

WHAT ALL THE WORLD IS DOING

Trend of Civilization in All Lines From Week to Week

POLITICS and GOVERNMENT

Legislative.

Judge Swayne Impeached.

The house committee on the judiciary having recommended the impeachment of Judge Charles Swayne of Florida, the minority agreeing because the judge falsified his expense account, the house concurred, and on Dec. 14 the house committee appeared in the senate to notify that body of the impeachment. In the name of the house the committee demanded that the senate should take order for the appearance of the said Charles Swayne. This was begun a ceremony which has not been conducted before in a quarter of a century.

Startling Smoot Testimony.

When the case of Senator Smoot was resumed before the senate committee on elections last week the Rev. J. M. Buckley testified that he had heard President Joseph Smith defend polygamy. George Reynolds, a Mormon and polygamist, said that the church granted divorces, but only in cases of plural marriages. J. S. Wallace described the terrible oaths required by the ritual of the endowment house. An ex-Mormon missionary named Lundstrom gave the text of the oath of retribution praying for vengeance upon this nation for the blood of Joseph Smith.

Commissioner Wright's Successor.

Prominent among the nominations before the senate on Dec. 12 were Charles P. Neill of Washington to succeed Carroll D. Wright as commissioner of labor, and Willet J. Hayes of Minnesota to be assistant secretary of agriculture.

Currency Bill In House.

The house last week took up the Hill currency bill after passing 148 pension bills. Mr. Williams, the minority leader, opposed the measure, asserting that there was an influence at work to displace government provided money with bank provided money and thereby enable the banks to make the profit on it. He predicted that the bill would lead simply to socialism. Mr. Hill of Connecticut, the author of the bill, argued that the power of the treasury to purchase silver for subsidiary coin was practically unlimited. The bill permits the deposit of customs receipts in banks, repeals the limit on bank note retirement and provides for the recoinage of silver dollars into smaller coin. It authorizes ten dollar gold certificates.

Foreign.

Von Plehve Assassins Punished.

Sasonoff and Sikorsky, who were charged with the assassination of Russian Minister of the Interior von Plehve by throwing a bomb at his carriage in St. Petersburg on July 28, were declared guilty Dec. 13. Sasonoff was condemned to penal servitude for life and Sikorsky to twenty years penal servitude. The former before being sentenced made a long speech justifying the assassination as being for the public good. He was pale and weak from his long illness. The indictments said that Sasonoff had made a confession that he was a member of the revolutionary organization which aimed to secure political liberty with the object of establishing socialism. The infernal machine employed consisted of magnesium dynamite inclosed in tin set off by the breaking of tubes containing sulphuric acid, which came in contact with chlorate of potash and sugar.

Riots In Russian Capital.

In response to a revolutionary circular a great throng of men and women gathered in the Nevski Prospekt before Kazan cathedral at St. Petersburg Dec. 11 to make a demonstration in favor of social democracy and against the war. The authorities got wind of the plan and had bodies of police and mounted soldiers at convenient points. The crowd included practically the whole student body of the capital, including women students. At a signal all waved red flags and shouted, "Down with autocracy!" Some started to sing "Marseillaise," when all of a sudden the mounted troops wheeled into line and charged upon the crowd with drawn sabers. For a time the people resisted fiercely. About 200 of them were wounded and 100 arrested. It was feared by the friends of Prince Mirsky that the incident would be used as a weapon against reform. This and more recent outbursts in various parts of Russia showed that the people who hoped for much from the zemstvoist proclamation were beginning to lose faith in the czar's intentions. The Social Democrats appear to prefer a popular uprising to a peaceful acceptance of certain political reforms.

France Recognizes Dueling.

A precedent in favor of giving official sanction to dueling in France has been

made by the government's issuance of a permit for M. Deroulede to enter France and fight a duel with M. Jaures. The fact that Jaures, who issued the challenge, is a Socialist indicates that his party is no longer opposed to the practice of dueling.

Paraguayan Rebels Win.

The government of Paraguay on Dec. 9 accepted peace conditions imposed by the victorious revolutionists under General Ferreira. The conditions include the nomination of Juan B. Gauna for president. President Escurra is to resign, and the present army is to be dissolved only after the new government is in effect and amnesty to political offenders is declared.

General.

Boston Elects a Convict.

James M. Curley was re-elected to the Boston board of aldermen Dec. 13, when the Democrats carried the city elections by 20,000 majority, notwithstanding the fact that he conducted his campaign while occupying a cell in the county jail, to which he was sentenced for two months on the charge of conspiracy against the United States. His offense was that of impersonating a constituent in a civil service examination. Another man of the same name, Thomas F. Curley, in jail for the same offense, was re-elected to the state legislature at the November election.

Commissioner Prouty's Prediction.

A significant comment made by Charles A. Prouty of the interstate commerce commission on the president's railroad policy is that there will be either government ownership or government regulation of the railroads. Which it will be, he says, depends mainly on the managers of the railroads, and "if they do not want government ownership they will cease their opposition to the president's plan for preventing the enforcement of rates which are unreasonable."

Executive.

To Distribute Immigrants.

Commissioner of Immigration Sargent is in touch with the passenger agents of southern railroads regarding a suggestion that congress authorize the diversion of the tide of immigration toward the southern states. It is thought that this policy would aid in the solution of the race problem. It is also hoped that it would tend to discourage the formation of alien colonies within our borders, besides relieving the congestion in the larger cities.

Treaty With Britain Signed.

Secretary Hay and Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, signed the arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States Dec. 12 at Washington. It is similar to the treaty signed with France and other nations.

Legal and Criminal.

Mrs. Chadwick In Ohio Jail.

Notwithstanding that the Cuyahoga county grand jury had indicted her on two counts for forgery, Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick decided Dec. 13 to waive examination at New York and to meet her accusers at Cleveland, her home city. She traveled in the custody of a United States marshal and found a great throng of curious people awaiting her arrival at Cleveland. Her appearance was the signal for an outburst of jeers. Pending examination she was confined in the county jail. The disclosures made by Iri Reynolds, cashier of the Wade Park National bank, indicated that about \$17,000,000 worth of bogus securities had been accepted by him, largely on the assur-

ance given by Mrs. Chadwick that she was the illegitimate daughter of Andrew Carnegie. Nearly all of the securities were in his name. It is now known that with a similar story she raised large sums of money from Pittsburgh millionaires, whose business relations with Carnegie had been friendly.

Decision Against Western Union.

The United States supreme court has decided that the Pennsylvania railroad was within its rights in removing the poles of the Western Union Telegraph company on its lines in 1902 at the termination of the contract between the two corporations. The Western Union is not found to have the right to eminent domain which it claimed. Justice Harlan dissented.

The supreme court also ruled that debts created by fraud could not be discharged by proceedings in bankruptcy in the case of Bullis versus O'Beirne, coming from the New York courts and involving a transaction of \$350,000.

SCIENTIFIC

To Head Carnegie Institution.

Dr. R. S. Woodward, dean of the School of Pure Science at Columbia university, New York, has been elected president of the Carnegie Institution in place of Dr. Gilman, who resigned because he had passed the age of seventy and wished to retire. During the year the trustees made 114 grants of funds for scientific investigation, aggregating \$355,070. These investigations



Dr. R. S. Woodward, touched upon nearly every department of science and extended into all parts of the world. Besides this twenty-four research assistants received \$1,000 each for special investigations.

Nobel Prizes Awarded.

The winners of the annual Nobel prizes as announced at Stockholm are: Physics, Baron Rayleigh, professor of natural philosophy at the British Royal Institution; chemistry, Sir William Ramsay; medicine, Professor Pavloff of the Military Academy of Medicine at St. Petersburg. The prize for literature was divided between Frederic Mistral of France and Don Jose Eclogaray of Spain. The peace prize was awarded to the Institute of International Law.

Invention of the Hydroscope.

Scientific and technical papers are just now taking considerable interest in the invention of an Italian, Cavaliere Giuseppe Pino, which enables one to view the bottom of the sea with clearness. It is called the hydroscope, and it is virtually a huge steel telescope, one end of which extends deep into the water, bearing a complex system of lenses. The upper end is enlarged so as to form a floating platform, on which two observers may stand while looking downward through the central tube. A private official trial of the hydroscope has recently been used in seeking hidden treasures located wrecks.

Oil Geyser In The Gulf.

Captain Risk of the Mallory liner San Jacinto, who arrived at New York last week, reported the existence of an oil geyser bubbling up through the waters of the gulf of Mexico about 125 miles southwest of the Mississippi delta. For ten minutes his ship ploughed through a sea surface thick with crude petroleum. It is thought that this phenomenon is connected with recent upheavals in Texas oil wells.

Letter Carriers' Leaders Dismissed

Postmaster General Wynne announced Dec. 13 that he had dismissed from the service J. C. Keller, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, and Frank Cunningham, president of the National Association of Rural Free Delivery Carriers. This action, with President Roosevelt's approval, means that the administration seeks to break up every organized effort of government employees to secure legislation for increased pay or other betterments. It had been charged by Congressman Overstreet and other members that Cunningham had tried to prevent their bill increasing the pay of rural carriers. The technical ground of Keller's dismissal was absence without leave, as the business of his association took him away from the Cleveland postoffice, to which he was attached. In an interview Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow said that if he found a carrier contributing money to defeat or elect any candidate for congress or toward the support of lobbyists at Washington, the one so contributing would be discharged. Both Keller and Cunningham are in Washington, where they continue to represent their respective organizations.

Postmaster General Wynne in his annual report recommends that congress fix a rate of 3 cents a pound on packages not exceeding five pounds mailed at the distributing postoffice of a rural free delivery route for delivery to a patron of that route. Mr. Wynne says that there has grown up a demand for the delivery of such packages as groceries, dry goods, drugs, etc., on an ordinary order to the local merchant by postal card, telephone or otherwise, but that the present rate of 1 cent an ounce is practically prohibitive.



Postmaster General Wynne.

BLAME ON WOMEN.

Mgr. Fox, Vicar-General of the Catholic Diocese of Trenton, preached a sermon to a congregation of one hundred young women candidates for the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin on Sunday, and in the course of his remarks warned the girls against fashionable dressing.

"Women are dressing more and more extravagantly each year," said he, "and the cost of dressing deters young men from marrying. The minds of too many of our young women are filled with dress and style. This weakness is one of the many causes that have made marriage unfashionable these days.

"The poor young man's heart drops down to his shoes when he realizes the cost of the things girls wear in order to be stylish. Half the things have no apparent use. You would think that the furs should cover the lungs. Not at all. These garments rest on the shoulders, fly open in front and the rest go flapping in the air.

"Look at that hat," the poor young man says. "How much did it cost." God help the present day young woman and her style. God save the young man from style. We want more common sense and less style. A sad feature of the present day is that we have no more little girls. They are all young women. The little girls have the same ideas about dress—yes, and about the boys—that their older sisters have.

"The world to-day needs more women of the model of the Blessed Virgin. If the world at present is not holy, and if society is immoral, I am sorry to say the blame rests upon the women. Man is not the destroyer of woman. Woman has been the destroyer of man."

RULES FOR COURTING.

"Courtships should not continue longer than seven or eight months. Beyond that they are dangerous."

So declared the Rev. Father Angelo Rauber in his address to the alumnae of St. Xavier's Academy at Latrobe, Pa.

Father Angelo said the girl of to-day has so much freedom that there is constant danger for her. He does not approve of the family deserting the parlor when the young man calls, nor would he permit of dark corners or dim parlors.

"The hours for calling," he says, "should be from 8:30 to 10:30 o'clock in the evening, and with no additional half hours to say good-bye. Young folks should not sit close on the sofa, so engrossed in their happiness that they forget the flight of time."

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