



The authorities have arrested half a dozen persons in connection with the Union Pacific train robbery near Omaha. It is believed that the men in custody are among the most notorious criminals.

A movement is on foot to erect a monument at Lincoln, Neb., to the memory of General Victor Vifquain.

Democrats of Kearney, Neb., are preparing for a dollar dinner to be given in that city on the evening of June 19.

John Maxey, a negro, who shot B. C. Bowers, a circus man, at Frankfort, Kentucky, was taken from jail and hanged from the St. Clare street bridge.

Dr. Theodore Barth, leader of one of the radical parties in the German reichstag, died at Baden Baden.

Former Sheriff Shipp and the five other Tennesseans who were declared guilty by the United States supreme court of contempt filed petitions for re-hearing and were released on bond until the next term of court.

Justice John M. Harlan of the United States supreme court celebrated his 76th birthday.

Attorney General Wickersham has fully exonerated Federal Judge Edward R. Meek and United States At-

torney Atwell of Texas. Charges had been preferred against them but the attorney general decided that they are "absolutely above reproach."

The monthly statement of the treasury shows that the government's May deficit was but a little over \$5,400,000.

President Taft has approved an order made by Secretary of the Navy Meyer prohibiting midshipmen from marrying until the completion of the prescribed six years course of training.

King Alfonso of Spain fell from a horse and broke his ankle.

A Chicago dispatch to the Sioux E. Davies, whose sobriquet of 'Parson' Davies was conferred upon him by the late William H. Vanderbilt, and by which he is known throughout the sporting world, is critically ill at his sister's home in Chicago. Owing to his age, 60 years, the physicians hold out no hope for his recovery. 'Parson' Davies is one of the best known sporting men in the world. Many years ago he was managing Dan O'Leary when O'Leary was engaging in walking contests at Madison Square garden. On one occasion William H. Vanderbilt saw him in the arena, and, struck by his appearance, turned to Ed Stokes and asked: 'Who is the clean cut, well dressed gentleman?' 'He,' replied

Stokes, 'is a prominent Chicago sporting man.' 'Why,' said Vanderbilt, 'he looks more like a handsome parson.' A score of persons heard the remark, and the name stuck to Davies."

The New York World says: "Supreme Court Justice William J. Gaynor, of Brooklyn, has written a letter to Mayor McClellan urging him to remove from office Police Commissioner Theodore A. Bingham. The justice bases his request upon the ground that the police commissioner has been guilty of oppression and violation of the law in subjecting innocent citizens to the process of 'mugging' before they have been tried and convicted. He declares that the commissioner is possessed of the most dangerous and destructive delusion that officials can entertain in a free government, namely, that he is under no legal restraint whatever, but may do as he wills, instead of only what the law permits, and that only in the manner it prescribes. Justice Gaynor also expresses the wish that he had the power to put a stop to the practices he complains of even for a month or two. 'In that time,' he says, 'official lawlessness could be stopped and Anglo-Saxon government restored to the city.'"

A New York dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "George Baglin, vice president of the Union Copper company, was taken to the Tombs prison today and must remain there under an order of Justice Lacombe of the United States district court until missing books of the company, the evidence upon which the federal district attorney seeks to convict F. August Heinze, are produced. A similar punishment also hangs over Sanford Robinson, a prominent director of the company, whose case will be further considered by Judge Lacombe. Both men are alleged to have permitted the spiriting away of the books that were under subpoena. Baglin testified before the grand jury that he had overheard Robinson and one of the Heinze brothers conspiring to remove the books and had interposed an objection."

Former Governor Thomas T. Crittenden died at his home in Kansas City.

The United States Brewers Association met at Atlantic City, New Jersey. They decided that the prohibition wave is on the decline.

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle, Wash., was formally opened.

The Nebraska state board of equalization under the lead of Governor Shallenberger increased railroad valuation \$5,000,000.

Referring to Mr. Taft's speech at Gettysburg, the New York World says: "Mr. Taft's speech at Gettysburg might have been happier and it might have been pitched in a higher key. Reducing the address to its simplest terms, about all the president had to say was that the regular army had rendered great service to the nation; that the army was larger than it had ever been before, but that it was not too large and should not be reduced. Surely Gettysburg might have inspired a loftier message than this."

A Washington dispatch to the New York World says: "The Greenough statue of George Washington, set up in 1842, represented the Father of his Country sitting in a bathrobe on a big block of stone. For more than fifty years it stood on the capital plaza, an incongruous

figure. Then it was moved to the Smithsonian Institution and at a cost of \$10,000 restored. It was thought that its troubles had ended, but today passers-by discovered that Eliot Woods, superintendent of the capitol building, is using the ten-ton pedestal as the corner stone for the new senate office building power plant. Vigorous protest is being made, and the old block of marble, embellished with the legend 'First in War,' may yet be saved from such an inglorious fate."

A Washington City dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "In the cases of former Sheriff Shipp and five others, charged with contempt of the supreme court of the United States, the court postponed the passing of sentence to permit the prisoners to file petitions for a re-hearing. The cases therefore go over until the next term, the prisoners remaining out on bond. The arraignment of the six men was an unprecedented spectacle in this, the highest tribunal in the nation. The prisoners consist of former Sheriff Joseph F. Shipp of Hamilton county, Tenn., and his jailer deputy, Jeremiah Gibson, and Luther Williams, Nick Nolan, Henry Padgett and William Mayse, all of Chattanooga. They are the men who a week ago were found guilty by the court on the charge of contempt in permitting and participating in the lynching in 1905 of a negro named Ed Johnson after the supreme court had granted permission to him to bring his case to the supreme court on appeal. He had been found guilty of the crime of rape and was under sentence to be hanged. The granting of the appeal acted as a writ of supersedeas; when the fact of this action became known in Chattanooga, where Johnson was in jail, and when the further fact that it would cause a postponement of the execution, if not entirely prevent it, dawned upon the people of that city there was considerable excitement, which culminated during the night following in a mob taking Johnson from the jail and hanging him. The act was resented by the court as one of flagrant contempt and immediately complaint was made to President Roosevelt, with the result that he placed the matter in the hands of the department of justice, which immediately took steps to ascertain the names of the participants in the lynching. Proceedings were then instituted against the sheriff and a number of his deputies, as well as against about twenty citizens of Chattanooga. The inquiry which subsequently was made on behalf of the court reduced this number to nine and the court's own investigation eliminated three others, leaving six to be brought before the tribunal. The offenders came into court in a body. They were accompanied by officers of the law and by their attorneys.

James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, says that the present day high prices are a part of the natural process.

The silver service, bearing the portrait of Jefferson Davis, was presented by the governor of Mississippi to the battleship Mississippi. An Associated Press dispatch says: "Lieutenant Commander McCormick, who accepted the silver service in the name of Captain Fremont and officers and men of the battleship, commented upon the fact that the name of Jefferson Davis as secretary of war, which had been chiseled from Cabin John Bridge in the strife between the states, recently had been restored by order of the president. The national government had recognized the propriety of its being there, and in the same way officers of the battleship

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