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Week's News Condensed

Carefully Reviewed and Explained

POLITICAL

Mr. Loomis' Parting Shot.

On formally retiring from the office of assistant secretary of state Francis B. Loomis gave to the press copies of correspondence between President Roosevelt and himself in regard to an alleged disagreement between the president and the late Secretary Hay over Loomis' conduct. In his letter to the president Mr. Loomis makes caustic reference to his former assistant, Herbert W. Bowen, and tells of his intimate relations with Mr. Fay. In reply the president says that the reports of differences between himself and Mr. Hay are false. On the contrary, he testifies that Mr. Hay had fully concurred in the dismissal of Bowen and dissented only from the mild censure of Loomis in the Taft report.

Mr. Bowen's statement of what took place at his last interview with the president is contradicted, however, by Secretary Taft, who was present, together with Mr. Bowen's brother. Taft says that Bowen was mistaken in his interpretation of what the president said—namely, that he wished the whole matter had not occurred.

Former Minister Bowen made report in a statement to the press in which he quoted letters from Secretary Hay commending him and repeated his assertion that in the presence of witnesses just prior to his dismissal President Roosevelt said he would have done a great deal to hush up the scandal, referring to the alleged offer of promotion for Bowen.

Olney's Reply to Bryan.

Wide publicity has been given to ex-Secretary of State Olney's article in the October North American Review on the question of railroad rate making in reply to W. J. Bryan's open letter to the president. Olney says that if the government shall be granted the power of regulating railroad rates not only railroads, but private properties aggregating billions of dollars, will find themselves controlled in the vital matter of their charges "not by their private owners, but by two public boards—one representing local interests and the other national interests and both antagonistic to the interest of the private owners concerned." These, he thinks, would be in constant rivalry in the effort to get the best service at the smallest cost, and the sure outcome would be government ownership. This, he says, is the goal of some of the rate makers and is not feared by others.

New York City Nominations.

The various party organizations have made their nominations for New York city officers during the past week, and District Attorney Jerome, with 4,000 petitions, was duly entered as an independent contestant. The effort for anti-Tammany fusion having fallen through, the Citizens' Union contented itself with endorsing Jerome, and the Municipal Ownership league loudly demanded that Hearst be its candidate for mayor, even after he had written a letter declining the suggested honor.

The Tammany organization, in complete harmony and without a contest, renominated Mayor McClellan for another term. The Republican organization experienced some difficulty in finding an available leader for what was regarded as a forlorn hope, but finally they aroused much enthusiasm by naming Charles E. Hughes, the insurance inquisitor.

Why Roosevelt Won't Run.

In conversation with Senator Kimmons of North Carolina President Roosevelt replied to the suggestion that the people would want him to serve another term by saying that he would not allow himself to become a candidate in 1908 and that his mind had not changed in regard to this matter. He explained further that the consciousness of this unalterable resolution was the complement of his freedom from pledges when he entered on the office. It made him free to act as he thought was right, gave him great satisfaction and enabled him to enjoy his official life better than he could if he had been striving for some political ambition.

President For Rate Law.

To many senators, representatives and others prominent in Republican party councils who have called at the White House President Roosevelt has made it plain that he will renew his fight for a railroad rate making law at the next session of congress. It is also understood that part of his message will deal with campaign contributions.

More Concessions to China.

During the meeting of the president's cabinet Secretary of War Taft told of his contact with a number of influential Chinamen while in China and urged that further concessions be made in order to avoid serious trade complications. Incidentally he presented to the president the memorial of business men of Shanghai asking for a modification of the exclusion laws. The secretary was not able to find out just how or by whom the Chinese boycott of American goods was started.

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Socialists Not "Democratic."
The New York court of appeals decided that the so called Social Democratic party could not use the word "Democratic" in its title owing to the objection of the leaders of the Democratic party on the ground of infringement.

Revision in Massachusetts.
The Republican convention of Massachusetts at Boston adopted a platform which favors tariff revision, federal control of insurance companies and indorses the administration. There was a split, however, on revision, and a minority report was made against it. Curtis Guild, Jr., was named for governor and E. S. Draper for lieutenant governor.

Factory Workers' Vacation.
One of the most interesting vacation experiments of the past season, as described by Daniel V. Casey in the October World Today, was the co-operative camp of 2,000 factory workers and their wives on the beach near Port Huron, Mich. Lasting ten days, involving a round trip of 500 miles and requiring arrangements for housing, feeding and amusing an army three miles from town, the most striking things about this camp were that workmen planned it for workingmen and that the cost was brought so low that the outing was as cheap as staying home. Fare, rent of tent and eat and meals for ten days cost only \$8.20.

EXECUTIVE

Marine Hospital Extravagant.

The executive probe in the hands of Secretary of the Treasury Shaw is just at present directed against the marine hospital service, of which Dr. Walter Wyman is the supervising surgeon general. The secretary finds that the service is costing the government twice as much as it did a few years ago and wants to know why. He recommends the abandonment of eleven hospitals. In these cases he favors contracting with the local hospitals for the sake of economy.

Canal Job Goes Begging.

Secretary Taft has renewed his suggestion that the whole administration of the Panama canal project be transferred from the war department to the state department, believing as he does that Secretary Root is better qualified than himself to take charge of this great work.

The President's Southern Trip.

It was decided that the president's southern trip should terminate at New Orleans, where the yellow fever situation is greatly improved. From there he will return to Washington by water, thus avoiding the quarantine complications in states adjoining Louisiana.

LEGAL-CRIMINAL

School Grant in Peoria.

Newton C. Dougherty, for twenty-five years superintendent of the public schools of Peoria, Ill., has been arrested on the charge of forgery in connection with his accounts, a shortage of \$75,000 having been discovered by the grand jury, with a prospect that pecuniations extending over several years would bring the amount into the hundreds of thousands. As soon as he had been released on \$5,000 bail he tendered his resignation as superintendent and as president of the Peoria National bank. The alleged forgery consisted of a voucher for school supplies which were never delivered.

Kidnaper Crowe Caught.

A man arrested at Butte, Mont., turned out to be the long sought for kidnaper who planned to get money from the wealthy father of Eddy Cudahy at Omaha in 1900. Crowe declares that the proposition of kidnaping and ransom was made to him by young Cudahy himself, who actually got \$6,000 of the ransom. The boy's father says this is not true.

Cotton Scandal Indictment.

The grand jury at Washington presented another indictment in connection with the cotton leak scandal, bills having been returned against Edwin S. Holmes, Jr., Frederick A. Peckham and Moses Haas. Peckham and Haas are accused of having conspired by inducing Holmes to divulge information concerning crop reports in advance of publication.

\$350,000 Bank Thief Caught.

Henry A. Leonard, twenty-four years old, a "runner" for a brokerage firm and an active member of the Y. M.

C. A., was arrested by the New York police, charged with having robbed the National City bank of \$350,000 worth of securities by presenting a forged check. Later he made a full confession and declared that his purpose was to give Wall street a lesson showing how easily any bank could be robbed on account of the lax system of transferring securities. On the night of the robbery he had returned \$200,000 of the securities to their rightful owner and when caught told where the remainder of the loot was. The clew which led to Leonard's arrest was a copy he had left with the stamp maker for the certification stamp. This was an old check containing the name of his employers. When arraigned in court he was held for trial in \$50,000 bail. The National City bank officials decided to press the case against him, notwithstanding that the securities were recovered, for the sake of the example to other would be thieves.

Ramsey's Suit Against Gould.
Joseph Ramsey, Jr., as president of the Wabash, sued for an injunction in St. Louis to prevent the proposed annual meeting of George Gould and associates at Toledo called for the purpose of electing a board of directors and officers for the Wabash railroad. Ramsey alleges that the result of this meeting would be to stifle competition in traffic between St. Louis and Kansas City. He claims to own \$50,000 of the Wabash bonds and 100 shares of the stock. He alleges that Gould owns and controls a majority of the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain already, which are competing lines.

Causes of Tuberculosis.
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Gulf Stream Not Changed.
M. Granddier, a member of the French institute, discredits the recent statement of a German steamship captain that the gulf stream is deviating from its course. He thinks such a phenomenon is scientifically impossible without a frightful cataclysm. Moreover, if that stream had deviated a change in the temperature of the water would have been observed. It is barely possible that a branch of the main stream has been deflected.

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Earth Shook For Two Months.
Dispatches to the Mexican government give an account of a remarkable seismic disturbance in the state of Guenero. The entire side of a precipice on a mountain called Cerro Dolores suddenly took an upward movement, and great masses of rock loosened by the upheaval fell into the valley. For fifteen days the movement was plainly discernible, accompanied with rumbling subterranean noises, and for two months slight local earthquakes were of daily occurrence.

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