

# HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

## Greater New York's Increased Needs



NEW YORK.—That the New York city government has, in some ways at least, kept pace with the city's growth as shown in the census returns is manifest from a budget study compiled by the city statisticians. The census returns show an increase in the population of 38.7 per cent. In the same ten-year period the city budget has grown from \$90,778,972 to \$163,030,270—an increase of over 74 per cent. The figures estimated for the expenditure of the actual city, as apart from the county, were for 1900 \$79,201,763, and for 1910 \$158,775,145, or 94 per cent increase.

The increased cost in the city government is partly accounted for, according to the budget officials, by the widened scope of municipal enterprise. For example, ten years ago the domestic relations courts in Manhattan and Brooklyn, the special schools for defective children or tuberculosis patients and the establishment of playgrounds were entirely outside the general conception of what the city government should do.

The expense of maintaining the city's police force has increased more than a third in the decade. The board of education now requires twice as much as in 1900—\$28,500,000, instead

of \$14,600,000. The street-cleaning department spends 50 per cent more—\$7,500,000, instead of \$5,000,000. The health department's appropriation has grown 125 per cent—from \$1,050,000 to \$2,750,000. The fire department costs 80 per cent more—\$8,150,000, in place of \$4,550,000.

Figures for church membership in Greater New York compiled by local organizations show that the number of church members for the five boroughs is 1,310,421, or 37.2 per cent of the new population figures. In 1900 there were 1,232,677 members of Christian churches. This was 35.9 per cent of the population.

The figures seem to show that the growth in church membership is 1.2 per cent ahead of the population growth. This growth, it is estimated, is divided about evenly between Protestants and Roman Catholics. At present it is calculated that there are 440,783 Protestants to 869,648 Roman Catholics.

A remarkable fact in the religious work of the city has been the growth of the Lutheran church. Its additional churches since 1855 having been 22 per cent of those built in Greater New York. Next to it comes the Protestant Episcopal church, which has built ninety-three churches to the Lutherans' 113.

There are at least 66 separate Christian bodies at work in New York, of which the four which obtain the largest tax exemptions on account of property are the Roman Catholic, the Protestant Episcopal, the Presbyterian and the Jewish.

## Souvenir Postal Saves Heir \$20,000



CHICAGO.—An unusual story of a lost heir to a \$3,000,000 estate, whose chance mailing of a souvenir post card will bring him \$20,000, was revealed in the probate court the other day. The man is Cornelius Carney, who was resident of Oklahoma City, now a thought to have perished in the San Francisco earthquake and fire in April, 1906.

The story he told in court ran like this: He was born 30 years ago in Troy, N. Y., a member of a large family whose head, John Carney, was for more noted for his convivial habits than for his thrift and industry. Consequently the little Carneys found life in Williams street alley a struggle in which dirt and want were daily factors. After being very bad for a long time the condition of the Carney family became worse, and Cornelius was sent to a children's asylum.

There wasn't much in life in Williams street alley but liberty—there was plenty of that—and the comparative comfort of the asylum couldn't

compensate Cornelius for the loss of his freedom, so when he was old enough to care for himself—13 years old, to be exact—Cornelius ran away and started out to see the world. After several years of wandering, Charley enlisted in the United States marine corps. He served for six years and in that time visited every port you ever heard of and more besides. Early in 1906 Carney was in China and wrote home that he was sailing soon for San Francisco. That was the last his relatives heard of him in years.

In 1908 Mrs. Anna F. Baker, who was Mrs. Carney's sister, died in Chicago, leaving an estate of \$3,000,000, of which a considerable part went to the Carney children, who had grown up and prospered in Troy. To settle up the estate it was necessary to find Cornelius alive or prove him dead, and one was about as hard a task as the other. Finally the courts decided Cornelius was dead—although he was married and living in Oklahoma.

Within a short time Cornelius' share in his aunt's estate would have gone to Cook county, but just in the nick of time Cornelius sent a souvenir post card to his sister, Mrs. Lizzie Pratt of Troy, who at once wrote him that he was an heir to his aunt's estate. In court Carney proved his heirship and will get the \$20,000 before long.

## Ants Are Driving Kansans From Home



WHITA, Kan.—Grasshoppers, chinch bugs and pests, have visited Kansas in bygone days, eaten the crops, trimmed the leaves of the trees and driven more or less hardy pioneers back to their wives' folks in the East, but never until this year have ants in sufficient numbers been noticed to cause people to desire to leave their once happy homes in the Sunflower State.

From several towns come reports of ants in such numbers as to cause actual worry by the inhabitants. The people are not unaccustomed to the little black ant and the red ant which visit the sugar bowl occasionally, but they can't account for the swarms of all sorts and breeds of ants which are

now in evidence. Kiowa and other towns in Harper county tell of the visits of the ants.

Almost the entire residence portion of Kiowa, a town of more than one thousand inhabitants, is in the grasp of untold millions of ants. At first the earth seemed literally to be alive with them. There were big ants, little ants, red ants, blood ants and brunette ants. They all seemed to be hungry and they got into the houses. Not content with the food in the pantries, they infested carpets, beds, chewed clothing to pieces and caused a great deal of havoc.

Openwork stockings and porous underwear had to be abandoned for close-knit clothing by the residents, because the ants didn't remain on the floor or in the beds, but swarmed over human beings.

In certain sections of the town families actually moved out to get away from the ants, thinking it was cheaper to move than to lose their household goods. Others are devoting their time to fighting the pests by fumigating the houses and inundating the floors.

## Hog Raising a Social Eccentricity



LONDON.—Women of title, jaded by the fatigues of the season, are being offered unique opportunities for calming their overwrought nerves. Lady Wolsey, head of the Ladies' Park club, has conceived the happy idea of enabling the blue-blooded members to live as farm hands. The retreat that has been provided for them is far from the madding crowd, in an antique country house in Middlesex county.

Duchesses tired of the social whirl go there to commune with nature and to enjoy the delightful luxury of plain fare. Life on the farm will be almost severe, for the spoiled darlings of society. They are not allowed to play

## WANT BEST THAT IS

NOTHING TOO NICE FOR MEN WHO MAKE LAWS.

## CAPITOL BEING MADE READY

Veterans in Legislation Mighty Particular About Their Quarters and Perhaps a Bit Whimsical.

Washington.—While members of congress are campaigning in their respective districts Elliot Woods, superintendent of the capitol is directing a small army of men who are engaged in the task of making the capitol of the nation more beautiful and the private offices of the statesmen more comfortable.

Up to a few years ago only the most important committee chairmen were accommodated with office rooms in the capitol building. Now, however, every member of congress is provided with a private office. Most of the members of the house have to struggle along with one office in which they work with their clerks. Senators, however, are given at least two offices, one for their clerks and an elaborate furnished private office.

## Coming to See Our Navy

San Francisco.—Prince Tsai Hsun, Chinese minister of naval affairs, will reach here Monday from the orient. Prince Tsai Hsun, who is an uncle of the Chinese emperor, is coming to this country to look into American methods of naval construction, and it is stated to place an order for China's new navy. Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel company, is here for the purpose of meeting the prince, and is accompanied by Archibald Johnson, and H. S. Snyder, respectively first and second vice-presidents of the company.

## Rate Hearing in the West

Chicago.—Four members of the interstate commerce commission, Fryer, Lane, Clemens and Clark, will hear the testimony here when the commission's investigation into a proposed railroad rate increase is resumed after a ten days' sitting in New York. The investigation began under a special examiner three weeks ago and after a week was transferred to New York to get the testimony of eastern roads.

## Ready for Odd Fellows

Atlanta, Ga.—This city is in gala attire in honor of the eightieth annual meeting of the sovereign grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which opens Monday morning. All of the officers of the grand lodge have arrived with the exception of Grand Marshal E. L. Pillsbury of Charlestown, Mass., who is detained because of illness. Samuel A. Read of Windsor, Vt., has been appointed in his place.

## Enters School at Eighty

Columbus, O.—Mrs. A. D. Winslip, aged eighty years and a former resident of Racine, Wis., has registered as a student in Ohio state university. Mrs. Winslip will take an optional course, and says she is going to college simply because she likes to acquire all the knowledge she can. She has recently returned from Michigan, where she has been attending a summer school.

## Veterans Meet By the Sea

Atlantic City, N. J.—The hotels, piers and board walk are quite crowded with old soldiers and their families who are here to attend the forty-fourth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Every train brought reinforcements to the crowd that began arriving last week. Five thousand veterans gathered in the Savoy theater Sunday morning and listened to a patriotic sermon.

## Successfully Shoots the Rapids

Niagara Falls.—Capt. Klaus Larsen, in his little motor boat, the Ferro, Sunday afternoon made a successful trip from the foot of the cataract through the whirlpool rapids to within one mile of Lewiston, a distance of four and one-half miles. He started from the Maid of the Mist dock at 4:45 and ran on a rock near the American shore at 5:30.

## Vienna.—As Count Kleimansseg, governor of lower Austria, his wife and nephew were motoring home from an aviation meeting where the emperor and arch duke were spectators, a shot was fired through the wind screen of his car. No one was hurt.

## Guns for Panama

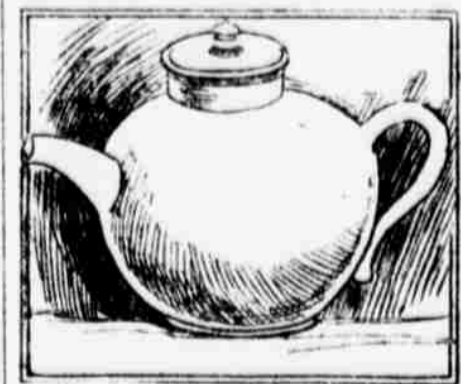
Beverly.—Before leaving Beverly for Boston President Taft announced that in his message to congress in December he will recommend the appropriation of \$2,000,000 to begin the work of fortifying the Panama canal. Mr. Taft has always favored the protection of the canal with great guns and he thinks the time has arrived to begin the work. The president will also recommend to congress that provision be made for two battleships of the Dreadnought type.

## WHEN TEA WENT TO ENGLAND

Precious Beverage Was First Drank by the Early Britons Only in Homeopathic Doses.

Liverpool, Eng.—A few particulars of the introduction of tea into England will be interesting in connection with the illustration of the accompanying curious old-fashioned pot which has been in one family for nearly 200 years. The cut is about one-third the actual size of the pot and shows the homeopathic quantity of the precious concoction used at that time.

The household book of the earl of Northumberland, in the fifteenth century, gives the following account of



Old English Teapot.

the provisions for an English breakfast at that period:

During Lent—Breakfast for my Lord and Lady:—  
 Lent—A loaf of bread in Trenchers, ij manchet; a quart of beer; a quart of wine; ij peys of salt fish; vj bacon'd herring; ij white herryng, or a dysche of sprouts.  
 Breakfast for the nury for my Ladye Margaret and Maister Ingram Percy:—  
 Item—A manchet; a quart of beer; a dysche of butter; a piece of salt fish; a dish of sprouts; and ij white herryng.  
 Breakfast for my Ladye's gentylwomen:—  
 Item—A loaf of brede; a pottel of beer; a pece of salt fishe; or ij white herryng; &c. &c.  
 Breakfast for flesh days dayly throwt the yere:—  
 Breakfast for my Lord and Ladye:—  
 Item—A loaf of brede in Trenchers, ij manchet; ij quart of beer; a quart of wine; half a chyne of mutton, or els a chyne of beefe, halod.  
 Breakfast for my Lord Percy and Mr. Thomas Percy:—  
 Item—Half a pottel of household brede; a manchet; ij loaf of brede; a cheeke pye, or els ij mutton bonye, halod.  
 Breakfast for the nury for my Ladye Margaret and Mr. Ingram Percy:—  
 Item—A manchet; ij quart of beer; and ij mutton bonye; halod.  
 Breakfast for my Ladye's gentylwomen:—  
 Item—A loaf of household brede; a pottel of beer; and ij mutton bonye; halod, or els a pece of beef.

From this time on the quantity of strong ale and wine used by all classes was excessive and must have greatly affected the intellect and other qualities of our ancestors.

In the reign of James I. and the succeeding reign, the English followed the Danish custom of drinking health, and no matter how large a company might be, each guest was compelled to drink the health of each in rotation. Such gatherings were conducive to quarrels and discussions, and many ended in duels and bloodshed. This excess among the higher classes was not available to the poorer people, wines and ale being beyond their reach in price.

It was somewhere in the fall of 1660 that tea first found its way from China, but it was so scarce that the infusion of it in water was taxed by the gallon, in common with chocolate and sherbet. Two pounds and two ounces, in the same year, were given the king by the East India company as a most valuable gift. Tea gradually came into use in England, first as a medicine for colds and later as a luxury for the wealthy, made in small pots as the illustration shows. These pots held one-half a pint and the tea was drunk from cups holding little more than a tablespoonful.

## Plucked Triumphs From Trouble

Indianapolis.—A local retail merchant recently took advantage of an accident which happened to his store.

A runaway trolley car had crashed into his show window, wrecking it. While the crowd of people who had been attracted about the front of the store the enterprising retailer came struggling through the wreckage and placed a large card blank in the prominent place. The effect was forthcoming.

## Oldest American Ruins

Phoenix, Ariz.—The very oldest American ruins are to be found in either Arizona or New Mexico. These are the cliff dwellings along the Colorado river and the Rio Grande, which were built centuries before Columbus; and approaching them in antiquity are the mysterious adobe compounds, whose walls, labyrinths, subterranean chambers and battlements were lately dug out of an Arizona desert surrounding the ruin of Casa Grande, now believed to have been the temple of the chief priest of a sect of sun worshippers once inhabiting this region.

## Again the Cost of Living

Chicago.—A young lady who taught a class of small boys in the Sunday school desired to impress on them the meaning of returning thanks before a meal. Turning to one of the class, whose father was a deacon in the church, she asked him: "William, what is the first thing your father says when he sits down to the table?" "He says 'v'o slow with the butter, kids; it's 40 cents a pound,'" replied the youngster.

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