

SWEEPING CHANGES WERE INAUGURATED

All Government Sinecures Abolished Today—Courts Most Affected.

(National News Association)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Uncle Sam has handed a number of his employees a New Year's present that will live long in their memory. With one fell swoop he has deprived these men of sinecures they have been enjoying for years.

It comes about through the consolidation of all the district and circuit courts in the United States and follows the recent recommendations of Secretary Meyer of the Navy and chief of staff Leonard Wood of the Army and there is strength in consolidations and combinations, if not great economy.

Today all circuit courts of the United States will cease to exist, likewise the salaries of all the clerks and employees attached to them will cease. On the same date, the various district courts in the country will have conferred upon them by the United States Congress additional power and influence.

Caused Warm Debates.

This new order of things springs out of the recent action of the United States Congress in perfecting the new judicial code, that caused so much debate and divided both houses of Congress into hostile camps of acrimonious statements. On this date twenty-seven United States circuit courts will cease to do business at the 276 places they have been accustomed to meet.

Gradually the trend of governmental affairs has followed closely the progress of the industrial world. The history of large industries has been made up largely by the gigantic trusts that have been formed in this country. Springfield from small enterprises, many industries have developed into combinations, consolidations or monopolies, until recently the United States has let its affairs travel in primitive ways. Departments have been created by the government to conduct its business until the whole machinery of the government has been built into a colossal enterprise. Some departments overlap others, some have very little work to do, while still others have practically all the work to perform.

Army and the Navy.
In the Army and the Navy there have recently been installed modern business methods including in their scope the consolidation of various offices and bureaus. This has resulted in placing these organizations on a better and more prepared foundation administratively and economically. Other departments followed suit. The Treasury department practically has eliminated its secret service bureau, it having been consolidated with the life saving, labor, corporation and other bureaus under one department, which has made great strides in economical administration. In every way the government executive departments have discovered that in combining their departments, issues and business, better results can be obtained, carrying out the trust idea that combinations, consolidation and monopolies are conducive to the lowering of expenses.

Now, however, the government discontinues the circuit courts, institutions as old as the government itself. The Congress of the United States finds that the maintenance of these courts requires a considerable part of the appropriations for the upkeep of the judiciary, and that the work performed by the circuit court judges can well be done by the district court judges. Furthermore it has developed that in many cases the work of the district courts overlapped that of the circuit courts, and that the dual arrangement tended to the lowering of the efficiency of both courts.

Caused Opposition.

Therefore, during the last regular session of the United States Congress an effort was made to abolish the circuit courts. Much opposition was encountered, especially among members of the house of representatives. Political fences needed repair and congressmen in favor of the idea saw defeat at the polls staring them in the face should they agree to such a proposition. The matter was passed to the judiciary committee of the house in an effort to have the resolution tabled and buried under other and more pressing business.

Quite the contrary happened, however. The committee reported an entirely new judicial code, which provided among other things for the abolition of the circuit courts. The measure passed both houses on March 31 and will become effective on Monday.

A large sized howl was heard in every direction from the clerks and employees of the various circuit courts. Politicians were buttonholed and held up in an effort to locate "other jobs" for these "lame ducks," but there was absolutely nothing doing for a great many. Care has been taken of some of them. Nearly all of the old employees will be retained for a while until the new manner of things becomes established and until the working arrangement becomes effective.

What The Effects Are.
The real effects of the action of congress is many-fold. The circuit court justices will form a court of appeals, dealing with cases on appeal from the district court. The district court will be the court of first instance; appeal will be taken to the circuit court of appeals and from this court direct to the Supreme Court of the United States. In effect this confines the former circuit court justices' labor to appeal matters exclusively, whereas, formerly, they had jurisdiction in United States district court matters as well as the district judges. Then, too, it will not be necessary for the judges of appeal to sit when-

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR IS OUT OF DANGER



Aged Franz Josef was critically ill for about two weeks, and it was thought he could not recover. However, his physicians stated Saturday he was greatly improved, and the crisis had been passed.

ever called upon at any old place, but will restrict their scope to certain points.

Additional work will fall on the district court, but under the new code, this work will be greatly centered, and facilitated. Alabama will be divided into three judicial districts; Arkansas into two districts; California into two districts; Colorado one district; Delaware, one district; Florida, two districts; Georgia, two districts; Idaho, one district; Illinois three districts; Indiana one district, Iowa two districts; Kansas one district; Kentucky two districts; Louisiana two districts; Maine, one district; Maryland, one; Massachusetts, one; Michigan, two; Minnesota, one; Mississippi, two; Missouri, two; Montana, one; Nebraska, one; Nevada, one; New Hampshire, one; New York, four; North Carolina, two; North Dakota, one; Ohio, two; Oklahoma, two; Oregon, one; Pennsylvania, three; Rhode Island, one; South Carolina, two; Tennessee, three; Texas, four; Virginia, two; Washington, two; West Virginia, two; Wisconsin, two and Wyoming, one. It is also provided that there shall be nine circuit courts of appeals composed as follows: First, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine; second, Vermont, Connecticut and New York; third, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware; fourth, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina; fifth, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi; sixth, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee; seventh, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin; eighth, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Colorado, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Oklahoma; ninth, California, Oregon, Nevada, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Hawaii.

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WATER WORKS ECHO WAS HEARD TODAY

At the meeting of the board of works this morning Mayor Zimmerman declared that one of the most important issues which the city will handle this year is the water works question. He says that, although it is a serious problem, it will be settled to the satisfaction of the citizens.

"One thing is sure," the mayor said, "We have always had enough water to handle a fire. Probably the worst fire was at the Colonial building, and the only thing we needed then was more men, because our firemen were completely exhausted, that being the reason that I asked for help from the Dayton department."

Be Wise—find the Red Rabbits. 2-3-4

THE KEYSTONE TO HEALTH IS HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

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HUNTING RABID DOG

Are Police—Reported in Several Places.

Patrolmen Vogelsson and Lawler and Patrol Driver Wenger spent considerable time this afternoon in search of a bull dog which was reported to the police as being rabid and running at large on the principal streets.

Numerous reports were received from Fairview that a white bull dog was rabid and was running at large in that section of the city. Supt. Gorman sent a patrolman to Laurel street where the dog was reported to be, but it was not located.

Several women telephoned to Supt. Gorman saying that they were not likely to send their children to school, fearing they would be bitten by dogs. Mr. Gorman assured them that the police were doing all in their power to kill dogs which were not muzzled or quarantined.

It is said that the dog which Patrolman Vogelsson killed yesterday after a hard chase, and which belonged to John Murphy, 505 North D street, had bitten at least two other dogs.

Enjoy yourself—Learn Red Rabbits. 2-3-4

A SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST E. HILLING

Sensational but revolting charges are anticipated in the trial of the divorce suit of Ed Hilling against his wife, Cora, which was to have been tried in the circuit court Tuesday, but postponed because of the absence of Mrs. Hilling's attorney.

The city and county authorities, and it is said, before the grand jury, Mrs. Hilling charged her husband with having had improper relations with their daughter, Mrs. Ethel Simons, and according to officialdom this alleged charge will be the defense of Mrs. Hilling when the divorce suit is ultimately called for trial.

Hilling is an employee of the Wayne Works and is well known in Riverdale. Since their marital trouble Mrs. Hilling has taken up her residence on Second street, according to the authorities. One of the daughters is living with the mother while the other children, including Mrs. Simons, are with their father.

Some months ago the Hilling girl was married to Carl Simons after proceedings in the squire's court. The husband and wife, with some of their children were in the circuit court Tuesday but left after the decision to postpone the trial until some later date during the January term.

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SCHOOLS OF CITY OPEN ONCE MORE

The new year was happily ushered into the schools of Richmond this morning when thirty-four hundred small boys and girls resumed their studies after the Christmas holidays.

The most noticeable feature of the re-opening of the schools is the large list of absentees. Many pupils were kept from school today by bronchial trouble, in some cases as a consequence of too much celebration during the vacation. Although there is practically no contagion in the city, it is thought the number of absences from minor ills is remarkably great at present.

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KOKOMO THE WINNER

In Volley Ball Game with Richmond Team.

Six business men representing the Kokomo Y. M. C. A. defeated the Richmond volley ball team by the score of 36 to 25 as the climax to an open house entertainment at the local Y. M. C. A. yesterday. The victorious visitors played a steady, accurate game, worked by well developed team work. The losers played a more spectacular game, but many of their shots went amiss. Cutter did the most effective playing for Richmond, as he repeatedly dropped shots in corners where the visitors could not reach them. The lineup was: (Kokomo) Schiller, Barnes, Blackledge, H. Davis, George Davis, Rudell, (Richmond) Compton, Crawford, Tubensing, Morrow, Cutter, Freeman.

The open house entertainment yesterday was one of the most successful events in the history of the local association, several hundred people being on hand to join in the festivities. Light refreshments were served by the Woman's auxiliary during the afternoon. The guests during both afternoon and evening were shown over the building or invited to watch the athletic carnival, which formed a continuous program in the gymnasium. Music by E. B. Knollenberg's amateur orchestra was a feature of the afternoon.

While the adult guests were being entertained in the lobby, youthful members of the association competed in a Bible class track and field meet. John Van Horn won the boys' croquet tournament. Director H. A. Pettijohn, aided by a band of young admirers, secured several dollars for the fund to equip a boys' library, through conducting an auction sale of 1912 calendars.

Don't Miss It—Red Rabbits. 2-3-4

A solder in paste form, packed in tubes and requiring no acid to form a flux, is a novelty.

MAYOR PRESIDED AS TOASTMASTER

The advent of the new year was celebrated by the members of the Entree Club in the accustomed manner last evening. Following the banquet, which was given at 6 o'clock, the usual toasts were given, Mayor W. W. Zimmerman acting in the capacity of toastmaster.

Entertainment along various lines was enjoyed in the club rooms after the banquet. The members of the club who were inclined to sing entertained with German songs.

Prominent among the speakers was William W. Zimmerman, Jr. Following his toast he was unanimously elected an honorary member of the organization.

Enjoy yourself—Learn Red Rabbits. 2-3-4

Peru ranks as twelfth among the world's raw cotton producing countries.

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Housework Drudgery
Housework is drudgery for the weak woman. She brushes, dusts and scrubs, or is on her feet all day attending to the many details of the household, her back aching, her temples throbbing, nerves quivering under the stress of pain, possibly dizzy feelings. Sometimes rest in bed is not refreshing, because the poor tired nerves do not permit of refreshing sleep. The real need of weak, nervous women is satisfied by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

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SMALLER DOCKET

CONFRONTS COURT

One of First Cases to Be Heard Is Jackson Twp. Liquor Fight.

With a hundred and fifty-five civil cases on the docket of the circuit court the January term was officially opened Tuesday morning when Judge Fox called the docket in the presence of about thirty of the members of the bar. The year opens with a fewer number of civil cases on the docket than ordinary.

Issues were made up in several of the cases in anticipation of trials during the present term of court. Among the number were several damage suits. Perhaps the first case to be given preference, with the possible exception of one or two criminal actions will be the challenge of Roy Fraunberg of Cambridge City to the validity of the Jackson township liquor remonstrance, appealed from the commissioners' court where the "drys" won their contention.

The case was detailed to the court by attorneys for both the liberals and "drys." With the filing of interrogatories and the joining of other issues in the case the court will be ready to hear challenge soon. It is almost certain that the case will be started during the present term of the court and in event each remonstrator has to be examined in order to prove his authority to sign the remonstrance it will last for a month or longer.

Two criminal cases which will likely be set for hearing in the January term of the circuit court are the state against Mrs. Almida Trueblood, 20 South Twelfth street, practicing medicine without a license, and William Jennings, colored, petit larceny, it being alleged he stole a hog.

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LODGE ELECTION

Officers for this year were installed at the convocation of Richmond Commandery, Number 8, K. T. last evening, as follows: Harry Keeler, E. C.; Philip Worrall, Gen.; George Williams, C. G.; H. R. Marlatt, Treas.; Walker Land, Recorder; H. C. Glick, Prelate; A. W. Rees, S. W.; G. R. Gause, J. W.; J. Armstrong, S. B.; O. F. Ward, Warden; Alfred Anderson, Frank Beem, Luther Bruce, guards.

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WAS ROASTED ALIVE

(National News Association)
HAMMOND, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Daniel Stratton, aged 28, was literally roasted alive and Nellie, aged 3, her daughter, was fatally burned at Lowell, Indiana this morning. Kerosene used to stimulate the kitchen fire was the cause.

The Theaters

At the Murray.
Some places the managers cry to heaven because there are no audiences. This is not in Richmond. At least at the Murray which was yesterday packed from pit to dome.

On the New Year the world turns over a new leaf—everything fresh, fair, new.

Why, then, was the audience served a warmed over menu in Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana, the celebrated moral town of good, Quaker stock which "went wet" once when the drys thought they had it in a strangle-clutch?

"Childhood Days" is, perhaps, better than ever before—presented with more snap and ginger. In a more effective setting—but it is a lousy vaudeville infant—this being its third season here. It is too sophisticated a debutante.

However, as a headliner, the Murray patrons received it joyfully enough.

But "oh, look who's here." The Kennedy Sisters, charming in all truth, but who dance gaily on and take their seats as fetching kiddies in "Childhood days."

A brace of singing comedians, too, not on the printed program—who become strangely reminiscent when the curtain runs up and presents the headliners.

The best things are the "Minstrel Mimic," and the little Jap child, the latter with "The Three Malverns,"

who also have been seen in Richmond before and who do their familiar stunts with the American flag. The patriotism of the audience was not, however, at fever heat, and when Taft was flashed on the emblem of our country one in the rear was even heard to say—"take it off."

Maybe he was a La Follette man. E. G. W.

DOZEN ARE INJURED

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 2.—A dozen were injured, two perhaps fatally when a Wabash passenger train west bound, from St. Louis to Kansas City, jumped the track at St. Peters. Station at midnight. Eight coaches and one sleeper crashed into and demolished the station. The wreckage and station caught on fire but the passengers escaped from the overturned coaches through the windows. Engineer Daniels, and fireman Fox may die.

DIED FROM WOUNDS

(National News Association)
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 2.—Joseph Albert, aged 22, died today from wounds received from a revolver of a negro highwayman when he was held up while closing his father's saloon early on Sunday. Arthur Jackson was identified by the victim on his death bed, confessed his guilt this morning. Albert resisted and Jackson got no booty.

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5c Celluloid Collar Stays 2 for 3c	Shoe Laces, all lengths, 3 pairs for 5c	Tosca Pin Books, all kinds 10c	Shell Hair Pins, 12 in box. 10c
10c Hand Scrub Brush 5c	6-inch Stitched Tape Line, 2 for 5c	Large Line 15c, 20c and 25c Tooth Brushes 10c	Windsor English Pins, all sizes, 480 count 10c
Toilet Pins, Gilt, Pearl, Blue 5c	Large Sheet Mourning Pins, assorted sizes 5c	Wash Emb. Edge Trimming, 6 yd. pcs. 10c	Pink and Blue Wash Ribbon, 5 yd. pieces 10c
Adjustable Tape Line 5c	10c Safety Pins, all sizes 5c	Large Cube Mourning Pins, assorted, 10c	Scissors, 6, 7 and 8 inch 10c
Good quality Pins, 3 for 5c	100 yd. spool Linen Thread, black and white 5c	Best Sateen Corset Stays 10c	25c Hand Scrub Brush 10c
Cotton Finishing Braid, 6 yds. to piece. 5c	Invisible Hair Pins, 2 for 5c	Lisle Web Hose Supporters, 4 sizes 10c	Elastic Shirtwaist Belt 10c
Tracing Wheels 5c	Ironing Wax, 6 for 5c	Toilet Face Chamais 10c	Toilet Paper Special, 3 for 10c
5-hook Corset Stays 5c	5-inch Black Rubber Dressing Comb 5c	6 pieces 18 yds. assorted widths, Linen Tape 10c	Pants Hangers 10c
Wood Stocking Darners 5c	Best English Pins, 400 count, 2 for 5c	No Rib Stocking Protector 10c	Coat Hangers 10c
Extra wide Sew-on Hose Supporters 5c	Stud Dress Fasteners, 10c goods 5c	25c Manicure Sets 10c	
Black Darning Cotton, 8 cards 5c	Elastic Shirt Waist Belts 5c	500 yds. best Basting Cotton, 3 for 10c	
Nickel Safety Pins, 3 for 5c	Craven Dress Shield Pins 5c	Silver Thimble 10c	
10c 100-yd. Black Spool Silk 5c	Bias Lawn Tape, all widths, 6 yd. pieces 5c	25c extra heavy Black Rubber Dressing Comb 10c	
Best Black Hook and Eye, 2 for 5c		Queen Adjustable Stocking Darners 10c	