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New York dispatches say that William R. Hearst seriously intends to become a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor.

The Illinois legislature, in a special session, adjourned just in time to avoid being prorogued by Governor Deneen. The governor will soon call the legislature again in a special session.

Fletcher D. Mailin, progressive democrat, who defeated James R. Garfield in the race for the Ohio state constitutional convention, was the first democrat to carry Lake county, Ohio, since 1840.

Andrew Bonar Law is to succeed Balfour as the leader of the tory opposition.

A Peking cablegram, carried by the Associated Press, says: Yuan Shi Kai has accepted the premiership. The official gazette contained an expression of thanks from Yuan Shi Kai to the throne for his appointment, but the truth is he did not undertake the task without receiving guarantees that he would have practically a free hand in conducting affairs while he retained his official position. The new premier received several foreign ministers, including the United States minister to China, William J. Calhoun, who only recently returned here. In conversation with foreigners, Yuan Shi Kai said he intended to form a cabinet immediately and endeavor to carry on the government by gaining the support of as many provinces as possible, allowing the remainder to retain their independence for the time being. It would be his endeavor also to eventually win back their allegiance to the throne.

At the beginning of their trial at Chicago for conspiracy in restraint of trade the Chicago packers invoked the habeas corpus. The packers who had been out on bond were formerly surrendered and put under guard in the court room, later their lawyers went before Federal Judge Kohlsaat and secured their release under habeas corpus writ and under new bonds. They base their fight upon the alleged unconstitutionality of the Sherman anti-trust law. They hold that the provisions of the Sherman act are "indefinite" and that the defendants were not therefore in a position to know in advance whether the acts charged were criminal.

The commission form of government was defeated in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

A Jefferson City, Mo., dispatch follows: The International Harvester company of America was ousted from the state of Missouri and fined \$50,000 by the state supreme court here recently. The court's decision sustained the findings of Theodore Brace, special commissioner, who reported to the court that the company violated the common and the anti-trust laws of Missouri.

The court ruled that the fine must be paid on or before Jan. 1, 1912, and that if the International Harvester Company of America proves to the court by March 1, 1912, that it has ceased all connection with the International Harvester Company of New Jersey, which the court held to be unlawful, that the ouster of the

International Harvester Company of America will be suspended.

The opinion found that competition was lessened and that practically all of the harvester and binder business in Missouri was done by the respondent company. It held that it is contrary to the laws of the state of Missouri for one company to conduct the business of another, as in this case. The New Jersey company had no license to do business in Missouri.

The company must file proofs of its willingness to comply with the judgment of the court and the proofs must be approved by the attorney general.

Judges Lamm, Brown, Ferris and Woodson concurred in the opinion by Judge Graves. Chief Justice Valiant wrote an opinion which was concurred in by Judges Lamm, Brown and Ferris and which left the amount of the fine to be fixed by the court after the company made a showing that it would comply with the law in the future. Judge Grave sustained the position of the special commission on every contention.

The International Harvester Company of America in September, 1910, was found guilty of violating the Missouri anti-trust laws by a commissioner appointed by the state supreme court and the case was submitted for affirmation last April. The effect of the decision is to prevent all the companies which make up the International Harvester Company of New Jersey from conducting further business in the state.

The ouster suit against the company was brought under the common law and the Missouri anti-trust law, which are broader than the Sherman anti-trust law.

President Caceres, of the Dominican republic, was shot dead at San Domingo city. Two men did the shooting.

C. P. Rogers, the aviator who fell from his airship and was slightly injured, gave this explanation of his fall: "I yielded to the drowsiness that seizes all airmen at times, and I went to sleep. I can not recall when I fell. Johnstone, Hoxsey and others went the same way, but I was lucky enough to live to tell the tale."

Governor Aldrich of Nebraska attended the Trans-Mississippi congress at Kansas City and returning home said he was disgusted with it because it was conducted solely for political purposes and to aid "big business." At the same session George J. Kindel of Denver, who is making a fight for the parcels post denounced the congress to its face. In speaking from the platform he made this startling statement:

"This Trans-Mississippi commercial congress is controlled by lobbyists representing the robber express companies, the railroads and the sugar trust and this has been demonstrated repeatedly by the congress' action."

Mr. Kindel referred to what he termed the domination of the government "by the robber express companies," who were getting the benefit of the failure to have a parcels post, he declared that "only a nation of 'chumps' would stand for such damnable treatment and statesmanship."

"I predict that in ten years," he continued, "there will be no express company doing interstate or competitive business with our postoffice. If

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