

HOKE SMITH A POSSIBILITY

Georgia Man Said to Be Choice, If Mr. Bryan Sees Defeat.

STRONG WITH THE NORTH

Not An Extremist, Yet Belonging to Progressives—New York Would Support Him.

A Washington correspondent of the Pittsburg Post says: Gov. Hoke Smith, of Georgia, is the man William Jennings Bryan thinks the Democrats should make their presidential candidate next year, if they have doubt of the Nebraska ability. This is the announcement of friends of Mr. Bryan made in Washington, by authority, it is believed.

It is the opinion that Mr. Bryan has doubts about the wisdom of allowing himself to be put forward as the standard-bearer of his party. He is represented as thinking that the party would have a better chance of winning with a new candidate, who ought to be taken from the South. And the most available man in that region, in his opinion, is the newly-elected Governor of Georgia, who has a National record and a reputation, and would be acceptable to all classes of Democrats.

There is no doubt that Hoke Smith would get the electoral vote of every Southern State. The fact that he stands well with the more conservative Democrats might be expected to bring him the votes of states like New York and New Jersey.

Mr. Smith is a reformer, but not an extremist. He comes from the most progressive State of the South.

It is said Mr. Bryan has had assurances that leading New York Democrats would cordially welcome the nomination of Mr. Smith and give him earnest support in the campaign. Other Northern and Eastern Democrats, who have been sounded on the subject, it is said, have also endorsed the idea of taking Governor Smith as the party's candidate in next year's contest.

OHIO FAVORS TAFT

Chairman of State Committee Makes Declaration.

Chairman Walter F. Brown, of the Ohio State Central Committee, declared himself as unqualifiedly for Taft, said the Republicans of Ohio are solidly in favor of his candidacy and declared that Senators Foraker and Dick owe it to themselves and their friends to settle the report that they are secretly supporting the candidacy of Vice President Fairbanks. He declared, moreover, that the sentiment for Taft is so strong that, if further opposed, or in any way misrepresented by Senators Foraker and Dick, it will burst all bounds and demand expression in a popular convention.

Chairman Brown's opinion of the Ohio situation as relating to Secretary Taft was summed up in this sentence:

"There is not, to my knowledge, a Republican leader whose prominence is acknowledged throughout Ohio who favors any candidate for the presidency except Secretary Taft."

MOSLEM NEGRO CANNIBALS

Human Flesh Procured by Infliction of Death Sentences, Sold in the Open Market.

The Cologne Gazette reports that fearful cannibalism is still practiced in the German West African protectorate of Kamerun. A German merchant writes to the newspapers that the natives not only devour their enemies, but also criminals and persons locked up for trivial offenses. The merchant escaped the fate with difficulty.

Kaka natives, he writes, offer human flesh for sale in the public market, to provision which death sentences are imposed for the most trivial offenses. The worst man-eaters belong to the Bala tribe. They are strict Mohammedans and daily perform their religious rites.

SCARED BY AIRSHIP

Negroes in Maryland Thought It a Supernatural Visitor.

Negroes of Kings Creek, Md., are terror-stricken, claiming the devil paid the a flying visit the other night. An airship on its way to the Jamestown exposition caused the uproar.

When the airship was first sighted some distance away, all eyes were turned upward in astonishment. The machine was adorned with two large red lights, and made a spectacular appearance. Negroes took refuge in haystacks, woods, corn houses, under beds and in attics. Many still claim it was a supernatural being. The negroes held long religious meetings on Sunday.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Presbyterian Assembly at Columbus adopted strong Sabbath observance resolutions.

The Republican State Central Committee of Kansas declared William H. Taft the choice of Kansas to succeed President Roosevelt.

Blast Wrecks Train.

Three men killed outright, three others fatally and two others badly injured, the crushing of a Southern Railway freight engine and 11 cars through a bridge into Chattanooga creek, and the destruction of three houses and a pile-driver nearby, were the results of a premature explosion this afternoon of a blast at the foot of Lookout Mountain. The bridge was crushed by tons of rock just as a Southern Railway freight train was going on the bridge.

BOSS PLEADS GUILTY

Political Dictator of San Francisco Makes Confession.

Abraham Ruef, acknowledged adviser of Mayor Schmitz, and once the recognized dictator of municipal affairs in San Francisco, pleaded guilty to the charge of extortion in Judge Dunne's department of the Superior Court. Sentence will be pronounced on him two weeks hence.

In pleading guilty he made an impressive address to the judge, stating that he had commenced his career in politics with high ideals for himself and for the city, but that conditions had broken him down and he now desired only an opportunity to repent and restore his character before the world.

As he concluded his address he fell back into his chair, almost fainting, and the tears coursed down his cheeks.

HEROES REWARDED

Captain and Crew of Schooner Get a Large Sum for Bravery.

Recognition of one of the greatest acts of heroism at sea in recent years is given by the Carnegie Hero Commission in the awarding of \$22,000 and a gold medal each to the eight members of the fishing schooner Elsie, who rescued eight survivors of the ill-fated steamer Larchmont, which went down in Block Island Sound last winter. Other awards made by the commission, at a meeting in its offices in the Carnegie building, Pittsburg, bring the total to \$27,250, exclusive of death benefits to the widow of one hero. In addition to the eight gold medals, seven silver and six bronze medals were awarded.

FORM \$7,000,000 COMPANY

Eight Iron and Chemical Plants Merged Into One.

Eight iron and chemical plants located in Northern Michigan and Wisconsin have been consolidated into a private stock company, with a capital stock of \$7,500,000, of which Jos. H. Berry, of Detroit, who was elected president, holds a majority.

The companies embraced in the consolidation are: Ashland Iron & Steel Co., Ashland, Wis.; Manistique Iron Co., Manistique, Mich.; Michigan Iron Co., Ltd., New Berry, Mich.; Superior Chemical Co., New Berry, Mich.; Northern Charcoal Iron Co., Chocally, Mich.; Elk Rapids Iron Co., Elk Rapids, Mich.; Boyne City Charcoal Co., Boyne City, Mich.

FRANCHISES COME HIGH

Ruef, 'Frisco's Boss, Says One Cost Railway \$200,000.

Abraham Ruef, of San Francisco, carried out his declaration that he would following his change of plea to guilty in the extortion case against him, assist the bribery prosecution in its campaign against municipal corruption. Obeying a subpoena from the grand jury, he took the witness stand and submitted to an examination that lasted from 3:30 o'clock until after 5.

Ruef told the grand jury, it is said, that the United Railways paid \$200,000 for the privilege of electrifying its lines; that \$51,000 of this amount was Ruef's "fee," that \$50,000 went into the pocket of Mayor Schmitz, and that the remaining \$99,000 was handed to the 18 supervisors.

RUSH ORDERS FOR RAILS

Japan Needs American Supplies for Manchurian Railway.

The Carnegie Steel Company has just received a second order for steel rails from Japan, and the order is a rush one. It calls for 13,000 tons, and for deliveries to begin next month. The prompt delivery requirement brought with it an added price, for the contract calls for \$29 a ton. The announcement of this contract has been followed by a statement from Japanese officials, which shows that America's industrial invasion of the Far East is now in full swing. For steel rails, cars and locomotives \$12,000,000 already has been expended in this country, all to be used in the construction of the South Manchuria railway.

SEEK BIG CHIEF TAFT

Sioux and Chippewa Indians Want Him at Peace Powwow.

The Sioux and Chippewa Indians of the White Earth reservation are preparing for a big peace powwow June 14 and 15, and having heard that the big white chief, Taft, is to be in Minnesota about that time, are trying to arrange to have Secretary Taft visit the reservation and make an address. Senators Nelson and Clapp are to deliver addresses at the powwow. This celebration will cost \$1,000 that amount having been allowed the Indians for their tribal funds. It is declared that the ceremony will be unique in Indian history.

LOOT AMOUNTS TO \$100,000

Directors of an Ohio Infirmary Accused of Grafting Poor Funds.

Examiners J. A. Bliss and "H. S. Brown reported to Gov. Harris that the Butler County Infirmary directors had illegally spent between Sept. 1, 1903, and Jan. 1, 1907, \$100,000, and that the public funds were used for speculation. The infirmary board is also charged with holding all-day sessions to buy a little soda and soap.

WILL COUNT \$268,000,000

Funds Must Balance Before Official's Bond is Accepted.

Work of formally counting all the money in the sub-treasury at New York, following the expiration of term of office of Hamilton Fish, assistant treasurer, and his re-appointment, was begun by experts from Washington. The work will consume 40 working days. Of the money that must be gone over are 75,000,000 silver dollars, \$178,000,000 in gold coins, \$15,000,000 in currency, and 170,000 minor coins.

RAILROADS DEFIED LAWS

Harriman Lines Had Things as They Wanted Them.

RECOMMENDS PROMPT ACTION

Profits of Western Railroads Used in Buying Stock in Eastern Lines Instead of Improvements.

A portion of the recommendations of Attorneys Frank B. Kellogg and C. A. Severance to the Interstate Commerce Commission concerning the Harriman railroad investigation has been published. It reviews the testimony and holds that railroad competition has been suppressed in an area equal to one-third of the United States; that the contracts between the Union Pacific and Rock Island for the control of the Alton railway, as well as the contracts between the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific, and the steps taken for the control of the Illinois Central and the San Pedro road, are all in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

It recommends that the Attorney General institute proceedings to annul these agreements.

It also recommends that there should be new and effective laws to prevent inflation of securities and declares that the profits of the great railroads of the far West are being used to buy stocks and control systems in the East instead of building more roads for the development of the West, as they should be.

Union Pacific was the storm center of an attack by traders on the stock exchange to-day, on the appearance of the report of counsel for the Interstate Commerce Commission. Union Pacific stock slumped nearly four points before support was forthcoming, and the whole list became weak and unsettled on the news and declined a point on the average.

The recommendation of Messrs. Kellogg and Severance in regard to the Harriman railroads are not yet accepted and confirmed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, so that they stand at present merely as recommendations to the commission and not the report of the commission itself.

FINISHED STEEL ADVANCING

Increases Range from \$10 to \$20 a Ton New Discount Cards on Tubes.

The Iron Trade Review, in its current issue says:

"After several weeks, during which pig iron received by far the greatest amount of attention, it is now comparatively quiet in that market, and finished lines are more frequent subjects for discussion in the trade. Owing to the scarcity of crude steel and increasing labor costs, there is a tendency toward higher prices.

"A striking illustration of this tendency is shown in tool steel, in which prices on ordinary tool steel have recently been advanced \$10 a ton. In some cases the advances on high speed steel have amounted to \$20 a ton, due to increase in wages and higher cost of crude materials.

"The National Tube Co. has issued new discount cards, showing an advance of \$1 a ton on merchant pipe, which applies to business taken since March 8. It is not expected, though, that there will be a general advance in prices of finished products, as such action is not favored by some of the leading interests."

COSSACKS SHOOT DOWN 68

In Revenge for Terrorist Attack They Slaughter Innocent Workmen.

Sixty-eight officials and workmen of Kutter's spinning mills, at Lodz, Russian Poland, were shot down by a patrol of Cossacks, because a band of Terrorists attacked a mail wagon in the neighborhood, killed a Cossack guard and wounded another Cossack and two postoffice officials.

While the wagon was passing through Lonkova street, the Terrorists suddenly opened fire on the Cossack escort, seized \$1,000 from the wagon and escaped.

SPECIAL STAMP NOT NEEDED

Ten Cents Worth of Any Kind Will Insure Quick Delivery.

No special delivery postage stamps will be needed after July 1 to insure the immediate delivery of a letter.

Pursuant to an act of the last Congress Postmaster General Meyer today issued an order that if there is attached to any letter or package of mail matter 10 cents' worth of stamps of any denomination, with the words "Special delivery" written or printed on the envelope or covering, in addition to the postage required for ordinary delivery, the article will be handled as if it bore a regulation special delivery stamp.

Colored Corporal Found Guilty.

Corp. Knowles (colored), of Co. A, Twenty-fifth Infantry, charged with murderously assaulting Capt. B. Macklin, at Fort Reno, the night of Dec. 21, 1906, was found guilty by a court martial at Fort Sill. The defendant will be sent either to Leavenworth, Kan., or Alcatraz Island, Cal.

Conspiracy to Kill Czar.

A terrorist conspiracy directed against the life of Emperor Nicholas, the existence of which has been suspected for some time past, has been revealed by the arrest at Tsarskoe-Selo, of a soldier of the guard regiment, who confessed to the acceptance of a large money bribe to assist in the murder of his majesty.

Gen. S. B. M. Young, retired, was appointed superintendent of Yellowstone Park, to succeed Major John Pitcher.

SAW NEGROES SHOOTING.

Brownsville Police So Testify Before Senate Committee.

Two witnesses in the Brownsville investigation before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs testified that they saw negro soldiers shooting up the Texas town on the night of August 13.

One of these was Lieutenant Dominguez, of the Brownsville police, who received a bullet through the arm and had his horse shot from under him while trying to warn citizens of the approach of armed men, whom he declared positively to be negro soldiers from the garrison, and another was Policeman Padron, who described a busy quarter of an hour dodging bullets. He also was positive that the men doing the shooting were negro soldiers.

Dr. Charles H. Thorne, a dentist, heard a group of men firing at the rear of his house and shouting commands to each other. He gave as his judgment that the voices were those of negroes.

R. A. H. Sanborn, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, who occupied a room opposite the garrison, testified to seeing a negro soldier carrying a gun enter the post at about the time the firing ceased.

CONDITION OF FRUITS

Southwest Suffered Most from the Cold and Frost.

Reports from the fruit growing region show that while the Northern States will be late in putting their crops on the market, they have escaped with light loss due to cold than the Southwestern section of the country. Advices from the various states were as follows:

Michigan—Fruits and vegetables one month behind normal condition. Look for average yield.

Indiana—Fruits, grains and vegetables in good shape. Crop will be four weeks late.

Kansas—Fruit crop killed by cold. Tender garden plants destroyed, but growers have re-planted.

Missouri—Practically entire fruit crop destroyed by cold.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Tree fruit crops will be almost nothing. Bush fruit, grapes and strawberries suffered seriously.

MARRIED 32 TIMES

Over 3,000 Letters from Women at Matrimonial Bureau.

James Matthias Williams, otherwise known as James Marshall, pleaded guilty before Judge Ralston, at Philadelphia to the charge of bigamy, and was sentenced to one year and fined \$100.

Tenie Marshall, the bigamist's first and favorite wife, who helped him run the Edith Ross Matrimonial Society, was let off, having been charged with collecting money under false pretenses.

Detectives traced up 22 marriages Williams is said to have contracted with women, whom he deserted after obtaining their money. At Williams' marriage bureau office detectives found over 3,000 letters from men and women in all parts of the country, written in answer to advertisements for husbands and wives.

KANSAS ICE TRUST FINED

Penalties Accompanies Order to Dissolve Business Relations.

Judge Walter S. Powell of Kansas City, Mo., fined the following companies, recently found guilty of maintaining a trust to regulate the price of ice: Peoples Ice, Storage & Fuel Co., \$15,000; Central Ice Co., \$8,000; Kansas City Breweries Co., \$15,000. Judge Powell also prohibited these companies from doing business in the future with one another.

Presbyterian's Choose Moderator.

Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts of Philadelphia, stated clerk of the Presbyterian General Assembly, was chosen first Moderator of the reunited Presbyterian Church by acclamation at Columbus, O. Rev. Dr. Ira D. Landrith, last Moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, made the nominating speech and the second address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Robert Hunter of Philadelphia. No other name was presented.

Short Crops in Russia.

The report of the Hungarian ministry of agriculture says that the winter has been bad for grain. Winter wheat, rye, barley and corn suffered from the excessive frosts and insects, and much of the land was untilled on account of the unfavorable spring. The existing sowings show little development.

Several Russian papers say that the landed proprietors in the Central and Volga districts are sowing little grain because they fear agrarian strikes. The same conditions prevail in the Don tracts. The merchants and factors of South Russia refuse to sign foreign grain contracts, believing that the harvests would be inadequate to the local demands.

Thirty Words Dispose of \$100,000.

The will of Natham Gullford, of Yonkers, formerly vice president of the New York Central Railroad Co., just filed for probate, is written on a few sheets and contains about 30 words. He leaves everything to his widow, Mary Wallace Gullford. The estate is estimated to be worth \$100,000.

Owns Up to Rebating.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company, through its general counsel, pleaded guilty before Judge Holt in the United States Circuit Court in New York, on two indictments for the granting of rebates. The Court assessed a fine of \$10,000 on each count pleaded to, or \$20,000 in all, which Attorney Keeler paid.

Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California, has been offered the presidency of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

JAPANESE SEEK ALLIANCE

Only Anti-Japanese Feeling at 'Frisco Said to Stand in Way.

EMPEROR'S DELEGATE HERE

Sent to Find How Americans Feel Toward His Subjects—Thankful for Famine Aid.

"Japan has looked earnestly for an alliance with the United States, because in substance we have always regarded this country as a real ally of Japan. We are desirous of having such an alliance, if it could be arranged. As long, though, as any misunderstanding like the anti-Japanese feeling in San Francisco exists, it might not be possible to bring about an alliance."

This spoke Baron Ozawa, member of the house of peers and special representative of the Emperor, in New York city.

The baron, who is the vice president of the Japanese Red-Cross Society, was commissioned by his majesty to ascertain the existence of anti-Japanese feeling in this country and to express the thanks of the Emperor to those Americans who aided the Japanese during the severe famine in Northeast Japan after the war with Russia.

Baron Ozawa said that he would report to the Emperor that he found no evidence of anti-Japanese feeling existing anywhere in the country outside of San Francisco.

Baron Ozawa said that Japan has no single idea or thought that it would advance at the coming meeting of the peace tribunal at The Hague, and after a moment of reflection, added:

"Japan does not regard the efforts of The Hague seriously, as the conferences are simply talks and arguments, and nothing of weight or moment is done."

SORRY HE MARRIED COREY

The Rev. John L. Clark Begs Forgiveness of His Church and Is Pardoned.

The Rev. John L. Clark, pastor of the Bushwick Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn, who recently officiated at the marriage of W. E. Corey, President of the United States Steel Corporation, and Miss Mabelle Gilman, submitted to the credentials committee of the church a letter in which he begged forgiveness for having performed the marriage ceremony in question.

In the letter Dr. Clark said he realized that he had done a great wrong both to the congregation of his church and to the Christian conception of the marriage relation in marrying a divorced person, and said he would humbly receive whatever censure the committee might impose.

Dr. Clark concluded by promising to use his ecclesiastical office in the future strictly in accordance with the principles of his denomination. He said that he had returned the wedding fee to Corey.

The committee decided to recommend in its report to the congregation that, in view of the pastor's integrity and righteousness, together with his letter of apology, no further action in the matter be taken.

WHOLE DAY UNDER WATER

Rival Submarines Conclude Test in Good Shape.

The sub-marine Octopus and Lake completed their 24-hour submerged habitability test at the naval coaling station at Bradford, near Newport, R. I., the Octopus coming to the surface at 3:40 and the Lake at 4:09, the respective times that the two boats were sealed up the day before. As soon as the boats came to the surface they were boarded by the naval trial board for the purpose of examining the air and conditions inside the boats, and in both instances they were found to be of the best.

All of the 23 men who had been confined in the boats were found to be in the best condition, claiming that they had spent a most comfortably day-beneath the surface.

IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT

U. S. Supreme Court Upholds Pennsylvania Law Passed in 1842.

The Supreme Court of the United States has denied to George H. Crawford, of Cameron county, Pa., the privilege of filing a writ of habeas corpus. He is imprisoned in Lycoming county on the charge of attempting to defraud a creditor. Crawford, being indebted to Maria P. Johnson in the sum of \$27,000, is alleged to have left the county to avoid payment, and was arrested under the act of 1842, authorizing imprisonment under such conditions. The effect of the decision is to leave in effect the decision of the Pennsylvania courts.

European Wheat Prices.

The European wheat situation is regarded by competent grain merchants at Odessa as being most unfavorable. The present prices are the highest the experts on the bourse can remember to have been quoted in Russia for decades past. The provinces of Pessarabia, Paltava, Kherson and Podolia, where wheat is chiefly cultivated, are gravely affected.

Rioting in India.

The seditious Hindu agitation is spreading in Madras province. Troops are patrolling Madras city and at Delhi a mob of Mohammedans knocked the crown off the statue of Queen Victoria. There has been serious rioting at Delhi.

Half Million Die of Plague.

Deaths from the plague throughout India for the six weeks ending May 11, reached the appalling total of 451,892. In the Punjab alone 286,777 deaths occurred.

MAGNIFICENT STEAMER BURNS

\$700,000 of Loss by Fire to City of Cleveland, Under Construction at Detroit.

The magnificent new passenger steamer City of Cleveland, under construction at the plant of the Detroit Shipbuilding Co., for the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Co., and designated to run between Detroit and Cleveland, was swept by fire, and is a total loss, except for her hull and machinery. How much they have been damaged cannot be determined until the hull is pumped out and a careful examination made.

The loss which falls upon the Detroit Shipbuilding Co., a branch of the American Shipbuilding Co., is about \$700,000, and is fairly well covered by insurance.

EARTH SWALLOWS VILLAGE

Sulphur Shower from Flaming Volcano Falls Over Rome.

It is reported from Sarajevo, Bosnia, that the Turkish village of Mustajbasie, consisting of 30 houses and situated on a hill, was engulfed Sunday night, May 12, presumably as a result of volcanic disturbances. Several inhabitants of the village perished, the remainder escaping by flight.

At Rome, May 13, the temperature rose suddenly to 50 degrees, and at San Remo there was a rain of sulphur. The occurrences are attributed to the eruptions of Stromboli and Etna volcanoes.

CURRENT NEWS ITEMS.

Meeting of Ohio colored men declared against Roosevelt and Taft and for Foraker.

Chairman Dick, rescinded the call for an Ohio Republican conference at Columbus on May 15.

Cuba's sugar crop, it is said, will be a record breaker this year, and will reach a total of 1,300,000 tons, as against 1,200,000 tons last year.

The Pennsylvania Senate passed finally the Kennedy bill, fixing at 5 cents the minimum street car rate within city limits of cities of the second class.

It was declared that Congressman T. E. Burton will give up his fight for Foraker's seat in the Senate. Taft can get the Ohio indorsement for President.

Clarence Darrow, counsel for Wm. Haywood, at Boise, Ida., in a debate with Senator Borah, for the state declared that President-Roosevelt had "butted into" the case.

The Little Miami Railroad Co., of Cincinnati, filed with the secretary of state a certificate of increase in its capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

Striking longshoremen in New York tried to lynch a private detective, who, being pursued by the strikers, drew his revolver and fired, killing an innocent bystander.

A bill before the New York Legislature, and which, it is said, will pass that body, gives power to the governor to investigate all departments of the State government.

The South Penn Oil Co. purchased from Theodore Clark, Jr., and Thos. McKelvey their oil holdings near Lebanon, Monroe county, Ohio, for \$265,500. The lease produces about \$3,000 worth of oil a day.

The secretary of the Interior has withdrawn from entry 286,000 acres of land in Humboldt, Trinity and Mendocino counties, California, to be added to the Trinity National forest.

Isaac Stephenson, of Marinette, who has just been elected United States Senator for Wisconsin, to succeed John C. Spooner for the unexpired term ending March 4, 1909.

Former Chief of Police Wm. L. Cato of Bellevernon, Pa., shot and mortally wounded Geo. L. Guess, his successor, and then terrorized the town before being cowed and kicked into submission.

President Roosevelt has granted a conditional pardon to John L. Lennon, a nephew of John L. Sullivan, serving a sentence at Governor's Island, for alleged desertion from the marine corps while in Cuba.

The secretary of the navy has awarded contracts for the construction of the 10 principal buildings for the new great lakes naval training station at North Chicago, to the Noel Construction Co., of Baltimore, for \$1,500,000.

Mayor Schmitz, of San Francisco, says Abraham Ruef lied if he told the grand jury that he (Schmitz) got \$50,000 as his share of a \$200,000 bribe offered for an electric franchise by the city street railway company.

The jury investigating the death of little Horace Marvin, at Dover, Del., brought in a verdict that he died from exposure on March 4, 1907, the day he was missed from his home. Three jurors refused to vote.

At the commencement exercises at the Union Theological Seminary, President Charles Cuthbert Hall announced that an unnamed donor had made a gift of \$200,000 to the institution. The money will be used to erect the chapel.

The New Jersey Episcopal Diocesan Convention unanimously passed a resolution to the effect that in the future no Episcopal priest should marry any divorced person. The resolution was inspired by the recent marriage of W. E. Corey to Mabelle Gilman.

The delegates of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers have arranged a wage scale, in which every participant is paid on the tonnage basis. The report was made announcing that all branches of the trade will ask for a tonnage basis with a sliding scale schedule.

The President appointed Cornelius Billings, of Battleboro, Vt., to be assistant commissioner of patents. Mr. Billings was promoted from examiner in chief. John B. McCauley, Wheeling, W. Va., and Levin H. Campbell, of Warpsburg, Mo., were appointed examiners in chief.