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Seventeen persons were seriously injured in a street car collision at St. Louis, November 22.

Washington dispatches say that Mr. Roosevelt will favor a lock canal.

Midshipman Minor Meriwether, jr., of Lafayette, La., a member of the third class of the Annapolis naval academy, is on trial at Annapolis on the charge of having caused the death of Midshipman James R. Branch, jr., of New York in a so-called prize fight.

William S. Manning of Albany, N. Y., an insurance lobbyist who has been referred to as Senator Depew's "rantankerous" friend, told the insurance committee of some of the methods employed by the insurance lobby.

A London cablegram says that on November 19, the steamer Hilda was wrecked off St. Malo on the north coast of France and that 100 passengers, including the crew, were lost.

Authorities on the Isle of Pines have entered a denial to the report that a state of anarchy prevails there.

Thirty men lost their lives in a fire in a cheap lodging house at Glasgow November 19.

President Roosevelt has appointed Herbert G. Hagerman, of Roswell, N. M., to be governor of New Mexico. Mr. Hagerman will take office at the expiration of Governor Otero's time, January 22, 1906.

W. B. Haldeman, owner of the Louisville Times, has announced his candidacy for the United States senate, to succeed Senator Blackburn.

Senator Burton's second trial at St. Louis was concluded on the evening of November 25. He was found guilty.

A London cablegram says that Balfour is ready to resign and that an early dissolution of parliament and an appeal to the country is regarded as probable.

Before the insurance investigating committee Senator Thos. C. Platt admitted receiving large contributions from insurance companies for campaign purposes. "What advantage could they get by so contributing?" asked Mr. Hughes. "They got it through me as being connected with the state committee. They would suppose I would be very likely to defend them at times when necessary. I never had occasion to do it." "The use of these contributions in the election of candidates to office puts the candidates more or less under a moral obligation not to attack the interest supporting them?" said Mr. Hughes. "That is what naturally would be involved." "Isn't that really what is involved?" "I should think so."

In a public statement, Former Senator Chandler charged that Senator Foraker fought for a republican victory in Ohio in order that the same might be interpreted as disapproval of rate legislation. Senator Foraker replies in which he says that "Mr. Chandler's statements are reckless and unwarranted by the facts." Senator Foraker says that he openly advised against the renomination of Governor Herrick on the ground that if renominated, Foraker feared that he would be defeated. He points out

that the one man on the republican ticket who declared in favor of railroad regulation was Governor Herrick and that he ran 80,000 behind his ticket. Mr. Foraker intimates that Secretary Taft had something to do with the republican defeat in Ohio.

William A. Morgan, former manager of the Standard Oil company at Sedalia, Mo., testified before Special Commissioner Anthony at St. Louis. Newspaper dispatches say that Mr. Morgan's testimony created a sensation and the Standard attorneys offered frequent and vigorous objections. He said he was charged with the duty of crushing out competitors by fair means or foul and that when he went to Sedalia, the Standard controlled 50 per cent of the business, and when he left it controlled 90 per cent. He said that the oil company furnished him with barrel gauges, from which he might show customers that competitors sold short barrels. He refused to use the gauges because he thought they were fraudulent.

The San Jose Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, recently in session, adopted the following resolutions: "Resolved, that it is the sense of San Jose Grange, No. 10, Patrons of Husbandry, that Pomona Grange should memorialize President Roosevelt to the effect that the representatives from San Jose chamber of commerce to the Chicago interstate commerce convention did not represent the true sense of the great mass of the people of the Santa Clara valley, but, upon the other hand, the great mass of the people are standing solidly by the president in his effort to strengthen the power of the interstate commerce commission by giving that commission power to fix railway rates."

A mutiny among the convicts in the Missouri penitentiary at Jefferson City took place November 24. Four convicts organized for an escape, and armed with pistols they killed two of the guards, wounded the deputy warden, and blew down the outer gates with nitro-glycerine. After a running fight through the streets of Jefferson City, the four convicts were retaken, two of them being shot by officers.

Senator Foraker has presented to the senate committee on interstate commerce the draft of his bill to amend the interstate commerce law. This bill provides for "enjoining the publishing and charging of excessive rates and any discriminations." But it does not confer upon the commission the power to fix a rate. The bill also prohibits the giving of free passes.

Before the insurance committee November 24 Gerald R. Brown of the Equitable said in reply to questioning that the King Model houses in One Hundred and Ninety-third street, New York, were taken by the Equitable society under a foreclosure, sold to D. H. King, jr., and that the Equitable society supplied \$3,100,000 for construction and improvements on the houses and when completed Mr. King deeded them back to the society. Mr. Brown said he supposed King "was there" to make a profit in subletting the contracts. "The Equitable put up all the money and King took all the profit?" asked Mr. Hughes. "Yes, if you want to put it in that way," said Mr. Brown.

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