

60th Year

YORK STATE SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS TODAY.

FACTS FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

After Panic and Suspensions Banking Institutions Have Not Only Fully Recovered, but Made Great Gains.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Clark Williams, state superintendent of banks, in his annual report submitted to the legislature today calls attention to the encroachment on the business of the savings banks of the state by state banks of discount and trust companies as well as a growing tendency on the part of national banks doing business in this state to operate interest departments in competition with savings banks.

Discussing the recovery of banking interests from the financial panic of a year ago the report says:

The return of public confidence in our general banking institutions is shown by their total resources as follows:

Dec. 1907.	Nov. 1908.
Trust companies.....\$1,601,833,923	\$1,438,859,559
Banks.....609,680,073	614,707,431

Total.....\$2,211,513,996

The decrease in resources from August to December, 1907, of about \$4,000,000 has been more than fully recovered through an increase during the past twelve months of \$530,000.

The panic, the suspensions, the resumption, the general housecleaning, the remedial legislation, the material increase in reserves, the increasing appreciation of trusteeship, the growing conservatism and the complete return of public confidence. These factors, together with the reorganization of the department, have contributed to place the general banking system of the state of New York upon a basis of which your honorable body may be justly proud.

No supervision over banking institutions can be more effective than that exercised by a committee of members of a voluntary association. Therefore I believe that proper restraint and discipline through such an organization would produce respect for the regulations of the association and an adherence to the principles of sound banking. It should be pointed out that the present system by which one institution clears for another as its clearing house agent may at times involve serious dangers for both—dangers which would be eliminated if one association comprised all worthy institutions.

It may be that some members of the New York Clearing House association regard membership so jealously as to lead them to exclude others worthy of membership in its prerogatives, even though thereby sacrificing the public good. If this is the fact and is a bar to a representation of the banking power of Greater New York in one association the formation of another association should receive the earnest consideration of the nonmember banks and the trust companies.

The total banking power of the United States is reported by the comptroller of the currency to be \$17,463,000,000. My last report to your honorable body stated the total resources of the institutions under the supervision of the banking department to be \$3,458,000,000. The most recent reports to this department showed the total resources of these institutions to be \$3,625,500,000, or nearly 21 per cent of the banking power of the entire country.

Superintendent Williams calls attention to the practice of receiving deposits and paying interest by department stores and suggests legislation limiting the amount of the deposit upon which interest may be paid. Should that prove ineffective he favors a law prohibiting absolutely the receiving of deposits upon which interest was promised directly or indirectly in connection with any business enterprise which included dealing in goods, wares or merchandise.

Heyburn Wins in Idaho.
Boise, Ida., Jan. 13.—United States Senator Weldon B. Heyburn, Republican, was re-elected by both branches of the legislature in separate sessions. The vote was: Senate—Heyburn, 11; French, 1; Stockslager, 8; Woods, 2. House—Heyburn, 44; Stockslager, 5; Woods, 4.

Perkins Chosen in California.
Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 13.—George C. Perkins was re-elected United States senator on the first ballot by a vote of 56 to 22 in the assembly and 32 to 8 in the senate.

STRIKERS SEIZE RAILROAD.

Brazilian Police Powerless to Protect the Terminals.

Pernambuco, Brazil, Jan. 13.—The Brazilian employees of the Great Western Railway of Brazil, a British concern, employing 4,000 men, are on strike.

Race feeling against the English runs high in the state, and the police were called out to preserve order. They were powerless, however, to prevent the raiding of the company's main offices. The strikers have seized the rolling stock and are in possession of the terminals.

Further violence is feared, and the federal government has troops in readiness.

JOHN M. MOREHEAD.

Republican Congressman Elected From State of North Carolina.

John M. Morehead, who was elected to congress last autumn from the Fifth district of North Carolina, will be one of the comparatively few Republican members of the next house from below the old Mason and Dixon's line. His election was not only a surprise, but was to him rather an unwelcome occurrence. He supposed he was simply leading a forlorn hope. When nominated Mr. Morehead's speech of acceptance was as follows: "Gentlemen, you have done me a great honor, and I hope you will not be disappointed in my defeat, for I haven't the slightest idea of being elected." When the official count was taken it was found that Mr. Morehead had won by less than 450 votes. He is now sorry he was persuaded into running for office.



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STANDARD BOOKS MISSING.

Oil Trust Witnesses Cannot Tell Where They Have Gone.

New York, Jan. 13.—Frank B. Kellogg, chief counsel for the government in its suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company, tried vainly to obtain from a succession of witnesses he called to the stand in the hearing of the case to obtain the ancient records of the Standard showing the prices of gasoline and oil in the early years of the company's history.

All the witnesses were employees of the Standard. They agreed that such records had been kept, but each declared his inability to tell where the records could now be found.

Kills Husband; Shoots Girl.

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 13.—Prompted by jealousy, Mrs. Flora Jackson shot and killed her husband and then went to the home of Rose Simmons and shot and fatally wounded her.

MINISTERS ALLEGE BRIBERY.

Methodist Pastors to Be Called Before Nashville Legislature.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 13.—The Rev. E. V. Chappel and the Rev. B. F. Haynes, prominent Methodist ministers of this city, state that efforts have been made to bribe, seduce and corrupt members of the legislature.

The legislature will issue a citation to Messrs. Chappel and Haynes to appear in the house and file specific charges, giving the names of the guilty parties, the corrupted members and be witnesses.

Things Theatrical.

Next season David Belasco will provide a new play for David Warfield.

Hal Reid's new play, "Unto the Fourth Generation," it is said, has been secured by Henry B. Harris for possible use of Robert Edeson.

Hattie Williams will soon forsake "Fluffy Ruffles" and musical comedy generally for the stellar part in a comedy by Alexander Blisson, "The Marriage of a Star."

Sid Herbert, who is the detective in "The Thief," played for years in Sir Henry Irving's company and was a well known shylock to Ada Rehan's Portia in the old days at Daly's.

Margaret Anglin has been the recipient of an urgent invitation to act in India before returning from Australia, but her plans for a vacation having been already made she has been compelled to decline at any rate for the present.

English Etchings.

The first English laws against counterfeiting were issued in 1108 by Henry I.

About 700,000 of the dwellings in England are either insanitary or overcrowded.

The house of lords contains 608 members, of whom 483 are hereditary, the remaining 125 being nonhereditary. In the last 200 years no English sovereign has exercised the privilege of vetoing a measure passed by parliament.

Law Points.

That a creditor cannot by proceeding in equity subject the debtor's cause of action for conversion to the payment of his claim is held in Raymond versus Glanvoss, 38 Mont. 449, 93 Pac. 648, 15 L. R. A. (N. S.) 976.

One who slips and falls upon a street crossing rendered slippery by oil applied by a trolley company to its tracks to facilitate rounding a curve is held in Slater versus North Jersey Street Railway company (N. J. Err. and App.) 69 Atl. 163, 15 L. R. A. (N. S.) 940, to be entitled to recover for injuries received.

MAXINE ELLIOTT'S THEATER.

A Favorite of Stage Who Now Has Playhouse of Her Own.

It is quite an unusual thing for an actress to have her own theater. Maxine Elliott now has that distinction. The opening of her new playhouse in West Thirty-ninth street, New York, recently was a notable event in the theatrical world. She had directed the construction of her theater from the beginning, and when a group of friends went there to wish her success on the afternoon before the opening day they found her in the midst of a half finished interior. Only a few of the orchestra seats were in place, and none of the scenery of "The Chaperon" had arrived. Scores of artists were giving the final touches to the ceiling and the walls, and numerous workmen were chiseling here and there.

In fact, it looked as if the opening, to which Miss Elliott had been looking



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forward as an event in her professional career, would be deferred. An unsympathetic person was indiscreet enough to make a remark to that effect within hearing of the actress. She turned upon him with withering scorn and then inquired if he really believed the work would not be finished in time.

"The men are working like beavers," she said, "and I'm sure they will not disappoint me. I am too confident, but somehow I feel that I shall play on that stage tomorrow night"—indicating the new scene of her professional efforts.

When she went to dinner on the evening of the first performance the stage was in order, the orchestra and balcony seats were fastened and the last pendant of a beautiful chandelier was attached. Outside several handy men were clearing away the debris. Maxine Elliott's theater was ready for "The Chaperon."

"I am the happiest woman in the world," she said quietly. "To own and manage my playhouse is something I have dreamed of these many years. It has been the ambition of my life. And now it is realized."

An incident of the evening was the presence in a box of a former queen of the stage, Mrs. De Navarro, best known as Mary Anderson.

German Gleanings.

The German empire consumes 85,000 tons of tobacco a year.

Fourteen per cent of the total population of Prussia pays an income tax.

So much dissatisfaction is felt in Germany about the government's naval plans that the seceders from the Navy League of Germany are expected to number 140,000.

There is such a dearth of marriageable young women in certain parts of Alsace-Lorraine that in the town of Kneuttigen 1,500 single women have 5,000 men from whom to choose their husbands.

Town Topics.

The city of Niagara Falls is rapidly increasing in population owing to the rapid industrial expansion of that section of the country.

The town of Rockland does a bigger lobster business than any other place of its size in Maine and for ten years has been shipping lobsters to the Pacific coast.

The town of Three Rivers, Mich., abolished hitching posts from its streets some seven years ago. Now so great have been the complaints of the farmers it has been obliged to put them back again.

SIRES AND SONS.

Zachary Taylor never cast a vote nor held civil office until elected president.

Charles W. Morse is credited with saying that if he had to choose between spending fifteen years in France and fifteen in jail he would prefer jail. In change for a bill James E. Mead of Middletown, Conn., received a cent on which he had stamped his initials forty-five years before, when a boy and living in Brooklyn.

Jasper Thompson, a jeweler of Vermillion county, Ind., has the only papaw orchard in the United States. From his thirty-five bushes he gets annually some thirty bushels of the fruit.

Speaker Cannon will attend the opening exercises of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition on June 1 next. His was the first acceptance of an invitation by any member of the national government.

Frank H. Percy of Bath, Me., has recently added to his collection of antiquities a mirror more than a hundred years old. The back board is in a single piece, twenty inches across, such as is not often seen.

A striking exception to the theory of rotation in office was shown when at a recent meeting of the Free Baptist society of Latonia, N. E., John F. Merrill was elected secretary-treasurer for the fifty-second time.

General William Booth, commander in chief of the Salvation Army, has been operated on for cataract, and the doctors are hopeful that he will completely recover his sight. The general declined the use of an anaesthetic, and cocaine only was employed.

Church and Clergy.

The pulpit at North Sullivan, Me., this winter is regularly occupied by Norman L. B. Knight, a youth not yet eighteen years old.

On the spot where the first white settlers of Seattle first set foot, Alki Point, has been built the South Alki Congregational church.

After fifty-seven years of continuous service in one (Presbyterian) parish Rev. William Walth of Lancaster, N. Y., is now a pastor emeritus.

F. L. Marston, who is known in England as the Staffordshire Sparrow and is only nineteen years of age, is one of the most successful Baptist evangelists of that country.

The Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York has fixed the minimum salary of its married clergy at \$1,200 a year and house rent and of its unmarried clergy at \$1,000 and house rent.

The Royal Box.

Pi Yu is the name of the infant Chinese emperor.

King Haakon has headed the public subscription in Norway for Captain Amundsen's polar expedition with a donation of \$5,000.

Princess Victoria Louise, only daughter of Emperor William of Germany, recently celebrated her sixteenth birthday. She is a very clever girl and is quite grown up, having the airs of a grand dame.

King Charles of Roumania is extremely popular with his subjects. Like the late king of Denmark, he is a king without pretensions, and nothing delights him more than to mix freely with his people.

Pen and Brush.

Helen Kathryn Sharpe of Indianapolis is an authoress at the age of twelve.

Winston Churchill, the author, is a graduate of the Naval academy at Annapolis.

A memorial is projected for Gainsborough, the famous English painter, at his birthplace, Sudbury, in Suffolk.

George Elliot received \$40,000 for "Middlemarch." This is believed to be the highest price ever paid to a woman for a single work.

Kenyon Cox, the painter, is also an accomplished writer. He is a son of General Jacob D. Cox, secretary of interior in President Grant's first cabinet.

Sporting Notes.

Pacific coast teams are playing polo. Cleveland, O., has an eight club indoor baseball league.

Milwaukee will bid for the 1910 A B O bowling tournament.

Marquette eleven wants to play Michigan at Milwaukee next fall.

Herman Long, the old time shortstop of the Boston Nationals, is to be manager of the Alexandria (Va.) team in the new league.

Proverbs.

Vows made in storms are forgotten in calms.—English Proverb.

Laziness begins in cobwebs and ends in iron chains.—Italian Proverb.

A day that is not thine own do not reckon it as of thy life.—Arabian Proverb.

To know a man borrow the ear of the blind and the eye of the deaf.—Spanish Proverb.

CONVICTED OF BRIBERY.

Jury at Pittsburg Finds Railroad President Cameron Guilty.

Pittsburg, Jan. 13.—Charles S. Cameron president of the Tube City Railroad company, on trial charged with attempting to bribe City Councilman William A. Martin in connection with the passage of an ordinance granting a franchise to the Tube City railroad, was found guilty by the jury, which was out but fifteen minutes.

The accused was held in \$20,000 bail, an increase of \$10,000 in which he was originally held.

Former Councilman W. A. Martin, who is serving a sentence in the Western penitentiary for accepting a bribe, and C. R. Richardson, a broker, who is awaiting sentence for his part in the Tube City railroad scandal, were the principal witnesses at the trial.

A declaration by Martin that he was honest in selling his honor to Cameron and that he considered it very cheap at \$70,000 was the statement with which Martin concluded his testimony.

When asked if he would not have had to distribute the money among some of his brother councilmen Martin naively said that perhaps he could have fooled them, as Cameron fooled him. He refused to mention any names, declaring he did not show Cameron a list of councilmen.

BURTON WINS IN OHIO.

Elected to United States Senate Today to Succeed Foraker.

Columbus, O., Jan. 13.—Congressman Theodore E. Burton, Republican, who was named for United States senator in each house yesterday in



SENATOR ELECT THEODORE E. BURTON.

separate session, was elected in joint session of both houses today. He succeeds Joseph B. Foraker.

In the house the vote was 69 for Burton and 44 for James E. Campbell, Democrat. In the senate the vote was 20 for Burton and 14 for Campbell.

Connecticut Elects Brandegee.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 13.—United States Senator Frank B. Brandegee of New London succeeds himself as the junior senator from Connecticut for the full term of six years.

He was nominated by the Republican caucus of the members of the general assembly over Congressman Ebenezer J. Hill. Senator Brandegee won by 126 votes to 111.

VICTIM IS BRITISH OFFICER.

Captain Hilliard Shot by a Highwayman in Central Park.

New York, Jan. 13.—Robert O. Hilliard, the Englishman who was so strangely shot in Central park, is a captain in the British army and was aid de camp to Lord Milner during the South African campaign. He resides in London at the Wellington club, 1 Grosvenor place, Hyde Park corner, S. W., one of the most exclusive clubs of the British capital.

This information was made public by the injured man's counsel, Herbert D. Mason, after Captain Hilliard had declared emphatically in Roosevelt hospital that he had been shot down by a highwayman.

"Captain Hilliard," said Mr. Mason, "has spent several years in this country, principally in New York (at the Waldorf-Astoria), Boston and Denver and is president of a large oil development company in Wyoming."

CUBAN CONGRESS MEETS.

Paving the Way Today For American Evacuation of Island.

Havana, Jan. 13.—Carrying out the recent decree of Governor Magoon, the Cuban congress met today for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization and approving the election of its members.

On Jan. 20 the congress will meet again in joint session, pass on the election of the president and vice president and proclaim them. It will then take a recess until Jan. 28, at noon, when Governor Magoon will turn over the government to President Gomez and his administration.

110 DEAD IN MINE

Seventy Bodies Taken Out of Lick Branch.

WORSE THAN LAST DISASTER.

Total of One Hundred and Seventy-three Lives Have Been Lost in Same Shaft Within the Past Two Weeks.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 13.—The Norfolk and Western railway officials announced today that at least 110 miners were killed in the Lick Branch colliery disaster, near here.

The explosion was of much greater force than the one that occurred two weeks ago, when sixty-three lives were lost. Seventy bodies are recovered.

Heavy timbers were thrown out of the mouth of the mine and into the air several hundred feet. One hundred coffins have been shipped here from Columbus, O.

While more than 120 miners were at work in the shaft yesterday there came like the sound of thunder a mighty rumbling in the bowels of the earth, which reverberated along the miles of corridors and air passages crowded with those who work there.

Above the tons of earth and stone that lay between the workings and the mountains crowd giant trees quivered from the force of the concussion, and from the mine mouth, the forces of the earth set free, belched forth a cloud of flame, soot, dust and debris, heavy timbers, broken mine cars and even a massive motor used to haul the heavy laden cars from the depths.

Scarcely had the detonation died away before a throng of terrorized women and children, their feet sped by anxiety and dread, rushed to the mine mouth and implored those there to allow them to aid in the effort to save some of their loved ones who might still be alive within.

Mine Foreman Bowers, who was near the entrance, was blown from his feet, but managed to crawl out safely, as did also Robert Smith, a miner. With the foreman was a miner named Holliday, and he, too, was blown over. A rescue party organized on the moment rushed in the jaws of the smoking mines and tried to rescue him. They were driven back by the deadly fumes of the after gases and were compelled to leave him to his fate.

A train was rushed from this city to the scene of the disaster, some twenty-five miles away, carrying bratticing and other material to be used in the work of exploration and rescue.

There was supposed to be from ninety to a hundred men in the section of the mine affected. The debris from the explosion of two weeks ago had not been cleared away, and twenty men were engaged in this work.

Nineteen contract miners, with their crews, were at work in a new entry, and it is feared that all of these men were lost. Since the recent catastrophe the mine had been inspected by government officials and by the most experienced mine men in the region, and all, it is said, expressed the opinion that it was safe.

The latest estimate of the number of men entombed is more than 120. That all of them are dead there can be no doubt. The fire in the mine and the deadly gases, to say nothing of the awful force of the explosion, precludes any chance of rescuing any of the men alive.

It is reasonably certain that all of the bodies will never be recovered. Some of them were blown to pieces and others incinerated.

Two brothers named Surratt of Speedwell, Va., who went to the mine at the time of the other explosion through curiosity, accepted positions, and both are in the mine.

State Mine Inspectors Phillips and Nicholson are directing the work of rescue. Crews have been formed and are venturing in as far as the air is pure enough to breathe in their efforts to reach those entombed.

\$50,000 VERDICT FOR WOMAN.

Mrs. Alvin Goslin Accuses Rival of Stealing Husband.

New York, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Una Goslin got a verdict for \$50,000 from a jury in the supreme court against Annie Irene Magher, whom she accused of alienating the affections of her husband, Alvin R. Goslin, and running away to Paris with him.

Mrs. Goslin testified that she handed \$80,000 to her husband with instructions to invest it in real estate for her, but that he instead bought two houses and recorded the deeds in the name of her rival, Miss Magher. She will now sue to get the two houses back.