

# WHAT ALL THE WORLD IS DOING

Trend of Civilization in All Lines From Week to Week

## POLITICS and GOVERNMENT

### Executive.

#### New Position For Mr. Bristow.

President Roosevelt has appointed Joseph L. Bristow of Kansas, who resigned as fourth assistant postmaster general, to act as a special commissioner in connection with the isthmian canal commission. His duty will be to determine for the benefit of the administration the policy that should be pursued in the management of the Panama Railroad company. It is understood that some friction existed between Mr. Bristow and the postmaster general in connection with the transference of the inspectors from the fourth assistant's office to that of the postmaster general. Mr. Bristow left his office Jan. 19 without saying goodbye to his chief.

#### English Socialist Detained.

William Bishop, a young boiler-maker from Oxford, England, who arrived at Ellis Island, New York, last week to seek work in this country, with a letter of introduction to the secretary of the Socialist Labor party, was denied admission by the immigration board of inquiry. He was quizzed about his belief in anarchy and violence, but denied that he believed in the use of force for the attainment of political ends. Later this decision was reversed by the authorities at Washington, and Bishop was admitted.

#### Diplomats to Aid Commerce.

The president in a message to the senate indorses the idea of Assistant Secretary Loomis for having the consular and diplomatic officers co-operate with the department of commerce and labor in furnishing to the American public information concerning trade conditions in foreign lands. It is proposed to appoint six special agents with the title of commercial attaché to be sent abroad for the express purpose of collecting data and to investigate the service. The cost of this test is estimated by Mr. Loomis at \$30,000, each agent to receive \$5,000 salary.

#### Hay's Diplomatic Stroke.

Secretary Hay has secured positive assurances from England, France and Italy confirming the earlier agreement to prevent the partition of China when the war between Russia and Japan ends. In his reply to Russia's note charging China with breach of neutrality Secretary Hay has virtually put the czar on the defensive by saying that the charges will be investigated and that no action by Japan or China releases Russia from her obligation to observe Chinese neutrality.

#### Warner Succeeds Ware.

President Roosevelt has appointed Representative Vespasian Warner of Illinois to be pension commissioner, to succeed Eugene F. Ware of Kansas. Mr. Warner is a veteran of the civil war and has nearly completed his fifth term in congress.

### Legal and Criminal.

#### Carnegie Helps Chadwick Losers.

Andrew Carnegie has paid the losses sustained by students of the Oberlin college through the failure of the Citizens' National bank of Oberlin, which had extended credit to Mrs. Chadwick. The federal and state courts fixed the total bail for all indictments against Mrs. Chadwick at \$40,000.

#### Dangerous Dynamiter Caught.

A man giving his name as Gessler Rosseau made a startling confession to police and detectives at Philadelphia Jan. 15, taking entire responsibility for the recent attempt to destroy the statue of Frederick the Great at Washington and also for the sending of the infernal machine to the pier of the Cunard liner Umbria at New York in May, 1903. His confession followed a complete identification by the woman with whom he boarded in New York and others. His arrest was made while he was in the act of demanding \$500 from the relatives of Owen Kelly, an Irishman who had been missing for several weeks, for telling Kelly's whereabouts. In a satchel which Rosseau carried was found an infernal machine. He claimed to be an Irish patriot, but would reveal nothing of his past. The prisoner was taken to New York on a technical complaint for having placed explosives near a building.

#### Theaters Exclude Critic.

A legal decision as to the right of a public theater to exclude from its entertainments a dramatic critic holding regularly purchased tickets of admission is expected to result from the refusal of Klaw & Erlanger to admit Critic Metcalfe of Life to their New York theaters. The refusal is in conformity to the agreement of the Theatrical Managers' association following the failure of the libel suit against Life. In the current issue of Life Mr. Metcalfe says that his fight on Klaw & Erlanger has not been against the Jews as a race, as charged, but "against unworthy members of the theatrical trust."

No Cigarettes in Iowa. The United States supreme court has affirmed the anticigarette law of Iowa in the cases brought by the tobacco trust, which urged that the law interfered with interstate commerce. The law had been applied against shipments of cigarettes in the usual small boxes containing ten each. It was held that these were not, properly speaking, original packages.

Notes. The anti-vice crusade directed against the traffic in Jewish girls has been started by Bankers Schiff, Seligman and other prominent Hebrews in New York. By the narrow margin of four votes Supreme Court Justice Warren B. Hooker of New York has escaped the State Bar association's recommendation for impeachment on charges of corruption. The United States supreme court by a vote of 5 to 4 has granted a new trial to Senator Burton of Kansas, who was convicted on the charge of using his official influence for private ends. In the suit brought against the steel trust by Alfred F. Stevens to compel the payment of dividends on the company's common stock Vice Chancellor Stevenson of New Jersey says that while \$66,000,000 is a large sum in itself it is only 6 per cent of the company's capital stock and there is no evidence to show that the company has such a surplus in actual cash.

### General.

#### President Sides With the South.

In an interview with Judge Thomas G. Jones of Alabama (Democrat) President Roosevelt frankly declared his opposition to any legislation cutting down the representation of the southern states in congress and in the electoral college. This is expected to kill the project. The president also announced that hereafter he would consult Democrats about southern appointments. He told the judge that his attitude on the race question had been misunderstood by the south.

#### Republicans Bolt Niedringhaus.

The Missouri senate committee appointed to investigate the charges against Thomas K. Niedringhaus, the Republican nominee for United States senator, reported that Mr. Niedringhaus had not filed a complete statement of the receipts of the state committee, of which he was chairman in the recent campaign, as required by law. The house committee exonerated Niedringhaus. An unexpected deadlock occurred when the joint balloting for senator began in the legislature Jan. 18 owing to the bolt of six Republicans from Niedringhaus to Kerens.

#### Many Senators Chosen.

Choice of United States senator has been made by many state legislatures. Indiana has chosen Beveridge and Hemenway, Rhode Island returned Aldrich, Minnesota re-elected Clapp, North Dakota re-elected McCumber, Elmer J. Burkett was chosen by the Republican majority in Nebraska, Massachusetts returned Lodge and elected Crane, Montana again elected Thomas H. Carter as a Republican, Nevada Republicans named George S. Nixon to succeed Stuart, New Jersey Republicans named Keen for re-election, and New York re-elected Depew.

### Foreign.

#### Combes Ministry Resigns.

Notwithstanding that the chamber of deputies still stood with a slender majority of ten in favor of the government, Premier Combes and his cabinet decided to anticipate the inevitable trend and presented their joint resignation to President Loubet at the Elysee palace Jan. 18. In his letter M. Combes declared that during the eighteen months of his administration he had been pursued by an ambitious coalition of Clericals and Nationalists. He was constrained to anticipate per-

sonal defeat so as to keep his party in power as long as possible.

#### Kaiser's Hand in Mine Strike.

The German government by direction of Emperor William brought its authority to bear on the mine owners with a view to adjusting the great strike, which threatened to involve 300,000 miners. Commerce Minister Moeller brought the owners to yield on some points of the men's demands and appointed commissioners to inquire into the basis of the strike. The miners have decided to make the strike general.

#### Notes.

The German commander in southwest Africa reports that the rebellious Hereros have surrendered since the arrival of large German reinforcements. The government of the Netherlands has selected the military parade ground near the Bosch, or royal park, as the site for the Palace of Peace, funds for the erection of which are to be provided by Andrew Carnegie.

### Legislative.

#### Senator Mitchell's Denial.

In the senate Jan. 17 John H. Mitchell of Oregon, indicted for conspiracy and land frauds, was recognized on the question of personal privilege and made a formal denial of the charges, the authors of which he denounced as malicious and atrocious lies. He challenged them to produce evidence other than that of criminals to sustain such charges. Prior to his statement many members of the senate greeted Mr. Mitchell cordially and assured him of their confidence. Mr. Mitchell's voice choked with emotion as he spoke, and he nearly broke down.

#### Swayne Impeachment Stands.

The house, Jan. 18, adopted articles of impeachment against Judge Charles Swayne of the federal northern district of Florida by the narrow majority of six votes. The test vote came upon the charge that the judge had overstated his official expenses. The record showed a widespread change of sentiment among the members since the house, Dec. 13, adopted the resolution of impeachment without even a yes and nay vote. The vote was taken after several days of discussion. The change of sentiment was due largely to the reading of a letter written by Judge Parlee of Louisiana asserting that attacks on Swayne grew out of the latter's prosecution of Democratic election frauds.

#### President's Canal Message.

In transmitting to congress the report of the isthmian canal commission and the letter of Secretary Taft, President Roosevelt concurs in Taft's opinion that the law should give the president greater discretion in choosing men to do the work. He would prefer to have the commission reduced to three members, one of whom should serve as administrator of the canal strip and as minister to Panama. The actual work of executing the plans by the commission should be in the hands of one engineer.

#### Smoot Against Polygamy.

When the Smoot hearing was resumed before the senate committee last week James A. Miner, formerly judge of the Utah supreme court, testified that Smoot had a reputation of being against polygamy and declared that there was no more unlawful cohabitation in Utah than there was in the District of Columbia. Many witnesses testified that polygamy was dying out. Two women, Republicans, of Utah expressed high regard for Senator Smoot and abhorrence of polygamy. Senator Smoot testified in his own defense and denied that his oath to the church interfered with his loyalty to the nation.

#### 459 Bills in 108 Minutes.

A new record for private pension legislation was established in the house Jan. 14, when 459 bills were rushed through in 108 minutes.

### The Administration's Legislative Lead

Two measures dealing with the control of railroad rates which were presumed to have the approval of the president have been introduced in the house by Representatives Esch of Wisconsin and Townsend of Michigan. The Esch bill gives the interstate commerce commission the right to fix a rate, and the Townsend bill provides for the court of transportation having authority to determine the reasonableness of that rate. Mr. Townsend's idea is in accord with the suggestion made by Secretary Morton. Under the Esch bill the order for a new rate after hearing of evidence by the interstate commerce commission would become operative in thirty days, and appeal therefrom would have to be made in the court of transportation within sixty days. The attorney general is to defend all proceedings in review, thus relieving all shippers. Refusal to obey the ruling subjects the offender to prosecution in the courts and makes him liable to a fine of \$5,000 a day until obedience is rendered, besides costs of prosecution.

The court of transportation thus proposed is to have original and exclusive jurisdiction of all cases growing out of interstate commerce commission orders. It is to be composed of a chief justice at \$9,000 a year and four associate justices at \$8,500 a year. Pending appeals to the supreme court shippers may be compelled to pay the rate fixed by the carriers.

### MAN ALMOST PERISHED.

When Alex L. Shoemaker went out to the lands of the State Forestry association last week, he found in the house of the reservation a man who was in a very perilous condition. The stranger had eaten everything about the place and had no matches with which to make a fire in the stove. He seemed dazed, probably from hunger and cold, and was unable to tell Mr. Shoemaker anything. The latter fed and kept him in the house until he came home Saturday, bringing the stranger with him in his buggy. "Squire John Liggett and Mr. Shoemaker worked with him all afternoon, but the man was unable to talk intelligibly and seemed utterly unconcerned about anything. He appeared idiotic. He could not give his name, neither had he anything on his person which might identify him. He seemed to have a vague idea of relatives in Blair county. He was given a ticket and left on the night train. How he wandered into the wilderness of the region between the Beech creek and the Susquehanna river is a mystery. He was 16 miles from this place and 6 or 8 from Renovo. The nearest lumber camp is one of Beecher's four miles this side of the state camp. It would seem that he came in from Renovo on what is called the old Renovo road. Had Mr. Shoemaker not gone there just when he did it is altogether likely that the man would have died—lost, alone, starved, frozen to death.—Lock Haven Express.

### Retained the Habit.

A horse, whose advanced years brought about its retirement from service with the Elmira fire department, a short time since furnished a touching and interesting feature at one of the city fires. He is owned by a liveryman named John Dresky and was in his stall when an alarm sounded. Immediately his old life came back to him, as was customary in his fire fighting days, he jerked on his halter until the rope snapped. Wheeling, he left the barn through the open door, and fell in behind the engine he formerly helped to draw as it swept past the livery. Hundreds of people were surprised to see the well blanketed old animal stepping along bravely at the rear of the engine with smoke and sparks flying into his face. He kept up to the engine until a hydrant near the fire was reached and then he was satisfied to be led back to the barn. This incident suggested the story which Will Carleton tells of "Flash was a white-footed sorrel that ran on number four."

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