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Four persons were instantly killed, ten were fatally injured, and fifty more were seriously injured as a result of a fire that destroyed the Chamber of Commerce building at Kansas City, Kan.

The interstate commerce commission has finally ruled decisively that railroad companies can not give transportation to newspaper publishers or editors in exchange for advertising space.

Sir Thomas Lipton has decided to issue another challenge for the American cup.

Paris cablegrams say that the new French cabinet is as follows: Premier and minister of the interior, M. Clemenceau; minister of justice, M. Guyot-Dessaigne; minister of foreign affairs, M. Pichon; minister of education, M. Briand; minister of finance, M. Caillaux; minister of war, General Picquart; minister of marine, M. Thomson; minister of public works, M. Barthou; minister of commerce, M. Doumergue; minister of agriculture, M. Ruau; minister of labor, M. Viviani.

It is announced that President Roosevelt will change his Panama itinerary to include a day's stop in Porto Rico.

A Washington dispatch to the New York World follows: "The president's advocacy of simplified spelling has made a convert of Robert J. Tracewell, comptroller of the treasury. When the president issued his simplified spelling rules the comptrollers of the currency and the treasury pointed to the fact that law provided for 'comptrollers' not 'controllers.' But the annual report of Mr. Tracewell was published today and the title page reads 'controller.' Mr. Tracewell often tells the story of how President Grant, desiring to have a comptroller change a decision, remarked that while he could not compel the comptroller to change his views, he could change comptrollers."

The heaviest penalty for rebating ever inflicted in the United States was imposed upon the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad company when Judge Holt of the United States circuit court of New York imposed a fine of \$18,000 on each of six counts on which the corporation was convicted. These fines aggregate \$108,000.

Memorial services for the late Mrs. Jefferson Davis were held in New York City and throughout the southern states generally.

A Russian steamer struck a floating mine and 108 persons were drowned.

Former United States Senator Burton began service in the Iron county, Mo., jail October 21. He was accompanied by his faithful wife, who has rented a house in the town in order to be near her husband.

A statement formally made public at the White House announces changes in the cabinet as follows. On the retirement of Secretary Shaw and Attorney General Moody from the cabinet the following changes will be made: Secretary of the treasury, Hon. George B. Cortelyou; postmaster general, Hon. George von L. Meyer; at-

torney general, Hon. Charles L. Bonaparte; secretary of the navy; Hon. Victor H. Metcalf; secretary of commerce and labor, Hon. Oscar S. Straus. While the statement does not say just when Mr. Moody and Mr. Shaw will retire, it is understood that Mr. Moody will leave January 1, and that Secretary Shaw will go March 4. An Associated Press dispatch says: "The appointment of Mr. Straus caused considerable surprise as it will be the first case of a citizen of the Hebrew faith having been made a member of the president's cabinet. He was born December 3, 1850, and is well known as a merchant, diplomat and author. He represented the United States as minister to Turkey on two different occasions."

The Russian government has selected December 30 as the day for holding the election for members of the new parliament.

Six hundred cavalymen were sent out from Fort Mead to help drive to their reservation the Ute Indians who have been on a rampage recently.

It is announced that United States Senator Clark of Montana will not seek re-election to the senate.

The grand jury in the state court at Omaha returned indictments against all members of the Omaha coal trust.

Washington dispatches say that Attorney General Moody will be appointed to the supreme court bench to succeed Justice Brown.

A big commotion is on at San Francisco where charges have been preferred involving prominent citizens under charges of wholesale graft in the distribution of supplies to the San Francisco sufferers. Mr. Gallagher, in the absence of Mayor Schmidt, has caused to be suspended District Attorney Langdon, who is prosecuting the graft charges. Langdon refuses to be suspended and secured an order of the court to prevent interference with his office.

The interstate commerce commission in session at Des Moines brought out indisputable proof of the existence of a grain trust in the Iowa grain dealers' association.

Washington dispatches say that Mr. Cortelyou will resign from the chairmanship of the republican national committee before he becomes secretary of the treasury.

YAWNS AND THE MAN

Travelers' tales which often add charm to the conversation of an agreeable person frequently render a bore more tiresome than ever, a fact that was amusingly illustrated by an occurrence in a Baltimore club house not long ago. "There I stood, gentlemen," the long-winded narrator was saying, after droning on for an hour with reference to his trip to Switzerland—"there I stood with the abyss yawning in front of me." "Pardon me," hastily interjected one of the unfortunate men who had been obliged to listen to the story, "but was that abyss yawning before you got there?"—Harper's Weekly.

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