



Referring to the liquidation of John R. Walsh's financial institutions, the Chicago Tribune says: "The federal and Illinois authorities have been working hand in hand for the last three days. It was only by joint investigation that the bankruptcy of the institutions was proven. Prior to this, when the federal authorities made their investigation of Mr. Walsh's national bank, the securities of the Home Savings bank, were juggled and made to appear as assets of the national institution. When the state sleuths examined the Home Savings bank somebody hopped from one side of the room to the other and returned with the stocks and bonds belonging to the federal bank. The authorities, it is believed, will have the widest latitude in prosecuting Mr. Walsh, as investigation shows that nearly every law on the statute books, placed there for the safe conduct of banking business, has been violated by him with reckless impunity. John R. Walsh's banks were not banks. They were simply a huge cash drawer for his side lines of railroads, mines, stone quarries and other business investments. Out of the \$26,000,000 deposited in the half-way financial station maintained by Mr. Walsh \$15,000,000 was loaned by Mr. Walsh to companies privately controlled by himself."

Governor Deneen of Illinois is calling upon former state officials to return money to the public treasury. The governor says that for thirty years the state has been defrauded, and he calls upon them to refund approximately \$321,000. It is claimed that the state has already obtained \$100,000 of this amount, and suits will be commenced in other cases.

Referring to Governor Deneen's action the Chicago Tribune says: "The law which Deneen holds has been violated by every state treasurer and state auditor since 1877 was passed by the legislature that year, and in providing for the issuance of bonds by municipalities, school districts, counties, and other taxing bodies, stipulated that the bonds could be registered with the state authorities and secured by the state. In this case the state assumed the levying of assessments to pay the interest and take up the principal as it matured. In order that this work in connection with local bond issues might not be an expense to the state when it should be only to the district issuing the bonds, the law provided

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that the auditor and treasurer might levy an additional amount to pay for the clerical and other work required. Since the law was passed the state officials unanimously have adopted one practice, it is charged. They have made the additional levy for the work, have pocketed the proceeds, and have had the work done by the regular force employed in their offices. This practice became time honored and dignified with long, continuous observance. It became the proper thing. The money thus raised was regarded as a part of the legitimate perquisites of the office, swelling the modest \$3,500 salary which the law allows to both treasurer and auditor."

Judge Maurice F. Tuley, the veteran jurist of Chicago, is dead.

A terrible battle between Russian troops and the people took place at Moscow. Five thousand people were killed and 14,000 were wounded.

The New Jersey pardon board recently paroled a woman who had served thirty-four years in prison on the charge of murder.

Senator-elect La Follette filed a statement to the effect that he was elected to the senate without the expenditure of a cent.

Former Governor Richard Yates has announced his candidacy for United States senator in opposition to Senator Cullom. It is said that Yates will have the support of Governor Deneen.

After being dead, apparently, for three days and her body arranged for burial, Viola Anderson, 17 years old, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, was found to be alive. A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald says: "A neighbor who is a close friend of the family noticed that the body appeared to be slightly warm, although the girl was supposed to have been dead three days. Finally the family physician was sent for, and after a thorough examination and severe tests he said the girl was only in a trance. After working over her for several hours the doctor managed to revive the young woman and she began to speak. She expressed surprise at not finding herself in heaven and was horrified when told of her narrow escape from an awful fate."

Francis Hendricks, superintendent of insurance for New York, testified before the insurance committee and during his testimony it was disclosed that the inquiries by New York's department of insurance into the insurance companies were largely a farce.

Twelve thousand persons held a mass meeting at Moscow December 21. It is believed that Russia is now seriously threatened with civil war.

Nine of the ten indicted persons of the Chicago brick trust pleaded guilty of conspiracy in restraint of trade and were fined \$2,000 each.

Fred A. Busse is Chicago's new postmaster.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of New York, December 20, says: "At respective meetings today of the board of directors of the New York Central, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, the Michigan Central and

the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railroads each of these companies decided to establish a pension bureau to take care of superannuated employes."

Governor La Follette of Wisconsin resigned as governor and will become United States senator January 1.

James L. Hedges, former postmaster at Little Rock, Ark., died at Denver December 19.

Two laborers caught by a tunnel cave-in in New York were rescued by three men who swam to their relief.

Leonard Imboden and James A. Hill, bankers, were found guilty of conspiring to wreck the Denver Savings bank.

A call for a general political strike throughout Russia was issued December 19, and cablegrams say that Russia is on the eve of a great, if not a final, struggle between the government and the proletariat.

An Associated Press cablegram under date of London, December 21, says: "Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's first speech since he accepted the premiership was delivered at Albert hall tonight before a mass meeting under the auspices of the liberal association. The premier was supported on the platform by fifteen members of his cabinet. The premier said the fiscal question was the prime issue of the campaign against a government whose ministry 'made a midnight flitting on a murky December evening.' The feature of Sir Henry's speech was his announcement that the government had decided to stop the importation of coolies into South Africa until such time as the question

for or against such importation could be decided by a South African parliament, elected by popular vote. This was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm.

The Young Men's Democratic club of Lycoming county at Williamsport, Pa., has opened a new club house. The building is estimated to be worth not less than \$25,000 and the interior has been well finished. The club will give its fourteenth annual Jackson day banquet January 8.

The friends of the late Mayor Samuel M. Jones of Toledo, known as "Golden Rule Jones," have compiled a series of letters written to the men who worked in Mr. Jones' machine shops. Brand Whitlock, mayor of Toledo, has written the introduction for this book. The proceeds will be devoted to the erection of a memorial to Mayor Jones at Toledo.

It is announced that the wedding of the president's daughter will take place at the White House February 17. This will be the first wedding to take place in the White House since the marriage of President Cleveland to Miss Folsom. Mary, the daughter of President Monroe; Elizabeth, the daughter of President Tyler, and Nellie, the daughter of President Grant, were married in the White House. While all the ceremonies attending these weddings were interesting, it is said that the coming wedding at the White House will be a gorgeous affair.

Abe Hummel, the well known New York criminal lawyer, was convicted on the charge of conspiracy in the Dodge divorce case, and was sentenced to one year in jail and a \$500 fine.

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Senator Millard of Nebraska has been made chairman of the Panama canal committee.

In the senate December 18 Senator Bailey made a vigorous speech against the men who had brought discredit upon the senate. He called attention to the fact that five senators had been convicted in the last ten years on charges implying that crimes had been committed for money. He declared that the time had arrived when the senate should testify that "this is no place to come to make money dishonestly."

Governor Wright of the Philippines calls the opposition to a tariff reduction for the Philippines "pig-headed selfishness."

It is said that President Roosevelt now favors a new Chinese exclusion law admitting all classes freely with the exception of coolies. Secretary Metcalf opposes this plan.

Referring to the correspondence between President Roosevelt and Attorney General Moody relative to the Paul Morton-Santa Fe case, the Washington correspondent for the New York Evening Post says: "It is fairly established that the settled conviction of the best public opinion is that Mr. Morton was saved from prosecution by a direct act of executive favor. All the letter-writing in the world will not change that conviction. One of Mr. Roosevelt's most admirable characteristics is the way he sticks by his friends when they are in trouble, and it is believed here by persons whose beliefs must be respected, that the president resolved that Morton should not be 'thrown to the wolves.' Lawyers say that Mr. Moody struck a heavy blow at his own legal repu-

tation when he supported the president's contentions. After the Judson-Harmon-Moody correspondence was made public last June, lawyers here freely declared that the special counsel had simply made a spectacle of the attorney general in the way they tore his slender arguments to shreds. Mr. Moody's administration of his office has not been marked by any great victories, and many of his friends are apprehensive that he will be remembered simply as the attorney general who helped the president

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