

## NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

### Commissioner of Immigration Recommends Modifications in Exclusion Act.

Washington.—Commissioner General Caminetti, of the bureau of immigration, in his first annual report to Secretary Wilson, recommended certain modifications of the Chinese exclusion act, and expressed the opinion that great care should be taken with the seaman's bill, pending in congress; declaring that "the seaman's bill, on the one hand, and the immigration and Chinese exclusion laws on the other, cannot be properly enforced unless their terms are brought into substantial and practical accord."

Commissioner Caminetti, speaking of the general question of Asiatic immigration, comments on "aliens employed on vessels," and what he says is the danger of Chinese and other Asiatics reaching the country unlawfully by serving as seamen and deserting.

As to Japanese immigration, he expresses doubt whether the "photograph" brides, after having gone through a marriage ceremony by proxy, recognized as legal in Japan, are really entitled to admission.

Despite the fact that everything possible under existing law is being done, said Mr. Caminetti, to prevent the entry of Chinese not entitled to be here "Chinese laborers are constantly gaining admission, in the guise of minor sons of merchants, students, natives or sons of natives."

#### Reserve Time Limit Expires Feb. 22

Warning has been issued to national banks by M. C. Elliott, secretary of the federal reserve bank organization, that to comply with the currency act they must signify within 60 days of its enactment their intention to join the new system. Several banks had expressed the belief that the law allowed them 12 months to make known their intentions. Under the law national banks that do not so signify within 60 days must prepare to liquidate, and are allowed 12 months for this process.

The circular explains also that state banks and trust companies which signify their intention of becoming members of the system will be allowed to participate in the selection of directors of reserve banks in their districts.

At the close of business at the treasury department Saturday, 6849 national banks had applied for membership out of a total of 7500 in the United States. The time limit for applications is February 22.

#### Investigate How to Make Hens Lay

How to make hens lay more eggs was one of the multitude of investigations authorized in the agricultural appropriation bills reported.

Congress will continue to distribute free seeds, the weather bureau service will be extended to the Panama canal and insular possessions, more than \$200,000 will be spent studying how to eliminate the waste and profits in foodstuffs between the producer and the consumer and a general reorganization of the department of agriculture along lines of great efficiency as laid down by Secretary Houston were authorized in appropriations aggregating \$25,000,000.

#### Higher Naval Rank Created.

The bill to create six vice-admirals in the navy was passed by the senate and now awaits action by the house. Their salaries were fixed at \$11,000 a year and the age of retirement at 65 years.

How a British naval commander in Mexican waters might assume command over American forces by virtue of his seniority of rank was discussed in animated fashion in the course of the debate on the bill.

#### National Capital Brevities.

The senate passed the Smoot bill to open withdrawn Alaska coal lands to homestead entry, but reserving to the government title to the coal.

President Wilson spent several days in bed last week nursing a cold. All engagements were cancelled.

The new appropriation bill provides for an army of 500,000 men. Changes in the articles of war which had not been disturbed for many years are provided in the measure which just passed the senate.

As a result of the signing of the Kenyon "redlight" bill by President Wilson, a moral crusade has been started in Washington, D. C. Police supervision of moving picture shows is contemplated.

Temporary method of electing senators in states which have not been provided with the machinery for carrying out the seventeenth amendment to the constitution, is opposed by southern senators.

The senate committee has completed the postoffice appropriation bill, the measure being \$5,000,000 in excess of the amount as it came from the house. Maximum salaries of rural carriers would be increased to \$1200.

## AUGUSTUS O. BACON



Augustus O. Bacon, United States senator from Georgia, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, who died in Washington.

### Brief News of the Week

Arrangements have been closed for a sardine cannery on the shore of Gallies, Palestine.

One hundred and ten men were fined \$1 each in Chicago for spitting on the sidewalk.

The reichstag authorized the German potash syndicate to spend \$125,000 on an exhibit at the San Francisco exposition.

A nation-wide campaign will be waged by the associations opposed to woman suffrage. Promoters claim that the boasted strength of the suffragists is "mythical."

Six hundred lots in the townsite of Agua Prieta, Sonora, confiscated from Arturo Morales, said to be a Huerta sympathizer, will be apportioned among poor citizens by the constitutionalists.

The Columbia, Tuolumne county, California, Wells-Fargo office, established in 1852, and through which \$55,000,000 has passed, has closed its doors after 62 years of continuous service.

Charges for maintenance and operating on reclamation projects for the year 1914 will not be collected at the beginning of the season, but at its close. Settlers on new projects will be greatly relieved by the new system.

After an 18 hour fast the negroes in San Quentin prison, California, surrendered to the authorities and partook of food. They had gone on a hunger strike because they had been segregated from the whites.

A complete progressive ticket will be put in the field in New York at the elections next fall. The name of Theodore Roosevelt, while not mentioned directly, was referred to as the progressive candidate for governor. Roosevelt is now in South America.

### People in the News

Mrs. Bertha Drury, wife of a Spencer county, Ky., farmer, gave birth to three boys and two girls. The girls died.

The court of appeals of New York has decided that because Mrs. Bridget C. Pexlotta is mother of a baby she is not eligible to teach in the public schools of New York.

James R. Garfield, secretary of the interior under the Roosevelt administration, has announced his candidacy for the progressive nomination for governor of Ohio.

Sir Lionel Carden, British minister at Mexico City, will go to Washington to confer with President Wilson. His visit was suggested by the British foreign office.

William Marconi, using a 100-horsepower engine, lighted an electric bulb at a distance of six miles, by means of wireless. It is hoped that in course of time houses may be lighted and heated by wireless.

Willie Ritchie, lightweight champion, and Harlem Tommy Murphy will fight 20 rounds at San Francisco the night of Friday, April 17.

Orville Wright, one of the pioneer aviators, expresses doubts of the ability to sail across the Atlantic ocean. He says engines will not stand the grind.

Senator Borah of Idaho, addressing the republican club of New York, predicted that the party will be reunited at the next annual convention. He said that evolution, not dissolution, was the result of the recent trend of political events.

Tammany Boss Charles Murphy says he will not oppose plans of President Wilson and Governor Glynn to reorganize the democratic party of New York, although he does not see any necessity for the change.

Announcement of his candidacy for governor of Ohio on the Socialist ticket at the primaries next August was made by "General" J. S. Coxey, at Massillon, Ohio, who led an army of unemployed men on a march from Massillon to Washington in 1894.

## ON EVE OF INQUIRY OFFICIAL TAKES LIFE

### John J. Kennedy, Treasurer of New York State, Kills Self in Buffalo Hotel.

Buffalo, N. Y.—John J. Kennedy, state treasurer, committed suicide here at the Markeen hotel, where he had lived with his family. He was found in a small room off the hotel ballroom with his throat cut. An open razor was lying on the floor beside him. His jugular vein had been severed and death ensued before a doctor arrived.

Temporary insanity, induced by worry over his impending appearance before a New York jury, where District Attorney Charles E. Whitman has been conducting a John Doe graft inquiry, is said by District Attorney Dirnberger, Jr., to be the only reason that can be assigned for Mr. Kennedy's act. He had been subpoenaed at the inquiry.

Mr. Kennedy went to church with his son, William H. Kennedy, Sunday about noon. After greeting his wife and daughter Mr. Kennedy said he was going to his room to lie down until they were ready for luncheon. The son went to the apartments to summon his father shortly afterward.

#### Slayer-Guards Guilty.

Houghton, Mich.—Three Waddell-Mahon Detective Agency guards and a deputy sheriff were found guilty of manslaughter for killing Steve Putrich, a striking copper mine worker, at Seeberville, on August 14 last. Harry James, the other deputy sheriff, was acquitted, under instructions from the court. The men convicted were James Cooper, Arthur Davis, William Groff and Edwin Polkinghorne.

#### 2-Pounder 11 Weeks Old.

Tacoma.—Florence Virginia Cole is a future voter of Washington here who is attracting much attention because at the age of 11 weeks she weighs only two pounds. The nurses say she is perfectly normal in every way and has not been sick at all in the weeks of her existence in the basket surrounded by hot water bottles.

#### Bertillon's Brain Heavy.

Paris.—The brain of Alphonse Bertillon, creator of the system of criminal identification which brought him fame, who died recently, weighed 1525 grammes. The weight of the brain of the average man is 1360 grammes.

## HEAVY SNOW FALLS CRIPPLE RAILROADS

Chicago.—Heavy snowfall early in the week was reported over practically all the country from the Missouri river east and south to the Ohio valley.

Railroad traffic was badly crippled and all trains were late. In some instances trains were abandoned altogether until the tracks could be cleared.

Dispatches tell of much suffering, shortage of fuel and forage for live stock. The fresh storm has undone the work of clearing away the two previous heavy snowfalls, and small towns and suburbs were practically isolated.

Dispatches from various points in the middle west say the entire country is covered with snow from two to 14 inches deep and the cold weather following means that it will remain for several days. Board of trade men say the storm insures good crops.

The immediate need of fuel in many localities was the chief feature of the latest storm. Railroads had been badly hampered by the previous snowfalls and had been unable to deliver coal.

#### Women Challenge Roll.

Chicago.—Suffragists won an important victory here when their affidavits questioning the registration of 2000 occupants of cheap lodging houses in the first ward were accepted by the election commissioners. Thirty women who had canvassed the lodging-houses and failed to find the men whose names appear on the poll books challenged their right to vote.

#### Indian's Rights Urged.

Philadelphia.—Full rights of citizenship for the American Indian were advocated by speakers at the council of the Society of American Indians, held at the academy of natural sciences. The speakers said admission to full citizenship and the right of ownership rather than occupancy should be granted the red man.

#### Dr. Shaw Breaks Ankle.

New York.—Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Woman's Suffrage association, slipped while alighting from a train in Jersey City and sustained a fracture of the right ankle.

President Wilson will likely name the men to compose the new federal reserve bank board by about March 1.

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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Or. January 26th, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Manford D. Nye of Roberts, Oregon, who, on March 21st, 1910, made Desert Land Entry No. 06272, for ne 1/4 sec 7, township 18 south, range 18 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Desert Land Proof to establish claim to the land above described before Timothy E. J. Duffy, U. S. Commissioner, at Prineville, Oregon, on the 6th day of March, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: Austin Kiser, Owen Fischer, Carl Fischer, Clarence Ferguson, all of Roberts, Oregon. H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.