

following officers were elected: President, E. P. McPherson of Indianapolis; vice president, George S. Dana of Utica; secretary-treasurer, A. L. Sheetz of Omaha. The new executive committee include Louis Le Beaume of St. Louis and F. E. Haley of Des Moines."

Forty-five deaths from yellow fever have occurred at New Orleans.

Lee Sung, a Chinaman, after having lived ten years in Omaha, has been ordered deported by Federal Judge Munger. It was held that Sung was not a student under the meaning of the law but that being a restaurant keeper he must be classified as a laborer.

Washington dispatches say that the administration is seriously considering the proposition that the government abandon the effort to construct the Panama canal directly through its own agencies, and that the whole or greater part of the enterprise be let out to contractors.

A dispatch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, under date of Newport, Vt., July 24, follows: "The surveyors representing the United States and Canada have finished the inspection of the boundary line between the dominion and the United States at Richford and North Troy. It is said that they have made the discovery that Richford, East Richford and Stevens Mills, which are a short distance within what has been considered the Vermont side of the border, rightfully belong to Canada, and steps will probably be taken to fix the boundaries so as to give Canada either a recompense or the territory stated. The strip of land is several miles in length and from one-half to a mile in width, and has a population of about 4,500. Richford has been one of the important outposts of the United States along the border. The Chinese detention station is there."

The treasury department reports that the United States spent \$554,740 at the St. Louis fair, exclusive of the loans.

The newspaper and job printing plant of the Arkansas Democrat at Little Rock was destroyed by fire July 24.

Andrew Carnegie has written a letter to the Nobel prize committee of the Norwegian parliament asking that Congressman Richard Bartholdt of St. Louis be considered when the next award of the Nobel prizes for work in behalf of international peace are awarded. The prize suggested for Mr. Bartholdt is forty thousand dollars in cash.

Miss Anna M. Gunning who died recently in Pittsburg left a remarkable will. Years ago she was the sweetheart of Carl Miller a prominent Pittsburg merchant. She left a half million dollars to Mr. Miller on conditions which she described in the following clauses in the will:

"The income of the balance is to be given to Carl F. Miller, provided he is not living with the woman he married in 1899, one Jane Wilson. Should she die or he be divorced from her—that is, finally divorced—he is to be given absolutely one-half of the principal and the interest on the other half as long as he lives. If he marries again he can, by will, leave all to his second wife and children.

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"If he dies unmarried a second time, without children, the one-half, or all his share, is to be equally divided between the children of Wesley Breer. "In no case is the present wife of Carl F. Miller to benefit in anything I leave him, either in personal property or real estate. Should anyone contest this will, it is my earnest desire that they shall forfeit their share."

Further on in the will Miss Gunning disposed of her household effects. After distributing a few favorite pictures and some of her china to women friends, she again refers to Miller, stating that he is to have everything that is left of the household effects, as well as all of her other personal property, the strict condition attaching, however, that he is not to have them unless divorced or until after the death of Mrs. Miller. She also makes it clear that Mrs. Miller is to have nothing, nor is she to be benefited in any way by the will.

Mr. Miller courted Miss Gunning many years ago. They became estranged and Miller married Miss Wilson. Miss Gunning is said to have been broken hearted over the loss of her sweetheart.

Mr. Miller says he will not take advantage of the gift.

Mayor Dunne of Chicago has appointed Captain John M. Collins to be chief of police of that city.

In a newspaper interview Cardinal Gibbons said:

"Corporation corruption is a fixed evil that we must reckon with. Large collections of money or association of large numbers of men with money are sure to breed corruption. The public exposures of public men are public benefactions. Wrongdoing or crime is sure to get itself found out, and publicity is the great punishment that stares it in the face. The great trouble maker to this country is money. The great offset to that evil is the American inclination to spend it rapidly. Americans are not misers, thank God. There is no doubt whatever that there are large accumulations of money in this country that are very much tainted. The possession of wealth is an isolation. I can think of nothing more lonesome than a man with an immense fortune. With the increase of a rich man's fortune comes the increase of false friendships and the leechlike attachment of sycophants and human blood suckers."

Mrs. Almira Kramer who at the age of eighty-nine died recently at Kalamazoo, Michigan, left a will in which she appropriated \$10,000 to be used in providing food and baths for tramps who visit Kalamazoo. United States Senator Burrows is named as trustee.

In the trial of Congressman Williamson, charged with land frauds in Oregon, the jury failed to agree and another trial was ordered.

Governor Carter of Hawaii has been persuaded to withdraw his resignation. He paid a visit to Mr. Roosevelt and says that he yielded to the president's request.

Daniel S. Lamont, at one time private secretary to President Cleveland, later secretary of war, is dead.

Joseph H. Eakins, well known as a Kentucky newspaper man, and in recent years connected with the New York World's staff, died at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Governor William L. Douglas, of Massachusetts has formally and finally declared that he will not be a candidate for re-election this year.

Influential business men in Chicago,

Cincinnati and St. Louis have joined hands for the purpose of making a campaign against eastern and southern railroads that discriminate through freight rate adjustments in favor of New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore.

United States Senator John H. Mitchell of Oregon was sentenced to six months imprisonment and to pay a fine of a thousand dollars. He took an appeal and was released on bond.

The question of the recognition of Norway as an independent state is now before President Roosevelt.

A New Orleans dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald says:

Colonel James R. Randall, formerly of Baltimore, author of the famous war song, "Maryland, My Maryland," has accepted the editorship of the Morning Star, a Roman Catholic paper published here. For forty years Colonel Randall has been a resident of Atlanta, Ga., and thirty years of that time he has been identified with journalism. He was for a long time private secretary to Congressman W. H. Fleming.

Samuel Harper, father of President W. R. Harper of the University of Chicago, is dead.

A news dispatch under date of Little Rock, Arkansas, July 25, follows:

The International Harvester company is the first corporation outside of the insurance companies to be proceeded against under the anti-trust law, now declared constitutional. Attorney General Robert L. Rogers today brought suit in the Pulaski circuit court against this company for penalties aggregating \$400,000 for the infringement of the law. This is but the forerunner of other suits, many of which will be as large. It is charged that the company is a monopoly within the meaning and intent of the anti-trust law.

#### MODERN BUSINESS EVILS

In its issue of July 24 the St. Louis Republic says:

Before a large congregation at St. Francis Xavier's church yesterday Father Conway preached a thrilling sermon in which he spoke strongly against modern "systems" in business and politics and told of the need of religion to eradicate many of the evils which now prevail in both.

Drawing comparisons between the state which now exists in American business and the greed of the old kings and princes, he asked whether or not this country was in danger when theft was so prevalent in every line of commercial life.

Taking for his text the words "I have compassion on the multitude," from the eighth chapter of St. Mark and the second verse, he said:

Christ has a care and a special solicitude over the Christian state, for he is its author, he is the lawgiver. As he founded the church for the supernatural and eternal welfare of man; so, too, he built up the Christian state for the temporal well-being of its citizens. His providence over the one is like his solicitude over the other. It is in the interest of his people and for the blessing and happiness it brings to the citizens.

These blessings and this happiness are everywhere dependent, not only for their perfection, but for their very existence, on the integrity of the state's institutions and upon the unimpeachable administration of its trusts, its laws and public functions. Let the rot of an ever-prevailing dishonesty eat away the foundation of this integrity, and the prostitution of justice and public function become a habit of the public life of the state, and welfare, honor and happiness of the citizen are at an end, and are placed at the mercy of private or cor-

porate interests. The individual is reduced to nothing. The system becomes supreme. The masses grow poorer, crime is multiplied, and discontent, misery, riot, anarchy are bound to be the inheritance of the land.

Now, I am not concerned with other peoples and with the conditions of other states. Nor do I make comparisons. I appeal to facts, and in the light of these facts and of recent revelations, I desire to say that there exists a broadcast, deep-rooted conspiracy against the welfare of the people and of our best institutions. It looks as if our institutions, our political and commercial life were in the very balance, so persistent, so universal, and so gigantic is the criminal activity that is undermining both the one and the other.

From end to end, actually, of this broad and active commonwealth the record of this crime is the one long and complicated tale of fraud, deception and monstrous theft. And this is not the work of moral suspects and nobodies, but it is the plan and well-laid scheme and thought-out system of men in the public eye for years, of men who had the trust and confidence of the people, of men who hitherto have posed before us as shining lights and the boasted products of our institutions and our life.

It is frightful to contemplate the magnitude, the boldness, the infamy of their transactions and the extent to which they have set at naught honesty, law and common decency. Here it is a bank that has been looted; there it is community whose hard-earned savings have been squandered; here it is a big insurance concern; there it is one of the offices of state that has suffered at the hands of these incomparable rascals. Now it is cotton, now it is steel; again it is oil, grain, land, copper, iron, which has been exploited in the interest of some gigantic fraud.

In one place it is a bank president who has done the mischief; in another a brace of insurance officers, or it is a coal baron or an oil magnate that has come to disgrace and disclosure. At one time it is a judge, a mayor of a big city, state and municipal officer, a big politician, a senator, a federal commissioner, a cabinet officer who suffers exposure, until the whole

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