

SPEAKER CANNON BOSS OF HOUSE

Members Sit Gagged and Bored

MEMBER DUMMY DIRECTORS

They Blame the Reed Rules, Then Vote for Gag Laws.

ORGANIZED FOR THE GRAFT

In Order to Accomplish Something, President Has Combined With the House Ring, Says Lincoln Steffens.

LINCOLN STEFFENS ON THE HOUSE

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(Special Correspondence.)—The Senate, in its self-respect, looks down upon the lower branch of "our" national Legislature with contempt, and Washington, which slings what the Senate slings, like a chorus—Washington despises the House. I don't mind, I did at first.

EARLING COMES TO PORTLAND

President of Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Discuses the Situation.

MAY SEEK TERMINAL HERE

Head of Great Railway System Will Not Deny Report That He Will Build Both to Portland and Seattle.

Pass Through Cascades.

When it was suggested that the Cowitt pass of the three under consideration, the other two being the Snoqualmie and Natchez, was the one most likely to be chosen. President Earling said: "The Cowitt Pass is an excellent one, but the snow lies so deep there now that we cannot yet determine which route to choose.



Speaker Cannon, Boss of the House.

thing. Whatever he can get out of the Nation as a whole for the good of his constituents is so much to the good. Thus he represents you as against me. Now you—the most of you—don't want anything that I don't want. Your interest, like mine, is in the common good of all of us.

Now, in Congress, the place to get things done is in the committees. They are numerous, secret, and, under the rules, practically final. There are "good" committees and poor committees, and it is interesting for a citizen to note that they seem to rank according to the measure of their control over good things—money and appointments.

Thus it happens, as it happens at home, that our House of Representatives is organized, and, like our Boards of Aldermen and our Legislature, it is organized along the lines of the boss system. And what for? For graft. Oh, yes; it is graft. The good things that come out of the United States Government are higher, finer, more legitimate graft than city grafts; they often are necessary, and the management of them is cleaner and more skillful, but these good things are treated as "good things."

HARRIMAN GETS BIG RAILROAD

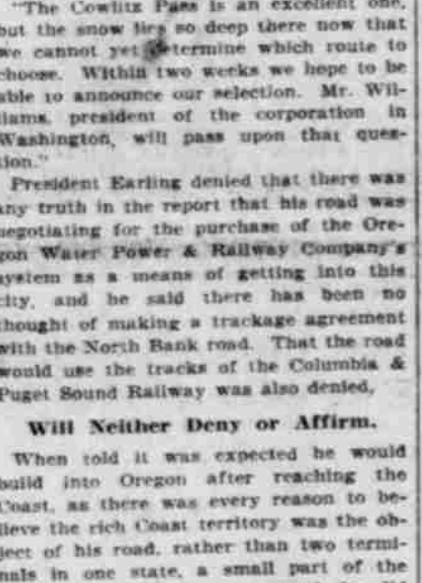
Control of Illinois Central Secured by the Union Pacific.

NEW ORLEANS TO CHICAGO

Profits on Northern Pacific and Great Northern Stock Used to Complete Square, Including Whole West.

Head of Big System.

President Earling, who heads a system controlling 2600 miles of track, equipped with 162 locomotives and 42,877 cars, both freight and passenger, is a remarkable figure in the railroad world. He is 57 years old and started his career with an incomplete common school education, leaving his studies at 17 to enter railroad work.



President Earling, Head of Big System.

It is understood the formal and official announcement of the deal will be made today. The deal will be made today. The deal will be made today. The deal will be made today.

MAY CONTEST YERKES' WILL

MRS. MINZER'S FRIENDS SEE MINT IN HUSBAND'S REMARKS.

He Says Wife Can Say Nothing on Document is Produced in Chicago, February 15.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—There is considerable speculation today among the friends of Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes-Minzer and the associates of her late husband, Charles T. Yerkes, the traction magnate, whether or not the statement of Young Wilson Minzer, now settled in the Yerkes Fifth-avenue residence with his bride of three days, that Mrs. Minzer would have something important to say in a few days concerning the public bequests in the Yerkes estate.



Mrs. Minzer, Friend of Yerkes.

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BLIZZARD SWEEPS DAKOTAS

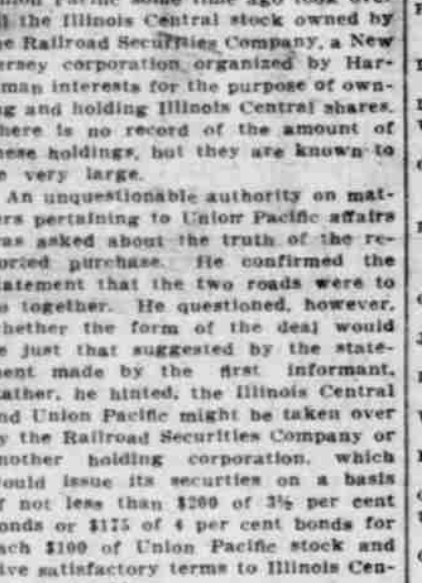
Mercury Falls 65 Degrees in 24 Hours—Railroads Blocked.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Feb. 3.—One of the most severe blizzards of the winter is raging in this state.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 3.—A high wind and driving snow all day has broken the summer weather here.

MOODY AND WILKIE ARRIVE

Will Attend Packers' Trial When Court Resumes Session. CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—Attorney-General William H. Moody and Chief of the Secret Service John Wilkie arrived in Chicago today. They came separately and each expressed surprise when informed that the other was in town.



Attorney-General Moody.

PARTY IS UNITED AGAINST TREATY

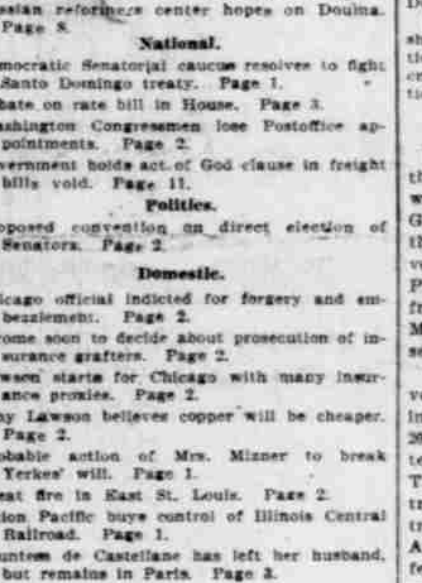
Caucus Whips Democrats Into Line.

RATIFICATION IS DOUBTFUL

Administration's Dominican Policy in Danger.

PATTERSON NOT BOUND

Party Pledged by Two-Thirds Vote. All Republican and Four Democratic Members Needed to Carry Treaty. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Democratic Senators perfected today what they believe to be a compact organization to defeat the Santo Domingo treaty and place the minority in a position to compel a strict party vote on other questions likely to arise during the present session.



Senator Patterson.

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Mrs. Corey III at Salt Lake. SALT LAKE, Feb. 2.—Mrs. W. Ellis Corey, wife of the head of the steel trust, is in Salt Lake, and has been compelled for the time being to discontinue her trip to Reno, Nev., where she intends to establish a residence so that she may bring suit for divorce against her husband.

YOUNG GIRL WHOSE MARRIAGE PLANS ARE OPPOSED BY HER FATHER.

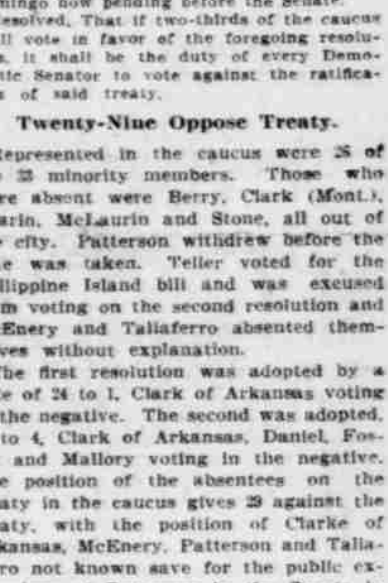
Denial by Elder Corey. Divorce Rumor False, Says Steel Trust Magnate's Father.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 3.—It is denied that Mrs. Laura C. Corey, wife of William E. Corey, president of the United States Steel Corporation, who has been spending the past three months at the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Corey, in North Braddock, has gone West with the purpose of making a permanent residence at Reno, Nev., in order to obtain a divorce.

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To the best of his knowledge he says Mrs. Corey has not gone back to Reno with any view of taking up her residence there, as it is stated that she has been in Salt Lake several times, expected to be able to leave Braddock within the next week or so, and that she will spend the rest of the winter at the home of her father in the city of Pittsburgh.



Father John of Kronstadt.

How we narrowly escaped losing Alaska. Page 47. Ice yachting the fastest sport off of wheels. Page 48. Wild Bill, the greatest gun-fighting Marshal. Page 49. Dr. Hillie's sermon. Page 57. Universal platform for Oregon candidates. Page 41.

Miss Wilhelmina Busch, of St. Louis. Miss Wilhelmina Busch, of St. Louis, who has figured in a sensational elopement with Lieutenant Reharber, is the daughter of the millionaire brewer, who learned of the plans in time to stop the wedding in the bud. Miss Busch is now in Los Angeles, where she has been followed by the dashing German lieutenant, and it is rumored that the wedding will soon take place.