SUFFRAGE GAINS RECORDED IN 1912

Victories in West Somewhat Offset by Failures East of Mississippi.

CHINA'S ACTION SURPRISES

Militant Spirit in England Revived by Neglect of House of Commons—Michigan Still in Litigation.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—In the history of the suffrage movement for the year 1912, three different events stand out. One is of especial local interest, another has a class or psychological value, while the third alone, though coming from the country supposedly the least progressive, has a world-wide significance.

Local interest naturally centered in the states which voted suffrage to women at the Fall election and in the placing of a suffrage plank in the platform of another political party. The elections in the Fall of 1911 brought California into the fold, but this year Kansas, Arizona and Oregon came scurrying along, each one trying to be first under the wire. Michigan and Wisconsin, which entered in the race, did not get any blue ribbons. The latter dropped out, even before the final dash, and up in the judges' stand they are still arguing as to what happened in Michigan. No one knows exactly as yet what did happen there, but it is believed that the state is lost to suffragists.

Eastern States Still Backward.

In one respect the suffrage situation in this country continues as before, many of the states west of the Mississippi granting votes for women, and not one among the Eastern commonwealths. The year also has seen an increase in the interest of the men's leagues and in their active participation in suffrage work.

The second great event of the year, which may be said to have a class or psychological basis, is the reviving and intensifying of the militant movement in England. This time a year ago there was no militancy in active form abroad in that country. There were many militants in spirit; there were many who had served their terms in jail, but there was when the year 1912 opened no display of militancy. However, it slept; it was not dead. It had been lulled into quiet by the belief that a bill satisfactory to the suffragists would be submitted. When the militants found themselves mistaken, militancy, more violent than ever before, broke out again. As if it had received new strength from its moment of respite, it sprang with fierce battle spirit into the heart of English life and institutions. Never before have women in such large numbers expressed with such continued vehemence such warlike spirit as have these women of England. The destruction of property has been the chief agency through which the suffragists have worked, and this has been accomplished by hurling missles, by acids and by attempted fires. Thus far they have claimed to regard human life. The courts took some exception to this when two of the suffragists were tried for an alleged attempt upon the life of the Premier.

Progress Made in China.

But, though this has had its influence in other lands than England, yet it has been among women or men of a certain class or certain temperament. The militant outburst has had a psychological rather than a political import. So it is doubly strange to turn from England, supposedly the home of conservative progress of the most modern and advanced type of civilization, where women have been throwing stones and starting fires to obtain the vote, away to China, and to find that suddenly last February when no one was looking the little Chinese woman, the pampered pride of pagan land, had slipped off her tiny shoes and trotted down street and picked up the ballot on the way.

But little disturbance was noted in China when the women asked for the ballot. There was some demonstration but compared to that in England it was slight. Chinese men, also, were winning the ballot, and in the formation of a new republic did not deem it strange that the women should enter with them. The action in this Oriental country would seem to have the most far-reaching political significance of any event of the year related to the feminist movement.

These three great events are all significant in a large way, showing the growth of this movement, the intensity of spirit it is engendering and the close relation it seems to bear to oncoming republicanism. To consider matters of interest in a much smaller range, one might recall that the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which cannot consider, according to its bylaws, matters of either religion or politics, did at its meeting in San Francisco last Summer urge clubs to form classes in political science to prepare themselves for the citizenship which is coming.

Some Failures Recorded.

One could also add data, figures and statistics without end to show the increase in the membership of suffrage organizations throughout the country and could visualize the colorful dramatic spectacle of the triumphal suffrage parades in New York City.

On the other hand it must not be forgotten that the women in three states east of the Mississippi to submit the question to their voters were all losers. In Ohio, first, where a most spectacular campaign had been carried on, they went down in the fight; in Wisconsin, with more moderate methods, they fared no better, and in Michigan as well.

The year in general has been one of suffrage gains, though no visible results have been obtained in the Eastern states, and though many Englishmen believe the cause in that country to have been seriously retarded by the militants.

CREW ATTACKS CAPTAIN

30 Japanese on Manshu Maru Mutiny in Harbor.

Captain John Salter, of the Japanese lumber schooner Manshu Maru, last night alone withstood the attacks of 30 of his Japanese crew, who mutinied to escape to shore, and was beaten into insensibility. Harbor Patrolman Bakcsy, summoned by two frightened watchmen of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Company, at whose dock the ship is moored, defended the gangplank and laid out two Japanese before other policemen were sent to his aid. In the two fights, between five and ten Japanese escaped to shore, and one or more is believed to have been drowned in the deep water at the peak of the ship.

Lead, it is thought, by the boatswain, who escaped to the shore yesterday afternoon and returned about 9 o'clock last night, the crew attacked the captain on the upper deck near his cabin about 9:30 o'clock. Captain Salter had a revolver, and fired twice into the air to stop their advance.

Not daunted, they set upon him and beat him insensible, later carrying him into his cabin, while those who wished to, went ashore. Others stayed, and when Harbor Patrolman Bakcsy, in the harbor patrol boat, arrived, they set upon him. Beaten back from the upper deck, Bakcsy defended the gangplank until help arrived. Not wishing to shoot the Japanese, who seemed to have no fear of his revolver, Bakcsy seized them with his hands, and made one unconscious. Up until midnight the Japanese had not recovered. He was arrested, with Setsugoro Shireishi, another sailor, who was pointed out as a ringleader in the fight.

Captain Salter was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital in a Red Cross ambulance. He was badly wounded about the head, but no fractures were found. The boat was to sail today, but it will be delayed for investigation by the Japanese consul.

TREASURY WELL FILLED

UNITED STATES ENDS YEAR WITH GOOD SURPLUS.

Receipts From Tariff and Internal Revenue Increased in Latter Half of Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Uncle Sam closed his accounts for the year 1912 with plenty of money in his pockets and a balance sheet of receipts and expenditures that bespoke the prosperity of the Nation.

For the first half of the current fiscal year, ended today, disbursements exceeded receipts by between $2,000,000 and $3,000,000, according to estimates of Treasury officials, the exact figures for December 31 not being available. The deficit a year ago on the other hand was more than $21,397,000.

This improvement over last year is due to the remarkable increase in customs and internal revenue receipts during the past six months. Receipts from all sources from July toDecember were approximately $353,000,000 or more than $23,000,000 greater than during the corresponding period of 1911.

The aggregate expenditures for the six months ended today were about $356,000,000. This was nearly $5,000,000 greater than for the same period last year, the increases being due mainly to large expenditures for the Army and the increased pension payments as a result of the pension legislation of the last Congress.

The general fund of the Government today contained upwards of $140,000,000, while a year ago it held only $126,926,000.

The working balance of the Treasury, which is the actual cash in Uncle Sam's pocketbook today, amounted to about $88,000,000. The year 1911 closed with a working balance of $71,475,000.

The Treasury holds about $1,253,665,000 in gold.

This includes $150,000,000 in the reserve fund, the greater part of the remainder being represented by gold certificates in circulation.

RAILWAY MEN ARE HELD

State Authorities Begin Criminal Proceedings Against New Haven.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 31.—Criminal proceedings against officials of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company for loss of life in the wreck of the Springfield Express at Westport, Conn., last October, were begun today by Fairfield County authorities when Vice-President Horn, of Boston, and General Manager Pollock and General Superintendent Woodward, both of New Haven, were arrested on bench warrants charging manslaughter.

They are held responsible for the wreck and loss of life because through alleged "gross and culpable negligence" the failed to keep the roadbed, equipment and service in such condition as to ensure the safety of passengers. The specific allegation is that they "did kill and slay one Jane Doe." She was burned to death in the wreckage.

The officials came here this afternoon from Boston, having been notified there last night of the nature of the proceedings against them, and each furnished bond for $5000.

Henry J. Horn is operating vice-president of the railroad system. He came here 18 months ago from a western road, to be assistant to President Mellen. Later he became vice president and assumed charge of the operation of the road.

DAILY METEROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—Maximum temperature, 46 degrees; minimum, 38. River reading, 8 A. M., 9.5 feet; change in last 24 hours, 1.5 feet. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.) 0.94 inches. Total rainfall since September 1, 1912, 17.63 inches. Normal rainfall since September 1, 19.34 inches. Deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1912, 1.71 inches. Total sunshine, 2 hours. Possible sunshine, 8 hours, 42 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 5 P. M., 30.09 inches.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Maximum temp.	Precipitation Past 12 hours.	Wind Velocity	Wind Direction	State of Weather
Baker	40	0.02	6	W	Pt. cloudy
Boise	48	0.02	12	W	Clear
Boston	52	0.00	10	SW	Cloudy
Calgary	42	0.00	4	NW	Pt. cloudy
Chicago	44	0.00	12	W	Clear
Denver	50	0.00	12	NW	Pt. cloudy
Des Moines	48	0.00	4	SW	Clear
Duluth	26	0.02	8	SW	Clear
Eureka	54	0.24	4	W	Cloudy
Galveston	66	0.00	10	NW	Clear
Helena	40	0.02	12	SW	Cloudy
Jacksonville	74	0.30	8	S	Rain
Kansas City	48	0.00	8	S	Clear
Laurier	40	0.00	25	N	Cloudy
Los Angeles	62	0.00	6	S	Pt. cloudy
Medford	48	0.26	4	NW	Cloudy
Montreal	40	0.00	20	SW	Pt. cloudy
New Orleans	62	0.04	8	SW	Clear
New York	50	0.00	18	SW	Cloudy
North Yakima	42	0.00	10	NW	Clear
Phoenix	64	0.00	4	NW	Pt. cloudy
Pocatello	38	0.10	20	SW	Pt. cloudy
Portland	46	0.94	10	W	Clear
Roseburg	48	0.24	4	S	Pt. cloudy
Sacramento	54	0.00	8	SE	Pt. cloudy
St. Louis	46	0.00	4	NW	Clear
St. Paul	34	0.00	4	S	Clear
Salt Lake	42	0.06	10	NW	Snow
San Francisco	56	0.02	6	W	Cloudy
Spokane	40	0.24	24	SW	Pt. cloudy

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The storm noted last evening has moved rapidly inland and is now central aver Alberta. It caused the following maximum winds: Tatoosh Island, 76 miles south; Seattle, 44 miles southwest; Walla Walla, 40 miles southwest; Portland, 28 miles southwest; Eureka, 28 miles south, and Tacoma, 34 miles southwest. The wires are still down to North Head and Marshfield and it is not known how severe the storm was at those two places. Light to moderately heavy rain has fallen generally on the Pacific Slope as far south as San Francisco. The storm warnings were taken down at 6:30 P. M. and the winds along the coast will gradually subside. The changes in temperature since yesterday have been unimporaant. The Willamette River at Portland will rise steadily during the next two days and reach a stage of about 12 feet Friday.

The conditions are favorable for occasional rain Wednesday in Western Oregon and Western Washington and for rain or snow followed by fair weather east of the Cascade Mountains.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity: Wednesday, occasional rain. Southwesterly winds.

Oregon and Washington: Wednesday, occasional rain west, rain or snow followed by fair east portion. Southwesterly winds gradually subsiding.

Idaho: Wednesday, rain or snow, followed by fair.

NEW PARCEL POST SERVICE IS BEGUN

As Clock Ticks First Seconds of 1913 Hitchcock Deposits Package at Capital.

CUP IS SENT TO NEW YORK

Elaborate Preparations Made All Over Country for Inauguration of Service—First Package to Be Preserved in Musuem.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—As the clocks ticked off the first seconds of 1913, Postmaster-General Hitchcock inaugurated a new era in the American Postal Service by depositing in the Washington Postoffice the first package to be entrusted to the domestic parcel post service.

At the same moment the parcel post service was opened for business in every postoffice in the United States.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock's package contained a silver loving cup inclosed in a steel box. The package was addressed to E. M. Morgan, Postmaster of the City of New York, and after it has made its journey to New York it will be sent back to Washington to be engraved and preserved in the National museum to commemorate the inauguration of parcel post service.

Elaborate preparations had been made by the Postoffice Department for the inauguration of the new service throughout the country. The Postmaster-General set aside $300,000 from the $750,000 appropriated by Congress for the parcel post to be used in equipping the offices in the larger cities for handling the great amount of matter expected to be sent by the new service.

Mr. Hitchcock has ordered from the postmasters in charge of these offices reports on the workings of the parcel post to be submitted on January 15. On these reports will be based a comprehensive plan for handling the new service and the estimates for appropriations to conduct the service during the next fiscal year.

Several postmasters have reported that large department stores and mail-order houses in the big cities have signified their intention of using the parcel post for local deliveries, to replace the express companies and private service.

MOTORBOATS TO RACE

THREE FAST CRAFT TO VIE ON WILLAMETTE TODAY.

Vamoose, Oregon Wolf and Swastika to Contest for Big Money Purse and Handsome Trophy.

Despite the 47 miles an hour practice spurts credited to the Vamoose, the Rainier boat which will race against the Swastika and Oregon Wolf on the Willamette River this morning, local fans are of the opinion that the old reliable, the Oregon Wolf, will win. Several have deposited a pot of $250 with Ed Diedrich at Schiller's cifar store to bet that the present Pacific Coast champion will clean the field, with John E. Wolff at the engine.

The Vamoose will arrive this morning in tow of a small steamer, from Rainier. Otto Ranft will again run the engine, while Captain Milton Smith will be at the wheel.

The race will be started promptly at 10:30 o'clock from the stake-boat, which will be anchored at a point between the Morrison and Hawthorne bridges.

The circuit will be five miles, the upper end being opposite the Portland Motorboat Club, while the lower end will be near the Portland Flouring Mills in the lower harbor. The race will be 20 miles, making six laps to the event.

Besides the pot, the winner and second place boats will also receive beautiful trophies.

For the 20-footers, which will race immediately following the free-for-all, the members of the Portland Motorboat Club have secured a special trophy. This race has four entries at present, the Vogler Boy, the Chehalis II, the Spear II, and the Me Too. If the Swastika is in shape after the race against the Wolf, it will also enter the event.

BURNS FAVORITE IN BETTING

Lightweights to Battle 20 Rounds Before San Francisco Fans.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Tommy Murphy, of New York, and Frankie Burns, of Oakland, will start in a 20-round bout here tomorrow afternoon. The men must weigh in at 135 pounds at 10 o'clock.

Burns, a youngster, is a slight favorite in the betting over the veteran Murphy, because of his youth and because he knocked out One-Round Hogan in short order, whereas Murphy and Hogan fought 20 rounds to a draw. Ad Wolgast forced Burns' seconds to throw the sponge into the ring in the 17th round, a year ago.

Y. M. C. A. Race Staged Today.

The damp weather of the past few days has held the runners in the background and only 12 have signed for the annual New Year's day cross city run of the Y. M. C. A., six for each of the two events, the three-mile novice and the five-mile run. The start of the first race will be in front of the Y. M. C. A. at 11 A. M., while the second race will begin just as soon as the other is out of the way.

Hal Chase Is Divorced.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A decree of absolute divorce was granted today in favor of Mrs. Nellie H. Chase from Hal Chase, first baseman of the American League baseball club of New York.

Rangers to Play Nationals.

The Nationals and the Rangers will clash in the final game of the Portland Soccer League this afternoon at 2:15 o'clock on the Columbus Club ground.

Colton Defeats Springwater.

COLTON, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—In a gruelling basketball game, the Colton Athletic Club five defeated the Springwater team, 19 to 16.

Taylor Case Transcript Filed.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The transcript in the case of John M. Taylor was filed in the Supreme Court today. Taylor was sentenced to hang Friday, December 13, but Governor West commuted his sentence to life imprisonment. Attorneys for Taylor believe that he is guilty of nothing more than the crime of manslaughter at the worst, and will make an effort to have a new trial to get his sentence reduced.

IDAHO'S RICHNESS SEEN

Crop and Livestock Output Will Total Hundred Million.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—According to statistics of S. J. Rich, State Commissioner of Immigration and Labor, the crop output for Idaho, including all varieties of grain and livestock, this year will exceed $100,000,000. The following is a summary of the report:

	Value.
Wheat, 15,882,197 bushels	$12,765,757
Oats, 15,016,048 bushels	6,006,419
Barley, 5,022,378 bushels	2,109,398
Corn, 331,584 bushels	225,417
Rye, 96,570 bushels	38,628
Alfalfa hay 1,561,088 tons	14,966,041
Other hay, 1,015,102 tons	14,966,041
Potatoes, 7,986,065 tons	3,593,178
Sugar beets, 186,500 tons	932,500
Alfalfa seed, 465,007 pounds	55,800
Clover seed, 435,428 pounds	52,229
Peas	725,000
Beans	210,000
Onion seeds and sets	17,900
Poultry and products	2,243,828
Bees and honey	210,625
Lumber	11,546,000
Mining (estimated)	11,000,000

Horses to the number of 10,790, valued at $1,777,000, were shipped. Other stock shipments were:

Cattle, 75,500, valued at	$4,011,000
Hogs, 106,000, valued at	1,272,000
Sheep, 2,360,000, valued at	7,082,400

The grand total will be $86,576,182, and, with the many surplus products not enumerated, the value will exceed $100,000,000.

MAYOR FILLS 3 OFFICES

Curator and Electrical and Fire Escape Inspectors Are Appointed.

The last official act of Mayor Rushlight for the year 1912 was the making of appointments of men to fill three important positions in the city service. The appointments were Rev. Asa Sleeth, City Curator; E. F. Dunlap, Chief Inspecor of Electricity, and E. R. Campbell, City Fire Escape Inspector.

Rev. Mr. Sleeth, who is a retired Methodist Episcopal clergyman, was given the position created by the Council recently, and will have charge of the museum at the City Hall. He has had considerable experience in that line of work, having been engaged at various times as a taxidermist. Mr. Dunlap takes the place made vacant by the death recently of Berthil Anderson. Mr. Campbell has been an employe of the building inspector's department for several months.

ALASKAN PRODUCTS GROW

Increase of $5,000,000 Shown Over 1912 With Minerals in Lead.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 31.—Alaska products for the year just ended reached a total of approximately $43,000,000, an increase of $5,000,000 over the year 1911. These figures have just been compiled from reports received by the industrial department of the Alaska Steamship Company. The valuations for copper and canned salmon were arrived at by taking the average selling price of the year. The products of mines are estimated at $22,800,000; the products of the sea $18,700,000; all other products $1,500,000.

The increase in the mineral production is due to the large output of copper, while salmon, halibut and whales contribute to the increase in the products of the sea. Whales yielded $500,000.

The total valuation for the year represents almost six times the amount paid by the United States for Alaska in 1868, which was $7,200,000.

HONEYMANS TOUR SOUTH

Misses Mildred Hetich and Hulda Randall Among Visitors in City.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Honeyman, Jr., are among the well-known Portlanders who have journeyed recently to California. They left on the Rose City for San Francisco and will spend a fortnight in the bay cities, where they will be entertained by friends.

Miss Mildred Hetich, who is a student at Mount Angel College, is enjoying the holiday season in Portland at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Hetich. Miss Hulda Randall, of Idaho, a college chum of Miss Hetich, is also being entertained at the hospitable abode.

Mrs. Theresa Prael, of Astoria, is visiting relatives in this city. She is the mother of Rudolph, Fred, Otto and Oscar Prael, all Portland business men.

450 ARE SLAIN IN BATTLE

Three Days of Fighting Necessary to Defeat Mexican Rebels.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 31.—It took four engagements within three days to defeat the rebels under Inez Salazar, who retreated, leaving a trail of shattered ranch settlements and villages, with a loss on both sides of some 450 killed and wounded. The engagements occurred during the three days preceding December 27, on which date Salazar, his ranks depleted by the fire of the federal artillery, retreated to the rebels' stronghold in the Escondido Mountains.

The 800 rebels under Salazar met defeat at Janos. With a battery of machine guns, General Jose Blanco's column of 700 irregulars followed their advantage, and on the following day met the rebels at a nearby ranch. After a gruelling fight lasting the entire forenoon, Salazar once more retreated, only to make another stand on the next day at the San Pedro ranch, an American property. The federal artillery mowed down the adobe houses which the rebels held as improvised fortifications.

The last fight was at the village of Ojitos. Salazar had lost in wounded and killed some 300 men. The loss of the government troops was less than 150 men killed and wounded during the three days' fighting.

LOUIS R. GLAVIS RESIGNS

Conservation Commission Secretary Gives No Especial Reason.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Louis R. Glavis resigned today from the secretaryship of the State Conservation Commission. In his letter of resignation to ex-Governor Pardee, chairman of the Commission, he refers to the charges brought against him by Surveyor-General Kingsbury, heard in secret session before Governor Johnson December 20, but says nothing regarding the Governor's decision, which has not yet been announced.

He assigns no specific reason for resigning, other than that the Commission's report to the Legislature has been completed and that he can "no longer neglect personal affairs."

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