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Who is Busy in the Asheville Man's Behalf.

HAS LONG HAD A COMFORTING PROMISE ?

The President, It Is Understood, Has the business in Promised District Attorneyship to Chairman

Adams.

Special to The Gazette-News. Washington, Dec. 9 .- The senate democrats wil today elect Money of Mississippi minority leader.

The West Virginia delegation is urging President Taft to appoint a state to succeed John C. Dancy of North Carolina, recorder of deeds of the district. Dancy has had two

terms, and will go.
Thomas Settle is here. Nearly year ago the president promised that Mr. Settle should be one of the first Carolina republicans recognized. The Asheville man, who has waited patiently for the reward, is here to see anything can be done in his beattorney, but Mr. Taft told Chairman Adams, in the presence of a roomful of Tar Heels at the White House, that he should have the district attorneyship. The president made this promise when he eliminated Adams from consideration of the eastern judge-

Mr. Settle is the guest of his friend torney in a good berth.

President Taft has, as before stated, messages on the way relating to conservation of natural resources and to the District of Columbia. He may likewise submit some information and views concerning the brush with

The special message on conserva-tion will, of course, be largely along the lines which Mr. Taft has given expression in his speeches. However, there is promised something about water powers and their reservation by the government, which will give both the house and senate much to think over, Secretary Ballinger for water powers in the west, with a view to referring these withdrawals to congress. The president will urge

definite legislation at this session. The communication in regard to s change of government in the District of Columbia will be drawn up after Special to The Gazette-News. the questions affecting the whole country are out of the way. Before it is written the president will give citizens of Washington opportunity to express their views. The two commissionerships, soon to be vacant, will be filled without regard to the possibility of the inauguration of a one man government, such as Mr. Taft

President Taft is said to have indicated his intention of appointing Samuel Atkins Ellot of Cambridge, Mass., son of Dr. Charles W. Ellot, and president of the Unitarian Association of America, as a member of the board of Indian commissioners.

William Barnes, jr., of Albany had a talk with the president about the appointment of a surveyor of the port of New York to succeed Gen. Clarkson. Mr. Barnes said afterward that several names had been mentioned. but did not feel at liberty to divulge them. He expected that the president will summon New York's senators soon, and will determine upon a suit-

Among nominations transmitted to the senate by the president, many of them recess appointments, is that of Charles P. Grandfield, former first assistant postmaster general, to be postmaster of this city. The nomination was referred to the postoffice committee, the members were polled on the floor, and a favorable report ordered. Mr. Grandfield was honored by immediate confirmation, a thing rarely done, except in the case of senators or former senators who have been nominated for office.

Now nominations were those Franklin K. Lane of California, succeed himself as a member of the nterstate commerce commis Mr. Lane's present term expires Jan-uary 1-Sanford B. Dole of the Hawalian Islands to be United States ludge for the territory of Hawaii, and Abraham M. Tillman to be United States attorney for the middle district

Other important nominations were Chandler Hale to be assistant secre-(Continued on page 7)

Mr. Blackburn Resigns.

Washington, Dec. 9 .- Former Sen

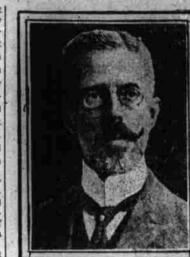
Winter Evolutions of Fleet Begun.

## KING WORKS AS STEVEDORE ABOUT DOCKS OF STOCKHOLM

Saturday inaugurated a new departure for sovereigns. Disguised as a stevedore he spent most of the day carrying sacks of coal from He is a Guest of Mr. Morehead, a lighter at the Stockholm docks. In an interview, after it was all over, the king said that this was only the beginning. He intended to mix with all clarges of laborers, so that he might ascertain their opthions and wishes Already, he added, he had obtained many valuable hints from the men with whom he worked,

The determination of King Gustav to learn of the conditions of the workingmen by mingling with them and taking part in their labors has resulted from the recent great tie-up of the business life of the country by a

He is anxious to learn conditions a first hand, so that he may be able to advise and to mediate.



### A Bad Fire Today in Kalamazoo, Mich.

negro named Robinson from that Among the Buildings Burned Was a Large Hotel, With the Result that Three Hundred Guests Were Driven From the Building, Thinly Clad-One Life Was Lost and Several Firemen Were Overcome by Smoke.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 9 .- One life; ed of danger, fled hastily to was lost, many firemen were overcome streets, and many were forced to rehalf. He would like to be district by smoke, 300 hotel guests were driven, scantily clad, to the ley streets. fire was due to low pressure of water property valued at \$1,000,000 destroy- mains. ed, were features of a destructive fire here which was extinguished after an above zero, and the fire fighters sufall-night struggle by the combined fire fered severely from exposure, fighting forces of Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Grand Rapids. The blaze originated in the basement of the five Morehead, who is going to make a and ten cent store, I18 Main street, strong effort to land the Asheville at- and fanned by a strong wind, spread by fire today. Edward Daum, a guest telegraphed from Nicaragua to Loncastward, sweeping everything in its of the Hotel Vance, was burned to a don to the effect that the United path, totally destroying a four story crisp.

dozen commercial structures.

ing shelter. The great extent of the

The temperature was ten degrees

Fire at Utica.

Columbus, O., Dec. 9.-The busi ness section of Utlea was wiped out Guests of the Burdick house, warn- stroyed. The loss will be \$100,000.

for Some Time Received Con-

sideration.

Clyde, Dec. 9 .- Rumors have been

of the Haywood Institute while Prof.

kins rolling mill of this place.

been visiting friends.

degrees below zero.

AWAY BELOW ZERO AT

\$2000 residence on Walnut street.

Misses Zora Medford, Jessie Mor-

Preparations are being made

students of Haywood institute, on the

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 9 .- The coldest

Devil's Lake, N. D., where the mer-

cury registered 22 degrees below zero

Oregon Dairymen Meet.

convention of the Oregon State Dairy

THE WEATHER:

Forecasts until 8 p. m. Friday, for

association convened in this city to

Portland, Ore., Dec. 9 .- The annual

Special to The Gazette-News.

# IS TO HAVE A BANK

ciations in the State-Interest in the Poultry Show.

Canton, Dec. 9 .- Canton has one of the most active Retail Merchants' as- circulating for some time that the sociations of any town its size in the business men of Clyde will, in the near state. In the last week many new future, establish a bank. While this members have been enrolled which rumor has never been confirmed, it is now includes every merchant in town. a known fact that such a project has

The association pays its secretary been talked of by some of Clyde's salary and his duties are such that most influential citizens. It is said each member is kept constantly in that J. I. Morgan, D. I. I. Smathers touch with the main issues that are and Dr. S. B. Medford are the proplaced before the association at every moters of the new bank, meeting. E. A. Brown, a prominent Prof. W. H. Woodall has gone to retail merchant of this place, is pres- Willsboro to attend a conference. ident of the association, and J. B. Prof. J. R. Gentry is acting president Smathers is secretary.

Many of Canton's citizens are interested in the Poultry Show on exhi- Woodall is out of town. bition in Asheville. Several entries have been made from here, and the owners are expecting a liberal share

The business interests of G. N. Henson & Co., fire insurance agents, popular young people of the town. has been purchased by J. B. Smathers Mr. Jenkins is proprietor of the Jenand Thad D. Smith, two young men of this city, who have formed a partnership in conducting a real estate and insurance business.

G. W. Maslin, president of the tist of Canton, has moved his office Champion bank here and who lives in here and started in business. Waynesville, was in town yesterday. Capt. A. A. Howell of Waynesville gan, Rosa Robinson returned yesterwas a recent visitor here.

MONEY IS CHOSEN BY CAUCUS

Following Seastor Culbertson's Resig- twentieth of this month. nation From Leadership on Account of Ill Health,

Washington, Dec. 9 .- In caucus this afternoon the democratic senators nator H. D. Money of Mis. spot in the United States today was elected Se sissippl minerity leader of the sonate, to succeed Senator Culbertson of Texas, whose resignation was pre- At Winnipeg, Manitobo, it registers 30 sented today. Mr. Culbertson retires on account

of ill health. Sheriff Killed by Man Believed to Be

Insane.

Shreve, Ohio, Dec. 9.—After holding day for a two days' session. the family in terror all night. Roy 1000 dairymen are in attendance and Lee, believed to be insane, today shot the prospects are the convention will and killed Sheriff Bell of Holmes he the most successful ever held by

Washington, Dec. 9 .- The president today was urged to nominate Judge Horace H. Larton for associate justice at lifeship fleet began today and managers of the Virinelading Senators Taylor, Rankhead

Cable from Panama Throws Light upon the Situation in Nicaragua, When the Trouble Started.

ZELAYA'S OWN OFFICERS PROTESTED AGAINST ORDER

licksburg Reinforced, and There Are Now Four American Warships in Corinto

New Orleans, Dec. 9 .- A cable from Panama says: "Death to Americans." is the order that was issued to the army by President Zelaya. Positive nformation has been received here that, more than a month ago, Zelaya issued instructions to military commanders to shoot every American caught fighting in the army of the revolutionists. Some of Zelaya's military officers protested against the order, and warned him that trouble with the United States would result.

The gunboat Vicksburg, which has been stationed at Corinto ever since the the Nicaraguan trouble assumed the acute stage has been reinforced. main in the cold all night before find- There are now four American warships in Corinto harbor.

> STORY OF ORDER DISCREDITED BY WASHINGTON OFFICIALS It Is Denied, Also, That the Resigna-

tion of Zelaya Has Been Demanded from There,

hotel covering half a block and a ed in their night clothes. The entire of President Zelaya and he had indibusiness section of the town was de-cated his purpose to retire by the end of the present month is declared laya nor has the department received authoritative announcement that Zelaya is contemplating retirement.

sued orders that Americans captured while serving in the revolutionary army should be put to death is discredited. The officials are not prepared to believe that Zelaya would thus court his own undoing and the States by issuing such an order.

## THEY ARE OBJECTS

But Members' of Family Who Say They Are Disiclined to Clearify Mystery of Bath-Tub Tragedy.

In the presence of only a few close New York, Dec. 9 .- Insisting the friends last night Miss Hettie Ensley are objects of persecution, members became the bride of Luther Jenkins. of the Wardlaw and Martin families Rev. Moore performed the ceremony. still are disinclined to clarify the Both of the contracting parties are of Mrs. Ocey Snead, the victim of the bath-tub tragedy. Miss Virginia Charles Mooney is having erected jail awaiting a hearing on the charge of murdering her niece. Dr. B. C. Smathers, formerly a den-

The absence of Mrz. Caroline Snead, mother of the victim, and the young woman's husband, Fletcher Snead, is still unexplained. Tending to controvert the theory about the ill-treatday from Canton, where they have ment of Mr. Spead and his wife, by members of their families, letters written by Virginia Wardlaw, to Fletcher, AS SENATE MINORITY LEADER an entertainment to be given by the were given publicity today. The missives are filled with endearing praises from aunt to nephew. Family pride is for the apparent desire of the women DEVIL'S LAKE, N. D., TODAY for seclusion in adversity, caused the neighbors to regard them with suspicion.

> STEEL FREIGHTER SINKS: MEMBERS OF CREW DROWNED

> Buffalo, Dec. 9 .- A big steel freighter sank five miles up the lake from Buffale Harbor, and five members of the crew went down with the ship.

To Sell Railroad for Taxes.

Menominee, Mich., Dec. 9 .- The Wisconsin and Michigan railroad was and killed Sheriff Bell of Holmes be the most successful ever held by offered at public sale today to satisfactor J. C. S. Blackburn has resigned as a member of the isthmian canal commission. His resignation, which will be accepted by President Taft, becomes effective December 4.

and killed Sheriff Bell of Holmes be the most successful ever held by offered at public sale today to satisfeatures of the association. One of the notable for the association. One of the notable of Michigan. The road is seventy-orate display of dairy machinery and Oregon dairy products. Premiums of sidings the principal line becomes effective December 4.

Urged to Name Judge Lurton. offered at public sale today to satis valued at over \$1000 have been secur- ing from Peshtigo, Wis., to Iron Mountain, Mich.

Two Lives Lost.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 5,-Two me. sheville and vicinity: Fair, contin-ed cold tonight, with a minimum of

MR. CALHOUN IS ACCEPTABLE AS MINISTER, SO CHINA SAYS



W. J. CALHOUN.

HINA signifies the acceptability of W. J. Calhoun as minister from the United States. The appointment gives good satisfaction among the American colony, a Pekin dispatch says; it is believed that Mr. Calhoun's eminent legal knowledge and his experience in public life thoroughly quality him for this responsible post

### Copenhagen Amazed Over the Affidavits

untrue at the state department. No such demand has been made to Ze. Number of Persons Have Sworn That They Aided Dr. Cook in the Preparation of His Polar Data, Which Is Now in the Hands of Members of Faculty at University of Copenhagen—Scienti fic Circles Incredulous.

Copenhagen, Dec. 9.-The summary vants. The two men decided that the certain everthrow of his government of affidavits of persons claiming to explorers original narrative bore several months has been steadily re-tiring from entry lands surrounding They Have One of the Most Active Asso- It Is Known That Such a Project Has by an armed force of the United have sided Dr. Frederick A. Cook in preparation of his polar data, publish-Developments are awaited with ed in London and New York today. great interest. It is expected that was read here with amazement within the next few days, or weeks at Scientific circles are inclined to be farthest, a crisis will be reached incredulous regarding the charges, which will determine the fate of the and some persons like Dr. Carl Bur rau, the astronomer, consider them se improbable that their effect will be to strengthen confidence in Dr. Cook, The data received from Dr. Cook is

ow in the hands of the authorities at the university, and their examinaon will be made without delay, Confidence in Dr. Cook is still unshaken. In the interview Dr. Burrau said Passages in the story give me the inpression that the matter is thoroughly untrustworthy. In order to make observations at the north pole a more extended and detailed knowledge is necessary than is enjoyed by the average ship's captain. It will be easy for the university to determine the truth of the charges. The committee of six which will examine the Cook records, will begin work at the

end of the present week," The affidavits of Dunkle, a broker and Captain August W. Loose, M. A. seeman, assert that Dr. Frederick deep mystery surrounding the death Cook hired them for \$4000, with promise of an additional bonus of \$500, to fabricate the astronomical Wardlaw, the victim's aunt, is still in observations and calculations of latitude and longitude for submission to the University of Copenhagen, and were published in the New York Times this morning. The men admit that their reason for making the affidavits was that the explorer only paid them \$260 for their work.

How Cook Was Approached. Dunkle tells how he met Cook and caused him to become interested in Dunkle says they went Cook with the idea that he wanted calculations for him if he went to the asserted to have been the sole reason someone to help him prepare evidence clever enough to fool the Danish sa- the way to and from the pole?

SUSPECTS COOK WAS NEVER

Capt. Loose, Seen at His Brooklyn new Home. Talks Freely About the

New York, Dec. 9 .- Captain A. W. oose, master pilot and navigator she made affidavit that he formulated series of observations and data for Dr. Cook at Cook's request, since his return from the Arctic regions, talked today at his home in Brooklyn conerning the statements made in the "I went to Dr. Cook," said affidavit. acese, "thinking I might assist him. but never expected to do such exended work. A short talk with Cook onvinced me be knew almost nothing about ravigation. He was ignorant some of the essentials of the sci-

"A person not accurate might have thought himself at the pole, when only within 40 miles of it; as I got deeper into the matter, I began to suspect lock was never out of sight of land. What Cook Will Say.

Captain Loose said that the writing lown of seconds in Cook's reports of observations did not show a "skillful attempt to deceive." As to whether he thought it possible for Cook to de-clare that these calculations of obsercations by Loose were simply for comparison with his own, Capt. Loose

"Dr. Cook will probably say this but why did he need any such calcufations and reckonings backward as I made for, him? "Why did he need anyone to make

pole and took careful observations on

## LITTLE CHANGE IN THE STRIKE TODAY

Northwest Will Undoubtedly Embarrass the Railroads.

St. Paul. Dec. 9 .- The switchmen's strike is practically at a standstill. The strikers insist they have railroad traffic tied up, while railroad officials are equally certain they are gaining

With the mercury ten degrees be ow zero the cold weather will unoubtedly handicap the railroads.

But the Below Zero Weather in the Berlin Dispatch Tells of Official Comment Regarding Mr. Taft's Recent Message to Congress.

> Berlin, Dec. 9 .- Official and journalistic comment upon President Taft's message to congress notes with throughout the state. approval his attitude regarding unlikelihood of a trade war with other countries, as a consequence the maximum duties clause of the tariff law. Mr. Taft's utterances re-specting Nicaragua, though consider-ed vague, is taken to mean that the United States will restore order in the

Words Rang True Today at the Meeting of the Waterways improvement Association.

NO REASON FOR DELAY SAY THE SPEAKERS

A Feature of the Meeting Today Was the Speeches of Governor Weeks

Washington, Dec. 9 .- Words that rang true to the cause of waterway improvement, coming from speakers representing every section of the United States, aroused enthusiasm in the National Rivers and Harbors congress today. That there was no reason for delay in formulating the policy of making effective for navigation the water courses of the nation, and that the only thing to be considered was was the concensus of opinion of many delegates.

Advocates of greater opportunities defended the policy of creating a bond issue sufficient to complete the comprehensive projects of improved wa-

Advocating a bond issue for waterway improvement Governor Weeks of Connecticut asked the congress to forget that he came from the state of Connecticut and listen to him simply as an American citizen speaking on a project too mammoth to be considered

as a local figure. He said in part: We, of New England, have a great and important interest in this whole subject for even today a large part of ur commerce is carried on our coastal and inland waterways. And while no such problem is presented to us as the harnessing of the mighty Mississippi yet we are firmly convinced that if our lesser improvements are to be made, we must face the problem broadly and act in concert with the rest of our country.

"The cheapness of water transportation is a great saving not only to the producer, but to the consumer as well; not only to one state but to every state. It has been the custom of our national government to spend varying sums for the maintenance of rivers and harbors and the improvement of channels of commerce, to a fixed plan. It is my firm conviction that we should put an end to this desultory method and should out a definite plan. Such a plan can OUT OF SIGHT OF THE LAND be modified from time to time as experience or improved methers demands require, will give definite method and some knowledge of the cost. To meet this cost I favor a bond issue in order that posterity, for whose equally with us the work is done may

help in paying for it. "Personally, I welcome this movement not alone for the question of waterways, but it calls immediate attention to the necessity of forest protection, conservation and storage of the head waters and emphasizes the important work of the whole reclamation scheme.

"When the people of the Mississippi Valley have devised a feasible and approved scheme to control the Mis-(Continued on page 7)

### TWELVE TEAMS REMAIN IN SIX DAYS CYCLE RACE

Hours-Leaders Had Made 1628 Miles at 11 O'clock.

New York, Dec. 9,-The ceaseless grind of the six-day bicycle riders caused records to be broken today by the six of the twelve surviving teams

At 11 o'clock, the end of the eightythird hour's continuous pedaling, the distance covered by the leaders was 1628 miles.

This morning Rutt and Stol were feelared out of the race, Stol's being in bad shape. Keegan, suffering from congestion of the lungs, was orced to quit and his partner, Galvin, npelled to stop. The teams leading are McFarland and Clark, Rutt and Fogler, Lawson and Demara, Walth-

our and Collins, Halstead and Lawrence, Pye and Hehir. Illinois Humane Society.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 9 .- The Illinois Humane society met in this city today in annual convention. Del gates were in attendance repr

Are Buried at Sea.