

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE. HE BLAMES LEGISLATURE. Its Interference Increases City's Expenses, He Says.

Mayor McClellan, in his annual message to the Aldermen yesterday, places the debt incurring capacity of the city on October 1 last at \$26,000,000, blames the State Legislature for a large part of the increase in the city's expenditures, warns the citizens that so long as they keep on demanding improvements they must pay for them, defends the old system of borrowing money nine months in the year...

After allowing various deductions for revenue bonds outstanding, the net available capacity of the city is still further reduced to the figure of \$24,526,267. Since October 1 last the city's expenditures have kept right on, so that on January 1 it is doubtful if the city had a leeway of more than \$20,000,000. As usual, however, the taxes for the new year are tentatively on the books, and after the usual period there will be no net increase in the assessed valuations, thus raising the debt incurring capacity of the city to \$25,800,000.

Of the budget and the causes for its steady increase the Mayor says: In spite of the most rigid economy the budget has grown from \$10,421,566 for the year 1907 to \$24,526,267 for the year 1908. This increase of cost of city government, caused by two reasons—first, the enactment by the State Legislature of a law mandating an increase in the salaries of the Mayor and the local regulation of our expenditures, thus entailing upon the city every year a large mandatory increase in the salaries of the Mayor and the constantly increasing volume of the city's business and the higher prices which it has been forced to pay for its supplies and other necessities...

INDICT GROSSCUP AGAIN. Grand Jurors at Mattson Renew Action in Traction Wreck.

By Telegraph to The Tribune. Mattson, Ill., Jan. 6.—The grand jury returned true bills to-day against Judge Peter S. Grosscup, of the United States Circuit Court, and other employees of the Central Traction Company, on the ground of responsibility for the collision between this city and Charleston, on August 30 last, in which eighteen persons were killed. The new indictments read for manslaughter and criminal negligence instead of only for manslaughter, as the indictments were originally returned.

RECORD OCEAN TRAVEL. Last Year Ahead in Cabin and Steerage Passengers for This Port.

More cabin and steerage passengers were landed in New York in 1907 than in any previous year, according to a table of statistics sent out yesterday to the various steamship companies. As many as 94,961 first class passengers came to this city in the last twelve months. The number of second class passengers was 156,470, while the total number of passengers was 251,431. This was more than the total number of immigrants to all ports in the United States in 1905, in fact, of any year excepting 1907.

APPEAL TO U. S. COURT. Asked to Relinquish Control by State Receivers of N. Y. C. Ry.

Papers in an application by Paul Fuller, J. Hampden Dougherty and Melvin G. Falliser, appointed as state receivers of the New York City Railway Company by Supreme Court Justice Sutherland, directed to the United States Circuit Court, requesting it to relinquish control of the property and to direct Adrian H. Joline and Douglas Robinson, the federal receivers, to turn it over to the petitioners, were served on the federal receivers and Arthur H. Masten, their counsel, last night. The argument will be on Friday, January 17.

It is alleged that the federal receivership was brought about by an agreement between the New York City Railway Company, the Metropolitan Railway Company and the Morton Trust Company, which held a mortgage on the property of the Metropolitan, with the view to removing the property courts and the jurisdiction of the state to the federal court. The action of the federal court is described as having "thwarted, embarrassed and interfered with the execution of the laws of the State of New York."

RECEIVERS FOR STANDARD COMPANIES. Granted by Texas Court in Recently Filed Suit for Ouster and Penalties.

By Telegraph to The Tribune. Austin, Tex., Jan. 6.—The application of the state for a receiver for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and the Union Tank Line and National Transit Company was granted to-day by the state court here. The appointment of a receiver was deferred until tomorrow to prepare the formal order.

CHILD ASLEEP SINCE FRIDAY. Pittsburg, Jan. 6.—Physicians are puzzled over the illness of Mary Delan, two-year-old daughter of Matthew Delan, of McKeesport. The child sank into a sound sleep at noon last Friday, and all efforts to arouse her since have failed without result. She had been sick for several days, and was being treated for grip.

P. S. COMMISSION FOR OHIO. Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 6.—It was announced to-day that this State is creating a public service commission similar to that in New York State which will be introduced in the Senate and House within the next few days. The House bill will provide for a commission of five members, with a salary of \$10,000 each. The commission will have power to regulate service and rates. Appeal may be taken to the commission by any corporation or twenty-five citizens dissatisfied with the terms of a franchise.

REDUCED RATES FOR MERCHANTS. Reduced rates to New York from central passenger territory for merchants, as arranged by the Merchants' Association of New York, will be applied as last season and will be effective from February 8 to 12, inclusive, and February 22 to March 4, inclusive.

"LITTLE TIM" TOO BUSY. Hasn't Any Time to Waste on Fate of Building Code.

Timothy P. Sullivan, vice-chairman and Tammany leader in the new Board of Aldermen, was too busy yesterday to give much attention to the fate of the building code, which is the subject of the building commission report. He was in the city for only a few hours, and his time was spent in attending to the various duties of his office. He is reported to be very busy with the various duties of his office, and is not expected to have much time to devote to the building code.

Clark's Cruise of the "Arabia" is expected to start on Monday, January 13, at 10 o'clock. The ship will be commanded by Captain Clark, and will have a crew of 100 men. The cruise is expected to last for several weeks, and will cover a large part of the world.

AN ALDERMANIC FLOWER GARDEN. Flowers by the hand-sold, flowers by the dry-laid, flowers borne by large, sweating men, flowers lit by excited messenger boys, flowers lit by you couldn't rest or get away from their overwhelming aroma, were lugged to the aldermanic chamber in the City Hall yesterday and placed where they could be seen.

When all these flowers were in place the chamber looked like a beautiful swamp, with aldermanic feet stepping up from under the green and red and white.

While the biggest part of the crowd was busily paying attention to the doings of the board, some men in the rear of the room took the tags and cards off of about ten of the floral offerings within their reach and put new cards on them. They then sent the pieces over to the messengers of the City Court in the brownstone building. Some aldermen got so many pieces that they did not miss those purloined for some time.

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