

WHAT ALL THE WORLD IS DOING

Trend of Civilization in All Lines From Week to Week

POLITICS and GOVERNMENT

Executive.

Degraw Succeeds Bristow.
On recommendation of Postmaster General Cortelyou, the president on March 15 named Peter V. Degraw as fourth assistant postmaster general, the place recently vacated by Mr. Bristow. Mr. Degraw has been a newspaper man of prominence at Washington for many years, having been at one time the southern manager of the United Press. Later he was the press representative at Washington of the St. Louis fair. He began his career as a telegraph operator.

Civil Service Rules Extended.
Several amendments to the civil service rules recently made by the president tend to widen the scope of the competitive examinations. Hereafter the inspectors of surveys general of the District of Columbia land office and special agents of the general land office are to be appointed by examination.

Eight Year Rule Causes Rush.
The announced policy of the president to supersede officials who have been eight years continuously in appointive positions has caused a great rush of applicants for government jobs. The president has been compelled to give notice that he will receive no more applications for the foreign service until further notice.

Legislative.

Santo Domingo Treaty Dead.
It was understood at Washington last week that the leaders of the Republican majority in the senate had convinced the president that the solid Democratic opposition to the Santo Domingo treaty, even with its committee amendments, made it expedient to lay the whole matter aside until the next session of congress.

The senate adjourned sine die, March 18, without having done anything except confirm the president's nominations.

Work of the Fifty-eighth Congress.
During the session of congress which closed March 4 1842 measures were passed by both houses and were signed by the president. Of these 1,563 were private bills, 238 public bills, 34 public resolutions and 1 private resolution. The number of enactments by the first session of this congress was 2,119.

Legal and Criminal.

Illinois Strikes Oil Trust.
An injunction has been issued by Master In Chancery J. B. Brown of Monmouth, Ill., restraining the Standard Oil company and the Prairie Oil and Gas company from further prosecuting the work of laying a pipe line through Warren county. This action is the result of information that the trust is infringing on the rights of the people of that county.

Antipeonage Law Upheld.
The constitutionality of the laws prohibiting peonage was affirmed by the supreme court at Washington, March 13, at the same time that the man charged with the crime, Samuel N. Clyatt of Tifton, Ga., was upheld. This was a test case upon which depend half a hundred prosecutions in the Gulf states, where negroes have been compelled to work off debts. Justice Brewer in delivering the opinion said it was not open to doubt that congress might enforce the thirteenth amendment by direct punishment for causing involuntary servitude "except as a punishment for crime." The case against Clyatt goes back for retrial on a technicality.

Boston Brewery Trust Indicted.
The grand jury at Boston has indicted the Massachusetts Breweries company, which virtually controls the beer and ale traffic of New England, for having sold adulterated beer to the Boston trade. Two bottles of ale purchased as samples were found to contain sulphuric acid.

Trial For Senator Green.
Former State Senator George E. Green of New York must stand trial at Washington on the three indictments charging him with having bribed George W. Beavers in the sale of Doremus canceling machines to the government and with having conspired with Beavers to defraud the government. Green is out under \$20,000 bail, and the case will be appealed.

Stanford Inquest Verdict.
The verdict of the coroner's jury at Honolulu is to the effect that the death of Mrs. Stanford was due to strychnine poisoning.

President Jordon and one trustee of

Stanford university arrived in Hawaii to accompany the remains back to San Francisco. They gave out a signed statement to the public saying that they were fully convinced that the death of Mrs. Stanford was not due to strychnine poisoning nor intentional wrongdoing of any one. They think it probable that death was due to a combination of conditions, including too much food and unaccustomed exertion.

Four Years For Cordova.
The Rev. J. F. Cordova, who was convicted of deserting and assaulting his wife and who twice eloped with Julia Bowne, a singer in his church choir, was sentenced, at New Brunswick, N. J., March 18, to four years' imprisonment at hard labor, the limit of the law.

Stay For Mrs. Edwards.
The Pennsylvania supreme court having decided to send the case of Samuel Greason, the colored man under sentence of death for the murder of John Edwards, back to the trial court, a further stay of execution was granted by the board of pardons to Mrs. Edwards, who is also condemned to die for the same crime.

Wisconsin Bars Cigarettes.
A bill making it unlawful to sell, give or import cigarettes in the state of Wisconsin has passed both branches of the Wisconsin legislature.

General.

Warner Missouri's Senator.
After having been in a deadlock since Jan. 18 over the election of a United States senator to succeed Francis M. Cockrell the legislature, before final adjournment, March 18, elected Major William Warner, Republican, of Kansas City to fill the contested vacancy.

Editor Patterson's Flop.
One of the most impressive incidents of Chicago's majority campaign is the resignation of Joseph Medill Patterson, the young editor of the Tribune, because the Tribune's policy in supporting Harlan did not suit him. Mr. Patterson has come out for the Democratic candidate, Judge Dunn, because he is in favor of municipal ownership of street railways. Mr. Patterson's course is held to be indicative of a trend among the younger Republicans.

Bryan's Reorganization Plan.
In last week's Commoner W. J. Bryan made public his plan for determining the control of the next Democratic national convention. It is to have each Democrat pledge himself to attend all the primaries of his party and to use his influence to secure a clear and honest declaration of the party's position on every question on which the voters of the party desire to speak. "This plan," says Mr. Bryan, "does not involve the writing of a platform in advance of the primaries. It does not rest upon the paramount importance of any one issue. It recognizes the right of the Democratic voters to control the policy of the Democratic party and to determine its position upon public questions. It also recognizes the importance of honesty and sincerity in politics." Work will be begun at once to organize all Democrats who are willing to take this pledge into a national and compact body which will be prepared to support every effort to eliminate corruption in politics. A blank form of the pledge is printed and newspapers are asked to reproduce it. The roll of membership will be in the custody of Mr. Bryan.

Folk's Racing Law Passed.
The bill providing a fine of \$100 to \$1,000 and imprisonment for one year or both for gambling on races was passed by the Missouri legislature March 16 and later signed by Governor Polk. This is the measure for which the reform governor has been striving.

Cortelyou Remains Chairman.
After much gossip about the probable successor of George B. Cortelyou

as chairman of the Republican national committee it was decided by the president and his advisers that Mr. Cortelyou should continue for the present in charge of the party machinery, notwithstanding that he is now a member of the cabinet as postmaster general. This is regarded as the safer and fairer way to candidates for the next Republican nomination.

Foreign.

England to Buy Up Telephones.
The British postmaster general has made an agreement with the National Telephone company to take its business and buy its plant after Dec. 31, 1911, the price to be determined by arbitration. The government retains the right to reject any plant not suitable for the public business.

Canada's School Issue.
The Laurier ministry has been brought to an acute crisis in connection with the bill to organize two new provinces in the Canadian northwest. The bill provides for separate Catholic schools in these provinces, which is bitterly opposed by a majority of the people therein. Several members of the cabinet are against the measure.

Venezuela's Latest Move.
A fresh attack upon foreign commercial interests in Venezuela was begun at Caracas March 14, when suit was brought in the federal courts by order of President Castro against the French Cable company to annul its concession and seize its property. Later it was reported that the cable had been cut to check communication with revolutionists on the island of Curacao. Rumors of a new uprising were persistent.

By Castro's order, March 18, Venezuela troops seized the coal mines of Guanta, which were leased in 1908 for thirty-three years to an Italian company. Thus Italy was drawn into the quarrel.

Bubonic Plague in Chile.
The seaport town of Pisagua, Chile, has been virtually depopulated by an epidemic of the bubonic plague.

SOCIOLOGICAL

Roosevelt to the Mothers.
Famed for his race suicide doctrine, President Roosevelt came in for special honors at the Mothers' Congress, to which he spoke fervidly March 13 at Washington. Of the truths which no progress can alter, he said one was that the husband's duty is to be the homemaker and breadwinner and that the duty of the wife is to be the helpmeet and mother. He admitted that the woman should have educational advantages, but asserted that "the man must be, and she need not be, and generally ought not to be, trained for a lifelong career as the family breadwinner, and therefore after a certain point the training of the two must normally be different because the duties of the two are normally different." This meant dissimilarity of function, but not inequality, and on the whole he thought "the duty of the woman the more important, the more difficult and the more honorable of the two." He added that no ordinary work done by a man is as hard or responsible as that of a woman bringing up a family of children.

Cleveland Demands Clean Cars.
The agents of the Cleveland (O.) health board have prevented motormen from taking out street cars of the Scranton avenue line which are not up to the standard of cleanliness required by the board. It is proposed also to limit the number of passengers that each car shall be permitted to carry.

Defeat and Revolution Confront the Czar

As long as a great army was in the field checking the further advance of the Japanese in Manchuria the financial credit of the Russian government remained intact, and the huge war expenditures could be met by saddling fresh loans on the overtaxed masses, but when Oyama's military genius drove Kuropatkin's horde into a disastrous retreat after the capture of Mukden then the doors of the big safe in a certain French banking house were closed, and the emotionless, calculating money lenders politely declined to give the czar's agents more money without terms which seemed virtually prohibitive.

Still the czar's spokesmen talked of fighting on for that lost prestige by means of an internal loan, apparently blind to the serious spread of the peasant uprising in some provinces and the growth of outspoken revolutionary designs. The terrorists were again threatening the life of the czar and the destruction of public property. By March 14 the demoralized remnants of the retreating Russian army had reached Tieling, and their rear guard took a stand behind the fortifications. The Japanese were close on their heels and captured Tieling in a fierce battle, the remnant of the Russian army retreating through Tie pass into the Mongolian desert, which they must cross to reach the Russian base at Harbin. Even these troops were threatened with annihilation by flanking Japanese columns. At this point the dismissal of General Kuropatkin in disgrace was announced at St. Petersburg, and General Linevitch, commander of the First army, was placed in supreme command.

One is Master.
"I would like it to be distinctly understood that the husband is master in his own house," said Judge Swartz the other day in desertion court at Norristown. "The wife has no right to invite or admit her mother or anyone else in the house against her husband's will. The wife can, however, go see her mother as often as she desires, but in doing so she must not neglect her duty to her husband and to her home."

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