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The year 1913 is an "off year" in politics. At the election on November 4, next, only three states will vote for governor, namely, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Virginia. Next month a United States senator will be elected in Maryland and Alabama. In addition to these there are important municipal elections in some of the large cities.

Blair Lee, one of the progressive democrats of Maryland, was named by the democratic state convention as the nominee of the party for United States senator at the November election.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, according to its annual report, earned \$4,127,632 less than it paid in dividends in the fiscal year ending June 30. During the year the operating revenues of the system amounted to \$95,190,466 and the operating expenses to \$65,694,517. The net revenue from outside operations was \$641,061, making a net revenue for the system of \$30,137,009.87. It was announced that the road stands ready to relinquish its investments in other railroads if "law and sound public policy" require it.

Congressman Cordell Hull of the Fourth Tennessee district, was made national committeeman of the democratic party from that state, to succeed R. E. L. Mountcastle.

Lieutenant-Governor Hugh L. Nichols of Ohio, was appointed by Governor James M. Cox as the first constitutional chief justice of the Ohio supreme court. He was appointed lieutenant governor to suc-

ceed Senator Pomerene, and was re-elected last fall. He will be succeeded as lieutenant governor by Senator W. A. Greenlund.

According to the annual report of the Chicago Nursery and Half-Orphan association the cost of maintaining a child has nearly doubled in the past 30 years. Since 1874, the association has cared for 4,500 children for periods ranging from a few weeks to several years, and this is the report on the cost of rearing a child for one year: Period 1874 to 1883, \$79.98; period 1884 to 1893, \$88.68; period 1894 to 1903, \$101.45; period 1904 to 1913, \$104.60.

Patrick Ford, the noted editor of the Irish World, died in Brooklyn, September 23. He was born in Ireland in 1837, and came to the United States with his parents in 1846. As a boy he was employed in the printing office of William Lloyd Garrison, and enlisted in the union army in the civil war. In 1870 he founded the Irish World, a weekly paper devoted to the cause of the Irish people on both sides of the Atlantic, and has long been known as an ardent and strenuous opponent of English rule in Ireland.

New York city has never witnessed a more profound demonstration of civic grief than during the funeral hour attending the obsequies of the late Mayor Gaynor, September 23. Traffic along the main arteries of the city came to a halt. Broadway and Wall streets were silent at midday and Park Row's steady stream of humanity was dammed up while the thousands saluted the passing bier.

In the presence of the family, the honorary pallbearers, including ex-President Taft, and city officials, the flag-draped coffin was committed to the grave in the Gaynor family lot in Greenwood cemetery. A million persons, it is estimated, saw the funeral cortege move through the streets, while thousands viewed the body lying in state at the city hall the day preceding.

In the Massachusetts primaries, Lieutenant-Governor D. I. Walsh was chosen as the democratic nominee for governor, the republicans chose Congressman A. P. Gardiner and the progressives C. S. Bird.

Acting-Governor Fielder of New Jersey was chosen as the democratic nominee for governor at the recent primaries. The republicans nominated ex-Governor Stokes and the progressives put up Everett Colby.

At their state convention, September 23, New York republicans declared in favor of changing party rules so as to allow each state to determine its own method of choosing delegates to a national convention and indorsed a proposition to apportion delegates among states according to the republican vote cast at the previous election. The platform declared against the recall of judges and of judicial decisions.

The Gamboa dike, the last artificial barrier to actual communication between the Atlantic and Pacific by way of the Panama canal, was blown up October 10. President Wilson, in the White House at Washington, touched the button at the end of the 4,000-mile wire circuit that exploded the charges of dynamite.

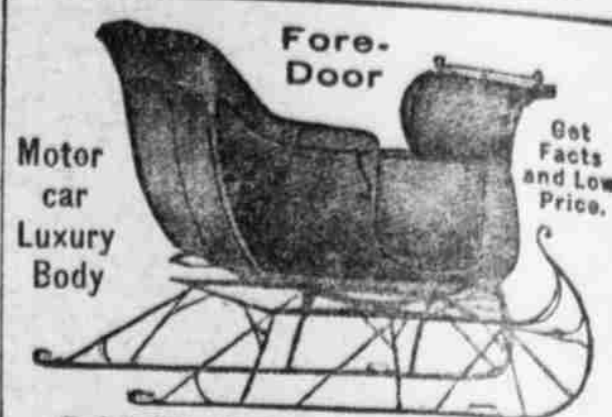
The ocean liner Volturno burned to the water's edge in mid-ocean, October 10. Of the 657 on board 136 lost their lives, and the rest were saved by ten ocean liners that responded to wireless calls.

John Purroy Mitchel, fusion candidate for mayor of New York, sent a letter to President resigning the office of collector of the port of New York. Mr. Mitchel, who was appointed to that post last summer, gives as a reason for his action the fact that he is engaged in a local political contest, asserting that he felt it his duty to resign under the circumstances so that he could devote all of his time to the campaign.

One of the chief points of interest to foreign observers at the recent grand manoeuvres were the methods used by the French gunners in handling heavy artillery drawn by motor traction.

Speakers in the convention of the national association of life underwriters at Atlantic City, N. J., criticized insurance corporations for making no concerted effort to promote public confidence and discourage suspicion by publicity.

Yuan Shi Kai was elected president of the Chinese republic, October 6, for a term of five years. He received the necessary two-thirds vote of the united houses of parliament, in session at Peking, and was elected on the third ballot. Yuan Shi Kai is fifty-four years old. During most of his adult life he has been in official life, and took a prominent part in the organization of the Chinese army along modern lines, and in the closing days of the empire became its most influential and powerful statesman. He was thoroughly practical in his methods of administration and by this means worked



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his way up to the premiership in 1911. Early in 1912 he was given full power to arrange the terms of abdication of the throne and to organize a republican government in conference with the republican leaders. Shortly afterward he was elected provisional president of the republic by the national council.

Dr. F. J. Warne, of the University of Pennsylvania, told the federal arbitration board, sitting in New York to adjust the differences between the union conductors and trainmen and the lines in the eastern territory, that the interlocking ownership among railroads worked against the interests of employees.

The University of California has established a bureau of public discussions, to aid club and debating societies to obtain information on vital topics of the day.

The G. A. R. veterans at their national encampment at Chattanooga, Tenn., elected ex-Congressman Washington Gardner of Albion, Mich., commander-in-chief for the ensuing year, and selected Detroit as the meeting place in 1914.

A New York inventor has announced the perfection of a device to project invisible light waves many miles and ignite explosives. It was said that the invention was capable of annihilating dreadnoughts and aeroplanes, and that its use would revolutionize warfare.

"Man failure" all along the line was held by the interstate commission to account for the numerous wrecks on the New Haven road, and both the operating managers and directors were found responsible for the disregard of safety regulations on the part of the men.

Nearly 124,000 citizens of Philadelphia failed to register and so lost the right to vote in the November election.

The largest income tax payers in Oklahoma, it is reported, will be the Indians who draw large oil royalties, about fifty of them receiving \$100,000 a year.

Discovery of a parasite which exterminates the San Jose scale, the most destructive orchard pest in America, was announced by Prof. H. A. Surface of the Pennsylvania department of agriculture.

Indian Commissioner Sells has developed a plan for utilizing the ranges of the west for stock grazing and to employ Indians as cattle and sheep growers with a view to reducing the cost of meat. He advertised for 9,000 cattle for the Crow reservation in Montana. President Wilson approved the project.

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