

funds of the Mercantile National Bank, of New York, has begun in that city. The opening address of United States District Attorney Wise was a terrific arraignment of the Heinze methods.

General G. W. Gordon of Memphis, has been chosen commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans. Little Rock, Ark., will be the scene of the 1911 convention of the veterans. The balloting for the next meeting place developed an interesting incident. Col. Joseph Shipp of Chattanooga, who was only recently released from the Washington, D. C., prison, after serving a term for contempt of the United States supreme court in permitting a negro to be lynched while he was sheriff, made the first appeal for Chattanooga. When he described how he had just been released from a federal prison after he had made a vicarious sacrifice, the convention went mad. When Mayor Thompson of Chattanooga, who followed him referred to the "cruel persecution," there was another demonstration.

Details of an attempt to assassinate the prince regent of China on April 3, have been received by steamer. The prince regent, with some officials and attendants was crossing a small bridge in the palace garden in Peking when a bomb was exploded by means of wires. Two attendants walking in advance were killed. Guards arrested fourteen Cantonese dressed in western clothing. Several other bombs were found in different parts of the garden.

Reports received from Louisiana and Mississippi indicate that earlier estimates of the damage to the cotton crop as a result of the recent cold weather were not exaggerated. With the cotton acreage damaged to an extent of not less than 50 per cent including a total loss in many quarters, planters have turned their attention to re-planting, only to be confronted with the grave problem of a lack of seed.

Individual wage agreements have been signed in the Pittsburg district between the United Mine Workers of America and independent coal operators employing six thousand men, allowing the resumption of work in a number of mines. The scales were signed on the basis of the Cincinnati convention resolution.

One thousand foreigners, all that remained from the 5,000 who struck for increased wages and shorter hours at the plant of the Pressed Steel Car company, in Shoenville, have returned to work, and ended the strike which has crippled the plant's operations for the past ten days. The men did not gain their demands.

At a meeting of the United States Steel corporation the directors declared a regularly quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 per cent on the common shares, thereby increasing the rate from 4 to 5 per cent annually.

At the annual Associated Press banquet in New York on April 28 great disorder was precipitated by the efforts of Thomas T. Williams, business manager for William R. Hearst, to reply to some severe criticism of the Hearst publications by Mayor Gaynor. Mr. Williams was not allowed to speak and the disorder continued until Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis arose and made a felicitous speech that brought out shouts of laughter and drove away all anger.

At the convention of the Indiana state democracy John W. Kern was

unanimously nominated for United States senator. This action was taken after Governor Marshall's proposition to nominate a senatorial candidate was adopted by a close vote.

Four million dollars has been subscribed for the purpose of holding the "Panama-Pacific" exposition at San Francisco in 1915.

A herd of elephants belonging to a circus went on a rampage at Danville, Ill., and created great damage before they could be captured. The leader of the herd was executed.

By the explosion of the boiler on a Southern Pacific freight steamer at the mouth of the Mississippi river five men were killed and several seriously injured.

Joseph M. Huston, architect for the Pennsylvania state capital building, was convicted on the charge of defrauding the state.

General E. P. Alexander, a noted confederate leader, died at Savannah.

A strike of loaders at the South Omaha packing houses was followed by a sympathetic strike on the part of the butcher workmen. About 250 men were involved. After being out a couple of days the loaders went back to work at an advance of one and a half cents an hour, and the butchers called off their sympathetic strike.

Former Congressman Pollard will not be a candidate for the republican nomination in the First Nebraska congressional district. This district is now represented by John A. Maguire, a democrat.

William H. Thompson of Grand Island has announced that he will not be a candidate for the democratic nomination for United States senator of Nebraska. Personal and professional reasons influenced his patronation.

John W. Kern, nominated by the Indiana democrats to be the United States senator, has accepted. An Indiana dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "Assuming that the democratic members of the legislature will feel like carrying out the popular will thus expressed," John W. Kern confirmed in a formal statement his acceptance of the Indiana democratic convention's endorsement as its candidate for the United States senate, conferred upon him yesterday. Among hundreds of congratulatory messages received by Mr. Kern from members of congress and others prominent in the party, was this from William J. Bryan: 'Accept my hearty congratulations. Success to you. We need you in the senate.'

Henry P. Flannery, president of the San Francisco police board, has been indicted and arrested on the charge of being financially interested in pool room operations.

Four wealthy men of St. Louis have recently given Washington University of that city the sum of three million dollars.

NATIVE

"Give one verse of 'The Star Spangled Banner.'"
 "I can't do it, judge."
 "Quote a passage from the constitution."
 "Too many fer me."
 "Then I can't naturalize you, my man."
 "But I was born here, judge. I don't want to be naturalized. I'm after a balliff's job."—Kansas City Journal.

Washington News

Secretary of the Interior Ballinger took the stand before the congressional committee in his own defense. An Associated Press dispatch described his testimony in this way: "Indignantly denying that he had been guilty of wrongdoing, Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, made a bitter attack upon his critics while a witness before the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee today, and characterized many of the sworn statements of his principal accuser, L. R. Glavis, as 'Wilful and deliberate lies.' Led on by his attorney, Mr. Vertrees, the cabinet officer answered, one by one the indictments of those who would destroy him. He referred with apparent pride to Theodore Roosevelt's oft-expressed high estimate of him, particularly the former president's statement when he was commissioner of the land office 'that he had secured a \$25,000 man for \$5,000.' He defended his conduct in connection with the Cunningham coal cases and stated emphatically that he would take the same action today as he did when at the head of the land office if he had the same record before him."

The senate adopted the resolution introduced by Senator Smith of South Carolina, directing the attorney general to investigate gambling in cotton. "It has already cost this country \$40,000,000 by depreciating prices," said Smith. He suggested that the attorney general investigate the chief of weather bureau for having permitted the recent blighting frost. "There is not sufficient left," said Smith, "to replant 60 per cent of the crop destroyed."

A bill to "prohibit interference with commerce between the states" was introduced by Senator Clay (dem., Ga.) and is intended to make it unlawful to use the mails, telegraph or telephone to make contracts for the purchase of cotton or farm products where the property is not to be delivered. It is similar to the Scott bill now pending in the house.

Senator Chamberlain introduced a resolution calling upon the attorney general to exercise dispatch in prosecuting suits to recover lands in Oregon granted to railroads and disposed of or offered for sale in violation of the grant. This resolution recites the fact that in one parcel there are 2,300,000 acres unsold, and in another 820,000 acres which are sold in violation of the provision of the law. Proceedings were begun under a former order of congress to recover these lands, and the resolution states that the suits have been allowed to drag through lack of attention of government agents.

In the senate April 28, the administration of the republicans defeated the Cummins substitute for the Crawford-Elkins traffic agreement provision of the railroad deal. The votes stood 35 to 29. An Associated Press report of the votes is as follows: "This question had practically monopolized the attention of the senate for the last week, and was regarded as one of the most important subdivisions of the pending bill. The vote is generally accepted as a test of the strength of the contending forces, respectively, and it is believed it presages the passage of the bill by a safe majority. Of the total membership of ninety-two there were twenty-eight senators who did not vote and of these, four, all democrats, were absent without being represented. They were Senators Clark of Arkansas, Bankhead of Alabama, McEnery of Louisiana and Smith of Maryland. All the demo-

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