

board of directors are: Matt Mahorner, Jr., of Mobile; W. H. Gulliver, Portland, Me.; Daniel J. Griffith, New York; John A. Bowler, Sioux Falls, S. D. Quebec was selected unanimously as the next meeting place.

Washington dispatches say that the president is thinking of calling a special session of congress in 1910 to take up the money question.

It is announced that Senator Aldrich will make three speeches next fall in defense of the tariff bill. One will be in Chicago, another in St. Louis and another probably in Milwaukee. He will sail for Europe in September, returning in October, when he will take up the money question and prepare for settling that question in some such way as the tariff question was settled.

A Hartford, Conn., dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "Both houses of the Connecticut legislature today passed a bill repealing the so-called 'blue laws,' relating to Sunday observance, which forbid almost every form of recreation and secular activity. The laws, which have been seldom enforced, are relics of enactments of the law giving body of 1772. One of the laws specifically repealed is that which provides for a fine of \$4 on each person who shall attend a concert or entertainment on the Lord's day. The new Sunday bill is short. It defines the Sunday and prohibits all sports and secular activities 'except such as are deemed by necessity and mercy and such as are for the general welfare of the community.' Under the words 'general welfare of the community,' Sunday baseball will be, probably, permitted."

Pennsylvania democrats met in state convention at Harrisburg. The following ticket to be voted for in November was nominated: Associate justice of the supreme court, C. Larue Munson, of Williamsport; state treasurer, former Congressman George W. Kipp, Towanda; auditor general, J. Wood Clark, Indiana, Pa. The convention adopted the platform approving the income tax.

A Washington dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "Uncle Sam's pocketbook suffered a big shrinkage because of the prohibition wave during the fiscal year ending July 30, during which period there was a decrease of \$5,290,773 in whisky tax receipts, as shown by the preliminary report of the internal revenue bureau, just issued by Acting Commissioner Robert Williams, Jr. Whisky tax collections last year were \$134,868,034, as against \$140,158,807 for the preceding year. The receipts of beer and other fermented liquors amounted to \$57,456,411, a decrease of \$2,351,205 compared with 1908. The nation's tobacco bill, however, showed an increase. The government tax on all sorts of tobacco aggregated \$51,887,178, an increase of \$2,204,423 over the previous year. The oleomargarine tax collections were \$902,197, a falling off of \$52,107 compared with the year before. Internal revenue receipts from all sources were \$246,212,719. The government expended approximately \$4,976,000 in collecting internal revenue. Illinois led the country with \$43,441,771 internal revenue paid into the treasury. Other states in which the tax exceeded twenty million dollars were Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania and New York."

Governor Johnson of Minnesota was the orator of the day at the Seattle exposition. In his address the governor said: "It is time that the

west threw off the shackles of the east. I would preach no sectional divisions and no sectional strifes, but Minnesota and Washington and the states between them, with those to the south of us, should rise in their might and claim for themselves that fair share of influence in the halls of congress and in the administration of national affairs to which they are entitled by every law of common sense, as well as of political economy. We, as an integral part of the American people should cast our influence and our votes to advance the material interests of our own particular section, but we should be broad enough and big enough to labor for the common good of our common country."

Two children of Pietro Viviano of St. Louis were abducted and are being held for \$25,000 ransom.

"Bob" Burdette, the clergyman and humorist, has found it necessary to retire from his place as pastor of the Temple Baptist church, Los Angeles on account of illness.

The bill providing for state wide prohibition passed the Alabama house of representatives by a vote of 75 to 19.

The Catholic total abstinence union of America, in session at Chicago, elected as its president, Rev. Father P. J. O'Callaghan, head of the Paulist order here and pastor of St. Mary's church. Boston was selected as the city for the next annual convention. The other officers elected were: First vice president, Rev. James G. Beane of Pittsburg, re-elected; second vice president, John J. Corbett, New Haven, Conn., re-elected; third vice president, Miss Katherine Kelly, Kansas City; treasurer, Rev. J. B. Molyan, Scranton, Pa.; general secretary, John T. Shay, Boston, Mass. Resolutions urging members of the organization to fight vigorously for local option, enthusiastically adopted, were followed by an appeal to the Catholic laity and clergy of the entire country to rally around the white flag of temperance. Indorsing the motion of J. Washington Logue of Philadelphia, the convention also set itself on record as against the payment of employes by checks, which, it was said, frequently are cashed in the saloon. With the election of officers the sessions held at the Auditorium theater came to a close.

Congress finally appropriated to President Taft \$25,000 for railroad travel, and \$12,000 to purchase Vice President Sherman and Speaker Taft each a \$6,000 automobile.

Judge Joseph R. Clarkson, who disappeared from his home at Kenosha, Wis., has been located. He had wandered away and was found working in a pearl button factory at Sabula, Iowa.

Lord Kitchener, in command of the forces in India, has been appointed to succeed the Duke of Connaught as inspector general of the Mediterranean forces, which position the duke recently resigned on the ground of "the ineffective nature of the work and the useless expense to the nation involved therein." Lord Kitchener will take the rank of field marshal and also becomes a member of the committee of imperial defense. The inspector general has command of the garrisons at Malta and Gibraltar and all the British troops in Egypt, the Soudan and Cyprus.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says: "None of the new Panama bonds authorized by congress at the session just closed

will be issued before congress meets again and has had an opportunity to change the existing circulation tax. Announcement to this effect was made in a statement issued by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh. The reasons for withholding the new issue are set forth by Secretary MacVeagh as follows: 'Under the existing law the tax on circulation secured by 3 per cent bonds is 1 per cent, while a half per cent is the tax on circulation secured by 2 per cent bonds. The circulation privileges of the new bonds would therefore be superior to those of the 2 per cent bonds and would produce a discrimination against the latter.' The secretary feels that it is a duty of the government to see that the 2 per cent bonds have the protection of a parity.'

Mrs. John P. Altgeld, widow of the former governor of Illinois, is seriously ill at a Chicago hospital.

President Taft has gone to his summer home at Beverly, Mass. On September 15, accompanied by his family, he will leave for the west. His first stop will be at Chicago, then he will go to Madison, Wis., Minneapolis, Des Moines, Omaha, Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Glenwood Springs, Salt Lake City, Pocatello, Idaho, Butte, Helena, Spokane, North Yakima, Seattle, Sacramento, San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, El Paso, Texas, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Houston, Dallas, St. Louis. From St. Louis he will take a four days trip down the Mississippi, going to New Orleans, and will then return to Washington, going through Jackson, Miss., Columbus, Miss., Birmingham, Ala., Macon, Ga., Savannah, Charleston, S. C., Augusta, Ga., Columbus, S. C., Wilmington, N. C., Richmond, Va.

An Associated Press dispatch from Muskogee, Okla., says: "Federal Judge Ralph E. Campbell this afternoon sustained the demurrers of defendants in 30,000 Indian land alienation suits brought by the government. The action by the government was ordered dismissed. The court held that the titles obtained from the Indians before the act removing restrictions went into effect are good. The alienation suits were brought by the government in the interest of the members of the five civilized tribes. It is estimated that about two million acres of land were involved in the suits. The suits have been pending for more than a year against grantees in conveyances involving restricted lands in the old Indian territory section of Oklahoma. The defendants in the suits who claimed title to the land by reason of purchase from the Indians, are scattered throughout the United States, and some reside in Scotland and Mexico. United States Senator Robert L. Owen was a defendant in 150 cases and Chief Justice Williams of the supreme court of this state was also a defendant. Judge Campbell in his decision insisted that the act of congress conferring statehood on Oklahoma, including old Indian Territory, conferred citizenship, both state and national, upon all members of the civilized tribes. The court held that the contention of the government that the Indians still occupy the position of wards under the government, and that the latter has the right to sue for their protection, presents an anomaly. According to the decision the government relinquished guardianship when congress passed the act conferring statehood."

Speaker Cannon in the distribution of committee chairmen punished the republican congressmen who had opposed him and gave the east by far the better of it. A Washington city

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