

IMMIGRANTS PATCHED UP. ASK NEW VOTING LAWS.

TRACHOMA GETTING IN. Foreign Doctors Make Undesirable Aliens Able to Enter.

That diseased European immigrants are "doctored up" in great numbers for shipment to this country, is the charge made by Dr. Maurice Fishberg, of this city, a special inspector of the immigration service of the United States, who recently returned from abroad.

The "curing" of diseased aliens for admission to the United States has become a tremendous industry abroad. Ramifications of the business may be found at Liverpool, London, Southampton, Marseilles and at various frontier cities of Russia and Austria-Hungary.

Trachoma is a disease of the eye of which America has a special horror. When transplanted to the temperate regions of New-York City it spreads rapidly and becomes almost as virulent as in the Orient.

In Marseilles the "treatment" of trachoma has assumed remarkable dimensions. Here most of the immigrants from the Orient, from Syria, Russia and neighboring countries, come on their way to the United States.

Of course the poor fellow goes to the doctor, who, by the way, does a flourishing business. I met more than one hundred immigrants every day who visited the "cure" at the hospital.

When a Russian Jew who has undergone such treatment passes inspection of the German official at the border he is frequently sent to New-York, whether he wants to go or not.

For the purpose of appearing in good shape at Ellis Island, the American port, and evading the inspectors, immigrants with trachoma frequently use a drug called adrenaline.

Dr. Fishberg emphasized the fact that Commissioner Watchorn, at Ellis Island, was doing all in his power to catch "doctored" aliens. He said that, in his opinion, better work could not be done.

There should be a rigid inspection on the other side," he said. "Marine Hospital officials ought to be stationed at all the important immigration stations of Europe.

Committee on Reform Suggests Election Legislation to Governor.

Albany, Dec. 17.—The executive committee of the Association to Prevent Corrupt Practices at Elections, of which ex-Mayor Seth Low of New-York is chairman, and William Church Osborn is secretary, gave out here to-night a letter which they had sent to Governor Higgins suggesting legislation for the purification of elections.

"We believe," the letter says, "that the legislature should give other weapons than the criminal law to protesting citizens. Campaign contributions by corporations should be prohibited.

It declares that recent joint compacts, as at Lyons and Elmira, against bribery, and many other indications, prove a growing public sentiment on the subject, and that "by giving responsible citizens the right to force a judicial investigation, free from the complicated machinery of the criminal law, of the truth of statements as to the fact of bribery, public opinion will rapidly and successfully assert itself."

First—By providing that any citizen may force a judicial inquiry to which he shall be a party with the right of producing testimony and of examining witnesses as to the truth of statements, and the existence of bribery.

Candidates practically never bribe in person; it is for the most part conducted through the political parties, hence the party should be punished, and the honest voters of a party should be punished, for allowing their representatives to buy the votes of the electors.

Both ex-Mayor Low and Mr. Osborn signed the letter to the Governor, which urges him to include these suggestions in his message to the legislature.

WESTERN TRAIN ROBBERY

Masked Men Wreck Safes, but Do Not Molest Passengers.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 17.—The North Coast Limited, westbound, on the Northern Pacific Railroad, was held up and robbed fifteen miles west of North Yakima, Wash., last night.

The amount of plunder from the through safe is unknown to the messenger. The contents of the local safe were not of great value.

North Yakima, Wash., Dec. 17.—Two robbers, who held up the North Coast Limited at Hillside siding, at Yakima Canyon last night are still at large.

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IRVING BROKAW, LAWYER, ARRESTED.

Held on Bail for Hearing, Charged with Automobile Speeding.

Irving Brokaw, the lawyer, was arrested last night, after a mile chase, and taken to the West Chester police station, charged with running an automobile twenty-five miles an hour.

MRS. ELLEN CALL LONG DEAD.

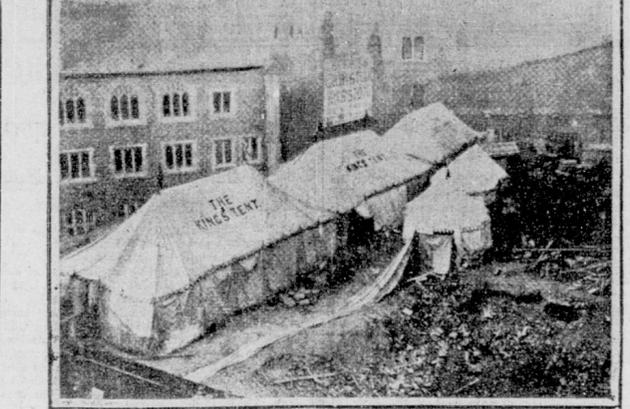
Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Ellen Call Long, daughter of ex-Governor Richard Keith Call, died at the Call homestead from paralysis to-day.

FLORIDA'S FAMOUS TRAINS.

Fla. & West Indian Ltd., 925 A. M., A. C. L. Express, 9:25 P. M., Uncle Sam service via Penn. Atlantic Coast, 11:01 P. M., N. Y.—Adv.

KING EDWARD AND THE UNEMPLOYED.

His majesty's labor tents in Kingsway, opened recently by the Princess Royal.



"YAGS" BLOW BANK SAFE

BIND WATCHMAN AND SON

Get Unnegotiable Stocks and Bonds Worth About \$50,000.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 17.—Six yeasmen, masked with handkerchiefs, blew open the safe in the Suffolk Savings Bank early this morning.

William Jones, the night watchman of the railroad yards, with his twelve-year-old boy, Johnnie, who often shares his vigil, first saw six persons coming up the track which runs from Windsor Locks to Suffolk about 1 o'clock.

The force of the explosion was so carefully diverted from the exterior of the vault by the muffling pads that the plate glass in the windows and doors remains intact, and the facade of the block is very slightly damaged.

As soon as the guard was gone little Johnnie Jones managed to free his hands and then loosened his father's bonds and gag.

BOGUS BOMB IN M. LOUBET'S TRAIN.

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GREAT FRAUDS CHARGED IN SPAIN.

Over \$7,000,000 Said to Be Missing From Treasury—Investigation.

Madrid, Dec. 17.—The Council of Ministers has decided to order an investigation of the allegations made in the Chamber of Deputies, accusing Senator, the Marquis Cayorey, of implication in gigantic treasury frauds involving a sum of \$7,200,000 by means of falsely stamped securities.

IMBODEN, BANK WRECKER, FLOURISHES REVOLVER—Plot to Bribe Jury.

Denver, Dec. 17.—Discovering two detectives loitering near his apartments in Brown's Palace Hotel last night, Leonard B. Imboden, who has served time for bank wrecking and is on trial here for the same offense, seized a revolver and drove them away with curses and threats.

TWO MEN SMOTHERED BY ORE HEAP.

One Lost His Life Trying to Help Friend Who Had Fallen.

Lorain, Ohio, Dec. 17.—Jerry Cronin and Peter Reagan, Allegheny, Penn., firemen on the steamer Princeton, were suffocated to death in an ore compartment yesterday.

FORT MYER OFFICERS BURNED OUT.

Fire Destroys Bachelors' Quarters—Men of Garrison Fire Brigade.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Fire which broke out early this morning in the military post at Fort Myer, Va., destroyed the bachelors' quarters and caused considerable excitement at the post.

MISSISSIPPI NEGRO TURNING WHITE.

New-Orleans, Dec. 17.—Cornelius Vanderbilt Washington, a coal black negro, on the Smith plantation, near Durant, Miss., has suddenly turned white with the exception of a few black spots on his legs.

OUT OF BED INTO SNOW.

Hotel Guests Driven by Fire Into Raging Blizzard.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17.—Hotel McAden, at South Hill, was burned to the ground early this morning. Thirty guests, aroused from their slumbers by the alarm, escaped in their night clothing into the raging blizzard, which has had Virginia at its mercy for twenty-four hours.

THE POOR AT ST. PAUL'S.

A Pathetic Demonstration by London's Unemployed.

London, Dec. 17.—London's unemployed made a demonstration at St. Paul's Cathedral this afternoon in a half-hearted, hopeless and unusual manner. Only a few hundred of them, with appropriate banners, went in procession from Trafalgar Square to the cathedral, where they arrived while service was going on, and up the steps of which they marched, singing the "Marseillaise."

Although the preacher made sympathetic reference to the problem of the unemployed, the men became tired long before the service ended, and most of them fled out. Some of the leaders delivered addresses from the steps, and then the demonstration was ended.

GIVES HOSPITAL \$250,000.

Isaac Guggenheim, Pleased with Report, Enriches Sydenham.

After looking over the report of the last year's work of the hospital last night, Isaac Guggenheim, of No. 763 5th-ave., announced that he would give to the Sydenham Hospital, No. 339 East 110th-st., \$250,000 to put up a new building.

The loss on the theatre is \$50,000, with \$25,000 insurance. It will be rebuilt by the Verbeck syndicate.

Mr. Guggenheim's gift will not be made all at once. Dr. Robert Kunitz, the second vice-president of Sydenham Hospital, said last night that the gift was on the following terms:

INSURANCE LAW SEVERE. American Companies Threaten to Withdraw from France.

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AUTOCRATS SHOW FIGHT.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

General Strike Answer to Martial Law and Arrests.

The gravest news was sent over the Russian cable lines, on which service was restored yesterday. The government apparently has resolved to suppress the revolutionary movement at all costs, and martial law practically has been proclaimed in all provinces of the empire.

The challenge of the autocrats was promptly answered by the people. A general strike was declared by the Workmen's Council. The spread of insurrection in the provinces and the mutinies among the troops add to the difficulties which beset the government.

ALL RUSSIA SHUDDERS.

A Fearful Struggle Promised Between Rulers and People.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—A shudder of horror has convulsed Russia. The government says it has given battle only to the "red" revolutionists, but the populace generally believe that "white terror" has returned.

The Workmen's Council and the League of Leagues on Saturday night issued a declaration of a general strike to begin immediately, and consequently by an imperial ukase, published this morning, all governor generals, governors and prefects throughout the empire who are cut off by telegraph are clothed with almost dictatorial powers, being authorized, without consulting St. Petersburg, to declare martial law.

An official communication has been published warning especially those groups opposed to the carrying out of the reforms promised in the imperial manifesto of October 30, "whose tenets are revolutionary and socialist, whose tactics are anarchistic and aim at the disorganization of the country by the stoppage of the posts and telegraphs," and should the ordinary laws fail to stem the tide of revolution the government will have recourse altogether to exceptional measures.

A report that Count Witte has resigned is in circulation, but it is false. It may, however, become true at any moment, as General Count Alexis Ignatieff is being held in reserve.

A close friend of the Premier says that Count Witte had no faith in the policy of the Minister of the Interior, M. Durnovo, and consented to accept it only on condition that it would be confined to legal means.

The step taken toward reaction marks the beginning of the end, and the policy which has been begun is bound to fail. The government's task will not be merely the arrest of a small group of leaders, but that of the whole population. The powers conferred on the provincial authorities by the imperial ukase is tantamount to a declaration of martial law throughout the country, and the irresponsible acts of repression which the officers of the old regime will be sure to commit when let loose can only serve to fan the flames.

M. Nomechaleff, Minister of Communications, has issued orders to the chiefs of all the railroads not to recognize organizations of railroad men, particularly cautioning them not to allow the passage of the orders of their leaders to the organizations.

The government has chosen a desperate moment to repress the proletariat. It is fighting for its life in the Baltic region, where a revolt is admitted to be in full blast, with almost practical certainty that if it cannot be crushed its flames will spread to Poland. The native population of the ancient Kingdom of Lithuania is made up of a hardy and headstrong people, who, having raised the banner of revolt, will fight to the end.

At Moscow the government is confronted with a mutiny of troops so serious that it has been obliged to send a regiment of cavalry from St. Petersburg to aid in the suppression of the mutineers.

The government to-day succeeded in restoring cable communication abroad, but it is unable to guarantee how long it will be able to keep the lines in operation.

Petitions from the nobility of Riga, Windau, Libau and other places in the Baltic provinces have been received by the government, imploring it to abolish martial law, which, the petitions say, is only inflaming the situation.

News from the interior to-night is most serious. The revolt in the Baltic has spread southward.

DEWEY'S WINES FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS. Special Assorted Cases, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.75. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 123 Fulton St., New York.—Adv.