

## CHOATE WINS LONG FIGHT

American Proposal for International Court Approved.

### FIXED SALARY FOR JUDGES

In Addition to the Regular Salary They Are Also to Be Paid by the Day.

Jos. H. Choate, one of the United States delegates to the peace conference, who is credited with the statement that he would not leave The Hague until his pet project for the creation of a permanent international high court of justice had become an accomplished fact, at a meeting of the examining committee under the presidency of M. Bourgeois, which is dealing with this matter had the satisfaction of securing approval for the entire project, with the exception of the paragraph referring to the allotment of judges.

Choate's appeal resulted in the appointment of a committee, on which Choate and James Brown Scott, another United States delegate, were named, to examine the question of the allotment of judges. This committee will meet next Tuesday.

It has been decided that the judges of the court are to be paid a fixed salary of \$2,400 a year and in addition \$10 a day while sitting on the court. The court will be called the Court of Arbitral Justice.

In a powerful speech Mr. Choate urged the committee not to permit its differences on the allotment of judges to interfere with the solemn duty devolving upon it of satisfying either permanently or provisionally the universal demand for the establishment of such a court.

"It would be ignominious in the last degree for us to confess our inability to discharge this duty," Mr. Choate declared.

He suggested a number of solutions for the difficulty regarding judges, including a proposal for the election of judges by the whole conference voting by States, each State exercising absolute equality. He maintained that this method would assure equality of sovereignty as well as equality in all other respects. Each nation would take its chance, he said, of a successful canvass.

Mr. Choate then mentioned a long list of jurists of world-wide renown included among the delegates to the present conference. From among whom there might easily be formed a court which would command the confidence and admiration of the entire world.

"Speaking for the United States," Mr. Choate continued, "I would be perfectly willing to entrust the fortunes of the court and the success of the conference in creating it to the result of such an election. So sure am I that the establishment of this court would be a great triumph for civilization and justice, and an effectual guarantee for the peace of the world, that I urge with all earnestness of which I am capable the adoption of one of the provisional schemes now suggested."

### THREE DROWN AT AKRON

Canoe Overturns—Man and Two Women Perish.

By the overturning of a canoe at Akron, O., three persons were drowned and another was rescued with difficulty.

The dead: Miss Ina Reifsnnyder, Akron; Miss Mary Adkins, 2920 Prospect street, Cleveland; Chas. Holloway, Akron.

The three victims were in a canoe, which was being towed by a launch containing Dr. J. W. Slemons and a number of others. In turning the launch and canoe collided, throwing the canoe's occupants into the water.

Harold S. Todd, who was in the canoe, reached the opposite shore, but his condition is critical. All were out for a pleasure jaunt.

### FISHING IN LAKES

Same Conditions to Obtain as in Force Last Year.

The modus vivendi to regulate fishing by Americans in the treaty waters of Newfoundland, which was concluded in London by an exchange of notes between Ambassador Reid and of the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, was made public Sept. 8 by Acting Secretary of State Adee.

It is a substantial renewal of last year's arrangements, and is to continue for this season and until the long standing controversy regarding the fishing question may be settled by arbitration, unless in the meantime any of its provisions should be modified by some amicable agreement between the Newfoundland authorities and the American fishermen not derogatory to the rights of the United States and acceptable to the British and the American governments.

Eagle Temple, the home of Philadelphia Aerie 42, Fraternal Order of Eagles, on Spring Garden street, near Broad, was destroyed by fire.

### Buried by Snows.

Fifty persons are said to have been buried alive by a vast avalanche of snow that has rolled down the mountains and obliterated the Chilean custom house at Juncal. This station is on the Argentine frontier, high up in the Andes.

A receiver was appointed for the Pelding-Hall Manufacturing Company, makers of refrigerators, of Chicago. The assets are placed at \$400,000 and the liabilities at \$500,000.

## MAKE A JOINT INSPECTION

Ultimatum Delivered to New Haven—Lake Traffic Heavy—Pennsylvania Makes Test.

It is estimated that more new cars have been delivered to railroads in the Pittsburg district during July and August than in any two months for many years. Reports to general headquarters show that every road in this district has received a large amount of new rolling stock, and statements by car manufacturers indicate that a new high record in this line will be established during the month of September. As fast as the new equipment is delivered to the railroads it is pressed into service, a large proportion of the new cars being used to handle traffic to the lakes.

Many of these cars should have been delivered three or four months ago, as the contracts were placed last fall and the builders promised delivery early in the spring. Their failure in this respect caused considerable ill-feeling and the Pennsylvania and other trunk lines threatened to cancel some of the orders, enlarge their own car works and build a large portion of their equipment themselves. An agreement was reached in the matter, and since then better progress has been made by the builders in delivering equipment than ever before.

There has been an increased demand for freight cars in the Pittsburg district during the past month and some of the large shippers, unable to obtain the desired number of cars to handle their products, believed the car shortage this year would be as serious, if not more so, than was the case last winter. Railroad officials, after a series of meetings, have decided that they are in a fairly good condition to handle the business when the fall rush starts.

Some of the roads have informed the large shippers of the action taken at these meetings and assured them that a general inspection of the motive power and rolling stock has convinced the officials that they will be prepared to handle all the business originating in the Pittsburg district.

### FINED FOR REBATING

Pennsylvania, New York Central and Standard Oil Co. All Found Guilty in New York.

An investigation begun before the federal grand jury in Jamestown, N. Y., early in July, was continued September 6, when the jury found four indictments, one each against the Standard Oil Co., the New York Central Railroad Co., the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. and one against these two railroads jointly.

The indictment against the Standard Oil Co. and those against the railway companies separately contained 128 counts each, and that against the railroads jointly contained 54 counts, all of them charging a violation of the interstate commerce law either in accepting or granting rebates on oil shipments from Olean to points in Vermont.

The law provides a penalty of \$20,000 for each provision violated or each count. If convictions are made, the three companies will be subject to a total fine of \$876,000. In August the same jury returned similar indictments and convictions on all would mean fines of more than \$15,000,000.

### CROWN LANDS TRANSFERRED

Belgium Loses Valuable Part of Congo State Through Action of King Leopold.

King Leopold made another momentous move on the Congo question by turning over the "domain of the crown" in the Congo Independent State to a joint stock company, in which he is alleged to be interested. This is the most important section of the Congo, 10 times larger than Belgium and was to have reverted to Belgium with annexation. Its transfer deprives Belgium of the most profitable part of the independent state.

The decree announcing the transfer, which appeared in the official bulletin, caused a sensation, it being generally accepted as endangering the success of the commission appointed recently by King Leopold to negotiate a treaty annexing the Congo Independent State to Belgium.

### 9,000 Boys in the Coal Breakers.

Evidence regarding the employment of children in violation of the child labor laws throughout the anthracite coal region is to be collected and furnished to Chief Mine Inspector Roderick, Attorney J. R. Jones of Scranton has been engaged to make the investigation and will begin work at once. It is estimated that there are 9,000 boys employed in the breakers and the mines who are under the age specified by law.

### Root Leaves Muldoon Farm.

After having been a patient at the institute kept by Wm. Muldoon at White Plains, N. Y., for three weeks and a half, Secretary Root left there Sept. 8, with his son, Elihu Root, Jr., and his nephew, Orin Root.

### Woman Holds Up Cars.

For the second time within a week at Los Angeles, Cal., a street car was held up and robbed at the point of a revolver, by a robber so slight and possessed of such delicate features the police believe the crimes to have been committed by a woman in man's attire. At midnight a Hopper avenue car, between Ascot Park and Compton street, in the suburbs, was boarded as it rounded a curve. The motorman and conductor were held up, yielding about \$4.

## TWELVE KILLED IN WRECK

Engine Jumped Track Traveling at Fast Speed.

### SMOKING CAR WAS TELESCOPED

Fire Threatened New Horror Until Injured Rush In and Quenched the Flames.

Twelve persons were killed and 19 others injured in the wreck of an express train on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad at Norris, Ia. The express train, northbound, jumped the track, while going at full speed, crashing into a freight train standing on the siding.

The dead: P. B. Cliver, Waterloo, Ia.; Will Goodman, Waterloo; John N. Watson, Waterloo; C. L. Landphere, Shell Rock, Ia.; W. Ray Johnson, Dike, Ia.; B. R. Christy, Minneapolis; Lepovan Toja, Hammond, Ind.; W. H. Meyers, baggage master; four unidentified men.

The injured all will probably recover.

When the train entered Norris the passenger engine turned over and collided with the engine of a freight train on the next track. The smoker of the passenger train was telescoped, and its passengers either killed or seriously injured. Two cars following the smoker were overturned.

The uninjured passengers of the last car hurried to the aid of the injured and prevented a greater loss of life by extinguishing the flames in the wrecked cars.

The express was 10 minutes late at Norris, where the freight train was awaiting. The express came along at a terrific speed in an effort to make up time. Just as the locomotive of the passenger train was about to pass the freight locomotive the trucks of the former left the track and the moving engine crashed into the engine of the freight.

Passengers on the two day coaches following the smoking car escaped with a violent shaking up. Rescuers immediately turned to the work of caring for the injured and taking the dead from the wreckage. A number of the bodies were mutilated beyond identification.

### COULDN'T READ SEALED LETTER

Spiritualist Wife of Man Who Talked to "Bright Eyes" Admits Inability.

Mrs. Mary S. Pepper-Vanderbilt, a leader of the Spiritualists, appeared as a witness again in the lunacy proceedings brought against her husband, Edward W. Vanderbilt, of New York, by his daughter, Minerva Vanderbilt.

Mrs. Vanderbilt had previously testified that under the control of a spirit, "Bright Eyes," an Indian child, and while in a trance, she was able to read unopened letters and learn of secrets unknown to the lay mind.

Mrs. Vanderbilt was challenged by counsel for Miss Vanderbilt to read unopened a sealed letter which he handed her. Counsel for Mr. Vanderbilt protested against the question, but Commissioner Ketcham held that the question was material, for if Mrs. Vanderbilt could read the letter through the aid of the unseen "Bright Eyes," it would clear up all the questions in the case. The letter was handed to the witness.

"I cannot read it," said Mrs. Vanderbilt. "I am not under the control of 'Bright Eyes.'"

### Eagles at Norfolk.

The ninth annual convention of the Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, convened at Norfolk, Va., with an attendance of 1,000 delegates. Grand Worthy President Edward Krause presided, and the convention was welcomed by Gov. Swanwick of Virginia. Many changes in the constitution and by-laws have been recommended. Seattle will secure the 1908 convention.

### EIGHT OF A FAMILY DROWN

Mother and Seven Children Victims of Flood in New Mexico.

News has reached Albuquerque, N. M., that Mrs. Louise Hill Carbajal, wife of a farmer, and seven children, were drowned in a flood resulting from heavy rains in Alamo creek, Sierra county.

### Carbon Gets Damascus Plant.

It was reported from New York that the Carbon Steel Co. has closed a deal whereby it acquires the properties, patents, etc., of the Damascus Nickel Steel Co. and the Black Cutlery Co. of Scottsdale, Pa. The consideration is not made public, but the Damascus holdings are valued at \$300,000.

### Statesmen Lose Barn by Fire.

During an electrical storm that passed over Southern Indiana, lightning struck the barn on the farm in Spencer county, Indiana, owned jointly by United States Senator James Hemenway and Speaker of the House of Representatives Joseph G. Cannon. It was practically destroyed, the loss being \$3,000.

### Kansas Will Ride for Two Cents.

The formal order by the State Board of Railroad Commissioners for a two-cent fare in Kansas was drawn up September 5. It covers only the period in which the two contests are in litigation in Nebraska. When the question is settled there the order becomes void.

In estimating the chances of rightness, do not weigh the power of righteous men, but the power of divine Right.

## BUFFALO HONORS MCKINLEY

Thousands of People Brave Rainstorm to Witness Unveiling of Fine Monument.

In a heavy downpour of rain and before a vast multitude the McKinley monument on Niagara square, Buffalo, N. Y., was dedicated Sept. 5, and formally turned over to the State of New York through Governor Charles E. Hughes. Assembled on the stand near the monument with Gov. Hughes were men prominent in the state and nation, and also from the Dominion of Canada. Grand Army veterans formed a circle in front of the speakers' stand, and on the steps of the monument. Interspersed with them, and in striking contrast to their plain blue uniforms and battle flags, were the scarlet-coated Canadian troops.

Just as Gov. Hughes stepped upon the platform there came a roll of thunder, a booming salute from the heavens. The rain increased and the obelisk in its folds, was rent in twain by the winds. The stay ropes broke from their fastenings, and the two ends of the flag flittered out over the crowd. The top of the flag, where the release cord was attached, did not break away from the obelisk.

Following a prayer by Rev. E. H. Dickinson, Edward H. Butler, chairman of the Monument Commission, introduced Mayor J. N. Adam, who was followed by Harlan J. Swift, state commander of the G. A. R.; Gen. Miller, past commander of the Spanish-American War Veterans, and Mrs. Donald MacLean, president of the Daughters of the Revolution.

At the conclusion of Mrs. MacLean's address Mrs. Truman C. Avery pulled the cord which released the flag, revealing the white sides of the shaft.

Chairman Butler then formally turned over the memorial to Gov. Hughes for State of New York, and the Governor replied at length, his address taking the form of an eulogy of the martyred McKinley.

### FRIGHTENED BY PLAGUE

San Francisco Appeals to the Government for Assistance.

By direction of President Roosevelt the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service has assumed charge of the measures to stamp out the plague in San Francisco. This step was taken upon the request of the Mayor of San Francisco, who added that the city would do all that is possible toward providing funds to carry on the work.

Acting on telegraphic instructions from Oyster Bay, Surgeon General Wyman issued the necessary orders and notified the mayor of San Francisco that the corps of sanitary officers already on duty there would be augmented and additional measures taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

### LIPTON HAS NARROW ESCAPE

The Sportsman and Party of Friends Close to Drowning.

Sir Thomas Lipton and a party of friends had a narrow escape from drowning, near London, Eng., when the Irish sportsman's schooner yacht was almost thrown on her beam ends during a severe blow.

Caught by a sudden squall, the yacht keeled over until all aboard thought she would turn turtle. Sir Thomas and his friends were at dinner. They were thrown from their seats and the yachtsmen hurried in all directions.

The yacht finally righted itself without serious mishap other than shipping an enormous quantity of water.

### Accident Says Verdict.

A verdict of accidental death was rendered at the inquest into the death of Mrs. Anna Hucks, aged 64 years, who died at the Homeopathic Hospital, Pittsburg, on Aug. 28, from injuries received by being injured by a rampart lion at Luna Park on the day previous.

### WOMAN TRUST "BUSTER"

Bonaparte Has Employed Female Lawyer to Assist Him.

Attorney General Bonaparte has called upon a member of the fair sex to help him in curbing the trusts. It was admitted at the Department of Justice at Washington that Miss May Grace Quackenbush of the New York bar, who is now in New Orleans, is a special assistant attorney general.

Details as to what she is doing are not to be had. She is the first woman to be employed by the Department of Justice in such a capacity.

### St. Lawrence Gives Up Dead.

Sunday was the tenth day since the Quebec bridge calamity, and the St. Lawrence began to give up some of the victims. Three bodies were found about 12 miles below the bridge, and in the afternoon five others were added to the list, making a total of 24 bodies found out of 75 who went to their death. The body of John L. Workey, assistant engineer, of Harrisburg, Pa., was found at St. Joseph.

### Three Caught in Quicksand Drown.

Quicksand in the Illinois river Sunday night caused the death of Chas. McEnlee, Keeling Wilson and Wm. Stinger of Lacon, Ill. The bodies were found upright in the river, all three held firm by the quicksand, which reached above the knees. It is thought that their boat overturned and that the men were exhausted by the quicksand in their attempt to wade to shore. The water was barely over their heads.

## CRASH ON CANADIAN PACIFIC

Six Persons Killed and More Than a Score Were Injured.

### TRAIN CREW WERE UNHURT

Engineer Was Making Up Lost Time When the Train Left the Rails.

Five passenger cars on a special Canadian Pacific passenger train from Markdale to Toronto, Ont., are in the ditch near Caledon. Six persons are dead and the seriously injured number more than a score.

The dead: Norman Tucker, Fisherton; John Thurston, Walter Falls; James Banks, Perth; James Buller, Priceville; W. A. Armstrong, Markdale; Robert Carr, Shelburne.

The train, which was heavily loaded, was running behind schedule. From Orangeville there is a very pronounced downward grade, and the locomotive suddenly jumped the rails.

Five of the seven cars followed. The engineer was shot through the window of his cab, but escaped unhurt, and not a train hand was killed.

The six persons killed were riding in the smoking car next to the locomotive.

### CAUSE FAMINE IN COAL

Millions of Bushels Must Be Shipped from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast.

According to steam coal experts a revolution is impending in soft coal shipments from Atlantic ports due to the removal of the Atlantic battleship fleet to the Pacific coast.

In the first place, the belief is general at Philadelphia that the fleet will go to the Pacific never to return. This would mean the shipment in the next few years of millions of tons of coal to Pacific ports for the use of the battleships.

John C. Grady, director of the department of wharves, docks and ferries of Philadelphia, notified the government at Washington that ships desiring to load coal for United States war vessels will be given preference at this port.

The prediction is made that within a few months manufacturers will be paying largely increased prices for steam coal.

### TEN LIVES ARE LOST

Seven Victims, Cut Off from Escape, Leap to Death at Shelton, Wash.

Ten persons are known to be dead, another is dying, and several others are missing as the result of a fire which destroyed the Webb Hotel at Shelton, 29 miles out of Tacoma, Wash.

Some one started the fire by dropping a lighted cigar in a sample room filled with flimsy stuff. All but three of the dead perished by jumping from windows.

The known dead are: Wm. Holmes, master mechanic, Peninsular railway shops; Pearl F. Larson, boy, Mrs. Gay, of the hotel, Daniel J. Hennessey.

### STRIKERS APPLY TORCH

City of Antwerp Is Threatened by Fire Ignited by Mobs.

The striking dock laborers at Antwerp threw several freight cars into the canal. Another incident was the setting on fire by the strikers, with the use of petroleum, of another lumber yard. The lumber, covering 3,000 square yards, is blazing furiously, in spite of the efforts of the firemen, reinforced by troops, to extinguish the flames. Regular infantrymen have been told off to guard the petroleum reservoirs.

The strikers set fire to two other warehouses shortly after midnight. In spite of the assistance rendered by the military, the fire in the lumber yard is spreading. The damage is estimated at \$800,000.

### EMULATE JAMES BOYS

Bold Bandits Hold Up Michigan Town in Old-Time Style.

At midnight three armed robbers rode into Tekonsha, Mich., in Wild West style and held up the night watchman. Two citizens who chanced along were likewise held up at the muzzle of guns.

Then the robbers broke into the postoffice and blew up the safe, securing \$300 in stamps and money. They remounted their horses and rode out of town, firing their revolvers to intimidate citizens who had been aroused by the explosion.

### Tornado Creates Havoc.

A tornado which passed over Des Moines, Iowa, caused damage of \$50,000. At a summer resort the band stand was totally wrecked, all the canvas awnings and tents on the ground were blown down, and about 2,000 electric lights shattered. Many trees were uprooted. Hundreds of windows in the city were broken by flying debris. A terrific hailstorm did great damage to crops.

### Yellow Jack Busy in Cuba.

Major Taylor, chief surgeon with the army in Cuba, reported to the War Department that two new cases of yellow fever had broken out, one at Cienfuegos and one at Camp Florida. There are no cases in Havana.

Aldie Thomas of Paris, Ill., has brought suit for a divorce from Calvin Thomas, on the ground that she made a mistake in the brother she was to marry. She thought he was Alvin, Calvin's twin brother, she alleges.

## WILL LIVE 100 YEARS

Expert at New York Declares Centenarians Will Be Commoner Than Blackbirds.

One hundred years will soon be the average age, according to Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, health expert of the Department of Agriculture. At the session of the American Pharmaceutical Association Dr. Wiley made the statement that he has a contract to live to be 100.

In explanation he said: "I was speaking facetiously, but I wanted to make this point. The health of the people of this world is growing better all the time. Fifty years ago the average length of human life was only 33 years. Now it is between 35 and 40. In a couple of hundred years we ought to have increased it to 50 years."

"Disease is being suppressed more and more. The education of the people is going forward every day, so that they are constantly increasing their armor against disease."

"There are three things that will contribute to the increase of life. The research that is constantly going on regarding the causes of diseases; the education of the people and the enactment of laws governing public health. In the end centenarians will be commoner than blackbirds."

### ANOTHER CAR FAMINE FEARED

Business Men Concerned Regarding Necessities for Winter.

Business men of Minnesota and the two Dakotas are preparing to make a strong showing to Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane, when the latter arrives at St. Paul for a start on his investigation of railroad needs in the Northwest, concerning their territory's necessities for the coming winter.

It will be represented that the whole region from the great lakes to Pacific suffered enormous loss last winter through the car famine, the impossibility of moving crops and the shortage of coal.

It is asserted that there are already indications that there will be similar troubles next winter and the commissioner will be appealed to take steps to compel the railroads to guard against this danger.

### WILL SELL DAVIS ESTATE.

Land Left Confederate President Goes to Heirs.

Thousands of acres of land owned by Jefferson Davis during his lifetime will soon be sold in several Southern States to satisfy heirs of the Davis estate.

Shortly after the close of the Civil War many Southern sympathizers, who had saved some portion of their fortune, deeded property to Jefferson Davis. One of the biggest tracts turned over was by Mrs. Elizabeth Dorsey, a wealthy woman, owning a magnificent plantation near Pine Bluff. This property, amounting to nearly 5,000 acres, is to be subdivided and sold.

### Woman 112 Years Old.

Mrs. Nannie Wooleock, 112 years old, of Mt. Carmel, Pa., is said to be the oldest resident of Pennsylvania, will visit Pittsburg next month in order to gratify two of her dearest wishes—to see the Exposition and a newspaper plant. This information is given by her grandson, Special Policeman Jas. Noon of 290 South Euclid avenue, attached to the Oakland police station. He has just returned from a visit to his grandmother. Policeman Noon says that Mrs. Wooleock was born in Mt. Carmel on Oct. 22, 1795, when it was a little settlement of a few log cabins and Indians roamed in the neighborhood.

### Federal Job for Indian Chief.

For the first time in the history of the country, the President of the United States will be called upon to appoint the chief of an Indian tribe. The vacancy was caused by the death of Chief Pleasant Porter, of the Crook nation at Muskogee, I. T. Under the act of Congress the President is authorized to appoint a chief when a vacancy occurs.

### CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

The report of the Republic Iron & Steel Co. for the year ended June 30, shows the largest earnings in the history of the company.

In the presence of his 7-year-old son, Francis, who fought valiantly to save his mother's life, Peter Boyle, a gardener, shot and fatally injured his wife, Ella, then turned the weapon upon himself, at the wife's home, 2501 Forbes street, Pittsburg.

The International Harvester Company of Wisconsin has pleaded guilty to a violation of the Texas anti-trust law, and paid a fine of \$25,000, assessed by the court. The company also agreed that a perpetual injunction be entered forbidding it to operate in Texas.

### Action Against Ice Combine.

Attorney General Jackson announced that he will begin an action this month against the American Ice Co. for the purpose of having that company deprived of its right and authority to transact business in the state of New York.

### Japs Shutting Out World.

United States Senator W. J. Stone, returning from a journey to the Philippine Islands and the Orient, says the whole face of the East has been changed during the last few years. "The Japanese," says the senator, "have taken entire control of affairs both in Korea and China, and have so systematized commercial and political undertakings in the East that in a short time all European and American influences will be completely shut out."