

# MISSOURI

## The Chief Executive of Missouri Sends His Message to the General Assembly.

### A REVIEW OF AFFAIRS OF THE STATE.

The State shown to be in Prosperous Condition and the Interests of the People Served by the Officers in Charge—Recommendation in Behalf of the National Guard.

Following is the biennial message, in full, of Gov. Alexander M. Dockery, transmitted to and read in both houses of the Forty-second general assembly of Missouri:

**The Message.**  
Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives: Accept my hearty congratulations upon your assembly under such favorable auspices. Prosperity has showered its blessings lavishly upon our people during the twelve months past. Missourians are not only prosperous but proud of their glorious commonwealth and devoted to our great Republic.

During the more than four score years that have passed since Missouri was admitted to the American union, she has steadily progressed, her extended frontiers which promote the happiness and prosperity of the people and contribute to the grandeur and glory of this sovereign state.

We have made splendid progress during the entire history of the state, but the development of all our varied resources during the past two years has been phenomenal. And there are grander triumphs yet to be won.

Missouri is now first among the states in agricultural pre-eminence, eighth in wealth and fifth in population. Our agricultural, horticultural, manufacturing, mining and all other industries have greatly prospered. Our educational system is constantly expanding in scope and increasing in effectiveness. Our cities are teeming with busy population, engaged in the pursuit of the arts and sciences, and hand there is well-directed energy, thrift and enterprise. The laws have been impartially administered and there is no cause for complaint. Life and property have been fully protected. The administration of the local affairs of the state has been honest and frugal. Missouri has the low-

est tax rate of any of the Union. The credit of the state is unsurpassed even by the national government. Immigration is pressing into our state. Churches and schools are multiplying. In every arena of life there is no activity and advancement. Already our diversified and opulent resources have attracted the most favorable attention of the people of this republic and of the world. Missouri, the industrial prodigy of the great valley of the Mississippi, carved out of that magnificent domain which the statesmen of the American nation, our state is already the focus of a vast and increasing commerce and has become a metropolitan city, at the great World's exposition, Missouri will marshal a display of resources without parallel and few equals. Indeed, it is almost beyond the ken of imagination to fully grasp the mighty possibilities of this wonderful state.

**Finances.**  
The condition of the state treasury is most satisfactory. On the last of January, 1901, there was an available cash balance of \$1,075,351.25, including the various funds, which total included \$175,225.00 of the state revenue fund, and \$217,325.00 of the sinking fund.

The total income of the treasury, from all sources, for the two years ending January 1, 1901, was \$19,559,559.75; the total disbursements for the same period being \$19,631,385.58. The balance to the credit of the various funds on January 1, 1901, was \$1,075,351.25, of which \$1,075,351.25 was available for the state sinking fund, and \$20,484.50 to the state treasury.

The results of the treasury show a steady growth, due in most part to the income arising from the beer and liquor taxes and the natural growth and increase in the taxable wealth of the state.

**Beer Inspection Fees.**  
The fees collected under the modified beer inspection law passed by the general assembly, aggregate \$770,617.75, of which \$291,341.95 accrued prior to the passage of the amended law, and \$479,275.80 since that law became operative. The average monthly receipts from inspection fees is in excess of \$25,000. This law fully vindicated the judgment of those who favored its enactment, and has proved to be a popular and beneficial measure.

**"Whisky Tax."**  
The act to provide for a state license tax on distilled liquors, including whisky, brandy, rum, gin and distilled spirits of all kinds, wines and all kinds of "fluids," etc., has been declared unconstitutional by the supreme court of Missouri.

Prior to the decision of that honorable body, the special tax committee collected \$2,725.98, under this law. This money has been paid into the state treasury.

**Taxation of Franchises.**  
The franchise law, enacted by the last general assembly, has been upheld by the assessment of public service corporations. While franchises were in fact assessed prior to the passage of the act, grave uncertainty existed as to the power of the state to tax this class of property under the then existing laws. The new law leaves no question as to the legality of the assessment. The assessment of public service corporations has reached \$13,000,000, an increase in the past two years of \$1,250,000, or more than fifteen per cent, while the increase in the personal and real property for the corresponding period is scarcely five per cent.

**Collateral Inheritance Tax.**  
The constitutionality of the law providing for the taxation of "collateral inheritance, legacies, gifts and conveyances" in certain cases to provide revenue for educational purposes, for the maintenance and support of the Missouri State university and its departments, has been sustained by the supreme court.

The first payment into the state treasury under this law was made on the 31st of January, 1901. Since that date \$17,058.97 has been received on this account, \$247,827.90 being apportioned to the State university and \$85,069.91 to the Holla school of mines.

The last general assembly appropriated \$50,000 of this tax for the benefit of the State university and \$27,000 to promote the interests of the school of mines at Rolla. These appropriations were additional to the \$154,000 appropriated from the state revenue fund to meet the salaries and current expenses of both the university and the school of mines.

It is estimated by State Auditor Allen that the income from the collateral inheritance tax law will not be less than \$200,000 annually.

Auditor Allen also estimates that the total receipts into the state treasury, on account of the state revenue funds, will be about \$5,000,000 for the ensuing biennial period.

I recommend that the appropriations for all our state institutions be as generous as may be consistent with the revenues of the state. A sound public policy, however, absolutely and inflexibly commands that the limit of the appropriations be brought within the limits of our estimated revenues.

**State Indebtedness.**  
The outstanding debt of the state on January 1, 1901, consisted of \$87,000, three and one-half per cent. refunding bonds and \$1,300,000 of school certificates of indebtedness. Since January 1, 1901, \$1,000,000 of additional certificates have been issued—\$400,000 in favor of the semi-annual fund, and \$600,000 in favor of the school certificates. The increase of the school certificates has been offset by the retirement of an equal amount of bonds. The bonded debt of the state has already been reduced \$1,400,000 during this biennial period. The outstanding debt being only \$47,000 at this time. In addition to the reduction of the principal of debt, the interest has been applied to the interest upon the bonded debt and school certificates.

The bonded debt of the state is to be extinguished upon the expiration of the last of the outstanding bonds which were issued in 1892. This year ago the state was inaugurated upon the inspiring fact that the last of the outstanding bonds will very soon be paid. This year ago the state was inaugurated upon the inspiring fact that the last of the outstanding bonds will very soon be paid.

# AFTER THE GOAL SWIRLS.

## A Special Grand Jury Impaneled in Chicago to Investigate the Fuel Conditions.

### WAS ROUNDED UP ON SHORT NOTICE.

State's Attorney Deenen, Assisted by Attorney-General Hamlin, Will Conduct the Inquiry into the Causes For the Continued High Prices Demanded for Coal.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—The prompt action of State's Attorney Chas. S. Deenen, upon information furnished him by the special committee appointed by the Illinois Manufacturers' association resulted in the convening, Saturday morning, of a special grand jury to inquire into the causes for the high prices demanded for coal by Chicago dealers. Twenty deputy sheriffs worked almost the entire night to secure service of summonses on 75 veniremen and subpoenas for the appearance of prominent coal dealers who are believed to be in a coal combination in defiance of the law. When court was called Saturday morning, a majority of the talesmen were on hand, and the work of impaneling a jury at once proceeded.

The formal order for the special grand jury was issued by Judge Willard McEwen late Friday, upon a petition by the state's attorney, declaring his belief that there exists among certain coal operators, owners and dealers a combination "injurious to the public trade," and that, in consequence, "great distress and suffering prevail among the poor in the community." Judge McEwen immediately suspended court proceedings while he issued the order for a special venire convening the grand jury. The order was taken at once to the jury commissioner, and 75 names were handed Sheriff Barrett for immediate service.

Att'y-Gen. Hamlin, who was in telephone communication with Mr. Deenen several times Friday, arrived in Chicago Saturday morning, and will take an active part in the prosecution. It is also expected that the Retail Dealers' association, the Building Managers' association and the railroad committee of the city council will assist in the proceedings.

Twenty-three jurors were quickly secured and the oath administered. Judge McEwen's charge was brief, and confined largely to defining the duties of the jurors.

"It is not necessary to divulge in any language," he said, after reading to them the state's attorney's petition, "to impress upon you or upon any fair minded man the crime and infamy of such a situation as is here set forth. Your duties with regard to the investigation are set forth in the oath you have taken."

The jury then retired to enter upon its investigation.

## WHITE SLAVES IN VIRGINIA.

Methods of Virginia Mine Owners That Call For Investigation and Correction.

New York, Jan. 11.—Ten Slavs, ragged and half starved, have arrived here from Toms Creek, Va., whither they went, six weeks ago, with 32 others, on the promise of steady work in a coal mine at \$2.50 a day. They tell a story of oppression that has caused the Austrian ambassador at Washington, Baron Hengenmuller, to start an investigation, with the object of freeing the men still at the mine and of obtaining redress for their wrongs.

After having been hired the men were taken to the little town of George, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, whence they drove 20 miles across country. The next morning each man received several sticks of dynamite and some petroleum.

"These are your tools," they were told. "They will cost you \$40, and we will take it in installments out of your pay."

The men worked 11 hours the first day. At night they received 50 cents each, instead of \$2.50, and they protested. But they were told to be careful of their money, as they would be expected to pay part of the cost of their materials out of it at the end of the week.

This condition of affairs continued for three weeks. Then the 42 men escaped. But all but ten were recaptured and taken back to the mine.

# IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH.

## Abram S. Hewitt, Former Mayor of New York, Dying at His Home in That City.

### New York Jan. 12.—Abram Stevens Hewitt, former mayor of New York city and distinguished as a philanthropist, politician and student, is dying.

At ten o'clock Sunday night it was announced that Mr. Hewitt was growing weaker and that there was but a bare possibility that he might survive the night.

Mr. Hewitt, who is in his eighty-first year, has been confined in his bed since Thursday at his residence in this city. He is suffering from obstructive jaundice. Since then Mr. Hewitt has been constantly attended by Dr. C. H. Chetwood, Dr. E. L. Keyes and Dr. E. L. Keyes, Jr., and three nurses. Dr. Francis Delafield was called in consultation.

The immediate members of the family were summoned to the house Sunday night. There were present Mrs. Hewitt, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cooper Hewitt, Mr. Hewitt, Miss Elmore G. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Hewitt, Edward Cooper, Gen. and Mrs. Lloyd Birce, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cooper.

## FATAL FIRE IN NEW YORK.

Wife of a Wealthy Merchant Burned to Death and a Domestic Killed by Jumping from a Window.

New York, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Florine Henry, the wife of Philip S. Henry, a wealthy coffee merchant, and daughter of the late banker, Lord Levinson, was burned to death, Sunday, in a fire that almost entirely destroyed the residence of the family, at 54 East Fifty-sixth street.

Albert Erickson, a domestic, jumped from the fourth-story window and received injuries from which he died soon afterwards. Mrs. Henry's two infant children were saved by their nurse, who ran with them to the street, immediately after the discovery of the fire. Mr. Henry, who was slightly burned, was rescued by a policeman who entered the house before the arrival of the firemen. It was supposed that his wife had already made her escape.

After the fire had been extinguished Mrs. Henry's charred body was found in her bedroom on the second floor. Apparently she had succumbed to the smoke, while attempting to reach a window.

Mrs. Henry, who was 25 years old, was married six years ago in London, where her husband was engaged in business.

## A GEORGIA WINDSTORM.

Much Damage Done in Two Counties of the State—Hotel Blown Down and Many Houses Unroofed.

Savannah, Jan. 12.—Advises from Berrien and Worth counties, in the southern part of the state, are that a severe wind storm, Sunday, did much damage in each county.

At Omega, in Worth county, the hotel was blown down and a number of houses unroofed. The wind swept a path of 100 yards wide through the town, damaging every house and uprooting every tree it encountered.

At Heartsease the stacks and pipes of a large lumber plant were knocked over like ten pins.

At Tifton a number of houses were damaged. It is feared the worst damages have not yet been reported.

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