POLITICS and GOVERNMENT

Executive.

Diplomatic Service Changes.

It was made known at Washington on the last day of December that with one exception no man not now in the diplomatic service is to be appointed to

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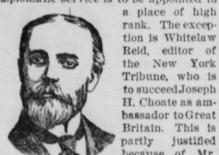
Reid, editor of

the New York

to succeed Joseph

bassador to Great

Britain. This is



partly justified because of Mr.

are to retire to private life. To Care For Manufactures.

J. Hampton Moore of Philadelphia, who was appointed chief of the bureau of Bibles in the streets of Constantiof manufactures in the department of nople and refuses to authorize their commerce and labor, finds himself in sale. As all propagandas are forbidary, desk room or office force. The act pots of the Bible societies. of congress creating the bureau fixed the salary at \$4,000, but no appropriation was made for it last year. Foreign consuls will be directed to furnish this bureau with information concerning foreign markets, prices, etc.

and Mr. Meyer ambassador to Italy.

Cruiser Chattanooga Swift.

The protected cruiser Chattanooga after completing her two days' speed trial was found to have averaged 16.606 knots per hour in a four hours' speed

Legal and Criminal.

Members of Congress Indicted.

United States Senator John H. Mitchell and Representative Binger Hera former deputy sheriff in Oregon, have merce. The aim of this legislation is mann, together with George Sorensen, been indicted by the federal grand jury at Portland. The two congressmen are the placing of these common carriers charged with conspiring to defraud the government out of a portion of its pub-He lands by means of forged and false Statehood Bill Up. affidavits and fictitious persons. To this end it is alleged that Mitchell re- Indiana the bill for admission of terceived the sum of \$2,000 to secure his ritories was taken up instead of the influence with Hermann, who was then pure food bill, the Democrats opposing commissioner of the general land of this action. fice at Washington, and that Hermann expedited twelve claims which he knew to be illegal. Sorensen is charged with offering United States District Attorney Hall a bribe of \$5,000 to affect his action on the land fraud cases against Puter, McKinley and others.

In an interview before starting back to Washington Senator Mitchell defied er of New York has introduced resoluhis accusers, saying that he could not tlons having for their object the rein any way be connected with land frauds except by the perjury of convicted thieves and perjurers. The president has removed from office John H. Hall, the district attorney for Oregon.

Hill Wins Against Harriman.

The United States circuit court of appeals at Philadelphia, Jan. 3, dissolved the injunction granted by the lower ta Fe, had granted rebates to beef court to restrain the directors of the Northern Securities company from distributing the company's assets on a pro rata plan as proposed by President Hill. This decision is not final, however, as E. H. Harriman, president of the Union Pacific, will continue his efforts to control the Northern Pacific by asking the supreme court for a writ division of 33 to 17. of certiorari to review the decision. Mr. Harriman called attention to the fact that the question had passed before four judges, two of whom were for him and two of whom were against him. The question is whether Mr. Harriman shall receive back the Northern Pacific stock which he put into the merger, amounting to a controlling interest.

Dr. Chadwick's Return. Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, husband of Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, who arrived at New York from Europe Dec. 31 and went at once voluntarily with the sheriff to Cleveland, has called on Mrs. Chadwick in her prison cell. She implored her husband to trust her still and continued to talk of the statement 1 which would explain all. Mr. Chadwick was released on bail.

Interstate Prohibition Limited.

The United States supreme court has decided that the supreme court of Iowa | 3 was wrong in sustaining the state authorities in their policy of seizing packages of liquor sent by the American Express company C. O. D. from Rock Island, Ill., to Tama, Ia. This action was based on the Iowa prohibitory liquor law, but the supreme court finds that any such action contravenes the interstate commerce clauses of the federal constitution.

Ex-United States Senator George H. 2

tice of Oregon territory and now may- | dates in 1896. or of Portland at the age of eightythree, is indicted for malfeasance in office in having failed to enforce the city statutes in relation to gambling.

The grand jury of the District of Coumbia has recommended the estabishment of the whipping post as a petty larcen'y offenders.

races either in that state or into anoth-Tribune, who is er state is contrary to the existing law.

Foreign.

Kaiser Jollies President.

In the course of his New Year's day Reid's former greeting to Ambassador Tower Emperconnection with or William remarked, "President Roosethe service. George V. L. Meyer of velt is leading the American people to Massachusetts is to be ambassador to an advanced position of power and in-France in place of General Porter, fluence in the world." He said that Henry White of Rhode Island ambas- Germany's friendly feelings toward us sador to Italy, Charlemagne Tower of enabled her to look upon our increas-Pennsylvania to remain ambassador to ing greatness without concern. He also Germany and Edwin H. Conger of suggested the desirability of having Iowa to be ambassador to Mexico. Mr. American and German universities ex-White has been first secretary at Lon- change professors. The ambassador redon, Mr. Conger minister at Peking plied that he would assist in carrying out this suggestion. Both Ambassadors Porter and Choate

Sultan Forbids Sale of Bibles.

The sultan of Turkey has replied to the notes of the American legation and British embassy regarding the sales a somewhat peculiar position, as there den by the laws of the empire, the is not at present any provision for sal- sales must be confined to shops or de-

Morocco Backs Down.

It was reported at Tangler that the sultan of Morocco had yielded to France upon all points, reversing his order dismissing the foreigners. It is rumored that French troops are preparing to enter South Morocco.

Legislative.

For Control of Railroads.

4 a joint resolution creating a commission to promote and report to congress a national incorporation act for railroads employed in interstate comthe virtual abolition of state lines in under government control.

On motion of Senator Beveridge of

Wants Secretary Morton Removed.

In view of the recent evidence before the interstate commerce commission regarding the granting of rebates by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe rallroad while Secretary Morton was its traffic manager, Representative Bakmoval and prosecution of the secretary. One of the resolutions asks the president whether the retention of Mr. Morton in his cabinet is in harmony with his denunciation of rebates. The fact was recalled that Secretary Morton himself testified before the interstate commerce commission in 1901 that he, as traffic manager of the Sanviolation of the law.

Dr. Crum Confirmed.

opposed nomination of Dr. W. D. Crum,

Lawson Charges In Congress.

committee to investigate the charges by private enterprises. Bills to provide made by Thomas W. Lawson and Al- for a city lighting plant and increased ton B. Parker concerning campaign water supply were introduced in the contributions. He refers particularly legislature.

to Lawson's statement that certain well known capitalists had raised a \$5,000,000 corruption fund to promote the election of the Republican candi-

General.

To Cut Out Canal Commission.

It is understood at Washington that a bill is now being prepared amending means of punishing wife beaters and the Spooner act so as to eliminate the Panama canal commission and leave Justice Pitney of New Jersey holds the administration of the great work that the telegraphing of bets on horse directly in the hands of the secretary of war as the president's adviser. The president has been advised that Engineer Wallace is hampered by the dilatory tactics of the commission. It is expected that Governor-General Davis of the canal zone and Minister Barrett at Panama will be retired. The president is reported as being greatly dissatisfied with the progress or lack of progress made by the commission in the ten months since it was created.

Probing Colorado's Election.

The supreme court of Colorado has rdered an investigation of the recent election in Denver covering every matter pertaining thereto. It will include an inquiry as to the source of campaign funds of both the parties and what was done with them.

Senator Depew's Triumph.

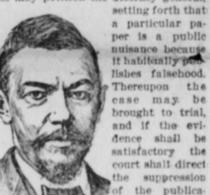
congratulations from his friends and admirers owing to the agreement of the Republican leaders in New York that he shall succeed himself, a decision which the state legislature is expected to confirm. The withdrawal of ex-Senator Black's name from the contest followed the decision of Governor Odell not to appose Depew.

Missouri's Republican Senator.

Thomas K. Niedringhaus of St. Louis, chairman of the Republican state committee, was nominated Jan. 5 by the Republican legislators to succeed Cockrell in the United States senate. Hiselection is assured.

Governor Pennypacker's Latest.

In his annual message Governor Pennypacker of Pennsylvania recommends a law for the suppression of Senator Newlands of Nevada intro- newspapers. It is that any six perduced when congress reassembled Jan. sons may petition the attorney general, setting forth that



tion. The gov-

Gov. Pennypacker. suggests the aseassination of editors by calling attention to a recent case where an offended citizen killed an editor and was acquitted by a jury. He singled out the Philadelphia North American in particular for his attack, thus indicating that the motive of his proposed law was to strike at that publication. The préss of the country almost without exception has ridiculed Governor Pennypacker's proposition.

ernor indirectly

McClellan For City Ownership.

Mayor McClellan of New York efty n his annual message openly declared the present prices paid by the city to the light monopoly are extortionate and announces himself in favor of municipal ownership and operation of an elecpackers and that he knew this was in tric light plant to light the streets, parks and public buildings of New York. The Hearst papers, which have The senate Jan. 6 confirmed the long been charging the mayor with being the tool of the gas trust, call attention colored, as collector of customs at to the fact that the mayor's recom-Charleston, S. C., by the strict party mendation is limited to public lighting and says nothing about a municipal plant to supply private consumers. The mayor defines his position by saying Senator Stone of Missouri has offered that government should not engage in a resolution directing the judiciary any service which can be done better

****************************** Governors Inaugurated In Five States

The "shoemaker" governor of Massachusetts, elected by the Democrats on his labor record and aided by clever use of newspaper advertising, William L. Douglas, in his inaugural address, delivered at Boston, Jan. 5, advocated tariff revision as being especially needed by the shoemaking industry. Other reforms urged were direct legislation, municipal ownership of public service utilities, popular vote on franchise grants and the abolition of indiscriminate imprisonment of beggars and tramps. He spoke for the shorter workday and the prohibition of overtime and referred to the Fall River strike as a blemish on the state.

Frank Wayland Higgins, inaugurated Jan. 2 as the Republican governor of New York, announced his purpose to keep an open official house regardless of party lines. His message recommends the repeal of the tax on savings banks' surplus and suggests economy in view of the large treasury deficit. He recommends the extension and restriction of the suffrage at tax elections to those who are on the assessment roll, regardless of sex. This he regards as an act of justice to women.

Joseph W. Folk was inaugurated as the Democratic governor of Missouri Jan. 9 at Jefferson City with an immense popular demonstration. W. J. Bryan was one of the speakers.

John A. Johnson was inaugurated as the Democratic governor of Minnesota at St. Paul, Jan. 3. Charles S. Deneen was inaugurated as the Republican governor of

Illinois at Springfield, Jan. 6. Williams of Oregon, formerly chief jusABUSE OF THE FEE BUSINESS.

Judge Savidge's Interpretation of the Law on Constables' Claims.

then a judge in this commonwealth gets and wires from the former's lines. a chance to deal a blow at the petty It is assumed that the Western Union. abuses of some constables and justices in the face of the supreme court's deciof the peace in the matter of fees which sion, will remove its property without ought to have a lasting effect. Whether waiting for the railroad to swing the ax, it does or not depends much upon the as it did in 1903. judge. Judge Savidge, of Northumber. A notice calling attention to the court's land, had his opportunity the other day ruling that the Western Union is not enand improved it. In determining a con- titled to damages for the former wholestable's claim for fees the judge decides sale pole and wire cutting has been prethat where the plaintiff and defendant pared by the legal department of the are the same in two or more contempor- railroad, and if it is ignored by the aneous writs but one mileage shall be Gould company the Pennsylvania will charged; that there shall be only direct chop down the poles and seek redress mileage and not circular; that if a sub- for the expense to which it may be put. poena is sent by mail the constable can Experts figure the Western Union will charge only the miles traveled by him save a considerable sum by promptly reand not for the miles the subpoena goes moving its property, and expect the by mail, and that the unnecessary multi. Gould officials to take that view of the plication of criminal cases is a fraud, matter. There remain about 515 miles serving processes in such instances can- way in New Jersey, Delaware and Marynot be recovered." This is all very land. wholesome and hits the abuse right between the eyes. These fees may seem like a small matter in detail, but in some counties the amount of charges piled up by justices and constables is enormous. They conspire together in many instances to multiply cases and pad out fees, which have to be paid by the public. Another evil of the system is that it results in the returns of many particularly petty cases to court which would otherwise be settled before the justice, and in most instances ought to be. They are merely handed along, because at every stage of their progress there are fees in sight, Judge Savidge's sensible interpretation of the law ought to have a good effect Chauncey M. Depew, senator from not alone in Northumberland district, New York, has been the recipient of but all over the state. If there is not a decided reform the whole system of justices and constables will have to be radi-

cally changed. Two men went into a Boston drug store and told the proprietor that they had made a seda water bet and would have their sodas now, and when the bet was decided the loser would drop in and pay for them, if that would be satisfactory, to the druggist. He answered that it would, and after the sodas had been enjoyed, he asked: "By the way, what was the bet?" "My friend, here," said one of the men, "bets that when Bunker Hill monument falls it will fall toward

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