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In this world inclination to do things is of more importance than the mere power .--- Chapin.

THE HOUSE ON TRIAL

bills. It is an opposition that will be stinted. come to be perfectly understood.

-better.

The bills strictly insist that any state-aided roads shall lead to one of benefit to be best developed by readthe principal market places. They ers, young and old, who master them provide that the county courts shall for profit, for storage in memory as at \$2 a ton, it may be expected that have selection of the route. This is a reserve for use the life long. The they will yield a gross revenue of sufficient guarantee that there is influence of books so read and stud- \$40,000,000 a year, and that this no plan in the legislature for a Pa- fed lasts after school days and col- will increase. The cost of maintencific highway.

What the farmers want is a good and professors may well be required supposed it would be comparatively road to the market place. It is ex- to give both time and thought to the small. One estimate is a maximum actly what the senate bills provide. In time the fact that they do so provide will become perfectly understood and opposition that is now clamorous will be turned to approval. Can the house afford to assume the responsibility of defeating such road legislation?

There is no question but there is wide public sentiment in favor of a better road system. No man in the state is an advocate of bad roads. Yet, division or obstinacy at Salem that may result in adjournment without efficient action will in effect put the house on record as acting in the interest of bad roads.

Some of the house members who oppose the senate bills are championing the substitution of the state highway commissioner that cannot be urged with equal force against

the state engineer. The appropriation is the same. The cost to the And taxpayers will be the same. there will be the additional objection that the state engineer is not a road builder. He has other and large duties to perform. He is an irrigation expert and chief officer in the application of the water code. The state treasurer or the state superintendent of public instruction might as well be placed in charge of the roads as the state engineer. Why not let the directing and contrained for the work. After 50 years spent in vain effort to better the roads, why not try it for two years under a changed plan? A good roads system for Oregon is up to the house. It is a weighty responsibility. The senate has done its duty. By and by, all the people will come to understand fully that it has done its duty. Every man in the state wants better roads. Every man in the state is looking to the members of the house to acquiesce in legislation that will provide for better roads. The house is on trial, and can easily commit an unpardonable blunder.

numbers attests. frequent the libraries. On this fol- of the city. lowed the complete revision of readthe antique fragments in common,

dally, work.

branches, more books, was very explained and supported. soon experienced and supplied. The parison with funds left available for which he has lived this long time decisive verdict. In the Warren case

books. Here also a caution applicable to the present juncture of the the work of the Portland library

may be well timed. Next came the provision of books for circulating libraries in public schools. Too much cannot be said

in praise of this means of reaching THE HOUSE AT Salem will blun- the homes of the people with the der if it refuses to accept the vital, life inspiring influence of good senate road bills. It cannot books. Its rapid spread in Portland grain and half a million tons of afford to be misled by present testifies to its success in this rising opposition. It is an opposition based city. The funds required have been on misunderstanding of the senate put to the best use, and must not

disappear as soon as the measures. Last of all comes what is perhaps the best advice of all. The art of As many tons of ores, nitrates and A lot of the opponents are insist- reading must be cultivated. What grain went from Chili, Bolivia and ing that the bills provide for a Pa- the art of reading means to every cific highway. There is not a mem- one seeking to use books rightly is ried between Europe and Australber of the legislature but knows too large a subject for condensation asia. The total estimate then was into a few lines here. The tools of 14,000,000 tons. It is conservative

education are the books-their full lege days have passed. Teachers ance is a conjectural sum, but it is

instruction of students of all grades of \$5,000,000, leaving \$35,000,000 in this most necessary art.

ate indeed in her public library and But unless the prospective amount of its development. The present move- tonnage is greatly exaggerated, it

from which will bear fruit for many the main design of the canal is to a long year to come

## THE AMERICAN COMMON-WEAL/TH

NEW EDITION of this well ton, has made many additions and nage, at half as much per ton, efsome corrections.

In the new edition, as in the first, There would also be less depreciation tions to; Mr. Bryce expresses firm faith in on account of the wear and tear of our people. While boldly drawing the stormy voyages around the Horn. the admitted evils of our democracy Insurance and interest on cost of he cites the facts of these same evils goods in transit would be lessened by being dragged into full light, as evi- one half. dence that they will not continue to It is a curious view that the canal be tolerated, but will be overcome. will be of but little consequence or In this he depicts in true color the value commercially, but must be reliving spirit of American democracy, garded principally as a military and with its glory in the nation, as es- naval measure. On the contrary, Manila bay. sentally the greatest upon earth. He it will be a very important affair hails its resolute optimism, its re- commercially, especially to Pacific until our coast cities, and especially solve to develop the physical re- coast ports. sulting force be a man especially sources of the land, its doors held wide open to the inflowing immigra-CHURCH UNION tion, its confidence in the ability of the nation to assimilate the new- HE MARCH of the movement comers, be they as many as they for the consolidation, or union, may, and to create from these same of the many branches of the aliens in the second generation fresh Christian church, which took elements of strength from their ad- its first impulse from the Edinburgh mixture with the American people. conference, has been both constant When the "American Common- and accelerating. The stages by wealth" first appeared the absolute which it has reached the Presbyterhonesty with which the evils of and ian, Baptist and Methodist bodies the excrescences on our institutions have been noticed in The Journal. were dissected and displayed was a Public announcement has been hard test of the open mindedness of made during the week just past that its readers. Yet the book has taken the several committees of delegates cost the less likely would they be arose from the fact that he failed to lordship. an admitted place in every library, or representatives of the Evangelical, and has stood and still stands as a the United Brethren, and the Methtext book in all our colleges and uni- odist Protestant branches of the laration in favor of agreements and versities. Christian church have agreed on a Nowhere has the "boss," the dom- basis of organic union. CAREFULLY thought out ar- inant in our political life, the evil It seems that even religious bod- left it there. ticle on "What the Modern influence in every legislature, the ies have become enthused with the Library Is Doing," printed in source and agent of corruption, been leading feature of the Oregon systhe New York Independent of so mercilessly drawn. The picture tem. The organic union referred to January 26, and written by John stands in the new edition, for truth is, we read, to be submitted to the Cotton Dana, librarian of the New- would not permit its erasure. But individual members of these three ark Free Public library, is specially Mr. Bryce gives now an honest and churches by means of a referendum. appropriate when considering the unbiased account of the bold changes So that in church government as well legislation now contemplated at by which new states. Oregon and as in lay affairs the individual has an unusual achievement for a news-Salem for extending the opportun- Oklahoma being cited as examples, come into his own. Legislation is paper to have grown from a strugities of usefulness of the Portland have sought to displace machine pol- to be no longer for the people, but gling country daily to the present itics by securing to the people direct by the people, in this determination position of the Portland Oregonian The writer deals first with library powers of interference in and con- of the future organization of their under the continued management of buildings throughout the country, trol over their whole structure of religious life. The suffrage here will not be conlege, town and city libraries, built initiative, the recall, the direct pri- ditioned on sex. Membership or as- the case of Henry L. Pittock, and within the last 20 years, as too small, mary, are described as providing for sociation in the church's body pol- were emphasized yesterday in the improperly arranged or "hideously the people full and direct powers of itic will be the sole qualification. To the first legislation and complete veto on the charge-too small-the Portland II- acts of both legislature and execu- Post this week will have noticed the of 50 years of Oregon life is reflected brary must plead guilty. As to tive. The author does not commit editorial in which the obliteration of in a splendid number of 128 pages. beauty, it is to be hoped that any himself to distinct approval of the the divisions in the Christan church new and enlarged building will not new methods. Yet he thinks that is treated as a pious hope-but no 3000 inhabitants when the initial fall below the standard of the pres- American decocracy can stand the reference is made to the movement number of the Daily Oregonian was ent one-admitted generally as one strain, and that it is both right and now so far advanced towards its launched on February 4, 1861. of the few really beautiful structures of good omen that such new experi- realization. It must be assumed that Sumpter was not yet fired on, and ments in government should be fully in this respect either "great Homer the great war between the states was nods" or that religious news does yet to be fought. No railroad line asked at the hands of the library The negro question is again dis- not find its way to the tables of connected the east and the west, and thrilling news that the British were officials, to the end that honest and cussed at length. No observer has some of our most observant editors, the telegraph, then less than 20 unprejudiced information about them had fuller opportunities of knowl-may supplant and correct the inter-edge. The author sees no chance of aspirations of a good many millions shores of the Pacific. It was at such ested and prejudiced advertising of radical movements to displace the of American citizens.

nized, as their attendance in their citizens in control, to the end that Fred Warren was to suffer was po- tained by science, invention and dis- stituted a splendid metropolis, movrecognized responsibility so devolved litical, not personally malicious. He After the young children the pu- on them may outroot graft and re- expressly disclaimed any personal The modern newspaper is in the quarter of a million. Mr. Pittock pils in the public schools began to store honesty in the administration hostility to ex-Governor Taylor, very van of world progress. It selzes has fairly won the congratulations when he advertised a \$1000 reward and applies to its purposes every

Thus the author's trust in the for the kidnaping of the man in new thing that heightens efficiency. ing books in daily school use. Clas- progress of the American people to- question, then under indictment for No activity is more alert in assemsical examples were substituted for wards honesty in public life, to- the Goebel murder. His aim, he bling for the service of the public

libraries. Fully half the space for man for his neighbor, towards the in the supreme court decision in the readers in branches was absorbed trying out of new methods of local Moyer and Haywood case. very quickly by the children and and national government and the The constitution and laws of the young people, and the need of more adoption of approved results, is both United States are broad enough to

as an honored guest.

mon, hops, wool, wine and brandy,

Peru. 1A large tonnage was also car-

to estimate the present possible canal

If the canal tolls should be fixed

business at 20,000,000 tons.

cover all manner of divers and op-In this careful study of national posite opinions. Avowed and even penings of each world day. extension of branch libraries be- life as it is, and well weighed fore- open advocacy of the most radical came a general custom. This writer casts for its future Mr. Bryce has and subversive views are generally \$2.50 | One month....... \$ .25 | thinks that too much money was gen- earned fresh title to the respect and protected. In the conflict of opinerally spent on the buildings in com- regard of the great nation among ions the people arrive at their own

> a well nigh forgotten clause of a statute intended to suppress the circulation of obscene, malicious, and envelopes on which he caused to be the probable revenues of an printed the identical advertisement isthmian canal, showed that at that which he published in his paper time 2,000,000 tons per annum of

without legal protest. President Taft marked his conviccanned and dried fruits, canned saltion that a technical offence had been committed in the mailing, not went from Pacific coast ports around Cape Horn. The lumber shipments when he reduced to \$100 the \$1500 were estimated at 2,000,000 tons. fine.

> The recent indictment of the highup criminals in the peorisige cases, their conviction and sentence, and the resolute refusal of the president to cancel their imprisonment is one staring proof that money and posi-

> tion will not shelter a criminal. The severe sentences of imprisonment now being suffered by the Philadelphia grafters and stealers, and by various others, should suffice to prove to Fred Warren and his supporters that the irregular, even if demonstrate the equality of all criminals before the law.

## CAPTAIN RICHMOND PEARSON HOBSON

N INTERVIEW with Captain congressman from the Sixth Alabama district, and the hero of the sinking of the Merrimac, col-Her in Santiago harbor, appears else-

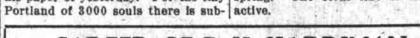
This gallant gentleman has taken cisco or Portland to Liverpool occu- sergeant for the American people; pies an average of about 120 days, not only for an immediately-to-beknown book. "The American A vessel makes about two and a enrolled army of 640,000 men, with Commonwealth," has just been quarter voyages a year, moving say equipment and officers for a mil- tions were unjustified. No property, for published. In it Mr. Bryce, 6750 tons at a cost of \$8 a ton. Use lion, but with a naval construction fortified by his ever closer acquaint- of the canal would shorten each voy- bill of \$50,000,000 a year for new ance with the American people from age one half, and a vessel could warships, and \$15,000,000 a year he was examined, he was asked whether engineer for a highway commission-Captain Hobson kindly limits the fecting a saving of perhaps \$27,000. immediate necessity of fortifica- To every one's surprise Mr. Harriman termination league, if I may so call it, waves. 1-The Pacific entrance to the

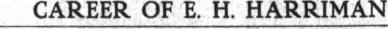
ing swiftly toward a population of a that should be his in generous allowance.

wards greater power for instructed said, was to test the question every appliance and device that the Christian Herald of New York citizenship, towards a heightened whether the same results would fol- human ingenuity or investigation are proving their practical Christian Then came the creation of branch sense of social responsibility of each low on such act as were involved evolves. The ends of the earth are charity and world wide benevolence searched, the laboratories of science in the aid already being rushed to tional Corn exposition. commandeered and every product of the starving and plague stricken

> the human mind levied upon in the Chinese. quest for that which will speed to newspaper readers the facts and hap-

along" rapidly into central Oregon. How Mr. Pittock has played his The rails are laid nearly to Madras, part on such a stage is reflected in 112 miles, and will reach Bend next his paper of yesterday. For the tiny spring. The rival line is no less





Otto H. Kahn Gives Intimate View of Work of Late Railroad Leader; Sees Good in Passing of Epoch of Unfettered Individualism.

financiers of his day, that a man hold-From the Wall Street Journal. In an address on E. H. Harriman, de- ing the power and occupying the conlivered before the Finance Forum, Wed. spicuous place he did, was a legitimata nesday evening, Otto H. Kahn of the the people were met instead with sifirm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. said in part: lence, secrecy, impatience and resent-"The most spectacular episode in Mr. ment of their desire for information, Harriman's career was the contest for the public mind very naturally became San Francisco, under sentence of 14 the control of the Northern Pacific rail- infected with suspicion and lent a away the Harriman side was found in rumors, possession of a majority of the entire

high counting common and preferred together, whilst their opponents held a majority of the common stock alone, by a small margin.

the company right to pay off its preferred stock at par; needless to say, so important and ment: 'What's the use of trying? We'll essential a clause had not escaped the be damned anyhow.' And nothing, on attention of Mr. Harriman and his asbut had been submitted by them to to a high standard. five leading lawyers in different parts of the country, who, acting and reportwhich they were asked to advise. On the strength of these legal opinions and of other circumstances, Mr. Harriman was convinced at the time and ever question of doubt, the winning hand.

tented himself with a drawn battle ly in connection with the Chicago & Alvictory

Mr. Harriman. He was accused of decreased; the profit realized on the Horn. The voyage from San Fran- on himself the office of recruiting having perpetrated a stock jobbing trick transaction, amounting to a good deal as the property, it was thought, could less than disingenuously represented not possibly maintain that rate of div- to the public by Mr. Harriman's deidend, and of having bought stock on tractors, was by no means excessive or his advance knowledge. Both accusa- unusual considering the duration of the investment and the risk of the busithe management of which Mr. Harriman ness, was responsible, ever reduced its divi-"The crisis of Mr. Harriman's career At one of the hearings at which dend.

it was not a fact that he had bought year before on a carefully planned, asinion Pacific stock in anticipation of tutely prepared campaign of destructhe 10 per cent dividend declaration. calmly answered, 'Yes. I bought many played its trump card by poisoning

News Forecast of the Coming Week

Washington, Feb. 4 .-- Freaident Taft will take a hurried trip to Springfield Again the Red Cross society and Ill., at the end of the week, to attend the Lincoln anniversary banquet in that city. On his way to the Illinois capital the president will make a brief stop in Columbus to speak at the Na-

King George will open parliament Monday. He will be accompanied by the queen, and there will be a full state ceremony. Owing to the stirring na-The Oregon Trunk is "storming tional issues to come up for settlement the parliamentary session is expected to be one of the most momentous of recent years.

The meeting of the Newfoundland legislature called for Wednesday will attract more than ordinary attention outside the colony from the fact that the proposed fisheries regulations recently concluded with the United States will come up for consideration and action.

The initiative and referendum and a number of other questions of public importance are included in the agenda of the Manitoba legislature, which will ssemble in regular session Thursday. The event of the week in the social world will be the international wedding to take place in New York Tuesday object for public scrutiny, and that if when Miss Vivien Gould, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould, will become the bride of Lord Decles

Abraham /Ruef, once political boss years' imprisonment for alleged brib-California supreme court Monday to

"By this I do not mean that the at-titude of the public toward men in. Thursday is the d Thursday is the day fixed for the places of finance or commerce special election to be held in Arizona should be one of suspicion. Nothing is to vote on the ratification or rejection of the new state constitution. more unfortunate in its effect upon

corporation managers, or in fact, up-The appeal in the case of Dr. B. Clark on any men, than the knowledge that Hyde, under sentence of life imprisonment for the alleged murder of Colonel Swope, a Kansas City millionaire, is on the docket of the Missouri supreme court for argument Monday.

Important gatherings of the week will include the biennial session of the American Pomological society, at Tampa, Fla.; the annual convention of the National Canners' association, at Milwaukee; the annual convention of the National Brick Manufacturers' association, at Louisville; the annual meeting

of the North American Fish and Game Protective association, at Montreal, and the meeting of the Canadian Forestry association, at Ottawa.

## An Ocean Skyscraper.

and

From a Hamburg Letter to the Philadelphia North American.

Hamburg-Wireless messages direct to and from any part of the Atlantic ocean-such is the new development promised on the completion of leviathan shirs now in course of construction. At present wireless communication from ship to shore is restricted by distance The Hamburg-American steamer Eu ropa, which is now being built, will protably be the first ship to communicate direct to the shore stations from any part of the Atlantic. Its masts will be unusually high, and it will carry the most powerful wireless apparatus ever installed on a sea going vessel.

Why is it that high masts are neces cary in order to maintain communication over very long distances? The answer was given by a well known wireless

care early in the year 1907. A few expert. "It is not," he said, "as some people of his bitterest enemies had set out the imagine, because of the curvature of the earth, but because the higher the masts are the stronger are the electric

"A big sea wave will travel much thousand shares of that stock in antic- President Roosevelt's mind against Mr. further than a small one before it ipation of the 10 per cent dividend Harriman. In February, 1907, the as- breaks up and dies out; it is the same some eight years before, mainly in 1898, sault commenced with an investigation with wireless waves "Roughly speaking a wireless wave sent out into space is four and a half times as long as the aerial wire, so with nigher masts and, in the case of the Eu-"His enemies had planned better than ropa, the great distance they will be epart, you get longer aerials, which onering ambition, heretofore always held able you to start off with a tremendous "In telling this story, I do not wish in check by his calm reasoning, had got wave and to continue sending these powerful waves one after anuth er through the air. "Thus a vessel so equipped will be able to send messages direct from any part of the Atlanticato any of the powerful receiving stations In Europe and America, and it will also be able to receive messages from those stations."

aid and increase commerce.

could afford to sail around Cape

profit, or nearly 10 per cent on the Portland has been, and is, fortun- total cost, including fortifications.

ment for its extension depends now probably will be deemed wise to on public encouragement and sup- charge a less rate than \$2 a ton. A port. The money needed will be an less percentage of revenue would be investment by the city the returns satisfactory, at least at first, and

Yet at a \$2-a-ton rate no ship where in this issue

#### PANAMA CANAL PROSPECTS libelous material through the mails, ATA COLLECTED about 20 was stretched to cover the federal years ago, for the purpose of decision against Warren for mailing supplying information as to

covery.

the publication, of the advertisement, road. When the smoke of battle cleared willing ear to all sorts of gossip and ery of a supervisor, will appear in the

capital stock of the Northern Pacific.

not definitely illegal, steps to which ing separately, agreed unanimously in he resorted are not now required to their answer to the question regarding had profound respect for the moral law

afterward that he held, beyond any "Instead of boldly playing it, he condefying corporation managers, especial

and with terms of peace, which gave ton readjustment. Yet the Chicago & Richmond Pearson Hobson, to the other side the appearance of Alton' readjustment was in no essen-

tial different from the great majority Those of you who are familiar with of other railroad reorganizations or in Wall street events will know that in dustrial creations up to that time; every August, 1906, the Union Pacific divi- stockholder was treated alike, no one dent was jumped from an annual rate was damaged directly or indirectly; the of 6 per cent to 10 per cent, which act service of the railroad was improved, inchained a storm of criticism against the capacity increased, the average rate

and I paid all the way from 20 to 30 by the Interstate Commerce commisfor it. And I bought more of it in sion into the practices, etc., of the Unsubsequent years whenever prices were ion Pacific railroad, actually into those low, many thousand shares more and of Mr. Harriman himself. all the time while I was accumulating it I anticipated the declaration of that they knew. Whether for once his towdividend.

"By the provisions of its charter they are looked upon with set suspicion. had stipulated for the Such a knowledge is apt to breed a sullen attitude expressed in the senti-

attention of Mr. Harriman and his as-sociates; it had not only received their most careful attention before they de-cided to accumulate the preferred stock cided to accumulate the preferred stock, are supposed and expected to live up "Mr. Harriman's attitude in respect to the law of the land has been much misinterpreted and misunderstood. He and under no circumstances and under

no temptation would he ever have done anything which was not justified by his own honest conception of right wrong. Nevertheless, he was held up to execration as the arch type of law

THE MODERN LIBRARY

Library association.

He condemna nine out of ten of col- government. The referendum, the ugly, or all three." of the city.

Next, advertising of the books is and honestly tried out. the bookzeller. This counsel the negro in the southern states. He is Portland library may well apply to there to stay, and his descendants THE CASE OF FRED WARREN ments of such an era, began publica-Itself. after him. But there is recognized,

Ten years or so ago work with since the book was written, a dying FHE NEWS THAT Fred Warren, nies he still presides. children was actually begun in pub- down of racial animosity, and a freer He libraries. In that short time the appreciation of the character of the young ones have been provided with leading members of the colored peobooks, pictures, special talks by li- ple. No ground for despair is ad- as the six months' imprisonment was of pioneer times into the splendidly brarlans suitably qualified, and de- mitted in the solution of this hard- concerned, and the reduction of fine equipped, tremendously organized partments and rooms in every well est problem of the time.

organized library in the country. In The growth of the commission offence, was received with general day. It is the reflected story of the this department also the Portland form of city government is described. satisfaction. The reason is not far world's progress during the period. library has shone ... The needs of the It is taken as a determined effort to to seek. children are and have been recog- place a small number of respected | In essence the offence for which a picture of all that has been at- Americans as long as the nation endures.

publisher of the Appeal to

2-The Atlantic entrance to the canal.

3-Pearl harbor, in the Hawallan Islands. 4-Guam, in the Philippines.

5-Corregidor, at the entrance to But he thinks we are not safe the Union Pacific dividend from 6 to of judgment, he took action in that year

the points of vantage on the Pacific coast are all protected.

people could hardly sleep in their

come from the man whose voice carries weight. President Taft recently to do with these militarist proposals. He said that the United States possessed the costllest, as well as the smallest army of any of the great powers. The cost was not, in his

to add to its numbers. Then the president made his celebrated decarbitration on all matters tending to war-making no exception. And he

## FOR FIFTY YEARS

T IS AN UNUSUAL achievement for one man to have continued in the publication of a newspaper for a period of 50 years. It is the British in and about his home city. one man

arrest Adams and Hancock, and to send Yet, these things are presented in semi-centennial number of the paper. Readers of the Saturday Evening In picture and story the long stretch 1775, a body of 800 British regulars in 1798, which is still extant, he speaks Evory precaution for secrecy had been Portland was a country town of was too keen to be eluded. signal. Finally it appeared and a mo-

coming. a time and under such conditions

that Mr. Pittock, on the rude impletion of the paper over whose desti-

Only those in the newspaper pro-Reason, had received from fession know what is meant by the President Taft a pardon, so far evolution of the crude establishment from \$1500 to \$100 for his technical and finely appointed machine of to- Revere as the "Messenger of the Revo- Displayed in the Steeple of This Church, It is at once a map, a diagram and

to be understood as indorsing the wis- the better of him, or whether At was dom and propriety of the increase of simply an unaccountable solitary error

10 per cent at one jump. It was one which it has always seemed to me was of the few instances in which I ven- the one serious mistake of his managetured to differ from Mr. Harriman's ment of Union Pacific affairs. I rejudgment. A man, and especially a fer to the purchase of very large If all this were taken seriously man at the head of a great corpora- amounts of stocks of many other comtion, must not only do right, but he panles, which were made for the acmust be very careful to avoid even ap- count and placed in the treasury of beds. Fortunately for the nation pearances tending to arouse the sus- the Union Pacific, safe and same are the counsels that piclon of his not doing right; and the fact and manner of that particular act H. Harriman, as it was said of anothe lent themselves to sinister interpreta- great man, that his faults were largely tions, unjustified though, as a matter those of his generation, his virtues were declared publicly, as will be remem-bered, that he would have nothing appearances was not one of Mr. Har-power in the railroad world than is iman's strong points. He desired, like likely ever to be held again by any one every normally constituted man, to man. His career was the e possess the good opinion of his fel- of unfettered individualism.

for getting on friendly terms with pub- for better, unless we go too far and lie opinion. too fast-the people appear determined "Another reason for popular miscon- to put limits and restraints upon the view, a bad thing, for the more it ception of Mr. Harriman's motives exercise of economic power and over-Therefore, I believe, recognize, as indeed did most of the will be no successor to Mr. Harriman."

# SEVEN FAMOUS RIDES

## Midnight Ride of Paul Revere.

In American history the most famous But Revere was not the only one who of all rides was that of Paul Revere, rode on that eventful night carrying the young Boston patriot who, at a news of much import. Before he startgiven signal from the belfry of Old cd Dr. Warren had dispatched another North church, Boston, sped away to Lex- rider, William Dawes, by the long road ington to warn Hancock and Adams of over the Boston Neck. Fearful that the approach of the enemy. Revere was Dawes would not get through, the doctor considered to be the best horseman in commissioned Revere to go by the the vicinity of Borton. It was assigned shorter route across the river. Both to him the task of riding, on a fleet riders were able to elude the British. orse, from Boston to New York and but Dawes did not reach Lexington for Philadelphia to rouse the people to ac- half an hour after Revere. No poet has tion, following the belligerent move of sung the latter's praise, and today hardly anyone knows that Revere had a When Governor Gage was ordered to companion in the same task.

"I believe it may be truly said of E.

Of late years an effort has been made them to England for trial, the patriots to disparage much of the picturesque protected themselves by hiding in Lex- incident of the Revere ride. That it was ington. Their place of concealment was taken, however, is beyond dispute. In discovered and on the night of April 18. Revere's letter to Dr. Belknap, written were sent to arrest them. By midnight of the ride. Justin Winson, in writing

the troops were well on their way. of the incident, says: "The ride of Paul Revere has grown to taken, but the vigitance of the patriots be a household tale in the spirited verse of Longfellow, but as in almost all of 'Paul Revere stood by the river, his that poet's treatment of historical episteed by his side, waiting for the belfry sodes, he has paid little attention to exactness of fact and has wildly, and often

ment later he was galloping through the without poetic necessity, turned the But historians of the present day seem very prone to disparage many of Reaching Lexington he sped the incidents that have been written special acts would cease, one might exstraight for the house of Rev. Jonas down as facts by the historian of the Clarke, where the two statesmen were past and the general public are left to expectation has been fulfilled; it gives asleep. The door was guarded by min- decide for themselves and to take their choice as to what and whom to believe. Revere is described as a fine type of busy, energetic man, who lived a useful

life to his fifty-fourth year. When he died he was laid to rest in the old Granary Burying ground, Boston, where rests his voice and invited him in; and a few the bodies of Samuel Adams, John Hanhours later, when the enemy came up, cock, Robert Treat Paine, Peter Fancuil the patriots had quietly proceeded on and the parents of Benjamin Franklin. their way to the congress at Philadel- and on Christ church is a tablet which tells the passerby that:

"The Signal Lanterns of Paul Revere lution" for this famous ride. The April 8, 1775, Warned the Country of imagery of the poet Longfellow has the March of the British Troops to Lex-

(Tomorrow-Israel Putnam's Ride.)

The Europa will be 900 feet long, 96 feet broad, and it have no fewer ta-n nine decks above the water line-a veritable skyscraper afloat.

Other Postal Systems and Our Own. He came to hold a greater. By Don S. Seitz, in the World's Work. Postal rates of all sorts in the United States are not too low. They are far His career was the embodiment too high. The Canadian postoffice-For betwith a one cent "drop letter" rate in low men, but he had a strange aptitude ter or for worse-personally I believe cities where carriers are employed. against our two cents, with a quarter cent a pound wrate for periodicals, and as wide a free zone as prevails here, with a much more scanty patronage and there difficult delivery districts, earned \$743,-210.25 net in the last fiscal year. The Canadian department's total recenue was \$11,068,753.05, and its percentage of net earnings was 6.71. This applied to the United States gross revenue of \$224,128,657.62, would give a profit of \$15,012,887.45. The British 1910 figures, just published, show a postal profit of \$24,543,725!

The Japanese department of communications, under a wise and able administrator-Baron Goto, who governs the railroads, telegraphs, telephones and postoffice-manages to clear about \$9,-850,000 a year, on the above postal branch in a country of slender resources, with a one cent letter postage and a most liberal and inexpensive parcels post system.

The United States postoffice department did a business in the fiscal year ending. June 30, 1910, of \$224,128,657.62, and lost \$5,848,567 of our money!

## How Special Pension Bills Have Grown.

By William Bayard Hale in the World's Work.

For 20, years after the Civil war congress passed less than a hundred special acts a year; but not many more 150 each congress. Considering than how incomplete general pension legislation was at that time, the record is smaller than might have been 'expected. As general legislation advanced, each new law letting in entirely new classes of claims and increasing the earlier allowances, the ffeed of special acts would decrease, one might suppose. After 45 years had elapsed in which to make laws to fit every variety of need. pect. This table will show whether the the number of private pension passed in successive 10 year periods: 1861-1871 . . ..... 537 778 1881-1891 . . ..... 4,073 

that the more liberal the general legislation, the more numerous the special acts, instead of doing away with private legislation, every liberalizing penhas encouraged it.

Senator Chauncey M. Depew calls the new Republican Progressive league the "Political Salvation Army," and refers to La Follette's 'War Cry," Since the country is soon to rid itself of the sencountry is soon to rid itself of the sen-ator, it can afford to smile at his little foke

night towards Lexington. At every channel of events." door, as he dashed along, he shouted the utemen, who cautioned him against stirring the inmates with his noise.

"Noise," cried Revere, "you'll soon have noise enough, the regulars are comng!" Hancock, at an upper window knew

phia.

American history will always view thrown around this midnight ride a ington and Concord." glamour that will stir the hearts of