



Theodore Roosevelt says he is not a candidate for president.

A large number of Chinese have been arrested in Chicago on the charge of being engaged in wholesale smuggling of Chinese into this country.

London cablegrams say that Sir Edward Grey, secretary of foreign affairs will retire and that James Bryce, now ambassador to the United States will succeed him.

John D. Rockefeller has given out a statement in reply to the charges made by the Merritt brothers before the Stanley steel investigating committee regarding the methods used by Mr. Rockefeller in securing control of the Mesabe ore mines and the Duluth, Mesabe & Northern railroad, pointing out that these charges were denied under oath as long ago as 1895 in litigation over the Lake Superior Consolidated iron mines. He furthermore submits the text of a paper bearing the date of January 22, 1897, to which are attached the names of Alfred and Leonidas Merritt and "all the other members of the family," declaring themselves to be satisfied that neither Mr. Rockefeller nor his agents committed fraud or made misrepresentations in the matter in question.

Mr. Rockefeller then set forth what he says are "the facts with regard to the loans" to which the

Merritts testified, and denies that the loans in question were ever "called" by him.

The London suffragettes were sentenced to jail for various periods, ranging as high as three months.

Illinois has a mother pension law and it is described by the Chicago Record-Herald in this way: Judges Merritt W. Pickney of the juvenile court believes County Agent Joseph Meyer unduly alarmed about the cost to Cook county in obeying the mothers' pension act. The judge said the agent's estimate of \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 expense annually is excessive. The jurist declined to predict the yearly expenditure, but said that Cook county can well afford to contribute \$120,000 annually to prevent children from becoming delinquent and later criminal. "The law," said Judge Pinckney, "is one of the best ever passed for the welfare of children, if properly administered. If not, it will be the worst. It can be misused in a hundred different ways. Suppose aid were given, not upon needs, but upon a political basis, the result would be terrible. Let me explain what we are doing: Briefly, the law provides that any parent can receive aid for children provided the parent is fit in every way to care for the children—except for a lack of necessary means. The applicant first comes to the court. A representative of the

county agent and a probation officer are sent to investigate. The probation officers gain their positions by merit board examinations, and from the most efficient I have selected those for investigating work. These two agencies find whether the parent is in actual need and is honest, moral, of good reputation, and has a proper sense of her duties as a parent. Suppose they report the parent has the proper qualifications to care for her children and yet needs aid. We search for relatives. If we find one able to support the family and will not, he is taken into the county court and made to contribute. If the investigators report unfavorably, the petition of the applicant is not presented to the court. If the petition is filed, I do my best to get all the facts. If the investigators or myself find the applicants have been shipped into Chicago to get the aid, we ship them back. Every county must care for its own poor. There is no limit to the time in which we can send them back. Mr. Meyer has cooperated genuinely. It may be argued that there is no provision for the investigation, but the act provides that the issue shall be decided upon the facts. Assistance should be and will be withdrawn when it is unnecessary. Every child is paroled to one of the regular probation officers, who is required to make a monthly report on each child. The act provides that the court may give a reasonable amount. We have aided 168 children. The highest amount granted has been \$7.50 a month per child, the average being \$5.50. Suppose we had 1,000 on the roll. That would mean an annual expense of \$60,000. The county can afford to spend twice that much to the end of good citizenship. It is true the law gives large discretion, but such should be the case in dealing with

mothers and children." County Agent Meyer asserted that the law should be amended. "I believe there are 30,000 children in Cook county who legally are entitled to aid under this act," he said. "Since it became known that the county paid out \$1,100 recently to thirty-seven families, women have been flocking in, telephoning, and writing. All want to know how they can get a pension. It is my guess we will be swamped within a short time. There is no provision in the law that I should send out investigators, but I have to protect the county. There is no provision regarding the length of residence necessary before an applicant can get relief. I think there should be. I also think there should be a more definite statement regarding the qualification of the parent and I think there should be some limit on the amount of money which can be paid. So long as the number of beneficiaries under the act is small, abuses are improbable, but I really dread the time, if it ever comes, when a large share of those eligible to pension apply for it."

J. D. McNay lost control of his machine on the Savannah, Ga., course and was killed.

An election will be held in Georgia January 10 to choose a successor to Hoke Smith as governor.

The Portuguese royalists plan to strike their first blow at Oporto.

A Mazarin Bible sold for \$29,000 at auction in London.

Justice Skutter in Long Island has issued warrants for the arrest of William Willett, jr., recently a candidate for the supreme court in the (Continued on Page 13.)

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