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WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

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Officials of the Post Office Department are working hard on the report to Congress, wherein may be based recommendations for reforms and changes in the Post Office generally and the railway mail service in particular. There is, of course, immense interests in this subject all over the country owing to the report that an effort was to be made to reduce the post office deficit and that one of the plans in contemplation was to remove the cent a pound rule on second class mail matter and advance the charge on this matter to four cents a pound. This, of course, would hit the newspapers all over the country and might or might not result in a material increase in the revenues of the Post Office Department.

The various publishers' association have been working against the plan for an increase in the mail rate and have used one argument, the fact that the government pays the railroad companies much more for transportation of mail matter than is paid by the express companies. Figures were presented in the Post Office Department this week tending to show that in the course of the year the Government pays \$32,000,000 more to the railroads than it did the express companies for the same service weight for weight. This is advanced as another reason why the government should take up the question of an international parcel post. This plan works exceedingly well with Mexico and the other countries of the international postal union with which the United States has parcel post conventions, and it is claimed that it would lift a great burden off the people of this country if they could send pages by mail at home as cheaply as they can to some points abroad. The Post Office Department is now weighing all of the mail that is transmitted by the railroads, and it is believed by the time the report is transmitted to Congress in February that sufficient data will have accumulated on which to base an intelligent recommendation.

One of the most curious incidents in the foreign diplomatic service in this country that has ever come to light was the death in Phoenix Ariz., this week, of one Nicholas De Rayland, for years private secretary to the Russian Consul General at Chicago. The evidence of the coroner showed that Nicholas De Rayland was a woman, but Baron Slipenbach, the Russian Consul General who is in Washington this week on a visit to the Russian Ambassador Baron Rosen declares that he had no idea of his secretary's sex during all the time she was in his service. One of the peculiar features of the case is that the De Rayland woman is reported to have defrauded Russians in this country out of thousands of dollars for the services of an alleged legal bureau attached to the Russian Consulate and more for the transmission in sums to the revolutionists in Russia when this government did guarantee the payment of postal

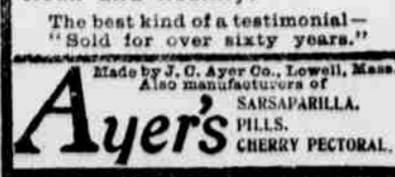
orders on that country. It is said further investigation may develop these transactions into an international scandal of some magnitude.

Sir Mortimer Durand, the British Ambassador is to leave this country two months prior to the official termination of his mission here and will be succeeded by Prof. James Bryce the author and political economist who is well known in the United States both personally and by his writings. Now that the resignation of Ambassador Durand has been accepted, the story comes out that his departure was more in the nature of a recall by his own government, owing to stories set afloat in London by Lady Susan Townley, wife of the late Counsellor of the British Embassy in this city. Lady Susan was only in Washington for a brief space, but she made herself very well known here as one of the sharpest tongued, not to say meddling, women who has ever afflicted official life at the capital. She disliked the Durands intensely, and lost no opportunity of referring to the Ambassador in the most slighting terms and starting all sorts of stories as to differences between him and President Roosevelt and other members of the diplomatic corps. A good deal was known of Lady Susan's unbridled tongue while she was in Washington but not much attention was paid to it. On her return to London, however, her stories were taken most seriously, and after a few of the leading London papers had severely commented on the supposed unfriendly relations between the British Embassy and the White House, Sir Mortimer Durand's resignation, or his recall followed. It is a source of considerable regret to those who knew the British Ambassador that his mission here should have terminated under a cloud with his home government. It is certainly an unusual misunderstanding in British official life, and one that is regretted in Washington, owing to the fact that the misapprehension had no basis in fact. The Ambassador is a man of sterling character, high intelligence and of gentle and simple manners. He is much esteemed by the President, and by every body in official life here.

The new director of the Bureau of American Republics, John Barrett, formerly Minister to Siam and later to Columbia, has in contemplation plans for extending the usefulness of this international bureau. A big building costing a quarter of a million dollars is to be erected in Washington as a permanent home of the bureau. The force of clerks will be largely increased and several recommendations made by the late Rio Janiero conference will be carried out with a view of closer trade relations between this country and the republics of South and Central America.

My Hair is Extra Long

Feed your hair; nourish it; give it something to live on. Then it will stop falling, and will grow long and heavy. Ayer's Hair Vigor is the only genuine hair-food you can buy. It gives new life to the hair-bulbs. You save what hair you have, and get more, too. And it keeps the scalp clean and healthy.



America's foreign trade has been considerably helped both by the work of this bureau and by the establishment of the Bureau of Manufactures under control of the Department of Commerce and Labor. One of the latest moves of the Bureau of Manufactures will be of interest to a great many communities. There has been accumulated in the bureau a varied collection of samples from all parts of the world showing articles adapted to sale in various communities. There is a collection of more than 250 samples of cotton cloth of various patterns and textures adapted to the market in China; there are also specimens of soap, canned goods, and preserved food, shoes, wall paper, clothing and a great many other articles each adapted to the needs and wishes of some particular foreign community.

Legislative New Year Resolutions.

If a fusion majority had been sent to the Legislature of 1907 by an overwhelming vote and a fusion Speaker had been chosen in the House this is about what he would have said upon accepting the gavel: "There are certain kinds of legislation that have been demanded by the people, and, permit me to add, in my humble judgment too long denied. Let us not be restrained by either corporate or political influence from putting such legislation on the statute books before we adjourn. . . . Let us raise higher the standard of our ideals and serve notice on the professional lobbyist that he cannot ply his trade within these walls. . . . Let us resolve that legislation of a personal, or what has been styled a commercial, character shall have no place upon our calendars, and that measures to further or defeat the ambitions of any shall not prejudice better things. In short, let us work as one homogeneous whole for the interests of the Commonwealth, the advancement of its educational system, the protection of its health, the improvement of its highways, the succor of its sick and dependant, the integrity of the Treasury, the extension of its commerce and the betterment of its morals."

These words were actually spoken in the House at Harrisburg on Tuesday, not by a reformer, but by Frank B. McClain, the Machine-chosen Speaker. The program is one which every decent voter of whatever party in the Commonwealth will heartily indorse, and which Mr. McClain and those whose support elevated him to the Speakership have the power to carry into effect. Will they do it?

The Record has hopes. The people are looking. They have very recently given the Organization an object lesson not soon to be forgotten. Despite their lapse in the November election, their influence has made its influence felt, and no doubt has a great deal to do with the reform policy outlined by Speaker McClain.

If the Machine performance shall measure up to the Machine promise in the session of 1907—if the Legislature shall work as one homogeneous whole for the best interests of the Commonwealth—credit will be meted out where credit is due. When the people are given wise and beneficent laws the political complexion of the body that makes them is after all a matter of indifference. The New Year resolutions of the Organization are fine. Now let it live up to them.—Phila. Record.

BRYAN MAY RUN.

In an interview last week W. J. Bryan virtually admitted that he would be a candidate for the Presidential nomination before the next Democratic National Convention.

"While I have not yet announced that I would be a candidate," said Mr. Bryan, "I have not stated that I would not be a candidate. Such a high honor as the presidential nomination is something that no American citizen should decline." Mr. Bryan said there was no foundation for the story to the effect that he would, if nominated, favor the selection of Senator William J. Stone, of Missouri, as chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Death of Gustav Hahn.

Gustav Hahn died last week Wednesday morning at his home in Wilkes-Barre aged 76 years. Mr. Hahn was stricken Christmas night with apoplexy from which he never rallied. He was born in Germany and came to Luzerne county when still a young man. Appointed United States Commissioners by President Lincoln he continued in that office until his death.



Forcing Fish Law Obedience.

Nearly 500 Arrests for Violations During the Past Year.

Chief Warden John W. Criswell, in his annual report to Fish Commissioner W. E. Meehan, shows a higher degree of fish law enforcement during the past year than ever before.

The total number of arrests from December 1, 1905, to December 1, 1906, was 495. There were 441 convictions, 54 acquittals, 39 committed to jail, \$14,362.50 imposed in fines, and \$8522.50 collected. Forty-two cases appealed to the County Courts, 12 were disposed of, four were appealed to the Superior Court and two disposed of finally. Of the 495 arrests, 260 were made by the regular wardens, 203 by special wardens and 32 by the State Police and constables.

There were 31 distinct offenses charged. Of the offenses there were 26 dynamiting, 34 for illegal dip nets, 41 for short trout, 13 short bass, 16 game fish out of season, 26 for giggering, 29 for outline fishing, 63 fish baskets, 26 excessive number of lines, 55 fishing on Sunday.

According to reports of wardens the dangers and resistance to officers engaged in enforcing the fish laws have greatly diminished among the natives of the State, but a class of the unnaturalized foreign element are still very persistent and defiant and must be approached with care when arrests are necessary. During the year one warden was murdered and two others seriously wounded while in the act of arresting unnaturalized foreigners.

What's In McClure's.

McClure's for January opens the New Year with an astonishingly good number, distinguished, as usual by the clean-cut, vigorous tone of its articles, and by fiction of marked excellence. "Mary Baker G. Eddy: the Story of Her Life, and the History of Christian Science," opens its first installment in a manner that practically insures the success of the serial with the American public. Its tone is clear, conservative, and incisive, and it presents the remarkable story of Mrs. Eddy's childhood and youth, and the early influences which molded her career in a narrative of absorbing interest. Carl Schurz has an unusually strong article describing his first meeting with Lincoln, and the famous Lincoln-Douglas debate at Quincy, Illinois. Eugene Wood writes with irresistible humor of "The Drama in Our Town." Burton J. Hendrick takes up one of the most striking social phenomena of our times—the great Jewish invasion of New York.

"Carl" by Ada Melvin, the story of a Swedish pioneer child, is a tale of quite unforgettable and touching beauty. In "The Man Who Knew," Percival Gibbons relates a tragedy of the vedlts with great power and simplicity. "Remolding It," by Lily A. Long, is a fascinating comedy of situation. "The Pot-Hunters," by Rex Beach, a broad western farce about a professional foot-racer who "gid" a Kansas town, is one of the funniest stories of the year. "Flood-Tide," by Margaret Cameron, "A Perjured Santa Claus," one of Myra Kelly's most successful East-side tales, and "On the Night Trail," an exciting out-of-doors story of adventure, complete the fiction in the number.

Theodocia Garrison's poem, "The Daughter," will attract much notice. "The Fool's Mother," by John G. Neihardt and "In Extremis," by George Sterling, are unusually good verse.

Drawings by Horace Taylor and Frederic Dorr Steele, reproduced in tint, illustrate "The Drama in Our Town" and Myra Kelly's East-Side story. E. L. Blumenschein, Martin Justice, Paul Julien Meylan, and others have done artistic work for this number.

REDUCED RATES TO HARRISBURG ACCOUNT INAUGURATION GOVERNOR ELECT STUART.

Via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets sold January 14 and 15, good returning until January 16, inclusive, from all stations in Pennsylvania. Consult nearest Ticket Agent.

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WE MOVE IN THREE MONTHS

Closing Out Sale Still Continues.

We have a nice lot of desirable goods still left.

Come before the best are all taken.

TOWNSEND

A Stirring Sale of Muslim Underwear!

The time for this eagerly-awaited annual event of ours has again rolled around. Of course it must out-strip similar preceding sales, for this is a growing store, and the way we have grown and will grow is to continually keep beating our own good records.

Therefore larger Muslim Underwear orders than ever before were placed by us, and the snowy new comers—fresh, crisp, immaculate—all brightening shelf and counter in beautiful white profusion.

Such low prices as we have made! How can we afford to do it! That's inside history. For months our eagle-eyed buyers have been searching out and purchasing choice lots, offered at a sacrifice by manufacturers and wholesalers who needed the money. These fortunate purchases enable us to acutely reduce prices on the entire gathering, right at the beginning of the season.

Stocks fresh, full, irresistible—prices absolutely "bed-rock"—make this the Muslim Underwear opportunity of the coming year. Fill every need now.

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of Nainsook, lace and embroidery trimmings, some very elaborate. The reduced prices are 1 1/2 cents to \$1.35.

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THE WHITE SKIRTS.

Bewildering array of Skirts, plain hemstitched, ruffled, beribboned, beautiful. All at a saving. The reduced prices from 45 cents to \$8.10.

DRAWERS

of Cambric, lace or embroidery trimming. Reduced 2 1/2 cents to 90 cents.

SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES

Our prices on sheets and pillow cases represent a saving of from fifteen to twenty per cent.

BLEACHED SHEETS

Nine quarter size 79c and 85c Ten quarter size 85c and \$1.00

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Ten quarter size 59c and 69c

BLEACHED PILLOW CASES

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