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Thomas H. Montgomery, president of the American Insurance company, died suddenly at his home in Philadelphia, aged 75. He was one of the best known fire insurance men in the country.

In a terrible explosion which blew to pieces one of the brick buildings of the Union Metallic Cartridge company at Bridgeport, Conn., three men were instantly killed.

A man giving his name as J. Everest Worthington, who is believed to be insane, was captured on the streets of Topeka, Kan., within a block of the capitol, whither he said he was going to kill Governor Hoch. Although unarmed, the man is of powerful build, and would have given the governor rough handling. He pretends to be deaf and dumb and made the following written confession: "I was inspired by Pyrus, the god of fire, to come here and kill Governor Hoch. I have sworn eternal vengeance against all statesmen who pretend that they are self-made men. If it had not been for this officer who captured me, Governor Hoch would have been no more, for I was on my way to the capitol to kill him when I was arrested. One who has risen from obscurity to a high place is the worst enemy of the impecunious genteel. Therefore I hate Hoch."

An Associated Press dispatch, dated New York, April 4, says: "Official announcement was made here tonight that a meeting of the Union Pacific railroad company stockholders will be held at Salt Lake City, Utah, May 5, for the purpose of considering and acting upon a proposed amendment of the articles of incorporation of the company increasing its preferred capital stock by the amount of \$100,000,000 and of authorizing the issuance and use of such additional stock."

A conditional request has been made for the resignation of John G. Brady, the governor of Alaska. Although this request was forwarded by Secretary Hitchcock under orders from the president over a month ago, no reply was received. The request grows out of the fact that Governor Brady is connected with a mining company which is extensively engaged in advertising its affairs. Secretary Hitchcock decided that the case was on a par with the charges made against the Dawes commission and immediately wrote to the governor calling his attention to the matter, telling him he must either vacate his position in the company or resign his office.

Under date of New York, April 1, the Associated Press says: "Howard Crosby Warren, a professor in Princeton university, and Catherine Campbell of Indianapolis, Ind., were married at the city hall by Mayor McClellan today. An incident occurred in connection with the marriage which led the mayor to publicly proclaim that he is proscribed by law from accepting fees for performing a marriage. At the conclusion of the ceremony the best man handed the mayor an envelope containing a fee. 'Don't do that,' said the mayor. 'Don't give it to anybody else, either.' The best man was plainly disconcerted, as were the others, and the mayor was asked why he would not accept the fee or why no one else could have it. 'Because,' he replied, 'I don't want to see any one go to state's prison. No one can take a fee for work done here.'"

United States Senator Platt of Connecticut is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

It is announced that United States

Senator Burton of Kansas is about to resign his office.

The City of Chicago, on April 5, filed suit for \$40,000 against the Standard Oil company. The bill is based upon the alleged non-payment of inspection fees by the Standard Oil company. It is claimed that the company has for years refused to pay for inspections made by the city under an ordinance regulating commerce in naphtha and gasoline. Representatives of the Standard Oil company held that gasoline and naphtha are not products of petroleum and that the ordinance does not apply.

The drouth in Panama has become so severe that water is sold now at four cents a gallon.

Miss Lavina Steele of Des Moines has just received a medal for heroism displayed in saving the life of a companion with whom she was skating last winter. The young man broke through the ice and was immersed in twelve feet of freezing water, but Miss Steele after a desperate struggle in which her own life was jeopardized, dragged him to safety.

It is reported that a woman by the name of Mrs. Preston, a native of Dumfries, Scotland, but now living at Redlands, Calif., declares that the grave of John Paul Jones is not in Paris, as has been thought, but is at Dumfries. Mrs. Preston wrote Ambassador Porter, who has been making a fruitless search in Paris for the remains, to tell him where the grave of Jones is. She says that the grave is marked with a stone bearing the inscription "John Paul Jones, the Black Pirate." Her story is that his mother caused his remains to be transported from Paris and buried among the graves of his kindred in his native village. Because John Paul Jones had not even spared his native village during his raids of the coast towns of the British isle, the villagers vented their wrath on his memory by inscribing the epithet of "The Black Pirate" on his tombstone.

The Erie Railway company filed with the secretary of New York a certificate of increase of capital stock from \$177,000,000 to \$197,000,000. The increase is in the common stock, which is increased from \$113,000,000 to \$133,000,000.

A Honolulu the legislature has passed a bill establishing county government for the Hawaiian islands. The bill divides the islands into five counties, the leper settlement of Molokai being made one of them.

The British ambassador, Sir Mortimer Durand, called upon Acting Secretary of State Loomis to urge a reciprocal arrangement between America and Great Britain respecting the equipment of ocean-going steam vessels with life saving devices.

INFORMATION WANTED

A reader of The Commoner asks for information as to the publishers of the book written by Jas. Howard Bridge, under the title "The Inside History of the Carnegie Steel Company." The book is published by the Aldine Book Company, No. 32, Lafayette Place, New York, and ought to be in the hands of those who are preparing themselves for a discussion of the trust and its methods.

A RECORD

Colorado had three governors within the space of twenty-four hours recently. At 4:45 Thursday Adams was governor, Peabody being then declared by the legislature to be elected. A 5 o'clock Peabody was sworn in. At 4:25 Friday Peabody resigned and at 4:30 McDonald was seated.—Topeka Herald.

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