

## NEW ORLEANS SCORES POINT

**Industrial Arts Committee In House by Vote 6 to 9 Favors Southern City Over San Francisco as Site for Exposition.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—The industrial arts committee of the house today, by a vote of 6 to 9, favored New Orleans as the site for the Panama exposition. This action of the committee had been foreseen. It is believed that a fight on the floor is certain when final report by the rules committee, to which Representative Kahn's resolution favoring San Francisco, is made next week.

Independently of the rules committee's action, it is believed that the dispute will not be settled without a general battle in the house. The minority of the industrial committee plans to present a report that alone will bring the rival claims of San Francisco and New Orleans out for final adjustment on the floor of congress, and the "boosters" for the Pacific coast city say that in that event there is no doubt their side will win.

For some time it has been apparent that the arts committee would favor the Crescent city. The majority of its members are southerners, and its chairman, Congressman Rodenberg of Illinois has been outspoken in his claims for the Louisiana city.

### CANADA READY TO BUILD HER NAVY

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 21.—It was announced in the senate today that the plans on which the Canadian cruisers and destroyers will be built have been received from England; that the naval program called for the construction of four second class cruisers of the Bristol class and six destroyers of the improved river class. In addition to these there were the Niobe and Rainbow.

To the Pacific would be assigned two of the Bristol class which together carry a complement of 742 officers and men, and the Rainbow, with 273 officers and men. The Atlantic fleet will be about the same size.

The Niobe and the Rainbow are being used entirely as training ships but eventually they will be used as parent ships for destroyer fleets and as such will be fighting units.

### MORGAN ENDORSES THE ALDRICH CURRENCY PLAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Whether Senator Aldrich's banking and currency scheme is ever adopted by congress, it at least boasts today the official "O.K." of the house of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Morgan personally was understood to favor the scheme when he saw it in an undeveloped state at Washington. Today Henry P. Davidson, Morgan's banking partner, and former head of the First National bank, said:

"I believe that Senator Aldrich's plan is admirably effective and simple. The proposal made is well fitted to all conditions and all sections of the United States possessing all the advantages of the central banks of Europe."

### Burke Case Resumed.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Jan. 21.—Testimony in the trial of Dr. W. P. Burke, when it was resumed today supported the contention that Leta Smith, whose tent Burke is accused of having dynamited, is sane.

Lena E. Kiliam knew the Smith woman in Portland in 1897 at a training school and saw her recently in San Francisco. She was certain the woman is not insane. Mrs. S. L. File, another witness, declared that the Smith woman was certainly in full possession of her senses at the time she stayed in the File home in Berkeley. On cross-examination Mrs. File said she was a good friend of Miss Smith's and admitted that her husband had aided the prosecution in collecting evidence against Burke.

William F. File, who for 20 years was a minister, but who is now in the real estate business, testified the Smith woman, in his opinion, is sane. He admitted he had never talked religion with her and it is not said what her views were on that subject.

The prosecution is to be exhausted in witness rebuttal late this late this afternoon.

### Ex-Commissioner Dead.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 21.—Walter Scott Williams, 78, once commissioner in San Francisco for British Columbia and several of the eastern Canadian provinces, is dead here today. Williams, at one time was mayor of Nanaimo, Ont. He came to California in 1889.

## FARMERS WEEK COURSE AT O. A. C. IN FEBRUARY

CORVALLIS, Jan. 21.—The annual farmers' week course at the Oregon agricultural college has been set for February 13 to 18 and the plans for the work are being rapidly brought to completion. In addition to the regular lecture and demonstration work in fruit growing, orchard work, marketing, soils, drainage, farm management, stock raising, home management, insect and disease pests, butter and cheese making and kindred subjects, two special features in the form of discussions and demonstrations on the subjects of good roads for the state and irrigation in the Willamette valley will be added to the program.

A large corps of special lecturers, many of whom are representative men of this state, have been secured to assist the college experts in carrying on the work. This has made it possible to fill every hour of the day from eight in the morning until ten at night with special features.

The work will deal entirely with vital problems which are claiming the attention of the people of Oregon. Those in attendance will be urged to bring up for discussion and demonstration subjects in which they are particularly interested and which pertain to the peculiar problems arising out of their experience and which are characteristic of their particular community. The work will be carried on very much in the form of a large farmers' institute with a special division giving particular attention to the various features of home making and management.

A poultry show, at which the best fowls of the northwest will be exhibited, is scheduled for the last day of the session. This feature, in connection with the special work on good roads and irrigation, will add greatly to the scope of the work. Indications are that last year's attendance of 400 will be more than doubled at this session. Dean Cordley reports that communications are coming in in much greater numbers than ever before and that the general interest throughout the state seems to justify the belief that the college will be crowded to its utmost during this week. The railroads have promised to give special rates for the occasion and the city is being canvassed for accommodations for the visitors.

### Banker Suicides.

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