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Senator LaFollette took the oath of office January 4.

Representative Sims of Tennessee offered a resolution in the house providing for an investigation of the charge that members abuse the franking privilege to the extent of sending farm animals, libraries and kitchen utensils through the mail. The resolution was agreed to.

Representative Hepburn of Iowa has introduced a railroad rate bill. It is similar to the Dolliver bill.

The marriage of the president's daughter to Congressman Longworth will take place at noon Saturday, February 17, in the east room of the White House.

Twenty-one miners in the Coaldale company's shaft at Coaldale, West Virginia, were instantly killed by an explosion that took place there January 4.

Jacob H. Schiff delivered a speech before the New York chamber of commerce January 4, in which he said that unless there is "currency reform" a panic beside which former panics will seem insignificant will take place. By "currency reform" Mr. Schiff means a form of currency not exactly like Secretary Shaw's asset currency, but one which will be secured by what he calls "legitimate commercial paper." Interpreted this means probably, that Mr. Schiff favors giving national bankers the authority to issue currency by depositing railroad bonds and other securities.

In a battle on the northern coast of Santo Domingo, General Rodriguez, commanding the troops of the fugitive President Morales was killed January 4.

Former secretary of state for Missouri, Sam B. Cook, recently secured judgment against the St. Louis Globe-Democrat in the sum of \$150,000 in a libel suit because of certain charges made against Mr. Cook in that paper.

Admiral Rojestvensky in a letter published in a St. Petersburg paper declared that the British fleet in far eastern waters stood ready to crush the Russian fleet in case the Japanese failed to do so. The British foreign office has demanded that Russia repudiate the charge.

Justice Silas A. Holcomb retired from the Nebraska supreme bench January 4 after a six years' service. Prior to that time he served four years as governor and on account of ill health retired to private life with the confidence and respect of Nebraskans generally.

In New York January 4 a verdict for \$5,280,133 was rendered against Edward L. Harper, once vice-president of the Fidelity National bank of Cincinnati. This verdict grew out of Harper's failure to pay the debts of the Fidelity bank. He has served six years in prison and is now vice-president and general manager of the Union Iron and Steel company in New York.

The estate of the late Charles T. Yerkes is estimated to be worth twelve million dollars. Eight hundred thousand was bequeathed for the erection of a hospital in New York, while the widow and children were made the

chief heir. Mr. Yerkes also left \$100,000 to the University of Chicago, and \$750,000 and his mansion in New York for an art museum. New York newspapers say that just before he was taken ill Mr. Yerkes had prepared a new will, but that he became unconscious before the signing of the same. It is said that the new will materially differed from the one that will now be probated.

Francis Mercier, famous as an Alaskan explorer, died at Montreal January 4.

London cablegrams say that Great Britain is pledged to take the side of France in Morocco but that trouble is not likely to occur.

General Theodore Bingham has been appointed police commissioner for New York City.

Mrs. Sadie L. Brownell, granddaughter of President Tyler, was married to Paul Kennedy at San Francisco December 31. She is the third daughter of Robert Tyler, who was President Tyler's second son.

Premier Witte has urged the czar to immediately promulgate a constitution.

John A. McCall has settled the Andrew Hamilton account with the New York Life Insurance company by giving a check for \$85,000 and his note for \$150,000, making a total of \$235,000. McCall has resigned and Alexander E. Orr has taken his place.

Daniel E. Storms, secretary of state for Indiana, has refused to resign at the demand of Governor Hanley.

Cablegrams report that the result of the ten days' fighting at Moscow was 741 dead and 1,131 wounded.

Robert H. Todd, mayor of San Juan, Porto Rico, is on his way to this country as a delegate from the Porto Rican municipal league. He says that the people of Porto Rico have grown weary of carpet-bag government and they will petition congress accordingly.

The investigation of hazing at the Annapolis naval academy shows that that practice in an exaggerated degree has long been in vogue. Determined efforts are to be made to break it up.

Judge James V. Quarles of the United States district court for the eastern district of Wisconsin, who was formerly United States senator, has announced that hereafter he will issue no temporary restraining orders until both sides of the controversies have been heard in court.

First Lieutenant Roy I. Taylor who was charged with requesting a sergeant of his own company to vacate a seat in a theater was tried by court martial and reduced in rank twelve numbers. Sergeant Patrick F. Butler of Taylor's company was seated in front of his superior officer at a theatrical performance. The lieutenant instructed the sergeant to get his ticket changed and secure a seat somewhere in the rear. The sergeant obeyed but reported his superior with the result as stated.

A plot to murder the czar was discovered in the czar's palace and several arrests followed.

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