

AGAIN AT ELLIS ISLAND.

NEW IMMIGRANT STATION TO BE OPENED FOR BUSINESS TO-DAY.

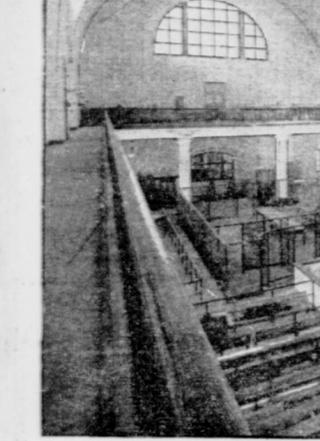
The impression of the way things are done in the United States made upon the immigrant who arrives here to-day will be a more favorable one than that made upon his brother who arrived here a week ago. He will enter this country by the gateway of the new immigrant station on Ellis Island, instead of the grimy, gloomy Barge Office—

more suggestive of an enclosure for animals than more suggestive of prospective citizens of a free State.

The new building on Ellis Island, which is being used to-day for the first time, is a marked contrast to the Barge Office, with its dirty, dimly lighted, cramped, penlike quarters. In place of worn floors and stained walls, grimy and greasy from contact with the soiled hands and clothing of thousands of immigrants, there are concrete floors and white hard surfaced plaster walls. Instead of narrow, gloomy passages there are spacious, well lighted rooms.

ORNAMENTAL AS WELL AS USEFUL. The architects, Boring & Tilton, have tried in the new building to fulfill every practical demand in such a building, and give it besides, architectural dignity. They have erected a structure that is not likely to meet the fate of the great "hinder-box" that did duty on its site as an immigrant station until it was destroyed by fire three and one-half years ago.

The building suggests an exposition hall from the water. It is of red brick, the design being picked out with Indiana limestone and Maine granite. In some respects the interior resembles that of a school structure which it replaces. The main di-



THE EXAMINATION ROOM IN THE IMMIGRANT STATION ON ELLIS ISLAND.

visions are similar. As in the first building, the examinations are conducted on the second floor and the baggage is handled on the first floor. The big examination room is two stories high. It is the largest room in the building. On a level with the second floor a raised walkway runs around it. It is fringed with the offices of the immigration officials, rooms for the meetings of the Board of Special Inquiry, for records, for the Contract Labor Bureau and for more minute medical and contract labor examinations. The chief rooms on the second floor are dormitories for detained immigrants.

GOOD SANITARY CONDITIONS. Extreme care has been taken to have the sanitary conditions as close to perfection as possible. The floors are of asphalt, with raised edges around the walls, so that they can be thoroughly cleaned with water. The walls for seven feet above the floors are of Keene cement. Above this they are of white, hard surfaced plaster. There are no corners where a dark green may not be turned. The white walls and the dark green trimmings are refreshing in their suggestions of cleanliness.

Everything has been so arranged that the immigrant passes through the station very much after the fashion of a roll of paper through a mill. Upon landing at the pier he enters a passage which leads to the entrance of the examination building. Once inside the passage leads up a flight of broad stairs, which turn before reaching the second floor, and discharges its contents onto the broad, open floor of the great vaulted examination room. Here the preliminary medical inspection takes place. The immigrants into whose physical condition there should be further examination are here searched out and turned into a room near by. The others go forward to the examination narrow aisles. These are the parting of the ways. As the immigrants leave them they are separated according to their destinations.

THREE PASSAGES FOR EXIT. A stairway opens before the immigrants as they leave the aisles. It is divided into three passages by wire screens. Those for New-York now have free access to the covered passage to the New-York ferry slip. Those who are to go away by rail are taken back through the building past the ticket office and the big baggage room on the ground floor, where the baggage has been checked, and into two divisions, that destined for New-York in one, and that going out on the railroads in the other. The baggage for the railroads is previously checked, and the immigrants are then taken to a steam-landing adjoining the one where they landed and are transported to the railroad station.

Those who are detained are ushered into a large room to remain until further disposition is made of them according to their cases. The change from the old station to the new one will be a welcome one to the immigration officials, and give them more cheerful quarters. The hospital, the power house and the physician's house will not be ready for occupancy before February.

ACTORS' CHURCH ALLIANCE SERVICE.

THE REV. WALTER E. BENTLEY THINKS THE STAGE SHOULD HELP IN THE WORLD'S REDEMPTION.

A service was held yesterday afternoon at the Church of the Incarnation, Madison-ave. and Thirty-fifth-st., for the Actors' Church Alliance, by the Rev. Dr. W. M. Grosvenor, rector of the church. "The Church's Message and the Theatre's Reply" was the subject of the sermon by the Rev. Walter E. Bentley, general secretary of the alliance, who held that the stage ought to be the Church's greatest ally in the work of the world's redemption. Referring to the friendly attitude of the Episcopal Church to the theatrical profession, Mr. Bentley said that the theatre was still assailed and denounced by many denominations. "Puritanism," he said, "would divert people from art, which is worship, and it turns them to greed. It is true that the stage does deal out infection in spite of the protests of the pulpit and the travesty of the law—all because there is money in it, and an alliance of Church and stage is needed to strive after purity not merely of the flesh, but of the spirit, and to fight covetousness. The Latin faces trample upon righteousness and defy beauty, while the Teutonic people trample upon beauty and defy righteousness. We must strive to combine the good and the beautiful, and to cast out the trinity of evil—art for art's sake, politics is politics and business is business."

Mr. Bentley said that the Alliance also hoped that some church would adopt a suggestion recently made by Dr. Parkhurst and endorse a theatre, and show what can be done; for example, in a great new side playhouse run on the right lines of true art.

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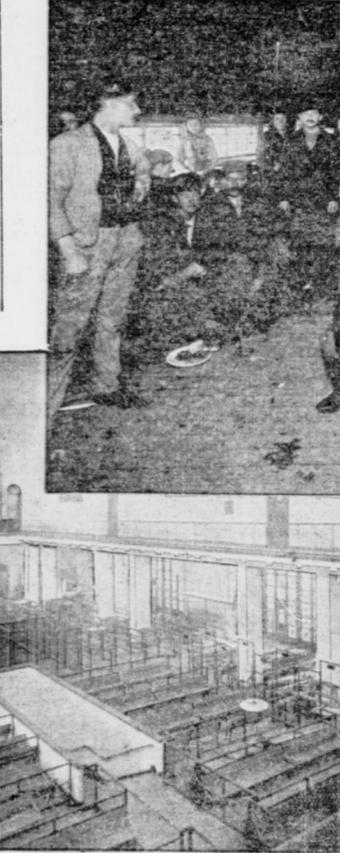
A BIG SHOCK FOR ARDSLEY.

ONE OF ITS HIGHLY ESTEEMED MEN CAUGHT, IT IS ALLEGED, ROB- BING A STORE AT NIGHT.

The village of Ardsley, on the New-York and Putnam Railroad, was woe-stricken yesterday morning, when it awoke to learn that Isaac Lawrence, one of its most highly esteemed residents, had been charged with robbing the grocery of his intimate friend, Wesley W. Brown.

For several weeks Mr. Brown had been robbed

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of hundreds of dollars' worth of sugar, flour, potatoes, cigars, candy, etc. The theft took place after midnight. A watch was kept. Yesterday morning Mr. Brown, Deputy Sheriff Travis and Constable Eaton were on guard. Travis remained outside, while the other men hid behind one of the counters in the store. About 5 o'clock Lawrence stepped to the store door, inserted a key, opened the door, it is alleged, and, passing in, locked it behind him. Inside Lawrence drew a large bag from beneath his heavy overcoat and proceeded to business. He filled it, the witnesses say, with cigars, potatoes, flour, sugar, tea, coffee, etc. When he was about to place a strap around the top of the bag Mr. Brown drew a revolver and called out to him to hold up his hands. The alleged burglar answered in excited tones, "Don't shoot, 'Wess,' it's me—'Isaac' Lawrence!" The store lights were lighted and Brown wept when he learned that the man was his intimate friend, Isaac Lawrence, and one of the most respected men in Ardsley.

Lawrence was at one time well to do, was popular and considered thoroughly honest. He is fifty years old, and lives with his mother in a pretty cottage in the town. His mother is about eighty years old, and her son, who is a bachelor, has given her main support for thirty years. She is grief-stricken because of her son's arrest. Lawrence was taken to the county jail. He has the appearance of a prosperous banker. Lawrence cried when giving his pedigree to the court. He was not put in criminal company in the men's part of the jail. He was placed in the women's department, which is charged with burglary in the third degree. He will have no trouble in getting bail.

FUNERAL OF CHARLES C. BEAMAN.

Large numbers of friends of the late Charles C. Beaman called at his home, No. 11 East Forty-fourth-st., yesterday to express their sorrow at Mr. Beaman's death and their sympathy with the family. Telegrams of condolence were received from all parts of the country. The funeral will be held at Calvary Church, Fourth-ave. and Twenty-ninth-st., to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Subsequently, the body will be taken to Windsor, Vt., where further services and the burial will take place on Wednesday.



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SICK BOY'S FALL MAY PROVE FATAL.

Orange, Dec. 16 (Special).—Frederick Horton, sixteen years old, son of Mrs. L. V. Horton, fell from the second story of his mother's home, No. 120 Oakwood-ave., yesterday. At the Memorial Hospital it was found that he had broken his wrist and dislocated his hip, besides probably fracturing one or more ribs. The boy was just recovering from a severe attack of typhoid pneumonia, and the shock from the fall was so great that the hospital authorities have no hope of his recovery. No one saw him fall.

TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY AS RECTOR.

Elizabeth, Dec. 16 (Special).—The Rev. Dr. Henry Hale Sleeper to-day celebrated his twelfth anniversary as rector of Grace Episcopal Church here. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Daughters of the King took communion in the morning. After the regular services Dr. Sleeper received warm congratulations on the success that has attended his administration. He has performed 24 marriages, 40 funerals, as rector of the church. Through his efforts a valuable tract of land in Elizabeth was secured as a gift from the heirs of Eliza Dean, of London, England.

NEW OIL WORKS FOR ELIZABETHPORT.

Elizabeth, Dec. 16 (Special).—A new plant for the manufacture of lubricating oils is about to be erected at Elizabethport. The plant will cost about \$30,000. Land has been secured along the waterfront. The works are to be finished by the latter part of next spring. George H. Kline, who for many years was superintendent of the Borge-Stryker Company oil works at Elizabethport, is, it is said, to be manager of the new plant.

FRANCHISE LAW ATTACK.

TAX COMMISSIONERS EXPECT FIRST ASSAULT NEXT MONTH.

FORMER SENATOR HILL WILL PROBABLY LEAD THE FORCES OF THE BIG CORPORATIONS.

Albany, Dec. 16 (Special).—It is believed by the State Tax Commissioners that a test of the constitutionality of the Franchise Tax law will probably be made in the courts. For several months the attorneys of prominent corporations have been consulting together at frequent intervals, both here and in New-York, and lately there are tokens that they are about ready to make a combined attack upon the law. The State authorities are preparing, through attorneys General Davies, to offer as strong a defence of the law as they can make. Former Senator David B. Hill, who attacked the act when it was in the hands of Governor Roosevelt, in May, 1899, has been busy ever since early in November of this year studying the Franchise Tax law and the decisions of the courts bearing upon such laws. Mr. Hill also has been frequently in New-York, consulting with Frank H. Platt, William F. Sheehan and Professor Charles A. Collin about the proper method of upsetting the law in the courts.

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Mr. Devo, secretary of the State Tax Commissioners, said yesterday that from the information in the possession of the Commissioners they believed the first test case would be argued early in January in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of this district, and he added: "The only great corporation which has paid the franchise tax according to our information is the Standard Oil Company. Others may have done so, however, and no news of it come to this office. For the Tax Commissioners merely certify their methods to the board of assessors, and it is locally that the tax is paid." The State Tax Commissioners some time ago announced that their reports indicated that the Franchise Tax act had increased the taxation of corporations about \$3,000,000. This is a large sum, and the corporations naturally will seek to secure its payment. One of the points Mr. Hill made with the most insistence against the Franchise Tax law before Governor Roosevelt was the alleged indefiniteness of the taxes imposed and the inequality in taxation which might follow the valuation of the property of corporations. It is believed here that Mr. Hill and his associates will seek to persuade the courts that the State Board of Tax Commissioners has erred in many instances in appraising the value of the property of a corporation, and contrasts in appraisement will be submitted to the courts as proof of the assertion that the Franchise Tax law cannot be enforced impartially.

The corporation argument will be, it is reported, that they should be taxed on their gross receipts, and that as much as possible such a board as the State Board of Tax Commissioners should have no power to fix the value of property, and one of the points to be raised will be that the State Board of Tax Commissioners has erred in many instances in appraising the value of the property of a corporation, and contrasts in appraisement will be submitted to the courts as proof of the assertion that the Franchise Tax law cannot be enforced impartially.

CLOTHES MUST HAVE LABEL.

UNION LABOR MEN VOTE THAT AFTER JULY 1 NEXT THEIR APPAREL TRIES TO DESERT SICK CHILD.

On and after July 1, 1901, all union labor men of the city will have to submit their clothing, hats and shoes to inspection to prove that they bear the imprint of having been union made, that is, if the present programme of the Central Federated Union is carried out. At its meeting yesterday the following resolution was offered: "Whereas, The opportunity is now offered to all union men to clothe themselves with union made goods without being inconvenienced in purchasing them, it is therefore Resolved, That in order to test the sincerity of the delegates to the Central Federated Union, and by way of example to the members, all delegates to hold a dinner at the city hall, each wearing the union label and bearing the union label on his coat, and that the resolution to go into effect July 1, 1901."

The resolution was offered by the Miscellaneous Section of the union, and it was finally agreed to defer action upon it for two weeks.

A strong complaint was made against unions holding entertainments and meetings in the Grand Central Palace, as it was charged that it was a non-union hall.

Delegate Kelly, of the Theatrical Protective Union, declared that Mr. Mase, the proprietor, had told him that he didn't care a rap for organized labor.

The Rev. W. P. D. Bliss, the founder of the Civil Federation, who was present at the meeting, said that although the Federation had engaged the hall to hold a dinner there on New Year's Eve, he would willingly forfeit the \$5 deposit made, in the interests of organized labor.

The delegates of a number of unions complained that the members of their organizations were not receiving the prevailing rate of wages on the rapid transit tunnel.

Delegate Barr moved that a rapid transit section of the Central Federated Union be formed to deal directly with such matters. The motion was quickly adopted, and delegates O'Brien, Friday and Pallas were appointed a committee to organize the section.

ALBANY'S NEW UNION STATION.

HANDSOME STRUCTURE TO BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC TO-DAY.

Albany, Dec. 16 (Special).—In a most unostentatious way the officials of the various railways concerned will open the new Union Station here to-morrow morning. The new station occupies the site of the former Delavan House, and the building has probably cost about \$600,000, while the other improvements, such as elevating the railway tracks, making a new and elaborate railway yard and digging underground passage ways, have brought the total cost of the enterprise up to \$200,000.

THE BURZ TRIAL TO BEGIN TO-DAY.

The trial of Edgar C. Burns for the alleged murder of Herbert B. Fellows, at Scarsdale, on December 4, 1899, will begin in White Plains to-day. Fellows was the station agent of the Harlem Railroad and the postmaster at Scarsdale. Burns hung around the station on the night of the murder until the fellows closed the day's business, then Burns fol-

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