

# WHAT ALL THE WORLD IS DOING

Trend of Civilization in All Lines From Week to Week

## POLITICS and GOVERNMENT

### Legislative.

#### Congress in Session Again.

The Fifty-eighth congress reassembled in the capitol at Washington, Dec. 5, as required by law and with the customary scenes and observances.

There was no sign in the cordial greetings and interchanges of members of opposing parties that the presidential campaign had left serious embitterments. Both houses adjourned promptly out of respect for the memory of the late Senators Hoar and Quay. Next day the main incidents were the reading of the president's message in both branches and the swearing in of new senators, including ex-Governor Crane of Massachusetts and ex-Attorney General Knox of Pennsylvania.

#### Aid For Philippines First.

Speaker Cannon has voiced the quite general opinion of the majority in the house that the Philippine government measure on the lines of Secretary Taft's tariff recommendation is one of the first duties of this session. The speaker is firmly opposed to the extra session plan.

#### Anticampaign Fund Bill.

Fulfilling his promise made during the campaign, Representative Cockran of New York on the first of the session introduced two bills bearing on the question of campaign funds. One creates a commission to find out the sums spent by the leading parties in all the campaigns from 1892. The other requires the maker of a campaign contribution of \$50 or more to report the fact to the federal court of his district. It also requires the committee to notify the court when and how it spends the money.

#### Reduced Representation Bill.

A bill to reduce representation in congress and in the electoral college for any state which curtails the elective franchise was introduced in the senate by Mr. Platt of New York. It proposes to cut down the representation in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

#### Presidential Appointments.

A batch of 1,500 presidential nominations for federal office was transmitted to the senate, headed by the four members of the cabinet named during the recess—Moody, Wynne, Morton and Metcalf. Important postal nominations were W. R. Wilcox for New York, A. R. Gill for St. Paul and John A. Merritt for Washington. The list also included the hold over nomination of Dr. Crum, the negro, as collector of Charleston and A. R. Gunnison as judge for the First division of Alaska.

### General.

#### Massachusetts Local Elections.

Elections were held Dec. 6 in thirteen of the thirty-three cities of Massachusetts, the result being generally favorable to the Republican candidates and unfavorable to the Luce caucus law. At Brockton the Socialist candidate for mayor was defeated by the Republican by fifty-three votes.

#### Cortelyou to Stay Chairman.

It is reported informally at Washington that when Mr. Cortelyou becomes postmaster general he will continue to serve as chairman of the Republican national committee, while the active duties will fall to Mr. New of Indiana.

### Legal and Criminal.

#### Gambler Canfield Bows to Law.

New York's fighting district attorney, William T. Jerome, at last has triumphed over all legal obstacles employed to circumvent the law in the case of the notorious Richard Canfield, who for years operated extensive gambling houses at New York and Saratoga in open defiance of the law. Both Canfield and his manager, Bucklin, appeared before Judge Cowing Dec. 7 and pleaded guilty to the charge of being common gamblers. By so doing they took advantage of a court precedent which relieved them from a jail sentence, a fine of \$1,000 each being imposed, the limit of the law. The real motive behind this action of Canfield's was understood to be the protection of Reginald Vanderbilt, Jesse Lewisohn and other wealthy patrons, who otherwise might have been forced under the recent court ruling to testify about their gambling operations.

#### Vermont to Hang Woman.

The Vermont house of representatives Dec. 7 voted down by a large majority the bill commuting to life imprisonment the death sentence passed upon Mrs. Mary M. Rogers, which is to take effect on the first Friday in

February. She is the woman who was convicted of chloroforming and drowning her husband, with the assistance of her paramour, who is now serving a life sentence. The bill had been favorably reported. In advocating the bill Representative Walt said, "The woman may be degraded, but let us not sacrifice her life for the execution of a barbarous law."

#### Montana to Fight a Trust.

Adjutant General Donovan of Montana has begun proceedings in the state supreme court against the International Harvester company on the ground that it violates the state anti-trust laws. A temporary restraining order was issued to prevent this company from doing business in Montana.

#### More Election Officers Jailed.

Six more election officers have been sentenced to jail at Denver by the supreme court for disregarding its injunction at the recent election. Fines were also imposed on some of them. The grand jury has been charged to make investigation of all election irregularities.

#### New Trial For Powers.

The Kentucky appellate court granted a new trial to Caleb Powers, the ex-secretary of state under sentence of complicity in the murder of Governor Goebel. The principal grounds for this decision were improper remarks by the state attorney and the premature passing of sentence.

#### Receiver Sues Lawson.

After having forced J. Edward Addicks to disgorge 1,020,000 shares of the Delaware Bay State Gas stock, besides \$48,000 in cash, Receiver Pepper of the Bay State Gas company settled that particular suit and has now turned his attention to Thomas W. Lawson of Boston, who was associated with Addicks in the war with Standard Oil. Mr. Lawson is charged with holding bonds owned by the Bay State Gas company and valued at over \$300,000. The receiver says that Mr. Lawson's "Frenzied Finance" articles "were written as defense to charges which the writer must have known were coming."

### Executive.

#### Concessions to Panama.

An executive order signed and issued by Secretary of War Taft at Panama Dec. 4 for the president of the United States and assented to by President Amador of Panama in a formal letter brought the questions at issue between the two countries to a friendly settlement. The principal feature of the order is that no trade for the canal zone or the republic of Panama shall enter the ports established by the United States except supplies for the construction of the canal and articles in transit. That means that the customs of these American ports will be turned over to the government of Panama. Panama, on the other hand, agrees to reduce her tariff from 15 per cent ad valorem to 10 per cent on all goods except wines, liquors, alcohol and opium. Consular fees and port charges are also to be reduced. Absolute free trade is to apply between the canal zone and the republic of Panama. As to sanitation and quarantine the United States is to control the harbors of Colon and Panama. Panama is to reduce her rate of postage to 2 cents and furnish the same at 40 per cent of their face value to the zone authorities. The entire agreement is conditioned on Panama's putting into effect the gold standard according to the currency agreement of June 20.

#### Supervision of Trust Companies.

The annual report of Secretary of the Treasury Shaw indicates a probable deficit of \$18,000,000 next year. Referring to the tremendous growth of the trust companies in all the large cities the secretary recommends that they be brought under federal supervision on somewhat similar lines to that of the national banks. The deficit at the end of the last fiscal year was \$41,770,571. The estimated expenses of the government for the next fiscal year are \$619,669,852, as against \$614,548,937 for the current year. The expense of government will be a little over \$8 per capita.

### Principal Points of a Stirring Message

Because many a presidential message in the past has been weighted with an overdose of presidential dignity and cloaked in the measured phrase of perfunctiousness an unusual amount of popular attention has been accorded to the Rooseveltian heart to heart talk with the reassembled Fifty-eighth congress on its second day. Even the political antagonists of President Roosevelt find "some encouraging things" in it to commend, as Mr. Bryan writes in the Commoner.

One tendency stands out pre-eminent in this forceful affirmation regarding our internal affairs—namely, the need and advantage of further extensions of federal authority. This is observed first in the suggested power for the interstate commerce commission to regulate railroad rates and prevent rebates. It is seen also in the proposed supervision of insurance and in the elimination of corporation evils. Notice of trust investigations in progress was given. Hardly second to this in interest is the president's carefully elaborated stand for the open shop, while approving of labor organization per se. His great thought in regard to our foreign relations is the appeal for "the peace of justice," a phrase likely to live in history, from which the logical conclusion against disarmament and for a powerful navy and army is reached.

Other important recommendations are for publicity of election campaign expenses, silver redeemable in gold, quicker criminal prosecutions, purification of city slums, preservation of forests and economy in public printing.

In England it is \$16 per capita and in France \$23.

#### Immigrants Past and Present.

Commissioner General of Immigration Sargent reports that during the year 812,870 aliens arrived in the United States, of whom 549,100 were males and 263,770 females. This is a decline of 44,176. More than 47,000 foreigners were turned back for various reasons. The total amount of money shown to officers by the 812,000 aliens was \$20,804,383, or \$4,776,870 more than was brought by the 857,946 arrivals of last year. Twenty per cent of the inmates of the penal servitude and charitable institutions of New York state are aliens, 24 per cent in Massachusetts, 19 per cent in Illinois, 42 per cent in Montana, 14 per cent in Wisconsin and 31 per cent in North and South Dakota. Of the total not much less than half, or 20,485, are insane, while the criminals number 9,825.

#### Secretary Morton's Report.

Secretary of the Navy Morton reports that in no other year were there so

many warships launched by this or any other nation, and he believes that our new ships will compare favorably with those of any navy afloat. The cost of the navy last year was a little over a dollar per capita, according to this report, and the secretary thinks this is "the best insurance we have against war." Speaking of the lessons of the eastern war, the report finds that the opinions delivered by Mr. Roosevelt several years ago have been completely borne out—namely, that weight of metal, heavy guns and big ships still do the most effective work. The day of the battleship is by no means over.

#### Another Cruiser Launched.

The new armored cruiser Tennessee was successfully launched Dec. 3 at the yards of the William Cramp & Sons' Shipbuilding company at Philadelphia. Miss Annie Frazier, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Governor Frazier of Tennessee, was sponsor.

### Foreign.

#### A Russian Constitution.

The czar has directed the council of the empire and the council of the ministers to consider the recent memorial formulated by the zemstvo conference looking toward a representative form of government. From the same semi-official source it is learned that he has approved some of the reforms proposed. In the meantime the revolutionary organizations have promulgated their idea of a constitution and have circulated it throughout Russia. It is molded partly upon the American and partly upon the British systems. Supreme authority is vested in the emperor and a congress of two houses. A ministry and a supreme court are also provided. The document includes a bill of rights. A serious bread famine is reported to be causing riots throughout the central portion of Russia.

#### No English Coal For Russia.

The British government has forbidden the loading of coal in ships suspected of being under contract to supply the Russian Baltic fleet at sea.

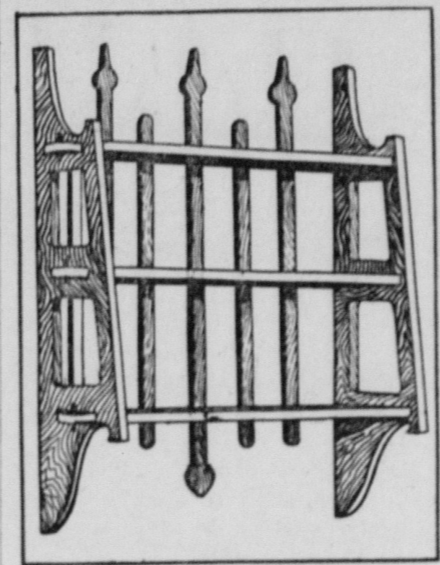
#### Nogi's Guns Destroy Fleet.

After an armistice of six hours to allow the burying of the dead and the care of the wounded Dec. 3 the Japanese besieging army, under General Nogi, hauled heavy guns to the top of Two Hundred and Three Meter hill and began a rain of shells day after day on the Russian warships still remaining in the harbor until every battleship, cruiser and minor vessel had been sunk. The crews of the ships had been landed previously. Now only two cruisers at Vladivostok remain out of the great fleet assembled by Russia in the east when the war began. Skirmishing continued on the Sea river. It was rumored that the Baltic fleet had been held back by the czar's order.

### HANGING BOOK RACK.

An Ornament Especially Adapted to a Bedroom or Den.

An idea for an odd book rack to hang against the wall is suggested in the illustration below. Its dimensions may be governed by the space it is desired to fill, but if a plain wall is available for its hanging place it might be well to make it three feet long, with sides three feet three inches high.



HANDSOME HANGING BOOK RACK.

The shelves can be ten inches apart, and openings are made in the sides between the shelves as shown, while at the back five upright ornamental strips are placed to strengthen the shelves and add an odd feature to the construction. The ends of the shelves are cut in the form of a tenon and slipped through mortises in the sides of the rack, where they are held in place by means of wooden pins.

This book rack is distinctly ornamental and will be found especially acceptable in a bedroom or den where there is no room for the more bulky shelves which rest on the floor or where a few books are desired rather than a large library.—Woman's Home Companion.

### Household Tasks.

"Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well" is one of the sayings that will bear investigation. Household tasks may now and then be slighted. Exactness as these demands are, they may sometimes be set aside. It is the wise housekeeper who knows when this can be done. Better a little dust on the furniture or a little comfortable disorder in the sitting room than to go to bed with throbbing nerves or sacrifice the cozy chat with the children. There are some things for which absolute exactness does not compensate. In sewing there are times when a good long stitch answers just as well as many fine ones. That work is well done which is done according to the requirements of the occasion.

In these days of increasing demand upon brain, nerve and heart the woman who knows how to practice the noble art of slighting with wisdom, judgment and conscientiousness has mastered a valuable knowledge.—What to Do.

### Changing the Game Laws.

Among the enactments the state game commission hopes to secure at Harrisburg this winter is authority to purchase 40,000 quail for distribution in Pennsylvania. It is an easy matter to trap 10,000 per day in Oklahoma, so plentiful are they. The following changes will be suggested in the game laws: The state to raise game for stocking purposes, to prohibit duck hunting after January 1. No dogs to be trained until August 1, and then to be kept under control and not permitted to remain all night in the woods. Deer hunting to commence November 1, and to continue for 15 days, limiting each hunter to one deer per annum and providing a penalty of \$100 for shooting deer with buckshot, bullets only to be used.

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### THE EDITOR'S WIFE.

#### Letter from an Illinois Newspaper Man that is Well Worth Reading.

As a usual thing editors save the good things for the columns of their own newspapers, but the following letter of S. H. Duncan, editor of the Seaton, Ill., Independent, shows that there is at least one editor who wants to help others. He writes as follows: "To the Editor of the Centre Democrat: I wish you would print the following and thus help me to do a kindness to your readers. My wife has been a great sufferer with stomach troubles for the past four years, and the last two years practically an invalid. Nothing seemed to help her until I procured a box of Mio-na, nature's cure for dyspepsia. This gave her so much relief that she continued using the remedy until now she enjoys her meals, is relieved from all pain in her stomach and has increased in flesh.

I hope you will publish this letter, for I think there is no remedy for stomach trouble equal to Mio-na, and the more wide spread its use becomes, the more good will be done to humanity. S. H. DUNCAN, Editor of Independent."

S. Krumrine has the local agency for Mio-na and his faith in its merits equals Editor Duncan's. He in fact, offer to pay for Mio-na himself in any case where it does not give satisfaction. No stronger endorsement of the merits of the remedy can be given than this, that a local drug firm is willing to sell a medicine on his own guarantee to refund the money if it does not cure stomach troubles and increase flesh.

### FOR GOOD CHILDREN.

Christmas is dangerously nigh. We received a letter from Kriskindle—Santa Claus—dated North Pole, Dec. 4th, saying he was hitching up his reindeer team of half dozen fine animals with wide spreading antlers like oars on a row boat, and was about ready to start down this way with 500 different kinds of toys, mountains of dollies, and piles of candies and nuts, and a thousand-and-one other nice things, and would by this time be on his way down here to give all good little boys and girls a Christmas gift. He says he has a list of all such in Centre county, and would not forget a single one. Well, we guess Kriskindle is the best friend of all good little boys and girls, and has a way to find out their names.

Santy is a jolly fellow, too, and studies all the year how he can please and make happy all the little boys and girls from year to year as Christmas comes around. His team can travel about 500 miles a day, and it takes him about ten days to get down into this part of the world, and he gets around so quickly that he can call at all homes and leave Christmas gifts at each, all in one night. He don't stop to talk, he only sneaks into a house to leave his gifts and then away. He lives in an ice cave up at the north pole where no one can find his home, and see how he makes all his goods for Christmas gifts, and he don't have any one to help him but his wife, and she never travels along with him but remains at home to feed the chickens, and young reindeers, dogs and other nice animals. So that is the reason we never hear of Mrs. Kriskindle about here at Christmas time.

Ladies if you have trouble with your feet try a pair of Julia Marlowe shoes.—Yeager & Davis.

### Womanly Health, Strength and Beauty

Strength and beauty in woman depend entirely upon her health. A woman cannot look her best if suffering from one or more of the many ailments peculiar to her sex. These ailments invariably cause, sooner or later, the loss of her symmetry of form and freshness of complexion.

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