



Captain S. S. Brown the noted turfman, died at Pittsburg December 11, aged 63.

Thomas F. Ryan appeared before the insurance committee December 11 and said that E. H. Harriman had demanded of him the privilege of sharing in the control of the Equitable. Ryan said that Harriman insisted upon having half of the Equitable stock, and intimated that in the event he was refused the New York Life might take adverse action.

Rev. A. H. Scott, the pioneer Baptist minister of Illinois, and who was chaplain of the 129th Illinois infantry, died at Kansas City, Mo.

News from St. Petersburg and other portions of Russia show general disturbance throughout the empire, and little hope is entertained that order will be soon restored.

Senator Dryden, president of the Prudential Life Insurance company, testified before the insurance committee that he had given \$26,000 to republican campaign funds.

Governor LaFollette's reform measures have been defeated in the Wisconsin legislature.

The New York court of appeals has decided that the New York election law does not permit a recount of the ballots. Mayor McClellan's friends say that this means practically the end of the contest, but Mr. Hearst's friends say that the fight is still on.

George W. Perkins has resigned as vice president of the New York Life Insurance company.

Charles A. Peabody has been chosen president of the Mutual Life, succeeding Richard A. McCurdy.

New York dispatches say that all the trunk line association railways have agreed to abolish all free passes after January 1.

A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald, under date of Pittsburg, December 13, says: "W. Ellis Corey is not to give up his \$100,000 job as president of the United States Steel corporation without a fight, according to some of his close friends in this city, and if certain millionaires powerful in the company desire to make his matrimonial troubles the basis for ousting him, it is declared, he will tell some stories of the doings of Pittsburg millionaires, which will make his little dinner to Miss Gilman appear like a Sunday school affair by contrast. Mr. Corey is here gathering data which, it is said, will be useful in his defense. Through his father he induced J. B. Corey, his uncle, to withdraw his offer to make public a batch of letters written by Andrew Carnegie and others, and two mysterious strangers from New York, said to be in his employ, have been busy gathering information concerning certain influential men who were mixed up in Cassie Chadwick's financial affairs but avoided exposure. But Mr.

Corey's trump card is said to be a famous dinner at the Duquesne club some years ago, at which a number of the most influential men of the city were present. Anna Held was engaged to sing and dance, but fled in terror, it is declared, because of the actions of some of the guests. There were other entertainers less timid, however, and Mr. Corey, if forced to do so to save his job, is said to be prepared to give the details of that night."

One national bank and two other financial institutions at Chicago, controlled by John R. Walsh, owner of the Chicago Chronicle, suspended December 18. The suspension was due to extraordinary loans made to Mr. Walsh. Other banks came to the rescue and it is said all depositors will be paid in full.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Philadelphia, December 14, follows: "The little two-story brick structure at 249 Arch street, known as the 'old flag house,' where Betsey Ross designed the American flag, has been purchased for the government. Final payment on the property was made today. On October 22, 1898, a meeting was held in the 'old flag house' under the direction of John Quincy Adams and Charles H. Welsgarber and the American flag house and Betsey Ross memorial association was formed and later incorporated. The object was to purchase the historic dwelling and save it to the nation. This was accomplished through the issuance of membership certificates at the uniform price of 10 cents and the co-operation of the people of the entire country. There are a million stockholders of the property living in every state in the union."

Former Congressman John F. Fitzgerald, democrat, was elected mayor of Boston, December 12.

In the New York court of appeals where the attorneys for W. R. Hearst were making an effort to have a canvass of the ballots, Alton B. Parker, formerly chief justice and a candidate for the presidency in 1904, appeared as attorney for Mayor McClellan. Mr. Hearst's attorneys cited an opinion delivered by Mr. Parker while he was on the bench, in which he held that the court could compel a canvass of the ballots—the very point now urged by Mr. Hearst's attorneys. The attorneys for Mr. Hearst bitterly criticised Mr. Parker for appearing in court in an effort to destroy his own judicial opinion. Judge Parker said that he had made a mistake when he delivered that opinion, and that "after mature deliberation" he had concluded that the court has no power to "assume jurisdiction to compel a canvass of the ballot."

E. H. Harriman testified before the insurance committee at New York by way of reply to Thomas F. Ryan. Mr. Harriman said that when Ryan bought the Hyde stock he asked Harriman to co-operate with him in saving the property; that Harriman said he would do it if satisfied that Ryan was acting from unselfish motives. He said that Ryan did not satisfy him as to the purity of his motives, and that he notified Ryan that he would use his influence against him. Harriman said he offered to take one-half of the Hyde stock and to name two trustees of the society. Ryan refused to agree to this, and Harriman concluded that Ryan was not acting

unselfishly. Harriman said that in his conversation with Ryan, Ryan said that it was time for him (Ryan) to make a name for himself. Mr. Harriman was asked upon what ground he criticised Mr. Ryan's plan. He answered "it was rather startling to anybody that Ryan wanted to control the Equitable or should have control of it." He said he met with Ryan in company with the present secretary of state, Elihu Root, and Attorney Cravath. He held a second interview in which Root and Cravath were present. He said that he wanted two trustees independent of Ryan, because he thought that any trustees named as Ryan named them would be to a certain extent under his control. Harriman said he was not a philanthropist nor did he think that Ryan was much of one when he paid \$2,500,000 which he knew he would get back when he obtained complete control of the Equitable. He said there was no possibility of a panic.

Constantinople cablegrams announce that Turkey has yielded to the powers and has accepted their plan providing for financial control of Macedonia.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Kansas City, December 15, follows: "Indictments were returned by the federal grand jury here today against common carriers, railway officials, shippers and freight agents, charging the giving of rebates and conspiracy to gain rebates. Fourteen indictments were returned as follows: George H. Crosby of Chicago, general traffic manager of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad; George L. Thomas, broker, of 320 Broadway, New York, a merchandise broker; L. B. Taggart, New York, Crosby's chief clerk; The Chicago & Alton Railroad company and John N. Faithorn and F. A. Wann, formerly vice president and general freight agent, respectively, of the railroad company; the Cudahy Packing company; Swift & Co.; the Armour Packing company; the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad company; Nelson Morris, Edward Morris and Ira N. Morris, comprising the partnership of Nelson Morris & Co.; D. H. Kresky, Kansas City, freight broker."

Judge Horatio D. Wood died at St. Louis, December 15.

Judge John E. Ryland died December 15 at Lexington, Mo.

John M. Gearin, democrat, of Portland, has been appointed by Governor Chamberlain to succeed the late John H. Mitchell as senator from Oregon.

MR. BRYAN IN JAPAN

At Kagoshima, Japan, October 31, Governor K. Chikami delivered to Mr. Bryan the following address of welcome: "Sir: Now that, on this occasion more than on any other in my life, I need the full command of all my faculties, I feel very sorry indeed to confess that I am well-nigh at a loss when I think of my poor qualifications for tendering an address of congratulations and welcome to one of the greatest orators of the age. But I must screw my courage up to the sticking point and do my little best in order to fulfill, however, imperfectly, the honorable and otherwise certainly the most pleasant duty assigned to me this evening.

"Sir, I suppose you know well enough that we, the Japanese people, have just been celebrating, all over the land, the triumphal return of the Nelson of the east, whose brilliant victory on the Sea of Japan has made our empire the mistress of the far eastern waters, and at the same time the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, which, I earnestly hope, may prove to be the impregna-

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