

# WINDY POOR AT CHICAGO

## Windy City Presents Contrast to Pacific Coast in Fact That Unemployed Overrun Almshouses and Even Seek Prison Shelter.

(Special Correspondence.)

Chicago, Jan. 11.—The wholesale cutting down of payrolls throughout the middle-west has now swelled the normal of 50,000 "floating population" which throngs the cheap lodging houses of Chicago each winter, even in the most prosperous times, this year to nearly 100,000. One unfortunate from Denver, a man of 67 who had just one nickel left, was starting life anew after losing \$600,000 in a mining venture. He had not had a full meal for several days and the throngs he found in Chicago were so thick that he finally found employment in a suburb.

Each night several hundred hungry men have been given hot coffee and sandwiches from a wagon stationed on the west side. All of the cheap lodging houses are overcrowded; the Bridwell, a four-story building, has been broken into it rather than go hungry, and the county almshouse is full to its limit. Not in 10 years has "Egan's Floor" the winter resort of hoboes, been so overtaxed. The Salvation Army and Volunteers of America, the missions and charity headquarters are swamped with the demands put upon them.

At this season usually the railroads keep employed tens of thousands of men who this year are "laid off" in some of the fields when cutting begins and some of them will go to lumber camps, but the crews in the lumber camps are not taken on for the winter work as usual. Chicago is the great labor center of the United States, where the iron, steel, manufacturing and railroad interests recruit for special undertakings, and it is expected that the money stringency will soon be modified so that the normal amount of employment will be offered and the army of the unemployed reduced somewhat. However, the winter of 1907 and 1908 is likely to be one of the hardest ever known by men of the unskilled class for many years.

### Receiver Governs Road.

Government of corporations by receivership, which was tried out here on the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric railway was brought to an end so summarily that such experiments are not likely to be repeated. The receivership had on the eve of the interest payments without notice to the company and on the complaint of an unknown person who claimed 33,500 of stock in the company, but who was not a stockholder of record. It was a complete surprise to President A. C. Frost, who had been in the city for several days developing other enterprises. The facts are that this company has not issued a single dollar's worth of stock or bonds for nearly three years, during which time nearly \$100,000 has been expended for permanent improvements and betterments of surplus earnings. The company has ample funds to complete the road and the road is practically completed. The court which ordered the receivership dismissed it two days later. President Frost afterwards made this comment:

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### May Get Deep Channel.

There now is prospect that an appropriation bill for the lakes-to-the-gulf deep waterway project will not be postponed by the present congress as any big general river and harbor bill will be because of prevailing financial conditions. Advocates of the deep channel down the Mississippi valley, urge, against any eastern opposition, that the taxpayers of Illinois and of the states from Chicago to the Gulf of Mexico already have expended millions of dollars toward such a waterway and that it is therefore not in the same category with most projects for which federal aid is sought. The amount which will be asked of the federal government will be much less than Chicago in its sanitary canal, Illinois in its Mississippi canal, and the southern states already have provided toward a deep waterway. The Illinois situation has been the keystone in the arch of the canal and opposition involved in it are rapidly being cleared up, and opponents of this mid-western project can find in it no grounds for argument. It is likely that one result of this Illinois contest will be the creation of a state commission to investigate the merits of the Chicago sanitary canal but of other canals within the state.

The New Year's gift of \$2,000,000 by John D. Rockefeller to a pet institution in Chicago brings the total of

gifts and bequests to institutions throughout the United States for the last year up to \$182,000,000, which breaks all records of the kind in the history of the country. In 1907 the total was \$145,000,000 and in 1906 \$125,000,000. The Rockefeller benefactions of 1907 amounted to \$45,000,000, of which the biggest item, \$35,000,000, went to the general board of education. During 1907 Mrs. Russell Sage made gifts amounting to \$15,000,000 and Mr. Carnegie's record was \$13,000,000. Dr. D. K. Pearson of Chicago gave \$125,000 to eight small colleges to found an art museum. It is interesting to note that the institutions to which the biggest gifts have been made rank as follows:

- Educational institutions... \$78,000,000
- Charities... 49,452,296
- Religious organizations... 9,543,892
- Museums, art galleries and public buildings... 17,247,400
- Public libraries... 2,943,000

In this tendency of millionaires to return to the people the millions written from them as R. T. Crane of Chicago puts it, Mr. Carnegie did not head the list last year as he has for a number of years past.

### Marshals' Taxes.

The latest broadside at President Harahan of the Illinois Central, fired in the name of Stuyvesant Fish, the militant former executive of the railway, by his legal attorney, Maxwell Edgar, disclosed some interesting figures regarding the taxes paid by the recipient of a \$40,000-a-year salary. It seems that \$12 a year was Mr. Harahan's contribution to the public exchequer, levied on a personal property assessment of \$300. Another \$100 was added to the assessment and Mr. Edgar says it was the district attorney of the railway who applied to the marshal for a return for Mr. Harahan, which the board of review unkindly refused. In the years 1905-6 and 1907 Mr. Harahan received \$100,000 in salary, but in some of the years such taxes. Mr. Fish's attorney says now that he expects to have a majority control by March 2 and in that case Mr. Fish will remove with regard to the duties of president of the big railway of which he was the head for so many years, until the Harriman coal and iron stock market caused him to be defeated for reelection.

### Letters Go Astray.

Ten million letters and parcels were received at the Chicago postoffice last year, an increase of 10 per cent. These figures show how enormous is the problem which Uncle Sam works out in handling mail in this city, where each year the increase in business amounts to \$1,000,000. Last year the increase of receipts over the previous year was \$2,422,858. During the last year the present federal building was begun, business of the Chicago postoffice amounted to 20,000,000 tons a year but by the time the building was ready for occupancy the annual business was 70,000,000 tons a year and for that reason the postal clerks have been working in crowded and ill-lighted quarters since. There seems to be hope that a supplementary building will be furnished by the present congress, one near to the Illinois Central station and costing \$5,000,000. One of the few post-office employees who have witnessed this growth is the postmaster's private secretary, Miss Bertha Duopler, who is the same energetic young woman who climbed the flagstaff on the temporary building to rescue the flag that had been forgotten in the hurry of removal to the new building. She is studying law in a night school and will soon graduate though she does not expect to practice law while her present salary of \$2,500 continues.

### White Hand Society.

In the organized effort which the Italians and Sicilians of Chicago are making to drive out the members of the Black Hand society, their organization, the White Hand society, has engaged an Italian detective, who is famous in Europe for service rendered the Italian secretary of state at Rome. He is to be a war secretary and will give lectures throughout the country. "How to detect the password of the Black Hand." "How to keep the secret that you have discovered a Black Hand member." and "How to reveal to the White Hand what you have discovered without at the same time exposing yourself to danger of vengeance. The White Hand society of Chicago is composed of merchants and business men among whom are such names as Garibaldi and Volini, names that are famous in Italy. Some of the members have become wealthy and are determined to drive out the last of the terrorists by whom their Italian colony of this city, as well as others, has been known to suffer. Already 10 members of the Black Hand have left Chicago. Their living has been made by opening death or disaster to anyone who refused to contribute to them, just a form of diversion that they practiced with profit in the native land which is not likely to remain a permanent institution in Chicago.

### Ball Dress of Stamps.

London Daily Mail. At a ball in Bermuda a wonderful dress was worn, and in the making of it over 30,000 stamps were used. Years were spent in collecting the stamps and three weeks in the making of the dress, which was of the finest muslin. The woman called upon her friends to help her, and the dress was covered with the stamps of all nations. They were not put on anyhow, but in an elaborate design.

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On the back of the bodice was a collection of foreign stamps in the form of a shield, in the center of which was a portrait cut from old revenue stamps. A picture that covered with red and blue stamps was a star with a globe.

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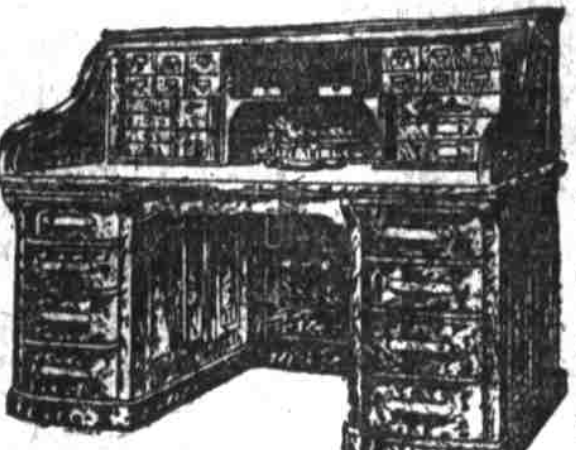
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- No. 323—Quartered oak roll top; typewriter attachment; regular \$60.00, Clearance... \$31.00
- No. 207—Quartered oak, roll top; regular \$57.50, Clearance... \$30.00
- No. 343-60—Quartered oak, roll top; regular \$47.50, Clearance... \$24.90



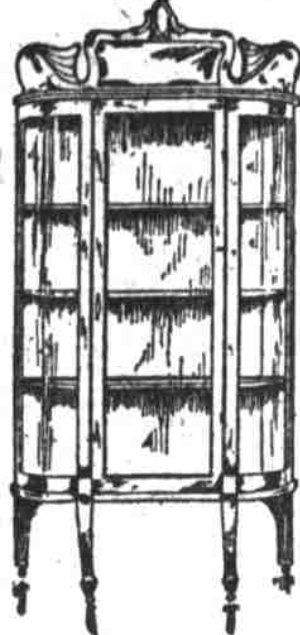
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### Chicago Physician Discovers Every Man Is Walking Generating Plant.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Discovery of a method for the generation of energy within the human body itself—the nearest approach to the secret of life yet achieved in the triumph of science—was today announced to the American Association for the Advancement of Science by Dr. J. E. Siebel, a Chicago physician. Dr. Siebel's discovery ranks among scientific men with the success of Edison, Marconi and Roentgen and deals with the same principle—electricity. Experiments conducted for years, Dr. Siebel announced today, have brought perfect demonstration of the theory that electricity, stored up in the muscular structure of the human frame, can be released and made to do work. This work is the prolongation of life through the additional vitality supplied to the human body working as its own electrical generator. Nearly one year ago Dr. Siebel announced that nutritive elements, such as alcohol, sugar, fats, etc., during their consumption by the human body, act as generators of electricity in the miniature but numerous batteries that comprise the muscular structure of the human frame. At the time there was only one link missing to make the theory perfect. The oxygen carrier of the blood, oxyhemoglobin, would yield to the electric force generated in the miniature batteries of the body. During the last year Dr. Siebel has succeeded in the construction of batteries on a working scale in which the nutritive combustibles necessary to form the connection between the batteries and the system have been created.

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## HOBSON WANTS FEDERAL PAPER

### Congressman Wants a Bill Passed Appropriating Money for Plant.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, Jan. 11.—Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, who gained fame during the Spanish war by a brave exploit in destroying the federal ship to obstruct the enemy's harbor entrance, now purposes to add to that fame by causing the establishment of a government newspaper in which official news is to be published. He has a bill to appropriate \$75,000 for a plant and \$225,000 for expenses of operation of the Gazette, which is to be much like the gazette of Germany issued under the supervision of the government. Perhaps Hobson's scheme does not merit attention and therefore adverse comment may be superfluous. However, the bill of the Alabama representative furnishes opportunity to draw attention

to the abuse which has grown up in the publication of the Congressional Record. The other day, Congressman Wallace of Arkansas arose in his place with three bulky manuscripts in his hand, having obtained from the czar who rules the house permission to talk exactly one minute. He pronounced the opening sentences of the three speeches—"The Tariff," "Good Roads," and "Inheritance Tax"—asked permission to extend his remarks in the Record, which was granted, and then he sat down, to await the printing of his campaign addresses in the Record, after which to "frank" out to his admiring constituents several thousand copies of each speech to be carried free to Arkansas and distributed to aid in Mr. Wallace's campaign for reelection.

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## CAN'T REMEMBER GETTING MARRIED

### Spendthrift Sued by Wife Who Says He Blows Too Much Money on Wine.

New York, Jan. 11.—That a settlement of the suit for alimony brought against Henry G. Moore, formerly of Philadelphia, had been made was announced last night by George S. Graham, attorney for Mrs. Moore. She says there is due her \$19,000. Since the suit was started the ability of Mr. Moore to spend money became known. He is a son of the late Andrew M. Moore, who accumulated a fortune in the distilling business. Henry G. Moore had himself declared a bankrupt because he couldn't keep track of his liabilities. Attorney Abraham Snydercker said last night that Mr. Moore really could not remember overnight where he spent his income of \$2,000 a month. But he gets rid of it all and cannot take care of

a wife besides, the attorney declared. "Why, Mr. Moore recently received \$150,000 in accumulated interest on his fortune," said Mr. Snydercker. "In two months he spent it all, without opening a bank account, and he does not know where it went." "One night Moore bought \$50,000 worth of jewelry and gave it all away, and he can't remember to whom he gave it." "According to Attorney Snydercker, his client never worked in his life. Never worked in a bank account. Spends more than \$25,000 every year and cannot tell where or how he spends it." "Spends \$100 a night for wine. Never drinks any intoxicant but wine, although his father headed a big whiskey firm. Never walks in the city, but uses a cab if he but crosses the street. Pays \$6,000 a year for a New York apartment. Pays \$600 per 100 for cigars 'made to order.'" "Always wears a boutonniere, for which his florist has grown a special flower. The attorney said that he asked his client about the marriage which resulted in the separation, and that Moore told him this story: "Well, sir, I don't remember getting married. But one morning I found a young lady in my home. I was surprised, sir, and said so. 'Why, dear, don't you know that I was married last night?' said she. 'Well, if that is what you say, I guess we were, but I don't remember anything about it, I told her, and since then she has claimed me as her husband.'"

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## ALASKA'S POPULATION IS NOT INCREASING

### Governor Hoggatt Reports That No More People Are Settling in the North.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, Jan. 11.—No increase in population during the past year, is the report of Governor Hoggatt makes to the president. He says: "The increase of population in the Prince William sound and Copper River valley has been more than offset by diminished population in the Gastineau channels and in the Fairbanks and Nome mining districts. This population is distributed according to best data obtainable about as follows: First judicial division, 2,800; Second judicial division, 11,000; Third judicial division, with Fairbanks and Valdez as centers of population, 13,000. "This is a very liberal estimate of the permanent white population of Alaska, but does not include 4,000 or 5,000 people of mixed nationalities now employed in the mines, canneries

and railroad construction during the summer and who leave at the close of the season of activity. "There has been no addition to the population attached to the soil and engaged in its cultivation. "There has been no decided increase in the valuation of property in the towns of Alaska, nor in the valuation of the industrial properties scattered throughout the district.

### Senator Knox on Memory Training.

Washington Herald. Senator Philander Chase Knox was driving a friend from the railroad station to his farm at Valley Forge when an incident occurred which called to mind a certain passage from Pope's "Essay on Man." The visitor quoted the lines, and Senator Knox, much to the surprise of his guest, took it up and gave the lines following: "How did you happen to know that?" he was asked. "I will repeat any line from the Essay," said the senator, "I can give you the context, for I know every word of it by heart. I have never forgotten any line in my memory training, and when I was quite young I received a prize for committing to memory 1,000 verses from the Bible."