



It is authoritatively announced that Elihu Root, formerly Secretary of War, has been tendered and has accepted the place of Secretary of State to succeed the late John Hay.

United States Senator Mitchell was convicted at Portland, Ore., on the charge of accepting money for practicing before the departments of the federal government. He will take an appeal.

The case of Caleb Powers, of Kentucky, has been transferred to the federal court.

The First National Bank of Topeka, Kans., controlled by Charles J. Devlin, the coal mine owner, closed its doors July 3. The cause of failure is said to have been too extensive loans to one person. It is claimed that the bank holds Devlin's paper to the amount of one million dollars and that the creditors will be paid in full.

One boy was killed, a chauffeur had his ribs broken, and several women were injured in the auto races which took place in New York on July 3.

Reports from Mexico City, dated July 2, said that hundreds of persons were drowned in a flood which took place at Guanajuato, a mining city in Mexico.

The crew of the Kniaz Potemkine, the Russian warship sought to transform their mutiny into a rebellion. They notified the powers that they are in war against Russia and will be governed by the rules of war. They surrendered to the Roumanians.

Pittsburg dispatches say that practically every coal mining company in the Pittsburg district has passed into the control of the Gould interests.

The funeral of the late Secretary of State John Hay took place at Columbus, Ohio, July 5, the president and members of the cabinet attending.

Washington dispatches say that Edwin H. Conger, formerly minister to China, now minister to Mexico, will be retired from his present position in order to make a place for D. E. Thompson, who is now minister to Brazil.

Congressman M. E. Driscoll, who was the investigating attorney for Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks in the Equitable investigation, has made a statement in which he says that the elder as well as the younger Hyde reaped enormous profits out of the Equitable affairs. Mr. Driscoll says: "Since the year 1876 to the present time Henry B. Hyde and associates during his lifetime, and since his death, James H. Hyde and associates have been realizing anywhere from \$23,879.57 to \$46,535.04 a year, all at the loss of the Equitable society, through the Mercantile Safe Deposit company. Since the year 1877, they have realized \$468,285.26 through the Security Safe Deposit company, all at the expense of the Equitable society; and from the time the lease was made with the Missouri Safe Deposit company, in 1888, the society has only received \$3,900 in rent, while these same people have received about \$20,000 a year, for the stock of the safe deposit company has been paying 10 per cent on \$200,000.

This is one of the ways by which Henry B. Hyde became a multi-millionaire. This is one of the means by which James H. Hyde has been making money out of the society since his father's death; and Mr. James H. Hyde was quite an apt son, for when the question of the increase of the capital stock of the Equitable Trust company, from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, came up, James H. Hyde, as chairman of the executive and finance committees of the society, thought it was unwise for the society to take its share of that allotment, but it was a very wise thing for him to take his own share—a very large portion of that which belonged to the society. I wish every policyholder of the society would read Mr. Hyde's letter, to which I have just referred; read it carefully, and bear in mind all the time that Henry B. Hyde absolutely controlled the society, and when it is stated that he declined to do certain things it was simply Henry B. Hyde who declined to do those things. Henry B. Hyde represented a great trust on one side—the money of the policyholders—and on the other he represented his own private interests. He controlled both. He loved money. What show'd the society have in those transactions?"

George G. Maclock of Louisville, Ky., who has recently returned from Panama, reports that the situation is very bad on the Isthmus. He says all sorts of contagious diseases are prevalent and that the "dead trains" make the trip from Colon to Monkey Hill fourteen times a day, often having as many as four coffins aboard.

The packers and their employes against whom indictments are returned have given bond in Chicago each in the sum of \$5,000.

A tornado struck Montague county, Texas, July 5. At Nacona fourteen persons were killed and many others injured. Nine people were killed at Montague.

Read Admiral Sigsbee, officers and marines, were given a great ovation at Paris when they arrived for the purpose of taking charge of the remains of Paul Jones.

A. W. Corrington, president of the Arkansas state senate, has been acquitted on the charge of bribery.

The Associated Press says that an order for the mobilization of the Swedish army has been issued, and that Sweden will enforce the decrees of the riksdag.

A Washington dispatch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says that there is a strong drift among republican statesmen to restore the stamp taxes of the Cuban war to meet the treasury deficit of more than forty million dollars that is threatened during the fiscal year just beginning. The deficit for last year was twenty-four million dollars.

Secretary Taft has declared that congress must either revise the tariff schedules or else reimpose some of the special war taxes. It is very generally believed there will be no revision but that stamp taxes will be resorted to.

John S. Miller, attorney of the indicted packers, announces that he will ask for an injunction restraining the

federal authorities from prosecuting on the ground that prosecution will be "irregular." Mr. Miller says that the government has gone into a court of equity seeking an injunction, and under the settled rule of the law can not institute criminal proceeding.

United States Senator Alger announces that he will not be a candidate for re-election at the expiration of his term. He says the condition of his health makes this course impossible.

The public debt at the close of business June 30, 1905, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$989,856,772.

Judge McVey of the Polk county, Iowa, district court, has ruled that the main sections of the Iowa anti-trust law are in conflict with the federal constitution and therefore invalid.

Amasa Cobb, formerly justice of the Nebraska supreme court, died at Los Angeles, Cal., July 6.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of St. Petersburg, July 7, says: "The Norvosti this morning prints what is claimed is the actual text of the original draft of Minister of the Interior Bouligan's plan for the formation of a representative assembly, which bears out the forecasts of the measure given in the Associated Press dispatch. The question of election of members to the lower house of the legislative body is settled not on the basis of property, but on that of universal suffrage of men and women, the latter voting by proxy. The classes absolutely debarred are Jews, the nomadic races, persons not of Russian nationality, governors and other imperial and local administrators, and all persons connected with the police. It is provided that the disability of the Jews shall only continue until their status shall have been defined by the popular assembly. Persons convicted of crime are also deprived of suffrage. The emperor possesses the right of absolute veto as well as the power to prorogue the assembly. The presidents of the respective chambers are to be chosen by the emperor and he will have the right to suspend the sittings. The interpellation of ministers will take place behind closed doors if reasons of state are pleaded. The national assembly will control the budget except in the case of permanent and national defense appropriations. The duoma is divided into ten committees of finance, rural affairs, industry, education, clergy, administration of justice, war, marine, railroads and budget.

John B. Dill, famous as a corporation lawyer, has been appointed by Governor Stokes of New Jersey a judge of the court of errors and appeals. A New York dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald says that Mr. Dill surrenders an income of \$300,000 a year from his law practice to become a judge with a salary of \$3,000.

Newspaper dispatches have quoted James Dalrymple, the Glasgow expert, as having said as to his visit to Chicago that municipal ownership in the United States is an absurdity and that an experiment in that line could but prove to be a failure. Mr. Dalrymple denies that he ever made a statement that is possible of such an interpretation. He has said that municipal ownership to be successful must be divorced from politics and must be conducted in connection with a strict civil service. In that he is entirely in harmony with Mayor Dunne. On his arrival home Mr. Dalrymple will make a written report to Mayor Dunne, and that report will be made public.

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