



The National G. A. R. reunion was held at Atlantic City, N. J. The sentiment generally expressed was in favor of increasing pensions for veterans, the popular cry being "A dollar a day for life."

A bolt of lightning struck the new statue of Henry Clay, near Lexington, Ky., September 19. The old statue, which was replaced by the present one, was struck by lightning July 9, 1903.

The grand jury of Lawrence, Mass., has returned indictments against eight of the large meat packers on the charge of giving false weights.

Mayor Gaynor issued a statement, stating that sensational papers like the Hearst publications, were responsible for the attack made upon him. William R. Hearst cabled a reply from New York charging the mayor with falsehood.

Dr. Hawley H. Crippen and Ethel C. Leneve were held by a London court on the charge of murdering Dr. Crippen's wife.

A conference of 150 representatives of continental and public organizations in the middle western states was held at Topeka, Kan., for the purpose of opposing the proposed increase in railway freight rates. Governor Stubbs of Kansas addressed the gathering and said that he was surprised at the greed of the railroads because they now proposed to advance freight rates to a figure never before dreamed of.

John P. Ryan, son of Thomas F. Ryan, the New York millionaire, has suggested to the war and navy department that they have a fleet of one thousand airships at their disposal. Mr. Ryan asks the moral support of these two departments and, receiving it, he will undertake to provide the fleet of aeroplanes.

Senator Julius C. Burrows, who was recently defeated for re-nomination in Michigan, is the chairman of the senatorial committee now in session in Chicago for the purpose of probing the bribery charges in connection with Senator Lorimer's election.

President Taft and Mr. Roosevelt met at New Haven, Conn., and Mr. Roosevelt later gave out the statement that the president wanted the Roosevelt forces to win in New York.

The Turkish parliament is adopting some radical reform measures, one of them being the liberty to criticize the government.

President Taft favors fortification for the Panama canal and will recommend appropriations of \$2,000,000 for that work.

Senator Robert L. Taylor of Tennessee has issued an address urging the democratic party factions in that state to unite in the state convention to be held at Nashville October 6.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says: "Up to date 1,250 banks in the various states of the country have made application to the postoffice department to be designated depositories for postal savings banks, and 648 postmasters have

made the requests for the establishment of postal savings banks in their offices. The greatest number of applications thus far have come from Pennsylvania, where 147 banks and 486 postmasters have applied. Other states leading in the interest displayed in the new system include: Iowa, 55 banks and 19 postmasters; New York, 48 banks and 22 postmasters, and Nebraska, 44 banks and 23 postmasters."

Jacob M. Dickinson, secretary of war, is visiting in Pekin, China.

James Clark McGrew, said to be the oldest living ex-congressman, died at Kingwood, W. Va., at the age of ninety-eight.

James T. Lennox, member of the bankrupt leather firm of Patrick Lennox & Co., of Lynn, Mass., was indicted on the charge of the larceny of \$314,204 on twenty-five counts. It is charged that Lennox has hidden assets of the company to this amount.

Charles R. Heike, former secretary and treasurer of the American Sugar Refining company, was sentenced to serve eight months in the New York penitentiary on Blackwell's Island, and pay a fine of \$5,000 on conviction of conspiring to defraud the government.

President Taft sent to Senor Emiliano Figueroa, the acting president of Chile, a congratulatory cablegram on the occasion of the celebration of the centenary of the Chilean independence.

Senator Lorimer's resignation as a member of the Hamilton club has been accepted as a result of Mr. Roosevelt's refusal to dine with him.

Fifty-two persons were killed in an interurban trolley car wreck between Bluffton and Fort Wayne, Ind. A collision caused the wreck.

William Garen, manager of the Havlin theatre, St. Louis, has been indicted and charged with embezzling funds of the theatre.

The grain handlers of Portland, Ore., went on strike.

The new waterworks system of Mexico City was inaugurated by Vice President Ramon Corral.

The steamship Umatilla, which arrived at Seattle from Nome, brought a cargo valued at \$1,000,000.

John L. Peak, former United States minister to Switzerland, is critically ill at his home in Kansas City.

The seizure of a bomb factory at Lisbon followed the discovery of a wide-spread anti-monarchical plot with secret ramifications throughout Portugal.

Rev. James De Wolf Perry, jr., rector of St. Paul's church, New Haven, Conn., was chosen bishop of the Episcopal church of Rhode Island to succeed the late Rt. Rev. William N. McVicker.

The right of Columbia college to property worth approximately \$1,000,000, bequeathed to it for a cancer-research founded by the late George Croker, the California mil-

lionaire who died in New York City December 14, 1909, was attacked when Croker's stepchildren applied to the supreme court for an injunction to prevent the executors of the millionaire's will from disposing of the property.

Seventy-five thousand locomotive engineers, trainmen and conductors on all the railroad systems in the west, are preparing to open negotiations with railroad managers for a wage increase of approximately 15 per cent.

As a result of the lynching in West Tampa, Fla., of Castenge Ficarrota and Angelo Albano, Italian Consul General Pagine at New Orleans wired Governor Gilchrist asking that the state provide protection for Italian citizens.

The West Pullman car works, which is alleged to have profited to the extent of \$300,000 in the alleged car repair conspiracy against the Illinois Central railroad, was placed in the hands of a receiver in the United States district court.

The attorney general of Wisconsin handed down an opinion upholding the constitutionality of what is known as the 20 per cent portion of the primary election law which makes it necessary for candidates of a political party to poll 20 per cent of the party vote cast at the last preceding election and to have their names printed on the official ballot under a party heading.

Sixteen persons lost their lives and thirteen others were injured in a wreck by a Rock Island train at Clayton, Kansas.

A strike is on among the working men in Germany, involving 700,000 people.

Six persons lost their lives in a trolley car wreck near Tipton, Ind.

Governor Marshall of Indiana has instituted suit asking that the charter of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad company of Indiana be revoked on the ground that it was obtained by misrepresentation.

Mr. Bryan spoke at the irrigation congress held at Pueblo, Colo.

A HUBBY'S HOBBY

A gentleman formerly attached to the American embassy at London tells how an old country sexton in a certain English town, in showing visitors around the churchyard, used to stop at one tombstone and say:

"This 'ere is the tomb of 'Enry 'Ooper an' 'is eleven wives."

"Eleven!" exclaimed a tourist, on one occasion. "Dear me! That's rather a lot, isn't it?"

Whereupon the sexton, looking gravely at his questioner, replied:

"Well, mum, yer see, it war an 'obby of 'is'n."—Harper's.

A TENDER SUBJECT

"How is your garden getting along?"

"Why do you ask that question?" demanded the suburbanite suspiciously.

"Merely out of politeness."

"I see. I thought maybe I had promised you some vegetables."—Houston Chronicle.

THE CANNY SCOT

"I read that Glasgow people were badly scared by a recent spell of darkness. Can it be that they are so ignorant?"

"Ignorant, nothing! Glasgow people are wise in being afraid of each other in the dark."—Tit-Bits.

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