223 gross tons in reports made to the shipping board. and almost half the world's outpue of 1,899,943 tons that year.

Figures showing construction in other countries in \$917 have not been received in this country, but shipping hoard officials believe America led the world in tonnage output. England and Japan, they say, probably were the only countries that increased their production

over that of 1915. Sinking bys submarine in 1917 are generally reckoned at 5,000,000 tons, probably about twice as much tonnage as was built. England now is building ships at a fast rate and Japan also has increased greatly its construction, but just now operations are hempered by lack of steel, Other countries are building few

ships. The shipping board today decided to remove from the Great Lakes an additional thirty ships for ocean

The vessels will be cut in half this winter and will be removed through the Welland canal and re-assembled when navigation is resumed in the spring. Already fortytwo ships have been brought out.

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