

was proved that no such person as H. L. Morey existed and that the letter was forged for political effect. Byrne and his associates were not prosecuted."

Beverly, Mass., dispatches say that in a conference between President Taft and members of his cabinet, it was decided to push the national incorporation act, so that corporations could get away from state control and under federal authority exclusively.

George Cabot Lodge, son of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, is dead.

Washington dispatches say that Whitelaw Reid, ambassador at the court of St. James, and Henry White, ambassador to France, will be retired.

L. S. Glavis, chief of the division of the general land office, in the northwest, has presented to the president a report in which he charges that certain officials of the interior department have been unnecessarily concerned in the expedition of what are known as the Cunningham claims to valuable coal lands in Alaska.

It is reported that former Senator Blackburn of Kentucky has resigned as Panama canal commissioner. Mr. Blackburn has been filling the place of civil governor on the canal zone, and has, it is said, made a splendid record. It is probable that all the officers of the canal commissioners will be abolished, the work to be placed in the hands of the governor and chief engineer.

A negro ran amuck on the business streets of Monroe, La., shooting at every white man he met. He wounded twenty-nine people.

A mob of strikers attacked the home of Stephen Hart, superintendent of the Carlisle, Indiana, coal mines, and shot Hart's wife. She will die.

Edward H. Harriman returned to New York from his European trip. He is in the doctor's care, but says he is on the road to recovery.

An increase of two cents will be made in the fee for registration of letters and packages.

An earthquake was felt at Siena, Italy. Considerable damage was done to property.

The food experts, in session at Denver, took issue with the department of agriculture to the effect that benzoate of soda, used as a preservative in food products, is not harmful.

A LaCrosse, Wis., dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "Speechless for forty years, George Purdy, an old soldier, living at Dakota, a village near here, today became so enraged by attacks on the Masonic order, of which he is a member, by John Beach, head of an unique religious organization known as the 'Born Agains,' that he recovered his speech and denounced Beach in vigorous language. He accompanied this remarkable recovery with physical assaults on the Rev. Mr. Beach and severely chastised him."

District Attorney Jerome has announced that he will be a candidate for a third term, running by petition.

Charges of peonage have been preferred against the Pressed Steel Car company in Schoenerville, Pa., whose 3,500 employes are on a strike. It is alleged that the company has used force to compel foreign laborers to work. Alexander Friedman, a Hun-

garian, said that with one hundred other men he was brought to the plant from New York. He said that they were kept so close that they did not even know that the 3,500 employes were on a strike.

Frances J. Heney, who was defeated for the republican nomination for district attorney in San Francisco has been nominated by the democrats.

The Democratic League of southern California has adopted resolutions declaring for Governor Joseph W. Folk as democratic presidential nominee for 1912.

Secretary of the Treasury Macveagh has proposed a reduction in the size of paper money. National bankers object to the plan, saying that for the sake of convenience it would be necessary to change the size of national bank bills.

More than two hundred children in Brooklyn, N. Y., have been stricken with what the doctors call a form of infantile paralysis.

An income tax convention will be held at Albany, N. Y., September 4. Ollie James of Kentucky, and Senator Gore of Oklahoma will be among the speakers.

Representative Bennett of New York has written a letter to the secretary of war charging graft in the purchasing department of the isthmian canal commission. He says he knows of one instance where the contract for cement was given to a firm whose price was more than \$600,000 above that of the lowest bidder. He demands an investigation.

Hubert Latham, a French aviator, covered nearly 100 miles at Rheims, August 26. The flight was at the rate of about 68 1/2 kilometres an hour, as compared with 53 1/2 made by Wright at Lemans and a fraction under 50 made by Paulham.

Mexico City dispatches say that David E. Thompson, the American ambassador, has purchased the Pan-American railroad for \$10,000,000. Mr. Thompson says that he is making the purchase for himself, and that when the deal goes through he will own \$9,600,000 worth of the stock.

A Toledo, Ohio, dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "Marquis de Villalobar, minister from Spain, was entertained at a banquet tonight at the culmination of his visit to Toledo to attend the King Wamba carnival. Luis Pastor, secretary of the Spanish legation, was also present. The attendance of Don Francisco Leon de la Barra, ambassador from Mexico, who had accepted an invitation, was prevented by an unfortunate misunderstanding as to precedence at table, which arose from the fact that after he agreed to come the Spanish minister received a commission as the direct representative of King Alfonso and as such representative he was entitled to precedence. Senor de la Barra, because of his superior diplomatic rank, declined to concede the point when the matter was referred to him and to avoid complications, cancelled his engagement."

A Montgomery, Ala., dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "The whole code of prohibition laws passed by the legislature at the session which adjourned last night was signed by the governor today, including the Fuller bill, about which there has been so much talk all over the country. Others prevent the use or distribution of liquors in clubs, make

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