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Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia is seriously ill.

The Persian parliament voted to engage five American financial advisers.

Alfred Stedman Hartwell, chief justice of the supreme court of Hawaii, resigned.

The Texas and Pacific Railroad company was sentenced in the federal court at New Orleans to pay a fine of \$500 for violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Announcement was made of the election of E. T. Thomas as president of the United States Steel Products company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel corporation.

The board of managers of the New York produce exchange endorsed the reciprocal agreement with Canada as proposed by President Taft and recommended its ratification by congress.

According to advices received at New Orleans, J. H. Minor of St. Louis, coxswain of the United States cruiser Marietta, who died suddenly Sunday afternoon aboard the ship in Porto Cruz harbor, was afflicted with yellow fever.

Portugal has allowed her deposed king, Manuel II., a pension of \$3,000 a month. The government recently sent him a check for \$9,000 to cover the period since he was deposed, October 4.

A Havana, Cuba, dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "J. A. D. McCurdy, a Canadian by birth, but now affiliated with American aviators, set a new record in over the water flights, covering nearly 100 miles, from Key West to within ten miles of Havana, when from a slight accident, he was compelled to drop into the sea. There he remained, his biplane floated by pontoons until the lifeboat of the torpedo boat destroyer Terry picked him up."

Eight thousand workmen in the Eastern Chinese railway in Manchuria, fearing the bubonic plague, have gone on strike because the administration refused to dismiss 1,500 Chinese laborers and provide passes to enable the families of the Russians to return home.

It is officially announced in London that the Duke of Connaught, will succeed Earl Grey in September as governor-general of Canada.

Three hundred persons were killed by a tidal wave in the Philippine Islands.

A dynamite explosion in New York City wrecked the Jersey Central pier. Thirty people were killed and several were injured.

St. Louis is an applicant for both the republican and democratic national conventions of 1912. It will make a hard fight for both honors.

A London cablegram says: "Edward F. Mylius was convicted of circulating in the Liberator, a small sheet published in Paris, a defamatory libel against King George. The paper printed a story that his majesty, while Prince of Wales, con-

tracted a morganatic marriage with the daughter of Admiral Seymour of the British navy at Malta. Positive evidence refuting the story was produced in court. Among the witnesses for the government was Admiral Seymour."

The Iowa senate passed the Sammis bill increasing the salaries of Iowa legislators from \$550 to \$1,200 per session.

The Thunderer, the seventeenth British Dreadnought and the fourth of the super-Dreadnought type, was launched.

The California state senate passed a bill providing for the initiative and referendum and the recall for municipalities of California.

The Grand Trunk railway's Rutland express was wrecked at L'Acadie, Quebec. Five persons were injured, three perhaps fatally.

At a meeting at London the Master Printers' Federation of the United Kingdom decided to declare a national lockout from February 25 if the compositors persist in their demands for a working week of fifty hours.

The January heat record for twenty years at Oklahoma City, Okla., was broken January 31, when the temperature reached 81 degrees at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. On February 1 it was 93 in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Governor Colquitt served notice upon members of the legislature that he would veto the Texarkana charter bill unless they struck the recall from that measure. He says he favors the initiative and referendum, but is opposed to the recall.

John Lockwood Kipling, father of Rudyard Kipling, died at Tisbury, England.

Right Rev. Thomas Bonacum, for twenty-three years bishop of Lincoln, died of pneumonia at his home near Lincoln, Neb.

The Missouri state capitol building at Jefferson City was struck by lightning and entirely destroyed by fire.

SHAFROTH

If there be one clear-cut political figure in Colorado, it is Governor Shafroth, of that state. He is a fine public servant and we should take pleasure in voting for him if we had the chance.

Why? Because at the end of the biennial term allotted him he will turn back into the state treasury something between fifty and one

hundred thousand dollars of unexpended appropriations, an occurrence without precedent in Colorado history, and, we think, with few precedents anywhere else.

Another reason. He refused a reelection to congress because he had reason to believe that it was secured by corrupt voting.

Another still. His admirers have been suggesting him for a presidential nomination, but he says that it is foolish for the democrats to think of nominating a western man. He is right.

More Shafroth's would be a blessing to this country.—Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch.

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