



The shah of Persia is dead. He was born in 1853 and succeeded his father as shah in 1896.

John R. Wilson, a prominent democrat and lawyer of Deadwood, S. D., is dead.

Ernest Howard Crosby, well known for his pleas in behalf of republican government and peace, died at Baltimore.

Attorney General Jackson of New York has begun quo warranto proceedings to test Mayor McClellan's title to his office.

The will of the late A. J. Cassatt, the railroad magnate, leaves a fifty million estate to the widow and three children.

Corporal Knowles, a negro of company A, Twenty-fifth Infantry, has been placed under arrest at St. Reno, charged with shooting Captain Macklin, December 21. Company A is one of the companies not included in the president's order discharging negro troops.

Lewis de Lario was burned to death in a fire which broke out in a Pullman sleeping car and destroyed the car at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Congressman William Alden Smith was nominated by the republican caucus in the Michigan legislature to succeed United States Senator Alger. The nomination is equivalent to an election.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Chicago, January 10, follows: "An excited crowd of West Side citizens took forcible possession of the council chamber in the city hall today and virtually compelled the members of a council committee to flee from the place. The members of the crowd were protestants against a project for widening of Halstead street. The committee having the matter under consideration met today in the council chamber and finally voted to postpone action until June. This was highly unsatisfactory to many of the citizens present who wished the matter settled at once. Cries of 'Coward!' 'Thief!' and 'Robber!' were hurled at the members of the committee as they hastily left the apartment. The citizens came rushing down from the galleries and poured in from the halls, taking complete possession of the chamber. They then organized a meeting of their own and formally protested against further delay in settling the question."

Tokio cablegrams say that the Japanese government has decided not to send its training squadron to the Pacific coast. The squadron will go only as far as Honolulu.

The tobacco trust was found guilty in the United States circuit court of New York on the charge of forming

an illegal combination and being a monopoly. The verdict was against the corporation, a verdict of not guilty being returned against the individual defendants.

Many places in Pennsylvania report an earthquake January 10.

Five thousand kegs of powder exploded at the powder plant at Horrel, Pa. No lives were lost.

In a message to the legislature Governor Deneen of Illinois asked for an appropriation of \$50,000 for the purpose of prosecuting the Illinois Central Railroad company for taxes and other claims due the state. The governor says the railroad misrepresents its earnings.

Governor Davidson of Wisconsin recommended to the legislature a constitutional amendment providing for an income tax.

The Wall Street Journal says. "It is generally believed in well informed quarters that one of the results of the investigation of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific by the interstate commerce commission and their attorneys will be an order from the commission to command the Union Pacific to sell its Southern Pacific stock. In fact, as a result it is possible that the Union Pacific will be ordered by the commission to sell its Atchison, St. Paul, Chicago & Northwestern and perhaps even Chicago & Alton stocks in addition to its Southern Pacific stock. This would have no material effect upon the Union Pacific policy. The Union Pacific ownership of these stocks is chiefly of an investment nature and will be a small matter, as it could invest in other securities paying an equally good return. Aside from these two issues, the chances are that the interstate commerce commission will recommend further legislation governing railroad corporations, attempting probably to define the scope of their financial operations and the power which may be vested in any one official. If the commission orders the Union Pacific to sell its Southern Pacific stock there is little doubt that the order will be contested to the last ditch by Harriman people, just as the Northern Securities case was contested in the courts for several years. An eminent railroad lawyer says: "If the Union Pacific is ordered to sell its Southern Pacific stock there is no reason in the world why most of the big railroads in the land should not be compelled to take similar steps in connection with stocks in subsidiary lines. The sale of this stock would, of course, in many cases dissolve the entire system. It appears to be a question of only making the investigation and then applying the principle which the supreme court may lay down."

Congressman Charles Curtis was nominated by the republican caucus to succeed Senator Benson as United States senator from Kansas. Benson was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Senator Burton.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Great Falls, Montana, January 11, follows: "The Montana Central west bound train on which Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bryan were passengers, collided with a switch engine and stone cars in the Great Falls yards today. The engine of the pas-

senger train was damaged, the baggage car was wrecked and several persons were shaken up badly. Mike Connelly of Glasgow was injured severely about the head and shoulders, but not fatally, while several others were bruised considerably. The passenger train was moving at only about ten miles an hour in a blinding blizzard and the engineer could see only a few feet ahead. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan were both thrown from their seats, but received no injuries other than the shaking up."

#### After the Banquet

"Whew!" exclaimed Rounder, as he came down to breakfast blowing the tips of his fingers. "I tell you it is an outrage the way they are running cold cars in Chicago. Why, I had to stand outside on one last night and I almost froze to death getting home from the club."

"I don't doubt it," snapped Mrs. Rounder. "I stood at the window and saw you stepping off a snowplow."

Without another word Rounder grabbed his hat and started for the office.—Chicago News.

#### Not Skeptical

"I suppose now," said Miss Angular, "you would hardly believe me to be 32 years old."

"Oh, yes," rejoined Mr. Biffingham, "I would have believed it ten years ago."—Chicago News.

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