



The St. Louis and San Francisco railroad was placed in the hands of receivers in the federal district court at St. Louis.

A grasshopper invasion of large proportions is reported from New Mexico. It is not, however, causing alarm among officials of the United States department of agriculture at Washington. From a report received from one of its agents it is not likely to spread over a large territory. The report also shows it is the "differential grasshopper," not the fast moving variety that spread over nearly the entire country in the early eighties.

Governor McGovern of Wisconsin vetoed the bill ordering a referendum in 1914 on the question of extending the ballot to women of that state. The governor objected to the bill on the ground that suffrage had been defeated by a majority of 92,000 in Wisconsin last fall.

Judge Caldwell, of the common pleas court, Columbus, Ohio, overruled motions of the defendants to quash both of the indictments returned by the grand jury charging both George B. Cox, former president and other officers and directors

of the Cincinnati Trust company with misuse of the bank's funds, and fixed date of trial on the first indictment charging the destruction of notes for \$352,000 payable to the bank.

"Nat" Herreshoff, designer of many successful defenders for the American cup, probably will build a candidate for the defense of the cup in next year's race against Sir Thomas Lipton.

It is announced that the emperor of Japan has recovered from his recent severe illness.

Timely appeals by wireless enabled rescue tugs to take off 984 passengers from the steamer Haverford, an American line steamer sailing from Liverpool for Philadelphia. The steamer went on the rocks westward of Cork's head, near Queenstown, Ireland.

Governor Fielder of New Jersey received through the state department at Washington a protest from the Italian embassy regarding an advertisement announcing a sale of building lots in Newark, N. J., in which it was stated that no sale would be made to colored people or

Italians. The embassy, in its communication, states that the advertisement had given rise to excitement among the Italians and is apprehensive lest the feeling of resentment may lead to disorder. The government has been informed that the sale was being held in Newark county and not in Newark. Governor Fielder will communicate with county officials.

The famous old Astor house in New York city, fronting Broadway for a block opposite the general post-office, formally closed its historic career of seventy-seven years with a jollification of transients and tradition-loving New York citizens. The city recently purchased an easement on one-half of the site for subway construction, and the building will be razed.

The war between the Balkan states and Turkey is at an end. A London cablegram, dated May 30, gives this story of the signing of peace pact: The eight months' war between Turkey and the allied Balkan states is ended. The "peace of London" was signed today in the picture gallery of St. James palace. Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, presided over the formalities. The following peace delegates signed the preliminary treaty:

Osman Nizami Pasha for Turkey.
Dr. Danef for Bulgaria.
Stejan Navokovitch for Servia.
Stephanos Skoloudis for Greece.
M. Popovitch for Montenegro.

The only dramatic feature of the historic occasion was M. Popovitch's expression of keen disappointment that Montenegro had been "despoiled of her just share of the spoils of a triumphant war" and of the hope that England, which took the lead in the spoliation would take every step to compensate Montenegro for her sacrifice.

The actual ceremony was very brief. The delegates signed the treaty without reading, evidently in full confidence that all the seven articles were in such wording as the powers chose to have them.

The Bulgarian delegate proposed that peace become immediately effective, without ratification of the treaty. This proposal was rejected, and the delegates then left after having agreed to meet June 2 to consider the advisability of an eventual annexed protocol.

After informing the ambassadorial conference of the signing of the peace draft, Sir Edward Grey suggested that the conference limit its discussion to three questions—a constitution for Albania, the delimitation of the southern frontier of Albania and the status of the Aegean islands.

The ambassadors now are awaiting further instructions from their governments regarding a constitution for Albania, but the conference is working in greater harmony and expects to conclude its labors by the end of June.

The New York city board of health has adopted a resolution forbidding the use of living bacterial organisms in the inoculation of human beings for treatment of disease unless permission is first obtained from the board. Although the name of Friedmann was not mentioned in the resolution it is announced that the effect of the measure will be to prevent any further demonstration of his treatment except under special permit of the board.

An Associated Press dispatch from Marquette, Mich., dated May 31, says: Colonel Theodore Roosevelt today won his libel suit against George A. Newett, who charged the colonel with drunkenness, and having waived damages, after the defen-

dant had uttered a retraction, the jury awarded the nominal damages of 6 cents, provided in such cases by the law of Michigan. Each party to the suit will have to pay his own expenses. Judge Flannigan instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the plaintiff, which they did without leaving their seats. The colonel left for Chicago and the east at 5:30 o'clock this evening, less than two hours after the conclusion of the case.

A London cablegram, dated May 31, says: Walter Hines Page, the newly-appointed United States ambassador to the court of St. James, was received today by King George, to whom he presented his letters of credentials.

Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, presented the new ambassador. Then Mr. Page went through the formality of presenting to the king and queen, the members of the embassy staff, most of whom had attended many courts and levees in company with the late Whitelaw Reid.

Ambassador Page and his secretary wore ordinary evening dress, which American diplomats always assume. The naval and military attaches were in uniform. They drove from the hotel where the ambassador is staying to Buckingham palace in royal carriages, with the coachmen and footmen in the scarlet livery of the British court.

An Associated Press dispatch says: The Chicago federation of labor at its regular meeting June 1, readopted its resolution of May 18 in which it was declared that collusion between members of the legislature and William Lorimer defeated the initiative and referendum bill. The members of the federation in readopting the resolution declared that they were "willing to go to jail, if necessary."

Preliminary returns indicate that the steel companies established a new record in pig iron output in May, close to 63,000 tons per day. The operations of merchant furnaces are not so readily gauged, but such production averaged about 28,000 tons per day. This indicates that the country as a whole is producing pig metal at the rate of 34,000,000 tons per year. The steel ingot output next to the October, 1912, production was the highest in history. The steel corporation produced approximately 100,000 tons.

A London cablegram, dated May 30, says: Now that Ireland is in a fair way to receive self-government the unofficial Scotch liberal members have taken up seriously the question of seeing home rule for their country. A committee of these members of the house of commons drafted the bill which was read a second time today.

In memory of the 267 officers and men who were lost with the battleship Maine in Havana harbor fifteen years ago, the national Maine monument was dedicated at New York city, May 30. A salute of 252 guns from a dozen American warships preceded the unveiling of the nation's tribute—a pylon forty feet high that stands in Central park, overlooking Columbus circle. Former President Taft, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, the governors of Maine and New York, representatives of the Cuban republic and others took part in the exercises. General James Grant Wilson, who presided at the dedication, read a letter from President Wilson, as follows: "My thoughts will be very much with you, as will, I am sure, the thoughts of the whole country. Americans must look back to the tragedy of the Maine with the pro-

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