



Elmer Dover, secretary of the republican national committee and formerly private secretary to Mark Hanna, referring to the Ohio election, says: "A number of things contributed to the defeat of a part of the ticket in Ohio. Secretary Taft's Akron speech was not the least, neither was it necessarily the greatest. It was one factor in the result in the state, and from that standpoint it would seem that he now has an obligation to the party in Ohio to discharge. What is his substitute for the old conditions?"

A number of arrests have been made in connection with the alleged frauds in the New York election. One man disappeared after giving bond, and the Hearst men claim that he has forfeited his bond in order to protect men "higher up."

Many thousand dollars have been raised in the United States for the relief of the suffering Jews in Russia.

Attorney General Moody has filed a petition in the federal court for the eastern district of Wisconsin in order to test the legality of certain "commissions" paid by railroads to a private car transit company. The case immediately in point involves rebates granted to a Milwaukee brewer.

Another strike is on in Russia. Witte complains that he has not received proper support from the reform element, there are rumors that a "false emperor" has made his appearance and has obtained a large following, and a generally disturbed condition prevails.

New York dispatches say that Mr. Hearst will be sworn in as mayor of New York January 1, in order to protect his contest for the office. The Hearst men have demanded another recount of the vote.

A dispatch under date of Boston, November 12, follows: "Thomas W. Lawson has sent out the following statement: 'I never bet, but I have been intrusted by one of my clients with \$10,000 to wager that Hearst is elected mayor, and have instructed my brokers to offer it at 1 to 3, but to receive offers down to even if necessary.' Later Mr. Lawson issues this statement: 'My client's \$10,000 has been snapped up, \$2,000 at 3 to

1, and \$8,000 at 5 to 1. I have \$10,000 more at the latter odds, or 3 to 1, provided I can not secure the first. The wager is that Mr. Hearst will be the next mayor of New York.'

At a meeting of the American Federation of Labor, held at Pittsburg, the report of the executive council favored the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion laws, the eight-hour day, the abolition of convict labor, the alteration of injunction laws, and woman suffrage.

United States Senator Burton, of Kansas, has filed a demurrer to the new indictments brought against him, and the demurrer was overruled by Judge Vandeventer.

Representatives of five labor organizations connected with railroad-ing called upon President Roosevelt November 14 and protested against rate legislation. In reply to their address Mr. Roosevelt said that he was "convinced there must be "increased regulatory and supervisory power exercised by the government over the railroads," and he added, "I would like it exercised to a much greater extent than I have any idea of pressing at this moment."

Rev. Dr. Dunlop Moore, a veteran preacher, died when singing a song at the session of the Pittsburg presbytery November 14.

The district attorney of Milwaukee says that while the work of the grand jury in investigating graft cost the county \$20,000 it has resulted in a saving of \$200,000 to the state.

Certain residents of the Isle of Pines have issued a declaration of independence from Cuba and organized a new government, claiming to be a United States territory. A mass meeting has been held, officers selected, and an appeal has been made to President Roosevelt for the establishment on the Isle of Pines of a territorial government. It is said one-third of the population on the Isle of Pines are American citizens.

The Chicago Record-Herald reports that during the hunting season twenty-four people were killed and twenty-seven wounded as a result of hunting accidents.

It is charged as a result of investigation that young Stuart Pierson, the Kenyon college, Ohio, student who was killed during a fraternity initiation, was bound by a rope to a railroad track. Members of the fraternity deny the charge, but the coroner insists that he has recently obtained strong evidence in support of his position.

C. W. Barron, a financial news writer in Boston, has caused the arrest of Thomas W. Lawson on the charge of libel. Mr. Lawson has also caused Barron's arrest on a similar charge.

Governor Pennypacker of Pennsylvania has called the legislature in extra session for the purpose, as he says, of enacting anti-graft legislation, restoring home rule and other reforms.

St. Petersburg dispatches say that the real purpose of the revolutionists

in bringing on a new strike is to overthrow the monarchy.

Washington dispatches say that Senator Platt called at the White House and informed Mr. Roosevelt that former Governor Odell should retire as the republican boss of New York, otherwise the republicans would have difficulty in electing their candidate for governor next year.

The Nebraska Implement Dealers, in session at Omaha, adopted resolutions endorsing railway rate regulation.

A Washington dispatch says that President Roosevelt has declared himself in favor of joint statehood for the territories of Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

Prince Charles of Denmark has accepted the offer of the Norway throne.

The American Federation of Labor has declared in favor of postal savings banks.

Frank S. Higgins, formerly lieutenant governor of Montana, died at Portland, Ore., November 15.

The National Grange, in session at Atlantic City, November 15, declared in favor of postal savings banks.

A stenographer, formerly employed in Chicago by the Armour Packing company, has been arrested on the charge that he attempted to blackmail officers of the company. It is alleged that this stenographer secured several letters from the company's files, and threatened to deliver them to the federal authorities unless paid the sum of \$40,000.

Attorney General Moody has filed a reply to the packers' claim that they had been promised immunity by Commissioner Garfield. The attorney general denies that any such assurance was given.

New York dispatches say that Richard A. McCurdy of the Mutual Life created a stir November 15 by announcing that at his own request his salary has been cut from \$150,000 to \$75,000 a year.

MINISTERS' SALARIES

Zion's Herald is authority for the statement that the amount contributed by the Methodist Episcopal church for ministerial support in 1890 was \$9,366,658, an average of \$633 to each minister and representing an average contribution of \$4.10 from each communicant. In 1900 the same church contributed for ministerial support \$11,216,353, an average of only \$632 to each preacher, and representing a gift of only \$3.78 from each communicant. Here we see that there was actual decrease in the average contribution and in the average amount paid pastors. Meanwhile the cost of living had increased 25 or 30 per cent.

The Interior says that thirty years ago the average contribution of a member of the Presbyterian church was \$13.05. Today it is a little under \$12. Meanwhile, though living expenses have increased, the average pastor's salary remains about the same.—Christian Intelligencer.

NO SECRETS FROM THE PEOPLE

Mayor Tom Johnson of Cleveland announces that one of the policies which he will pursue in the city which has just accorded him a handsome endorsement by a re-election will be to "keep open all doors and books in the city hall." No secrets from the people. Mayor Johnson has been classed as a demagogue but the people of Cleveland appear to like his kind of demagogism. His effort to make the acts of all public servants an open book that all the taxpayers may know the exact status of their own interests will not detract any from his popularity. The people have been getting a taste of publicity and they are now demanding it to the fullest extent. Desigging politicians may not like the idea of publicity, but the people have learned that it is the proper way to curb the grafter, and that it is better to prevent the misuse of funds than to punish those who are recreant, after the funds have been dissipated. Removal of the temptation for graft and punishment to the fullest extent of those who are false to their trust ought to bring about a better condition of affairs in all municipalities.—Cedar Rapids Gazette.

THE GALLANT SAILOR

A theatrical manager told this story recently:

"It was a benefit performance," he said, "and at a table in the lobby souvenir programs were being sold by Miss Lillian Russell, Miss Ethel Barrymore, Miss Anna Held, Miss Edna Wallace Hopper, Miss Edna May and two or three other actresses.

"A stunning table it was, undoubtedly. A young blue jacket passed before it. He stood quite still for some minutes, with his bronzed young face and his neat nautical togs, staring with the most ardent and respectful admiration at the young women before him. Then, with a half sigh, he laid a piece of silver down and turned away.

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"The gallant sailor smiled and answered:

"'I've had more than my money's worth already, thanks.'—New York Tribune.

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