

WHAT ALL THE WORLD IS DOING

Trend of Civilization in All Lines From Week to Week

POLITICS and GOVERNMENT

General.

Shaw Would Extend Drawbacks.

An expedient suggested by Secretary of the Treasury Shaw which obviates the necessity of a general revision of the tariff has attracted widespread attention. It is to extend the drawback tariff system to manufacturers, so as to give them virtually free raw material for products intended to be sold abroad. He thinks this would result in giving unlimited amount of work to American labor at prevailing wages. For instance, he would allow imported leather to be manufactured into shoes and pay back the duty on such portion of the shoes as were exported. This arrangement, he thinks, would prevent the free product from coming into competition with our own manufactured goods.

Plea For Railroad Rate Bill.

Three state governors noted for their antagonism to existing railroad methods—namely, Van Sant of Minnesota, Cummins of Iowa and La Follette of Wisconsin—have joined with the representatives of the Wholesale Lumber Dealers' association and the Interstate commerce law convention which met at St. Louis last month in a direct appeal to President Roosevelt for the passage of a bill at the next session of congress similar to the one introduced at last session by Mr. Cooper of Wisconsin giving to the Interstate commerce commission power to fix railroad freight rates between states where it is found that railroads are violating the existing rate laws. The object is to give the government complete control over railroad freight rates throughout the country so that secret rebates shall be a thing of the past.

Troubles of the Prohibitionists.

A post election controversy has disturbed the Prohibition party, it being asserted by Samuel Dickle, secretary of the national committee, and John G. Woolley, candidate for president in 1900, that \$13,000 of the Prohibitionist fund has been wrongfully used by the Rev. O. W. Stewart, chairman of the committee this year, for private ends.

Majority in Congress 118.

The unofficial list of the Fifty-ninth congress compiled by the clerk of the house gives the Republicans 252 members and Democrats 134, or a majority of 118 for the Republicans.

Reid to Succeed Choate.

It has been announced unofficially at Washington that Whitelaw Reid, editor of the New York Tribune, is to be nominated by President Roosevelt to succeed Joseph H. Choate, soon after March 4. Other changes in the diplomatic service are also talked of to take effect after the president is inaugurated.

Foreign.

Treaty With England Announced.

In a public address at a Thanksgiving dinner at London the American ambassador, Mr. Choate, announced that the terms of an Anglo-American treaty had been agreed upon. He did not give details, but said that on being asked if England was prepared to negotiate such a treaty Lord Lansdowne had replied, "That goes without saying."

Russian Mobilization Fails.

Serious defections in the recruits for the Russian army are reported in south and southwest Russia, where over 30 per cent of the Jews and many Christians summoned to military service have left their homes and fled across the border. In some districts the defection amounted to 50 per cent.

Right of Self Defense Denied.

The court at Dessau, Germany, has ruled that a private soldier has no right to strike back at his superior even though attacked by the latter. The court said that the soldier might parry the blow of his officer, but must not strike a counterblow. The case was that of Sergeant Heine, who was beaten by two privates for insulting their wives.

Anglo-Swiss Treaty In Force.

The arbitration treaty between England and Switzerland was signed at Geneva on the 18th. A similar treaty is about to be negotiated with the other European powers and the United States.

Panama's Army Disbanded.

Through the support of the American minister, Mr. Barrett, backed by the naval squadron under Admiral Goodrich, a conspiracy on the part of the army of Panama to overturn the government was checked on the 18th, and subsequently General Huertas, the army commander, resigned. The soldiers finally accepted the proposition for immediate disbandment and prompt payment of back salaries.

For Italian-American Treaty.

The Italian government has instructed its ambassador at Washington to sign an arbitration treaty with the United States similar to those recently

made between France and England and between France and America. Italy has agreed to take part in the new peace conference; so have Sweden and Mexico.

Mexico on a Gold Basis.

A law has been enacted by the Mexican congress embodying the plan for the new 4 per cent \$40,000,000 gold loan recently awarded to Speyer & Co. of New York. This places Mexico virtually on a gold basis by undertaking to maintain the value of her silver dollar at 50 cents in gold. The actual gold value of this dollar is now about 47.

Executive.

Battleships Still In Favor.

Admiral Converse, chief of the bureau of navigation, in his annual report says that although 100 or more torpedo boats and destroyers have been engaged for five months past against battleships exposed to attack in the eastern war, he has yet to learn positively of a torpedo from a torpedo vessel causing the loss of a single battleship. He thinks that there has been nothing so far to discredit the battleship as a type which constitutes the main strength and reliance of a navy.

Pennsylvania's Fast Time.

The armored cruiser Pennsylvania in her official trial trip off the New England coast Nov. 23 exceeded her contract speed of twenty-two knots by making an average of 23.43 knots an hour. This was the highest speed with the smallest expenditure of fuel made by any armored cruiser ever built for our navy.

Boast of the Signal Corps.

General Greely, chief signal officer of the army, in his report on the completion of the telegraph lines in Alaska makes this statement: "The president or secretary of war can now reach over strictly American lines of telegraph and cable every important military command, from the icy waters of Bering strait to the tropical seas of the Sulu archipelago, with the exception of the legation guard at Peking." The lines and cables used in the Alaskan system were made as well as laid by Americans.

Leupp Indian Commissioner.

Francis E. Leupp, the well known Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post, who for many years has been a close personal friend of President Roosevelt, has accepted the tender of an appointment to succeed W. A. Jones as commissioner of Indian affairs. Mr. Leupp has made a special investigation of the Indian land frauds during the present administration.

Shaw Calls in Bank Deposits.

National banks holding government deposits have been ordered by Secretary Shaw to remit 25 per cent of their holdings, 10 per cent on or before March 15 and 15 per cent on or before March 15. This is expected to bring into the treasury about \$25,000,000 and make a working balance of twice that amount.

Cuba Warned to Clean Up.

The state department has called the attention of the Cuban government to the insanitary condition of the city of Santiago and other cities where yellow fever has reappeared with an emphatic request for prompt action. This request is based on the Platt amendment requiring Cuba to preserve and improve the sanitation of her cities.

Notes.

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, chairman of the lighthouse board, has been appointed to succeed Rear Admiral A. S. Barker as commander of the north Atlantic fleet. Admiral Barker will retire on age next March.

President Roosevelt has decided that

the zebra, baboons, ostriches, Nubian lions and other animals sent to him as a gift from King Menelik of Abyssinia shall be turned over to the National zoological garden at Washington.

The American-German arbitration treaty was signed at Washington Nov. 22 by Secretary Hay and Ambassador Sternburg. It is almost identical with the American-French treaty.

The state department has issued a formal statement expressing complete satisfaction with the course pursued by W. H. Ellis, with whom the brother of Assistant Secretary Loomis started on the trip to Abyssinia last summer. No blame was attached to Mr. Ellis in connection with the mysterious death of Mr. Loomis at sea.

Legal and Criminal.

Suspected Dynamiters Freed.

Thirty-seven cases against members of the Western Federation of Miners for alleged complicity in the Victor rioting and the Independence dynamite explosion of last June have been discontinued at Cripple Creek, and the men have been released. Only seven cases remain, with little hope of a conviction.

Election Officers Punished.

Three election officers at Denver have been found by the supreme court guilty of frauds at the recent election. A sentence of heavy fines and jail imprisonment was imposed. Twenty-four other election officers have been summoned before the same court. Permission to appeal to the federal court was denied.

Massachusetts Liquor Decision.

The Massachusetts supreme court has decided that it is not a crime for the seller of intoxicating liquors intended for delivery into a no license city or town to have them transported by any one not carrying on a regular express business. This will tend to aid in the evasion of the law in the anti-license places.

SCIENTIFIC

Flight of Benbow's Airship.

The Montana Meteor, an airship constructed by Thomas C. Benbow of Columbus, Mont., had a partly successful trial flight at St. Louis Nov. 22. With Benbow in charge the ship rose to an altitude of about 1,500 feet and performed some evolutions. In a little less than an hour the Meteor came down three miles south of the world's fair grounds. A leak in the gasoline tank rendered the motor useless during a greater part of the journey. Another flight was about to be made next day, when the gas bag was torn by a trolley wire.

Explorer Peary's New Ship.

The ship which Commander Peary is having built in Maine for his final effort to reach the north pole is designed for pressure resistance as no arctic craft ever was. She is to be 181 feet long, 34 feet 2 inches wide and have a mean draft of 16 feet. The stem, keel and frame will be of best white oak and the beams of yellow pine. The frames will be re-enforced with diagonal struts of steel. Each beam will be supported by heavy diagonal braces of heavy pine and supported by steel stanchions. The shape of the hull is such as to tend to raise the vessel out of the water as the ice pack presses below water. A heavy white oak guard from stem to stern will add greatly to the stiffness and enable the craft to be jacked out of the water when caught in the pack. Bow, stern and water line will be armored. The main deck house is portable and will be carried ashore to serve as winter quarters when the vessel reaches the farthest point it is possible to force her along the shores of Grant Land. It will also serve as a storehouse after the sledge expedition starts. The ship will be heated by steam and will be lighted by both electricity and oil. The motive power is steam and sail, the engine driving a single ten foot screw. When completed she is expected to cost \$120,000. Commander Peary expects to have her ready to start northward in June or July next.

Russian People Demand a Parliament

Autocracy and superstition have seen their doom in the last great stronghold of mediaevalism. Roused by the reverses and sacrifices of a senseless war of aggression, after endless atrocities and extortions in the name of the czar, suddenly the huge, inert mass of the Russian people has appealed through its representative men for a share in the privilege and responsibility of government.

Although the consent of the czar for the public meeting of the zemstvo presidents in the St. Petersburg city hall on the 19th was withdrawn at the last moment, the meeting was held in a private house under the protection of the minister of the interior. There they prepared a memorial to the czar protesting against despotic government and recommending "that there be regular participation of national representatives, sitting as an especially elected body, to make laws, regulate the revenue and expenditure and control the legality of the actions of the administration." The meeting also adopted a declaration in favor of granting general amnesty to political offenders in prison or exiled by administrative order.

The document was signed by 102 zemstvo presidents, including thirty presidents of provincial zemstvo committees out of thirty-two in attendance. The zemstvos are provincial assemblies or councils through which local affairs are managed, subject to the arbitrary rule of the emperor. While couched as an appeal to the czar, the document is known to be virtually a demand with revolution as the penalty for a refusal.

WILD ANIMALS DESTROY GAME.

The great number of deer killed during the season of last year is not alone responsible for the scarcity of this game at the present time. While a good many deer have been killed in the mountains of Clinton and Centre counties along the Beech creek, and in the Big run and Scootac regions this season, yet the number is not as large by half as that of a year ago, although the number of hunters in these districts is larger than ever. It is estimated that there are at least to hunters in the woods for every one deer that has been killed, on an average. The deer killed in a season by hunters probably do not equal by a considerable number the annual increase. Hunters and woodsmen are convinced that the real enemy of deer is not the hunter, but the wild cats and other carnivorous animals. The fawn found by the Harter party is but one instance of the deadly work done by the wild cats. The remains of two deer were found by hunters in the Big run region which had been eaten by wild cats, killed either by the latter or wounded first by bullets. It is believed that the wild cats kill more young deer, particularly fawns, than is ever known or even realized. These cats have increased very rapidly during the past few years. After the law was passed prohibiting the running of deer with dogs, a great amount of poison in meat was put out to kill dogs that were running deer contrary to law. The wild cats and foxes got this and hundreds of them were poisoned and died. This practice has ceased almost entirely and the wild cats and foxes have consequently increased. Evidence of their presence in large numbers can be seen. As a result pheasants have become almost extinct in the mountains where wild cats and foxes abound. A quail is hardly to be found at any time of the year in those districts. The bounty on foxes, wild cats and catamounts is not sufficient to repay men to go out there and set traps to catch them. Poison scattered throughout that region during the severe winter months and early spring would do more to kill these carnivorous animals and protect the deer than all the stringent laws the state legislative bodies may pass.—Lock Haven Express.

A DOUBLE CRIME.

Killed His Wife and Then cut His own Throat.

Cutting his wife's throat with a butcher knife Wednesday night, 23, Benjamin Harnden, aged thirty-two, a railroad worker at Altoona, son of former Select Councilman John B. Harnden, made it a double tragedy by backing his own throat with the same weapon.

It was a most brutal crime, and was committed at Mrs. Harnden's home, just outside the city limits. The couple had lived apart since April, the woman having the custody of the four children. Harnden went to the house after quitting work and as his wife opened the door, he felled her with a blow of his powerful fist. Seizing a butcher knife from the table he forced it into her throat. Removing the knife he drew the blade across his neck and fell beside the woman. Their little daughter, Hazel, three years old, witnessed the bloody murder, and spread the alarm.

When the police arrived they found the woman dead. On the table was a blood stained bottle of whiskey, from which Harnden drank after having murdered his wife. Being regarded as a bad man, he was handcuffed before being removed to the hospital, where he died at 9:45 that evening. The police know no reason for the crime.

San Jose Scale.

State Economic Zoologist H. A. Surface reports that 50,000 peach trees which had been shipped into the Cumberland Valley for sale by a New Jersey nurseryman have been confiscated, as the trees were thickly covered with San Jose scale. Recently the department decided not only to inspect the State nurseries, but also to inspect trees shipped into Pennsylvania from other states. It was in pursuance of the latter duty that an official discovered the carload of 60,000 diseased peach trees, and they were promptly confiscated and destroyed. It is believed that much of the San Jose scale was imported into this state by unscrupulous nurserymen of other states who wanted to get rid of their bad stock and a careful watch will be kept hereafter.

The new roundhouse of the Pennsylvania Railroad company in East Altoona was opened Monday. It is an immense building, having been erected at a cost of \$1,500,000 and is one of the best equipped roundhouses in the country. It contains fifty-five stalls and is one-fourth of a mile in circumference. In it will be housed all of the freight engines of the Altoona yards and the middle, Pittsburg and Cresson & Clearfield divisions. Hereafter the passenger engines will be housed at the old Pittsburg division roundhouse, as the middle division roundhouse is to be abandoned.

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KRUMRINE'S PHARMACY.

AMONG PROPHETS.

Weather prophets still "live, move and have their being." There is the goosebone prophet who can smell the weather six months ahead, by the appearance of a certain bone in the goose, and tell whether the weather, for winter or summer, is going to be mild, warm or cold. And there are many gooses that take stock in what the goosebone weather prophet foretells—guesses at. Well, he knows about as much about the weather as the goose itself does, which is too dumb to know that it carries the weather bone right in its breast. For this winter the goose bone prophet has charted a severe winter, for don't his goosebone reveal it to the gosling prophet?

Then we have the weather prophet who prophesies a mild winter, and he knows all about it too. This prophet lives in Boonsburg, and takes no stock in the goosebone, but goes by this: "Did not the wind on September 29 last blow from the southwest instead of the north, and does not that settle the weather and make it mild for all the winter?" Then there are half dozen other signs, each differing from all, that settles the weather for any period from a month to a year. All weather prognostications beyond 36 hours are frauds, guesses, and not worth paying any attention to. The weather bureau is reliable in 80 out of a hundred prognostications, because of telegraphic intelligence during each day from all parts of the country, and these consequently are not guesses and 80 per cent. true.

Famous Trotter Sold.

Major Delmar, the world's champion trotting gelding, with an unpaid trotting record of 2:01 1/2, and a paced record of 1:59 1/2, was sold at the Old Glory sale, at the Madison Square Garden, New York, for \$15,000. The purchaser was C. K. G. Billings, owner of Lou Dillon. It was announced that Mr. Billings would race Major Delmar and Lou Dillon in an effort to break the world's record. Major was consigned by E. E. Smathers, who bought him last year for \$40,000.

Middleburg should be happy; we gather from the Post that it has a "Sugar" street, and a distillery in course of erection.

Mothers and Daughters

Every woman who has a grown daughter knows well the worry and anxiety which always comes at that period of life when girlhood merges into womanhood. Upon a girl's condition, woman's time depends her future health, strength and happiness. Too much care can not be taken to see that she passes through this period safely.

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