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T. V. Halsey, formerly an official of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company, was acquitted at San Francisco on the charge of offering a bribe to the board of supervisors.

The commercial telegraphers of the country will make a concerted demand for an increase in wages April 1.

A New York dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "The annual report of the Illinois Central for the year ended June 30 last shows an increase of \$4,212,000 in total operating revenues and an increase of \$5,258,000 in gross income. These are offset by an increase of \$5,961,000 in total expenses and taxes, leaving a decrease in operating income of \$676,308 and a decrease of \$301,000 in net corporate income. President Harahan says of the recent graft charges against some of the company's officials and outsiders that the company was defrauded of an amount estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000."

Iowa manufacturers say express rates are exorbitant and they will fight for a reduction.

Governor Carroll of Iowa was acquitted at Des Moines on the charge of having libeled John Cownie.

The chief of police in Berlin declared that no mercy will be shown German working men who are on a strike.

The irrigation convention at Pueblo declared in favor of federal control of interstate waterways.

A Chicago dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "State Senator D. W. Holstlaw of Iuka, Illinois, one of the fifty-three democrats who voted for Senator Lorimer, on the witness stand before the congressional Lorimer investigating committee testified that after he had voted for Senator Lorimer he received \$2,500, and that he 'supposed the money was paid because of his vote.' The state senator, who, until recently, was a banker in Iuka and had some prominence in the Baptist denomination, was the second legislator to tell the committee that money was paid because of a vote for Lorimer. After stating his name, occupation and the position he held as state senator, and that he voted for Senator Lorimer, Senator Holstlaw, in response to the question of Attorney Henry Austrian, 'Was anything said about payment for your vote for Senator Lorimer?' said: 'The night before the election of Senator Lorimer I met State Senator John Broderick outside the St. Nicholas hotel in Springfield and he said to me, 'They are going to elect Lorimer tomorrow.' I replied, 'Yes, I think so, and I am going to vote for him.' He said 'Well there is \$2,500 in it for you.' That was all there was said. I intended to vote for Lorimer anyway. I had made up my mind three or four days before that, and did not know there was a thing in it for me.' 'Were you offered anything?' was asked, and the witness replied: 'He did not offer me anything, simply said there was \$2,500 in it for me.' 'Did you get the \$2,500?' was the next question. 'Yes,' was the answer, 'I went to Chicago about June 16, 1909, to Sen-

ator Broderick's office and he gave me \$2,500, which he counted out of an envelope. He only said, 'Here is that money,' and I said nothing to him beyond greeting him when I met him.' On further examination Senator Holstlaw said he supposed the money was paid for his vote for Lorimer."

Representative H. J. C. Beckemeyer, on the witness stand before the Lorimer investigating committee, testified that he received \$1,000 after he had voted for Senator Lorimer, and that the money was paid to him because of his vote for the junior senator from Illinois. Beckemeyer was the third legislator in this hearing to confess that he was given money for his vote in the senatorial election. Representative White and State Senator Holstlaw being the others. Counsel for Senator Lorimer brought out in cross examination that Beckemeyer's vote for Senator Lorimer was not induced by the promise of any payment. Beckemeyer, who has been a witness in both the trials of Minority Leader Browne, testified that the \$1,000 was paid to him by Browne, who said, when he gave the witness a roll of bills, "Here is the Lorimer money."

United States marshals made a raid on mining brokers in New York City. The men were charged with a conspiracy to use the mails to defraud. The firm of B. H. Scheftels & Co. was raided.

Mrs. Rebecca Harding Davis, author of "Life in the Iron Mills," died at her home in Mount Kisko, New York, at the age of 80 years.

A Springfield, Ill., dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "Aviator Walter Brookins alighted gracefully in the fair grounds here at 4:27 p. m. today, seven hours, twelve minutes out of Chicago, after having sailed his Wright biplane the 187 miles with two stops. They were at Gilman, Ill., seventy-five miles from Chicago, at 11:30 a. m., and at Mount Pulaski, Ill., 163 miles from Chicago at 3:20 p. m. The first stop was for water, oil and gasoline, the second for that and because his pump had broken and the engine became hot. Brookins in his long sail broke the American long distance continuous flight record and thereby won the \$10,000 prize offered by a Chicago newspaper which conducted the attempt. In both places where the airman alighted, throngs gathered to stare at the man that flew through the air. Farmers, tradesmen and residents rushed from their fields, shops and homes and fled headlong to see what an aeroplane looked like at short range."

In August the export trade of the United States to every part of the world increased more than \$12,000,000, according to a summary completed by the department of commerce and labor. In the eight months of the calendar year, which ended with August, the value of exports to Europe alone were nearly \$620,000,000, and the imports for the same period more than \$525,000,000. Compared with the statistics of the corresponding period of 1909 the imports from Europe show increase of \$50,000,000 and the exports a decrease of \$25,000,000. The statistics would indicate the balance