



John Hay, secretary of state, died at 12:35 a. m., July 1. While Mr. Hay has not been well for several months, his death came as a surprise.

Sailors of the Russian battleship Kniaz Potemkin mutinied, murdered their officers and threw their bodies into the Black sea.

John D. Rockefeller has given \$1,000,000 to Yale university.

The New York state senate has adopted the report of the judiciary committee calling for an investigation of the charges against Warren B. Hooker, one of the judges of the state supreme court.

James B. Dill, famous as a corporation lawyer, delivered an address at Oberlin college in which he said that "graft" is a serious menace to American life.

Graeme Stewart, a distinguished citizen of Chicago, is dead.

David B. Henderson, former speaker of the national house of representatives, suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home in Dubuque, Ia.

The New York correspondent for the Chicago Record-Herald, under date of June 18, said: Judge Foster established a precedent in General

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Sessions today, when he allowed proceedings in a murder trial to be interrupted every few minutes that a cotton broker on the jury might learn which way the cotton market was going. The court held that he was justified by the bland declaration of the juror that he could better give his attention to the testimony of witnesses when he knew whether or not his clients were being lost. Every twenty minutes of so a messenger boy carrying a yellow slip was courteously ushered by a court attendant to the jury box and the trial was stopped until the broker had read the slip. After that he would tear up the paper and look up with a "now-you-may-go-ahead" expression on his face, whereupon the case went ahead. The broker was Barton S. Castles, one of twelve men who will decide the fate of Emma Nash, a negro accused of the murder, March 2, of her husband, Josiah Whitehurst, by stabbing him in the head. Castles is a member of the cotton exchange. He is about 28 years old and a southerner. He said in answer to questions that he had no prejudices against negroes.

The Yale crew won from Harvard the annual four-mile race at a length of an oar. The Associated Press says: "Such a race has never before been rowed in the twenty-seven years of racing between those old rivals."

Eight prisoners were taken from the jail at Watkinville, Ga., June 29, and seven of them were shot to death by a mob of masked men. One escaped. Four of the prisoners were charged with murder, one with attempted assault and the others with minor offenses.

The following statement of the operations of the treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30 was made public June 29: "The government fiscal year ends tomorrow. The treasury deficit for the year will be approximately \$24,500,000. This amount is subject to a slight, but not material change. The last report of the secretary of the treasury estimates a deficit for this fiscal year of \$18,000,000. The actual deficit exceeds this by \$6,500,000. The receipts for the fiscal year have been about \$543,000,000, \$2,000,000 more than the receipts estimated by the secretary of the treasury in his last report. The expenditures have been \$567,500,000, or about \$8,500,000 more than was estimated. The month of June just closing shows a handsome surplus of nearly \$13,000,000 and reduced the deficit from \$37,000,000 to \$24,500,000. A comparison of the receipts of this fiscal year with those of the preceding year shows remarkably small changes. A comparison of the expenditures of the two years shows wider variations. Civil and miscellaneous expenditures in 1904, excluding payment for the right of way for the Panama canal and the loan to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company, were \$132,400,000; this year they were \$147,200,000, an increase of \$15,000,000 of which more than half is an increase in the postal deficiency. The war department expenditures in 1904 were \$115,300,000; this year \$122,400,000, an increase of \$7,000,000. Navy department expenditures in 1904 were \$102,800,000; this year \$117,300,000, an increase of \$14,500,000. Indians in 1904, \$10,400,000;

in 1905, 14,600,000, an increase of \$4,200,000. Pension payments in 1904, \$142,600,000; in 1905, \$141,700,000, a decrease of \$1,000,000. Interest payments were the same for the two years, \$24,500,000.

Health authorities of Ecuador have reported Panama to be infected with bubonic plague.

A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald, under date of Philadelphia, June 28, follows: Mayor Weaver in a letter to Director Acker of the department of public works, made public today, held up all payments to Daniel J. McNichol for work done on a filtration contract involving more than \$1,000,000. The mayor charges the city has been defrauded out of more than \$233,000 by means of the interpretation put upon the contract by John W. Hill, the former chief of the filtration bureau, who is under bail on two criminal charges in connection with other contracts, and by William C. Haddock, former director of public works. McNichol is said to have collected extra money for work which the contract required him to do. The mayor also announces his intention of suing civilly to recover the amount of which he declares the city was defrauded and to bring criminal proceedings.

Charles A. Otis, Sr., aged 78, former mayor of Cleveland, is dead.

The Vigo County National bank at Terre Haute, Ind., closed its doors June 28. It is reported that the shortage amounts to about \$70,000.

Addison Ballard, the pioneer lumber dealer of Chicago, died June 28.

A cablegram from the Associated Press under date of Christiania, Sweden, June 28, follows: The best political authorities agree that King Oscar's refusal to nominate a prince of the house of Bernadotte for the Norwegian throne makes no change in Norway's constitutional situation. According to the constitution of May 17, 1814, which is still in force, and to the formal resolution of the storting passed on June 7 last, Norway even now is a kingdom, with its throne vacant, and hence King Oscar's declination has not decided the question as to whether the future government of Norway will be under a republic or monarch. It is pointed out that if King Oscar persists in his refusal to nominate a member of his house to the throne, Norway is free to offer the crown to another prince.

A tornado struck Phillipsburg, Kan., June 28. Eight people were killed and great damage to property was done.

Reports from the isthmian canal commission show that on June 1, there were 9,702 persons employed in canal work.

The grain firm of Knight, Donnelly & Co., Chicago, has failed. Liabilities are estimated at \$3,000,000. The assets are \$2,500,000. It is said the assets may dwindle considerably.

It is reported that the steel trust has purchased the Lake Erie and Pittsburg railroad, which railroad is now in course of construction.

The democratic state convention for Pennsylvania is to be convened in Harrisburg, August 16. It will nominate a candidate for justice of the supreme court.

Russian newspapers lay much of the responsibility for the present trouble between France and Germany to Great Britain's door, saying that

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