

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

**Drop a Hint to the Danes.**  
The inhabitants of the Danish West Indies ought to be informed that Uncle Sam has no intention of moving the islands from their present geographical location.

**Paid More Than the President.**  
It is figured that Danny Maher, the American jockey who will ride the king of England's horses this year, will earn in all about \$55,000. Of this \$25,000 will be his fee for handling the king's horses and the rest will come from outside engagements.

**The Year's Benefactions.**  
Last year's large benefactions in the United States reached a total of \$123,888,732, of which sum \$68,850,961 was given to colleges, universities and other educational institutions. No previous year's total came within \$45,000,000 of this remarkable record.

**Freedom of the Air.**  
The cable companies may have a monopoly of the telegraph business between England and Newfoundland, but we will warrant that there is nothing in their charter that gives them the exclusive use of the atmosphere. Marconi will have his innings yet.

**Population of the Ocean.**  
The population of the ocean is estimated at 3,000,000. That is to say, the number of sailors and others whose business is on the high seas equals the inhabitants of the 13 original colonies. Last year more than one-sixth of this ocean population or, to be more exact, 550,000 officers and men of 4,343 vessels, entered the port of New York.

**Expenses \$4 a Minute.**  
The Santa Fe railway system is 9,000 miles long and uses 2,000 ties to the mile. Ties cost 60 cents each and last on an average of six years. With this as a basis it is figured that it costs the road \$4 a minute of every hour of every day in the year to buy railroad cross-ties, not counting the expense of taking out the old and putting in the new ones.

**Thrift in the West.**  
An impression prevails that the eastern states have the largest number of banks on the basis of population. Such, however, is not the case. In New England there is one bank to every 7,056 inhabitants, while in the western states there is a bank to every 1,986 inhabitants. Furthermore, Iowa has more banks on the basis of population than any other state in the union.

**Go 'Way Back and Smoke.**  
Speaker Henderson deserves the thanks of the country for his courage in enforcing the rule of the house which prohibits smoking while the house is in session. It has been a great discredit to our national house of representatives that smoking has been carried on more or less while the galleries have been packed with visitors, a large proportion of whom were women. Speaker Henderson does well in stopping that discourtesy.

**Jackson at New Orleans.**  
Whatever may be the opinion as to Andrew Jackson, the president, there is only one view as to his generalship. The defense of New Orleans proved him a military genius. Theodore Roosevelt declares him the greatest American commander between the revolution and civil war. Some victories over the Mexicans were apparently greater achievements than the triumph at New Orleans. But the Mexicans were not comparable to the veterans under Palenham who had put to flight Napoleon's armies.

**Legal Executions in 1901.**  
There were 118 legal executions in the United States during the year 1901, one less than during 1900. Of those executed 71 were negroes and 47 whites. It is somewhat significant that, as compared with 1900, the number of negroes is increased 13 and the number of whites decreased 13, the figures for 1900 being, negroes, 58; whites, 60. The south had 82 of the executions and the north 36, the ratio being about the same as last year, when the figures were 80 in the south and 39 in the north.

**Lynchings in 1901.**  
The lynchings for the year 1901 number 135, as compared with 115 in 1900, an increase of 20. Of these 121 occurred in the south and 14 in the north, as compared with 107 in the south and 8 in the north in 1900. The number of negroes lynched in 1901 was 107, the same number as in 1900. Curiously enough the principal crimes which led to these lynchings are almost the same in the two years, being 39 for murder in 1901 and 1900; 19 for criminal assault in 1901 and 18 for criminal assault in 1900.

BEFORE THE SENATE

Enemies of Gen. Metcalf Seek to Defeat His Confirmation.

**Capt. Holtwood and Some Former Members of the Twentieth Kansas Accuse Him of Killing a Defenseless Filipino Prisoner—Metcalf's Statement.**

Washington, Jan. 14.—Before the senate committee on pensions Monday the charges against Gen. Wilder S. Metcalf, of Lawrence, Kan., of killing a prisoner while in service in the Philippine islands, was revived. Col. Metcalf is the nominee to the office of pension agent at Topeka, Kan., and the charge is made in connection with the effort to defeat his confirmation. Gen. Metcalf was a major in the Twentieth Kansas volunteers when the battle of Calococan was fought and the charge is that during the battle he shot with his revolver a Filipino prisoner who was unarmed and at the time on his knees pleading for mercy. Affidavits from soldiers in the Twentieth Kansas have been filed with the committee and Capt. Edward Holtwood, late captain of company K, of this regiment, appeared before the committee in person. He pressed for a full investigation, saying that the investigation made by the war department was superficial. Senator Gallinger, chairman of the committee, referred the charges to Senators Simon, McCumber and Scott.

**Statement by Gen. Metcalf.**  
Lawrence, Kan., Jan. 14.—Gen. Wilder S. Metcalf, when asked concerning the charges made against him in the senate committee to prevent his confirmation as pension agent at Topeka, said: "The charge that I shot Filipinos while they were defenseless has been made before and, after an investigation by the officers of the war department, I was exonerated from all blame. The charges are all old and threadbare and I have not the least doubt about the outcome. They were started by some of my enemies in the Twentieth Kansas regiment purely for personal reasons."

MISS KNIGHT TOOK CASH.

**Her Suit for Breach of Promise Against the Duke of Manchester Settled Out of Court for \$5,000.**

London, Jan. 14.—The breach of promise suit brought by Miss Portia Knight, the American actress, against the duke of Manchester has after all been settled out of court, the duke paying Miss Knight £1,000 and defraying the costs of the legal proceedings. An agreement was reached Saturday and the final papers will be signed Wednesday next when the money will be paid. The duke of Manchester married Miss Helen Zimmerman, daughter of a Cincinnati millionaire. Zimmerman has already spent a fortune in paying his son-in-law's debts.

EXECUTIONS BY WHOLESALE.

**Corean Government Will Hang About 80 Officials Who Have Been Stealing Tax and Internal Revenue Money.**

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 14.—Mail advices from Seoul, Corea, are to the effect that checking of the government receipts from tax and internal revenue reveals the fact that not less than 10,000,000 yen have been embezzled by government officials during the last six years. Ye Yo Yok, minister of finance, advised the emperor to pass sentence of death on all officers who embezzled over 2,000 yen. The emperor's sanction was given over three weeks ago and wholesale executions will take place. Eighty officials are implicated, many of whom have already been arrested.

Wreck on the Rock Island.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 14.—A passenger train ran into a construction train Monday at Okeene, Ok., killing two and injuring eight. A misplaced switch is believed to have caused the wreck. The dead are H. K. Bear, of Wichita, Kan., and E. A. Calfy, of Galva, Kan.

Selected His Own Seat.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 14.—A feature of the opening session in the house Monday was the tender by unanimous vote to Col. S. A. Moore, of Bloomfield, the oldest member of the house in point of years, being past 80, the right to select his own seat.

Doekery Refuses Clemency.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 14.—Gov. Doekery has refused to interfere in the death sentence of Albert Garth, a negro who killed his sweetheart, and he will be hanged in the Kansas City jail January 21.

Kentucky Senate for Schley.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 14.—The senate adopted resolutions commending Rear Admiral Schley and inviting him to address the general assembly. The resolution received the votes of every senator present.

Appointment for Nebraska.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The president Monday appointed Alva E. Kennard receiver of public moneys at Lincoln Neb.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

**Representative Wood Wants the House Committee on Commerce to Inquire into Their Causes and Provide Remedies.**

Washington, Jan. 14.—Representative Wood, of California, has written a letter to the chairman of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce calling attention to the alarming number of railway accidents in various parts of the country and suggesting that congress should inquire into the causes and provide legislative remedies as far as these are possible. Mr. Wood points out that congress brought about the use of uniform safety coupling devices and he says it should require railway systems engaged in interstate commerce to adopt the amplest means of protecting the public against accidents.

IN STEEL TRUST BONDS.

**Carnegie Did Not Change the Form of the Securities for His National University Bequest.**

Washington, Jan. 14.—It is stated by one of the incorporators and trustees of the Carnegie institute that no reason is perceived at present for any congressional or governmental action in connection with that educational scheme. As it stands the institute is like any other private corporation. Therefore, it is held, there can be no question as to the propriety of its holding any class of securities whether steel bonds or United States government bonds as the basis of its endowment. This statement is believed to indicate Mr. Carnegie's purpose to place his bequest in the shape of United States Steel securities as originally intended.

HONOR FOR THE ILLINOIS.

**New Battleship Will Probably Be One of the American Vessels at the Coronation Ceremonies.**

Washington, Jan. 14.—The big battleship Illinois has just come out of the floating dock at the New Orleans naval station, having successfully demonstrated the possibilities of that structure. Under the terms of the contract of the builders the two days' sea trial must be had soon and the ship must be thoroughly inspected by the board to make sure that the contractors do not escape any proper liability for deterioration. It is expected that the Illinois will be one of the American warships present at the coronation ceremonies of King Edward.

HE KILLED A FILIPINO GIRL.

**Phineas Foutz, a Late Corporal in the Nineteenth Infantry, Executed in the Philippines.**

Washington, Jan. 14.—The war department has been advised of the execution of Phineas Foutz, late corporal of company K, Nineteenth infantry, at Cebu, Philippine islands, on the morning of January 3. Foutz was convicted of the willful murder of a native girl in the Philippine islands on November 15, 1900, and was sentenced to be hanged, but escaped from the custody of the military. He was executed immediately after his recapture.

ROBBED A POOL ROOM.

**Masked Men Enter a Kansas City Resort and Carry Off Over \$1,500 in Bills, Coin and Checks.**

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 14.—Two men with their faces concealed by handkerchiefs held up the cashier of the pool room of the Baltimore Telegraph and Money Order company at 907 Baltimore avenue at seven o'clock last night and secured between \$1,500 and \$3,000 in bills, coin and checks. Five men, officers and attaches of the company, were in the room at the time.

The "Inquisition" Law Upheld.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 14.—In the Shawnee district court yesterday Judge Hazen upheld the legality of the "inquisition" law passed at the last session of the legislature. This law enables a county attorney to summon witnesses before him to ascertain facts upon which to base a complaint. It was aimed at the liquor business.

Working for Hill and Harrison.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—If plans now being laid by friends of David B. Hill, of New York, do not miscarry the democratic national convention of 1904 will nominate this ticket: For president, David B. Hill, of New York; for vice president, Carter H. Harrison, of Illinois.

Helen Gould Visits St. Louis Schools.

St. Louis, Jan. 14.—In company with John Schroers, president of the board of education, Miss Helen Miller Gould Monday visited the Eugene Field and other public schools.

Nebraska Man Chosen.

St. Louis, Jan. 14.—Frederick W. Taylor, of Weeping Water, Neb., has been appointed chief of agriculture and acting chief of horticulture for the St. Louis world's fair.

ONLY TWO VOTED NO.

Nicaragua Canal Bill Had Easy Sailing in the House.

**Effort to Sidetrack the Measure for the Panama Route Met with Signal Failure—Measure as Passed Authorizes Expenditure of \$180,000,000.**

Washington, Jan. 10.—The Hepburn Nicaragua canal bill passed the house late yesterday afternoon by practically a unanimous vote. Only two members out of 310 voted against it. Messrs. Fletcher, republican, of Minnesota, and Lassiter, democrat, of Virginia, were the two voting in the negative. The opposition to committing the government to the Nicaragua route attempted to secure amendments to lodge with the president the discretionary power to purchase and complete the Panama canal, if it could be purchased for \$40,000,000.

The debate which preceded the taking of the final vote was made memorable by a clash between Mr. Hepburn, the author of the bill, and Mr. Cannon, chairman of the appropriations committee. On several previous occasions they have measured swords over canal legislation. Two years ago a similar bill was passed by a vote of 224 to 36. The bill as passed yesterday authorizes the president to secure from the states of Costa Rica and Nicaragua in behalf of the United States control of such a portion of the territory belonging to said states as may be desirable and necessary in which to excavate, construct and prospect a canal suitable to the wants of modern navigation and commerce, and appropriate such a sum as may be necessary to secure the control of said territory.

Section 2 authorizes the president, after securing control of the needed territory to direct the secretary of war to construct such canal from the Caribbean sea, at a point near Greytown, in Nicaragua, by way of Lake Nicaragua, to a point on the Pacific ocean near Brito, and also to construct proper harbors at the termini of said canal and to make necessary provisions for the defense of the canal and harbors.

PAST BILLION-DOLLAR MARK.

**Value of Mineral Products in the United States in 1901 Surpassed Any Previous Period.**

Washington, Jan. 10.—The value of the mineral products of the United States in 1901 exceeded, for the first time, the billion-dollar mark, according to the geological survey report on mineral resources which has just been issued. The exact figures were \$1,067,603,606, as compared with \$971,900,894 in 1899, a gain of \$95,702,712, or 9.85 per cent. Iron and coal alone yielded more than half of the grand total, their combined value being over \$566,000,000.

NEW CABINET OFFICE.

**Senate Committee Reports Favorably on the Bill for the Establishment of a Department of Commerce.**

Washington, Jan. 10.—The senate committee on commerce Thursday authorized a favorable report on Senator Nelson's bill for the creation of an executive department of the government to be known as the department of commerce.

To Build Railroad in China.

New York, Jan. 10.—A company of American capitalists, headed by August Belmont, has been organized to build a railroad in China from Hankow south to Canton, there to connect with the imperial railroad to Peking. The provinces to be traversed by the American line have a population twice as great as that of the United States.

Iowa's Banquet to Gov. Shaw.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 10.—Gov.-elect A. B. Cummins presided at the reception given by the Grant club Thursday night for Gov. Shaw, in honor of his elevation to the secretaryship of the treasury. Toasts were responded to by Senators Allison and Dolliver, George D. Perkins and others.

Murder in the Second Degree.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 10.—After deliberating for an hour and 15 minutes, the jury in the Thomas Redmond case found the defendant guilty of murder in the second degree and fixed his punishment at 25 years in the penitentiary. His crime was the killing of young Scruggs.

Ex-Governor Sent to Prison.

Boston, Jan. 9.—Admitting that his picture was in the rogues' gallery yet pleading for mercy from the court, Franklin J. Moses, once governor of South Carolina, was sentenced here to four months' imprisonment for the larceny of an overcoat.

Paraguay's President a Captive.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 10.—It is reported here that a revolution has broken out in Paraguay. President Aceval, of that republic, is said to be a prisoner.

New Use for Money.

Nearly half a billion dollars' worth of soiled and torn bank notes is destroyed annually by our government. They are reduced to pulp and then used for making railroad car wheels. This transformation is about as radical as the one brought about in the case of sickly people who will use Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Good health is sure to follow its use. Be sure to try it. It will cure indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness and malaria.

Unexpected Happening.

Caller—Is the editor in?  
The Imp—Nope. Gone home.  
"Not ill, I hope?"  
"Nope. Wife telephoned baby was asleep. Went home to see what it looked like."—Chicago Daily News.

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It is not wise to believe all you hear; but it is well to use discretion in your declarations of incredulity.—Puck.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day**  
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

If thou suffer injustice, console thyself; the true unhappiness is in doing it.—Democritus.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. Samuel, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

Perly—"Is your wife entertaining this winter?" Smartly—"Not very."—Judge.

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MABELLE L. LAMONTE.

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