

Every one of the great bonanza fortunes of California have been years in the courts and now it seems that the Fair fortune will have another grind of some years in the same old mill. Young Fair and his wife were killed in an automobile accident near Paris. The destination of the fortune depends upon which died first. Fair had bequeathed his fortune to his wife. If he died first the fortune goes to his wife's relatives and it is now claimed that she lived 30 minutes longer than he did. These great fortunes have proved to be as much a bonanza to the lawyers as they were to owners of the Comstock lode.

That the long continued car famine is the result of inefficiency in management since the railroads have been combined in great systems no one can doubt, when he reflects that not only thousands of freight cars have been added to the equipment of the roads in the last three or four years, but the speed of freight trains has been greatly increased. In former years freight trains crawled across the country at the rate of fifteen or twenty miles an hour. Now the through freights make forty miles an hour and one engine hauls double the amount of tonnage. Yet with all these increased facilities the great Wall street gamblers who control and manage these systems can't do the business. Railroad combinations are a failure as far as serving the public is concerned. It was much better served before the combinations were made.

Jim Hill has been telling the people of New York some truths lately. Among other things he said: "We are coming to a grave industrial reverse. It is hard to tell just when it will come, but it is approaching. It may come next presidential year. It is indeed a grave crisis we are approaching, although few seem to appreciate it. A few years may see the closing of many factories and the throwing out of work of hundreds of thousands of men. We have reaped the harvest and the reverse is coming. How quickly we recover from it will depend largely on who is at the head of the country when the break comes." It is evident that Jim has been reading The Independent, for he says that watered stocks is one of the things that will produce the calamities which he predicts.

### News of the Week

Some time ago The Independent advised the people to be patient with the dailies and after a while they would find out that there was a car famine, through which business was thrown into confusion and much loss and suffering was caused the farmers who could not ship their grain, and meet their obligations. Sure enough one of them did find it out and last Saturday published the following: "Despite all efforts to relieve the situation, the shortage in freight cars continues with all lines in and out of Omaha. Where one road today has a call for 1,000, it is able to produce 100 good cars. All other roads report demands for hundreds more of cars than they can supply." Meantime the whole population has been kept well posted on all the murders, burglaries, divorce cases and scandals in high life.

C. S. Darrow in his argument for the miners before the arbitration commission said: "New Jersey has issued its bogus charters and sent them broadcast over the United States, which have been simply letters of marque and reprisal for every pirate that sails the high seas of commerce

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to capture what he can get." That is adopting the manner of speech that The Independent uses. For a long time the scoundrels who have operated under these New Jersey charters have been called "pirates" by The Independent, because that word fitly and accurately described their occupation.

President Roosevelt's letter advocating large families was most sensibly replied to by Dr. Cornelia Debey of Chicago. She said: "It is easy enough for the president with an income of \$50,000 a year to sit back in the executive mansion and criticize young people for their indifference in this matter of marriage. It is an entirely different proposition for the young men and women affected by this sweeping declaration. The young man of today is simply afraid that he will not be able to carry the burden. It is the awful dread of not being able properly to support a wife and family that makes him hesitate taking the final step. That is the underlying cause of the whole condition. These young people are not shirking marriage. It is ridiculous for people living in luxury to take this view of the matter. They should study the underlying causes." That is in accordance with the argument of Chancellor Andrews in his address on socialism in which he pointed out that an increase in wealth among the common people would result in an increase in the population, a proposition that is defended by every economist of authority in the whole world.

The satisfactory results following arbitration between employers and employed had another demonstration last week in the settlement made between the printers and their employes at Omaha. Both sides to the dispute claim that they are perfectly satisfied.

There were two instances last year in which millionaires undertook in their wills to provide for the necessities of the very poor. Stratton in Denver and Mrs. Appleby of St. Paul, Minn., whose will was probated last week. In both instances the matter has been thrown into the courts, and from the way that our courts handle such matters it is far more probable that the lawyers will get the millions than the poor. Our courts are a disgrace to civilization.

This congress is creating new offices, cabinet departments and commissions by the wholesale besides raising salaries. It adopts the railroad policy of taking all the traffic will bear. Among other things it has increased the salaries of the plutocratic, trust-protecting, injunction-issuing federal judges from top to bottom. Hereafter district judges are to receive \$6,000 instead of \$5,000, circuit judges \$7,500 instead of \$6,000 the associate justices of the supreme court \$12,000 instead of \$10,000 and the chief justice \$13,000 instead of \$10,000.

The censor at Manila must have been drunk, off duty or attending a dance last week for a dispatch got through saying that a force of 100 of the constabulary had been attacked seven miles from Manila by a body of 100 "insurgents," and the American commander, Colonel Harris, was killed. According to the dispatches for the last year there have been no "insurgents" in the islands, only "ladrones" being left in the field. The next day after this dispatch was received another was sent saying that the "ladrones," not insurgents, were in possession of a large part of the island of Mindanao, under the command of one of the old Filipino generals who had never been caught and who claimed that when Aguinaldo surrendered that he was the next in authority and represented the Philippine government.

President Roosevelt, who has a personal knowledge of Indians, is treating the delegations that go to Washington with the greatest respect. He invited Chief Joseph to receive with him at the White house. Chief Joseph has a high reputation among military men, as being a natural born commander and able tactician. The dispatches say the Indians were arrayed in full aboriginal costume. The old chief must have felt very queer in that kind of toggery for he has worn the civilized costume for more than a quarter of a century.

The Chicago Record-Herald says that freight equipment has been increased 400 per cent during the last few years. That is a fact, and yet under the merging, combination policy adopted, the roads refuse to furnish cars to move the crops. Corn lies piled up all over this state and will soon be ruined unless cars can be obtained. The editor of The Independent knows of one pile of 4,000 bush-

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The senate will likely confirm the Panama treaty in spite of Senator Morgan, not because it wants a canal built, but because it will furnish \$200,000,000 of bonds for the use of the bankers. They want bonds and want them bad upon which to increase their circulation. So the bankers are for ratification and when they go after anything congress always gives it to them. There will be plenty of other ways to prevent the completion of a canal.

All the plutocratic dailies are rejoicing over the increase in the salaries of the plutocratic federal judges. If paying them even \$100,000 a year salary would make just judges of them, The Independent would be willing that they should get it, but it fears that it will require something else besides that to transform the federal judiciary from injunction-issuing, corporation-favoring judges into men who will administer the same sort of justice to the wage-worker that they do to the "captains of industry."

Reports come from two or three states where the republicans have rewarded their ward heelers and vote fixers by putting them in charge of patients in insane asylums, and in two or three cases patients have been beaten to death by the guards. There is nothing more inhuman than that sort of government. Guards placed over insane patients should be men of the very highest character. Every one who has had charge of the insane knows that these men and women, suffering from delusions of every sort, often act in the most irritating way that a human being can act, and those in charge are apt to lose their temper and in fits of anger

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