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President Roosevelt left Washington October 18 for a tour of the south. At every point visited by the president, he was greeted with the greatest of enthusiasm.

The body of the late Sir Henry Irving was cremated at London, October 18.

Federal Judge Humphrey at Chicago on October 18, overruled the packers' demurrer to the indictments against them.

A tornado wrecked the village of Sorento, Ill., thirty-two miles northeast of St. Louis, October 18. Four persons were killed and thirty-five others were injured.

In the insurance inquiry at New York, George J. Plunkitt denied that he had received \$901 from the Mutual Life Insurance company. He declared that the voucher bearing his signature as the receipt of the amount was a forgery. Dispatches say that prosecutions may follow.

Federal Judge Vandevanter at St. Louis, sustained the demurrer to the indictment against United States Senator Burton of Kansas. The indictment was rendered void by technical errors and Judge Vandevanter ordered new indictments to be brought.

Two hundred civil party reformers in Philadelphia marched, October 18, to the home of Israel Durham, the republican boss of that city and kneeling at the steps of his residence, prayed that he might abandon his evil ways.

Charles Russell of Sloux county, Nebraska, who has served four years in the penitentiary for the murder of Alex Staubenmeier, was, on October 16, pardoned, the governor having been convinced that Russell is an innocent man.

Senator John D. Morgan of Alabama has made a public statement, in which he takes issue with President Roosevelt's proposed policy for enlarging the powers of the interstate commerce commission.

The Negro Baptist Convention of Texas, in session at Waco, October 15, adopted a resolution commending John D. Rockefeller and declaring that "he is an inspired giver."

President Roosevelt has appointed Paul Jessen, a district judge in Nebraska, to succeed Tucker, who was forced to resign from the Arizona bench.

The peace treaty between Russia and Japan has been formally ratified.

General Francis V. Greene has testified that the asphalt trust contributed materially to the revolution against Venezuela.

F. A. Delano has been elected president of the Wabash railroad.

Washington dispatches now say that members of Mr. Roosevelt's cabinet will take part in the Ohio campaign.

Former Governor Hogg of Texas is seriously ill.

In his report of the proceedings of the insurance committee at New York,

the New York correspondent to the Denver News says that Mr. Beck, the attorney for the Mutual made a pretended comparison of the Mutual's assets and those of the Bank of England, the Bank of Germany and the Bank of France, saying that the Mutual's assets were greater than the assets of those three institutions combined. Mr. Beck made the statement in an effort to justify the raise of Mr. McCurdy's salary from \$30,000 to \$150,000 per year, but Mr. McKeen, assistant to Mr. Hugnes, showed that the combined assets of these three institutions amounted to \$2,226,574,725, an excess of \$1,785,796,384 over the Mutual's Life's combined assets of \$440,978,000. The salary of the executive of the Bank of Germany, with it \$472,945,000, is \$30,000. The salary of the chief governor of the Bank of England, with its \$531,544,725, is but \$10,000 a year. Testifying before the insurance committee and being hard pressed for answers to several trying questions propounded by Mr. Hughes, President McCurdy of the Mutual Life said that there was a man in the employ of the Mutual who was indefinitely superior to himself as an executive. One of the committee promptly asked: "What is his salary?" Mr. McCurdy replied, "\$35,000 per year." Mr. McCurdy receives \$150,000 per year.

A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald under date of New York, October 17, follows: From mid-ocean there came by wireless telegraph today the news of the rescue of a sinking vessel's crew by the steamship Etruria, which sailed from New York last Saturday, bound to Queenstown and Liverpool. Captain Porter of the Etruria reported to Cunard agents in this city by way of the wireless station on Staten Island, that he had taken off the crew of the Swedish bark Orion October 15. The rescue was made on the banks of New Foundland. A fresh northwest wind was blowing and a moderate sea was running at the time of the rescue.

A dispatch to the St. Louis Globe Democrat under date of Little Rock, Ark., October 17, follows: Two suits asking for damages amounting to \$1,650,000 were filed by Attorney General Rogers this afternoon in the Pulaski circuit court for alleged violations of the recently enacted anti-trust law. The defendants are the International Harvester company of America and the International Harvester company. From the former the state asks \$850,000 and the latter \$800,000. The state also asks that both companies be denied the right to further do business in Arkansas. It is alleged that they are members of a trust or pool to control the output and prices of farming implements. The maximum penalty of \$5,000 per day is asked.

John Underhill, a laborer fell to the ground from the top of a six story building in New York. At the fourth story he struck a beam and bounded off to the sidewalk below. The New York World tells the rest of the story in this way: A hundred frightened spectators rushed to his aid. Underhill, with a look of annoyance arose brushed the dust from his clothes and started to climb the ladder to return to work. The first of the spectators to reach him grasped his arm. "Here don't! My God, man, you're hurt!" he cried. "Gwan," said Underhill, shaking him off petulantly.

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