



The British commons has exonerated the cabinet members from wrong doing in the matter of investment in the shares of the Marconi Company of America.

Harold Hewitt followed the example of Miss Davison, the young woman who lost her life by throwing herself under a horse's feet. It was at Ascot, England, where Hewitt, who was a champion of woman suffrage, threw himself before one of the racing steeds and suffered a fractured skull.

Rupert Blue, surgeon-general of the United States navy, declared in a speech at Minneapolis, that leprosy is on the increase.

The National Press association, in session at Colorado Springs, elected officers as follows: President, J. Clyde Oswald, editor American Printer, New York; vice president, George E. Hosmer, editor Morgan County Herald, Fort Morgan, Colo.; secretary, George Schlosser, editor Daily Press, Sioux Falls, S. D.; treasurer, W. R. Hodges, editor Herald-Dispatch, Sleepy Eye, Minn. The executive committee elected was as follows: W. E. Collins, New York; S. W. Roundtree, Texas; W. C. Hotelling, Michigan; Frank Roderus, Illinois; F. O. Edgcombe, Nebraska; E. H. Tomlinson, New Jersey.

A Phoenix, Ariz., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: Five murderers, all of whom were to have been hanged, were reprieved by Governor Hunt, until December 19, 1914. Governor Hunt is determined to leave it to the people of the state to say whether the men shall die or live, according to the way they vote on the recently initiated bill to abolish capital punishment. The initiative measure can not be voted upon until November, 1914.

Another federal department, the board of horticulture, came in for criticism by speakers at the American nurserymen's convention, which attacked the forestry department for supplying free trees to land owners.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt was re-elected president of the international women's suffrage alliance.

The lockout of 20,000 men engaged in the building trades at Chicago became effective.

Two church pastors, both socialists, were arrested at Kansas City for street speaking.

Three Hindus from the Philippines, detained at San Francisco, were admitted to the United States.

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but at the same time the immigration authorities changed the regulations to hereafter prevent aliens from coming into continental United States through the insular possessions when they are of the inadmissible class, or likely to become public charges.

A Colorado Springs dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: Denouncing the "yellow journals" as scandal mongers and outlaws, Judge Smith McPherson of the United States district court of Iowa, in a paper read at a recent session of the National Press association, also defended the liberty of the press and the rights of newspapers to criticize courts. Judge McPherson was not present personally, and his paper was read. Referring to the criticism of courts, Judge McPherson said: "Many judges think because they wear the robes of office they should be beyond criticism. This is a fallacy. A judge must command respect in some other way. He can not command respect by becoming a recluse, wearing a silk hat or a white tie, or by speaking in guttural tones of voice. To say he should be honest is understood by all. It is not much credit for a man to have it said of him that he is honest.

"It is idle talk to the effect that courts are not subject to criticism. We freely discuss the president of the United States. Some say the president is right, some that he is wrong. But none charge the president with being corrupt. So it is with cabinet officers, and so it should be with courts. Such criticism will not be harmful, but helpful. Courts in the past have undertaken to punish newspaper proprietors because of criticism of courts. That practice is virtually obsolete, as it should be.

"No judge ever yet has maintained his dignity and never will by bringing an editor before his court and punishing him because of animadversions made through the columns of his paper."

His paper discussed briefly the newspaper criticism arising from the anti-alien land law passed by the California legislature, and declared that "if there is any conflict between the statute and the treaty between Japan and this country, can any man doubt which must give way? Can California or any other state ride down a treaty? The constitution says that this constitution and all treaties made thereunder shall be the supreme law of the land, and if a statute and a treaty are in conflict that which is supreme must prevail."

The conviction of Charles H. Hyde, former New York city chamberlain, of bribery by a jury in the supreme court, was overridden by the appellate division of the supreme court.

UNINTENTIONAL HUMOR

At the last meeting of the Maine Laundrymen's association a motion was made and carried that a fine be imposed on any member making use of the word "mangle" because of the impression it was liable to make on the uninitiated.—Manufacturers' News.

THEIR WEAKNESS

Some men are great successes in making money, but terrible failures in selecting ways to spend it.—Washington Star.

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