

# NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Weekly Resume of the Really Vital News by the Editor

What it costs the people to submit to the private ownership of railroads is shown by the action recently taken by the citizens of New York. They have voted to tax themselves \$100,000,000 to enlarge a canal for the express purpose of keeping down freight rates between Buffalo and New York city.

Senator Dietrich returned from Washington early in the week. His first visit in Omaha was paid to the law offices of Greene, Breckenridge & Kinsler in the New York-Life building, where he was closeted with Mr. Greene for the greater portion of the forenoon. When he came out an announcement was made to the newspaper men that Mr. Greene had been retained. Then Mr. Dietrich went to see Mr. Rosewater with whom he remained until 1:30 o'clock. He then went to the Burlington headquarters and was closeted for more than two hours with General Manager Holdrege and other officials. When he came out of the B. & M. headquarters he denied that Mr. Greene had been retained. It seems that the B. & M. had taken the matter in charge. Dietrich says that he is bound to have a trial right away. United States Attorney Summers has been to Washington and came back with the word that he was to go ahead with the prosecution. A story is also current that Judge Munger will be induced to step aside and that some other judge, perhaps McPherson of Iowa, will be brought over to try the case.

There has been a great deal of talk about "business interests," and "business methods" in politics, for the last few years. Dietrich undertook to do that sort of thing and it does not seem to redound to his glory. Business is always conducted for profit. That has, it seems, been Dietrich's method in exercising the functions of his office.

The president's effort to pass the Cuban reciprocity treaty at an extra session called for that purpose has been a failure. The senate resolved to pass it over to the regular session and take a vote on it on December 16.

The standing that the heavenly twins have in the senate is shown by the committee appointments that they have been given. Millard is made chairman of the committee on the Potomac flats and Dietrich on the

committee to investigate trespasses on Indian lands. While Allen was a populist, he obtained much more important places on committees than either of these two republicans who are members of the dominant party.

The revenue law passed by the last legislature has been before the supreme court to test its constitutionality. The three commissioners before whom it was tried each hand down concurrent and conflicting opinions. One of them, Kirkpatrick, thinks it all right, the other two, Duffie and Letton, think part of it is bad. It is the prophecy of The Independent that when the three supreme judges get hold of it, it will be found to be all right.

A grand jury has been called at Topeka, Kas., to investigate the padding of the pay rolls of the republicans who sat in the legislature after "redeeming" Kansas. It's "business" all along the line and in every state of the Union where the republicans hold power and the bourbon democracy is not far behind them.

It is a long time before the next election of a railroad legislature, so Rosewater remarks in the Bee. "The new revenue law was doubtless formulated under the supervision of the attorneys of the railroad corporations, whose ingenuity was exerted in securing provisions calculated to favor the corporations." "When the next election comes around, Rosewater will be "whooping it up" for a lot of men who will pass some laws "formulated under the supervision of the attorneys of the railroad corporations." "Whooplah! Vote 'er straight!" will be the burden of his song then.

There has been a great deal of talk around Washington during the last week about economy in appropriations, but not one word has been said about reducing taxation. The idea is to accumulate some more millions in the treasury and then turn it over to the banks without interest.

The Citizens' union of New York city, under whose auspices Mr. Low was brought out and elected, has resolved to have nothing more to do with Mr. Platt and his machine. It will continue its work for good city government as an independent organization. All of which goes to show that The Independent was the only paper in the country that gave the facts about the defeat of Mr. Low, when it said that the Platt machine and Tammany worked together for that purpose.

John Hay, who has heretofore had nothing but praise from England, must feel rather uneasy under the scorching criticism that the best of the English press is pouring out on his head these days. The Graphic, which is always very cautious in what it says about America and an advocate of the Greater Anglo-Saxon Alliance, prints the following about the Panama business: "The story thus ended constitutes a very disagreeable page in American history. We regret exceedingly that President Roosevelt has allowed the fair name of his administration to be smirched by a transaction so utterly at variance with the most elementary principles of public law and international morality. We cannot conceive a more lamentable outrage on the public conscience of the civilized world. It would have been far more honest to force a treaty on Colombia by the way of an ultimatum, and it would have been not one whit less a blow at the independence of the minor American states. We can only express our profoundest regret that the United States has set so deplorable an example of international lawlessness."

Miss Floy Gilmore, an Indiana woman, has been appointed assistant attorney general of the Philippines. She is a graduate of Ann Arbor and was admitted to the bar there.

The total government deposits in the national banks at this time is \$175,117,559. That is a pretty sum for the bankers to be drawing interest on after it has been taxed out of the people. It is the national banker's graft and no one proposes to interfere with it.

There is going to be a lot of national bank legislation during the coming session of congress. Information received by The Independent puts that beyond question. It is beginning

to be said around the senate that the fact must be recognized that the large national cash balance reported every day by the treasury department is a fake, just as The Independent has said all the time. It is really a debt owed by the national banks to the government and which it would be impossible for them to pay without producing a panic worse than that of '93. The plan is to hurry up this Panama business and issue a big lot more of national bank notes. Senator Foraker has already introduced a bill to allow national banks to use any canal bonds that may be issued for that purpose. We will see the republican party issuing more bonds while there is an immense surplus, a thing that no nation ever did before. Along with this will be a whole lot of legislation concerning national banks, all of which is intended to give them greater profits.

Since "the Standard Oil crowd" got into steel, several things have happened. The Morgan swindle called "conversion," that is, converting stock into second mortgage bonds out of which Morgan had made \$7,000,000, has been squelched although the prospective profits of syndicates were very great if the thing had been allowed to continue.

At the recent meeting of the national grange a resolution was passed indorsing woman suffrage. The woman suffragists now have on their side this great farmers' organization, the socialists and the labor unions.

Since the middle of October there have been five railroad disasters, in which ninety-nine persons have been killed, 136 severely and many others slightly injured. On October 17 fifteen were killed and forty injured on the Belvidere division of the Pennsylvania road in New Jersey. On October 31 sixteen were killed and fifty-nine injured on the Big Four road at Indianapolis. On November 12 seven were killed and two injured on the Louisville & Nashville road. On November 14 thirty were killed and eighteen injured on the Illinois Central road at Kenwood, La. On November 19 thirty-one were killed and seventeen injured on the Big Four road between Mackinaw and Tremont, Ill. The railroad authorities lay all the blame on the employes, but it is hardly likely that employes would recklessly risk their own lives in the way the managers say. The truth is that these men are often so overworked that their minds become dulled and slow to act.

Everywhere and in every department of the government service the stealing goes on. A physician in San Francisco reports that fortunes are being made by buying army supplies that have been condemned by the collusion of army officers. He has seen a vast amount of the most costly surgical instruments of the very latest patterns in the junk and second-hand shops, where they are sold at less than half of their value. They had been condemned by military boards of survey.

The Independent last week told of the losses to the breeders of short-horn cattle and the low prices such cattle brought at the great annual sale at Chicago. Now the great Hereford breeder, T. S. B. Sotham, has gone into bankruptcy. The cattle breeders are finding that the dinner pail is not as full as it was.

One day last week the general managers of the Missouri Pacific were informed that there were between 2,000 and 3,000 miles of track on which there was not a section hand at work except the foreman. At the headquarters of the national union of railway trackmen it was denied that any strike had been ordered or any notice of any strike contemplated. The men had been notified of a reduction in wages and they had all quit of their own accord as they could get better wages elsewhere. Offers were made to the men to retain them at the old wages, but they refused to come back, saying that they could all get easier work and better pay elsewhere. At last accounts it was said that the road would raise the wages instead of cutting them down and make reductions elsewhere.

The war is over—in the Philippines. There has been some heavy fighting during the week. Perhaps it is only murdering, for the dispatches say that there have been 300 Moros killed and only three of the American army wounded. What it is all about no one in this country knows. General Wood, whose nomination to be a major general the president recently sent to the senate, the confirmation of which is held up while his career in Cuba is being investigated, is in command. The want of any information concern-

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In the cause of the outbreak among the Moros has led some to think that the fighting has been engaged in to further Wood's chances of confirmation by the senate.

A sheriff down in Indiana got the better of a railroad in a strange way. Two men were injured on the Pennsylvania road and obtained judgments which the road refused to pay and told the sheriff to go ahead and levy on the property. The sheriff waited by a bank until the paymaster came out with \$42,000 in a satchel. He took the satchel, counted out the amount of the judgments and costs, paid it over to the court and handed the rest back to the paymaster.

The state of Colorado has more strikes on hand than its militia force can look after, and the promise of trouble growing out of the additional coal strike has led Governor Peabody to ask for the help of federal troops which have been promised by the president if their presence proves necessary. The fact is that the whole state of Colorado is in a condition of semi-anarchy caused by the bad government given by the republican party since it captured the state. The republican legislature refused to pass an eight-hour law in occupations that were dangerous to life and health as required by the constitutional amendment which was adopted by an overwhelming vote. The state has had its whole militia force in the field most of the time for months and matters grow worse all the time. The fact that the will of the majority has been set aside and an attempt made to govern by officers owned body and soul by the corporations, has produced a very bad state of feeling all over that region.

There has been a reduction in wages of from 10 to 20 per cent all over the eastern states. The operatives in the textile mills, in steel and iron and shoe manufacturing establishments have submitted to the reduction without strikes. Meantime the cost of living remains very high. All trust ar-

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