



Justice Goff of New York, sentenced Chas. H. Hyde, former city chamberlain, to two years in the state's prison. He was convicted of extorting a bribe.

Edward Delehanty, a negro hanged for murder at Sacramento, Cal., called, just before his execution, for the prison phonograph and had the record containing Mr. Bryan's speech on "Immortality" played for him.

The progressive party held a reunion at Chicago. The meeting was largely attended and Theodore Roosevelt was given an ovation. He said that both the old parties were bad and that an entire re-alignment of political parties was necessary.

The Roosevelt party will open permanent headquarters in New York City.

A Boise, Idaho, dispatch, carried by the United Press, says: Because it published Colonel Roosevelt's Chicago speech attacking the Idaho supreme court, the Idaho Daily Statesman, a local newspaper, faces the possibility of being haled before that court for contempt. Editor Sheridan of the Capital News, who is already under a charge of contempt, did not publish the address. He issued a statement explaining he suppressed it on advice of counsel that its publication would be further contempt.

Three men at Newark, N. J., Warren Dunn, Jacob Dunn, and Saley Davenport, were arrested on the charge of having written a letter to President-elect Wilson, demanding \$5,000 under threat of death.

Herman Steinberg, a seventeen-year-old boy was arrested at New York because he said he was going to kill Governor Wilson. All four of these men are held by the federal authorities.

The total vote cast in Oklahoma was 253,700. The Perry, Okla., Sentinel says: United States Senator Robert L. Owen was the favorite candidate. He received 126,418 votes, 5,216 more than Congressman-elect William H. Murray, next highest winner; 7,461 more than the democratic presidential electors; 35,632 more than the republican presidential electors; and 42,989 more than Judge J. T. Dickerson, his republican opponent.

A New York dispatch, carried by the Associated Press says: Completion of the preliminary arrange-

ments for a "victory" reception and breakfast which will be tendered by the woman's democratic club to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and the Misses Wilson, Saturday, December 21, at the Waldorf-Astoria, was announced. Among the women of prominence who already have accepted invitations to be guests of honor are: Mrs. Grover Cleveland, Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, Mrs. John A. Dix, Mrs. William Sulzer, Mrs. Judson Harmon of Ohio, Mrs. Eugene A. Foss of Massachusetts, Mrs. William J. Bryan, Mrs. Champ Clark, Mrs. Oscar Underwood, Mrs. William J. Gaynor and Mrs. Thomas Fortune Ryan.

Luitpold, prince regent of Bavaria, died at Munich, aged ninety-one years.

Whitelaw Reid, ambassador to Great Britain since 1905, died at his residence at London. He had been sick for several weeks. The body will be returned to New York for burial. He was the republican nominee for vice president in 1892. He became editor of the New York Tribune after Horace Greeley's death and later became owner of that paper.

THE COAL CASE DECISION

A United Press dispatch, under date of Washington, December 16, says: Uncle Sam lost and won his case against the "anthracite coal trust" by a decision of the supreme court today. The government lost the better part of its cases against the combine, winning out only in one particular, but this one count sustained by the court was said to forecast a revolutionary change in anthracite handling.

The court refused to disturb an alleged combination of six great anthracite coal-carrying railroads in the Keystone state, forty-three big operators, and a number of subsidiary coal companies, which the government charged was in control of 90 per cent of all anthracite deposits in the state and dominated three-fourths of the annual production. The court hinted, however, that separate dissolution suits against the alleged railroad mergers might be brought.

The partial victory scored by the government was in the court declaring illegal the so-called "65 per cent contract system"—a plan by which the operators were paid 65 per cent of the tidewater price for coal by the railroads and agreed to turn over the entire output.

Why Bulgarians Whip Turks

"The Story of the Balkans," is the title of an article written by Theodore Roosevelt and printed in the Outlook. Mr. Roosevelt explains why the Bulgarians proved themselves masters of the Turks in war. He tells how Turkey invaded Europe and conquered various peoples and how these people achieved independence years later. The Bulgarians once were serfs, mere slaves, and when made free by Russian soldiers were not regarded as capable of caring for themselves. Long years of Turkish oppression and massacres, however, made every man of them a soldier and patriotic citizen of a nation that has vied with Japan in progress.

"No one can understand what is happening in the Balkan peninsula today without a little knowledge of what has happened there during the last fifteen hundred years," writes Mr. Roosevelt.

"At the beginning of the fifth century the great Roman empire tottered on the brink of its fall. It had become Christian, but Christianity had not been able to stop the corruption that was eating into it. The emperors had long abandoned old Rome—the Rome on the Tiber—and had made their capital at the new Rome on the Bosphorus, the city founded by Constantine, where the old Greek city of Byzantium already stood.

"Soon after the opening of the fifth century the barbarians swarmed across the border, and in the west of the Roman empire speedily came to an end until revived in wholly different form by Charlemagne. But in the east it persisted for a thousand years longer, gradually becoming a Greek rather than a Roman empire, and often taking the name of Byzantine, from the Greek town which Constantine changed into the Rome on the Bosphorus.

"This new Rome became for many centuries the most wonderful city in the world. It has generally been called, after its founder, Constantinople. But the name of Rome still haunts these eastern European regions where the Romans once held sway.

"To this day the Moslems of Asia speak of the Turkish sultan as the Lord of Roum, and his European possessions are often called Roumelia, while one of the nations which has emerged from beneath the retiring Turkish sea is called Roumania.

"When, fifteen hundred years ago, the barbarians crossed the imperial frontier, there were three peoples dwelling in the Balkan peninsula. These were the Greeks, who spoke the Greek tongue; the old Illyrians, whom we now call Albanians, along the Adriatic, north of Greece; and the Romanized colonists and natives, including the Roman settlers whom Trajan had established across the Danube in Dacia after its conquest. The barbarians who pressed into the eastern Roman empire and the Balkan peninsula were not Teutons, like those who overran Britain, Gaul, Spain and Italy, but Slavs. Both the Slavs and the Teutons were Aryan-speaking peoples of the European type.

"There also appeared in the Balkan peninsula wilder peoples, horse nomads from Asia and from the steppes through which the Volga runs. These people were closely kin to the Magyars and Finns, and more remotely to the Turks and Tartars. There were several different tribes among them, but the most important were the Bulgarians.

"These invaders overran the entire Balkan peninsula, but were never able to take Constantinople itself. The Slavs, under the name of the Serbs or Servians, founded a great

empire, and so, at one time, did the Bulgarians. The emperors of Constantinople waged constant war with both nations; one of their number was called the 'Bulgarian Killer' because of what he did.

"The Serbs became Christians, but kept their native Slavonic language, and, until the advent of the Turks, their empire as well.

"The Bulgarians became Christians, too, but they disappeared as a separate empire; and, moreover, they became fused with the mass of the Slavs they had conquered, and the resulting mixed race, though Bulgarian by name, was much more Slavonic than Bulgarian by blood, and grew to speak a Slavonic language.

"Then, in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the Turkish hordes entered Europe and finally conquered the entire Balkan peninsula. All the separate subject peoples were merged in the common lot of slavery, save that some of the Slavs, notably Bosnia and Herzegovina, became Mohammedans and identified themselves with their conquerors, and most of the Albanians followed the same course. There was always more or less national feeling felt among the Servians and Roumanians, though the representatives and heroes of this national feeling were



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