

with bronze panels representing heroic scenes in connection with the Pilgrims. The cost was defrayed from public subscriptions in the United States and England.

Completion of dry excavation on the Panama canal September 6, just ten days ahead of schedule time, advanced the work on the great waterway almost to the final stage. Much digging and cleaning out remains to be done in Culebra cut and along the route, but this will be accomplished by the mammoth dredges floating on the surface of the canal.

William J. Gaynor, mayor of New York city, voyaging over the sea on the steamer Baltic in the hope of regaining his strength for the municipal campaign as a candidate for re-election, died suddenly on the Baltic, September 11, as the steamer was within a few hundred miles of the Irish coast. The mayor succumbed to heart failure. He was accompanied on the trip by his son, Rufus.

The governments of France and Haiti have signed an agreement to submit for arbitration the claims made against Haiti in 1910 by France co-jointly with the United States, Germany, Great Britain and Italy. The agreement also covers the claims of Syrians and Ottomans, who are the proteges of France in Haiti.

Justice Hasbrouck, of the supreme court of New York, decided that Governor Sulzer was regularly impeached and while awaiting impeachment trial was divested of the right to exercise his executive functions, including the power of pardon. The question of the legality of Sulzer's impeachment came up before Justice Hasbrouck in accordance with habeas corpus proceedings brought to compel New York city authorities to honor Governor Sulzer's pardon of Joseph G. Robin, the banker convict. He decided that Robin's pardon was invalid. Justice Hasbrouck's decision was the first ruling made by any court of the legality of the impeachment. The impeachment charges are yet to be tried.

A summary of the reclamation enterprises in progress in four states of the northwest showed that \$11,000,000 was being expended in fifteen projects.

The annual convention of the Pennsylvania federation of democratic clubs was held at York, September 2. Secretary of State Bryan, Secretary of Labor Wilson and National Committeeman Palmer were the principal speakers.

In a wreck on the New Haven line near Wallingford, Conn., September 2, twenty-one persons were killed and over fifty were injured. The first section of the White Mountain express, bound for New York, speeding along at forty miles an hour in a thick fog, crashed into the rear of the second section of the Bar Harbor express, standing 100 feet beyond the block signal. This wreck has caused a widespread agitation in favor of better measures for the protection of the traveling public and may be the subject of congressional investigation and legislation.

Ex-President Yuan Shi Kai of China issued a decree announcing he would resign on the restoration of peace, according to a Mukden dispatch.

Hot Springs, Ark., was swept by a disastrous fire, September 5, covering an area more than a mile in length and from seven to ten blocks wide. In the path of the flames were

some of the large hotels, pretentious residences and public buildings. Hundreds of people were made homeless and the losses will amount to millions of dollars.

What is said to be the world's largest dam was opened with two days of celebration at Keokuk, Iowa, August 25 and 26. The dam stretches nine-tenths of a mile along from the bluff on the Illinois side of the Mississippi to the power house in Iowa, and will create a new power zone from Burlington, Iowa, to St. Louis. The cost of the project was \$27,000,000, and it is estimated that the concrete in the work is equal to all the masonry in the great pyramid of Cheops. The total length of concrete, including power house, lock, sea wall, ice fender and dam, is two and a half miles. Deep water navigation will be bettered for sixty-five miles up the river.

The Great Northern and Northern Pacific companies have revoked all passes issued to Montana state officials and their deputies, numbering about 600, and it is expected that all other roads operating through the state will take like action. A decision of the interstate commission, with reference to Colorado, gave the railroads to understand that applications to advance rates would be disallowed whenever it appeared that the carrier was wasting its revenue by issuing free transportation. A new schedule of rates has been filed with the commission by the transcontinental railroads operating in Montana.

An increase of 3.9 per cent in the production of wheat in the northern hemisphere was reported by the international institute of Rome.

The people of San Francisco voted overwhelmingly at an election August 25, to build and operate a series of street railway lines intended to help furnish transportation to the Panama canal exposition grounds and also to furnish a nucleus for a permanent municipal street railway system. The victory was won by a vote of 3 to 1. The women took a lively interest in the election and polled a heavy vote. When the new lines have been completed the city will be a formal competitor of the United Railways which at present practically control street railway traffic in that city. A bond issue of \$3,500 was voted for the new project.

Governor Baldwin of Connecticut, in addressing the recent conference of governors at Colorado Springs, Colo., urged state resumption of some of the expenses incident to elections of state officers, even in primaries, if they are open to the whole people.

Miss Jessie Wilson, daughter of the president, was thrown from her horse while riding near White River Junction, Vt., August 26, with her fiance, Francis B. Sayre, and was unconscious for some time, but her injuries were not serious.

Governor Fielder of New Jersey came to the rescue of the women's suffrage cause in New Jersey and overruled an opinion that the failure to advertise properly the proposed change in the state constitution rendered impossible the ratification of suffrage by this winter's legislature, and ordered its readvertisement at once. The constitution of New Jersey provides that an amendment adopted by one legislature shall be published in the newspapers for at least three months prior to the election of members to the succeeding legislature, which must approve it before it goes to the voters. For

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some reason the advertising, which should have begun August 4, was delayed, and Assistant Attorney General Gaskill held that its advertisement now was too late to comply with the provisions of the constitution.

Viscount Haldane, the first lord high chancellor of Great Britain to leave his country since Cardinal Wolsey went to France 400 years ago, arrived in New York, August 29, for a week's visit in this country and Canada. The lord high chancellor, whose position corresponds to that of chief justice of the supreme court of the United States, came here as a guest of the American Bar association, before which he delivered a notable address at its annual meeting in Montreal.

Ex-President Taft was chosen president of the American Bar association in its closing session at Montreal.

According to a report of the board of public welfare of Kansas City, Missouri, made public recently, twenty-five per cent of the women workers of Kansas City receive less than \$6 per week, the wage declared needed for a "bare existence." The women workers are thus classified: Manufacturing and mercantile pursuits, 4,500; mercantile establishments, 3,900; telephone exchanges,

1,182; agricultural pursuits, 55; professional service, 2,009; domestic and personal service, 13,475. Here are some of the facts adduced by the investigation: Seventeen per cent are married women; 14 per cent are separated; divorced or widows; 69 per cent are unmarried girls; 75 per cent are living at home or with relatives. Twenty-five per cent receive less than \$6 per week. A wage of \$8.50 is necessary for a girl living in boarding or lodging houses to live comfortably; \$6 a week means a bare existence. Some factories were found to have increased the speed of their machines in order to produce as much in nine hours as formerly produced in a longer day.

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