

# NEW YORK CITY IN DEBT UP TO LIMIT

### Chamber of Commerce Hits Tammany Rule for Wild Extravagance.

## ONE-THIRD MONEY WASTED

For Every Dollar Spent, City Only Gets 60 Cents Value—Voters Will Remember Facts and Republicans Use Report.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The Chamber of Commerce has fathered a remarkable attack upon the present city administration, and the Republican organization plans to use it as a campaign document next fall. The statement is made that under present conditions an average of \$30,000,000 a year is spent "which represents no adequate return" to the city in service and value and that most of this amount is preventable waste. Furthermore, these financiers are inclined to believe that New York City has probably exceeded its debt limit.

"We may need a change in housekeeping," said Jacob Schiff, "Other cities and towns have gone on making improvements until they were on the verge of bankruptcy. Take heed! as with the individual, so with the corporation, so with the state and municipalities.

"There is nothing more valuable than credit. Be careful before you act, so that you may do nothing to injure your municipal credit."

The investigation of the city's finances was made by a special committee of the Chamber of Commerce, consisting of James G. Cannon, John I. Waterbury, William A. Nash, Maurice L. Muhleman, Henry R. Ickelheimer, Gates W. McGarrah and Jacob H. Schiff. The majority of them are bankers and financiers known all over the country. Here are a few striking extracts from their report.

### Piling Up Immense Debt.

"During the past ten years since the act of municipal consolidation was into effect, the city of New York has been piling up debt and expending money as if its resources were inexhaustible, as if its trade and commerce could stand any degree of taxation, and as if it could afford any amount of padding of payrolls, of inefficiency of labor and of waste in the purchase of supplies."

Summarized in the city's financial situation, the report says: "If we add to the total net debt of the city the \$56,529,313 of bonds that are exempt from the constitutional debt limit, and \$10,825,890 of floating revenue bonds, we have a total municipal debt of only about \$100,000,000 less than the entire interest-bearing debt of the United States."

"If to the constitutional and exempt debt of the city we add the aggregate of contracts let for new aqueducts and authorizations made for other projects, New York has a probable possible indebtedness of \$1,250,000,000."

Controller Metz has declared that the city has been simply throwing its money away. It is believed that of the city's payroll of \$80,000,000, many millions represent service paid for and not rendered. Put it in a different way this means that it takes about three persons to do the work of two.

The investigators of the Bureau of Municipal Research estimate that from 15 to 20 per cent of the city's budget of \$66,565,148 represents no adequate return in service or value and that most of the amount is preventable waste.

### Borrowing Power Exhausted.

"The borrowing capacity of the city on November 1, 1908, according to the figures prepared by Controller Metz, was \$71,881,540. The charter commission, in a report to the Governor on December 12, 1908, on another basis of calculation, by readjusting the Controller's figures, estimated the borrowing capacity to be only \$8,382,705."

"It is a strange condition of affairs that the city should be so close to the line of constitutional debt that no one can be absolutely sure whether the line has been crossed or not."

Here is the decision reached by the committee: "That the city with an assessed wealth of \$135,190,400 and with a budget of \$66,565,148 is nevertheless unable to carry out all that the various classes of its citizens deem to be necessary, and that this inability is due in no small measure to waste and inefficiency of administration, so that the city is getting only 60 to 70 cents of service for every dollar expended."

### Tammany Blames McClellan.

Even Tammany men admit the strength of this indictment, but declare that they cannot be held responsible, as Mayor McClellan is running his administration regardless of the organization. "Little Tim" Sullivan, vice-president of the Board of Aldermen and the ruling spirit there, said:

"Voters will not overlook the fact that when the budget came up to the board for its approval, the Tammany aldermen went on record as saying that they did not assume any responsibility for it. There have been many things done by the city administration which have not met with the approval of the majority party."

On the other hand, Republicans declare that Tammany cannot dodge the blame of a candidate they elected. John Kleel, a Republican state senator from Brooklyn, puts the matter in these words:

"McClellan has held office steadily ever since he first had a vote. Tammany made him secretary of the bridge commission, president of the Board of Aldermen, Congressman and Mayor, and he never left one job until it was time to take the next. "The mere fact that he has quarreled with Murphy, doesn't let Tammany off especially when every big city department is officered and manned by Tammany men."

### Calliber of Officeholders.

Borough President Haffor is on trial before a referee named by Governor Higgins, who has been asked to remove him. At a recent session, Michael J. Garvin, the architect who designed the Bronx Borough Courthouse, was a witness. To show you the caliber of the men who hold office here, a few questions and answers, taken from the stenographers' records are submitted:

"What is the function of a Council?" asked John Purroy Mitchell.

"Same as the hat on your head. To

Decorate what's underneath it," replied Mr. Garvin. "What type of architecture is the City Hall?" "Renaissance, the finest example in the country." "What design does the tower of Madison Square Garden follow?" "Some great building in Spain. I can't recall the name." "And the Singer building?" "I don't know. I think it follows the Tower of Babel." Of course Mr. Garvin is a district leader, but isn't he a fine specimen to be an architect? And all the city departments are filled with Garvins, although it must be admitted, in justice to the Bronx man, that few of them can pronounce the word "Renaissance" while hardly any of them know how to spell it or could tell what it means.

## CHIEF GERONIMO IS DEAD

Famous Apache Chief Released at Last From Years of Servitude.

LAATON, Okla., Feb. 17.—Geronimo, the noted Apache Indian Chief, died here at Fort Sill, where he had been confined as a prisoner of war for 22 years. Geronimo died at the hospital at the Fort Sill Army post, where he had been

## GERMAN WINNER OF NOBEL PRIZE

Professor Paul Ehrlich was one of the recipients of the Nobel prizes at the recent distribution. He divided with Professor Metschnikoff, of Paris, the prize for eminence in medicine. The prize amounted to \$38,565. Professor Ehrlich is of Berlin.

held for several years as a prisoner of war. He died of pneumonia after two days illness. Geronimo will be buried in the Indian cemetery, near the fort, tomorrow. The funeral will be conducted by Christian missionaries, the decedent having professed religion three years ago. Geronimo was the war chief of the Apaches. He was captured with his band at Skeleton Canyon, Arizona, 22 years ago, having surrendered to General Nelson A. Miles, who, with his soldiers, had pursued him for months.

## CARNEGIE'S MONEY POISON

Bryan Denounces Millionaire's Pension for Professors.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 17.—Before the joint session of the Nebraska Legislature William J. Bryan this afternoon delivered an address, discussing most of the state issues. He disclaimed any intention of posing as a dictator and asserted that he was speaking merely as a private citizen. He endorsed the bank guaranty plan and asked for the reformation of all plan form pledges. He urged the establishment of a school of citizenship and commended the Carnegie pension fund for most malicious poison ever injected in the body politic.

## CLEMENCY IS REQUESTED

Servian Implicated in Killing of Marshal Found Guilty.

SEATTLE, Feb. 17.—Guilty of manslaughter with a recommendation of mercy is the verdict of the jury that tried John Bosovich, one of the "hired hands" who shot and killed Marshal Harry Miller, of Kent, on April 10, 1908. Bosovich, unlike his companions, was shown to have been unarmed on the night of the murder which followed the holding up of an Grilla man. One of the Servians is now under sentence of death and the other has been sentenced to life imprisonment. It is expected that Bosovich will receive a sentence of five years in the penitentiary.

## SENDS SIGNOR TO PRISON

But Judge Condemns Law Which Requires Sentence.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 17.—F. B. Signor, who recently pleaded guilty on charges of having forged the name of James A. Murray, a millionaire of Monterey, to a face value of \$50,000, was sentenced today to serve seven years in San Quentin. Judge Brown declared that he believed it to be something of an injustice to the prisoner to send him to the penitentiary, but, as it was equally improper to send him to an asylum, and as the state provided no fitting place for the detention of such men, he could do nothing else.

## BRAVERY LEADS TO DEATH

Dr. Call Taken Ill on Rescue Trip in 1893, Succumbs.

HOLLISTER, Cal., Feb. 17.—Dr. Samuel J. Call, a retired physician, of the revenue cutter service, is dead here from an attack of Bright's disease, which he contracted as the result of the exposure that he suffered on the memorable re-ender relief expedition sent to Point Barrow, Alaska, in 1893, by the Government to relieve some whalers imprisoned in the ice. For his services at that time Congress voted him a special gold medal. Just before his retirement from the service of the Government Dr. Call was attached to the revenue cutter Thetis.

## Naval Attache Comes.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The Japanese steamer Tango Maru, due from Yokohama on Puget Sound tonight, is bringing as a passenger Commander T. Hirasaka, of the Imperial Japanese navy, recently appointed as naval attache to the Japanese embassy at Washington.

# TARIFF REVISERS VOICE DEMANDS

### New Bill at Extra Session, Permanent Commission, Reciprocity.

## BEVERIDGE TALKS PLAINLY

Conference Lays Stress on Fostering of Foreign Trade and Equal Treatment of All Interests Affected by Duties.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 17.—Demand for the immediate creation by Congress of a permanent tariff commission was voiced today in resolutions adopted by the National Tariff Conference. To dispel any idea that delay in tariff revision is sought, a provision was added urging that Congress during its special session revise the tariff to the best of its ability under present conditions.

### How to Conduct Revision.

First—The collecting and intelligent, thorough and unprejudiced study of tariff facts. Second—The development and enlargement of our foreign trade. Third—The accomplishment of this by reciprocal trade agreements, based on maximum and minimum schedules. Fourth—The adjustment of the tariff schedules so that they shall affect all interests equally. Fifth—The fixing of the rate of duty to be paid on the imports from any foreign country within the limits of maximum and minimum rates established by Congress under reciprocal trade agreements negotiated by or under the direction of the President, in order to develop and protect our foreign trade by means favored by President McKinley and authorized by Sections 3 and 4 of the Dingley law.

### Beveridge Stirs Delegates.

It was Beveridge day in the convention and the speech of the Indiana Senator stirred the delegates to much enthusiasm. He denounced present methods of adjusting the tariff and the involving of it in politics, and said the methods pursued would have serious and far-reaching effects on the great body of consumers appearing.

Controller Herman A. Metz, of New York, declared the need of a tariff commission so great that the officials could not be procured soon, it would be wisdom for the business men of the country to establish an unofficial one. John M. Stahl, president of the Farmers' National Congress, urged the formation of a commission.

## BURNS IS NOT PAID YET

LEGAL TANGLE HOLDS UP SALARY OF SLEUTH.

Detective Was "Loaned" to Interior Department to Work on Oregon Land Frauds.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 17.—Secret Service Agent W. J. Burns has never fully been compensated for his services in running down Oregon land thieves. This fact was brought out during the hearing of Secretary Garfield before the House committee on appropriations.

Burns was one of the Secret Service men who was "loaned" by the Treasury Department to the Interior Department, in what appears to be a violation of the law. At the time the "loan" was made Secretary Hitchcock, then at the head of the Interior Department, promised to pay Burns out of the appropriation for the Interior Department, and accordingly Burns' pay from the Treasury Department fund ceased. In fact, it was the custom, whenever a Secret Service man was loaned to another department, that he should, while on special duty, be paid by the department to which he was detailed.

Secretary Garfield told the House committee that Burns now has a claim pending for his services in the Oregon land fraud cases, his right to compensation from the Interior Department having been questioned by the Controller of the Treasury. Mr. Hitchcock, the Controller, after searching the statutes, has so far failed to find any provision of law which permits the "loaning" of Secret Service men to other branches of the Government, and in the absence of such law, he will not sanction the payment of Burns out of the Interior Department funds.

The Interior Department is willing to pay Burns, but as long as the Controller withholds his consent not a dollar of Interior Department money can be turned over to Henry's chief clerk. The Secretary did not disclose the amount of back pay to which Burns has laid claim, nor did he admit that Burns had ever been paid anything on account of his inland work, though the inference is conveyed by the trend of the Secretary's testimony that Burns was paid by the Interior Department for a part of his services, up to the time when the Controller stepped in and put a stop to such payments. If it is finally held that Burns cannot be paid by the Interior Department, it is probable that special legislation will be necessary in order that he may be fully compensated for his work in Oregon.

## Japanese Consul to Speak.

Japanese Vice-Consul Numano, of Portland, is to speak at the Fishing and Sealers' Convention next Sunday night on what he considers the real attitude of the Japanese toward America and Americans. He will be followed by Dr. Luther H. Drott, pastor of the church whose subject will be, "In the Light of Man's Brotherhood What Should Be America's Feelings Toward the Japanese and Other Non-Americans." Dr. Drott announces that a Japanese quartet will render music for the occasion.

## Death of Miss Esther Wheeler.

Miss Esther Wheeler, formerly of Vancouver, Wash., died at the home of her parents at Talent, Or., last Thursday.

## Reformers Lose Councilmen.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—Although the reformers succeeded in electing their

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Buy these splendid quilts or bed spreads and save a tidy penny on them by shopping today. There are an even three hundred for today's selling; Crochet spreads in Marseilles patterns, with finished edge; regular \$1.75 values, extra special today at only \$1.48

Bleached Canton Flannel; lot of five thousand yards, extra heavy, sells regularly at 15c yard, today's price, 12 1/2c while it lasts, only 12 1/2c

## Women's Union Suits

Ribbed cotton Union Suits, ankle length, with long sleeves, nicely finished; sizes 4, 5 and 6; sell regularly at \$1.50 each; today's price only 89c

## Machine Dainty New Wash Goods

'Tis early in the season, but not too early for Portland women to buy wash goods when the announcement is made that our complete assortment is ready for inspection and purchase. Four windows and an immense amount of counter space are devoted to their display. The newest and smartest fabrics for "tubable" tailored gowns and the daintiest of weaves for filmy frocks for dressy Summer wear. For instance:

- Hospital Absorbent Cotton, 1-lb. rolls, 40c val. 29c
- English Pins, 360 count, all sizes, 6c
- Imported Castile Soap, finest quality, white or green, regular 10c cake, special at 5c
- Kid Hair Curlers, extra large size, and regularly worth 15c the package, for Thursday... 8c
- Poplins, in all colors, on special sale 25c to 50c
- Mercerized Foulards, in floral, border and striped effects... 25c
- Chevronettes, for street costumes and two-piece shirtwaist suits, empire styles, etc., all shades, the yard... 25c
- Rough Weave Pongee, a silk and cotton weave, in border designs and in all shades; 45 inches wide.
- Penang Crepe, a dainty Chinese effect wash fabric, with mercerized silk stripe; checks, plaids and striped designs; for dainty wash frocks that will be "different" special, the yard... 50c
- Rough Weave Suiting, for Summer tailored gowns that you may send to the laundry when soiled, fine, silky finish in shadow stripe effects; special sale price, yd... 50c

## Cut Glass Half Price

Berry bowls, sauce dishes, water bottles, tumblers, shagberrys, water jugs and many other pieces, useful and ornamental; the famous Libbey rock crystal cut glass, on sale today Half at only one-half price



## White China at One-Half Price

Hat pin holders, teapots, cake plates and wall vases in white art china for decorating; regularly 50c to \$1.25 each, specially priced for this sale at... 1/2 Imported China Plaques, in cameo effects, regular \$1 values, special at... 50c \$1.25 values, for today... 63c \$2.25 values, for today... \$1.13 20c Celery Trays, sp'l, ea. 10c

FOR THE KITCHEN Gray Enamel Dishpans, 14-qt. size, today only... 25c Baking Shells, the dozen... 45c 4-qt. Milk Pans, special... 7c Infants' Baths, special, ea... 85c

# Hundreds of New Spring Suits and Coats

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6 1/4 Cts. Pound

8 1/3 Cts. Pound

## ENGLAND CLAIMS STRAITS

CLOSE HALIBUT GROUNDS TO AMERICANS. Puget Sound Fishermen Barred From "Inside Waters" Off Coast of British Columbia.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Vancouver fishing interests were surprised today to learn that the Dominion Government has decided, under the treaty of London, to lay claim to the waters of Hecate Strait and Dixon Entrance. Heretofore these waters, which lie between the Queen Charlotte Islands and the mainland of British Columbia, have been regarded as open seas.

American halibut fishing steamers by the score frequent these straits, which are best halibut grounds on the coast. American vessels were not molested so long as they kept outside the three-mile limit. Tonight the following telegram was received by the Vancouver Board of Trade from C. M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, whose western terminus is Prince Rupert:

"The Dominion Government is now building a vessel, and proposes to rent another, providing the protection called for. The Minister of Fisheries also states that it is now conceded that Hecate Strait and Dixon Entrance, belong to Canada."

Mr. Hays' statement is regarded as official. If Canada enforces the proposed "Other Non-Americans." Dr. Drott announces that a Japanese quartet will render music for the occasion.

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## IF IT DISAPPEARS, IT'S ECZEMA

How to Tell Whether a Skin Affection is an Inherited Blood Disease or Not.

Sometimes it is hard to determine whether a skin affection is a sign of a blood disorder or simply a form of eczema. Even physicians are often puzzled in their diagnosis. The best way for any one afflicted is to go to the Skidmore Drug Co., Woodard, Clarke & Co., or any good druggist who handles pure drugs and obtain 50 cents worth of poslam. Apply this, and if the itching stops at once and the trouble is cured in a few days it may be set down as having been eczema, as this is the way poslam acts in the worst cases of eczema, and in curing acne, herpes, blotches, tetter, piles, salt rheum, rash, barber's and other forms of itchy, scaly scalp, and all surface skin affections.

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