



Fifty men and boys lost their lives in a fire in a coal mine near Scranton, Pa.

Magistrate Corrigan charges that crime is rampant in New York City and that the police force is demoralized. Mayor Gaynor stoutly denies the charge.

The Pennsylvania Company and the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad Company, a subsidiary line, have filed suit in Pennsylv-

vania seeking the annulment of the two cents a mile passenger fare law of that state.

The Arkansas house passed the Kersh bill providing for the submission of the liquor question to a vote in September, 1912.

A Salt Lake City dispatch, carried by the United Press, says: "Colonel Roosevelt did not include Utah in his western itinerary. He was not invited because republican leaders do

not wish to give recognition to any one who might be a rival of President Taft for the republican nomination in 1912. This is the Salt Lake Tribune's explanation of the colonel's failure to visit this city: "The accepted reason for the failure of local republicans to invite Roosevelt here is that persons who direct the destinies of the republican party in Utah are basking in the favor of President Taft. They fear Roosevelt may loom large as a presidential candidate, and they wish to keep Utah in line for Taft."

An Ottawa, Ont., dispatch says: "The Canadian government deserves the censure of parliament for not having brought down a statement showing prices and statistics on all articles included in the reciprocity agreement with the United States and the twelve countries which benefit under favored nation provisions." This resolution, directed against the government, was defeated in the house by a majority of thirty-four on a straight party vote.

Craige Lippincott, head of the publishing house of J. B. Lippincott & Co., and prominent in the financial and social life of Philadelphia, shot himself in his magnificent home, 218 West Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia.

A Des Moines, Ia., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: "Without a dissenting vote the senate adopted the bill of Representative Perkins of Delaware, providing for the sterilization of habitual criminals, imbeciles, idiots and feeble-minded confined in state institutions. The measure has passed the house and is now before the governor for action. The state has direct charge of the enforcement of the provisions of the act, heavy fines being provided for those who invoke the provision of the bill without authority."

A resolution ratifying the income tax amendment to the federal constitution was adopted by the Tennessee senate.

By a vote of 35 to 7 the Illinois senate passed Senator Clark's Chicago board of trade bill, which legalizes trading in futures.

The Iowa house passed the bill increasing the salary of the governor from \$6,500 to \$7,500; the salaries of the state treasurer, auditor and secretary from \$2,200 to \$4,000; state superintendent of public instruction from \$2,200 to \$3,600.

King George has announced that he will not come to the rescue of the house of lords by appointing new peers.

Major George W. Rue, who is said to have arrested General John H. Morgan, died at Hamilton, O.

At Arkansas City, Kan., J. W. White, a blind man, was selected to the office of police judge.

One hundred and forty leading citizens, including many women, were appointed by Mayor Gaynor as a commission to arrange for a safe, sane and patriotic celebration on July 4.

The Nebraska legislature passed the non-partisan judiciary law, but Governor Aldrich vetoed it.

Mrs. S. B. Armour, of Kansas City, was robbed of \$105,000 in securities by a young woman, whom she had befriended. Mrs. Armour has forgiven the young woman.

A Lansing, Mich., dispatch says: "Bills adopting the initiative, refer-

endum and recall have passed the lower branch of the legislature and a canvass of the senate indicates their early passage by that body."

M. Rodzianko was elected president of the Russian duma.

Mrs. Ella Wilson has been elected mayor of Hunnewell, Kan.

A St. Paul, Minn., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press says: "Judge Walter H. Sanborn, senior United States circuit court judge of the Eighth judicial circuit, in an exhaustive opinion handed down recently, decided the Minnesota rate cases against the members of the Minnesota state railway commission on the ground that the necessary effect of the reductions ordered was substantially to burden and directly to regulate interstate commerce, to create unjust discriminations between localities in Minnesota and those in adjoining states in violation of the commercial clause of the constitution and to take properties of the railroad companies without just compensation in violation of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution. The suits were brought by stockholders of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and the Minneapolis & St. Paul Railway companies against those companies, the attorney general and the members of the railroad and warehouse commission of Minnesota to enjoin the reduction of the passenger rates in Minnesota from 3 cents to 2 cents per mile, the merchandise rates 20 to 25 per cent and the commodity rates 7.37 per cent."

BRAWN AND BRAIN

Ollie James, democratic representative in congress from Kentucky, is big of brawn and big of brain. He is as big politically, too, as he is big physically. He is a living example of the fact that there are giants in these days as well as in "those days." From tip to tip he measures six feet six inches and he weighs 310 pounds. His brow extends from his eyes to the collar button on the back of his neck, for his head is as bald as a boiled egg, and he can scarce remember the time when hair grew upon his dome, which shines like a polished billiard ball. He has one pronounced love and one equally pronounced hatred. The one is for horses and the other is for republicans, not personally, but politically. He will go miles to see and beat a horse race, and twice as far to meet and beat a republican. In Kentucky, especially, these are qualities which make for popularity, but Ollie's popularity is not confined alone to his native state. His almost child-like simplicity, unvarying good humor, and general character make friends for him everywhere. Personally, he knows no enemies, politically he knows no friends who do not subscribe to the tenets of true democratic faith. In short, Ollie James is a worthy successor of the long line of distinguished democrats who have come to congress to serve their state and the nation.

He stands like some great light-house, stalwart, firm and loyal among the storms that sweep the politics of his country. Not alone has he the courage of his convictions, but he has the force of character to forge them into activity, and the intellect to guide them into operating causes. He is a fine type of the democratic politician.—National Monthly.

RIGHT TO A DOT

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"How much?" asked she.
"Two pints."—The Christian Advocate.

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