

of Cannon's lieutenants, said that a number of the members of the house who opposed the motion had been the guests of the president on his southern trip. Democrats contended that when the president found his appropriation exhausted he should have declined further invitations or paid the expenses out of his own pocket. The Taft motion was defeated. President Taft has written to Representative Tawney a letter in which he says that he is greatly grieved because of some of the things said in the house to date. He says that while it is good argument to say that the appropriation should be increased because congressmen urged the president to visit their section the acceptance

by congressmen of the invitation to travel with him on the train in their respective districts or states provides no reason why they should vote against their conviction and in favor of such appropriation. The president also stated with much emphasis that the intimation that somewhere in the south, board was charged the president has no foundation. He said he was particularly grieved by this statement, because of the cordial reception extended to him everywhere throughout the southern states.

The senate committee on agriculture has recommended for passage a bill establishing an institution of agriculture at Nebraska City as a memorial to the late J. Sterling Morton, formerly secretary of agriculture. Forestry experts will be trained at this school and the bill appropriates \$250,000 for buildings and grounds.

Representatives Norris and Hinshaw, republicans, of Nebraska, refused to sign a caucus call for a meeting of republicans to consider the postal savings bank bill. A number of other republicans followed their lead.

It is said that democratic members are planning to bring impeachment proceedings against Secretary Balingier if he fails to resign after the investigating committee makes its report. It is generally believed that the majority report will whitewash the secretary.

President Taft issued a pardon to Oliver Spitzer, former superintendent of docks for the sugar trust, in order that he might be used as a witness.

In the Sunday school workers' convention at Washington the color line was temporarily buried when they elected Booker T. Washington a life member of the organization, subscribing the necessary \$1,000 for that purpose. A white delegate from Kentucky nominated Mr. Washington, saying: "We may all have our own ideas of how the negro problem is to be worked out, but we owe it as a tribute to the Christian negroes of the world to make Mr. Washington a life member." "I carried a gun marching with Robert E. Lee for three years," shouted another delegate from the floor, "and I'll give a hundred dollars for that name."

The subscription was quickly made up. William H. Taft, Theodore Roosevelt and W. J. Bryan were all elected life members of the Sunday School Association, \$1,000 being subscribed for each one of them by their various champions in the convention.

By a vote of 26 to 39 Senator Burton's amendment to the battleship bill providing for one new battleship instead of two was defeated. The big navy people then won out and the bill providing for two battleships was passed. The bill carries an appropriation of \$134,000,000.

Representative Norris of Nebraska in a speech in the house poked fun at Speaker Cannon because of his recent speech in which the speaker declared that the insurgents should be hanged. He declared, however, that insurgency is growing.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says: "An investigation which is expected to disclose to a greater extent than ever before the bitter factional feeling in the republican party in Alaska was begun today before a sub-committee of the senate committee on judiciary. It is being held in connection with protests made against the confirmation of John Rustgard and Herbert L. Faulkner, appointed by President Taft as United States attorney and United States marshal, respectively, to succeed John J. Boyce and Daniel A. Sutherland, who were removed at the request, it is understood, of Governor Walter E. Clark.

Here is a story told by the Washington correspondent for the Associated Press: "When former Congressman Walter O. Hoffecker of Delaware, and the son of a former congressman from the same state rose tonight far back in the great crowd that filled the convention hall where tonight's session of the World's Sunday School convention was held, and all by himself sang 'Traveling Home. Led By Jesus, I am Traveling Home,' the audience applauded so long and so lustily that Mr. Hoffecker was compelled to go to the front, mount the platform and sing it again. It was during a song service led by Charles M. Alexander, the singing evangelist, who sung the

gospel story to immense audiences in all parts of the world that Mr. Hoffecker, when a volunteer was called for, stood up off in a far corner of the big hall and swept the audience off its feet with enthusiasm."

A Washington dispatch under date of May 25 carried by the Associated Press says: "Before the interstate commerce commission can become effective it will be necessary to equip it much more thoroughly than it is at present equipped," said Senator LaFollette in the senate today in the course of a speech that consumed practically the entire session. He went to the extent of declaring necessary a revision of the law and the re-construction of the commission and said that the country should be divided into districts in charge of a sub-commission. The Wisconsin senator spoke for almost five hours in support of the Cummins amendment regulating railroad rate increases and had not concluded when the senate adjourned. The speech had the effect of side-tracking the effort set on foot yesterday to obtain a compromise on the basis suggested by Senator Martin, but there was more or less private discussion of that provision and the general impression was that it would be accepted when the vote is taken. Mr. LaFollette made two or three references to the Martin amendment indicating opposition to it. "You'd better have the courage to stand up here and vote the Cummins amendment down than to dodge the question by adopting a mere subterfuge," he said at one time. Mr. LaFollette gave much attention to the question of physical valuation of railroads and said he would offer an amendment providing for such valuation."

A diplomatic controversy is going on between the German government on the one side and Great Britain and Russia on the other regarding the open door in Persia. Germany firmly protests against the joint warning of the two other powers to Persia not to grant railway concessions to Germany. This warning was delivered some weeks ago and the dispute arose much as did the difference between Germany and France in Morocco.

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Stuart B. Shotwell, a well known broker of St. Paul, Minn., was run over and killed by an automobile driven by a young woman, Miss Theodora Stark.

Albert J. Snell, son of Amos J. Snell the millionaire, who was murdered in his Chicago home in 1888, died suddenly in a cheap rooming house in Chicago. He had squandered his fortune. The elder Snell's murder was a world-wide mystery and was charged to Willie Tascott, who disappeared and has never been heard from.

Mayor Seidel of Milwaukee is stirring up the clergymen of his town. In an address before the Milwaukee Ministerial Association the mayor said: "While you are fighting for some theological dogma, our boys and girls are going to hell." During the discussion and immediately after, Mayor Seidel had remarked that when a boy is offered a baseball ticket he will shun the saloons. A minister declared that he would not trust his boy to attend a baseball game

because intoxicants were sold on the grounds. "They'll manage to drink somehow," said the minister. "Then it is up to you," replied the mayor, "to cultivate and develop a better taste." One of the ministers declared there was no need of trying to give the boys "good wholesome amusement when the nickel theatres down town catered to their baser passions." "The thing for us to do then, is to compete with the nickel theatres," replied the mayor. "Have a moving picture machine right in the school house."

An Associated Press dispatch from New York says: "Oliver Spitzer, a man whose conscience hurt him, came back to New York today like a spectre from the grave and with a pardon from the president in his pocket, gave testimony at the trial of Charles R. Heike, secretary-treasurer of the American Sugar Refining company who, with five subordinates, is charged with conspiracy to defraud the government in underweights of sugar imports. Spitzer, as superintendent of the company's Williams-