

News of the Week

James Patten, the cotton and grain speculator, pleaded guilty in the federal court at New York, to the charge of operating in a restraint of trade. He pleaded guilty to the sixth count in the indictment against him.

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An Associated Press dispatch says: Judge Major fined Mr. Patten \$4,000, which was paid immediately. The sixth count charged that Patten and his associates, Col. Robert M. Thompson, William P. Brown, F. B. Haynes and Eugene Scales, were under a contract to buy practically the entire raw cotton crop of 1909 in order to hold it out of the market until November 1, 1910. To the other four counts Patten pleaded not guilty. Patten, Eugene Scales of Texas and others were indicted by a federal grand jury here more than a year ago for manipulation of the cotton market. The government charges that their acts constituted restraint of trade. The defendants demurred and carried their case to the supreme court, which recently ruled against them.

The Missouri state senate defeated a bill allowing women to serve on local school boards.

The lower house of the Washington legislature passed a bill to pension mothers not supported by husbands.

The lower house of the Minnesota legislature adopted a suffrage measure which gives to the male voters of the state the right to determine whether women shall have the right of ballot.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland and Prof. Thomas J. Preston, jr., of Princeton, N. J., were married at Princeton, N. J. Only relatives were present.

A Springfield, Ill., dispatch, under date of February 11th, follows: The state senate today failed to concur in a joint resolution that both the United States senatorships from Illinois be voted on together. The names of Lawrence Y. Sherman, republican primary nominee; James Hamilton Lewis, democratic primary nominee; Frank H. Funk, progressive caucus nominee, and Seymour St. Edman, socialist nominee, were proposed before the legislators in formal nominating speeches. The first ballot in the senate resulted in no choice. The vote was: Sherman (rep.) 24; Lewis (dem.), 24; Funk (prog.), 24. The short term ballot in the senate resulted: Hopkins 11, Sherman 11, Boeschstein 12, Funk 2, scattered 12. The ballot in the lower house for United States senator for the long term resulted as follows: Sherman 50, Lewis 70, Funk 27, Barney, socialist, 4; absent 2, present and not voting 1. No candidate having received a majority of the vote in each house the senatorial balloting will be resumed in the joint assembly at noon tomorrow.

The ballot in the house for the short term senator resulted as follows: Sherman 43, Boeschstein 52, Funk 25, Lorimer 3, Hopkins 2, scattering 12, present and not voting 12, absent 2. Those voting for Lorimer were Curran, McNicholas and McLaughlin.

A Louisville Courier-Journal dispatch says: Contempt proceedings were started in the federal court at Birmingham, Ala., against the Southern Wholesale Grocers' association and fifty-nine individuals, charging them with disobeying the court order dissolving the association as a trust.

Dispatches to the Louisville Courier-Journal follow: Six persons were killed and sixty-five injured in political riots at Tokio, Japan. The mob attacked and wrecked newspaper offices and police stations, stoned Premier Katsura and the police guarding the Diet. Troops patrol the streets.

Authorities and miners fought a bloody battle in the mountains of West Virginia near Mucklow. Twelve strikers and four possemen were killed and forty wounded. A heavy force of militia is being rushed to the coal fields.

President-elect Wilson said he would make no announcement of intended diplomatic appointments until after he takes office. He also declined to receive former President Castro, of Venezuela.

The National Canners' association, at its opening, adopted resolutions urging that sanitary regulations for all canneries be drawn up and subscribed to by all the members of the association.

The lower house of the Iowa legislature passed the Oregon plan bill for the election of United States senators.

An Havana, Cuba, dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: William Jennings Bryan lectured at the University of Havana. He lunched with Col. Frestos Ferrara, speaker of the house of representatives. After luncheon Mr. Bryan, in response to an address of welcome, said smilingly that had the republican party bestowed the same care on its home representatives as on its foreign representatives it would probably still be dominant. Mr. Bryan left for the Isle of Pines. He strongly deprecated the suggestion that his trip had any political significance.

Governor Blease of South Carolina has declined to permit the South Carolina state militia to take part in the inauguration of President Wilson for the reason that the naval troops are to be placed in line ahead of the South Carolina soldiers. Both houses of the legislature urged the governor to rescind his order but he adhered to it.

A Little Rock, Ark., dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald, says: Final action was taken by the legislature on a bill that practically prohibits the sale of liquor in Arkansas. It provides that persons wishing to open a saloon must obtain signatures of a majority of white adults in the city or town in which they hope to do business. The measure is looked

upon as practically a statewide prohibition act, because names of white women as well as men must be obtained and the negro population is not taken into consideration.

Charles Major, author of "When Knighthood was in Flower," died at his home in Shelbyville, Ind.

The Illinois state senate ratified the election of senators amendment.

President-elect Wilson expressed the hope that William F. McCombs will retain the chairmanship of the democratic national committee.

The jury in the federal court at Cincinnati returned a verdict of guilty against 29 officials and former officials of the National Cash Register company. They were charged with violating the criminal section of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The Wisconsin state senate adopted a resolution favoring popular election of United States senators.

A bill providing for a minimum wage for women was passed by the Kansas house of representatives. It fixes six dollars a week for a nine-hour day as the minimum.

The New Jersey house passed the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the federal constitution for direct election of United States senators. The resolution now goes to the senate.

Governor Sulzer, of New York, says that he is opposed to capital punishment, although while he is governor he will execute the law as it is, and not as he would like to have it.

A Pierre, S. D., dispatch, says: Direct election of saloonkeepers by popular vote is proposed in an amendment to a bill for regulation of the issuance of liquor licenses offered by State Senator Brown of Tripp county in the legislature to relieve city officials of obligations to decide moral fitness of applicants for license.

The bath tub trust was found guilty of conspiracy against the anti-trust law in the federal court at Detroit.

All of the parochial schools at Evansville, Ind., were forcibly closed by the city board of health because the management of the schools refused to bar children who were not vaccinated.

Miss Ethel Roosevelt, second daughter of the ex-president, is soon to be married to Dr. Richard Derby of New York.

General Stewart L. Woodford, who was United States minister to Spain at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, died in New York City, aged seventy-eight.

Joaquin Miller, the poet, died in the Piedmont Hills of California.

The federal court of New York overruled the immigration officials and held that Castro, former president of Venezuela, had the right to remain in the United States.

The National Cash Register officials, twenty-nine in number, were sentenced in the federal court of Cincinnati, to serve one year in the county jail at Troy, Ohio, and pay a fine of \$5,000. They had been convicted of violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

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