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Will Use Electricity

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Augusta, Ga., Jan. 9.—Beyond the reiteration of the announcement that the cabinet is to be reorganized, President Taft has determined that no other cabinet appointments shall be known until March 4. To make this determination effective, he will deny all cabinet rumors, predictions, or announcements from any source or quarter whatsoever.

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New Zealand's Revenue

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New York, Jan. 7.—Upward of \$10,000,000 will be expended by the American Locomotive Company in the construction of its projected plant at Gary, Ind. The plant, the largest of its kind in the world, will include the largest locomotive manufacturing plant in the United States, with a probable output of 1,000 locomotives a year. It will also be the first locomotive plant to be erected west of Pittsburg.

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