



POLITICS and GOVERNMENT

General.

Kansas Criticizes Garfield.

The legislature of Kansas has passed resolutions virtually charging that the report of Commissioner of Corporations Garfield on the beef packing industry is a fake. In view of the fact that Mr. Garfield is expected to investigate the oil industry in Kansas the legislature wants President Roosevelt to "appoint a competent person" for trust investigations.

General Solicitor Elliott of the Standard Oil company in a statement to Commissioner Garfield denies the charges of unfair dealings in Kansas and invites full investigation.

Drinkers Barred From Office.

The policy of railroads and other large industries in refusing to employ drinking men has now been adopted by Governor Hanly of Indiana in appointing men to public office. He says that as long as he is governor he will appoint only persons who do not drink intoxicants. Even those who drink, but do not get drunk, will be barred from public service.

Since Governor Hanly signed the anti-cigarette law last week it has been a crime in Indiana for any one to even carry a cigarette on his person. Neither the cigarette nor cigarette paper can be manufactured or sold. For the first violation of the law a fine of \$50 may be imposed and for the second \$500 and six months' imprisonment.

Colorado Bribery Scandal.

A committee of the Colorado senate was appointed to investigate charges of bribery in relation to the governorship contest. Senator Morgan said that two men had offered to pay him \$1,500 to get him to vote for Adams and that \$750 had been paid over. One of the alleged bribers was a high official of the Colorado and Southern railroad.

City Ownership in New York.

The New York city board of aldermen has voted \$900,000 to purchase a site for a municipal electric lighting plant, as recommended by Mayor McCellan. There was no dissenting vote.

Executive.

Cabinet Officers Sworn In.

All the members of the president's cabinet, after being confirmed by the senate, received new commissions and took the oath of office. Postmaster General Cortelyou announced that he would soon resign the chairmanship of the Republican national committee, which position will be filled by Vice Chairman New of Indiana.

Other Executive Nominations.

Charles H. Treat, to be treasurer of the United States, succeeding Ellis H. Roberts.

Charles W. Anderson, colored, of New York, to succeed Mr. Treat as collector of internal revenue.

Frank H. Hitchcock of Massachusetts, to be first assistant postmaster general.

Congressman Charles W. Dayton, to be judge for the northern district of West Virginia in place of John Jackson, resigned.

Ex-Senator Cockrell of Missouri, to be an interstate commerce commissioner.

E. W. Sims of Illinois, to be solicitor of the department of commerce and labor.

Ex-Senator J. V. Quarles of Wisconsin, to be United States district judge for the eastern district of Wisconsin.

To Revise Canal Commission.

It is understood at Washington that the president will soon reorganize the canal commission by retiring Rear Admiral Walker and three others and placing Engineer Wallace at its head. The actual work of construction will be in the hands of three men.

Legal and Criminal.

More Beef Trust Subpoenas.

Twenty additional subpoenas for witnesses in the special grand jury investigation of the beef trust were sent out at Chicago March 8 for clerks, managers, stock buyers and former employees of the packing houses. This makes a total of 225 subpoenas.

Santa Fe Repaid Rebates.

At the examination of W. J. Healy, freight auditor of the Santa Fe, before the attorney general at Topeka, Kan., March 8 to ascertain whether this company is violating the antitrust law the fact came out that during the year ended June 30, 1902, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad company had paid back to shippers \$1,193,352.86. It is thought that these overcharges are to reality rebates and that examination

of the vouchers will show that a big part of the payments have been made to the Standard Oil company and other monopolies.

Kentucky's Oil Attack.

The grand jury at Cynthiana, Ky., has brought 200 indictments against the Standard Oil company. The company is charged with retarding oil from wagons without a license. The fine in each case varies from \$50 to \$1,000, and the lowest penalty will reach \$10,000. The indictments are a result of a recent decision in the Kentucky court of appeals holding the trust liable for license in an Oldham county case.

Bryan Gives Up Bequest.

The supreme court of Connecticut March 9 handed down a decision in the Philo S. Bennett will case against W. J. Bryan, who had been contesting the will on the ground of being a beneficiary to the extent of \$50,000, as provided in a "sealed letter" left by Mr. Bennett. This decision upholds the superior court, which contended that the clause in the will bequeathing \$50,000 to W. J. Bryan is void. It was said that Mr. Bryan would not proceed further.

Decision Against Harriman.

The United States supreme court announced its decision March 6 against granting an injunction to prevent the proposed pro rata distribution of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern stocks held by the Northern Securities company. This denies the right of E. H. Harriman and others to have returned to them the identical Northern Pacific stock which they had sold to the holding company. This decision closed the case, and preparations have been made to distribute the stock held by the Northern Securities on Mr. Hill's plan.

Mrs. Stanford's Bequests.

The will of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford, whose death occurred at Honolulu under circumstances that indicated murder, has been filed at San Francisco. It leaves \$2,000,000 in trust for various relatives, \$1,000,000 to her brother, Charles G. Lathrop, and \$85,000 to San Francisco charities. Her art collection and plate go to the Stanford museum. The sum of \$15,000 is left to Miss Berner, the secretary who was with Mrs. Stanford at the time of her death and who has been under police surveillance. Smaller sums are left to other household servants.

The high sheriff at Honolulu announced Tuesday that the chemists had found traces of strychnine poisoning in the stomach of Mrs. Stanford as well as in the bicarbonate of soda of which she partook shortly before her death.

Gaynor and Greene In Jail.

The fugitive United States army officers, Colonel Gaynor and Captain Greene, charged with Savannah harbor frauds, who long have kept out of American jurisdiction by remaining in Canada, were arrested in Quebec March 5 and at once brought to Montreal and locked up pending their appearance before the extradition commissioners. This was due to the recent decision of the British privy council reversing former decisions in the Canadian courts. A big legal fight against extradition was begun. The men are still known to have much money at their disposal.

Legislative.

Committee Amends Treaty.

The senate committee on foreign relations, to which the Santo Domingo protocol had been referred, agreed without division that the treaty should be amended by striking from the preamble the declaration that the United States would "view any attempt on the part of governments outside of this hemisphere to oppress or control the destiny of the Dominican republic as a manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States." Another change agreed upon was to disclaim responsibility for any future debt of Santo Domingo.

Bills That Failed.

The more important measures which were left stranded on the legislative beach when the Fifty-eighth congress

died were the statehood, canal zone railway rate and pure food bills. The senate insisted upon retaining the present canal commission, and the house would not recede from its position. In the absence of any new legislation on the subject of the canal it is believed that the president has the authority to proceed with the work on the old plans but cannot without new authority build on the sea level plan.

Appropriations For 1906.

The grand total of expenditures for the next fiscal year authorized by the recent session of congress, according to the statement issued March 8 by the clerks of the house and senate appropriations committees, is \$818,478,914. This is a net increase of \$37,806,539 over the appropriations for the current year. About half of the increase is chargeable to the river and harbor bill, with its \$18,251,875. The other appropriation bills run as follows: Agricultural, \$6,850,000; army, \$60,102,772; diplomatic, \$2,123,048; District of Columbia, \$9,798,297; fortifications, \$6,747,893; Indian, \$7,857,720; legislative, \$20,133,842; military academy, \$673,713; navy, \$100,396,680; pensions, \$138,250,100; postoffice, \$181,022,094; sundry civil, \$67,063,750; deficiencies, \$31,180,810; miscellaneous, \$3,250,000; permanent appropriations, \$146,826,370.

Representative Livingston the ranking Democratic member of the house appropriations committee, gave out a comparative statement comparing the last administration with that of President Cleveland. He finds that the cost of government under Cleveland amounted to \$2,016,345,753, while for the four years to end June 30, 1906, the total is \$3,153,334,292. He charges the increase largely to militarism, for he finds that \$498,674,050 more has been spent for military purposes under Roosevelt than under Cleveland.

Senate Confirms Cabinet.

With Vice President Fairbanks in the chair, the United States senate took up the business of its special session March 6, the galleries thronged with inauguration visitors. Promptly a message from the president was received containing a long list of executive nominations, beginning with the members of the cabinet, Mr. Cortelyou taking the place of Mr. Wynne as postmaster general. Mr. Wynne was named consul general at London. The list of ambassadors and ministers, which had been pretty well forecast, included Whitelaw Reid to Great Britain, Robert S. McCormick to France, George V. L. Meyer to Russia, E. H. Conger to Mexico, Henry White to Italy, W. W. Rockhill to China, D. J. Hill to the Netherlands, H. L. Wilson to Belgium, W. M. Collier to Spain, B. J. Clay to Switzerland, T. J. O'Brien to Denmark, C. H. Graves to Sweden and Norway, E. C. O'Brien to Paraguay and Uruguay, J. B. Jackson to Greece, J. W. Riddle to Roumania and Serbia and S. R. Gummere to Morocco.



Postmaster General Cortelyou.

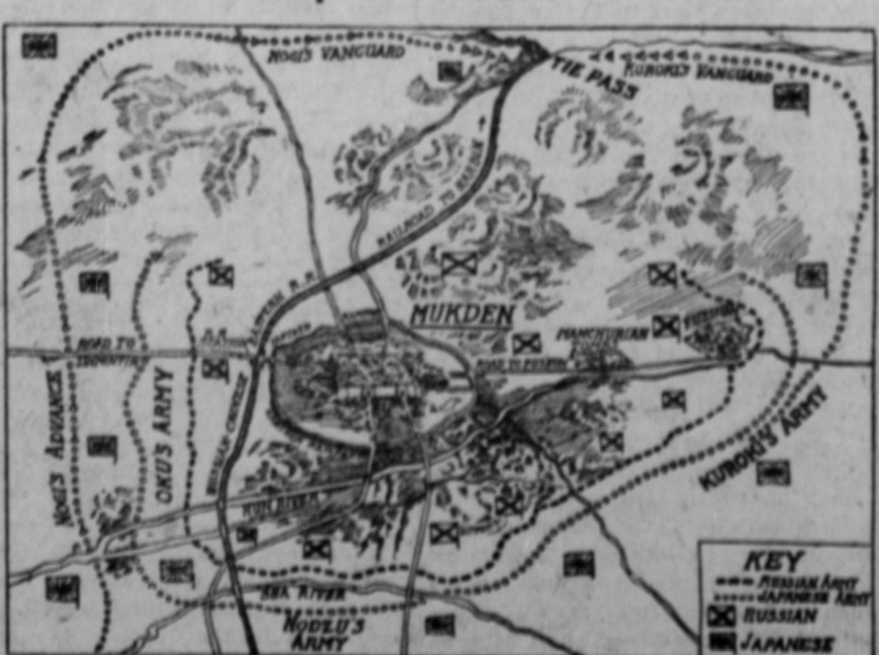
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SOCIOLOGICAL

Woman's Paper on Wife Beating.

In a leading editorial the Boston Woman's Journal, founded by Lucy Stone, takes issue with President Roosevelt's suggestion that wife beaters be flogged. The plan is opposed first in the interest of the injured wife, as the man thus disgraced and brutalized "goes back to his wife enraged and embittered to inflict worse cruelties than before." The stigma thus imposed upon the children is also to be considered, says this organ of woman suffrage. For the worst cases separation or divorce should be provided for the injured woman without cost, while the husband should be imprisoned and compelled to labor for his family's support. The journal thinks that brutality as a remedy for brutality reacts upon the innocent party and propagates similar crime by suggestion.

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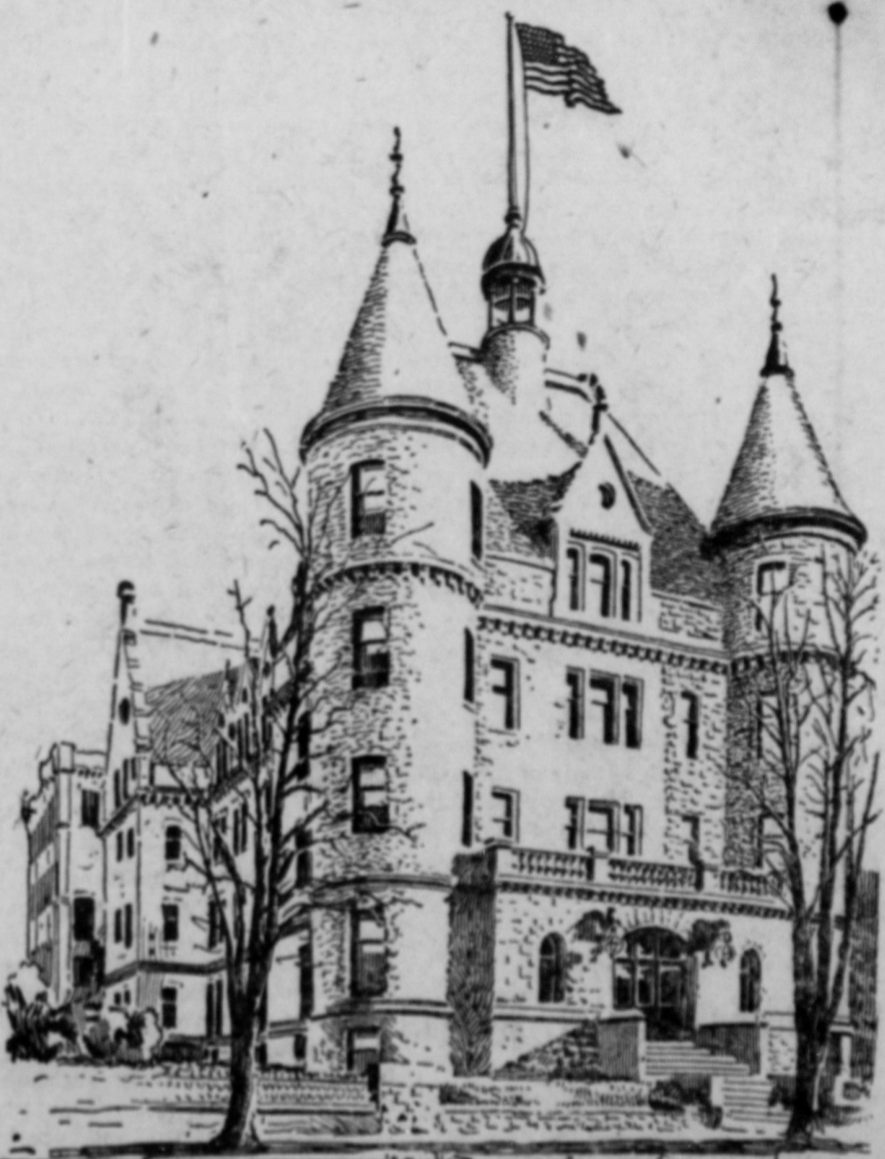
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