

pressed the opinion that they should be officially investigated.

Postmaster General Hitchcock authorized the preparation of designs and plates for suitable commemorative postage stamps for the Panama-Pacific international exposition in 1915.

President Taft accepted the invitation of the Ohio constitutional convention to speak before it. Governor Harmon postponed his address before the congress until February 8.

Secretary of the Interior Fisher and Postmaster General Hitchcock, the only two members of President Taft's cabinet who have not visited the Panama canal, have been ordered by the president to make a tour of inspection.

Judge Julian A. Mack, junior member of the court of commerce, has been designated by the chief justice of the supreme court to serve for five years more on the commerce bench. The commerce court judges rank officially as circuit judges.

The house committee on rules closed its hearings on the money trust resolution and will soon decide whether to recommend an investigation into the biggest trust of them all.

An Associated Press dispatch from Nashville, Tenn., says: The first entry into the democratic gubernatorial lists in Tennessee since the recent harmony pact is Thomas B. Lytle, of Murfreesboro. Previously an independent, he joined in the effort to harmonize the party in October, 1910. In his platform, given out last night, he says that while in favor of temperance and temperance laws, he is convinced of the utter failure of the present prohibition laws and favors its prompt repeal, and in its stead advocates high license, segregation and rigid enforcement.

The Washington correspondent to the Louisville Courier-Journal, says: Liquor interests won a far-reaching victory in the United States supreme court by a decision that railroads must carry beer, when offered for transportation into "dry counties" of another state. The decision affected particularly shipments from Indiana into Kentucky. The court held that beer and intoxicating liquors were legitimate commodities of commerce under the interstate law.

The democratic steel and iron bill making reductions averaging 35 per cent from existing steel and iron duty passed the house of representatives by a vote of 210 to 109. Twenty insurgent republicans voted for the bill while three democrats from Colorado, dissatisfied with the reduction in the lead tariff, voted against the bill. Fourteen insurgent republicans also voted against the bill.

The democratic state committee for Iowa decided to have no presidential primaries. They called a state convention for Burlington, May 9th. M. F. Healy of Fort Dodge, will be temporary chairman.

Clarence S. Darrow, the noted attorney for the McNamara brothers was indicted by a Los Angeles jury on the charge of attempting to bribe two jurors in the McNamara cases. Darrow says he was expecting the indictment and that he has no fear of the result.

DEEP THOUGHT HERE

If a man were as cheap as almost any woman can make him feel, no woman could resist him merely as a bargain.—Puck.



A Minneapolis dispatch follows: W. A. Lochren, for many years judge of the United States district court, is dead at his home here. Mr. Lochren, who was eighty years old, was a native of Ireland, coming to the United States in 1834. He was appointed commissioner of pensions in 1893 by President Cleveland, who also nominated him to the United States district bench in 1896, from which position he retired in 1908.

Hundreds of men are rushing into the new gold fields at Minitonas, Manitoba, 250 miles northwest of Winnipeg.

James Whitcomb Riley was awarded the gold medal for distinction in poetry at the annual meeting of the American academy of arts and letters.

Colonel Charles Norton, member of the staff of General Sherman throughout the civil war, a former member of the Minnesota state senate and a pioneer of North Dakota, died at Fargo.

An unconfirmed report has it that the Rev. John P. Chadwick, who was chaplain of the battleship Maine when it was destroyed in Havana harbor, is to be made bishop of San Francisco.

An Associated Press dispatch from Frankfort, Ky., says: The county unit bill, regarded as the most drastic anti-liquor legislation ever enacted in Kentucky, passed the state senate by a vote of 24 to 14. The measure, approved by the lower house, now goes to Governor McCreary, who is expected to sign it. Both democrats and republicans in their platforms last fall declared for such a law.

A New Orleans dispatch says: Murphy J. Foster, for eleven years United States senator from Louisiana, was defeated in the recent primary by Congressman J. E. Ransdell. John T. Michel and Judge Luther E. Hall will be in a second primary for governor. Governor J. Y. Sanders and Congressman Robert Broussard will be in a second primary for the United States senate.

It is said that Carter Harrison of Chicago will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for president.

The Spanish cabinet has resigned owing to difficulties with the king.

Governor Wilson of New Jersey has urged the legislature of that state to ratify the income tax amendment. Last year he sent two special messages to the legislature and the amendment was ratified in the house but was defeated in the senate.

The chairman of the republican state committee for Maryland and other politicians of that state have promised President Taft that he will have Maryland's vote in the republican national convention.

The 200th anniversary of Frederick the Great was celebrated at Berlin.

A South Bend, Ind., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: The presidency of the board of directors of the Winona assembly and Bible conference has been accepted

by William J. Bryan, according to advices received here by officers of the association. Mr. Bryan will be elected formally at the next meeting of the directors. Mr. Bryan and Rev. Sol. S. Dickey are attempting to raise \$1,000,000 for the institution.

Zapatistas raided Chamalpa, Mexico, a small town eight miles from Cuernavaca.

Eugene Schmidt, former mayor of San Francisco, was placed on trial on the charge of bribery.

S. S. Semmes, eldest son of the late Admiral Raphael Semmes, of the confederate navy, died at Osceola, Ark.

Senator Norris Brown of Nebraska, delivered a speech at Indianapolis in which he paid a tribute to the Taft administration. Alton B. Parker delivered a speech at Columbia, S. C., in which he opposed the recall of the judiciary.

Another republic is rising and the story is told by a London cablegram, carried by the Associated Press, in this way: A dispatch from Cetinje, Montenegro, reports that the police there have discovered a wide-spread movement to overthrow the Montenegrin dynasty and establish a republic. It is alleged that the movement is being engineered chiefly by Montenegrins in the United States, who have sent \$200,000 to the revolutionary committee, whose headquarters are in Belgrade.

General Bernardo Reyes will not be shot for inciting a rebellion.

William R. Hearst has accepted an invitation to address the general assembly of Kentucky on February 14.

A cablegram, carried by the Associated Press says: Premier Yuan Shi Kai is reported as agreeing with the empress dowager that the situation demands a resumption of hostilities. He is quoted as saying he is willing to surrender the control of the government into the hands of any capable man.

A cablegram from Paris says that Italy will agree to give up the Turks surrendered by the captain of the French steamship Manouba. Had this step not been taken France was prepared to recall her ambassador to Rome.

The Kentucky court of appeals has held that only a fireman who has been disabled on duty or the family of a fireman killed in the line of duty is eligible to a pension in Louisville.

Regiments of cavalry and infantry have been ordered in readiness to go to Belfast, owing to the threatening conditions between nationalists and unionists over home rule.

The Fourth Oklahoma congressional district republican convention endorsed Taft for renomination after the Roosevelt supporters tried to stampede the convention.

An Albany, N. Y., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press says: Governor John A. Dix took up the cudgals in behalf of the "big business" interests of the country at the

University club. Andrew Carnegie was an interested listener as the state executive declared that the annihilation of these interests is impossible. "And if it were possible," he continued, "it would force a backward step into the dark days of demoralized conditions, with low wages and uncertain employment for labor and destructive losses for employers and investors. America needs economic peace. We need a cessation of demagogic attacks and appeals to class prejudice."

The Kentucky house of representatives has passed a resolution honoring Henry Watterson for the democratic nominee for vice president.

Evidence was introduced in the packers' trial to show that the National Packing company was used as a club to destroy competition.

Governor Hadley of Missouri and Governor Stubbs of Kansas have declared in favor of Roosevelt as the republican candidate.

A resolution protesting against the British government acquiescing in the Russian action in Persia was adopted by acclamation at a large mass meeting held in London. The chief speaker declared Morgan Shuster stood between Persia and dissolution.

After threatening the remaining Americans in the treasury department with punishment the Persian cabinet has changed its tone and has politely requested F. E. Cairns and his associates to assist M. Mornard, who has taken charge.

AN UNTIMELY TEMPTATION

A well known Scottish architect was traveling in Palestine recently, when news reached him of an addition to his family circle. The happy father immediately provided himself with some water from the Jordan to carry home for the christening of the infant, and returned to Scotland.

On the Sunday appointed for the ceremony he duly presented himself at the church and sought out the beadle in order to hand over the precious water to his care. He pulled the flask from his pocket, but the beadle held up a warning hand, and came nearer to whisper:

"No the noo, sir; no the noo! Maybe after the kirk's oot!"—St. Paul Dispatch.

THE LIMIT

Jack Bradley, an Atchison traveling man, is a clever ventriloquist. The other day at Denton, Bradley had Forrest Warren, an Atchison Globe representative, chasing up and down the street and through alleys looking for a supposed farmer who kept up continual calls for the Globe man. When the "farmer" said "I want to pay him five years' subscription," Warren broke down the door in William Gillan's store in his search for the mythical voice.—Kansas City Journal.

GOING UP

It was a dark morning, and Mr. Dorkins was groping around in the basement, when somebody suddenly flashed a dark lantern on him.

Mechanically he threw up his hands.

"I'm the gas-meter inspector," explained the intruder.

Whereupon Mr. Dorkins held his hands up still higher.—Chicago Tribune.

BY THE WAY

"What broke up the Suffragist parade?"

"A shopkeeper hung out a sign announcing 5s. silks at 1s. 11 3/4 d."—Christian Intelligencer.