



E. H. Harriman has retired as chairman of the Illinois Central finance committee. He is succeeded by Walter Lutgen.

The senate has passed the Mallory bill providing for federal control of interstate quarantine regulations.

T. P. Shonts has been re-elected president of the Panama railroad.

The Iowa legislature has enacted a child labor law prohibiting the employment of children under 16 years of age in occupations of a harmful nature or under conditions which are not perfectly sanitary.

The report of the Panama railroad officials for the ten months of the year 1905 up to October 31 showed that the total earnings exceeded by \$302,204, or 18.77 per cent those of the ten months of the previous year. The total railroad earnings were \$1,912,552, and expenses \$1,213,610 leaving net earnings of \$689,952. The net earnings of the steamship line were \$58,730, compared with \$103,517 during the previous year.

William Loeb, Jr., secretary of the president, was injured by being thrown from a horse at Washington City.

Representative Davidson of Wisconsin has introduced a resolution which provides that the ways and means committee shall sit during the recess of congress to ascertain trade conditions with a view to tariff revision.

Judge Pollard, a police magistrate in St. Louis, fined Harry Cherry \$25 for tramping on William McDonald's corn in a street car.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson expresses the opinion that crop failures are things of the past. He declares that science has triumphed over Nature to such an extent that all variations of weather, such as are usually experienced can be set at naught.

New York dispatches say that a number of New York merchants are interested in a plan for a revolution in Venezuela, by which it is hoped to overthrow Castro and open the country to American capital.

Attorney General Hadley of Missouri is ill at Jefferson City.

The United States supreme court has decided in the favor of the state of Michigan a suit against the railroads. The state sought to compel railroads to pay taxes at the rate at which other property is assessed. The supreme court upholds the Michigan law of 1901 and the state will receive a large sum of money. A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald from Lansing, Mich., referring to this decision explains: "By the decision the state will receive from the railroad companies in unpaid taxes for the years 1902, 1903 and 1904 the sum of \$5,060,608. In addition the companies must pay the tax levied last February for the year 1905 in the sum of \$3,527,059.61, and are subject also to the penalty of 1 per cent a month provided by the statute for non-payment of taxes. Altogether the amount of taxes and penalties remaining due is approximately \$10,500,000. This sum must be paid at once or the property may be seized. As sustaining the principle of direct taxation of railroad property on the basis of its val-

ue, the decision is of great value to Wisconsin and other states that have enacted or may enact similar measures."

A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald from English, Ind., follows: "Hiram Delaney, a bachelor farmer living near here, received eight babies ranging in age between two weeks and one year old as a present from unknown persons last night. Delaney answered a call at his door and found the children sleeping sweetly on a comfort spread on the porch. On them was a scrawl reading: 'These are your own; care for them.' Delaney denies ownership and will turn the babies over to the county. Delaney lives with his mother, who thinks the case blackmail."

Mrs. Melinda Williams died recently at Baraboo, Wis. She is said to have been 117 years of age. It is claimed that Mrs. Williams' mother lived to be 120 years old, and that her mother's sister lived to be 115.

The Iowa legislature has passed an anti-pass bill. The bill prohibits all public officials in the state, including federal officers, from accepting free passes. Delegates to political conventions and members and employes of political committees are also included in the prohibition.

The followers of John Alexander Dowie, for many years the head of what is known as Zion City, revolted and declared that Dowie was no longer their leader. All manner of charges have been made against Dowie, some of them decidedly sensational in their character. The property in Zion City is estimated to be worth \$20,000,000. Dowie who, at the time was visiting in Mexico, sent word that he would fight his opponents, and he hastened to Chicago for the purpose of defending his position.

A fire occurred in the office of the Buffalo Times, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000.

E. C. Swift of Chicago, a member of the packing firm of Swift & Co., died at Boston. While visiting in that city he was stricken with pneumonia.

General Von Mack has returned to Moscow from Japan, and says the Japanese are actively engaged in war preparations. He adds: "It is evident that the enemy in view is America, and that operations are being planned against the Philippine Islands."

It is reported that 121 persons were drowned during the hurricane in the Hawaiian islands.

The republicans held a congressional caucus at Washington and were addressed by Speaker Cannon, who told them that they would have their hands full in the coming congressional fight. A congressional committee was chosen as follows: California, J. C. Needham; Colorado, H. M. Hogg; Connecticut, George L. Lilley; Delaware, Hiram R. Burton; Idaho, B. L. French; Illinois, J. R. Mann; Indiana, Charles B. Lewis; Iowa, A. F. Dawson; Kansas, J. M. Miller; Kentucky, J. B. Bennett; Maine, E. C. Burleigh; Maryland, S. E. Mudd; Massachusetts, J. W. Weeks; Michigan, J. W. Dordney; Minnesota, J. W. Tawney; Missouri, Richard Bartholdt; Montana, J. M. Dixon; Nebraska, J. J. McCarthy;

New Hampshire, C. A. Sulloway; New Jersey, J. H. C. Loudenslager; New York, J. S. Sherman; North Carolina, E. S. Blackburn; Ohio, Nicholas Longworth; Oregon, C. W. Fulton; Pennsylvania, H. B. Cassel; Rhode Island, A. B. Capron; South Dakota, C. H. Burke, Tennessee, N. W. Hale; Utah, Joseph Howell; Vermont, Kittredge Haskins; Virginia, Campbell Flent; Washington, F. W. Cushman; West Virginia, B. B. Dovener; Wisconsin, J. H. Davidson; Wyoming, F. W. Mondell; Hawaii, Jonap K. Kalaniana'ole; New Mexico, W. H. Andrews; Oklahoma, B. S. McGuire; Porto Rico, Julio Larrenga. No members have been selected for the states and territories not named.

The Nebraska republican state convention will be held at Lincoln, August 22, at 2 p. m. The convention will nominate a candidate for United States senator, also candidates for governor and other state officers.

Representative Towne of New York delivered an address in the house, in which he denounced the present rules. Referring to the petition made recently by the labor leaders, he said it was the most significant utterance of the sort in recent economic history. Mr. Towne added: "The political party in power is an organiza-

tion, the agent of the dominant economic force of the age. Those forces tend to capitalistic combination and consolidation. If unrestrained and unregulated they threaten the stability of the social order, and workmen of the country may justly feel an especial interest in curbing the rapacity of these organized appetites which exist either by the warrant or the permission of the laws. In this enterprise these petitioners become allies of all members of society not immediately associated in the scheme of spoliation and plunder. When thus engaged they cease to be a faction, but become the representatives of the general welfare. Instead of meriting the appellation of agitators and disturbers they range themselves among the conservative element of our institutions in furtherance of what has become the great, patriotic political duty of the hour, the restoration in the republic of the ancient standards of justice and equality under the law, the mingled safety and progress that constitute the goal and the sanction of democratic government." Washington dispatches say that Mr. Towne was given a great ovation at the close of his speech.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Pittsburg, April 6, follows: "Peace is now assured in the miners'

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