



One hundred lives were lost in an explosion in a mine belonging to the Mexican Coal and Coke company at Las Esperanzas, Mexico.

The body of Ansel Briggs who was the first governor of Iowa is to be removed from its burial place in Omaha to the old Briggs home in Jackson county, Iowa.

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Ralph Tilton, editor of the Delinquent and son of Theodore Tilton, who is now living in Paris, died at his New York home.

The following news item was printed by the Omaha World-Herald: "Hereafter colored men will be enlisted by the navy department for officers servants. They have not been enlisted for these positions heretofore."

"We shall enlist colored men for officers' servants," said M. H. Signor, who has charge of the naval recruiting station in Omaha, "because we cannot now enlist aliens. Hereafter all recruits must be citizens of the United States. This shuts out Japanese and Chinese, who in the past have been enlisted for officers' servants, and practically compels us to use colored men."

Representative in Congress John U. Raber was elected mayor of Philadelphia over William Potter, democratic-party candidate, by a plurality of 33,000.

Martin J. Wade of Iowa City, Ia., has been chosen a member of the democratic national committee to succeed C. A. Walsh resigned.

Harry Pratt Judson has been chosen to succeed the late William R. Harper as president of the Chicago university.

The Nebraska State Press association held a meeting in Omaha. The association elected the following officers: H. C. Richmond, Fremont Herald, president; A. B. Wood, Gering Courier, vice-president; W. M. Maupin, Commoner, secretary-treasurer; C. C. Johns, corresponding secretary. The association decided to have the record of Nebraska newspapers printed, arrangements to this end having been made with the Nebraska historical society, at a cost to the association of \$500. Lengthy resolutions were adopted omitting all reference to Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden. The resolutions call for a state law requiring insurance corporations to publish in a newspaper in each county the certificate of the state auditor and a brief financial statement, the repeal of the law authorizing the postoffice department to supply printed stamped envelopes, the payment of postage by the government on matter sent out by its departments, a reduction in the rates paid to railroads for carrying mail, and recommended that the association, in connection with D. M. Butler of the Lin-

coln Legal News, codify and publish in pamphlet form the printing laws of the state.

The Nebraska state supreme court has sustained the validity of the new state railroad commission.

The Rotterdam steamer Berlin was wrecked as she was entering the port at Hook of Holland. With one exception all her crew, numbering 143 persons, perished.

Cornelius F. Shea of the national brotherhood of teamsters and his fellow defendants who were on trial on the charge of conspiracy committed during the teamsters' strike were acquitted.

The lower house of the Minnesota legislature has passed a two-cent railroad bill.

Gov. Folk of Missouri has granted the requisition of governor of Texas for H. Clay Pierce of the Waters-Pierce Oil company. Pierce is wanted in Travis county, Texas, on the charge of making false affidavit.

The Omaha World-Herald prints this news item: "Capitol lodge No. 3, of the Masonic fraternity, after conference with the Masonic lodges of Sioux Falls, has fixed upon March 7 as the day for receiving the famous traveling silver trowel from Sioux Falls. This trowel is traveling around the world, having started on its journey from the grand lodge of New York, and each month is given to a new lodge by the one last holding it. The coming of the famous trowel to Omaha will be a great event in Masonic circles, with the grand lodge of this state participating, members of all neighboring lodges invited, and a big delegation of distinguished Masons from South Dakota being present. A big reception in the day time, degree work in the early evening, and a great meeting of some kind to follow, is the program as now roughly outlined. From collections continuing to come in it is estimated there will be over \$2,000."

Washington News

The bill has passed both houses of congress providing for the division of Nebraska into two judicial districts.

An Associated Press dispatch follows: "Eli Smith, the Alaskan mail carrier who has been making a trip from Nome to Washington, arrived here today and with his team of seven Eskimo dogs and his sled on wheels he drove to the White House. The appearance of Smith and his unique outfit attracted a large number of curiosity seekers. Smith presented to the president a letter from an official at Nome and in return the president wrote a brief note certifying to Smith's arrival in Washington. Later Smith drove his team through the southern part of the White House grounds where the president and Mrs. Roosevelt were given opportunity to see some team work by the Eskimo dogs."

A resolution providing for the expulsion of Senator Reed Smoot, Mormon, was defeated in the senate by a vote of 42 to 28. Eighteen senators were paired, making the actual standing on the resolution 51 against and 37 for the resolution. Senator Smoot

did not vote, and Senator Wetmore was absent and not paired. The following is the vote in detail on the Burrows amendment declaring Senator Smoot not entitled to his seat:

Yeas—Bacon, Berry, Burrows, Carmack, Clapp, Clark (Ark.), Clay, Culberson, Dubois, Dupont, Frazier, Hale, Hansbrough, Hemenway, Kittredge, LaFollette, Latimer, McCreary, McLaurin, Money, Newlands, Overman, Pettus, Rayner, Simmons, Smith, Stone, Tillman—28.

Nays—Aldrich, Allee, Ankeney, Beveridge, Blackburn, Brandegee, Bulkley, Burkett, Burnham, Clark (Mont.), Clark (Wyo.), Crane, Curtis, Daniel, Depew, Dillingham, Dolliver, Flint, Foraker, Frye, Fulton, Granger, Gamble, Heyburn, Hopkins, Kean, Knox, Lodge, Long, McCumber, Millard, Mulkey, Nelson, Nixon, Penrose, Perkins, Piles, Spooner, Sutherland, Warner, Warren—42.

The eighteen senators paired were as follows:

For Smoot and against the resolution: Allison, Elkins, Carter, Cullom, Dryden, Platt, Proctor, Scott and Teller.

Against Smoot and for the resolution: Messrs. Morgan, Bailey, Patterson, Martin, Foster, McEnery, Mallory, Taliaferro and White.

It is given in official circles that Charles E. Magoon will be retained as governor of Cuba.

The president has signed the immigration bill. The bill provides for a commission of nine to make a thorough investigation of the whole immigration question. Three of these commissioners are to be appointed by the president and three each by the vice-president and speaker. Already there are a number of applications on file for these positions.

The postoffice appropriation bill as reported by the committee to the house, is the largest in American history. Increased pay is provided affecting 90 per cent of the postal employees.

Secretary of War Taft will make a visit to Cuba for the purpose of looking into conditions there.

A Washington dispatch to the New York World follows: "That the big national banks of New York city are in a conspiracy with Wall street to manipulate prices is something Representative Sulzer expects to show through a resolution of inquiry he introduced today. The resolution directs the secretary of the treasury to send to the house at the opening of the Sixtieth congress 'the rates of interest charged by twenty-five or more of the largest national banks in the city, at 11 o'clock in the morning and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on call loans, on each banking day from September 1, 1904, to September 1, 1907, and whether said rates were made by agreement, expressed or implied, and such other information in connection with the subject as the secretary shall deem proper and expedient.' Mr. Sulzer expects that the secretary's figures will show that whenever the Wall street contingent was ready to sacrifice the lambs the banks raised the rates of interest to a prohibitive figure, and that after the sacrifice was completed the rates became normal. Because of its privileged nature the resolution must be acted upon favorably or unfavorably by the committee on ways and means before next Monday or at that time Sulzer will have the right to ask for its immediate consideration."

A house committee has decided that Representative Pollard of the First Nebraska district is not entitled to the \$1,900 salary paid to him for the period of four and one-half months prior to his election. Pollard was elected to fill a vacancy and he drew pay from the beginning of the term to the day of his election. This, the committee holds, he is not entitled to.

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