

# WHAT ALL THE WORLD IS DOING

Trend of Civilization in All Lines From Week to Week

## POLITICS and GOVERNMENT

### Legal and Criminal.

**Ten Hour Bakery Law Invalid.**  
The New York law prohibiting bakery employees from working more than ten hours a day or sixty hours a week was declared unconstitutional by the United States supreme court April 17. The appeal was brought by a Utica baker who was arrested for violating the state law. His sentence was affirmed by the court of appeals, four to three. The supreme court's opinion by a majority of five to four holds that this law interferes with the right of contract between employer and employees, as guaranteed by the fourteenth amendment to the constitution, which included the right to purchase or sell labor. There was, however, a limit to the exercise of the police power of the states. In this case the court thinks the police power has been passed, as the law was not necessary to safeguard the public health and as the work was not so unhealthy as to justify interference with the hours of labor.

Justices Harlan, White, Day and Holmes dissented. Justice Harlan said that no more important judgment had been rendered in the last hundred years, as it worked a revolution in the relationship between the court and states in what had heretofore been the purely domestic affairs of the states.

**Other Supreme Court Decisions.**  
Among the more important opinions handed down by the United States supreme court April 17 were the following:

That George W. Beavers should be compelled to stand trial at Washington on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the government on contracts for postal supplies.

That J. A. Benson should be removed from New York to Washington for trial on the charge of bribing officials of the general land office.

Affirming the validity of the Missouri law requiring the inspection of beer imported into that state, this being based on the Wilson act.

Invalvidating the tax levied by Kentucky on the shares of national banks in that state.

**To Test Anticigarette Law.**

Many arrests of cigarette smokers have been reported throughout Indiana under the new law prohibiting the sale or use of cigarettes which went into effect April 18. In every case the persons arrested were fined, and several have appealed their cases to test the constitutionality of the law. The tobacco trust is known to be behind the appeal of John E. Lewis of Anderson, who was fined \$25 for smoking a cigarette.

The first decision under the new law was rendered at Indianapolis by Judge Whalen, who declared that the law applied only to dealers and consequently acquitted a defendant who was not a dealer.

**Minnie Healy Case Decided.**

The supreme court of Montana rendered official decision April 20 in the famous Minnie Healy mine case in favor of F. Augustus Heinze as against the Boston and Montana and Amalgamated. This finally disposed of the ownership of the copper mining property, valued at from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The question on which the case turned was whether Miles Finlen, the former owner of the property, had surrendered possession to Heinze and agreed to sell.

**Big Swindle Unearthed.**

The attorney general for the post-office department has made public the details of a gigantic swindling scheme conducted under the name of the Uberso companies of Indiana and Massachusetts, the chief organizer of which was William D. Owen, a former member of congress from Indiana. The method of procedure was to organize a company to develop the coffee and rubber plantations which the company was to purchase from the Louisiana and Puerto company, the latter representing Owen. The bait was the 10 per cent dividend which was paid with the capital stock. Owen's principal partner was Frederick Berges of Indiana. The whole transaction is said to have conformed to the letter of the law, so as to make criminal prosecution extremely difficult.

### Executive.

**New River Commission.**  
A controversy growing out of the damming of the Rio Grande river and the use of the waters for irrigation purposes in American territory to the injury of Mexican farmers, which the Mexicans say is in violation of international law, has resulted in the appointment by President Roosevelt of a special commissioner to deal with the question and two other similar diversions of international rivers.

are the Colorado river in Lower California and a stream in Montana and Canada, where Canadians have been profiting at the expense of Montana farming interests.

**Taft Denies Junket Charge.**  
Replying to the published statement that the coming trip to the Philippines for members of congress is a colossal government junket and an expense of \$50,000, Secretary of War Taft says that this is wide of the truth. He says the whole trip will not cost the Philippine government over \$10,000 and that the expenses of every guest aside from what is charged to the government will be at least \$500. If they take their wives and families this will be at their own expense.

### General.

**Railroad Rate Investigation.**  
The senate committee on interstate commerce got together last week at Washington and began taking testimony to aid in preparing a bill for federal control over railway rates. The committee consists of Elkins (chairman), Cullom, Kean, Dolliver, Foraker and Clapp, Republicans, and Carmack and Newlands, Democrats. All the principal railroads have been notified that they may be heard. The committee is to hold daily sessions from 11 to 5 until further notice.

Victor Morawetz, chairman of the executive committee and general counsel of the Atchison system, denied that the Atchison had made discriminations. He said that his company acted merely as a collective agent for the Colorado Fuel and Iron company under a three cornered agreement. He insisted that the coal of this company was the only coal which the smelting works of Phelps, Dodge & Co. could use. The low price of the coal was said to be due to the quantity covered by contract, and the witness denied flatly that his road had given rebates to the Standard Oil company in Kansas.

**Socialists Quoting Capitalists.**

Considerable political capital is being made by Socialist papers out of the recent address made by Rufus W. Weeks, the millionaire vice president of the New York Life Insurance company, before the Newark (N. J.) High School Alumni association, in which he described the awakening class consciousness of the manual workers as the most interesting phenomenon of the twentieth century. He says frankly: "The coming dominance of the working class even here is as sure as mathematics. In Europe it is already a numerical fact. And twenty years ago I heard James Bryce say that the drastic use of this power is only a matter of a few years, being a corollary of the universal suffrage." Mr. Weeks defines the moral standard of the Socialists as "no product, no income," and adds that one puff of the giant's "breath" will blow away all that fine mechanism of law and business through which we now mulct the product of the worker on all sides under such guises as rent, interest, profit, fee and salary.

**Cleveland Criticizes Gossips.**

Ex-President Grover Cleveland, writing in the first issue of the Country Calendar, a magazine devoted to nature lovers and country life, makes a personal rejoinder to a frequent charge of newspaper gossips by denying that his fishing and hunting expeditions are a cloak for dissipation. He believes that the best conservators of game and fish are those enthusiastic in their pursuit.

### Foreign.

**Sergius' Assassin Convicted.**

"I am no criminal. You are not my judges. I am a prisoner of war, of the civil war which the revolutionary committee has declared!" So spoke Kolaieff, the man who assassinated the Grand Duke Sergius, on being summoned before the senate and kremlin courts at Moscow April 18. Witnesses were examined, but without opportunity for cross examination. Kolaieff was then brought in and was sentenced to be hanged, whereupon he exclaimed: "Execute your judgment openly. I did mine before the eyes of everybody!" He asked his friends not to obtain a reprieve.

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**Strike Repression Sustained.**  
The Socialists in the French chamber of deputies, under the leadership of M. Jaures, attacked the government for employing troops to suppress the strike at Limoges. They thought the government should have advised Mr. Haviland, the owner of the porcelain works, to negotiate with the strikers. A motion calling for a parliamentary investigation was rejected, 389 to 176.

Nevertheless the municipal government of Limoges, which is composed of Socialists, issued a proclamation accusing the troops of firing on an inoffensive crowd. It urged the people to control their indignation. The flag on the town hall was half masted in memory of the victims. The schools were empty, and business was paralyzed.

**Italian Railways Nationalized.**

By a vote of 289 to 45, April 19, the Italian chamber of deputies passed the bill nationalizing the railways of the country and making railway employees state officials. Hereafter the men will be regarded as having resigned if they go on strike or interfere with the service. It was this clause against which the present strike demonstration was made. After the passage of the bill the strike collapsed.

**Gomez Appeals to Palma.**

The Liberal party coalition in Cuba decided to send a committee headed by General Maximo Gomez to urge President Palma to execute the laws more strictly. It was openly asserted that irregularities had been allowed in the hope of bringing about American annexation. This the president has denied. He said the delay in acting on the records at the Ayuntamiento was due to the ill health of the secretary of the government.

**Crete Votes to Join Greece.**

After hearing an address by Prince George of Greece, who as high commissioner represents the powers in the government of the island of Crete, April 20, the Cretan assembly at Khania voted and proclaimed the union of Crete and Greece. The deputies took the oath of allegiance and proceeded to notify the representatives of the powers of the action taken.

**French Neutrality Threatened.**

The continued presence of the Russian fleet under Admiral Rojestevsky at Kamranh bay, on the French coast of the China sea, known as Cochin China, caused Japan to make formal protest and to demand immediate action by France. Fearing that she would be drawn into a war with Japan's British ally, France prevailed upon Russia to order Rojestevsky away. On the outcome of the great sea fight Russia's internal policy waited.

## SCIENTIFIC

**A Color Changing Carnation.**

The latest horticultural creation of Luther Burbank is a carnation which changes color three times on the first three days of its blooming. The first day it is pure white, the second pink and the third day a deep red, which is retained until the flower fades.

**Statistics of Senility.**

Professor Franz Boas of the department of anthropology and physiologic psychology at Columbia university says that senility comes at the average age of 44.5 years, deviating about five years either way. The strongest symptom of decadence—namely, the hardening of the arteries—usually appears at the age of 62.5, varying thirteen years either way. Professor Boas estimates the average epochs of life as follows: The first tooth, six months; first molar, one year six months; second tooth, seven years; adolescence, thirteen years; wisdom teeth, nineteen years three months; approach of senility, forty-four years and a half; dissolution, sixty-two years five months.

## Cheap Radium Solution Cures Cancer

A triumph of medical science challenging worldwide attention was implied in the report last week that the solution of radium discovered by Professor Hugo Lieber, the noted New York chemist, had been used with remarkably curative effect in a hopeless case of cancer at the Flower hospital, New York. The patient was Mrs. Sarah Oliver, eighty-two years old, of New Canaan, Conn. The treatment had extended over a period of two weeks. Within six days the great tumor which had appeared on the instep of her left foot literally dropped off, showing the healthy flesh underneath. The doctors could scarcely believe their eyes. Following this success, several other cases were started in different hospitals with the application of the Lieber solution.



Professor Lieber.

Lieber's discovery promises to bring the radium treatment within the reach of all. The solution appears on the tip of a celluloid rod like crimson paint, being colored for the sake of convenience. Such a rod costs only \$25, and the solvent upon it is said to be indestructible. It will remove warts and moles as if by magic. They simply crumble away, leaving the surface sound and unblemished. Many hospitals in New York and other cities have made application for this new treatment, and numerous victims of cancer already are appealing for aid.

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### Fish Stories Dangerous.

State Fish Commissioner W. E. Meehan told The Harrisburg Telegraph on Monday last of the Fish Commission's strenuous method of suppressing fish liars. He said: "Last year we hunted down a story from Altoona, to the effect that two men had caught several hundred trout in one day, and discovered that the big catch originated in the nimble fancy of an Altoona reporter, and we took that gentleman before a Justice of the Peace and made him take oath that he would never again tell a lie like that and put the Department to trouble." If the Commissioners put all the fish liars in Pennsylvania under bonds to tell the truth it is to be feared they would have much time to watching the poachers.

John T. Stevenson, of Mill Hall, and Ida R. Yearick, of Parvin, were united in marriage by Rev. H. I. Crow, at Hubersburg, on the evening of the 20th of April.

### Revall Medical News

## Indigestion

There is no reason why a person should not eat anything he chooses—if he chews it carefully—the trouble is most people are afraid of every good looking, good smelling, good tasting thing on the bill of fare because it "don't agree with them." They actually starve themselves into sickness. Dieting cannot cure dyspepsia—if we cut off every article of food that disagrees with us before long we have nothing left, and we find ourselves chronic dyspeptics. When you eat something that don't agree with you, it's time to get after your stomach and tone it up. From my own experience in selling dyspepsia cures, there is nothing that equals Revall Dyspepsia Tablets. From what my customers tell me of this Revall Remedy I am convinced that consistent use of it will give any one the stomach of a farm hand. I don't know of a stomach trouble Revall Dyspepsia Tablets won't cure.

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