

## CORTEYOU MAKES RECOMMENDATION IN ANNUAL REPORT

### Favors Automatic Elastic Currency to Meet Contingencies Like That of Recent Stock Market Flurry and Leaves it to Congress.

### THE COUNTRY IS PROSPEROUS

Washington, Dec. 6.—The annual report of Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou was submitted to the speaker of the house of representatives, from which the following excerpts are made:

The monetary operations of the government have been conducted through the treasurer of the United States, nine sub-treasurers, the American Colonial Bank of Porto Rico, the Banco de la Habana, the National Bank of Cuba, and 1,269 national bank depositories.

The amount of public moneys held by the bank depositories on June 30, 1907, including funds to the credit of the treasurer's general account and United States disbursing officers, was \$178,741,438.52, an increase since June 30, 1906, of \$88,297,514.86. On June 30, 1907, there were 397 regular and 862 temporary depositories; 346 were designated during the fiscal year and 50 discontinued. On November 1, 1907, the number of depositories was 1,340 and the amount of public moneys held by them was \$229,279,625.13.

The total outstanding circulation secured by bonds and by lawful money deposited for the reduction of circulation or on account of liquidating and insolvent banks, amounting to \$604,056,321, is an increase of \$349,653,591 since March 14, 1900.

On August 22, the date of latest returns of national banks to the comptroller of the currency, there were in existence 6,344 associations with aggregate capital of \$896,451,314, the surplus and undivided profits amounting to \$748,304,062 and \$186,554,151, respectively. Individual deposits are shown to amount to \$4,319,035,402, against which, and other reserve redemption fund and with reserve banks. On November 11 there were on deposit in national bank depositories.

To the credit of the treasurer of the United States... \$312,958,811.64 To the credit of disbursing officers... 19,877,425.40

Total... \$326,836,237.04 This sum was distributed among national banks in every state and territory of the Union.

These deposits and other treasury operations, in connection with the associated efforts of prominent financiers and other business men, who aided first by giving important relief to certain embarrassed institutions and afterwards by providing for the imports of gold, of which up to November 15 there had been engaged more than \$60,000,000, operated to prevent a dangerous panic. The secretary of the treasury has made such adjustment of deposits between the various cities and sections as was possible in such a time of financial stress, and through the co-operation of eastern bankers has secured the transfer, through the usual commercial channels, of large sums of money to the south, the west, the northwest and the Pacific coast. There was, however, great financial distress in many sections of the country and a remarkable scarcity of currency. The clearing houses in nearly all the prominent cities of the United States felt obliged to adopt such measures of relief as they found avail

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## NO HOPE OF RECOVERY

Pneumonia has complicated the injuries sustained by Mr. Isaac Johnson, the mill man, of Sharp, who was almost crushed by a tree falling on him several days ago, and there seems to be no hope of his recovery. Dr. B. B. Griffith spent the night with him last night.

### Calloway County Acreage.

Murray, Ky., Dec. 6.—Chairman Swann took all association pledges to Guthrie with him this week and turned them over to headquarters. Before he left the amount of this county's crop pledged to the association was found to be 7,923 acres. Estimating the crop at 1,000 pounds to the acre the association will handle 7,923,000 pounds. Reduce the average weight of the crop to 900 pounds to the acre, which is a conservative estimate, and the pledged crop amounts to 7,130,700 pounds.

## Two Dollars Increase in Price of Tobacco Fixed by Guthrie Graders--Acreage Will Be Greater Next Year.

An increase of about two dollars per hundred over the prices of last year was made by the executive committee of the Dark Tobacco Planters' Protective association in session at Guthrie Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The committee, which is composed of the chairmen of the various county committees, deemed it best not to give out the prices fixed for the different grades for some time yet, but Hon. J. B. Swan, chairman of the Calloway county committee, who was in the city this morning, en route to his home near Murray, gave a reporter for The Sun the following minimum and maximum prices, fixed by the committee:

For lugs, \$7 to \$11; leaf, \$10 to \$25.

"The money situation has absolutely nothing to do with the committee in fixing the prices," said Mr. Swan. "Everybody knows that there is no panic and it is believed that Felix Ewing will experience no trouble in securing the aid of capitalists in financing the district when he makes his annual visit to New York next week. He was successful in securing money, when the association was in its infancy, not only boycotted by the buyers, but when it did not have one-fourth of the pledges that it now has. The farmers are able to

hold their tobacco without advances, those who needed money have already secured advancements from warehousemen, who want to handle their tobacco. The prices fixed are not unreasonable. Of course there will not be more than a few hog-headers that will grade up to \$25, the average being \$11 to \$12.50 per hundred. While there is a shortage in the crop, the quality is much better and will grade much higher than last year's crop, which sold for high prices."

Mr. Swan said that the farmers of his county are already preparing for a new crop, plant beds are being burned and seed sown.

"Those who think the farmers are unreasonable in their demands for high prices for tobacco don't know anything about it," said Mr. Swan. "We have the crop on hand twelve months in a year, and it's hard work raising it, too, to say nothing of the risk of loss by worms, frost and fire."

"Nothing was said about reduction of acreage at the Guthrie meeting. It is a well known fact that the territory in which the dark tobacco can be grown, is small and there is absolutely no danger of over production, even if every acre of land in the 'Black Patch' was planted in tobacco. It is the only tobacco that will stand to be shipped across the ocean in its natural state."

## FORFEIT BOND FOR APPEARANCE IN ROBBERY CASE

Bernard Thom, the young man of Cerulean, who was indicted for robbing J. F. Addison, a Nicholas county farmer, at the Western Turf hotel several weeks ago, failed to answer when the case was called in the circuit court this morning, and his bail bond of \$300 was ordered forfeited. Thom's father, who is a well-to-do teacher of Trigg county, and Manager Pool, of the Cerulean hotel, were the sureties on the bond. It is understood that the Thom boy has left the country.

George Armstrong, who was accused of swearing falsely at the trial of Mamie Cato, charged with cutting "Aunt Phoebe," was given two years in the penitentiary.

C. J. Atwood, a witness, was fined \$2 for contempt of court by failing to answer when called.

## O. C. CLOYS NAMED

Capt. Edwin Farley, state treasurer-elect, today announced that O. C. Cloys, of Mayfield, a law student in the office of J. C. Speight, will be second assistant state treasurer. This completes Captain Farley's office force. He named H. E. Jones, of Leitchfield, first assistant, several days ago.

## EXPENSIVE FUN

A. W. Pruett, Jess Wallace and Hugh Denton, all farmers, were fined \$30 and costs in police court by Judge Cross this morning for raising a disturbance at the Commercial hotel, at Third and Jefferson streets, last night. The men became abusive toward May Price, the proprietor, who refused to serve them meals on account of the fact that they were boisterous. The farmers delivered tobacco here yesterday.

### THE WEATHER.



## CLOUDY

Fair tonight with warmer in east portion. Saturday increasing clouds and probably rain. Highest temperature yesterday 40, lowest today 34.

## HOUSES ADJOURN AND COMMITTEES NOT YET NAMED

Washington, Dec. 6.—There is excellent authority for stating that it is not likely that Speaker Cannon will announce any more important committees until the latter part of next week. There are more than 100 new representatives in the present congress and the speaker finds it necessary to get acquainted with a good many of them. It is possible that the committees on rules and mileage and two or three others will be appointed next week early.

Senator Frye, of Maine, was elected president pro tem of the senate, Senator Daniel, of Virginia, being given a complimentary vote for that honor by his Democratic colleagues.

The resolution of Clay and Culberson calling on the secretary of the treasury for information concerning the recent bond issue was allowed to go over until next Monday when they will probably be a basis of some debate.

The house was in session only ten minutes and transacted no business beyond agreeing to make response to the greetings of the new state of Oklahoma. Both houses adjourned until Monday.

## FUNSTON STARTS NINE COMPANIES TO GOLDFIELD, NEV.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Funston is reported to be sending nine companies to Goldfield, where miners are striking. On account of the depleted condition the companies won't have over 250 men altogether. Four of the companies compose a machine gun platoon.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—Funston's first detachment is now en route to Goldfield. So far all is quiet. It is likely Funston will himself go to Goldfield, but the immediate command of the troops will be given to a subordinate.

Normal at Kansas City. Kansas City, Dec. 6.—The financial condition today is normal. There are no runs on any banks, few withdrawals being made.

## LOWERS EASTWARD RECORD

Queensdown, Dec. 6.—The Cunard line steamship Mauretania arrived off Daunt's Rock at 5:49 o'clock last evening, establishing a new record for the eastward trip and elpping twenty-two minutes off the record made by her sister ship, the Lusitania. The Mauretania's time for the trip from Sandy Hook lightship to Daunt's Rock was four days, twenty-two hours and twenty-eight minutes.

## SET FIRE TO JAIL IN HIS EFFORT TO SECURE LIBERTY

### Henry Clay Love, Tramp Arrested for Converting North Twelfth St. Baptist Church Into Lodging is Insane About Fire.

### LUNACY INQUEST FOR HIM

"Just burning my way out of jail," was the complainant reply of Henry Clay Love to City Jailer Evitts' question, as to what he meant by setting fire to the mattress in the cell which he was occupying this morning.

Love was arrested last night by the Rev. J. R. Clark, pastor of the North Twelfth Street Baptist church, who found him quietly enjoying the fire, which he had built in the stove of the church. Love was fined \$25 in police court this morning and was sent down stairs to the city lockup.

Just a few minutes before 1 o'clock this afternoon Jailer Evitts, Chief Collins and Captain Harlan, who were in the chief's office, upstairs, were started by a cry of fire coming from the lockup below, and after telephoning the central fire station, they rushed into the lockup and found Love had piled three new mattresses in the middle of the cell and set them on fire. He was standing with his face between the bars of the outside window.

Jailer Evitts was forced to wrap blankets around his face and body before he could enter the cell to bring out the prisoner, who seemed little concerned about the situation though his face was almost blistered by the heat, and his eyebrows and hair were singed. The smoke, which filled the jail, almost suffocated the prisoners. The firemen under Chief Woods used the chemical on the burning bedding and soon had it under control.

Love was turned over to Constable Shelton to be taken before Judge Lightfoot on a charge of lunacy, as it is evident from his actions that he is crazy.

He claims to be a detective and told Judge Cross in police court this morning that he was here on an important case and somebody had better watch out or he would be sent up through his work.

When Jailer Evitts asked Love what he meant by setting fire to his cell he said, "I am a detective and can burn my way out of jail when I set in. I can get out of any jail that way."

The damage by the fire will be about \$10, the value of the mattresses, which were ruined. The jailer had purchased the mattresses only yesterday and they had never been used.

Mr. Evitts was slightly burned about the face and his hair singed, while rescuing Love.

## NOT GUILTY VERDICT

Clarksville, Tenn., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The jury in the case of Dr. T. M. Hoskins, George Sanders and James Cross, charged with the scrapping of plant beds, returned a verdict of not guilty.

## LOUISVILLE OUT OF IT

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 6. (Special.)—The court of appeals this morning decided that the fiscal court of Jefferson county had no right to appropriate \$10,000 to help secure the Democratic convention. It practically kills Louisville's chances.

## POWERS CASE

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Judge Hazelrigg testified for the prosecution in the Powers case this morning. He thought he saw Jim Howard come out of the executive building shortly after the shot was fired. Several witnesses testified to hearing Attorney Sparks, of London, now dead, say he knew Goebel would be killed. Little new was brought out this morning.

## BIG DAMAGE SUIT

Mayfield, Ky., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Several Paducah experts, including John S. Beecker, manager of the traction company, are in Mayfield testifying in the \$25,000 damage suit brought against the light and water company and the Home Telephone company, charged with being responsible for the death of S. E. Webb's son, who received a fatal shock from a live wire while playing in the street.

## MOST INOPPORTUNE MOMENT IS CHOSEN FOR SUGGESTING JOINT SESSION OF COUNCIL

## MINE EXPLOSION IS FOLLOWED BY TERRIBLE FIRES

### THE JAP SITUATION

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 6.—An explosion occurred in the mine of the Fairmont Coal company at Monongah, six miles from here today, at 11:30. It was said 700 men were working when the explosion occurred and that many miners were killed. The explosion was heard for miles.

At 1 o'clock officials revised their figures to 300 at work. They do not believe any have escaped death or serious injury. Eight bodies are recovered, but the mine is now on fire and smoke is driving rescuers out.

The cause of the accident is unknown. Manager Malone said it was the worst accident in mining history. The bodies taken out were badly mutilated and burned so that they are unrecognizable.

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New York, Dec. 6.—Worry over the prospect of having to close her starring tour prompted Clara Bloodgood to take her life. She herself had furnished eight per cent of the money to back the show. It looked as if she would lose her money.

Former Husband Shows Up. Smithville, Tex., Dec. 6.—H. W. Swenson, shot and killed his former wife and her present husband, John Furst, and then killed himself here. All died in the street.

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### CHICAGO CLAIMS NEXT REPUBLICAN NAT'L CONVENTION

Washington, Dec. 6.—Chicago boomers today claim a victory over Kansas City as the place of holding the Republican convention. If Chicago wins, anti-Taft people will claim a victory. Chicago today pledged all the money necessary. However, Kansas City is making a strong fight.

Harry S. New was elected chairman of the Republican national committee.

### GRAIN MARKET.

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—Wheat, 99 1/2; corn, 63 1/2; oats, 55 1/2.

## JAILERS OF STATE ARE IN FAVOR OF ELECTROCUTION

### State Senator Wheeler Campbell Does Not Agree With Plan Because Theory of Criminal Law Would Not Be Sustained.

### MORAL EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

County Jailer James F. Eaker has received a letter from the State Jailers' association asking his co-operation in securing the passage at the next session of the legislature of a bill, abolishing hanging as a capital punishment, and substituting electrocution in the penitentiary. Jailer Eaker is heartily in favor of the change in method, which is less brutal than the old method of hanging, so many cases being reported of the failure to cause instant death by the old death drop from the gallows. It is expected that the state association of sheriffs and county attorneys will join in a request for the new law.

Senator Campbell Opposes. State Senator J. Wheeler Campbell, although declaring he would not wish to commit himself on the subject, is rather inclined to oppose the proposed method, if the place of execution is fixed at Frankfort, and thinks the expense of equipping each county jail with an electric chair and employing an electrician would be a bar to its adoption for use in the counties.

His reason for opposing the method proposed is based on the accepted interpretation of the intent of the criminal law—to discourage crime.

"I have paid no more than casual attention to the idea," said Senator Campbell, "but as a general principle, I am opposed to it for the reason that capital punishment—in fact, all penalties—under our code is presumed to be designed more to discourage similar offenses, than as punishment to the offender. The theory of execution of certain crimes is that the execution will be an object lesson in best and most forcibly presented in the community in which the crime was committed. If a man, guilty of murder, is carried away off over there to Frankfort and executed the effect is blunted, and the value of the lesson lost on the community interested."

"If each county could be equipped with an electric chair I might on investigation favor that method, but the cost, I presume, would be prohibitive."

### UNGRATEFUL TRAMP

Kind hearted women on Broadway are regretting sympathy wasted on a tramp, who visited the west end this morning. He appeared at the home of Mrs. W. C. Kidd first, 1500 Broadway, and when he left two pounds of mince meat and a pound of butter left with him. Next Mrs. Frank Coburn had dinner set for him in the kitchen, and when the servant left the room, the fellow decamped with two and a half dozen eggs.

### TO SATISFY JUDGMENT

The Globe Bank and Trust company today filed a petition in circuit court, asking the court to order that property transferred by J. W. Riglesberger to Mamie Riglesberger, be made subject to execution to satisfy a judgment in favor of the bank against the Riglesberger Mill company for \$10,317.47. It is claimed that the property was made over to Mrs. Riglesberger in order to prevent the collection of the Globe Bank and Trust company's claim. The court is also petitioned to compel the defendants to file a list of notes and accounts due them.

### MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

As tipped in The Sun, Mrs. L. M. Rieke and Mrs. A. R. Meyers were appointed public library trustees by Mayor D. A. Yeiser for a term of four years, commencing December 10. Mr. E. J. Paxton was reappointed to the board of park commissioners for five years. The names of Jesse Gilbert and Richard Sutherland, police and fire commissioners, were presented to the board of aldermen and ratified last night. Commissioner Gilbert's term expires in July, and Commissioner Sutherland's three years from July, 1908. They were appointed a long time ago.

### MRS. HENRY HAND IS AT BEDSIDE OF HER MOTHER.

Mrs. Fred Hassman will return tonight from Bedford, Ind., where she has been attending the bedside of her grandmother, Mrs. F. T. Carson. Mrs. Henry Hand will remain there. Mrs. Carson, who is 81 years old, is suffering from erysipelas and is not expected to recover.

### BOILERMAKER INJURED AT I. C. RAILROAD SHOPS.

Harry McLaughan, a boilermaker at the Illinois Central shops, was injured this morning by a heavy piece of iron falling and striking him on the right ankle. No bones were broken, but a bad bruise and cut were made just above the ankle. He was carried to the Illinois Central hospital for treatment.

### PEOPLE BEYOND SEWER DON'T WANT ASSESSMENT.

Property owners residing on Broadway between Twenty-third and Twenty-fifth streets, who were assessed for sewer district No. 2, which ends at Twenty-third street, complained and their complaint was referred to the street and sewer committee by the board of aldermen last night. They were assessed because concrete walks and gutters, extend to Twenty-fifth street and it was considered they have advantage of the storm water sewerage facilities.