



Under date of South Omaha, Neb., the Associated Press carried the following dispatch: "The column is broken. The brightest jewel in the arch is gone. May is dead." Thus did Dr. W. J. McCrann of South Omaha, announce the first death in his 'step-ladder family.' May C. McCrann, oldest of fourteen children, who have made their parents famous as leading exemplars of the Roosevelt anti-race suicide maxims, succumbed yesterday to a long illness from typhoid fever, complicated by pneumonia. She was born in Kentucky in 1886. The doctor was proud of his robust and happy family. On the letterheads he uses he had a cut showing the children grouped in the order of their size. Under the picture of the doctor is the motto, "The party I am working for."

William H. Busbey, former managing editor of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, is dead.

John L. Aylward has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for governor of Wisconsin.

William E. Curtis of the Chicago Record-Herald says that excluding private and church charities, England supports 782,422 paupers out of a total population of 34,152,927, at an annual cost of \$70,081,345.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Atlanta, Ga., July 16, follows: "Jerome and Folk for the democratic presidential team in 1908 was the substance of a resolution adopted by the enthusiastic members of the lower branch of the Georgia legislature today, following an address by the New York district attorney. Mr. Jerome spent only a few minutes with the legislators, but during that time the session was suspended while he talked to them on the relations of the north and the south, suggesting that whatever misunderstandings had existed during recent years were largely due to sensational writing."

Alfred Beit, the South African financier, died at London.

A newspaper dispatch from Paoli, Ind., says: "Judge Thomas B. Buskirk in the Orange county court today sustained the third section of the demurrer of Thomas Taggart and the French Lick Springs and West Baden Hotel companies against the petition in quo warranto of the state for a temporary receiver and temporary injunction against gambling at the resorts. Attorney General Miller immediately served notice of appeal to the state supreme court."

Washington dispatches say that the accounts of the late Major George A. Bartlett, disbursing officer of the treasury department, are short \$33,000.

Judge James Hargis and Edward Callahan were acquitted at Beattyville, Ky., on the charge of hiring a man to kill J. B. Marcum.

Lady Curzon, who was Mary Leiter of Chicago, died suddenly at her home in London. She was the wife of the former viceroy of India.

Martin Flynn, president of the Peoples' Savings bank of Des Moines, driven to despair by insomnia, committed suicide.

An Associated Press dispatch from Milwaukee follows: "There has been

a good deal of disturbance in the body politic the past year, and it is likely to continue. The nation is engaged in the business of cleaning house. We have been a long time fixing up our front yards. We have forgotten that every house has a back yard, and have not been as particular about it. We are going to clean the back yards.' These were the words of Justice David J. Brewer of the United States supreme court in an address tonight before a convention of life insurance agents. 'As a result of the work now going on,' continued Justice Brewer, 'there will be truth and honesty in every industry. In the shaking up a great many men will be unjustly condemned. Do not condemn a man until he is found guilty, but when he is found guilty, whoever he may be, let him take his punishment. Some think we are going to have trouble every time there is an expose. It is not true. The great American people is not unsound.'

President Roosevelt has issued orders that the eight hour day shall be observed on government work.

A dispatch under date of Warm Springs, Ga., July 19, follows: "District Attorney Jerome delivered an address on 'Public opinion; its power, some of its evils and injustices, and our duty as lawyers to it,' before the Georgia Bar association tonight. In the course of his address Mr. Jerome referred to President Roosevelt's criticism of a United States court judge, saying: 'There is one injustice which public opinion not infrequently does, it is one which lawyers can do much to correct, and that is the criticism of judges for decisions which they could not avoid making if they obey the law. The recent spectacle of the nation's chief executive, himself a lawyer, criticizing in a public document a federal judge for his decision on a point of law, has not, I believe, commended itself to our profession. The laws are our laws. Public opinion made them and can change them. Every citizen has a right to criticize them and seek their amendment or repeal; but while they are our laws we want our judges to obey and not substitute for them something they deem in accord with a thing so mutable and difficult to ascertain as public opinion.'

An Associated Press dispatch from Milwaukee, Wis., says: "J. G. Albright, general agent in Wisconsin for the Union Central Life Insurance company of Ohio, who appeared before the Wisconsin legislative insurance investigating committee today, produced correspondence of a sensational character between his company and a Wisconsin supreme court judge in which the latter tried to obtain a rebate and offered the company a plan for a subterfuge under which the judge believed the rebate could be given and still come within the pale of the law. Mr. Albright said if supreme court judges were willing to offer subterfuge plans by which they could obtain rebates, he thought there was little wonder the rank and file of the public were looking for rebates if they could obtain them." The name of the judge with whom the correspondence was had in October, 1902, is Rouget D. Marshall.

Cablegrams from Russia show a great disorder and there is uncertainty in the minds of thoughtful observers as to the outcome. The St. Petersburg

soldiers went on a strike because of the dishonesty of the officials. A Paris cablegram declares that Germany and Austria, fearing a revolt in their Polish provinces, were prepared to invade the czar's Polish possessions and put down the uprising, in case the revolution in Russian Poland is successful. Dispatches from the interior tell of burning of the manor houses, the murder of landed proprietors and collision between the peasants and the soldiers. One government bank was robbed of \$120,000. Grave fear is entertained that there will be civil war in Russia. St. Petersburg dispatches say that there is no possible hope of reconciliation.

The democratic state convention for Ohio has been called for Columbus, July 21 and 22. Judge McCann will be temporary chairman.

The Elks, in session at Denver, Colo., selected Philadelphia as the next place of meeting.

An earthquake occurred at Socorro, N. M., July 18.

An Associated Press cablegram under date of St. Petersburg, July 19, follows: "The commission appointed to investigate the surrender of Port Arthur has finished its labors and recommends that Lieutenant General Stoessel, the former commander of the Russian forces at Port Arthur, be dismissed from the army and shot; that Lieutenant General Fock, who commanded the Fourth East Siberian division at Port Arthur, be dismissed from the army and undergo a year's hard labor; that General Reiss, chief of staff of General Stoessel, be dismissed and banished, and that Admiral Alexieff, former viceroy in the far east, Lieutenant General Smirnov, commander of the Port Arthur fortress, and General Vernander be reprimanded. The formal trial of these officers will take place shortly."

Russell Sage, the financier, died suddenly at his country home in New York.

The czar has issued an order dissolving the Russian parliament. This is generally regarded as a great mistake. The czar's rule is now seriously threatened.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Laredo, Tex., July 20, says: "For some time past rumors have been rife in almost all the large cities of Mexico which may portend anything from a great strike of the laboring class to a revolution against the administration of President Diaz. Opinion is divided as to what the result will be, but enough confidence is placed in the rumors to cause much uneasiness, and steps will be taken to meet any contingency which may arise. Circulars have been posted in Monterey, Saltillo, San Luis Potosi and other large cities throughout the republic warning all foreigners to leave the country before the 16th of September, the independence day of the republic. The circulars are, in substance: 'We desire Mexico for the Mexicans and warn all foreigners that if they do not leave the country by the 16th of September they will be "driven into the sea." Continuing, the circular said: "The principal industries and business of the republic are in the hands of foreigners, principally Americans. The railroads, although they apparently belong to the nation, are the exclusive property of Americans; the Americans direct them. The mining industry is largely controlled by the foreign element, and our nation, heretofore independent, is being made the servant of organized capital. We are on the border of an abyss, and a great catastrophe menaces us until we force all foreigners out of the country and give

our own people a chance.' The Mexican government does not fear any serious trouble, notwithstanding the posting of these circulars."

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Concord, N. H., July 20, follows: "Winston Churchill, novelist, formally opened his campaign for the republican nomination for governor of New Hampshire at a rally in this city, tonight. Mr. Churchill is running on a platform, the principal plank of which is non-interference of corporations in state politics."

A treaty of peace between Guatemala, Salvador and Honduras was signed July 20, on board the United States cruiser Marblehead on the high seas off the Guatemalan coast.

Governor Folk of Missouri is engaged in a vigorous effort to enforce the Sunday closing law at St. Joe, as well as at other cities, and Judge John A. Rich has rendered a decision upholding the Sunday law.

A Paris cablegram announces that John D. Rockefeller has sailed for New York. A Findlay, Ohio, dispatch says that Sheriff Groves has a warrant for Rockefeller's arrest. The warrant is based on an information filed in the probate court at Findlay, charging Rockefeller with violating the anti-trust laws of the state. It is explained, however, that as the information only charges a misdemeanor Rockefeller can not be taken to Ohio without his consent.

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Cincinnati Enquirer, wk.....	1.00	1.35
Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat....	1.00	1.25
K. C. World, daily ex. Sun....	2.00	2.00
Nebraska Independent, wk....	1.00	1.25
Rocky Mountain News-Times, wk.....	1.00	1.60
Seattle Times, wk.....	1.00	1.35
Thrice-a-Week N. Y. World....	1.00	1.35
Commercial Appeal, wk.....	.50	1.00
World-Herald, twice-a-week...	1.00	1.25

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	Reg. Price	Club Price
Cosmopolitan, mo.....	\$1.00	\$1.25
The Housekeeper.....	.60	1.25
Pearson's Magazine, mo.....	1.00	1.50
Pilgrim, mo.....	1.00	1.45
Pacific Monthly.....	1.00	1.45
Success, mo.....	1.00	1.60
Woman's Home Companion, mo	1.00	1.45

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The Public, wk.....	1.00	1.60
Windle's Gatling Gun, mo....	1.00	1.35

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