

KEEPING TAB ON THE WORLD

Insurance Inquisition Called For by Governor Higgins After Hooker Escapes Removal—Root Urges That Weaver Prosecute Philadelphia Ringsters Who Masquerade as Republicans—President Denounces Holmes—Zemstvo Congress Adopts Constitution. Bennington Blown Up.

POLITICAL

Hooker Not Removed.

The New York state legislature voted, July 20, 76 to 67 in favor of removing Warren B. Hooker as justice of the state supreme court on charges of corrupt and unbecoming conduct. As it required a majority of two-thirds, or 100 votes, for removal, the accused justice will be allowed to remain on the bench. Of those against removal, 68 were Republicans, and not one claimed that the charges against Hooker were untrue. They took the ground that the charges had not been proved legally and that Hooker was no worse than many others and should not be singled out for punishment.

Would Arrest Gang Leaders.

Upon retiring as counsel for Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia, Elihu Root gave his opinion in writing that it was the duty of the mayor, in view of District Attorney Bell's refusal to proceed with prosecutions against a number of powerful and important persons in the city, to bring the facts to the knowledge of the officer who is elected to prosecute crimes. Mr. Root advised that the law permits the mayor to prosecute up to the point where the return of the committing magistrate is given into the hands of the district attorney.

In this connection, the great attorney and secretary of state, who is now a national leader in the Republican party, says that crimes committed by men who have political power are often sheltered behind official indifference and inactivity and some one has then to do more than his duty to secure justice, adding that "there is more at stake here than the mere punishment of isolated offences. There is the question whether your city shall continue to be governed by criminals or shall take its place on the list of American cities capable of honest self-government." In conclusion, he expresses his desire "that the city of Philadelphia, whose history and good name are so dear to every American, shall be purged from the stain which a corrupt and criminal combination masquerading under the name of Republicans has put upon her."

The mayor was preparing to act accordingly when a serious accident occurred to District Attorney Bell, whose leg was broken in the fall of an elevator in the Land Title building. Judge Gordon said that no arrests would be made for several weeks, as it was their desire to have Mr. Bell's active co-operation. It was pointed out that this would cause no loss of advantage, as in any event the cases could not be tried until fall.

Julien T. Davies, head of the New York firm of Davies, Stone & Auerbach, on recommendation of Mr. Root has been retained to act as assistant counsel with Judge Gordon for Mayor Weaver. A new point in the campaign of reform was the arrest of five election officers charged with fraud on complaint of the committee of seventy. The officers are charged with stuffing ballot boxes and falsifying returns.

State to Investigate Insurance.

On recommendation of Governor Higgins to the extra session of the New York legislature, it was decided to appoint a joint legislative committee to investigate the operations of life insurance companies and especially the Equitable. This committee will consist of Senators Armstrong, Kelly and Lordan and five assemblymen.

EXECUTIVE

Hyde Out; Hays in Charge.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson accepted the resignation of John Hyde, chief statistician, July 18. In his letter Mr. Hyde points to his record of vindication in five investigations, but says that the fight made upon him has told upon his health and that he does not think the position is worth the sacrifice.

On the suggestion of President Roosevelt, Secretary Wilson placed Assistant Secretary Willet N. Hays in

charge of the statistical bureau, with unlimited authority. Wilson says that hereafter all charges must be aimed at himself or Mr. Hays, as no one else will have a chance of getting at the figures. Mr. Hays was professor of agriculture in the University of Minnesota for fifteen years and is an expert in plant breeding.

Secretary Root Sworn In.

Elihu Root took the oath of office as secretary of state July 19. Secretary Root returned to New York, not expecting to return until September. E. J. Babcock, who has been secretary to the secretary of state under Sherman, Day and Hay, is retained by Root.

Shonts and Stevens Sail.

Theodore P. Shonts, chairman of the Panama canal commission; John Stevens, chief engineer, and Messrs. Nazro and Moffett, the welfare workers, sailed from New York July 20 on the Mexico for Colon. Mr. Shonts will return in time to report on the present conditions to the advisory board in September. Mr. Shonts said it was not yet decided what kind of a canal they would build; that it would take ten or twelve years for a sea level and five years for a lock canal. Before sailing Mr. Stevens said he expected to make Panama his home until the canal was completed.

Consular Magazine Out.

Following the suggestion of the president, Secretary Metcalf, of the department of commerce and labor, has caused to be published the "Daily Consular and Trade Reports" as a magazine of commercial information, instead of the chance consular reports heretofore published. The first issue of this new daily magazine appeared July 17. It contains information from special agents and newspaper writers, and has a regular editorial page. By having the matter printed on both sides of the paper 1,500 reams of paper are saved in one year. The new paper will be edited by Major John M. Carson, the former Washington correspondent.

President Denounces Holmes.

In a letter to Attorney General Moody, dated July 12, President Roosevelt hoped that every effort would be made to bring to justice Edwin S. Holmes, the dismissed official of the statisticians bureau, for connection with the cotton report scandals and took strong ground by saying, "The man is, in my judgment, a far greater scoundrel than if he had stolen money from the government, as he used the government money to deceive outsiders and to make money for himself and others."

Attorney General Moody replied that the case was receiving immediate attention. Mr. Holmes has taken legal advice.

Coolidge to Succeed Ridgley.

It was understood that President Roosevelt had decided to appoint Louis A. Coolidge, the well known Washington correspondent and head of the Republican literary bureau, to succeed William B. Ridgley as comptroller of the currency.

Body of Paul Jones Here.

Admiral Sigsbee's fleet arrived off the Chesapeake capes July 22 bearing the body of Paul Jones to this country from France. The north Atlantic battleship squadron, in two divisions under Admirals Evans and Davis, went to sea to meet the fleet bearing the body, and the combined fleets formed an escort to Annapolis, where the interment was to take place with full naval honors.

LEGAL-CRIMINAL

Hearst's Editor Prosecuted.

On complaint of Comptroller Grant of New York city, action for libel was brought against the American and Evening Journal, the Hearst papers in that city, and at the same time a criminal action against Arthur Brisbane, the chief editorial writer for the Evening Journal, on account of recent articles reflecting on the integrity of the comptroller in connection with the purchase of a Brooklyn theater property by the city. The hearing of the case was put over until Sept. 14.

Arkansas Antitrust Law Valid.

The supreme court of Arkansas has sustained the antitrust law enacted by the last legislature, two judges dissenting. The case was brought by the Hartford Fire Insurance company to test the rate fixing and penalty clauses, as the law prohibits fire insurance companies from doing business in Arkansas. The fine of \$5,000 is imposed for each day's business in violation of the law, and penalties aggregating more than \$350,000 have been piled up against the Hartford Fire Insurance company. An effort will now be made to get the case into federal courts.

Disputes Ziegler's Will.

E. Mathilda Ziegler, widow of the late William Ziegler, who left the bulk of his great fortune, made in the baking powder business, to his adopted son William, has brought action to have the validity of the will determined. The complaint contains the usual allegation that the testator was not in sound mind at the time of signing the will. The widow received an income of \$50,000 a year, besides those of the New York and Connecticut homes. House Burners Organized.

The confession of Samuel Levine, who was arrested at New York last

week for attempting to set fire to a tenement house and who subsequently tried to commit suicide by jumping from the fifth story window of police headquarters, reveals to the authorities an organized gang of firebugs, ready to burn houses for a small bribe. The presumed object of those employing the gang is to secure the fire insurance money.

Slave Girl Held For Murder.

The case of Berthe Claihe, the French girl who had her master arrested in New York and then shot him while in the hands of the police, is attracting an unusual amount of attention. At the coroner's inquest over the body of the dead man, Gerdron, it was shown that the young woman had been enticed from her home in France on a promise of marriage and then brought to New York to support her master by a life of shame. Witnesses also testified that Gerdron had threatened the girl's life. Nevertheless she was held and later was indicted for murder in the first degree. When arraigned she made the plea of not guilty.

FOREIGN

A Constitution For Russia.

The assembling of the congress of zemstvos at Moscow on July 19 was brought about in spite of the government's strict prohibition amid rumors of a coup d'etat to depose the czar and substitute some constitutional form of government. The congress got down to business in the private residence of Prince Dolgorokoff, with 225 delegates present. This included some from the municipal assemblies known as the Dumas, as well as from the provincial assemblies or zemstvos. The chief of police, with numerous officers, entered and announced that the meeting was prohibited, ordering documents seized. When the chief began taking names of the delegates some one cried, "Write down the whole of Russia!" After the police departed the session was resumed. The plan of a national assembly proposed by Minister Boulikyne was denounced and a constitution based on the British model was favorably discussed.

A form of constitution was finally adopted by a vote of 220 to 7, subject to the approval of the local and provincial assemblies. The proposal to depose the czar was rejected. M. Petrunkevitch said: "We counted on reforms from above. We appealed to the emperor vainly. We now appeal to the people."

Premier Balfour Voted Down.

A conservative government, headed by Premier Balfour, was defeated in the house of commons July 20 on an amendment offered by Leader Redmond of the Irish party representing the Irish land commission. The vote stood 190 for the amendment to 196 against it. Thereupon the liberals and Irish members cheered and shouted, "Resign! Resign!" The prime minister, replying to the challenge of the opposition, said a statement would be made in due time.

Bomb For Turkish Sultan.

As Sultan Abdul Hamid of Turkey was leaving the mosque at Constantinople, July 21, a bomb burst near him, causing the death of forty of his subjects, but leaving him unharmed.

Redistribution Bill Recalled.

The redistribution of parliamentary seats proposed by Premier Balfour caused intense bitterness on the part of the Irish members, as it would result in a loss of twenty-two Irish seats, while England would gain seventeen, Wales one and Scotland four. The Irishmen regarded it as a breach of the act of union, and when the speaker of the house agreed to the contention of the Irish leader, Redmond, that each clause of the bill should be debated separately Mr. Balfour withdrew the bill for lack of time during the present session.

Oscar in Forgiving Mood.

A German newspaper published an interview with King Oscar of Sweden in which he said he had forgiven Norway and that Sweden would hang a millstone around its neck "if it upheld the union by force and initiated the military occupation of Norway."

Panama's National Theater.

Plans for the construction of an elaborate palace and national theater for the government of Panama at its capital city have been prepared by G. M. Rugeri of Washington, and proposals for construction have been advertised. Extra precautions are taken against corruption and graft in this public work.

South Sakhalin Occupied.

It has been officially announced at Tokyo that the Japanese force in the island of Sakhalin, after meeting with some resistance at Darline, has occupied the whole south of the island. The rainy season has begun in Manchuria, and this prevents extensive operations.

INDUSTRIAL

To Electrify the Lake Shore.

The recent visit of W. K. Vanderbilt to points on the Lake Shore railroad was in reference to the installation of an electric service on the Detroit and Toledo division of that line. This plan is to be put into operation at once, confining it to the freight business at first. It is found impossible to compete with the electric lines for short hauls.

Kansas' Great Wheat Crop.

A record breaking crop of wheat is reported from Kansas since the threshing begun. In many cases the wheat crop is said to be worth three or four times the present value of the land, and Santa Fe officials estimate the state's yield at over 80,000,000 bushels.

LABOR

Teamsters' Strike Ended.

The Chicago teamsters' strike was declared off officially at midnight July 20, after the department store drivers and railway express drivers had voted against prolonging the struggle. No conditions were attached, and the men are scrambling to get to work.

Foreign Commerce Enormous.

The bureau of statistics finds that the foreign commerce of the United States for the fiscal year ended June 30 was the largest on record for both exports and imports. The total value was \$2,635,976,333, or an increase of \$184,055,691. The imports were \$1,117,507,500 and the exports passed the billion and a half mark, in spite of a decline of \$41,000,000 in cereal exports.

Gum Trust Prosperous.

At the annual meeting of the American Chicle company in Jersey City the old officers were re-elected and no report was made public. It was understood, however, that the treasury had \$326,000 after paying \$720,000 dividends on common stock and \$180,000 on preferred stock. This company is capitalized at \$9,000,000 to manufacture chewing gum.

Mitchell Says Ask More.

In addresses at Scranton last week John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers said that wages do not stand still, that they either go higher or lower and that it is best for the miners to strive for more pay and better conditions, being never satisfied with existing conditions. He added, "If you get a 20 per cent increase tomorrow, I would have you ask for more." At a convention held there, a resolution of demands was adopted calling for an eight hour day, weighing of coal, uniform rate, uniform scale for rock, slate, water and all dead work and an agreement between the operators and miners.

SOCIOLOGICAL

To Stop Trade in Women.

The treaty between twelve European countries for united opposition to the illicit trade in women and girls, which went into effect July 18, requires each country to establish a bureau for the collection of information regarding this traffic. These bureaus are then to exchange the data collected, so that a strict watch may be kept at railway stations and seaports to detect any one known to be engaged in the white slave trade. At the same time efforts will be made to secure information in the resorts of vice. Each country also agrees to assist girls who have been enticed abroad to return home. Special attention is to be paid to agencies or persons advertising positions for women and girls abroad. No American country is a party to this convention.

The College Girl Analyzed.

Professor Mills of Vassar asserts that the graduate of women's colleges is apt to have a perfectly normal interest in the other sex, instead of too little. He thinks she is generally a fairly healthy and very lovable girl, who has a normal interest in school, sports, social affairs and domestic affairs, and who is tending toward marriage at the same rate as those of her social class who are not in school or college. He insists, however, that she is frequently only slightly interested in the intellectual.

The Cost of Living Less.

The bureau of labor has completed an investigation into the cost of living based on retail prices. The official report is not due until the last of August, but preliminary figures indicate that there has been a slight decline in retail prices for staple food products during the last year. Thus the bulletin issued just before election last year is confirmed.

British Incomes Analyzed.

The British treasury has issued its list of the assessments for the income tax during 1903. It shows that twenty persons receive incomes of more than \$250,000 a year. Upon the gross assessment tax of \$905,000,000, 433,017 people paid the tax, while 28,050 corporations paid on \$1,103,300,000. From

these assessments it was estimated that the pay of corporations and government officials had risen \$100,000,000 in the last ten years, while during the same time the incomes from farming had fallen off \$10,000,000. The incomes of property owners have increased \$150,000,000, and those of professional and private business men have increased \$150,000,000.

EDUCATIONAL

Chicago Professor Dismissed.

The fact that Professor Andrew N. Fox had been dropped from the faculty of the Chicago Theological seminary became known with the publication of the autumn roster. In an article for the Kirchenbote, a German Congregationalist weekly, Professor Fox lays his dismissal to the telegram which he sent to John D. Rockefeller inviting the endowment of two professorships with this laconic remark: "Check accepted on face value; no questions asked."

Rockefeller Gagging Educators.

The leading editorial in the current issue of Collier's boldly assails John D. Rockefeller's latest exploit with the American college fraternity. In imagination it puts into his mouth the following soliloquy: "So you criticized the Congregationalists for accepting my \$100,000, did you? Well, I'll buy the whole lot of you. Miss Tarbell and Mark Hanna say that I am money mad? What do you think of \$10,000,000? I will invest that in collegiate silence and celestial dividends. Hadley is the boy that suggested social ostracism for such as me. A special million for Yale ought to make him about as tactful in the future as President Harper, or any other good, wise educator that knows his business."

Manual Training Scholarships.

Twenty-four scholarships of \$300 a year each have been endowed by R. T. Crane to be awarded by the Chicago Normal schools. They will be open to young men who are residents of Chicago and graduates of the Technical High school.

SCIENTIFIC

Sun Spots Stump Scientists.

The observation of two enormous sun spots close together on the sun, somewhat above the center and to the right side, has caused a flurry among astronomers since July 14. The diameter of the spots was estimated to be 100,000 miles. At first they were not easily visible, but later they could be seen with a piece of smoked glass or when the sun was low by the naked eye. During the hot spell speculation about the influence of the sun spots recurred. These are the largest spots observed since 1892.

Pearry's Ship Sails North.

After many delays the polar exploring ship Roosevelt finally left New York July 16, starting on her journey toward the north pole fully manned and equipped. Commander Peary went by rail to Sydney, C. B., where he was to join his ship. The surgeon who accompanies the expedition is Dr. Louis James Wolf, a young Oregonian, who has been for the past six months in the Bellevue hospital dispensary at New York. The cost of the expedition so far is \$150,000.

Earthquake in Maine.

State Geologist Lee of Maine says that the earthquake which was felt throughout his state on the morning of July 15 was caused by the slipping of rock on the side of a fissure at some considerable depth, probably two or three miles, as a result of continued strain. The shock was between seven and ten seconds in duration and was violent enough to awaken many of the people from their morning naps.

Gigantic Indian Skeletons.

The skeletons of eight gigantic Indians supposed to have lived a thousand years ago have been found near the Choptank river on the eastern shore of Maryland by employees of the Maryland Academy of Sciences. The bones were found under thirty feet of sandy soil beneath the remains of a camp of Indians. Above the graves of the giants were heaps of oyster shells

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