

HEAVY STATE SURPLUS.

NEW YORK'S PROSPERITY.

Controller Glynn's Report Shows Increase in Indirect Taxation.

Albany, Dec. 14.—Martin H. Glynn, State Controller, announced to-day that in his report to be submitted to the Legislature he will show that during the first year of his term the state has experienced one of the most prosperous periods of its existence. The receipts from indirect taxation have broken all records, and the largest surplus ever accumulated by the state is now in the treasury.

Mr. Glynn's report will show that the increase in receipts over the aggregate of the preceding year was \$2,377,000. Of this amount, \$1,470,463 resulted from the operation of the laws taxing corporations and the transfer of estates of decedents. Corporations paid the state during the year \$48,280 more than in any previous year. The report says 2,671 additional companies were added to the list of taxpayers.

The collection of taxes on the estates of decedents aggregated \$22,082 more than in 1906. "Not only was this result accomplished," says the Controller, "but at a decrease in the cost of collection, which saved the state, as compared with the percentage cost of the preceding year, the sum of \$84,285."

The cash balance in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year was \$3,775,751, and the surplus, which is arrived at by crediting all sums receivable and debiting all sums payable for the year, was \$13,678,238. This cash balance and surplus are the largest in the history of the state, the surplus being \$2,366,633 in excess of 1906 and \$3,309,494 in excess of the estimates. In addition to the increase in the receipts from corporations and decedents' estates, there has been a large increase in receipts from the operation of the liquor and mortgage tax laws.

The following is a comparison of receipts from some of the principal sources of revenue for the last year with 1906:

Table with 3 columns: Source of Revenue, 1906, 1907. Rows include Tax on corporations, Tax on organization of corporations, Tax on transfers of decedents' estates, etc.

The expenditures during the year show a large increase, the aggregate of the principal items being \$4,095,875 greater than those of 1906, of which \$294,695 was for canals and \$1,546,949 for highways.

Following is a comparison of some of the principal expenditures in 1906 and 1907:

Table with 3 columns: Expenditure Category, 1906, 1907. Rows include State departments and commissions, Charitable institutions, Hospitals for insane, etc.

There was also paid, the Controller reports, from the general fund, being in lieu of a state tax for such purpose, the annual contribution to the canal debt sinking fund of \$5,682,582, and for the contribution to the highway improvement sinking fund \$20,414.

The debt of the state, the report says, at the close of the fiscal year was \$17,250,000, an increase of \$5,650,000 over 1906. It is as follows: Canal, \$15,200,000; highway improvement, \$1,650,000; Adirondack Park, \$390,000.

"The amount of sinking funds, consisting of securities and cash on hand applicable to the payment of this debt," says the Controller, "is \$3,023,665, leaving a balance of debt unprovided for of \$17,717,000. It is interesting to note if the state had gone out of business on September 30 with a surplus plus of \$13,678,238 and a sinking fund of \$3,023,665, there would have been sufficient funds to pay off the debt of \$17,250,000, leaving a balance of nearly \$3,000,000 in the treasury."

HEWLETT'S POSTOFFICE ROBBED. Safe Crackers Get More Than \$300 and Leave Empty Mail Bags in Cemetery.

Hewlett, Long Island, Dec. 14.—Following close upon the robbery of the Roslyn Postoffice, in which was entered by thieves on Thursday, the safe in the postoffice of this place was broken open with dynamite early to-day and more than \$300 in cash and stamps stolen. The robbers carried off the mail bags, which were found later in the Episcopal Cemetery, where they had been rifled and thrown away.

The postoffice is in the grocery store of S. F. Combs, who is also postmaster. Over the store live Cornelius Seaman and his family. Mr. Seaman heard the muffled sound of an explosion, and, suspecting that burglars were at work in the postoffice, went downstairs. The door of the safe had been forced, and every drawer in the postoffice and in the grocery had been ransacked.

The robbers are thought to have been experienced cracksmen, as they did their work quietly and effectively. Postmaster Combs said he did not know as yet just exactly how much had been taken, but it was something between \$200 and \$300. Most of the money consisted of stamps. It is thought that the robbery was committed by the same persons who plundered the Roslyn Postoffice. There the thieves got \$25 in cash and \$100 in stamps.

A CORRECTION. Jones Was Not Treasurer of All Saints' in Staten Island.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: There appeared in The Tribune of December 7, I am told, an article charging me with having caused the arrest of a certain William Jones, represented to be my parish treasurer and a member of my vestry. This statement is incorrect, for this said Jones is not my parish treasurer nor a member of the vestry of All Saints' Church. The matter of his arrest was placed in the hands of the District Attorney by private persons without any official sanction of my parish and for certain personal reasons alleged by these parties. I must therefore respectfully ask that this correction be published in your paper.

J. B. BLANCHET, Rector of All Saints' Church. New York, Dec. 13, 1907.

[The error of stating that William Jones was treasurer of All Saints' Church was due to confusion of the church with the chapel out of which it grew. All Saints' Church was only organized on January 29, 1906. Mr. Jones was treasurer of the Chapel of Our Father, out of which the church grew. The case was not brought to the attention of the grand jury by the Rev. Dr. Blanchet, but, we are informed, by a person who had intrusted to Jones for the church the money which he is alleged to have misappropriated.]

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IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Returned Attorney Pays Tribute to Work of Mr. Taft.

Howard D. Terrell, a leading attorney in the Philippines Islands, a son of A. W. Terrell, of Austin, Tex., formerly United States Minister to Turkey, was a passenger on the Prinzessin Cecilie, on her last incoming trip. Mr. Terrell has had an office in Manila for the last seven years, and has been one of the closest observers of the progress of the islands.

When seen at his hotel yesterday he made some interesting observations upon the islands and their future, and spoke particularly of the work begun by Secretary Taft while Governor of the islands, and now being elaborated and carried on.

"The people of the United States, speaking generally," said Mr. Terrell, "have only a faint idea of the services rendered by Mr. Taft in the Philippine Islands. The armed forces of the United States were engaged in putting down a rebellion and insurrection when Taft came to the islands, but this end could not be accomplished by force alone. A moral agent was needed, and this moral agent Secretary Taft became as civil governor through his genius and personality. The army could and did whip the natives into subjection and submission, but legislation had to be shaped to new and ever changing conditions, and without disparaging the work of the other members of the commission the present Secretary of War was the author of all the more important legislation of this class."

Mr. Terrell paid a compliment to Mr. Taft for his quick conception of the Filipino character, "as far as the Filipino character is capable of analysis," and also praised his firmness and determination when it became necessary to act, as well as for the "soft words and irresistible smile" which won over to American rule an alien people hotheaded and suspicious and within whose breasts still rankled the sting of defeat. Mr. Terrell continued:

Governor Taft won over almost the entire leadership of the hourglass of the Philippines because of his support and friend, and with this material he proceeded to found his provincial and municipal governments, the result being that the rank and file of those who opposed the American sovereignty fell into line as a matter of course. It is to Secretary Taft that all in the Philippine Islands now turn to start an era of great prosperity and development. Naturally, they hope he will be made President. If nominated, he is expected to force the Philippines to the front as an issue. A campaign of education will then be waged to convince the American people what a rich treasure they have in the Philippines—richer by far than Alaska—rich in agriculture, timber and in minerals. All that is lacking to make the Philippines a profitable investment for the United States and its citizens is the necessary legislation to give it the advantages of free trade with the world, and a declaration by Congress that it is and shall always be considered a part and parcel of our government.

Such an immigration would prove a menace to labor, for the simple reason that the Filipino works when he cannot avoid doing so, and the small American farmer claims for it as the only means of making his holdings valuable. Under such legislation, capital will find its way thither, and settlers will seek homes where the climate is delightful, farming easy, crops frequent and almost certain and profitable. Americans think, evidently, that the Philippine Islands are celebrated for typhoons, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, cholera, surra, rinderpest and every other calamity in the category of terrible things. But this is not so. The United States produces more cyclones, disastrous earthquakes, yellow fever, cholera, typhoid and other more dire afflictions than are dreamed of in the Philippine Islands. The health of Americans over there is quite as good as at home.

Possible war with Japan is a topic of discussion not only in the Philippines, but along the China coast and among the residents of the Federated Malay States and India. It is my observation that the Japanese masses would welcome a conflict at this juncture, and one cannot always truly know the ultimate intent of the Japanese government. In my opinion, however, if there is to be war with Japan within the next ninety days, I know personally that the greatest precaution has been preserved aboard our Asiatic fleet for some months whenever any Japanese war vessel was in close proximity.

HALT ON IMMIGRATION TO CANADA. Government Orders Policy of Discouragement Because of Heavy Influx.

Halifax, Dec. 14.—The Canadian government has adopted a policy of discouraging immigration to Canada during the winter season as the result of the great volume which has been received at that time in October and November. The government has instructed agents to stop all efforts to induce immigration to Canada, and an extensive advertising campaign setting forth the advantages of the country has been brought to a sudden end.

Intending immigrants now are advised to defer sailing until spring, as much difficulty is being experienced in caring for the great number already here, and it is feared that many may become public charges.

GAINED HALF POUND ON CACTUS DIET. Los Angeles Physician Gives Vegetarian Dinner at End of Test.

Los Angeles, Dec. 14.—Dr. Leon Elbert Landone gave a dinner last night to six physicians of this city to celebrate the completion of his fourteen days' food test. During this period Dr. Landone almost exclusively spineless cactus, and cactus was one of the chief features at the dinner.

The menu consisted of celery and cactus soup, omelette with chopped cactus and green peppers, fried cactus, salad made of the cactus fruit, lettuce, celery, sliced, flavored with the fruit of the cactus, and the juice of the cactus fruit as a drink. The guests declared themselves delighted.

"Not only did my strength continue unimpaired by my experimental diet," said Landone, "but I gained half a pound."

NEW CHICAGO SCHOOL BUILDINGS. Improved Type to Cost Less Money Embodies Numerous Changes.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—A new type of school building was adopted officially yesterday by the buildings and grounds committee of the School Board as the standard for elementary schools to be erected within the next two years.

In place of a standard building of twenty-six rooms, accommodating an average of 1,200 pupils, the new structure will have forty rooms, each an assembly hall with a capacity of from 80 to 1,000. The structure will be built in three sections—the central section of twenty rooms, containing the assembly hall and all the other rooms necessary for a complete school equipment, and two wings of ten rooms each. The average cost of a room of the new building will be \$3,000, as against \$1,600 for the old type.

The most radical feature of the new building will be the complete elimination of the basement. Toilet conveniences will be placed in "tower rooms" on each floor.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH. Morgantown, W. Va., Dec. 14.—In a fire early today at Morgantown, near here, three children of J. P. Corbin, superintendent of a local sand plant, were burned to death. They were Rachel, sixteen years old; Susie, five years old; and James, seven years old. Several others had narrow escapes.

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Christmas Gift Specials in Men's Furnishings. Men's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 6 in fancy box from 59c to 2.75. Men's Bathrobes, in German flannel and all wool. 3.49 to 15.00. Men's House Coats. 3.95 to 15.00. Men's Silk Full Dress Mufflers. 1.00 to 5.00. West 125th St., 7th and 8th Aves.

"POSITIVELY LAST WEEK" The Imperial Persian Commissioner H. H. TOPAKYAN Established for 20 Years in the United States Has decided to RETIRE FROM BUSINESS and will sell his entire Stock of ORIENTAL RUGS AND CARPETS

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The Sale will be conducted by MR. C. H. LEENGENE, Of The National Art Association, Managers.

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS

Agreement on Amendments to the Militia Law. Washington, December 14. MAY REMOVE RESTRICTION.—An agreement on the provisions desired by the representatives of the Interstate National Guard Association for amendments to the Dick militia law has been reached, as a result of the conferences held between General Oliver, the Acting Secretary of War; General Bell, the chief, and other officers of the general staff, and Senator Dick, General Drain and other officers of the association. They are to be put into form and sent to the various state national guard organizations, so that they may be carefully studied by them, preparatory to the general convention of the association to be held in January. All the state organizations will not be ready to conform to the requirements of the Dick law in the coming year, as that act provides, and a joint resolution probably will be passed by Congress extending until 1910 the time allowed for that purpose. Probably the most important subject discussed, with the result that most of those in the conference gave it their assent, was the proposition to remove the present restriction on the employment of national militia to nine months. It was acknowledged that modern conditions of warfare make this period entirely too short—in fact, it would scarcely be practicable to do more than organize a volunteer force and transport it to and from the Philippines in that short period.

THE ITALIAN'S SPEED.—Reports received at the Navy Department from officers who were aboard the battleship Idaho on her trial trip off the Delaware Capes recently are that the ship made an average speed of 17.10 knots, which was one-tenth of a knot in excess of the contract requirements.

ORDERS ISSUED.—The following orders have been issued: ARMY. Major JAMES B. HOUSTON, paymaster, from Department of Dakota to Havana, via Washington, as chief paymaster, Army of Cuban Expedition, reassignment to Washington, D. C. Captain ALEXANDER E. WILLIAMS, 2d Infantry, detailed in quarters at Camp Sherman, Camp Sherman, Ohio. CHARLES H. MARTIN, quartermaster, to 2d Infantry.

NAVY. Lieutenant Commander A. RUST, detached Navy Department, to command Cape Cruz-Casilda survey expedition in U. S. S. Albatross, at Manila, P. I. E. SWENEY, Jr., detached navy yard, Boston, home. Surgeon A. C. RUSSELL, on completion examination, to temporary duty, Torpedo Station, Newport. Cable from Rear Admiral J. N. HEMPHILL, commandant, 5th Squadron, Pacific fleet, Manila, December 13. Ensign R. W. KESSLER, detached from the Chattanooga to Naval Hospital, Yokohama. Lieutenant J. E. WALKER, detached from the Concord, home.

MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS.—The following movements of vessels have been reported to the Navy Department: ARRIVED. Dec. 12.—The Wasp, at Poughkeepsie; the Rainbow, the Chattanooga and the Galveston, at Manila; the Sampson, at League Island; the Milwaukee, at Mare Island. Dec. 13.—The Nina, the Shark and the Porpoise, at New London at Bridgeport; the Eagle, at Guantanamo; the Sioux, at Rockland, Me.; the Tacoma, navy yard, New York; the Florida, at Norfolk.

SAILED. Dec. 12.—The Tennessee and the Washington, from Callao for Aquino; the Probit, from San Diego for Mare Island. Dec. 13.—The Nina, the Shark and the Porpoise, from New London for Bridgeport; the Paducah and the Dubuque, from Guantanamo for Havana; the Craven, from Washington for New York; the Satoru, from San Diego for Mare Island; the Satoru, from San Francisco for Santa Barbara, California; the Satoru, from Hampton Roads, the Tacoma, from North River, New York, for navy yard, New York; the Helena, the Quaker and the Villalobos, from Shanghai for Yangtze River; the Nevada, from Annapolis for Norfolk; the Decatur, from Norfolk for Norfolk; the Shark, from Bridgeport for navy yard, New York.

NEW BIDS FOR DRYDOCK ASKED. Washington, Dec. 14.—Specifications have been issued by the bureau of yards and docks of the Navy Department inviting bids for the completion of the drydock at Brooklyn, the contract for building of the drydock at Brooklyn, the Secretary Metcalf recently because of the failure of the contractor to carry out the work. The bids will be opened on January 15. The original estimate of the cost of the dock was \$1,000,000, of which \$800,000 remains available.

CAN'T PUT METERS IN APARTMENTS. Controller Metz Gets Ruling Against City from Corporation Council.

Controller Metz received a communication from Corporation Counsel Pendleton yesterday in which it is pointed out that the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity has no power to install meters in rooms independent of stores, and that meters in rooms independent of stores, and that the city has no right to install water meters in apartments. The decision was based on a ruling by Justice Koogh under the date of June 11, 1907.

The complaint by Water Register Padden that the city plumbers who have installed meters have made excessive charges and that the holding up of bills for \$5,000 led the Controller to ask the Corporation Council for an opinion last week.

BOSTON'S VOTE TO BE RECOUNTED. Boston, Dec. 14.—The Election Commissioners announced to-day that a recount of the votes cast for Mayor and aldermen at the election last Tuesday would begin on Monday. The recount is on the petition of the Democratic City Committee and of several aldermen who lost by small majorities.

NEW HAVEN GETS JOY LINE. Million Dollar Deal Gives Mellen Road Almost Complete Control of Sound Routes.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 14.—The filing of documents in the custom house here to-day made public the fact that the Joy Steamship Company has formally passed to the control of the United States Transportation Company, which is incorporated in this state, and which it is understood is owned by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company. The transaction is thought to involve about a million dollars. The change of ownership, it is further understood, dates back many months. The line now goes into the United States Transportation Company, which holds the Sound lines of the New Haven company not merged into the Consolidated Railway Company, which in turn lost its identity in the New Haven company last summer.

The steamers bought are the Tennessee, the Kentucky, the Fairfield, the Edgemont, the City of Key West and the Seaboard, and in addition the steamer Kennebec is purchased from the receiver of the Enterprise Line for \$50,000 cash and a mortgage of \$75,000. Bridgeport will be the home port. The New Haven company now controls practically all the Sound lines.

TRANSIT INSPECTORS FOR P. S. BOARD. Civil Service Commission Congratulated on Good Men Turned Out by Examination.

Albany, Dec. 14.—The Public Service Commission in the 1st District has reported to the State Civil Service Commission the appointment of twenty-seven transit inspectors, at an annual salary of \$1,200. In transmitting notice of appointments Secretary Whitney says:

On the whole, I want to congratulate the commission upon the exceptionally good men that were turned out by this examination. The men that we have so far appointed, to my mind, are a remarkable set of men, and I know that it is an unexpected gratification to our commission that they were able to obtain good men at the salary offered.

AN ARABIAN BARBER. The usual Arab instrument for shaving, declares M. W. Hilton-Simpson, the author of "Al-Gibbers and Beyond," is the ordinary sheath-knife, on which the Arab gets a very fine edge. He adds that, when in camp in the Haouat country, he has seen a man kill and skin a sheep and be shaved with the same knife in less than half an hour.

The barbers in the marketplace at Biskra are certainly a most rough-and-ready lot, and the sight of one of them shaving a head is not easily forgotten. "One day I saw a camel driver go up to one of them with a head of hair quite as long and thick as an ordinary well-groomed Englishman. He took a seat upon a rickety chair, and the barber, having moistened the hair with water, proceeded to shave him as bald as a coat with an old European razor, without making the very slightest cut upon his skin. No soap was used, and the operation took only about three minutes."—Youth's Companion.

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