

News of the Week

The coal famine in the east is causing much distress. Fuel of all sorts is so scarce in Washington that the citizens have called a public meeting to bring pressure to bear upon congress to take extraordinary measures to bring coal into the city. At the house end of the capitol cordwood was used in the furnaces at the opening of the session, and at the senate end there is not coal enough on hand to last more than three days. Ten carloads have been promised the sergeant-at-arms of the senate by the Reading Railroad company, which will last 15 days, but the house must evidently depend upon cordwood for a while. The fuel famine is serious throughout the capital city. A special committee of leading citizens of the city appointed by the commissioners have been making energetic efforts to get coal into the city for several days without success.

The news from Washington is to the effect that Oklahoma and the Indian Territory will be admitted to the union as one state and that New Mexico and Arizona will remain "appurtenances," without any rights except what congress is pleased to grant them.

The anthracite coal commission is grinding away at the effort to get evidence upon which to make a decision. The commission shows a good deal of irritation at the dilatory tactics of the great corporation attorneys who are representing the barons and more than once the intimation has been given that if these tactics were not abandoned the commission would promulgate a few rules that would summarily end them. The barons after making a tentative agreement to settle the dispute outside of the commission backed out and the miners proceeded with their testimony. The great dailies give scant space to this testimony, which shows up the horrors of the lives of the wage slaves who toil for the barons.

The railroad magnates feel more confident than ever that they can beat the isthmian canal measure. It is their "fine Italian hand" that have prevented any treaty being made with Colombia, and they think that they can keep the whole matter in abeyance until the appropriations made to build it will lapse. After that they look for hard times and reduced government revenues when the whole matter will be dropped. Old readers of The Independent will remember what it said about that matter two or three years ago.

The Standard Oil company and the Union Pacific railroad decided that the Wyoming oil fields must close up business and a republican federal official promptly put that decision into effect. The Wyoming field produces superior oil—superior to that found in any

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other part of the world—and the Standard Oil people did not want it to come upon the market in competition with the stuff that they have been supplying the public with. What Rockefeller says goes. The government took prompt action in accordance with his wishes.

The anti-imperialist league held a large meeting the other day in Boston and Governor Boutwell and other speakers declared that the only way to overthrow imperialism was to overthrow the republican party. A large number of leading men and women were present.

A newly married man in Missouri told his bride how bad a man he had been, but declared that he would be bad no more. The bride straightway went home to her mother. That man knew little about women. He should have been good to his wife and said nothing. Then if she ever did find out how bad he had been she would not have believed it.

The other day a republican who had to make a very heavy contribution to the coal trust, expended his rage in cursing John Mitchell and the striking miners. His charge was that the miners struck just at the beginning of winter when they knew that it would produce untold suffering. "Why," said he, "didn't they strike last spring and get the matter settled before winter came on?" When informed that was exactly what they did and that the coal barons refused to take a step toward a settlement until cold weather approached, he said that the whole statement was a pop lie. That shows how much the average mullet head knows, even though he owns a farm and has a hard coal stove.

The first legislation of the house was to pass a bill appropriating \$50,000 to pay the expenses of the anthracite arbitration commission. The speakers all acknowledged that the action of the president was without authority of law, but the bill passed by an unanimous vote.

There was a spot of ground down in Oklahoma which one day was part cornfield and part prairie. The next day it was a town of 2,000 inhabitants with a complete municipal organization, a bank in operation, a daily newspaper established, a hotel, four restaurants, seven saloons, at least a score of mercantile establishments and no end of gambling houses. Each boomer paid in \$25 and for that was entitled to draw a lot. Before night some of these lots sold from \$500 to \$1,000. What would citizens of the old world think of building cities in a day after that manner?

The regular army is getting very tired of imperialism. It has not turned out as was advertised. The pressure for leave of absence to return to the United States from officers stationed in the Philippines has been so great that it has driven the authorities to promulgate orders regulating that matter. Permission to visit the United States will not be granted except under very extraordinary circumstances, unless the applicant has been in the Philippines three years, of which time two years immediately preceding the application shall have been continuous, and in such cases only when the officer's services can be spared and conditions warrant. After two years' continuous service an officer whose services can be spared may be granted two months leave to travel in the Orient, the leave to begin and end in Manila. Officers in poor health may be sent to San Francisco for treatment, provided the medical board reports that such change of climate is necessary.

Ex-Speaker Thomas Brackett Reed died of Bright's disease last Sunday in Washington, where he had come on

business. The remains were taken back to Maine for burial. Mr. Reed had recently made his home in New York city. His name is inscribed permanently in the political history of this country. Without his energetic work in the house of representatives, the republican party would never have achieved what it has in its monetary policy. He was the czar that ruled things for several years in that house and enabled the republicans to force through a great many measures that would never have been enacted into law without the Reed rules. Whether those rules, which put all legislation in the control of the speaker, will permanently remain, we will have to wait to see.

A thing without a precedent has happened in one of the courts at Denver. The history is as follows: A constitutional amendment was about to be proclaimed which forever prohibited the giving away of franchises and making it necessary before a city franchise was issued to submit the proposition to a vote of the people for rejection or approval. The city council of Denver assembled just before the issuing of the proclamation and proposed to pass an ordinance giving a franchise for a street railway line to which was attached an amendment relinquishing the right of the city to regulate street car fares. Great indignation was expressed by the citizens, an injunction was secured prohibiting the city council from passing any such ordinance, and the mayor from signing it. The council paid no attention to the injunction, passed the ordinance and the mayor signed it. The court thereupon held eleven of the council and the mayor in contempt and sentenced each of them to pay a fine of \$500 and suffer four months' imprisonment. An appeal has been taken to the supreme court. The private ownership of street railways has resulted in many strange and criminal doings, but none more strange than the sentencing a mayor and a majority of a city council to jail and none more criminal than the act for which these men were sent to jail.

Most of the comment on and criticism of the president's message has come from papers of more or less independent character. The partisan dailies content themselves by declaring that it is a great state paper and the greatest message of modern times, which is neither criticism nor comment. One thing in it has attracted some attention. There is a sort of "cocksureness" about some passages that is amusing and an unconscious egotism about others that is diverting. Take for instance this passage: "No policy ever entered into by the American people has vindicated itself in a more signal manner than the policy of holding the Philippines." That is to say that he is a bigger man than Jefferson and the acquirement of the Louisiana purchase was not of so much importance to the people of these states as the purchase of 10,000,000 Orientals at \$2.50 per head.

Major Glen, who was court-martialed and found guilty of torturing the natives, was given a month's leave of absence and fined \$50, which was looked upon by the army and every one else more of a vindication than anything else, has been ordered to appear before another court and answer to the charge of murdering a lot of native guides, all of which occurred in that famous Samar campaign which did so much for Christianity and civilization.

General Corbin came back from his hobnobbing with the military aristocrats of Europe with several old world notions which he forthwith proceeded to publish in his official reports and among them was the recommendation that officers holding the lower ranks in the army should not be allowed to marry. Some of the eastern dailies

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ENDLESS NIGHTS

The Experience of a Woman Who Could not Sleep

To lie awake and count the hours, with never a wink of sleep, or at most only a fitful doze, till it is time to get up—most people have gone through the experience once in a while. But to have it keep up night after night—then it is wearing and, in the end, will undermine the strongest constitution and reduce the vitality to a low ebb.

Sleeplessness has always something of disease or undue excitement in it. The excessive use of tea, coffee, tobacco, or any narcotic, may bring it on. In such cases, if the patient stop the use of, or use more moderately, those stimulants, he can overcome the trouble. It may come, too, from dyspepsia, a general run down condition of the system, from disease or insufficient nutrition, feverish excitement, too much blood in the head, etc. In these latter cases a medicine that will feed the nerves and build up and purify the blood, like Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People is recommended. That this medicine will accomplish a cure in such cases has been proven in thousands of instances. One of them is that of Mrs. Carrie A. Roberts, of No. 6 Melville street, Augusta, Me., who was at one time a sufferer from insomnia and nervousness but was permanently cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. She says:

"I was very nervous and could not sleep. I had headache a great deal and my health was run down in general. For three months I was not able to do any work.

"I tried other remedies but they gave me no benefit. But one day one of my neighbors recommended me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and I began using them. I took part of a box and saw that I was receiving benefit and, after taking four boxes, enjoyed better health than I had for a long time. I found the pills were all that they were recommended to be and now I am sleeping well and feeling well."

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have quickly taken up this notion and others declare that "it is vicious" and tends to social degeneration.

Commissioner Allen of the patent office in his report for the year ended June 30, 1902, shows that there were received in the year 45,562 applications for mechanical patents, 1,807 applications for designs, 139 applications for reissues, 1,849 caveats, 2,466 applications for trade-marks, 1,020 applications for labels, and 270 applications for prints. There were 27,387 patents granted, including reissues and designs, and 1,864 trade-marks, 750 labels, and 163 prints were registered. The number of patents that expired for non-payment of the final fees was 4,123. The total receipts of the office were \$1,491,538.35, and the total expenditures were \$1,323,924.63.

The statistician of the department of agriculture estimates the growth of cotton in the United States in the year 1902-3 as 10,417,000 bales, of an average net weight of 490.7 pounds. The area is estimated at 27,114,103 acres, a reduction of 764,227 acres, or 2.74 per cent from the acreage planted. The total production of lint cotton is estimated at 5,111,870 028 pounds, an average of 188.5 pounds per acre.

The United States bonds at present amount to \$782,924,330. Of this amount only \$16,022,850 is held by foreigners. This goes to prove the fallacy of an impression that seems to prevail throughout the country, that a large proportion of United States bonds are in the hands of foreigners. A number of inquiries regarding this matter have been received at the department.

Practically the whole policy of the postoffice department in its recent classification reforms is involved in three decisions rendered lately by the district court of appeals. In two of the cases decisions are against the postoffice department, and in the other the government is sustained. All three cases will be appealed to the United States supreme court, pending whose final action the classification reform policy under which many publications have been excluded from the second-class privileges probably will remain in suspension.