

memorial to Michigan students who lost their lives in the civil war and to those who have attained distinction in the professions.

The Meade-Phillips organization primary measure was passed by the New York assembly after that body had defeated the Green-Hinman bill, sponsored by Governor Hughes, and the Grady-Frisbie bill, a democratic measure.

Frederick A. Heinze, the copper man, was acquitted by a New York jury on charges of misappropriating funds of the Mercantile National bank while he was president of that institution.

The bodies of 800 earthquake victims were taken from the ruins at Cartago, Costa Rica.

The American Co-Operative Union was organized at St. Louis for the purpose of making war on high prices. Thomas G. Nelson of Indianapolis is the president. The plan provides for the elimination of the middle man in the sale of farm produce.

Theodore Roosevelt was the guest of the German emperor at Berlin.

George V. was formerly proclaimed king of England.

The funeral of the late King Edward will take place May 20.

George Brumder, the millionaire Milwaukee publisher, died suddenly of heart failure.

A Spokane, Wash., dispatch says: "Charles Rondo, who was convicted under the name of Charles Rollins of the murder of M. Vincent of Wallace, Idaho, and sentenced to forty years in the penitentiary, is a free man, being given his liberty by the state pardon board after a thorough investigation, when it was brought out that he was the victim of a series of remarkable circumstances. Rondo refused to indulge his identity when arrested, saying that to do so would probably result in the death of his aged mother, neither would he give testimony in his own behalf. When arrested two weeks after the death of Vincent, in August, 1908, Rondo was recovering from a bruised eye. He was identified by Vincent's companions, although he bore no resemblance to the two men arrested and positively identified earlier as Vincent's assailants. The two suspects, however, established alibi and were released. Witnesses testified at the hearing that their identification of Rondo was made more certain because of his injured eye. Rondo persistently maintained his innocence and this and the conflicting testimony was brought to the attention of the pardon board with the result already noted."

An interesting experiment now being made by a railroad company is described in a St. Paul dispatch carried by the Associated Press in this way: "The results of a year of experience have been so satisfactory that the Northern Pacific railway has gone into specialized farming on a large scale and will add to the 11,000 hens which are working for its dining car department, a herd of 300 milch cows and a garden truck farm. At the same time it will build a second bakery to supplement the supplies furnished by the company bakery in Seattle, so that its cars may have fresh supplies both at St. Paul and on the west end. The poultry farm at Kent, Wash., has made good. Fifty-two acres of land are devoted to this purpose and white leghorn hens were selected as the best breed for the company's

purposes. The farm supplies 150 dozen eggs a day and guarantees a fresh supply for the cars. The new garden farm will cover 400 acres at Paradise, Mont., which has been purchased and improved, while at the same point an additional 270 acres of rich bottom land will be devoted to dairy purposes, supplying fresh milk and cream."

The supreme court at Guthrie, Okla., instructed the secretary of state to file a petition signed with 59,000 names asking for a vote to amend the constitution by substituting high license and local option for prohibition.

Judge Smith McPherson in the federal court at Des Moines, upheld the constitutionality of the national pure food law and thereby dismissed the bleached flour cases.

The packet, City of Saltillo, sunk at Glen Point on the Mississippi river thirty miles south of St. Louis. Six persons were drowned.

At Berlin the German emperor and Theodore Roosevelt were entertained in a sham battle in which 12,000 German soldiers took part.

The executive committee of the Civil Service Reform Association has made public its annual report. The committee is of the opinion that responsibility for the customs frauds here rests upon the executive off-

cers at the head of the customs department who, under Roosevelt, it charges, were products of the spoils system. Instances cited are the appointments of Surveyor Clarkson (now resigned) and of Deputy Surveyors Vail and Bishop, both of whom it is said, were appointed by General Clarkson through waiver by President Roosevelt of civil service rules and both of whom have since been dismissed by Collector Loeb.

John Benson, the millionaire, who, one year ago was sent to jail in California for land fraud, was released from prison and died of heart failure while in a motor car bound for his home.

Herbert Booth of London, youngest son of General Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, has retired from that organization and will continue preaching as a "freelance;" he objected to certain methods of discipline which he believed to be tyrannical.

The New England arbitration and peace congress met at Hartford, Conn.

The Mississippi legislature suggested that the democratic state committee call an unofficial primary election for the purpose of passing on the senatorial question. Senator Percy wants a vindication, but the state committee refused to adopt the suggestion.

Washington News

A Washington dispatch says: "The recently 'reformed' house committee on rules is proving to be as secure a catacomb for proposed legislation antagonized by the special interests as was the one of which Speaker Cannon was chairman. Not a single resolution which might adversely affect unlawful combinations such as the sugar trust has been reported favorably by the new committee. Speaker Cannon dominates the reformed body just as effectively as he did the old rules committee."

Senators Elkins and Nelson were called to the White House to confer with the president on the railroad bill.

Anticipating the passage of the railroad bill, the railroads made a re-adjustment of rates in the territory between the Atlantic ocean and the Missouri river. They increased the rates and the same will become effective in July.

It is announced that in the levy of the new corporation tax 230,000 returns representing 275,000 corporations were made. It is estimated the receipts from this tax will reach \$26,000,000.

William L. Chambers has been appointed third arbitrator with Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission and Commissioner of Labor Neil to adjust the controversy between the brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the railroads west of Chicago. The case involves demands for increased wages and forty-seven railroads are involved.

By a vote of 4 to 2 the republicans on the Ballinger investigating committee refused to allow Attorney Brandeis to establish connection between the elections of Senator Emil Piles of Washington, the appointment of Ballinger as commissioner of the general land office and the po-

litical activities of the Guggenheim-Cunningham affiliation in Washington. Brandeis produced numerous newspaper articles telling of a 'jollity' party held by the supporters of Senator Piles the evening of his election. In the articles Piles was quoted as saying: 'I owe my election to Charles Sweeney. He made me senator.' Sweeney, Brandeis said, is the president of the Federal Smelting & Refining company, the 'lead wing' of the Guggenheim syndicate. Elmer Todd, United States attorney at Seattle, was quoted as saying at this meeting: 'We are all Sweeney men now.' Many of the Cunningham claimants were present. Ballinger attended that meeting as mayor of Seattle and he was active in the election of Piles and finally that Piles, in offering him the commissionership, said: 'I am requested to offer you, etc.' Ballinger grew sarcastic under the fire of the 'prosecution' attorney, when Brandeis suddenly switched his cross-examination to the clear listing of the Cunningham claims and brought in the alleged connections of Ballinger with the Alaska coal claimants. 'All your attempts to besmirch my character,' cried the irate secretary, 'intimating some devilish inspiration back of my action, are utterly unfounded. I clear listed the claims upon the evidence before me, as I would now, on the same evidence.' 'But,' insisted Brandeis, 'didn't your actions in clear listing them imply that an adequate examination had been made?' Objections were raised and the question was unanswered."

An interesting incident in the Ballinger investigating committee proceedings is described by the Associated Press in this way: "During an exchange of amenities between Chairman Nelson and Attorney Brandeis in the course of a wearisome afternoon, one of the women spectators rebuked the former because he undertook to discipline the (Continued on Page 15)

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