

# POLITICS and GOVERNMENT

Legal and Criminal.

Decision Against Beef Trust. In a unanimous opinion of the Unit-



Justice Holmes.

of sustaining Notes. this injunction is to prohibit the continuance of a combina-

inating rates from the railroads.

Harriman Gets His Writ. et al. for a writ of certiorari to review Russian torpedo boat at Chefu. 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 Messages From the President. of the case, which will be argued Feb.

Chicago's Bluebeard Arrested.

The man known as Johann Hoch, whom the Chicago police had reason series of wife murders, was arrested at New York Jan. 29 while boarding Columbia. 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 that he was the man the police were under a government frank. looking for.

with the corrupt use of his official influ-

The New York court of appeals has Millions For the Navy. 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 re-Burks because the latter was a negro.

forger who four months ago escaped the mariae corps. 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 Dansville, N. Y., Jan. 28, where he had been | Financiers Oppose Rate Fixing. in hiding.

Vermont murderess, has been reprieved a resolution in opposition to the the central portion of the sun. Two ed until June 2 by order of Governor bills in congress granting the rate mak- days later Professor Pickering of Har-Bell after hearing the appeals of coun- ing powers to the interstate commerce vard discovered two more sun spots on sel and friends of the woman and also commission. Sympathy with the pres- either side of the large one. He thinks of the sheriff and officials responsible ident in his wish to right wrongs is ex- that all may be recurrent every eleven for the execution.

Judge Grosscup has granted a temporary order restraining the officials of properties without responsibility to pro-Chicago from enforcing the ordinance tect their values or income is regarded 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 \$46,000,000 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 3 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 2 of ladrones, martial law has been pro-

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.

Justice Holmes The Rouvier Programme.

practical effect was approved by a vote of 410 to 107.

The correspondence regarding the reent Tibetan expedition shows that Colonel Younghusband, the commistion to suppress competition in the sloner, acted in defiance of instructions in making a treaty with the Tibetans. purchase of cattle for slaughter; also

Premier Tisza of Hungary tendered to prohibit combinations to maintain his resignation Feb. 1. The recent elecprices in selling meats, and finally it forbids combinations to obtain discrimin the parliament.

all the allegations made against her by gation. The application of E. H. Harriman Russia and justifies the capture of the

### Legislative.

messages from President Roosevelt. One called attention to the fact that

\$200,000 For Free Seeds.

An effort to increase the appropriation for congressional free seed distribuin the stomach of the woman who had tion from \$200,000 to \$300,000 or more been one of his wives. From various has failed, and the appropriation will cities and towns have come stories of stand at \$200,000. During the discusthe man's murderous career, showing slon Mr. Tawney (Rep., Minn.) wanted that he operated under different names to know why congress should not proand disguises. When arrested he was vide him with free Durham bulls that passing as Henry Bartels. He denied he might send them to his constituents

House to Probe Steel Trust.

to investigate the iron and steel busithe United States Steel corporation.

fused to shine the shoes of George desired by the navy department. Pro-Burks because the latter was a negro. Vision is made for an increase of 3,000 drive an automobile. Alonzo J. Whiteman, the notorious in the number of seamen and 1,200 in

# General.

Mrs. Mary Rogers, the condemned at its regular meeting last week adopt- miles long, being situated just east of pressed, but the proposition to deter years. mine the earning capacity of certain as "a fundamental departure from governmental administration fraught with grave dangers."

Legislature Versus Oil Trust.

a state oil refinery in opposition to the went east at the rate of from 50 to 300 Standard Oil company were introduced miles an hour before coming to the in the Kansas legislature last week. ground. This appears to confirm Mr. Public sentiment throughout the state Clayton's theory that the upper air curis believed to be behind this movement, rents travel one way-namely, from which is engineered by a lobby in the west to east.

interest of the independent Kansas oil producers. It is argued that a refinery with 1,000 barrels' daily capacity would 138. 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 great development of industrialism in this country "means that there must be the decision of The new French premier, M. Rouvier, an increase in the supervision of gov-Circuit Judge has submitted his declaration of policy ernment enterprises." If the business Grosscup of to the parliament. Its main features leaders of the community tried to Chicago grant- are an income tax, the separation of thwart the effort at regulation, the ing an injunc church and state, workingmen's pen- president said, there would be danger tion against sions and a reduction of the term of lest it take the form of violent and ill Swift & Co. and military service. It condemns the sys- advised interference with business. He other packers in tem of secret reports on army officers, went further and said that if the courts the so called He said he would prefer to have the should decide that the intention of the beef trust is income tax take precedence over the founders of the government to place sustained. The church question. The entire programme 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

In consequence of a statement by Representative Comerford of the Illinois legislature to the students of Illinois college that the state's legislative tions give the Kossuthists a plurality body was a public auction where privleges are sold to the highest bidders In a note to the powers Japan denies the house resolved to make an investi-

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 109 Denver precincts. This would leave Peabody with 737 votes more than Adams. The opening Congress received Jan. 30 two more of ballot boxes by experts has disclosed over 9,000 spurious ballots.

Governor Terrell of Georgia has deno statistics on marriage and divorce cided not to grant permission to the laws have been collected in recent years colored companies to leave the state for and urged this lack to be supplied. The the purpose of attending the inaugurato believe to be responsible for a long other message referred to the laxity of tion of President Roosevelt. One comcorporation laws for the District of pany, the Lincoln guards of Macon, threatens to go 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 The house has adopted the resolu-during a continuous flight of forty-five tion introduced by Mr. Little calling on minutes, all the time circling within cided to investigate the conduct of Su- the secretary of commerce and labor the radius of about a mile and executng all sorts of maneuvers. Finally it ness of the country, especially that of 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, The naval appropriation bill as re- so that the work of the operator was ported to the house carried a total of plainly visible to the throng of specta-\$100,070,079. Provision was made for tors. Mr. Knabenshue said he had only two battleships instead of three, as demonstrated that one man could man-

Big Sun Spot Discovered.

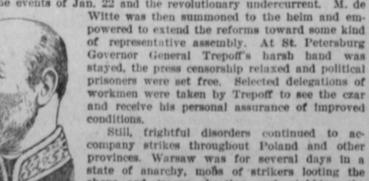
Professor A. K. Cole of the Chicago Lake High school announced Feb. 1 that he had discovered the existence of one of the largest and best defined sun spots on record. It is egg The New York chamber of commerce shaped and is estimated to be 80,000

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 Bills appropriating \$200,000 to build have been released at St. Louis, and all

## Czar Promises More; Loses Great Battle

Defeat once more has joited 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 em-



General Trepoff.

of representative assembly. At St. Petersburg Governor General Trepoff's harsh hand was stayed, the press censorship relaxed and political prisoners were set free. Selected delegations of workmen were taken by Trepoff to see the czar and receive his personal assurance of improved conditions. Still, frightful disorders continued to ac-

company 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 Sandetu, 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. 

### 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,-

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 President Roosevelt asserted that the 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 colleries was allowed other concerns, it is alleged, and was not allowed

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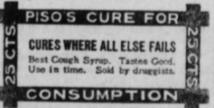


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