



Five officials of the Carriage and Wagon Workers' Union of Chicago, and two men whom they were charged with hiring as sluggers, were convicted December 29, on the charge of conspiracy, and sentenced to terms in the penitentiary.

Judge Webb at Grand Rapids, Mich., has decided that the Wisconsin anti-pass law is constitutional.

Charles T. Yerkes, the railway financier of Chicago and London, died in New York, December 29. He had been ill for ten days.

The New York insurance committee concluded its labors Saturday, December 30.

George B. McClellan has received a certificate of election as mayor of New York.

Raymond Prefontaine, the Canadian minister of marines and fisheries, died at Paris December 25. He was at one time mayor of Montreal.

The situation in Santo Domingo is becoming serious, and it is believed in Washington that the United States government will soon have its hands full in that country. The president of Santo Domingo, Morales, has disappeared and is pursued by troops.

The Inter-Borough and Metropolitan traction interests of New York are to be merged in a holding company, with a capital stock of \$150,000,000 and a bond issue of \$70,000,000.

The federal grand jury at Chicago December 29, returned an indictment against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, Darius Miller, first vice president, and C. G. Burnham, foreign freight agent, on the charge of granting railroad rebates. The indictment charges that these rebates were granted to the United States Steel Product company, of New York, a branch of the steel trust. It is said that the regular rates were paid, but that afterwards a rebate of 30 per cent was allowed.

A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald under date of Detroit, December 26, follows: "Lugged away in an old cart today, Herman Menz's statue of the devil now is being guarded by a constable. The image was set up two months ago by Menz and created

a sensation. Menz is not a believer of the Deity, and wrought the statue to symbolize his feeling as to the future. Today a constable with a writ of replevin called at the home of the old German stonecutter and levied on the idol. The owner resisted the demand of the officer, and he and his family tried to save the statue from capture, even going so far as to bring a sledgehammer to smash it to bits. The constable and his assistants were successful in removing the statue, and thus made return on the writ that was sworn out by Warren West of Ypsilanti on a claim of \$51.40 for labor, part of which was performed on 'Beelzebub.'"

E. E. Snyder, the Olin, Iowa, banker who failed one year ago with liabilities of \$100,000 in excess of his assets, pleaded guilty of receiving money after he knew the bank was insolvent. He was fined \$100 and costs.

A horizontal reduction of 20 per cent in freight rates within the state of Illinois as ordered by the state railroad commission has been modified so as to apply only to classes one to five, pending another investigation.

Justice Leventritt, at New York, has ruled that a purchaser of a railroad ticket has the right to sign on the ticket the name of the person from whom he purchased it.

Thursday, December 28, call money in New York went to 125 per cent, the highest since 1899. Secretary of the Treasury Shaw says that legitimate business and not speculation has caused the situation. He says that the money is not now demanded on account of manipulations in stock, but is "the natural result of conditions that prevailed last summer and of mistakes made then from lack of foresight."

News dispatches say that Russell Sage was on hand December 28 when call money in New York went to 125 per cent and that he had the money and as a result got rid of about \$30,000,000. It is estimated that as a result of this transaction Mr. Sage will profit to the extent of \$75,000 a day for some time to come.

The accounts of the postmaster of Peoria, Ill., are being investigated.

Governor Hanley of Indiana has demanded the resignation of Daniel E. Storms, secretary of state.

Joy Morton, son of the late J. Sterling Morton, and head of the salt trust, was thrown from a horse at Nebraska City and seriously injured. Latest reports say that Mr. Morton will recover.

J. R. Cady, at one time attorney for Louis F. Payne, while that person was superintendent of insurance for New York, testified before the insurance committee that Richard A. McCurdy, then president of the Mutual Life Insurance company, offered Cady a retainer to use his influence with Mr. Payne in insurance matters.

At a meeting of city superintendents and principals in connection with the Iowa State Teachers' association, held at Des Moines, a resolution was adopted declaring in favor of abolishing the game of football in Iowa. Similar resolutions were adopted at a gather-

ing in New York, where sixty-eight institutions of learning were represented.

A special grand jury will be called in New York with the purpose of probing insurance scandals.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of St. Louis, December 29, follows: "After a division of almost one hundred years steps were consummated today in the joint session of general committees which, when formally ratified, will unite the northern Presbyterian church, U. S. A., and the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Almost two days have been consumed by sub-committees in arranging details for the union. Their reports were submitted to the general committees representing each church this afternoon. Within two hours the two general committees had met in joint session and agreed upon a basis for the union of the two denominational bodies. This agreement will be reported to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church meeting at Des Moines, Ia., on May 17, 1906, and of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, meeting in Decatur, Ill., on the same date for formal ratification by these two executive assemblies, which will be followed by the official announcement that the union of the two churches has finally been consummated."

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Columbus, O., January 3, follows: "The seventy-seventh general assembly of Ohio convened today, the house being organized by the republicans, who have sixty-two votes against fifty-nine for the democrats, and the senate being organized by the democrats, who have nineteen votes, counting one independent, Senator Lamb of Lucas county, who voted with them, against eighteen for the republicans. Lieutenant Governor Harding presided in the senate. He will be succeeded on January 8 as president of the senate by Andrew L. Harris, the republican lieutenant governor-elect. All the democratic caucus nominations in the senate and all the republican nominations in the house were ratified without opposition. Several attempts were made to organize bolts, but all failed."

Ex-Governor Frank Steuenberg of Idaho was assassinated on December 30 by the explosion of a dynamite bomb. It is believed that the assassination is due to the feud engendered by the strike of miners at Cour D'Alene several years ago, although no trace of the assassin has been found. The bomb was exploded at the ex-governor's gate.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Washington, December 20, says: "Final returns to the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture, according to a bulletin issued at 4 o'clock today, show the acreage and production of the principal farm crops in 1905 to have been as follows:

Crop	Acreage.	Production Bushels.
Corn	94,011,369	2,707,993,540
Winter wheat	29,864,018	428,462,834
Spring wheat	17,990,061	264,516,655
Oats	28,046,746	953,216,177
Barley	5,095,528	136,651,020
Rye	1,662,508	27,616,045
Buckwheat	760,118	14,585,082
Flaxseed	2,534,836	28,470,753
Rice	460,198	12,933,436
Potatoes	2,996,757	260,741,294
Hay	39,361,960	*60,531,611
Tobacco	776,112	**633,033,719

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