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IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE WEEK

The scene of the investigation by the Hennepin grand jury of the old officers of the Northwestern National Life Insurance company of Minneapolis may be transferred to St. Paul. Payments of money have come to light, it is said, for corrupt purposes made in St. Paul. Testimony already placed before the grand jury involves two former state officials, the alleged payment in a room at the Ryan hotel of a \$5,000 check for the suppression of a report exposing the condition of the company, and a voluntary contribution of \$1,000 each to the two democratic and republican state central committees. Another state official is credited with receiving \$300 in installments of \$150 each for Sunday work done in a clerical capacity. As to the campaign contributions they are said to be vouched for in a confession made by one of the old officers, but its receipt is denied in the case of the democrats.

The Nebraska supreme court closed a busy session by filing opinions upholding the validity of the anti-cigarette law, the act prohibiting the desecration of the national flag, the inheritance tax law, a portion of the Lincoln charter which provides for the election of seven aldermen at large, and declaring invalid the acts changing the time of the election of county supervisors and registers of deeds. The law extending the term of county supervisors was declared unconstitutional by the court, Judge Barnes dissenting, and a writ of mandamus was issued compelling the county clerks of Gage and Buffalo counties to place the names of candidates for such offices on the official ballot.

Attorney General Stead, acting at the request of Governor Deneen for the Illinois insurance department, has demanded information from the officials of the Illinois Life Insurance company regarding certain of its transactions. He has sent to the company a list of formal interrogatories, in which a demand is made for receipts and vouchers to explain some expenditures shown in the company's accounts. With regard to one \$65,000 item, expended at the time when the Kansas legislature was passing an act enabling the transfer of the policies of the Kansas Mutual to the Illinois Life, information is wanted especially.

United States Senator Rayner's attack on Senator Gorman and the democratic machine on account of the surge constitutional amendment is likely to lead to a bitter fight on the hustings between the two democratic senators from Maryland. Lloyd Wilkinson, a Gorman manager, in a published reply to the Rayner attack, calls the junior senator a traitor to his party, and charges that he has never had any use for the party organization except when he was on the ticket.

The railroad strike situation in Russia has now entered on a highly serious phase. The strike is spreading rapidly to all the railroads of the empire, and apparently cannot be stopped, while in many cities it is communicating itself to the military and factory employes. The strike in all branches of labor which the socialists planned for the end of the year is seemingly bursting forth of its own volition.

Through its agent, W. J. Walsh, the World Accident association of Omaha is to be made to feel the keen edge

of one of Colorado's insurance laws. Walsh was arrested at Ordway at the request of the state insurance department. He is charged with soliciting insurance illegally, for the reason that his company has no right to operate in the state. The penalty is a fine of \$500 or six months in prison.

Every member of the cabinet is carrying in his inside pocket a letter from Secretary Loeb which if it has its expected effect will "bottle up" cabinet proceedings airtight. It expresses the president's absolute wish that not one word be said by any member of the cabinet about anything that occurs in the cabinet room.

The members of the administrative council of the National Metal Trades association endorsed every detail of the merger of their organization with the National Founders' association and adjourned after empowering the committee which has had charge of the preliminary details to bring the merger to an actuality.

It being persistently rumored in the canal zone that Chief Engineer John F. Stevens intended resigning, Mr. Stevens in an interview, said: "You can deny the report. There is absolutely no truth in it. I am satisfied with my work in every way, and God willing, I will remain here until the canal is finished."

Richard A. McCurdy made the following statement: "I have not intimated that I intend to resign as president of the Mutual Life Insurance company, and I have no intention of so doing. I was elected president until June 7, next, and nothing can or will drive me out."

Beside that other great actor, Garrick, and under the shadow of the statue of Shakespeare, as the interpreter of whose plays he won fame, the ashes of Sir Henry Irving were given burial in Westminster Abbey, thus being accorded England's greatest tribute to its dead.

The Storting of Norway, which holds itself to be the only governmental authority at the present time, has refused to submit the question of republic or monarchy to the people, and the crown will be offered to Prince Charles of Sweden.

It was persistently reported in the clubs and in government circles at St. Petersburg that the emperor had appointed Count Witte premier, with the portfolio of minister of finance. All the papers this morning give prominence to the report.

Francis B. Runder, cashier of the St. Louis postoffice, was arrested by Postoffice Inspectors J. L. Stice and John D. Sullivan, following the discovery of an alleged shortage of \$9,000 in his accounts.

The New York city board of elections dismissed the protest against the nominees of the municipal ownership league for city officers, headed by William R. Hearst for mayor.

Farmers' unions, as a means of securing the regulation of railroad rates is a project which found favor among the delegates to the Illinois State Federation of Labor convention.

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