

# NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

## Commissioner General Sargent in New York Inspecting Immigrant Station at Ellis Island—Thomas Duggan Awarded Silver Medal for Saving Lives. Arrangements Made to Deport Syrians From New Orleans.

### TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner General of Immigration Sargent left Washington last night to go to New York city. Today he visited Ellis Island with Assistant Secretary Taylor to look over the ground in regard to the proposed plans for improving the buildings, especially the hospital. For some time it has been recognized that some improvement must be made in the quarters in the island.

Miss Minnie Hill has been appointed temporary clerk for thirty days in the Treasury Department.

Thomas Duggan, of New York city has been awarded a silver medal for saving several lives at different times. The medal is awarded through the Life-Saving Service.

Arrangements have been made to deport the Syrians detained at Eagle Pass on the Mexican border, who were shipped from Marseilles. They will be deported from New Orleans. As the 250 Syrians landed at Vera Cruz in the same party, it is expected that more will be detained and deported. The expense of deportation falls on the steamship company that brought them to this country.

Gold coin and bullion to the amount of \$517,673,708.44 is deposited in the United States Treasury and subtreasuries. The total Treasury receipts for January 6 were \$1,367,924.23, of which, \$961,420.13 was for customs; \$332,446.77 internal revenue receipts; miscellaneous receipts, \$74,957.33. Expenditures were \$1,250,000, of which \$200,000 was for pensions, \$280,000 for civil and miscellaneous expenses, \$216,000 for war, \$145,000 for navy, \$10,000 for Indians, \$400,000 for interest. The excess of receipts over expenditures was \$117,524.23.

### GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

The "Ditney Folio of the Geological Atlas of the United States" has been published, and is now on sale at the office. The folio covers the region of the Dittney Hills. The general and pleistocene geology is by Myron Fuller. The economic geology, by G. H. Ashley.

### POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Virginia postmasters were appointed yesterday, as follows: Harland P. Sanders, Great Falls, Fairfax county; Elissa B. Wimlish, Pains, Halifax county; Miss Mabel C. Bolt, Pumacule, Carroll county.

"Owney was certainly a remarkable dog, and the greatest canine traveler that ever lived," said Mr. Slack, who has charge of the museum in the postoffice. "Owney" is—or rather was—a rough-coated mongrel, and is at present stuffed and in a glass case in the museum. He wandered in to the Albany postoffice one day some fifteen years ago, and immediately took to following the mail delivery wagons. He was very friendly to all who wore the uniform of the mailed service. Soon he began to take trips to other towns. Tags and checks of all sorts and description were put on him, and he traveled from one city to another, always following the mail. For eleven years he kept this up, in which time he visited Europe and Asia. The Mikado of Japan presented him with a silver medal, on one side of which was the national coat of arms. Especially did he like Paris, where, indeed, the people are much kinder to dumb animals than in this country. Owney met his fate when an attempt was made to take his picture. He was chained up until the photographer should arrive. At such indignity, Owney bristled up, and barked furiously. A postal clerk endeavored to quiet him, and received a bite in his hand. He spread the report that Owney was mad, and a policeman was summoned, and shot the dog. As soon as Mr. Slack heard of his death, he telegraphed for the remains. Owney was stuffed at the Smithsonian Institution, and today stands in a glass case, with some three hundred tags and checks attached to his harness.

### WESTERN FREIGHT RATES TO BE MATERIALLY RAISED

Purposed Advance Will Increase Yearly Income One Hundred Millions.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Freight rates on nearly all commodities transported by Western railroads are to be materially raised in the next thirty days. If the scale at present contemplated goes into effect, the revenues of the roads will be increased in 1903 by at least \$100,000,000. The first step toward this advance was taken at a meeting of Western executive officials held Monday, and there was not a dissenting voice to the sentiment that freight rates should be raised to meet the increased cost of labor, and of materials.

### HEAVYWEIGHT WIT.

That even scientists are endowed with a keen sense of humor was shown by an incident which occurred in the course of the recent session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington.

### AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

John Hyde, statistician of the Department of Agriculture, estimates that about 34,600,000 acres of land is in newly seeded winter wheat. This is an increase of 5.1 per cent upon the area estimated to have been sown in the fall of 1901. The condition of winter wheat, states the statistician, on December 1, was 99.7, as compared with 99.7 in 1901; 97.1 in 1900, and a nine-year average of 91.4.

"The Crop Reporter" is the name of a publication edited from the division of statistics. It is issued monthly, and contains the state of the crops from all parts of the world. It is a very carefully and well edited paper, and is of great value to agriculturists in general.

### WAR DEPARTMENT.

An interesting treatise on the Philippine Islands, and what is considered the most exhaustive one ever compiled by the War Department, was issued yesterday in the form of appendices to the report of the Philippine Commission for the last fiscal year. Prominence is given to cholera statistics, as is also to reports from officers of the quartermaster's department. These reports show that the Filipino has proven himself capable of great development. An important feature of the work in this department has been the abolition of the system of padrones, under which the natives were required to pay at least 20 per cent of their earnings each month to foremen.

On the retirement of Major Louis B. Lawton, of the Twenty-sixth Infantry, just promoted, First Lieut. Henry M. Morrow, of the Ninth Cavalry, stationed at the Presidio, San Francisco, will be appointed a major in the Judge Advocate General's department.

The War Department has issued orders for all officers now in the United States on leave of absence belonging to the eight regiments of the Philippines, which have been ordered home, to report by letter to the commander of the department in the United States to whom their regiments have been ordered. They are to report for orders. The regiments are: The First, Fifth, and Sixth Cavalry, and the First, Second, Fifth, Tenth, and Twenty-sixth Infantry.

General Gillespie received a delegation of citizens from New Jersey yesterday, headed by Senators Kean and Dryden, who urged that the channel from Arthur Kill to Raritan Bay be extended around the north side of Shooter's Island instead of following its present course on the north side of that island. A fund of about \$1,000,000 is available for this improvement, and the interests of the people of New Jersey and Staten Island are particularly involved. The Secretary of War has referred the question to the Chief of Engineers for investigation and report.

### WOULD JOIN IN ENGLAND'S PROTEST TO THE PORTE

Austria and Italy Object to Opening of Dardanelles to Russia.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 7.—It is believed in official circles here that Austria and Italy are willing to join England in securing from the Porte a statement that no more warships will be allowed to pass through the Dardanelles. Last September the Turkish government granted to Russia the right for four Russian torpedo boats to pass through the Dardanelles flying Russian colors.

It was announced yesterday that Great Britain has protested against this act, stating that it was a breach of international treaty, and that should any Russian ships be allowed to pass through the straits, England would claim for herself the same rights.

### DYRENFORTH APPEAL DISMISSED BY CONSENT

John F. Meacham Secure in Position at Head of Potomac Division, U. V. U.

The appeal taken by Gen. Robert St. George Dyrenforth and Charles F. Noske from the decision of Justice Barnard restraining them from interfering with John F. Meacham in his capacity as commander of the Division of the Potomac, Union Veterans Union, was yesterday dismissed on their own motion.

General Dyrenforth is commander-in-chief of the Union Veterans Union. The differences which led to the litigation between the parties took place shortly before the Grand Army Encampment, and grew out of an order issued by General Dyrenforth, suspending Colonel Meacham from command of the Division of the Potomac, U. V. U. Colonel Meacham applied to the local court for relief, and Justice Barnard issued an order restraining General Dyrenforth and Charles F. Noske from in any way interfering with Colonel Meacham in his official duties. From this judgment the defendants took an appeal.

### COULD NOT REST IN BED AND CHOSE THE TOMB

Retired Merchant Commits Suicide, Leaving Directions for Coroner.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Jan. 7.—William Verlage, a New York, retired merchant, committed suicide here yesterday by shooting himself through the heart at the house of his relative, David H. McIlvain.

The deceased had been in ill-health for some years past, and for the last three years was not able to go to bed. He was afflicted with asthma and suffered severely.

### AGLIPAY MAY RETURN TO BOSOM OF CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROME, Jan. 7.—The latest news from the Philippines indicates that it is likely that self-appointed Bishop Aglipay, of the Independent Catholic Church, will return to the mother church and thus end the schism.

### INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

T. M. Buffington, chief of the Cherokee Nation, paid his respects to Judge Luther Smith, chief of the Indian Territory division, yesterday. Mr. Buffington is in Washington on matters relating to his nation, the capital of which is Vinita.

### PATENT OFFICE.

Justice Job Barnard, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, has given a decision in a case "instituted for the purpose of obtaining a mandamus against the Commissioner of Patents to require him to direct the primary examiner-in-chief to the board of examiners-in-chief an appeal which the relator has asked in a matter pending in the Patent Office, wherein he has applied for a patent for certain new and useful improvements in motor meters."

Justice Barnard's opinion, in part, is as follows: "Where the Commissioner of Patents refuses to direct the primary examiner to forward to the examiners-in-chief an appeal from the primary examiner's action in requiring the applicant to divide his application, held that his action will not be interfered with by mandamus, since the applicant has no right of appeal. When the claims of an application for patent have not been acted upon as to their merits, but the applicant has been required to present them in two applications instead of one, held that the claims have not been rejected within the meaning of the law and the rules, and that the applicant is not entitled to appeal to the examiners-in-chief."

### INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

Edward A. Moseley, assistant recorder, left yesterday for Philadelphia to assume duties with the coal strike commission. Mr. Moseley was accompanied by Charles F. Gerry, his assistant.

George Groobey, chief inspector, was another official of the Interstate Commerce Commission who left Washington for Philadelphia for like duties.

## OIL AFIRE PROVES MONSTER SPECTACLE

### Two Stills at New York Explode.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—An explosion underneath one of the big tanks in the Terpp Oil Works of the Standard Oil Company in Williamsburg at 7:30 o'clock this morning, blew the top of the tank into the air, and set fire to two immense crude oil stills.

The smoke and flames could be seen for miles around from both sides of the East River. Two fireboats and thirteen fire engine companies from Brooklyn were called out, and all Williamsburg was treated to a great daylight fire spectacle.

The still or tank at which the explosion occurred was known as No. 1. Its capacity when full is 60,000 gallons. The oil in the tanks is in process of refining. No one could tell what caused the explosion.

A few minutes after it happened the whole of the top surface of the tank was in flames. Persons crossing the East River on the ferriesboats, and those on the Manhattan side, had a fine view of the blaze, which seemed to have reached its height about 8 o'clock.

When the second tank caught fire there was a loud explosion similar to the first. Both explosions could be heard half a mile away above the noise of the city traffic.

The firemen had the hardest work of their lives to keep the flames from reaching the other tanks. Had not the oil been drawn off the whole works would probably have been destroyed. Four fire alarms were sounded.

## BEET SUGAR MEN TO MEET TOMORROW

### National Association Will Discuss Cuban Reciprocity.

The beet sugar men of the country will meet in Washington tomorrow to discuss questions of national legislation affecting their welfare. They constitute the Association of Beet Sugar Manufacturers, and out of a total of about fifty factories in the country, thirty-five will be represented.

The most important topics of discussion will be the Cuban reciprocity treaty and the Philippine sugar situation, and it is to be expected that the opposition to the former will be energetically indorsed.

The representatives to tomorrow's gathering are principally from Colorado, Michigan, Nebraska, and California.

## DECADENCE OF EASTERN ART.

### Western Machine Product Lowering Hitherto Noble Standards.

The future historian of Eastern culture will have a somewhat melancholy chapter to write on the decline and fall of Oriental art. He will show how the Western nations, among whom machine work had destroyed handicraft, filled the East with Brummagem manufactures. He will explain how the West dealt the East a still more crippling blow by requiring of the Eastern artist the work of the Western machine.

The people of the nineteenth century, he will say, asked of China, Japan, India, Persia, Asia Minor, not their best, but their worst—anything so it bore the tag, Oriental. Under this foolishness, he will explain, the art of rug-making virtually disappeared from the Asian villages, while the potteries of Japan gave themselves to caricatures, "for export," of their older and finer products, and Japanese painters cast away the beautiful linear symbolism, to the perfecting of which centuries had gone, and gave themselves to meaningless imitation of the painting of Paris.

A very few years will decide the fate of the apparently moribund arts of the East. Unquestionably, machine-made products will there, as elsewhere, increasingly replace the direct work of the artist's hand. Does this mean that beautiful handicraft is to perish out of the East as utterly as it has out of the West? Lord Curzon thinks he sees a remedy in the revival of national spirit and taste in the East itself.

## PAWNSHIP A HALF TON OF COAL FOR LESS THAN TWO DOLLARS

### CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—A new article for pawn came to the attention of the police when Leo Lowy, a bartender, displayed a receipt from a Clark Street broker calling for the delivery of a half ton of coal if he failed to return \$1.75 which he had borrowed within thirty days. Lowy put in a stock of anthracite in the summer months.

### IN EXPLANATION.

In reprinting from the editorial columns of the "Star" an article entitled, "A Contemptible Publication," the Times had no intention to reflect upon, nor, indeed, pass upon, the merits of the "Star's" strictures upon a newspaper once printed in this city, and called the "Globe." It distinctly disavows the "Star's" assertion that the "Globe" was a "blackguard, blackmailing sheet recently decimated," and regrets if any of its readers should have construed the reprint of the "Star's" remarkable effusion as an indorsement of any statement of that kind.

### STRUCK BY WILD TRAIN.

BRISTOL, Va., Jan. 7.—A runaway freight train on the Norfolk and Western railway collided with an engine and cars in the Bristol yards yesterday. One engine was torn to pieces and the other badly damaged. Several cars were wrecked. The train crews escaped injury by jumping.

## FINDS GOLD NO LURE FROM CLASSROOM WORK

### Schoolma'am Teaches Despite Legacy of \$350,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Not of her own choosing will Miss Lavenne Cushman relinquish her position as schoolma'am just because she is heiress to \$350,000. She told I. E. Young, superintendent of schools at New Rochelle, yesterday, of the fortune that was coming to her by the recent death of an uncle in Utica, with little apparent interest. She was genuinely alarmed, however, when Mr. Young requested that she give the department plenty of time to find her successor.

"Why, can't I teach?" she asked, and there was a tremulous note of apprehension in her voice.

News of Miss Cushman's good fortune reached New Rochelle while she was visiting friends at Vernon, N. Y., during the Christmas vacation. "None expected that she would return to her duties, and Supt. Young was surprised yesterday morning when he received a telegram from her stating that it would be impossible for her to report for duty that day owing to the illness of a relative."

She arrived in New Rochelle in the afternoon, and hurrying to Supt. Young's office told him she would resume her classes today. He asked her what truth there was in the report that she had fallen heir to more than a quarter of a million. She replied that a relative had died and that she would soon receive about \$350,000 from the estate. She said she would not resign unless requested, and that she hoped to continue her work indefinitely.

Miss Cushman is about thirty years old and attractive in appearance.

## FOUR FIREMEN HURT IN BUFFALO FIRE

### Prompt Attention Saved the Captain's Life.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 7.—A spectacular fire broke out in the Old Knowles & Gardner store, 563, 565 Main Street, last night, resulting in a loss of about \$200,000. Four firemen were slightly injured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Capt. Thomas McCarthy, of engine company No. 7, in Franklin Street, was severely cut on the wrist by glass. Prompt ambulance service saved his life.

Captain Lowhouse, of Company 3, was cut by flying glass. Ladderman Hoeckle, of Truck No. 3, was cut on the hands by flying glass. Pipeman C. James, of Engine Company, No. 15, was cut about the hands by glass.

## CAPTAIN HAUGHEY RETIRED FOR PHYSICAL DISABILITY

### NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Police Commissioner Greene yesterday retired Captain Haughey, of the West Thirty-seventh Street station.

Haughey has been under charges for neglect of duty. He asked for retirement on the ground of physical disability.

The board of police surgeons yesterday sustained the captain's contention.

## GENERAL PEARSON DEAD.

### PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 7.—Gen. A. L. Pearson, past national commander of the Union Veteran Legion, and one of the founders of the order, died yesterday of pneumonia. General Pearson served through the civil war with distinction, and at the close of the conflict was brevetted major general for bravery. Later he was awarded a medal of honor by Congress. He was a member of the board of managers of the National Homes for Disabled Soldiers.

## SHOT MAN AT HIS TABLE.

### PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 7.—Near Gillespie, in Braxton county, Monday night, Allen Lewis shot and probably fatally wounded Ira Hyer.

Lewis is a farmer and Hyer a brakeman. Hyer has been making frequent visits. It is alleged, to Lewis' home, and Lewis warned his wife to have nothing to do with him. Last night Lewis started out to do some farm work. Returning earlier than he expected, he found Hyer eating supper with Mrs. Lewis. Lewis raised his gun and fired, and the charge entered Hyer's stomach. He staggered out into the road and fell.

Physicians think he has little chance of recovery.

## MINISTER TO LIBERIA.

Among the persons suggested for the vacancy as minister to Liberia is Rev. Dr. Lyons, a negro preacher of Baltimore. It is said that the President is favorably considering his name, and will probably give him the appointment.

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## PIED PIPER BADLY NEEDED AT MANILA

### Squads of Uniformed "Rat Catchers" Patrol the City—Rodents Spread Cholera.

The authorities at Manila are waging a merciless war against rats. During the last six months, according to the reports of Col. L. M. Maus, commissioner of public health, made public today, more than 50,000 of the rodents were secured by means of traps and several hundred thousand were destroyed by poison.

Rats are considered to be more dangerous to human life in our tropic possessions than all the wild beasts, poisonous serpents and venomous insects combined. They spread the germs of cholera and plague from province to province and island to island, and no matter how many sanitary precautions are taken, all efforts of the health board go for naught if the rats are allowed to live and go from place to place. The rat catchers of Manila work in squads of ten headed by a chief. Here are a few of the rules laid down by the commission for the government of the rat catchers:

"Each member of the rat catcher corps shall wear a uniform consisting of a blouse, trousers, cap, and brass shield

over left breast bearing office and number. "Members of the corps will report daily at 10 a. m., to the office of the chief sanitary inspector of each district for the purpose of receiving instructions and rendering reports. Each squad will be provided with two galvanized iron buckets with covers, one containing the disinfecting solution and the other for receiving dead rats; 100 ratbane tins and receptacles for carrying the same, for which property each squad will be responsible.

"The chief of the police will be requested to instruct the members of his force to see that all dead rats found are properly tagged and turned over to the rat catching corps, and to see that any person otherwise disposing of rats or disturbing ratbane distributed by the corps will be arrested."

Of the 60,000 rats sent to the laboratory, 40,666 were examined microscopically for bacilli, and of these 242 were found infested with plague.

## DANISH CONSUL OBJECTS TO DUTY ON UNIFORM

### Sends Suit Home Because Tax Would Not Be Removed.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 7.—Charles Earl Currie, Danish consul at Louisville, has ordered shipped back to Copenhagen a \$300 full dress uniform which he purchased for the purpose of wearing at state functions, because the United States government would not admit the garments duty free.

"I have tried for months," said Mr. Currie, "to have the uniform entered duty free, but Congressmen have been unable to accomplish it. I think, in view of the favors rendered this country by Denmark, the duty of \$200 should have been removed, but the government did not see it that way."

When Mr. Currie decided to reshine, however, another complication arose. Duty accrues on imported articles as soon as they enter the country, so Mr. Currie owed the government the duty whether he took the suit or not. The department finally granted him permission to send the garments back to Denmark.

## MACHINISTS OBJECT TO PIECEWORK ORDER

### Seven Railway Employes Go On Strike.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Seven machinists employed at the Chicago roundhouse of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, went on strike yesterday. They objected to an order to do work by the piece. The trouble threatens to extend to all shops on the line.

The piecework order was an ultimatum. Without waiting to consult the officials of the union the men quit. When the strikers reported to the business agent, Lee Fisher, he indorsed their action.

A similar order caused the strike of machinists of the Union Pacific Railroad several months ago. That strike is now nearing settlement, the company having withdrawn the piecework order.

## POPE MAY APPOINT EIGHT CARDINALS IN MARCH

### ROME, Jan. 7.—It is asserted in Vatican circles that at the March consistory the Pope will appoint eight cardinals, four of them Italians, and four foreigners. The report has given new life to the pro-Ireland party, which is strong, and has also aroused the anti-Ireland forces to a vigorous campaign.

## WIDOW OF HENRY BLAKE WEDS SIR SEYMOUR BLANE

### LONDON, Jan. 7.—Sir Seymour Blane, a septuagenarian bachelor, was married yesterday to Mrs. Henry Blake, the widow of Henry Blake of Boston. There was no choral service and no flowers. The honeymoon will be spent in Rome.

## GET EVEN WITH STANDARD OIL

### SENECA FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Justice of the Peace Charles Higgins, to give the Standard Oil Company a little of its own monopoly medicine, quietly bought up all the cooper flag in the marshes at Cayuga Lake. The Standard uses a large quantity in the manufacture of oil barrels, and many years ago, Higgins says, drove a mean bargain with him.

Last year there was a shortage of flag and this year the Standard came to him for its supply. He put on a fancy price, but the trust objected. "You pay my price and in advance," said Higgins, "or you get no flag." The trust came to terms.

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## THE PRESIDENT AGAIN ATTACKED IN SOUTH

### New Orleans Paper Hangs Out Bloody Shirt.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 7.—The action of President Roosevelt in closing the postoffice at Indianola, Miss., because the citizens of that flourishing town do not take kindly to a negro as postmaster, has caused more talk in New Orleans than the Venezuelan imbroglio. Probably there is not a man who indorses the action of the President.

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## BRAVE WOMAN ASSISTS IN LANDING BURGLAR

### Lights Husband Down Stairs and Aids in Capturing Marauder.

BRIDGEPORT, N. J., Jan. 7.—Through the pluck of Ellison T. Sweeten and his wife yesterday morning, a burglar was captured and landed in Woodbury jail. Sweeten keeps a general grocery store, and about 2 o'clock this morning Mrs. Sweeten was awakened by a noise in the store. She awoke her husband, who grabbed his revolver, and his wife lighted him downstairs. The rear door was open, but Sweeten caught sight of a pair of legs under the counter.

"Come out, and hands up!" cried Sweeten, and the burglar crawled out. While the husband covered the robber, Mrs. Sweeten aroused some neighbors and the man was turned over to an officer and taken to Woodbury. He gave his name as Harry Davis, but it has been learned that his name is James Stiles, of Camden, and he has served time for robbery. When Mrs. Sweeten went outside the store another man, supposed to be an accomplice, escaped.

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