

# WHAT ALL THE WORLD IS DOING

Trend of Civilization in All Lines From Week to Week

## POLITICS and GOVERNMENT

### Legal and Criminal.

#### Decision Against Beef Trust.

In a unanimous opinion of the United States supreme court delivered by Justice Holmes the decision of Circuit Judge Grosscup of Chicago granting an injunction against Swift & Co. and other packers in the so called beef trust is sustained. The practical effect of sustaining this injunction is to prohibit the continuance of a combination to suppress competition in the purchase of cattle for slaughter; also to prohibit combinations to maintain prices in selling meats, and finally it forbids combinations to obtain discriminating rates from the railroads.



Justice Holmes.

**Harriman Gets His Writ.**  
The application of E. H. Harriman et al. for a writ of certiorari to review the decision of the circuit court of appeals in favor of the Northern Securities company was granted by the United States supreme court Jan. 30. No opinion was expressed as to the merits of the case, which will be argued Feb. 20.

**Chicago's Bluebeard Arrested.**  
The man known as Johann Hoch, whom the Chicago police had reason to believe to be responsible for a long series of wife murders, was arrested at New York Jan. 29 while boarding with a widow to whom he had proposed. She identified him through pictures published in the daily papers. On the same day at Chicago poison was found in the stomach of the woman who had been one of his wives. From various cities and towns have come stories of the man's murderous career, showing that he operated under different names and disguises. When arrested he was passing as Henry Bartels. He denied that he was the man the police were looking for.

**Notes.**  
The New York state assembly has decided to investigate the conduct of Supreme Court Justice Hooker, charged with the corrupt use of his official influence.  
The New York court of appeals has rendered a decision in the long contested case of Paul Bosso, a Rochester bootblack, maintaining that he acted within his rights when in 1901 he refused to shine the shoes of George Burks because the latter was a negro.  
Alonzo J. Whiteman, the notorious forger who four months ago escaped from the Buffalo police by jumping from a moving train while being brought from St. Louis, was recaptured at the home of his mother at Danville, N. Y., Jan. 28, where he had been in hiding.

**Mrs. Mary Rogers**, the condemned Vermont murderess, has been reprieved until June 2 by order of Governor Bell after hearing the appeals of counsel and friends of the woman and also of the sheriff and officials responsible for the execution.  
Judge Grosscup has granted a temporary order restraining the officials of Chicago from enforcing the ordinance of fixing the cost of gas at 75 cents a thousand feet.

### Executive.

#### Santo Domingo's Treaty Next.

In a note to the foreign relations committee of the senate the state department gave notice that the contract or protocol or arrangement under which this government was to take charge of the Dominican customs and establish a virtual protectorate over Santo Domingo was only preliminary to a regular treaty, which in due time would be submitted to the senate for its consideration and approval.

#### Treasury Balance Lower.

The treasury department reports a deficit of \$6,218,014 for January, the receipts having been \$43,410,285 and the expenditures \$49,628,299. This leaves the available cash balance at \$140,625,726, of which \$94,000,000 is deposited in banks and \$46,625,726 is available to meet current demands. The deficit is due to constantly increasing expenditures and not to falling off in revenue.

#### Commissioner Wright Retires.

Carroll D. Wright, for twenty years United States commissioner of labor, retired from office Jan. 31, and Dr. Charles P. Neill took charge of the bureau of labor. Mr. Wright goes to Worcester, Mass., to assume the presidency of Clarke university.

### Foreign.

#### Martial Law For Filipinos.

Owing to the increase of lawlessness and the depredations of organized bands of ladrones, martial law has been proclaimed in the provinces of Cavite and

Batangas, Luzon, P. I. Federal troops and native scouts have taken control of all the towns. The forces of the band of ladrones is estimated at 500, and they are said to have intimidated many peacefully inclined natives.

**The Rouvier Programme.**  
The new French premier, M. Rouvier, has submitted his declaration of policy to the parliament. Its main features are an income tax, the separation of church and state, workingmen's pensions and a reduction of the term of military service. It condemns the system of secret reports on army officers. He said he would prefer to have the income tax take precedence over the church question. The entire programme was approved by a vote of 410 to 107.

**Notes.**  
The correspondence regarding the recent Tibetan expedition shows that Colonel Younghusband, the commissioner, acted in defiance of instructions in making a treaty with the Tibetans.  
Premier Tisza of Hungary tendered his resignation Feb. 1. The recent elections give the Kossuthists a plurality in the parliament.  
In a note to the powers Japan denies all the allegations made against her by Russia and justifies the capture of the Russian torpedo boat at Chefu.

### Legislative.

**Messages From the President.**  
Congress received Jan. 30 two more messages from President Roosevelt. One called attention to the fact that no statistics on marriage and divorce laws have been collected in recent years and urged this lack to be supplied. The other message referred to the laxity of corporation laws for the District of Columbia.

**\$200,000 For Free Seeds.**  
An effort to increase the appropriation for congressional free seed distribution from \$200,000 to \$300,000 or more has failed, and the appropriation will stand at \$200,000. During the discussion Mr. Tawney (Rep., Minn.) wanted to know why congress should not provide him with free Durham bulls that he might send them to his constituents under a government frank.

**House to Probe Steel Trust.**  
The house has adopted the resolution introduced by Mr. Little calling on the secretary of commerce and labor to investigate the iron and steel business of the country, especially that of the United States Steel corporation.

**Millions For the Navy.**  
The naval appropriation bill as reported to the house carried a total of \$109,070,079. Provision was made for only two battleships instead of three, as desired by the navy department. Provision is made for an increase of 3,000 in the number of seamen and 1,200 in the marine corps.

### General.

**Financiers Oppose Rate Fixing.**  
The New York chamber of commerce at its regular meeting last week adopted a resolution in opposition to the bills in congress granting the rate making powers to the interstate commerce commission. Sympathy with the president in his wish to right wrongs is expressed, but the proposition to determine the earning capacity of certain properties without responsibility to protect their values or income is regarded as "a fundamental departure from governmental administration fraught with grave dangers."

**Legislature Versus Oil Trust.**  
Bills appropriating \$200,000 to build a state oil refinery in opposition to the Standard Oil company were introduced in the Kansas legislature last week. Public sentiment throughout the state is believed to be behind this movement, which is engineered by a lobby in the

interest of the independent Kansas oil producers. It is argued that a refinery with 1,000 barrels' daily capacity would give the state \$8,000 profit a year at present prices.

**Roosevelt's Warning Words.**  
In his address before the Union League club at Philadelphia Jan. 30 President Roosevelt asserted that the great development of industrialism in this country "means that there must be an increase in the supervision of government enterprises." If the business leaders of the community tried to thwart the effort at regulation, the president said, there would be danger lest it take the form of violent and ill advised interference with business. He went further and said that if the courts should decide that the intention of the founders of the government to place interstate commerce under national control was not carried out in the constitution as it stands then in the end the constitution would have to be amended.

**Notes.**  
In consequence of a statement by Representative Comerford of the Illinois legislature to the students of Illinois college that the state's legislative body was a public auction where privileges are sold to the highest bidder the house resolved to make an investigation.  
The Colorado legislative committee has begun taking the evidence of Governor Adams. The counsel for Peabody will ask the committee to throw out the entire vote of 103 Denver precincts. This would leave Peabody with 737 votes more than Adams. The opening of ballot boxes by experts has disclosed over 9,000 spurious ballots.

Governor Terrell of Georgia has decided not to grant permission to the colored companies to leave the state for the purpose of attending the inauguration of President Roosevelt. One company, the Lincoln guards of Macon, threatens to do despite this refusal.

Samuel H. Piles of Seattle (Rep.) has been elected United States senator by the legislature of Washington.

### SCIENTIFIC

**The Arrow's Latest Success.**  
The California Arrow, Captain Baldwin's airship, was navigated by Roy Knabenshue Jan. 29 at Los Angeles during a continuous flight of forty-five minutes, all the time circling within the radius of about a mile and executing all sorts of maneuvers. Finally it returned within the inclosure from which it had started. A more powerful motor had been given to the ship. At no time did it rise more than 1,500 feet, so that the work of the operator was plainly visible to the throng of spectators. Mr. Knabenshue said he had demonstrated that one man could manage the Arrow as easily as he could drive an automobile.

**Big Sun Spot Discovered.**  
Professor A. K. Cole of the Chicago Lake High school announced Feb. 1 that he had discovered the existence of one of the largest and best defined sun spots on record. It is egg shaped and is estimated to be 80,000 miles long, being situated just east of the central portion of the sun. Two days later Professor Pickering of Harvard discovered two more sun spots on either side of the large one. He thinks that all may be recurrent every eleven years.

**Testing Upper Air Currents.**  
H. H. Clayton of the Blue Hill observatory at Milton, Mass., has been sending up experimental balloons with automatically registering instruments attached to determine the direction of upper air currents. Fourteen balloons have been released at St. Louis, and all went east at the rate of from 50 to 300 miles an hour before coming to the ground. This appears to confirm Mr. Clayton's theory that the upper air currents travel one way—namely, from west to east.

### Czar Promises More; Loses Great Battle

Defeat once more has jolted the war party in Russia, and simultaneously with the checking of internal revolt by ruthless slaughter the czar has turned again, like a weather vane, toward reform and soft words. Several liberal minded ministers had told the czar the truth about the events of Jan. 22 and the revolutionary undercurrent. M. de Witte was then summoned to the helm and empowered to extend the reforms toward some kind of representative assembly. At St. Petersburg Governor General Trepoif's harsh hand was stayed, the press censorship relaxed and political prisoners were set free. Selected delegations of workmen were taken by Trepoif to see the czar and receive his personal assurance of improved conditions.  
Still, frightful disorders continued to accompany strikes throughout Poland and other provinces. Warsaw was for several days in a state of anarchy, mobs of strikers looting the shops and troops shooting and stabbing the populace.  
In what will be known as the battle of the Hun River, beginning Jan. 26 and extending over a period of five days, the Russian army under Kuropatkin made a desperate but unsuccessful effort to turn the Japanese left at the village of Sanetu, which had been strongly fortified by the Japs. After extensive bombardments and repeated assaults the Russians were driven back across the Hun river with a reported loss of 10,000. General Mischtschenko being among the wounded. The Japs had a loss of 5,000 in this battle. The intense cold hampered both armies and made more terrible the sufferings of the wounded.



General Trepoif.

### DAMAGES CLAIMED.

**Two Suits Entered Against the Pennsylvania Railroad.**  
Two suits for damages, aggregating almost \$2,000,000, were brought Friday against the Pennsylvania railroad company in the United States circuit court by the Pennsylvania Coal and Iron company and Webster Coal and Coke company, located in Blair, Cambria and Indiana counties. The former seeks to recover \$240,174 24 and the latter \$1,483,138.  
The suits are based on alleged discrimination and favoritism to competing companies by the defendant and the refusal or neglect to furnish sufficient cars to transport the output of the coal and coke of the plaintiffs, and the failure to allow the plaintiffs certain rebates that were made to others.  
A rebate of 15 cents on coke hauled from collieries was allowed other concerns, it is alleged, and was not allowed to them.  
Clearfield and Curwensville will have an electric road in the near future in which Clearfield capital is largely interested. The company also contemplates extending their road from Clearfield to Philipsburg, thus connecting these three towns.  
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