



Congressman John M. Williamson, of Oregon, has been convicted on the third trial of the land fraud charges brought against him. In two previous trials the jury disagreed.

The record of the yellow fever at New Orleans up to September 30, showed total cases, 5,000; deaths, 388; recovered, 2,372; still under treatment, 240.

In the New York insurance inquiry, Alfred W. Maine, one of the auditors of the Equitable Life Assurance society, testified concerning a pool organized by the insurance companies for the purpose of looking after the various state legislatures and providing funds for the insurance lobby.

Washington dispatches say that President Roosevelt may name Grover Cleveland as a member of the second peace conference to be held at The Hague.

The United States marshal at Wilmington, Del., on October 11, held a sale of the personal property of J. Edward Addicks, who became famous in Delaware's politics as a candidate for United States senator and is known to the public as "Gas Addicks."

Washington dispatches say that Robert Bacon, recently appointed as first assistant secretary of state and who, it will be remembered, was a partner of J. Pierpont Morgan, may be appointed secretary of the treasury to succeed Mr. Shaw when he retires in February.

President Roosevelt returning from Oyster Bay to Washington, was given a cordial reception by the people at the national capital.

The czar of Russia has made M. Witte a count in recognition of his services in the peace conference.

Newspaper dispatches recently reported that Alexander Dowie had been stricken with paralysis. This report is denied by Dowie's friends, but it is not denied that he has been a very sick man.

Secretary of Treasury Shaw is making a tour of the country delivering speeches in behalf of the protective tariff system and also in favor of what he calls "an elastic currency."

The man who defrauded the National City bank of New York out of \$359,000 in securities, has been identified as Henry O. Leonard, who is employed by a New York firm of brokers as a clerk. It is said that Leonard returned a large part of the money obtained and explained that he engaged in the scheme simply to show how easy it was to "beat a set of financiers."

New York dispatches say that District Attorney Jerome will ask the grand jury to investigate insurance affairs.

United States Senator John H. Mitchell of Oregon is in a Portland hospital suffering from a broken rib. His condition is not regarded as serious.

United States Senator Burkett, after a call upon the president, said "Mr. Roosevelt was more than ever de-

termined to push his railroad legislation plan."

Washington dispatches announce that President Roosevelt will leave Washington October 18 for a trip through the south. It is said that the president is not at all alarmed at the warnings given in regard to yellow fever and that he will govern his itinerary accordingly.

Clarence H. Verner of New York who holds a \$50,000 policy in the New York Life Insurance company, has sent to various state insurance commissioners, demanding that the New York Life be barred from doing business in the states until President McCall and Vice President Perkins have resigned or been removed.

Richard P. Clarkson, for a third of a century one of Iowa's best known citizens and for many years editor of the Des Moines Register, died at his home in Des Moines October 3. Mr. Clarkson retired from the newspaper work three years ago, at which time he was appointed to the pension office of the Iowa-Nebraska district.

Dr. D. K. Pearsons of Chicago, who has made many liberal contributions to small colleges, has written John D. Rockefeller a letter assuring Mr. Rockefeller that he sympathizes with him in the attacks now being made upon him. Mr. Rockefeller has replied thanking Dr. Pearsons for his kindness.

William Hepburn Russell, acting as attorney for several policyholders, has asked for authority to begin suit against officers of the New York Life Insurance Co. for the restitution of \$148,000 contributed by the officers of that company to the republican campaign fund.

Pat Crowe, who became famous by kidnapping the fifteen year old son of Edward A. Cudahy of Omaha, was arrested October 2 at Butte, Mont. Crowe admits his guilt with respect to the Cudahy kidnapping and also that he fired the shot which wounded Police Officer Jackson who recently attempted to arrest him.

J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, in a speech delivered recently at Portland, Ore., declared that federal regulation of railroad rates would bankrupt the railroads.

Congressman Dalzell of Pennsylvania in a newspaper interview, declares that there is no necessity for tariff revision and that none will be had.

Property worth more than one million dollars was destroyed and five hundred persons were made homeless by the fire that swept over a large portion of Rhinelander, Wis.

Testifying before the New York insurance committee, President McCall of the New York Life Insurance company admitted that he obtained a personal loan of \$75,000 at 1 1/2 per cent from the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, although he was a director of the latter company.

The Municipal Ownership League of New York, in session October 4, unanimously nominated William R. Hearst to be mayor of that city. The nomination was made for Mr.

Hearst at the close of a vigorous speech. Mr. Hearst insisted that he would not accept the nomination.

Testifying before the New York insurance committee, Richard A. McCurdy, president of the New York Mutual Life Insurance company, admitted that \$2,600,000 has been paid as commission by his company to two members of the McCurdy family. This is but a sample of the exposes that are being daily made before the insurance committee.

Mrs. H. M. Bushnell of Lincoln, Neb., was unanimously re-elected president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs.

Joseph Ramsey, Jr., was, on October 5, removed from the presidency of the Wabash railroad company. This is a result of the fight between the Ramsey and Gould interests. Ramsey says the removal is illegal and he will fight it.

W. B. Vandiver, Missouri's state superintendent of insurance, says that he will move for the revocation of the license granted to the New York Life Insurance company to do business in that state. The action will be based upon the discoveries recently made before New York's insurance committee.

Willard Teller, for many years a distinguished attorney of Denver, and brother of United States Senator Teller, died at his Denver home on October 4.

Prof. Newson C. Dougherty for more than twenty years superintendent of the city schools of Peoria, Ill., and president of the Peoria National bank, has been arrested on the charge of forgery and embezzlement. He is accused of misappropriating school funds.

Mayor George B. McClellan was, on October 5, renominated to be mayor of New York by the democratic city convention. Mr. McClellan is now completing his first term of two years and has been nominated for a term of four years, the state legislature having recently amended the city charter so as to provide for a four years tenure of office for the officials of greater New York. Herman A. Metz of Brooklyn was nominated for comptroller, while Patrick F. McGowan of Manhattan was nominated for president of the board of aldermen. The platform adopted by the convention which nominated Mr. McClellan touches upon municipal ownership and declares that it has long been accepted as democratic, saying: "Public ownership is no longer a catchword, but a principle applied and in operation in this the greatest of American cities. An intelligent democratic administration may be entrusted with the continued application and the ultimate triumph on safe lines on the principle of municipal control of municipalities."

General Jose Miguel Gomez, candidate of the liberal party for the presidency of Cuba is in the United States, and declares that it is the duty of this country to interfere in Cuba under the Platt amendment. He says that the Palma administration is despotism.

The Massachusetts republican convention met October 6. Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston was named for governor. The platform endorsed the Roosevelt administration and declared in a mild way for some sort of reciprocity.

The will of the late Mrs. E. D. Rand, mother-in-law of Professor George D. Herron bequeaths \$200,000 to found a school for socialism.

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