



In the United States district court at Bridgeport, Conn., on September 12 suit was instituted against the labor union of the city of Danbury, Conn., by a firm of hat manufacturers, who want \$240,000 damages for a boycott and strike instituted against them by the union. The suit was brought under the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The campaign for governor of the state of Kentucky was opened at Munfordville, Ky., on September 12 by the republican candidate, Colonel Morris B. Belknap.

The sixth annual meeting of the American mining congress came to a close at Deadwood, S. D., on September 12. A total of 789 accredited members attended the proceedings of the meeting.

The United States internal revenue bureau recently issued an order calling for an enforcement of the law which requires that cigars and other tobacco products shall be offered for sale only in the "original packages, or, in other words, in the box which contained them when the internal revenue tax was paid. This order was made by the department in order to put a stop to frauds recently discovered in the sale of imported cigars.

Premier Combes of France recently made a speech on the occasion of the unveiling of a memorial to Ernest Renan, the historian and orientalist, at his native town of Trégur, Brittany, and some demonstrations were made against the premier. A detachment of troops was required to protect him from the hostile crowd. It is believed that these unfriendly demonstrations were instigated by the clerical party.

On September 12 it was announced that Russia had requested permission of China to postpone her evacuation of one of the frontier provinces of Manchuria for several months after October 8, the date for general evacuation of Manchuria. It was made known later that there are several other conditions Russia wishes to secure in addition to this privilege and the request is under consideration by the Chinese authorities.

The situation among the coal miners of Missouri is rapidly approaching a critical stage. The district convention that met to discuss their grievances has decided that they must resume work pending a discussion of the wage scale between the miners and the operators. It will be remembered that President John Mitchell of the united mine workers of America requested the striking miners to return to work, but they refused and the district convention was the result of this controversy.

An investigation recently set on foot in the state penitentiary of Pennsylvania has brought to light startling discoveries in that quarter. In addition to the exposure of gross irregularities in the cigar department of the prison, the illegal coinage of minor silver pieces has been carried on for some time by the convicts in the institution. A thorough investigation is to be made in every branch of the penitentiary.

A strong hurricane swept the west coast of Florida on September 11 and 12 and a great deal of damage was

done to property. Many wrecks were reported along the coast. The city of Tampa was struck by the hurricane and much damage done to the lighting apparatus of the city, leaving it for a time in total darkness.

The eleventh national irrigation congress came to a close at Ogden, Utah, on September 18. Senator W. A. Clark of Montana was re-elected president and it was decided to hold the congress of 1904 at El Paso, Tex. A platform was adopted requesting congress to make needed modifications of the existing land laws in order that speculation and monopoly of public domain be prevented.

It was reported from Sofia, Bulgaria, on September 17 that the Turks had destroyed the town of Kastoria, 36 miles south of Monastir, and had massacred the population. It is believed that about 10,000 persons were killed. While this news has aroused popular feeling to a high pitch, it is not yet certain that Bulgaria will have the help of any of the European powers against Turkey, as Russia, Austria and Germany have all declared their neutrality in the matter. A later report from Salonica gives the news that three hundred Bulgarians have been killed in a fight with the Turks between Okrida and Dibra.

The republican convention for the Eleventh judicial district of Nebraska met on September 18 and nominated James A. Paul of St. Paul and J. R. Hanna of Greeley Center as judges.

The recently announced resignations of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer Ritchie, and Secretary for India Hamilton from the British cabinet has caused much comment throughout England as well as in other quarters. The London Pall Mall Gazette describes the present cabinet crisis as the "most extraordinary in the whole history of constitutional government." It is stated that Premier Balfour will fill up the vacancies and carry on the government until he meets parliament in 1904.

It was recently made known that a Carnegie observatory will be built on the top of Mount Whitney, the highest point in the United States. The building is to be 120 by 130 feet, and to be constructed of granite and natural wood.

Later reports from Tampa, Fla., the scene of the destructive storm of September 12, give the amount of property damage at about \$1,000,000. Seven persons are known to have perished in the storm, and almost the entire coast of Florida is littered with wreckage.

On September 14 the postmaster general of the United States was subpoenaed at the instance of the attorneys of George Beavers, former chief of the division of salaries and allowances, and now under indictment for complicity in the postal frauds. Postmaster General Payne is commanded to produce books and papers in the case, but he has referred the matter to the department of justice.

It is asserted that Japan and Great Britain have exchanged views on the latest demands made by Russia on China and that they have decided to protest separately to the Peking gov-

ernment against their acceptance. Should this course prove fruitless it is believed that Japan will break off negotiations with Russia and demand the evacuation of Chinese territory.

Sam Parks of New York the walking delegate of the labor union, against whom already four indictments have been found, on September 14 was indicted for the fifth time by the grand jury, being charged with extortion.

Plans for the forthcoming army maneuvers at Fort Riley, Kas., were announced at the war department on September 14. These maneuvers are to begin on October 15 and will continue till October 27. A total of more than 11,000 men will take part in the exercises.

The first session of the annual meeting of the National Irrigation congress was held at Ogden, Utah, on September 14, Senator W. A. Clark of Montana acting as president. Every phase of the subject of irrigation was discussed and prominent speakers from all over the United States were present. Twenty-six states and territories were represented by delegates.

On the night of September 15 a general frost over the state of Nebraska did much damage to the corn crop. Forty-nine counties in the state felt the cold wave and frost.

Reports from the northern part of Colorado indicate a heavy snowfall, and reports of like nature come from Montana and Wyoming. Even as far south as Texas, the weather for the past few days has been exceptionally cold, freezing weather having prevailed in some sections of that state.

The troops on duty at Cripple Creek, Colo., on account of the troubles with the miners of that region, were recently supplied with a consignment of rifles and ammunition. This equipment goes to the state guard and is the first consignment to be sent to Colorado under the Dick bill.

There is little change in the Macedonian situation. The powers of Europe are still undecided as to intervention and the reports from the disturbed districts show little of a startling character. It was announced on September 13 from London that Bulgaria has declared her intention to

join with the Macedonians unless the European powers intervene. It is also rumored that Serbia and Montenegro may unite against Turkey and in helping Macedonia. The sultan is mobilizing his troops and this is taken as a sign of impending strife. The Bulgarian government has appealed to the powers to step in and prevent further outrages, but up to September 15 this appeal has not been seriously considered.

The Nebraska state university regents have decided to locate the western experimental sub-station at North Platte. \$15,000 was appropriated by the last legislature for this purpose and work on the equipment of the station will begin in the spring.

The democrats and populists of the Ninth judicial district met in conventions at Norfolk, Neb., on September 15, and placed in nomination Judge Douglas Cones of Pierce as their candidate for district judge.

A dispatch from Wilmington, Del., under date of September 15, says: Miss Huldah B. Todd, postmaster at Greenwood, Del., whose removal from office by the postmaster general because she was obnoxious to United States Senator Allee, attracted the attention of the entire country, has given up the disputed office to Jacob L. Houseman, who was appointed her successor.

A Washington dispatch of September 16 says: Secretary Moody's attention has been called to the fact that no monument marks the grave of John Paul Jones in Paris. In the event that the remains of the distinguished naval hero can be found, Secretary Moody will order a warship to France to bring them home.

A severe rain and windstorm prevailed in the Atlantic region on September 16, at Atlantic City the storm being especially severe. Hotels and cottages were wrecked and great loss to shipping on the Jersey coast is feared.

The democrats of Maryland held their state convention in Baltimore on September 16 and nominated the following ticket: Governor, Edward Dickinson of Howard county; state comptroller, Dr. Gordon T. Atkinson of Somerset county; attorney general,

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