

the so-called insurgents represented by Mr. Dwight on the one hand and Mr. Hayes on the other, after conference with the president that a caucus should be held to pass upon the question of the committee in the interior department investigation with the assurance that the insurgents, if they came into the caucus, would be treated fairly and that a committee of acknowledged impartiality would be appointed. A further agreement was foreshadowed that caucuses would be held from time to time to which all elected as republicans should be invited to take up the various measures recommended by the administration as performances of party pledges, the subject of each caucus to be announced in advance." Speaking for the republican insurgents, Representative Hayes of California characterized as premature the statement of President Taft and Representative Dwight indicating a cessation of hostilities between the house regulars and insurgents. When Representative Hayes was notified of Mr. Dwight's statement he denied that any agreement had been reached. Later Representative Hayes gave out a statement to the effect that the agreement related only to the Ballinger caucus.

The collector of customs at Newport News, Va., has been authorized to close his office on January 19, that being the anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee.

In the democratic caucus the house members, James of Kentucky and Rainey of Illinois were chosen to be democratic members of the Ballinger investigating committee.

Representative G. J. Diekema of Michigan, a republican standpatter, has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for speaker to succeed Cannon. He declares that he is not an insurgent but a regular. Representative Mann of Illinois declares that Cannon must be re-elected. Champ Clark says the republicans have nothing to quarrel over, for the next house will be democratic.

Representative Albert S. Dawson of the Second Iowa district announces he will not be a candidate for renomination. He says he must devote his attention to private affairs. Insurgent republicans say he knows this is not a standpat year.

The United States has lost its place as the greatest wheat producing country in the world, and Russia has won that prize.

The senate has adopted a resolution authorizing the department of commerce and labor to investigate the high cost of living.

The republican congressional campaign committee issued a statement warning the insurgents that those who opposed republican doctrines, as interpreted by the administration, would get no help from the republican organization.

An effort will be made in congress to vindicate Colonel William F. Stewart. He was exiled by President Roosevelt. It is proposed to make him a brigadier general.

Representative Townsend of Michigan introduced in the house a bill embodying the recommendations outlined in the president's special message for amendments to the interstate commerce law.

The United States supreme court has rendered a decision in a case brought by the government against the Illinois Central and other rail-

road companies doing business in Illinois. The court upholds the right of the interstate commerce commission to direct the distribution of cars in the interest of independent coal companies. Justice White delivered the opinion.

Senator Elkins has introduced in the senate President Taft's bill to amend the railroad law.

Speaker Cannon won a victory when the democrats and insurgents sought to take from him the power to determine what part of the recent message of the president should go to the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce and what part to the judiciary committee. The house sustained the speaker.

The statue to General Lew Wallace was unveiled at the national capitol.

Representative Mondell of Wyoming, chairman of the house committee on public lands, declined to stand sponsor for President Taft's bills designed to carry out his program for conservation of natural resources. He offered to introduce the measure "by request," but the proffer was declined.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

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Miss Roberta DeJanon, the young Philadelphia heiress who ran away with Frederick Cohen, a middle aged waiter, was located at Chicago. The two were taken into custody and returned to Philadelphia.

Nine lives were lost in one of the worst storms that ever visited New York City in a storm that occurred January 15.

Lisbon dispatches say that a plot to kill King Manuel has been unearthed.

Thomas W. Lawson has contracted to take over the entire Burley crop of tobacco, amounting to eleven million pounds.

An ice gorge in the Mississippi river at St. Louis, broke, doing damage to the extent of \$200,000.

Lorin Miller, former acting governor of New Mexico, died at El Paso, Texas.

Judge James B. Belford, former member of congress from Colorado, died at Denver.

Kansas City dispatches say that investigation develops that the late Thomas H. Swope, the Kansas City millionaire and philanthropist, lost his life through being poisoned by some one who sought to inherit his wealth.

The little town of Caliente, Nev., was destroyed by a flood.

Richard Olney, secretary of state under Grover Cleveland, is ill in a Boston hospital.

The Associated Press report of the proceedings on the aviation field at Los Angeles, is as follows: Glen H. Curtiss, in a Curtiss biplane, established a world's record for speed with passenger—fifty-five miles an hour. Glen H. Curtiss, in a Curtiss machine, broke the world's record for time consumed in getting into the air—6 2-5 seconds. Glen H. Curtiss, in a Curtiss machine, broke the world's record for short distance covered in 'run before leaving the ground—98 feet. Louis Paulhan, in a Bleriot monoplane, failed in an attempt at the world's height record, making but four hundred feet. Louis Paulhan, in a Bleriot monoplane, carried

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a passenger twice around the field, a distance of three and a quarter miles. Edgar S. Smith, aviator, was struck on the head by the propeller of his Langley machine and seriously injured."

Fifty head of cattle were found frozen to death on a railroad train near Federal, Ill. The train had been abandoned on a siding by the crew after the men had worked sixteen hours and had waited eleven hours for relief.

R. D. Kelly, a pioneer newspaper man of Nebraska and years ago an employe of the New York Sun under Charles A. Dana, died at his home in Fremont.

Edgar S. Cooke of Chicago, a former official of the Big Four railroad, has been arrested charged with participation in the embezzlement for which Charles L. Warriner, the former treasurer, was convicted.

The Chicago Porto Rican Independence Society was organized at Chicago. The society then caused to be sent to President Taft this communication: "You, Mr. President, who sign the appointments of the governors that in the name of the great republic of North America, go to our country to rivet the odious chain of tyranny, know the sadness of our political situation; you are not ignorant of the fact that in the colony which the United States possesses in the West Indies, the three governmental powers, the legislative, the executive and judicial, are only partially established. You can not fail to know, honorable sir, that this is infamous and despotic. You have not forgotten that when General Miles, aided by shot and cannon, caused the American flag to wave on the castles of San Juan De Porto Rica and on the government building, the insular affairs of Porto Rica were being conducted wisely by the Porto Rican people. You remember that the Spanish monarchy restored to us that which the kings of Iberia unlawfully withheld for 398 years—our liberty."

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