



## CLERKS ARE WELL FED

### KIND TO ITS EMPLOYEES

### Mutual Life Spends \$72,861 for Lunches in a Year.

### OFFICE FORCE IS IN LUCK

### More Testimony Introduced Relating to the Expenditures of the Company for Campaign Expenses—Money Was Spent for Interest of Policyholders.

New York, Oct. 10.—Vice President Gillett, of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, testified that the Mutual Life paid \$72,861 last year for lunches for its clerical force in this city. This was at the rate of almost \$250 a day.

Walter R. Gillett, vice president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, testified before the insurance investigation committee today that the Mutual Life Insurance Company contributed \$40,000 to the republican national committee campaign fund in the last election in 1904.

Vice President Gillett also stated that the Mutual Life Insurance Company contributed \$35,000 to the republican national committee in 1900, and \$15,000 in 1896. He justified these contributions on the same ground as did President John A. McCall, of the New York Life Insurance Company, saying that the St. Louis platform of the democratic party and the free silver issue were a menace to the policyholders. Mr. Gillett said he authorized these expenditures after consultation with the president, vice president and the members of the board of trustees of the Mutual Life. The campaign contributions, he said, came from the fund controlled by the committee on expenditure.

### Spent Money Freely.

New York, Oct. 10.—Testimony before the insurance investigating committee today did not elicit any information of a sensational nature not heretofore disclosed by the testimony of previous witnesses. While it was hinted last week that some expenditure of the Mutual Life Insurance Company charged to legal expenses might have been campaign contributions, it was announced definitely today by Dr. Gillett, vice president of the company that the Mutual Company last fall contributed \$40,000 to the republican national committee, also \$35,000 in 1900 and \$15,000 in 1896. Gillett testified that he paid these amounts personally in cash.

President McCurdy testified that while he knew that contributions had been made he did not know what amounts.

## RAMSEY WILL LOSE SEAT IN WABASH DIRECTORATE

Toledo, O., Oct. 10.—No directors were chosen at the meeting of the Wabash stockholders today. Two sessions held were devoted almost exclusively to the examination of proxies. Although no figures were given out it is believed the vote to be taken the first thing tomorrow will show that Gould has behind him about \$22,000,000 bonds, and Ramsey, \$2,000,000. This makes it certain that the men nominated as directors by the Gould faction will be elected.

Ramsey has not shown sufficient

He said no contribution was made before 1906 and never to any state committee. Vice President Grannis knew little about the campaign contributions, but justified them on the same grounds as President McCall of the New York Life that the free silver plank was a menace to the interests of the policyholders. During the afternoon session McCurdy made the sensational statement that the real province of an insurance company is eleemosynary, and not institutions whose main purpose is to make money for policyholders. He stated that when a man insures in a company he should take into consideration that he has entered into a great philanthropic concern that is in duty bound to spread itself, even though that growth prevents him realizing as much as he expected.

### NEW RAILWAY COMPANY

Salem, Oct. 10.—The Pacific & Oregon railway, capitalized at \$7,100,000 filed articles of incorporation today. The purpose stated is to build a railroad from Huntington, Oregon, to Altreous, California. The incorporators are William R. Thompkins, Thomas M. Cuniff and Edward W. Osann. Their residence is said to be New York.

## LOWER RATE OF POSTAGE

### John Heaton Pleads for Universal Two Cent Rate on Letters.

### Father of Imperial Penny Postage Points Out That No Great Expense Would Be Incurred in Making the Change.

London, Oct. 10.—John Hanniger Heaton, conservative member of parliament for Canterbury, known as the "Father of the imperial penny postage" established in 1899, published this morning a strong plea for a universal two-cent postage. He points out that no expensive machinery would be involved in making the change, saying:

"An international half penny (one cent) postage on printed matter already exists. If two ounces of printed matter can be sent anywhere for a half penny, why should not a half ounce of written matter be sent for one penny? The world's postoffices are working at a profit. In Great Britain nearly 5,000,000 pounds, (\$25,000,000) and in France and Germany nearly three million pounds each year (\$25,000,000) of excessive postal surplus is had finance, because it taxes initial commercial corporations."

Mr. Heaton says it costs five cents to send a letter 20 miles in France and only two cents to send one 11,000 to the Fiji islands a "glaring anomaly that cannot be defended." He says he spent several days in June with John Wannamaker, former United States postmaster general, discussing the scheme, and adds:

"Mr. Wannamaker visited Whitelaw Reid and I know that the result of their deliberations will give new interest to the movement and show an example of public spirit deserving the highest praise."

## FOR DEEPER CHANNEL

### PORTLAND MEN ACTIVE

### Wilcox Goes to Washington to Conduct Campaign.

### WILL HAVE GOOD BACKING

### Needs of the Columbia River Improvement Will Be Presented to Chairman Burton of the House River and Harbor Committee at an Early Date.

Portland, Oct. 10.—Definite plans for a campaign at Washington during the coming session of congress for a 40-foot channel over the bar of the Columbia river assumed a concrete form today with the acceptance of Theodore B. Wilcox of a proposal by the Portland Chamber of Commerce to delegate him its representative at the national capital to urge upon congress the demands of the Columbia river commercial interests for improved deep water harbor facilities. Mr. Wilcox will start for Washington after the close of the Lewis and Clark exposition to present the needs of Columbia river improvement to Chairman Burton, of the house river and harbors committee.

From that time on, a campaign will be waged with all the energy at the command of Mr. Wilcox and those back of him, for an appropriation by the federal government that will remove from the delta of the Columbia the last barrier to the commercial supremacy of the Columbia river on the Pacific coast.

Mr. Wilcox will not go to Washington armed alone with the credentials of the Chamber of Commerce accrediting him as its representative. He will go as the chairman of the congressional committee of the trans-Mississippi commercial congress, the most important committee in the official roster of that powerful organization.

Besides this, he will work hand in hand with United States Senator C. W. Fulton, with whom he has worked along the same line before, and he will go with the assured support of Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks; Speaker Joseph Q. Cannon, of the house; Chief Engineer McKenzie and, in fact, practically all the strong men at Washington, who, through contact with the Pacific coast by means of the centennial exposition and in other ways, stand apprised of the crying needs of improved facilities for commerce.

### DR. HART HELD WITHOUT BAIL

Chicago, Oct. 10.—Charged with having caused the death of 10-year-old Irene Klotow by administering narcotic poison, Dr. Oliver Hart was today held to the grand jury without bail. Dr. Hart, it is charged, first attacked the girl and then poisoned her to hide his crime. Hart stated that he was not surprised at the action of the coroner's jury. He states that he does not think he will have much difficulty in proving his innocence.

### AVERAGES ARE HIGH

### Grain Yields and Quality Are Far Better Than Last Year.

Washington, Oct. 10.—The agricultural department today issued the following bulletin:

A preliminary estimate makes the average yield per acre of spring wheat 14.7 bushels. The condition in Washington indicates an average yield of 22.5 bushels. Average quality 89 as compared with 75.7 last year. Preliminary

returns indicate the oat crop at about 940,000,000 bushels, or 33.9 bushels per acre against 32.1 last year. Average for quality 92.4 against 91.4 last year. A preliminary estimate places the yield of barley at 26.7 bushels per acre against 27.2 last year and a ten year average of 25 bushels. Average for quality 86.2 against 88.7 last year. Average condition of flax for October 1, 91.5 compared with 94.2 a month ago and 67 in October of last year.

### ATTENDANTS DISMISSED.

### General Disinfection and Oiling of Water Abandoned at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Oct. 10.—Fever report: New cases, 18; total, 3230; deaths, 4; total, 415; new foci, 9.

As the result of an order by Dr. White putting an end to general disinfection and oiling of water, about 300 men employed by the marine hospital service will be immediately dismissed. Aside from the fact that the sickness is waning under the mosquito theory, stegomyia, which become infected from now on will not be able to transmit the disease for 20 days after infection, which will carry the fight close to the frost period.

## TO RATIFY AGREEMENT

### Members of Swedish Riksdag Are a Unit.

### Special Session of Norwegian Storting Is Brought to Close and Regular Session Will Begin Today—No Communication Held With Danish Royal House.

Stockholm, Oct. 10.—The probabilities now point to a practically unanimous ratification of the Karlstad agreement by the Riksdag on October 13. At a secret meeting of both houses today details were furnished regarding the clauses relating to the manner of the destruction of Norwegian fortifications which appeared satisfactory to the members of the Riksdag.

### Special Session Closes.

Christiania, Norway, Oct. 10.—Premier Michelsen today closed the special session of the Storting called to consider the Karlstad agreement. The premier states that in his capacity as chief of state, he has not communicated with the Danish royal house regarding the throne of Norway. The regular sessions of the Storting commences tomorrow.

### HORSE AND HORSE

### Phillies Turn the Tables on New York Baseball Team.

New York, Oct. 10.—The Philadelphia American league team today turned the tables on the New York National league team by reversing the score of yesterday at Philadelphia. The visitors pitted the Indian pitcher, Bender, against McGinnity, and accorded him excellent support. In the third inning New York made a costly error, giving the visitors a lead they never relinquished. McGinnity was relieved in the latter part of the eighth by Ames, but the change did not prove effective. The game tomorrow will be played at Philadelphia.

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### PLACES IN HALL OF FAME

### Three Women and Two Men Are Chosen to Receive Tablets.

New York, Oct. 10.—Three women and five men were chosen today to receive tablets in the hall of fame in New York university. They are Maria Mitchell, scientist; Mary Loon, founder of Mount Holyoke college; Emma Willard, author, "Rocked in Cradle of the Deep"; Alexander Hamilton, John Paul Jones, Louis Agassiz, John Quincy Adams and James Madison.

## MAKES A BIG HAUL

### CLERK STEALS \$100,000

### Adams Express Company Victim of a Trusted Employee.

### CULPRIT DESERTS HIS FAMILY

### E. G. Cunliffe Decamps With a Package of Money Entrusted to His Care by a Pittsburg Bank—Failed to Show up at Office on Following Day.

Pittsburg, Oct. 10.—The startling discovery was made late today that the Adams Express Company had been victimized out of \$100,000, supposedly through the peculations of an employe.

According to an official statement on Monday last the bank at Pittsburg delivered to the company a package containing \$100,000 in bills consigned to a bank in Cincinnati. The package was receipted for by E. G. Cunliffe, who was acting as money clerk. Cunliffe left the office at the usual time on Monday evening and this morning when he failed to report for work, a hurried examination showed that he was \$100,000 short. Later it developed that in addition to this sum the package containing \$100,000 had not been received at the money forwarding office at the Union station in this city.

Inquiries at Cunliffe's home showed that he came home at the customary time last night and after changing his clothes he hid his family good bye, telling his wife he was going out to spend the evening. Nothing further has been heard of him. Cunliffe, according to the company, has been in their employ for a year and a half and bore a good reputation.

### POWER TO REVIEW

### Attorney General Hands Down an Important Opinion.

Salem, Oct. 10.—The state land board today heard arguments in the proposed cancellation of 81 certificates for school land held by John De Laitre of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The matter was taken under advisement. Forgery and fraud is alleged in the filing of application of purchase. Certificate holders contend they are innocent purchasers and the board has no right to go beyond the certificates.

State Attorney General Crawford held that the board has power to review the action until after the deed issues.

### TROOPS TO RETURN

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 10.—The steamer Kanagawa Maru brings news from Japan that arrangements have been made for the return of the Japanese armies in Manchuria. One hundred thousand troops will remain in Manchuria and Korea. It is estimated that it will require 17 months to demobilize the 12 divisions, constituting 200,000 men.

### HEARST WILL ACCEPT.

New York, Oct. 10.—W. R. Hearst tonight made public, a letter accepting the nomination of the municipal ownership league for mayor. Although the convention will not be held till Thursday, Hearst was offered the nomination several days ago.

### HOGAN KILLED MRS. JENKINS.

Portland, Oct. 10.—J. D. Hogan, of Chicago, tonight gave himself up to the police and confessed killing Mrs. Jenkins in a resort in the restricted district. Hogan claims the blow was delivered accidentally while he was intoxicated. He is charged with murder.

### CAPTAIN CASEY RETURNS

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 10.—Captain Casey, master of the steamship Stanley Dollar, which was wrecked on the Japanese coast returned home via steamer Kanagawa Maru today. He reports the Dollar a total loss. The wreck was sold for \$13,500.

## DEATH VALLEY MAN RETURNS

### Scott Brings Back Gold From His Mysterious Mine.

### Picturesque Miner Refuses to Travel on Railway Men's Special Train, But Attempts to Charter a Train to Make Trip to New York at a Mile a Minute

Barstow, Cal. Oct. 10.—With both arms blistered to the elbow from working in the sun, and with a jaded appearance, although in his usually jovial spirits, Walter Scott arrived early this morning from his Death valley mine, driving a train of seven heavily laden burros. Scott's brother Bill, who has been in Barstow for over a week, was jubilant over Walter's safe arrival. All efforts to find out how much gold Scotty brought with him were unavailing, although it is known that it will amount to away up in the thousands.

During the trip from the mine Scotty lost his burros and walked forty miles to get another train of animals at a water hole. He afterwards rode a mule 96 miles in 18 hours and now promises to buy a diamond shoe for the mule.

Scotty says that his new York men have quit him and that they as well as lots of other men are looking for him. Although he intends to pay back what they have put up on his account he would prefer spending the money on another special train to New York and has already begun negotiating with the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific on these lines.

The traffic manager of the Santa Fe road says that he will have nothing to do with such a crazy proposition as furnishing a schedule for a mile a minute train over the road and the cowboy miner is now endeavoring to secure a special from the Southern Pacific to make the run from San Francisco to New York in seven hours less than record time.

## FACTORY EMPLOYEES JOIN PRINTERS AND BAKERS

Moscow, Oct. 10.—A majority of the factories, especially in the great industrial quarter of Zamoskvorech, just across the river from the rest of the city, joined the striking printers and bakers today. The movement threatens to become general, though opposed by a strong majority of workmen with whom the strikers are continually fighting. The streets are comparatively tranquil.

The police broke up several processions carrying red flags but only in an affray at Liebrecht factory was blood shed as reported.

Crowds of roughs, who started to break windows in Tverskoi boulevard, fled at the approach of the police. The strikers demand eight hours a day, discontinuance of religious lectures by the priests in factories and substituting lectures on political and economical subjects.