



Fifty persons were killed as the result of an explosion in the Stewart mine near Fayetteville, West Virginia.

The house of representatives in the Nebraska legislature passed the child labor law which limits the hours of child labor and protects them from vicious forms of employment.

A Constantinople cablegram carried by the Associated Press follows: "Fehmi Pasha, chief of the secret police of the palace, and a great confidant and favorite of the sultan, has come into serious conflict with the German embassy owing to his action in causing the seizure recently of a ship's cargo destined for Hamburg. The sultan tried to pacify the embassy officials by immediately ordering the release of the cargo, but Germany, in a forcible note to the porte, now demands the punishment of Fehmi Pasha, pointing out that in the step taken he was guilty of an infraction of the penal code, rendering him liable to life imprisonment. The diplomats here are watching with great interest this struggle between the German embassy and the sultan's protegee."

Eighty-four inmates of the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, most of them men who had been convicted for deserting from the army, were released in one day on an order from the secretary of war.

The socialists lost heavily in the election throughout Germany, many of their leaders being defeated. A Berlin cablegram estimated the socialist loss at sixteen. The loss is attributed to the stay-at-home vote.

Henry M. Field, one of the famous Field brothers, is dead.

A New York World cablegram follows: "The income tax of Prussia totals \$4,680,000, paid on a gross income of \$2,608,444,000. In Great Britain there are only twenty-four individuals whose income exceeds \$250,000 a year. The total income tax paid was on a gross income of \$2,347,708,940."

The house of representatives by a vote of 136 to 85 refused to approve of the recommendation of the committee to strike out the appropriation for free distribution of garden seed.

The Ann Arbor railroad has been fined \$15,000 by Federal Judge R. W. Taylor at Toledo, Ohio, on the charge of rebating.

General Luis Mata y Illas, governor of Caracas, Venezuela, was assassinated.

Mrs. Russell Sage has given one million dollars to the Reusselaer Polytechnic institute.

The annual report of the steel trust shows net earnings for 1906 of \$156,000,000.

The Matthews Indiana democrats met as early as December 8, 1906, and organized a democratic club by electing W. P. Allen president of their or-

ganization, J. W. McClellan secretary, and Wm. H. Zell treasurer. After adopting a constitution and by-laws, all of which are in full accord with Jeffersonian teachings, including the adoption of the primary pledge plan.

The South Carolina house of representatives, by a vote of 74 to 48 passed a bill to abolish the state liquor dispensary. The state senate is committed to the same policy.

Cablegrams from China say that Chinese officials are unable to cope with famine.

The California state senate has adopted a resolution protesting against unwarranted interference with constitutional rights of the state and "requesting the governor and attorney general to do all things necessary to protect and save the rights of the state of California."

S. C. T. Dodd, solicitor for the Standard Oil company, died at Pine Hurst, North Carolina. He was the most famous of the Standard Oil attorneys.

Senator Dryden has withdrawn from the senatorial contest in New Jersey.

A New York grand jury has returned indictments against the theatrical trust.

WASHINGTON NEWS

The California delegation in congress had a conference with the president regarding the Japanese question on the Pacific coast and later issued a statement saying they were satisfied that a solution of the difficulty satisfactory to all would soon be reached. The president of the San Francisco Board of Education and the superintendent of schools will go to Washington to confer with the president.

Senator Heyburn of Idaho addressed the senate on Senator Carter's resolution nullifying the order of the secretary of the interior, providing that no patent to public lands should be issued without an examination first being made on the ground by a special agent of the interior department. Mr. Heyburn took the position that the order was legally an order of the president. He said the president in a recent message has said practically that he (the president) had ordered the secretary of the interior not to execute the public land laws.

Representative Wadsworth of New York, who retires with the close of this session delivered a speech in the house in which he took the president to task because of a letter written last June relating to the meat inspection. Mr. Wadsworth asked the clerk of the house to read the letter and claiming credit for the bill said if after seven months' study of its provisions the people were satisfied with it "just as I (Wadsworth) promised you gentlemen last June—on behalf of the committee on agriculture, when, without reading it you passed it under suspension of the rules—it would be."

Mr. Rayner of Maryland addressed the senate in critical review of what he termed the "president's usurpation of governmental functions not conferred on him by the constitution."

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington follows: "The interstate commerce commission today promulgated two tariff circulars containing

regulations governing the construction and filing of freight and passenger tariffs and classifications effective March 1 next. The regulations cover joint tariffs and joint rates, through tariffs and through rates, and also individual rates of the various carriers. It is reported that a change in a tariff shall be known as an amendment and shall be printed in the supplement to the tariff which it amends. No rule shall be included, the circulars state, which in any way or in any terms authorizes substituting for any rate named in the tariff. Every carrier shall publish, post and file separate tariffs containing in plain and specific form and terms all of the terminal charges and allowances, together with all other charges and rules which in any way increase or decrease the amount to be paid on any shipment as stated in the regular tariff. If a carrier refuses to participate in through or joint rates to or from its territory the commission will give early hearing on the complaint against such action and render decisions under the law which confers authority to establish through routes and joint rates. Such complaining carriers may, the commission rules, use such through rates over their lines of the objecting carrier or carriers as may have been lawfully published and filed, pending a decision by the commission. The passenger tariff regulations contain general rules regarding stop-overs, baggage and excess baggage weights, and special provision is made for the arrangement for points in local and interdivisional tariffs and for statements showing the routing."

In a recent letter addressed to Senator Allison from the chairman of the committee on appropriations, Secretary of War Taft says "there is every reason why the fortification at Hawaii should now be made ready." The secretary wants an appropriation of \$350,000 instead of \$100,000 for Pearl harbor.

Senator Perkins of California delivered an address before the National Geographical society in which he expressed fear of the danger of war with Japan. He expressed the hope that serious trouble would be avoided but said great care must be exercised.

It is now announced the the entire board of education of San Francisco has gone to Washington to confer with President Roosevelt on the Japanese question. The board was accompanied by Mayor Schmitz.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington follows: "The sub-committee of the house by a strict party vote, laid on the table the resolution of Representative Sims of Tennessee, commending the president for his action in discharging the colored soldiers engaged in "shooting up" the town of Brownsville, Tex. The democrats voted solidly against the motion. Mr. Sims will now bring the resolution before the house on a motion to discharge the military committee from further consideration and have the resolution considered by the house, providing the speaker will recognize him for that purpose."

Senator Carter delivered a speech denouncing Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock.

The interstate commerce commission has made a report concerning the Standard Oil company which is a severe arraignment on the trust, showing that the Standard has built up a monopoly by violating the law with impunity and become guilty of all manner of crimes.

President Roosevelt has in unequivocal terms approved Admiral Davis' entire action in connection with his controversy with Governor Sweetenham at Kingston, Jamaica. It is reported that the governor has resigned.

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