



A collision on the Rock Island road forty miles from Topeka resulted in the death of thirty people and the injury of forty others.

James McRae of Pittsburg has been chosen president of the Pennsylvania railroad to succeed the late A. J. Cassatt.

The Nebraska house of representatives chose Daniel Nettleton to be speaker.

The Colorado house of representatives chose Robert G. Breckenridge to be speaker.

In his message to the legislature Governor Hughes of New York recommended a recount of votes cast for mayor of New York City. He said it was a matter of grave concern that the view should be largely, even though erroneously held, that one who has been elected to office has been deprived of his seat through invalid returns.

John D. Rockefeller sent to the University of Chicago a New Year's greeting in the form of gifts of cash aggregating \$2,917,000.

Judge Evans in the federal court at Louisville, Ky., declared the employers' liability act to be unconstitutional. The decision was given in the case of the administratrix of N. C. Brooks vs. the Southern Pacific railroad, and it is believed to be the first handed down in connection with this act.

A Manila cablegram carried by the Associated Press follows: "The tenth anniversary of the execution in 1896 by Spaniards of Dr. Rizal, who was charged with fomenting a rebellion, was celebrated here today. There was a parade and addresses were delivered on the Luneta at the spot where Dr. Rizal was executed. The native speakers expressed confidence in the future independence of the Filipinos, who were urged to prepare themselves for the full benefits of self-government. Governor General Smith in an address eulogized Rizal."

W. S. Jackson, New York's democratic attorney general, has notified Mr. Hearst, that he will grant leave to institute quo warranto proceedings against Mayor McClellan. This privilege was denied by the republican attorney general.

Baroness Burdett-Coutts died at London, aged ninety-two years.

Former United States Senator D. L. Caffery died at New Orleans.

Former United States Senator Thomas M. Bowen died at Pueblo, Colo.

A Guthrie, Okla., dispatch by the Associated Press says: "A large number of mill men and grain, lumber, cotton and coal dealers in Oklahoma today sent to President Roosevelt a petition asking that a receiver be appointed for the Rock Island railroad, alleging inability on the part of the corporation to properly handle the freight and passenger business offered

to it for transportation. The petition is the direct outcome of the car shortage, from which the interests represented by the signers of the petition are still suffering. The petition cites that the Rock Island is able to handle but a small part of the public traffic."

A newspaper dispatch from Memphis, Tenn., says: "Judge McCall of the federal circuit court today declared the LaFollette fellow servants act unconstitutional. The action was that of Damselle Howard against the Illinois Central Railroad company and a special representative of the department of justice at Washington argued the case for the government."

Fifty-three persons were killed and fifty others were seriously injured in a wreck on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad within three miles of Washington.

The republican caucus in the Colorado legislature agreed upon Simon Guggenheim to succeed Senator Paterson. Guggenheim is a millionaire.

Both houses of the Nebraska legislature adopted resolutions barring lobbyists from the floor.

George U. Hendricks, connected with the Waters-Pierce Oil company, who is wanted as a witness in the investigation of the trust for the state of Missouri, is missing.

In the investigation by the interstate commerce commission of the Harriman lines it was brought out and admitted that the Union Pacific Railroad company, the Southern Pacific company, the Oregon Short Line and the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company are practically under the same administration, Mr. Harriman appearing as president of each company, with only slight variations in the lists of other officers. It was further shown that the Southern Pacific company owns the Pacific Mail Steamship company; that the Southern Pacific and the Harriman interests own the Portland and Orient Steamship Co. It was said the Occidental is in-liquidation, but it still operates two steamers. On the Atlantic ocean it was shown that the Southern Pacific owns the line of steamers running between New York and New Orleans formerly known as the Morgan line. The Union Pacific, by means of an agreement signed by Mr. Harriman and Senator William A. Clark, has a traffic arrangement with the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railway lasting ninety-nine years. This agreement was entered into in 1903 and by its terms the San Pedro can not raise or lower its rates without the consent of the Southern Pacific. The Union Pacific exercises a joint control with the Rock Island over the Chicago & Alton railroad. The agreement is that the Union Pacific shall have charge of the road one year and the Rock Island the next. This agreement, entered into by Mr. Harriman and W. B. Leeds, extends for a period of ten years from 1904. The Union Pacific owns \$28,123,100 worth of stock or 29.59 per cent of the capitalization of the Illinois Central railroad. The Union Pacific also owns \$5,082,300 worth of stock of the St. Joseph & Grand Island railroad, which is 37.37 per cent of the whole. The Oregon Short Line owns \$39,540,600 worth of stock in the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company, this being 18.62 per

cent of the whole. Of Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul stock, the Oregon Short Line owns \$3,690,000 worth or 3.42 per cent. The company also owns \$2,572,000 or 2.58 per cent of the stock of the Chicago & North-western; \$10,000,000 of the preferred stock of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, being 4.28 per cent, and \$14,285,745 or 7.97 per cent of the capital stock of the New York Central & Hudson River railroad. Of these holdings by the Harriman companies the stocks of the Illinois Central, Baltimore & Ohio, New York Central, Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and St. Joseph & Grand Island, aggregating in value \$103,293,745, have all been bought since July 1, 1906.

WASHINGTON NEWS

Representative Barthold of Missouri urges the bond issue of five hundred million dollars for the purpose of improving the water ways.

Charges of fraud were filed with Postmaster General Cortelyou against the officials and members of the New York cotton exchange by Representative Livingston of Georgia, and Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton association. On the charges they filed they base a request that the post-office issue a fraud order against the officials and members of the cotton exchange in order to bar them from the use of the United States mails in conducting what the charges term fraudulent practices.

In the senate Culberson of Texas defended the president for the discharge of the negro troops. Mr. Culberson said that he cared nothing about Mr. Roosevelt personally in the matter, but that he was right in this affair. He added: "My personal relations with him (the president) are about as cordial as those of the senator from Ohio." (Foraker).

Speaker Cannon has appointed Representative Englebright of California to the committee of mines and mining in the place of Mr. Williamson of Oregon, who is under indictment and has absented himself from the session.

A DREAMER

I am tired of planning and toiling
In the crowded hives of men;
Heart-weary of building and spoiling,
And spoiling and building again.
I long for the dear old river,
Where I dreamed my youth away;
For a dreamer lives forever,
And a toiler dies in a day.
—John Boyle O'Riley.

A DREAM WORTH DREAMING

My youth was ever constant to one dream
That in the ripeness of my days I might
Something achieve that should the world requite
For my existence.
—Bertram Dobell.

Which is Different

"Miss Quear is exactly like her father, isn't she?"
"No; not exactly. She's a crank by inheritance, and he's a crank from choice."—Chicago Tribune.

Those Breakfast Concerts

"The chanting strains of music," said the man who writes poetry, "often cause us to seek the unattainable."
"Right, indeed!" assented the practical man who lives in an apartment house. "When that girl in the next flat begins to play Chopin in ragtime I seek a bootjack and there is not one in the neighborhood."—Chicago News.

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