



The house of representatives took up the Hepburn railroad rate bill Wednesday, January 31, Mr. Breeland of New York presiding over the debate.

London cablegrams say that the small unionist party remaining in parliament threatens to be torn by dissension over the question of leadership.

Robert P. Schwerin, manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship company appeared before the senate committee and charged that Secretary Taft was governed by malice in criticising the service between Panama and San Francisco for its part in contributing to the congestion of freight at Panama.

The Seattle Chamber of Commerce has adopted a resolution asking the president to order a government inquiry into the wreck of the Valancia.

Mrs. Yerkes, widow of the late Charles T. Yerkes, the financier, was married in New York City to Wilson Mizner of San Francisco.

The New York supreme court has decided that Henry H. Rogers of the Standard Oil company need not answer the questions submitted by Attorney General Hadley until the supreme court of Missouri passes on the case.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, has delivered to the mine owners the ultimatum, "There must be an increase in wages or there will be no agreement." For several days a conference has been held at Indianapolis, but the parties are unable to come to an agreement. John Mitchell says that the country is now threatened with a strike the like of which it has never seen. He declares that if the strike comes on at the expiration of the mining contracts on March 31, there will be a national suspension of mining, and that more than a half million men will go out. The Associated Press says "According to the figures given out by the national officers of the miners' organization they expect this strike to bring out over 600,000 men, about 150,000 non-union miners in West Virginia and Pennsylvania with the 455,000 union miners. Of this number about 150,000

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will be out in the anthracite districts, 85,000 in the Pennsylvania bituminous districts, 38,000 in Ohio, 17,000 in Indiana, 50,000 in Illinois, 16,000 in Iowa, 37,000 in West Virginia, 7,000 in Michigan and approximately 60,000 in Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Indian Territory and Arkansas. The states enumerated will be the scene of the greater part of the battle."

Former Governor Richard Yates, of Illinois, has formally opened his campaign for the United States senate to succeed Mr. Cullom.

Senator Patterson, of Colorado (democrat) spoke in the senate in support of President Roosevelt's policy in Santo Domingo. He also endorsed Mr. Roosevelt's position on several other questions.

A scandal has recently developed in connection with the insurance department of Pennsylvania. Testimony disclosed long continued graft in that department.

Four governors and representatives from thirty-two states met at Chicago February 1 for the purpose of conferring upon plans to correct the evils of life insurance.

It has recently developed that the Equitable Life Assurance Society has been carrying free insurance policies in the sum of \$1,000 each on the lives of 900 employees.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says: "Railroad legislation will be voted on by the senate committee on interstate commerce on February 16. An agreement to take final action at that time on all the measures pending before the committee was discussed today. The differences of the opposing factions have narrowed down to the court features of the bills, but these present a variance admitted to be fatal to a harmonious committee report. They may be summarized in this proposition: Whether there shall be a specific provision for review by the United States courts of orders of the Interstate commerce commission establishing rates before such orders become operative. On this question rests the fate of the favorite issue of the president as submitted to congress in his annual message to congress."

In the beef trust case before the federal court at Chicago witnesses admitted that what is known as "the National Packing company" does not do a packing business, but is really a holding company. Jesse P. Lyman of Boston, former president of the National Packing company, referring to the conference with Commissioner Garfield, said: "Garfield told us that we would be protected by the law and the administration, and that he was the direct representative of the president. He said that while he remained at the head of the bureau of corporations he would not be used to aid the secret service or the department of justice, and that the investigation would be carried on in a dignified way."

Mayor Dunne of Chicago has signed the municipal ownership measure recently passed by the city council, and says that he firmly believes that his plans for the municipicalion of the Chicago street car lines will be realized before his term of office is concluded. Under the terms of this ordinance the question will be submitted

to the people of Chicago in the form of a proposition to authorize the issue of certificates for the taking over of the traction property.

The Ohio supreme court has held that bank directors are not liable beyond their liability as stockholders for not knowing the condition of a bank which has been wrecked a few months after the publication of their annual statement by a defaulting cashier.

A report is in circulation to the effect that John D. Rockefeller, who it is claimed is in hiding from the Missouri officers charged with serving a subpoena upon him, has sailed for Europe. This is denied by Mr. Rockefeller's friends, although they do not take the pains to disclose his whereabouts.

Five members of the Arkansas legislature have been indicted by the grand jury at Little Rock on the charge of boodling.

George B. Thompson who during the Civil war served on the staff of General "Dick" Taylor, died at St. Louis.

In a message to congress the president recommends the payment of \$25,000 to William Radcliffe, a British subject, on account of the destruction by a mob of a fish hatchery owned by Radcliffe in Colorado.

Secretary Black has ordered the leasing of 100,000 acres of land in Colorado to be used for coal reserves. The lands will be leased for a period of years from January 1, 1904.

Charles A. Goss has been appointed by the president and confirmed by the senate as United States district attorney at Omaha.

A deranged man attempted to assassinate M. Alberti, Denmark's minister of justice at Copenhagen.

In Omaha it is reported that 40 per cent of the 1,462 high school students in that city failed in their mid-winter examinations.

Judge Holdom of the supreme court at Chicago fined E. R. Wright, president of the typographical union \$100 and sentenced him to 30 days in jail for contempt of court. Edward Bazetti, a member of the union, was fined \$50 and sentenced to 30 days in jail. The union itself was fined \$1,000. The charge was violation of an injunction granted several weeks ago restraining members of the union from interfering with the operation of printing establishments against which strikes were being conducted.

In a speech delivered in the senate Senator Hepburn sharply criticised the methods of the forestry bureau and charged it with maintaining a press combination for the purpose of attacking him.

A Berlin cablegram to the Chicago Record-Herald follows: "At a conference of the Berlin municipal authorities with the officers of eight suburban towns, including Charlottenburg and Schoeneburg, it was resolved to take (Continued on Page 15)

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