

# IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE WEEK

Wisconsin and Michigan suffered considerable damage from floods.

King Alfonso of Spain entered on a long program of engagements in London.

Crop conditions of the country show much improvement as the result of warm weather.

The teamsters' joint council at Chicago empowered a committee to settle the strike.

Nebraska lumbermen started on their trip to the Pacific coast, the party numbering 193.

M. Delcasse, foreign minister of France, has resigned and has been succeeded by M. Rouvier.

The separation of Sweden and Norway is regarded as inevitable by diplomats acquainted with the situation.

Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany was married in Berlin to Duchess Cecelia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

Minister Takahira in a talk with President Roosevelt insisted that the first move for peace must come from Russia.

General Linevitch, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces in Manchuria, expressed the hope that the war would go on and declared himself confident that he would be able finally to drive the Japanese out of Manchuria.

Three Russian cruisers, the Oleg, Jemtchug and Aurora arrived at Manila from the Sea of Japan, where they were considerably damaged in the recent naval battle. They will probably be interned at Manila until the end of the war.

What is regarded as an aggressive move in the affairs of Chicago's municipal voters to obtain a legal de-

cision as to the holdings of the street car companies was made in Chicago the other day, when quo warranto proceedings, seeking to learn by what authority the Chicago City Railway and Traction company continue in their use of the streets were begun in the superior court in the name of the state's attorney.

The petition for the judicial inquiry alleged that the companies have exceeded their franchise rights by a substitution of electricity for horse power, as originally granted, and have thereby forfeited their claim to the use of the streets.

The petition was presented to Judge Chytraus and he ruled the defendants to answer June 5.

In a speech at an outing of democratic clubs of Cleveland on June 3, Mayor Tom L. Johnson said that the main issue in the state and municipal elections next November would be: "Shall the city own and operate the street railways and all public utilities?"

He said that the strongest plank in the coming democratic municipal platform would be a ringing declaration for municipal ownership. The mayor said Cleveland will follow Chicago. "The cause will sweep all over the country." Mayor Johnson continued, "for the people are demanding and will secure control of public service utilities."

James Dalrymple, the street railway authority from Glasgow, also addressed the gathering. He said that politics and municipal ownership of public utilities would not mix; that these corporation require the management of experts and that it is very easy to show a loss unless they are carefully managed. In Glasgow, Mr. Dalrymple said, an expert is selected to manage the street railway system; if he fails to show a profit to the municipality, even a small one, he is dismissed and another man chosen for his place.

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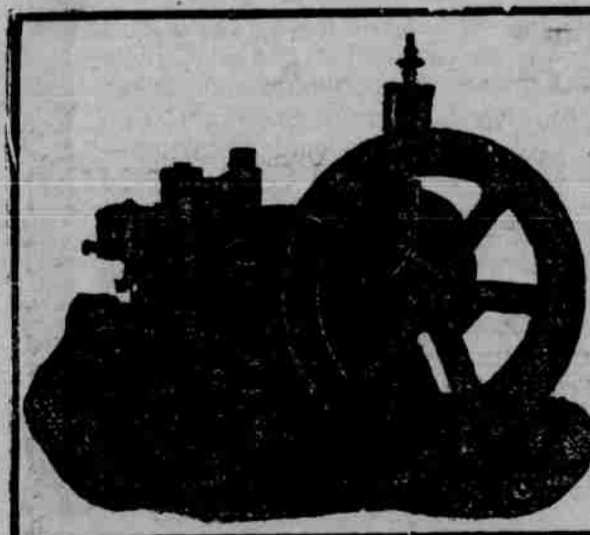


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