



Wilbur Glen Voliva has been elected ruler of Zion City in the place of John Alexander Dowie.

Former Governor Aaron Thomas Bliss of Michigan died of apoplexy at Milwaukee.

John J. Pershing, son-in-law of Senator Warren of Wyoming, has been appointed brigadier general. Pershing was promoted over the heads of eight hundred other officers who ranked him as captain.

Captain Henry Bundy, famous as the "Evangelist of the lakes" died at Chicago, aged eighty years.

A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald from Elkhart, Ind., says: "Mrs. Mary Pease caused the arrest today on a charge of disorderly conduct of Henry Cummins, her son-in-law, after a discussion of President Roosevelt's spelling reform idea. Cummins disapproved of it, and Mrs. Pease approved of it. Cummins' wife took sides with her mother. In court Cummins was acquitted after it was shown that he had stood up manfully for the spelling of his ancestors, but was beaten in the argument by the tongues of his wife and mother-in-law."

An Associated Press dispatch from Greensboro, S. C., September 17, follows: "The coming of William J. Bryan to Greensboro this evening was foreshadowed in gloom. On the same train was the body of Dr. Charles Duncan McIver, president of the state normal and industrial school here, who died of apoplexy on the train. He was a member of the reception committee for Guilford county. At 8 o'clock the city hall was crowded to its capacity to hear the speaking. Mr. Bryan was introduced by ex-Lieutenant Governor Charles M. Steadman, a personal friend of Mr. Bryan's. Mr. Bryan's speech was a eulogy of Dr. McIver, at whose invitation the Nebraska came here twelve years ago on his first visit to North Carolina. He pointed out that Dr. McIver's life was an ideal one, and said he would rather die with his record than the name and fame of John D. Rockefeller. Governor R. B. Glenn followed Mr. Bryan and also paid a tribute to Dr. McIver."

A Rock Island passenger train was wrecked near Dover, Okla. Eight persons were killed, and a number of others were seriously injured.

Hundreds of lives were lost and a million dollars worth of damage done by the typhoon, according to Hong Kong advices.

Edward J. Nally, superintendent of the Postal Telegraph company, in Chicago is dead.

Secretaries Taft and Bacon arrived at Havana September 19, and conferences were at once entered into, looking toward an adjustment of Cuban difficulties.

President Roosevelt has issued an order extending the eight hour law to apply to all public work.

Milwaukee dispatches say that the city has been infested by millions of fleas, and "not a remedy in sight." Other towns report visitations, and the pest seems to be larger and

livelier than the old time flea. One dispatch says that these are "Russian fleas," and that they are especially gifted with the power to annoy human beings.

General James B. Weaver of Colfax, Iowa, has been nominated for congress against Representative Lacey in the Sixth Iowa district.

Governor Magoon has left his post at Panama, and will sometime later become vice-governor general of the Philippines.

The American Magazine has appeared under the management of John S. Phillips, Ida Tarbell, Lincoln Steffens, and other writers.

A Denver dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald follows: "So that he could listen in his old age to the sweet songs of the birds which lulled him to rest when he was a boy, Dr. Charles McCutcheon, a prominent physician of Tacoma, went all the way to Ireland to get the native warblers and is taking 200 of them back to his home. Dr. McCutcheon, who is superintendent of the Paddock Memorial hospital in Tacoma, is visiting a relative in this city on his way west. The climate in Tacoma, he says, is similar to that in his old home in Ireland. Dr. McCutcheon was born in the county of Wexford, and his boyish hobby was birds. Now that he is wealthy he returns to the old love."

Nearly 3,500 physicians of New York state, representing 551 cities and towns and including some of the best known members of the profession, signed a petition to Governor Higgins in behalf of Albert T. Patrick, sentenced to be electrocuted.

The corner stone of the monument to Verdi, to be erected in New York City, was laid in the presence of 10,000 spectators.

Robert R. Hitt, the veteran Illinois congressman, died at his summer home in Narragansett Pier, R. I.

A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald under date of Fond Du Lac, Wis., follows: "Habitual drunkards in Fond du Lac are hereafter to be photographed, and their photographs will be posted in every saloon in the city. A resolution to this effect has just been passed by the common council. The resolution was introduced by one of the saloon members of the council. The reason for the action, he says, is that a man whom the council might declare a habitual drunkard, might be known to only two or three saloon-keepers, and after being "posted" might go to any saloon where he was not known, and obtain drinks. The police would then arrest the innocent saloon keeper. If every notice to saloon keepers, forbidding them to sell liquor to a certain person, contained a picture of that person, the dealer could post it in a conspicuous place and he would then know instantly if that man applied for a drink. The task of securing pictures of drunkards and sending the notices to the saloons is placed upon the police. No photographs have yet been taken under the new act."

At the annual meeting of the members of the Associated Press the retiring members of the board of direc-

tors were re-elected, with the exception of A. P. Langtry of the Springfield Union, who announced that he could not stand for re-election because of new private interests which he was to undertake. The vacancy was filled by the election of General Charles K. Taylor of the Boston Globe. The directors who were elected for a term of three years are: Victor F. Lawson, Chicago Daily News; Herman Ridder, New York Staats-Zeitung; Thomas G. Rapier, New Orleans Picayune; Harvey W. Scott, Portland Oregonian, and General Charles K. Taylor, Boston Globe. The new board of directors organized by electing the following officers: President, Frank B. Noyes, Chicago Record-Herald; vice president, Charles Hopkins Clark, Hartford Courant; second vice president, Rufus N. Rhodes, Birmingham News; secretary, Melville E. Stone; assistant secretary, Charles S. Diehl.

Assessment of inheritance tax on ante-mortem gifts is the main point in the Pabst estate case being argued before the probate court at Milwaukee.

The jury in the Smith peonage case at Cape Girardeau, Mo., returned a verdict of guilty against the two Smiths and the five tenants on their farm. The defendants were sentenced to the penitentiary for various terms.

A Jellico, Tenn., Associated Press dispatch under date of September 21, follows: "Twelve deaths, the injuring of scores of other persons and \$500,000 damage to property were caused here today when a carload of dynamite standing on a track near the Southern railway depot exploded with a report that was heard for twenty miles. Buildings were shattered in the business section of the town and nearly every piece of glass within a radius of one mile of the scene was broken."

Under date of St. Paul, Minn., September 21, the Associated Press carries the following: "Late this evening the state railway and warehouse commission, which is conducting a hearing regarding the reasonableness of commodity rates, decided to "take the lid off" with reference to testimony which Attorney James Manahan of the receivers and shippers' association has been endeavoring to get into the record for the past two days, concerning money alleged to have been spent by the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad in an attempt to defeat Robert LaFollette of Wisconsin in his last gubernatorial campaign. The commissioners yesterday decided that this testimony was not germane to the hearing. Today, however, Commissioner Stahl expressed the opinion that such testimony was material. He stated that by showing how much money the road had spent in politics, and had taken from its gross earnings, it might be

shown that because of this expenditure the rates on commodities had been kept higher. With a free hand, then, Mr. Manahan questioned General Manager A. W. Trenholm regarding the allowing of employees of the road to leave their duties to enter the political campaign and the payment of their expenses from the earnings of the road. Mr. Trenholm admitted that he had allowed leaves of absence to ten or fifteen men to do political work in Wisconsin during the last campaign of LaFollette for the governorship. He admitted that the road had paid \$300 for expenses incurred, besides allowing the salaries of the men. He said that personally he had only honored vouchers for the sum stated, but admitted that other sums might have been paid without his knowledge."

A race war broke out at Atlanta, Ga., September 23, growing out of a number of depredations committed by negroes. A number of people were killed, the number being estimated variously from ten to twenty-five. The town was placed under martial law. The saloons were closed and there is an exodus of negroes.

Secretary Taft and Assistant Secretary Bacon are still in Cuba in the effort to bring about a peaceful settlement of the difficulties between the government and the insurgents. American troops are being kept in readiness and should they go to the island they will be under the command of General Funston. The insurgents insist that Palma should resign the presidency in order that one more in sympathy with the Cuban people may take his place.

The republican state committee for Colorado has nominated Henry A. Buchtel, D. D., chancellor of the university of Denver, for governor on the republican ticket, in place of Philip B. Stewart who declined the nomination.

POLITICAL CONVENTIONS

The New Hampshire republican convention nominated for governor, Charles M. Floyd. An extract from the Associated Press report follows: "Nine ballots were necessary before the choice was made and three of these ballots were made void by more votes being cast than there were delegates entitled to seats. Winston Churchill, of Cornish, the novelist, and leader of the recently organized Lincoln Republican club, of New Hampshire, was Floyd's closest competitor in the final vote. The result of the ninth and final ballot was: Charles M. Floyd, of Manchester, 408; Winston Churchill, of Cornish, 335; Charles H. Greenleaf, of Franconia, 55; Stephen H. Gale, of Exeter, 12. Total vote, 779.

THE PRIMARY PLEDGE

I promise to attend all the primaries of my party to be held between now and the next Democratic National Convention, unless unavoidably prevented, and to use my influence to secure a clear, honest and straightforward declaration of the party's position on every question upon which the voters of the party desire to speak.

Signed.....

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