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The Pennsylvania railroad has granted an increase of wages to the yard men in the Pittsburg switching district. Ten hours or less is to constitute a day's work. The company is evidently preparing to meet a general strike.

The thirteen officials of the New York Central, charged with responsibility for the Bronx wreck on February 16, who were cited to appear before the coroner ignored the order. The coroner will endeavor to enforce his mandate.

An organization is being formed in Pittsburg for the purpose of booming Senator Knox for the republican presidential nomination in 1908, and securing for him the solid Pennsylvania delegation.

Speaker Cannon and eleven representatives sailed on March 5 for a trip to Panama, the West Indies and the Azores. The party were the guests of William B. McKinley of Illinois.

The Russian Duma or lower house of the Russian parliament opened in St. Petersburg on March 5. It was made the occasion of a great revolutionary demonstration by the St. Petersburg proletariat and the students of the city, which resulted in several encounters between the police and the populace and more or less serious injury to a number of the latter. The situation was such that the authorities finally were forced to fill the streets with military patrols, as in the ominous days of the Trepoff regime.

The Chicago, Cleveland and New York special was wrecked at Tivoli, N. Y., March 5, and six passengers were seriously injured.

General Booth, head of the Salvation Army, arrived in New York on March 5. He will visit the principal cities in Canada on his way to Seattle, and will sail from the latter port for Japan.

On March 7 it was announced on Wall street that Mr. Harriman had secured control of the Reading railroad.

Will J. Davis of Chicago, charged with manslaughter on account of the fire in the Iroquois theatre in Chicago in 1903, was acquitted at Danville.

Seven persons were injured, four seriously, in a collision on the Toledo, St. Louis and Western railroad at Neoga, Ill., one day last week.

An opinion has been rendered by Attorney General Bonaparte to the president bearing on the legality of the action of the South Carolina authorities in bringing to the United States a ship load of immigrants for work in various branches of industry in that state. The attorney general holds in effect that it is unlawful for a state government to pay the passage of immigrants or to assist immigration otherwise than by advertisements.

The bill giving sheriffs and constables the right to destroy gambling paraphernalia seized by them has passed the Indiana senate. The bill was the result of the raids on French Lick and West Baden last year, but it contains a provision for an appeal to a higher court.

The South Dakota legislature has passed the divorce bill requiring resi-

dence of one year in the state and three months in the county before beginning a divorce suit, with all hearings in open court. This law kills the divorce industry in the state.

To prevent the Japanese from poaching on the sparsely guarded Siberian littoral during the fishing season, commencing in April, Russia has decided to send to the Pacific two small cruisers, which are now in the Black sea. The treaty negotiations between Russia and Japan are still hanging fire, Japan evidently awaiting parliamentary developments before entering a definite agreement.

Miss Cornelia Fitzgerald, daughter of Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald, of the Methodist Episcopal church, residing at St. Louis, died in Penang, India, on March 1. She was accompanying her father and other members of the family in a tour of the world.

The Prendergast factory inspection bill, providing for a state factory inspector with chief deputies in St. Louis and Kansas City, and a number of assistants, was defeated in the Missouri senate by a vote of 13 to 9.

Charges have been filed with the treasury department that the Standard Oil trust has evaded the tariff duty on 20,000 cases of oil shipped from the United States to the Philippines in 1901. The trust had a contract to supply the army 35,000 cases of oil in the Philippines. The oil was cleared at Manila, and the duty was knocked off, because it was government business.

The child labor question will be investigated by the bureau of commerce and labor during the coming spring and summer, but President Roosevelt has decided that the investigation cannot be conducted by present members of the classified civil service. James Bronson Reynolds, a sociologist and settlement worker of distinction, who assisted in the sensational investigation of the Chicago packing houses last year, has been mentioned as one of the investigators, and it is not unlikely that the president will appoint him.

Following the example of eastern railroads, western lines are preparing to make increases in freight rates by changes in the commodities.

The democrats of the Second Oklahoma district have nominated E. L. Fulton of Oklahoma City for congress. Mr. Fulton is a brother of Senator Fulton of Oregon.

In the Missouri senate Senator Avery's bill, providing for a daily reading of the Bible in the public schools, has been reported by the committee on education with the recommendation that it pass.

The two-cent fare provision has been made a part of the new Oklahoma constitution. It excepts railroads which can show that they are losing money at the two-cent rate.

Archie Roosevelt, third son of the president, has been dangerously ill with diphtheria.

George W. Perkins, former vice-president of the New York Life Insurance company, now a member of the firm of J. Pierpont Morgan & Company, has sent the New York Life his personal check for \$54,019.19 to reimburse the company for the republican campaign contribution made from

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