Washington News

The Agricultural Department is at it again. This time it is a wonderful machine which will record the pulse beats, and show the respiration of the human body. It is being constructed by chemists at the Department of Agriculture, and it is said that it will determine the quality and nature of food necessary to maintain strength for various forms of labor. The thing is called a "respiration calorimeter."

As soon as the machine is completed several of the Department's expert physiological chemists will conduct a series of interesting experiments in this city.

These experiments, which comprise the confining of men and women in an ingeniously contrived box or cabinet for days or weeks at a time, will register to a degree not only the human pulse beat, respiration and temperature, but also the forms of energy that are active within the body, whether the subject be awake or asleep. The amount of energy furnished the human system by a pound of beefsteak, an omelet or a vegetable soup can be determined to an absolute figure by the machine.

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Mrs. Roosevelt-Longworth came mighty near being trampled under the feet of a pair of carriage horses the other day. She wanted to enter the theater in a hurry, being late, and darted from her own auto between an auto in front of her and the carriage which was on the other side. The horses went straight up in the air, and would have landed on Mrs. Longworth had a policeman not grabbed the brutes by the bridles and thrown them back onto the carriage. It really was not the fault of the driver, but Mrs. Longworth took a big risk in her hurry to meet her husband, who stood in the theater lobby waiting for her, having preceded her there by several minutes. She told Mr. Longworth of the almost catastrophe, and he dashed down and thanked the policeman, substantially as well as cordially, and dashed back into the theater. It all happened in about two minutes.

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Just go down in your jeans and see how many counterfeit $5 bills you are carrying around. Chief Wilkie, of the Secret Service, has sent out a warning letter describing a "new and dangerous counterfeit $5 silver certificate." These are Chief Wilkie's notes of it:

"Act of Aug. 4, 1886; series, 1899; check letter, 'A;' face-plate number 652; back-plate number, 493; J. W. Lyons, Register of the Treasury; Ellis H. Roberts, Treasurer; portrait of Indian chief.

"The sample, under examination, bears serial number A-41823133, and is a deceptive photo-mechanical production on two pieces of paper, with silk fiber between them, in imitation of the genuine. The seal and serial number are lighter than the genuine color. The printed face of the note is nearly an eighth of an inch short, and the back nearly a quarter of an inch shorter than the genuine.

"The word 'Treasurer' under the signature of Roberts is badly printed.

"The word 'five' on the back of the note immediately to the right of the panel containing the words 'United States of America' is imperfectly reproduced."

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An order issued by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor transferred to the Bureau of Fish and Fisheries absolute jurisdiction of the seal industry. Heretofore the licensing of the killing of seals in the Pribilof Islands has been vested in a semi-independent office of the Department of Commerce and Labor, and under the authority conferred upon it the North American Commercial Company was given the exclusive right for 20 years to kill seals within a certain area. The contract will expire within a year or two.

General supervision of the work was placed in the hands of Walter I. Lembkey, Special Agent. Under the new arrangement Mr. Lembkey and his three assistants will be transferred to the Bureau of Fish and Fisheries, which henceforth will deal with all questions bearing on the subject.

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The Chinese envoy who is here on a special mission from his Emperor took a party to Mount Vernon on New Year's Day, and tho the party consisted of 100 slant-eyed sons of Confucius, and all are college men, the college yells they gave on the boat trip to Mount Vernon were Harvard, Yale and Cornell yells, and they have just as good lungs, if you want to know, as any American boy who ever tried to split his throat howling for his alma mater.

The Special Envoy to the United States, Tang Shao Yi, who, with his suite and the Legation staff, acted as hosts, looked on indulgently. Maybe the points of the campus joke were lost on ears trained to Confucian classics, but the officials helped the mirth along. Every one aboard the Charles Macalester wanted to talk to the Chinese party. Dr. Wu speedily established himself as the prime favorite with all the American tourists, and was kept busy writing his autograph for feminine sightseers.

As for the girl excursionists, the ease with which the Chinese lads scraped up an acquaintance with them proved them adepts in the flirtation game. They were kept busy dealing out visiting cards to girls, who wanted them for souvenirs, and trying to teach fair recipients how to pronounce the difficult Chinese names. One slant-eyed masher succeeded in extracting a promise from a girl to make him a Cornell pillow.

Five young Chinese women, students at Eastern schools, queened it among the boys, and their modist finery and airs of independence conflicted with all preconceived ideas of the subserviency of Chinese women. The girls were Miss Hsia, from the Woman's College at Baltimore; Miss Sze, Damrosch Conservatory of Music; Miss Tsao, Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia, and Miss Soon and Miss Tsung, from Newark, N. J.

Arrived at Mount Vernon, the party formed a procession to the tomb of Washington. Two handsome wreaths, to be placed on the grave of the great American statesman by the Special Envoy and by Dr. Wu, were proudly borne by Daniel M. Chung, of the De Lancey School of Philadelphia, and by C. T. Chung, recently arrived from the Anglo-Chinese School of Tsintsin. There were no formal ceremonies at the tomb, but the reverent air worn by the young students from across the seas was in itself a tribute to the memory of the greatest American.

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Washington's giant got well after all, and has been dismissed from the hospital. His name is John Turner, and he is the ungainliest, homeliest, abnormal-looking creature that ever wore shoe leather. Oh, by the way, he does not wear shoes. His feet are so big that he can't afford to have shoes made, can buy none ready made, and so just wraps his feet in sacks. Turner is seven feet seven inches tall. His hands are as big as good-sized hams. If he were fashioned in proportion to his hands his physicians say he would be 10 feet tall and weigh 800 pounds. His mind is about as thin as a mind could possibly be and call it a mind at all. Tho born in Prince George County, Md., Turner can neither read nor write, and says he does not care to do so. And this great bulk of John Turner is his death warrant, altho he is now regarded as in good health. The length of body of the giant, say the physicians, is in inverse ratio to his length of life, just as the dwarf has been found to be a very long-lived creature.

And so John Turner, afflicted with giantism, seems fated to die at an early date, if the opinion of physicians who have diagnosed his case can be accepted.

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The President gave a luncheon last week in honor of James Ford Rhodes, the famous historian, whose home is in Boston. The other guests were Secretary Root, Associate Justice Holmes, of the United States Supreme Court; Embassador James Bryce, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Prof. Lawrence Lowell, of Boston.

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Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says the foot and mouth disease, which seemed to have Pennsylvania, New York and Michigan in its grip, is letting up a bit. In fact, he thinks it is pretty well stamped out by now.

The lifting of the quarantine now permits the shipment out of New York of hay and hides; in Maryland, excepting two Counties, of hay and hides and cattle for immediate slaughter, and the same is true in Michigan, excepting in five Counties. The Department is considering the advisability of modifying the quarantine in Pennsylvania.

The Department has had a force of 150 veterinarians and as many more non-professional men engaged in the work of eradicating the disease, the cost of which, it is estimated, will be fully half a million dollars in the four States. The total number of animals slaughtered was 3,605, valued at $88,268, of which the Federal Government will pay two-thirds and the States affected one-third.

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Representative Dawson believes the United States Government should take some official notice of the coming centenary of Abraham Lincoln. With that end in view it is his intention to introduce a joint resolution authorizing and directing the Post Office Department to issue a special set of postage stamps commemorative of the birth of the great War President.

While Mr. Dawson has not worked out his plan, he believes the stamp should comprise a series of the different denominations, portraying the most eventful scenes in the life of the martyred President. It is not believed there will be any opposition in the Post Office Department to this proposition.

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Mrs. Beveridge, wife of Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, lost her mother, Mrs. Augustus M. Eddy, last week. She was afflicted with an incurable disease.

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Miss Ethel Roosevelt is sure going the pace for a debutante. She is invited to breakfast, to luncheon, to tea, to dinners and finishes up with a ball, where she dances most of the night. As a matter of fact, the days have to be crowded, because there are only just so many of them before inauguration, when the young lady will be just "Miss Roosevelt," and another young lady will be the young lady of the White House.

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When Mr. Carnegie was here recently he went about in the democratic way that he usually does, taking a street car or walking, and managed to get pretty badly lost between the avenues and circles. He started out to dine with Mr. Gifford Pinchot one evening, and got so mixed up on his location thru getting off at the wrong angle of the avenue that he had to call on a policeman to help straighten him out and direct him to the house where Mr. Pinchot lived. And worst of all, he almost missed his dinner.

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Secretary Newberry has put into effect a portion of his plan of reorganizing three important Naval Advisory Boards of the Navy Department by adding four officers to the Board of Construction, with one yet to be appointed. He thus gives that Board a membership of nine instead of four.

He also recommends to the President that no successor to Rear-Admiral Barton, as Chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, be appointed. Admiral Barton has been placed on the retired list for physical disability. According to Mr. Newberry's plans, that Bureau will soon be merged with another Bureau.

The new Board on Construction is composed of the following members, there yet being one vacancy: Rear-Admiral George A. Converse (retired), President; Newton E. Mason, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, and William S. Cowles, Chief of the Bureau of Equipment; Chief Constructor W. L. Capps, Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair; Rear-Admiral T. C. McLean, President of the Board of Inspection and Survey; Rear-Admiral Wm. W. Kimball, member of the Naval Examining and Retiring Boards; Capt. Sidney A. Staunton, member of the General Board, and Capt. I. S. K. Reeves, member of the Board of Inspection and Survey.

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Senator Bois Penrose, of Pennsylvania, has just lost his father, Dr. R. A. F. Penrose, who died of pneumonia, aged 82. His home was in Philadelphia. Dr. Penrose was born in Carlisle, Pa., and was well known in the medical literary world, having contributed many papers on a variety of subjects. He was a graduate of Dickinson College and of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. He held a professorship in the latter institution for 26 years. Dr. Penrose was connected with many of the hospitals and charitable institutions of the city.

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Now, what do you think of that! President-elect Taft declines a theater party! "I do not go to the theater," he responded, just like that. He says that the last time he was at the theater was about 20 years ago, and then he went to see an "Uncle Tom" show. It comes as a great shock, for the Roosevelts are all very fond of a good play and of the opera, being pretty fair first nighters.

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Consul and Mrs. Arthur B. Cheney, who were housed in the Consulate at Messina, were both crushed to death, it is supposed, in the earthquake which toppled over the houses in the Sicillian town. One of the sad feature of the uncertainty of how they died was brought forcibly to mind the very day the report of their untimely taking off reached Washington. In the foreign mails which arrived that day were some picture postal cards with Christmas and New Year greetings on them, sent to friends here.

Abraham Lincoln—His Life and Work.

The National Tribune, thru a particularly advantageous purchase, is enabled to offer its readers a great bargain in the Centennial Edition of "Abraham Lincoln; His Life and Work," by Noah Brooks. This is really a $3 book, and was brought out to sell at that price, but for a limited time we shall offer it for $2, or with The National Tribune one year, both postpaid, for $2.50. See page 8 for full description of this book. All orders received now will be filled at once.

OLD VETERAN CURED OF DEAFNESS

6 Fawn Ave.,
Salamanca, N. Y.

Mr. Wm. R. DAVIS
Civil War Veteran

"In the year 1864, while in the Army, in front of Atlanta, I was taken with a great pain in my left ear. I went to the Army doctor and he gave me something to put into it, but it did not help it. It kept getting worse and after I came home from the war I had it doctored, but it did not do much good; and after a few years it got so bad that I could not hear the clock tick and my head was filled with all kinds of noise. My other ear became affected and I thought there was no help for me."

Second Letter.

My dear Friend and Doctor:

I am feeling all right. My head is free from the buzzing that was in it and I can hear all right. Little did I think that I could be cured when I saw your ad. in the paper and wrote to you. It seems like a miracle.

My cure was a surprise to everyone. I was talking with some old veterans of what I have been doing. They are troubled the same as I was and you will hear from them, I think.

My Catarrh is all gone, no more sounds in my head, my general health is better, and best of all I can hear the clock tick across three rooms very plain. My throat is clear. I have no more of that hawking and I can do a good day's work."

WILLIAM M. DAVIS.

ADVICE FREE

You who belong to the noble Army of those who fought and bled for your country; and who are suffering from the effects of your devotion, as did Mr. Davis; and to all the readers of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, here is an offer of help—gladly extended. Just put your name and address on a post card or write a note about yourself and mail it to Deafness Specialist Sproule, 4 Trade Building, Boston. He will tell you, without any cost to you, what can be done for your case. Think what it would mean to you to hear again; to be free from those terrible Head Noises, to have no Catarrh. Comrades, think what joy to hear and feel as you did before the war!

Bear in mind all you have to do is to write. Specialist Sproule tells you about your case and points the way to clear, perfect hearing, free of charge.

His advice won't cost you a penny. Write NOW. Don't suffer another day. Write **Deafness Specialist Sproule, 4 Trade Building, Boston.**

THE NEW YEAR.

President Roosevelt in His Last Public Reception—Not So Large as Usual. Diplomatic Uniforms Brilliant—Army and Navy Veterans.

For some inscrutable reason the last New Year reception of this Administration at the White House was the smallest ever. The day ushered in by the little boy of 1909 was perfect. The sun shone warm and bright for this season of the year, and there was not a suspicion of dampness in the air, but the people did not seem to hanker for a wait in even such conditions. The members of the Senate and House were conspicuous by their absence. There couldn't have been above 200 members of the two bodies there. Vice President Fairbanks was there, and held a delightful court of his own in the East Room, and Speaker Cannon was also there. The greetings between himself and the President were most cordial, but he did not linger in the Blue Room. He got into the East Room as quick as he could decently, and there he met everybody, and he had a jolly old time, in which politics took no part whatever.

The members of the Supreme Court followed the diplomats, as is the custom. By the way, those diplomats! My, but they are a screaming lot of three-ringed circus performers in looks. You are surprised, to begin with, to see what a lot of small men there are among them. The Orientals look like dolls, the Japs being particularly small and the Koreans no better. China was not represented, because the Legation is in mourning, but most of the Attaches are small, and since Minister Wu has quit drinking champagne and given meat the go-by he isn't so much as to stature. The men of the South American countries are all little, and Embassador Bryce, of Great Britain, is certainly under five feet four, a little dried-up-looking gentleman, with eyebrows so bushy that you have to peer under them to see the color of his eyes. Yes, indeedy, they are a disappointing lot to look at, especially in plain "pants and great coats," but in uniform—well, now, you know you feel as tho you would like to pick them up and set them around on the board as you would a lot of chessmen. Presumably their brains are all right, and that is the thing that counts, of course; but in the way of uniform, gold braid, plated buttons, tassels, swords, decorations and silk sashes there is nothing to wish for. They sure have the millinery bargain counter rushed to a finish.

The Grand Army.

The Grand Army veterans were not out in the force that they usually are, altho they showed up bravely considering that it is now nearly 44 years since the war of the rebellion came to an end. The Loyal Legion, Union Veteran Legion, the Old Guard, the Spanish War Veterans all passed the President in a few brief moments. They were warmly greeted.

The "common people" were turned in at 12:45, which is a remarkable record for them to get in. There were many hundred more of them than usual, thus making up for the lack in the numbers of "brass buttoned- and gold-laced" individuals.

Dear me! I came near forgetting the Army and Navy contingent, and in brilliancy and prodigality of epaulets, aiguillets, serpentine braid, and all that kind of frescoeing our Army and Navy full dress uniforms mighty nearly have the rest of the military world beat to a finish. The youngsters were all there, every one of 'em. They loomed up like a sunburst in a cavern beside the somber, blue-clad veterans, and they carried chapeaus at exactly the proper angle under the left arm, some with red horse tails, some with yellow, some with white ones streaming over the gold-laced cuffs, representing the infantry, cavalry and artillery arms of the service. They had beautiful straight fronts, every one of the kids did, but their belts insisted on sagging on the sword side, and gave each and every one who wore side arms the aspect of being lopsided. The veteran officers in the line were very few indeed. It is not a year of joy to them, for the ushering in of the New Year will see the ushering out of the service of the Army and Navy every man who enlisted in the service of the country from '61 to '65. Their uniforms looked as tho they had seen many years of service, and some of them must have been "gusseted" since they were first fashioned, for girth has certainly been added to some of those veteran Generals, Colonels, Majors and Captains since they followed Sherman to the sea, Sheridan thru the Shenandoah, or charged the Round Tops at Gettysburg. There were among them men who have campaigned against old Cholorow, Red Knife, Geronimo and the other bloodthirsty Sioux, Cheyennes, Apaches and Arapahoes. And among those who have retired are some who fought at Buena Vista, Monterey and the Alamo. It makes you think a lot of your country and your Flag to just look on those sturdy, strong-mouthed men. You know instantly why it is that on land or on sea the American fighting man wins.

The receiving line was shorter than usual. Mrs. Root, wife of the Secretary of State, lost her mother recently, and is in deep mourning, so will not entertain or visit any this Winter except strictly officially. She gave the usual breakfast to the Cabinet members. Mrs. Cortelyou is in ill health and was not in the line. Mrs. Fairbanks was in line, and is handsomer than ever. She was forced to remain in semi-seclusion a great deal of last Winter because of ill health. She looks fit for everything that comes this Winter. Mrs. Roosevelt was looking extremely well in a trained black princess gown of lustrous satin with touches of old lace. Miss Roosevelt wore taupe chiffon over white satin and its was slightly trained. It seemed rather an oldish gown for so young a girl. Mrs. Roosevelt-Longworth looked as girlish as ever in corn-colored satin. President Roosevelt looks tired, and one can see that he is as impatient as a boy to get away from the hard, thankless job of being for seven years the President of the United States.

White House Decorations.

The White House never looked prettier. The decorations were of the simplest character. A dozen dozen of white carnations and asparagus ferns filled a half dozen vases in the Blue Parlor, where the receiving party stood. In the other rooms, including the great East Room, pink carnations and ferns filled the big vases. There were a few palms in the corridor, and a bank of ferns and other green things separated the front hall from the main corridor, and that was all. You see more profuse decorations in small private houses. But there was enough. The corridor had no carpet, and in the East Room there was only a long druggett down the side where people walked from the Green Parlor door thru the East Room to the downstairs outlet.

The Marine Band was in glorious condition, and made rattling good music thruout the whole reception, being divided into two sections so that they could "spell" each other. Prof. Santelman had the good sense to provide quick, catchy music, rather than classic stuff, and the feet of the people unconsciously kept time to the music, and that hurried them thru the line faster.

The reception was begun at the usual hour, 11 o'clock in the morning. To the strains of "The President," blown on bugles by four marine musicians in uniform, Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt came down the broad stairway at the end of the first floor corridor and entered the Blue Room.

The procession was led by Col. Chas. S. Bromwell, U. S. Army, and Commander William S. Sims, U. S. N., both in uniform. Then came the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, the Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, the Secretary of War and Mrs. Wright, the Attorney-General and Mrs. Bonaparte, the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newberry, the Postmaster-General and Mrs. Meyer, the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Garfield, the Secretary of Commerce and Labor and Mrs. Straus, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Mrs. Loeb, Secretary Loeb, Capt. Archibald Butt, U. S. Army, and Lieut. Chauncey Shackford, U. S. N.

The State dining-room was not open as usual, and the reason for that was that luncheon was spread there, and the Cabinet women, who had to leave for their own receptions, could run in and eat a bit before rushing off home. By the time the last guest had passed the President the whole receiving line had faded away, even Mrs. Roosevelt having deserted.

The Evil Lumber Trust.

Editor National Tribune: You call for postal card expressions of your readers on the coming revision of the tariff. Please consider this my postal card:

1. "Shall the tariff schedule be revised?" Yes.

2. "If revised, what revisions are needed?" First, place all lumber on the free list.

3. "What duty seems too high in your locality?" Lumber; the most obnoxious and against the interest of nearly every citizen of the State, except lumbermen and the owners of pine land, who have corralled nearly every acre of pine-producing land, who have an organized trust, which owns nearly every lumber-selling yard in the State and fixes the price at which every agent must sell. The Lumber Trust of Minnesota is by far the greatest menace to the people and industries of all other combinations and trusts in existence. It is often asked why the so-called Trust Buster of Minnesota and the Government do not turn a part of their attention to the Lumber Trust of Minnesota, instead of the so-called Oil Trust of New Jersey. While one has reduced the price of oil 50 per cent, the Lumber Trust has raised the price of lumber more than 100 per cent. Lumber is used and is necessary to more industries and the building up of more homes than any other commodity; hence the high price caused by this combination of lumber men is a great detriment to nearly every industry as well as trade.

I can think of no industry that deserves more encouragement than the beet-sugar industry; but I think of no way of doing so but for the Government to pay a bounty as an encouragement.—A. H. Reed, Glencoe, Minn.

The Source of Wealth.

Editor National Tribune: As you have requested opinion in regard to the tariff, I take the liberty to express a thot or two. All wealth emanates from the forest, field and mine. All taxes are paid from those natural resources. One portion of the people creates the raw material from those natural resources, another portion manufactures the raw material into articles required by the whole people, another portion transports and another distributes the created wealth of the Nation.

Any system that discriminates or gives any one of those great factors of our National economy the advantage over the others is inherently wrong and unjust. This is the irrepressible conflict of our civilization. Since we have competing manufacturers in Europe, and all of us have to pay for being governed, it is no hardship to pay that money thru a tariff, provided the tariff is so arranged that it will bring the largest amount of revenue with the least protection, even if it does help our poor, starving, emaciated infant industry, the United States Steel Trust.

No doubt the policy of granting that empire of public land to induce men to build railroads into the unsettled West was good policy. The land was public property, and all were taxed alike to pay interest on seven or eight billions of watered stocks that have nothing back of them whatever but their ability to absorb created wealth, and it is just as wrong and unjust as a high protective tariff.

It is only another phase of our irrepressible industrial conflict.—A. D. Hickok, 8th Wis., Norman, Okla.

Facial Neuralgia.

Editor National Tribune: Will any of the many readers of The National Tribune furnish a formula for the cure of facial neuralgia and oblige a sufferer.—Ed. Sullivan, Soldiers' Home, Togus, Me.

The 16th Ohio.

Enos Pierson, Secretary of the 16th Ohio Association, has published the proceedings of the 33d Annual Reunion in a little pamphlet illustrated with portraits. Comrade Pierson's address is Wooster, O.

One of the Tunnelers.

C. N. Dickinson, Grand Haven, Mich., writes that his old Colonel, William B. McCreery, 21st Mich., was one of the 108 who tunneled out of Libbey. He died some years ago at Flint, Mich., and his son, William B., is now in the employ of the Government.

TAFT ADMINISTRATION.

(Continued from page one.)

own hook. It will be natural for him to want a re-election in 1912 for what he has done and for what he has originated himself. If he carefully treks along in Mr. Roosevelt's steps in every particular the country would come to look upon him simply as the echo of his predecessor.

If he draws a sharp line, if he promptly names his own men for the Cabinet and for other offices, and has the great Government machine manned with Republicans of his own choice, he will promptly have gotten the country out of the way of thinking that Roosevelt was his predecessor. The people will think of Mr. Taft as President in his own right.

In his private conversations Mr. Taft has shown great determination about having his own way regarding matters of policy. He is fully aware of the power of the Presidency, and does not propose that anyone else shall be President during the term for which he was elected.

HELP FOR ITALY.

The Splendid Benevolence of the United States for the Stricken Land.

The festivities of the holiday season here were marred materially by the horrors of the earthquake catastrophe in southern Italy. Congress emphasized its beginning of the New Year by speedily voting an appropriation of $500,000 for the relief of the sufferers. The plans for making the appropriations and for distributing the relief in the form of food and clothing occupied the attention of the President, the Secretaries of State and of the Navy, as well as of the leaders of Congress, all of whom cooperated to the fullest extent.

A magnanimous suggestion of sending the battleship fleet, now on the way thru the Suez Canal, to Messina, attracted much attention. It was thought that the 15,000 jackies on the 16 battleships might be of assistance in policing the stricken district, in maintaining order and in caring for the sick and wounded. The President has already announced that if the King of Italy desires the presence of the warships they will be sent there.

This offer in itself demonstrates very strongly the friendly spirit of the American Nation toward Italy. The invitation may or may not be accepted, but in all probability so much of the rescue work will have been done by the time the ships could reach Messina that the contribution of Congress for supplies and clothing will be most needed. The appropriation was voted by Congress Monday in short order, after a special message requestiong action had been received from the President. He had previously communicated with Speaker Cannon about the matter and also with Senator Hale, Chairman of Senate Appropriations. These two visited the White House offices on the President's invitation, to advise and consult, and the legislation was all arranged beforehand, so that the formalities of voting the money might be put thru without delay or hindrance.

Probably the ships of the American Navy have never appeared in the eyes of foreigners on a more humane mission. For whether the battleships go to Messina or continue on their voyage thru the Mediterranean and into the home waters of the Atlantic, it is entirely probable that large supplies of food and clothing will be taken from the supply ship Celtic, now on the way from New York to Gibraltar, and the supply ship Culgoa, which is accompanying the fleet. The President planned at first to turn over 1,500,000 Navy rations from these supply ships, as soon as they could be on the scene. That may be modified somewhat, but at least a portion of the supplies will probably go to the needy Italians.

SENATOR-ELECT BURTON.

Much Interest Felt in the Promotion From the House of the Able Chairman.

One of the most interesting men of the week here is Representative Theodore E. Burton, who has just returned from Ohio. His election as Senator to succeed Joseph Benson Foraker is now assured. He will take his seat March 4, and thereby the House will lose one of its very ablest members. He has often been mentioned as a strong possibility for the Speakership, but has had no chance for an election to that office as long as Mr. Cannon cared to retain it.

There is very general regret in official circles at the Capitol that Senator Foraker should be retired to private life, but there is hardly an Ohioan who could be more acceptable here as his successor than Mr. Burton. His career in the House has been one of party loyalty, but withal a career of independence and fearlessness in advocating what seemed to him just and right. He has been a great Chairman of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors, where he more than any other one man has been responsible for the elimination of old log-rolling methods in voting money for the improvement of waterways. He was one of the first to champion the Panama Canal route. At a time when it was exceedingly unpopular for any Representative to speak out in favor of that route Mr. Burton and Mr. Cannon came to the front and led the fight that resulted in the House abandoning the proposed route thru Nicaragua. Mr. Burton has been very forceful in opposing the extravagances of the Government in recent years. His fund of information about economic and governmental questions is unusually large. He has made a special study of finance, and two years ago, when the House Banking and Currency Committee needed new blood, was made one of its members. He demonstrated his strength there, and at the close of the last session was made Chairman of the Monetary Commission, composed of Senators and Representatives.

The success with which he has waged his campaign for a toga in the face of what was supposed to be certain defeat has increased his prestige in Washington. Then he stands forth as the foremost party leader in Buckeyedom, excepting only the President-elect, and, of course, is respected accordingly both in Ohio and Washington. He comes into his new office without being under obligations to any coterie of men. That is very gratifying to him, for it will enable him to pursue the same independent and fearless course in the Senate that he has pursued in the House.

Sturges's Rifles.

Editor National Tribune: Please give me what information you can about Sturges's Rifles. I would like very much to hear from any of my old comrades.—Wm. D. Hall, Bridgewater, N. Y.

Sturges's Independent Company of Rifles was organized at Chicago June 15, 1861, for three years, and mustered out Nov. 22, 1862. The company was commanded by Capt. James Steel, who resigned about a month before the organization was mustered out. It lost two from disease, etc.—Editor National Tribune.

The 2d Colo. Cav.

Campbell Lefors, Tekoa, Wash., corrects the statement in regard to the 2d Colo. Cav. He was living in Central City when the 2d Colo. Cav. was being organized in 1863, and there was nothing said about a 3d Colo. at that time. In the Summer of 1864 the 3d Colo. was started, and he enlisted in Co. G and served his term of enlistment with one month better. He aws at the celebrated Sand Creek massacre. He was in business in Central City from August, 1863, until the Spring of 1863, when he went to Pueblo County and settled on the Arkansas River. Two or three companies of the 2d Colo. camped on his farm in the Fall of '63.

FREE TREATMENT FOR HEART DISEASE

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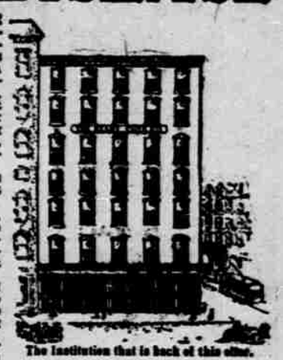

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ASTORIED AND STRICKEN LAND.

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they are sure to be caught by some fresh demonstration.

Cities and Towns.

The principal cities and towns in and around the afflicted district are, with their populations:

Naples	563,540
Palermo	309,694
Messina	149,778
Catania	149,295
Reggio	44,415
Catanzaro	31,824
Girgenti	25,024
Syracuse	32,030
Salerno	42,727

The migration from the country is large and constantly growing. It is estimated that about 4,000,000 Italians are now living in other countries. In 1905 there were 726,331 immigrants, of whom 266,982 went to other parts of Europe, 12,000 to North Africa, 316,797 to the United States, 30,000 to Brazil and 88,840 to the Argentine and other South American countries. About seven per cent of the population of the Calabrias and Sicily left the country in 1905. This being the case, it looks as if this blow will come near making a desertion of the country. Still, the bulk of the population may probably cling to the soil, hoping against hope that there will be no more repetitions. The soil and the skies are very attractive, and the people dull and unenterprising and propagating freely.

The Earthquake's Cost.

It is yet far too early to more than guess at the loss which the earthquake has inflicted, but at this moment it is said that the loss of life will not fall short of 200,000, and that of property will reach $1,000,000,000. Both of these are enormous for Italy, which is neither a populous nor a rich country measured with first-class Nations. Italy has about 33,000,000 people, mostly exceedingly poor, and, despite her great art treasures, her total wealth is only $13,000,000,000, or about one-ninth that of the United States. She is burdened with a national debt of $2,570,000,000, and the loss of a billion dollars' worth of property will be a blow to the entire Kingdom which it is ill-calculated to stand.

Estimates of the loss have been tabulated as follows:

Estimated loss of life	200,000
Private property, Messina	$400,000,000
Public property, Messina, including the harbor works	30,000,000
Private property, Reggio	200,000,000
Public property, Reggio	10,000,000
Fortifications, Strait of Messina and lighthouses	60,000,000
Other items, including public and private property at Palmi, Bagnara, Sant' Eufemia, Seminara and towns, villages and country estates in Sicily and Calabria	300,000,000
Total	$1,000,000,000

Measures of Relief.

Never in the history of the world has there been such a spontaneous and lavish contribution to the relief of a stricken people. It is greatly to the pride of America that we have led in this, and our contributions made on the instant will far exceed those of any other country. The United States has added much to its fair fame by the immediate contribution of unusually large sums coming from every city and community. The churches have vied with the commercial and other bodies in the generosity of their help, and every agency in the country has been moved to immediate action for the relief of the victims of the awful cataclysm. Our ships now coming thru the Strait of Suez into the Mediterranean have been ordered to Sicily to aid in the work, which no doubt our gallant sailormen will enter upon with most willing hearts. The American Embassador at Rome has been conspicuous in his prompt and effective assistance, in which he properly represents his people. The King and Queen of Italy have won the hearts of their people by their promptness and efficiency in heading the measures for relief. They have gone personally to the scene, and braved every danger that came to the others in carrying succor.

The National Homes.

A correspondent, who signs his name and regiment, but which it is not wise to give for obvious reasons, says that he is well acquainted with the management of the Homes, having had unusual facilities for that, and that in his opinion the word "autocratic" is well applied to the National Treasurer. He seems to have the idea that the Homes were established for the purpose of providing nice, easy and profitable berths for civilians and retired officers, with the caring for the soldiers only an incident.

New York at Fort Stevens.

A comrade of the 49th N. Y. regrets very much that there has been no success yet in the effort to get the great State of New York to recognize by an appropriate monument the gallant work done by her sons at Fort Stevens July 12, 1864.

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