

MORTON CHOSEN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE EQUITABLE

Hyde Sells Controlling Stock of a Combination Headed by Thos. F. Ryan, and Then the Four Leading Officials Hand in Their Resignation.

Chairman Morton is to Have a Free Hand in Directing the Affairs of the Society. Resignations of the Officials Subject to His Will.

By Associated Press. New York, June 10.—Paul Morton, who retires from the secretaryship of the Equity on July 1st, was yesterday elected chairman of the board of directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. His election marks the first and most important step in the re-organization of the society, and was followed by the resignation of the resignations of President James W. Alexander, Vice President James H. Hyde, Second Vice President Gage E. Tarbell, Third Vice President George T. Wilson, and Fourth Vice President William C. McIntyre. Mr. Morton, as explained by Senator Channcey M. Deane, was the unanimous choice of the board of directors of the Equitable, although the meeting was not altogether harmonious. The new chairman, to further the resignation of the resignations of President James W. Alexander, did not consent to take office until he had received positive assurances that he would have a "free hand as to measures and men."

Policy-Holders to be Morton. New York, June 10.—Paul Morton, the newly elected chairman of the board of directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, said today that in his plans for reorganization of the society, he intends to consider first of all the interests of policy holders.

Mr. Morton was asked whether former President Cleveland had agreed to act as trustee. "I really don't know as to that," he said, "in fact, I don't believe any one knows what decision Mr. Cleveland has reached. I hope he will accept."

George Westinghouse announced that he had accepted trusteeship of the Equitable stock offered him by Thomas F. Ryan. Justice O'Brien was also asked to act as trustee.

It is probable that some of the former directors who recently withdrew will be asked to reconsider their resignations. These will include Cornelius S. Bates, Robert T. Lincoln and T. Jefferson Coolidge as well as number of New York men whose resignation has been accepted by the board.

Effect on Stock Market. New York, June 10.—The stock market was revived by the report of a settlement effected in the long standing Equitable life dispute. Long drawn out discussion of this topic weighed heavily on the market and great relief was felt over the prospect of getting it out of the way. The result was the accumulation of large buying orders in the market, which were pretty well distributed all through the list. There was a momentary check to the rise on account of inviting profits offered on one-night advance, but the prices then began to go forward again. Except for accumulated orders at the opening, business was small and the market seemed to be still largely in the hands of the professional element.

Cleveland Will Accept. Princeton, June 10.—Former President Cleveland said he thought it his duty to accept the position as one of the three trustees of the Equitable Society.

THE DOCTRINE NOT VIOLATED.

Alleged Acquisition of German Coaling Station in West Indies. Washington, June 10.—The State Department has not been advised of the proposed acquisition of a coaling station at Water Island, St. Thomas, by the Danish Asiatic Company, which some of the West Indian papers allege is really property of a German subsidized steamship company, and, therefore, practically a German government station.

The officials here do not take this view of these private coaling stations. Several of the steamship companies operating in West Indian and South American waters, but these have coal yards and docks, but these are not national properties, and the State Department has never yet been advised that in any case sovereignty over the site of the coal stations has passed to any European power. Therefore, in the judgment of officials here, there has been no violation of the Monroe doctrine in letter or spirit.

"Flag Day" D. A. R. Washington, June 10.—The National Board recommends that all members of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution observe June 14th as "flag day," and display the national emblem upon their homes.

Dry Dock Dewey Launched. Baltimore, June 10.—The Government ship "Dewey," for the Philippines, costing \$1,125,000, and capable of lifting 2,147 tons, was successfully launched today.

DISCRIMINATION CHARGED.

Railroads Said to Charge Higher Freight Rate in South Than North. By Associated Press. Washington, June 10.—Representatives of the Cincinnati receivers and shippers association have filed with the attorney general a complaint against the Illinois Central, Southern, Atlantic Coast Line, Norfolk and Westera, Chesapeake and Ohio, Louisville and Nashville, and practically all other railroads operating in territory south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi rivers. The complaint alleges that these roads formed a combination in restraint of trade by jointly fixing the freight rates higher than the rates in Northern territory, and so discriminate against the South and shippers in that territory. The attorney general took the matter up under advisement.

OBJECTION OVERRULED.

Venezuelan Court Renders Important Decision in the Asphalt Case. By Associated Press. Caracas, Venezuela, June 10.—In the case of the Venezuelan government against the New York and Bermudez Asphalt Co., charged with aiding Matos's revolution, the court of first instance overruled the objection raised to its jurisdiction because the offense is alleged to have occurred in the United States.

MORE BENNETT MONEY.

University of Tennessee Receives a Draft For \$400 From W. J. Bryan. By Associated Press. Knoxville, June 10.—Dr. Brown Ayers, president of the University of Tennessee, has received from William Jennings Bryan a draft for \$400, this is offered as a prize for the best essay by the student of the University of the Philo. S. Bennett estate is distributing \$10,000 among twenty-five colleges of many States, each institution to offer the amount received for the discussion on the subject above given.

TOKIO STOCKS VERY ACTIVE.

Volume of Transactions Remarkably Heavy Before Noon. By Associated Press. Tokio, June 10.—The stock market has been showing a lively upward tendency since yesterday and prices continue to appreciate. The afternoon session today had to be postponed two hours, owing to the large transactions during the morning.

OSCAR RECEIVES THE FINAL WORD

The King Finally Consents to Read the Address From the Norwegian Congress Announcing Dissolution of Union Between Norway and Sweden.

By Associated Press. Christiania, June 10.—The address of the Storting to King Oscar announcing dissolution of the union between Norway and Sweden, which the King previously refused to accept, was handed him yesterday afternoon at Stockholm by a representative of the President of the Storting.

SOUTH'S INFLUENCE STRONG.

Cotton Mill Men of This Section Are Making Their Desires Known With Reference to the Proposed Chinese Boycott. Special to The News. Columbia, S. C., June 10.—That the cotton mill men of the South are beginning to make their influence felt is shown by the deference with which the wishes of those in South Carolina are received. Just now there is a great deal of talk over the threatened boycott of the cotton goods by China and the mill men of this State are making themselves heard in the matter.

It is believed by the cotton mill people of Columbia, which city ships more cotton goods to China than any other Southern city, that the boycott will adjust itself but just the same no chances are being taken and a committee has gone on to Washington to interview the President.

It was feared at first that no attention would be paid to the South Carolina mill men but a letter received yesterday showed that the importance of the Southern cotton mill industry is realized in Washington. The letter attached to there was no grave importance attached to the threatened Chinese retaliation and that the state department would look after Southern interests.

Columbia Doctors Displeased. Recently the physicians of this city took action in a matter which is causing considerable comment. The society of Southern physicians passed resolutions that no newspaper man should be given the no newspaper attending physicians in any case. The action is taken because of the enmity of the society to one physician in this city, who, while one of the best in the State, recognizes no code and has always been exceedingly nice to the news gatherer.

Of course this treatment has won him many friends and who has never asked for one solitary line which mentioned his name, he has received it anyhow and some of the other physicians grow jealous. The society gravely decided that it was against the ethics of the profession to publish any names of physicians and no matter how celebrated the case the newspapers were requested not to publish.

The action is laughed at by all who do not take the Society seriously. Hardly Needs Them. By Associated Press. Tokio, June 10.—Three torpedo boat destroyers will be launched at Yokosuka Saturday.

THE DOVE OF PEACE IS NOW HOVERING OVER THE FAR EAST

Both the Japanese and Russian Governments Have Accepted President Roosevelt's Suggestion and a Meeting of Plenipotentiaries Assured.

England is Following With Keen Interest Every Step Which the President is Taking and Heartily Approves of the Course Which is Being Followed.

By Associated Press. Washington, June 10.—From an authoritative official source it is learned that it has been practically determined that the plenipotentiaries of Japan and Russia, for the determination of peace terms, will hold their sessions in Washington.

Struck Like a Bombshell.

St. Petersburg, June 10.—The text of President Roosevelt's personal appeal to the sovereigns of the warring countries to arrange a meeting of plenipotentiaries for the purpose of agreeing on terms of peace, which arrived this morning, rent the veil and, for the sceptics at St. Petersburg who refused to believe that the President's efforts to bring the belligerents together could succeed, it came like a bombshell. The President's "sole purpose to bring about a meeting" has been achieved and now it is merely a question of whether the results will be the peace for "which the whole civilized world will pray."

The formal replies of Japan and Russia are expected to be transmitted through Count Cassini and M. Takahira, at Washington, but the situation is such as to leave no doubt of acceptance of both and that the question of selection of plenipotentiaries and place of meeting will follow.

The President's urgent expression in favor of direct negotiations, exclusively between the belligerents, points straight to the battlefield in Manchuria as the scene of negotiations and diplomats generally entertain the view that Russia and Japan had best settle their quarrel there beyond the range of possible outside influence. To the policy of non-interference, practically all the powers are committed. Great Britain, it is felt here in diplomatic circles, will now complete a realization of what the President has begun by restraining her ally and inducing Japan to prefer moderate terms which Russia can accept.

Roosevelt a Great Diplomat. London, June 10.—Keenest interest is manifested in Roosevelt's note endeavoring to bring Japan and Russia to an understanding. While the British government is not taking any part in the negotiations, it is giving most cordial support to the President, of whose actions in the matter it has been kept fully informed. Diplomatic and official circles speak in highest terms of the diplomatic manner in which the President handled the matter, and are fully in accord with their consideration to be the only way in which the difficulty could be overcome.

Financial circles in London are of the opinion that the Japanese will demand indemnity amounting to about one billion dollars, that being their estimate of the cost to Japanese of sixteen months' fighting. This is considered in some quarters to be too large an estimate of expenditure, which is thought to be nearer six hundred millions.

The Next Move Armistice. Washington, June 10.—Officials who have been closely following the negotiations conducted by the President to bring about peace between Japan and Russia, except the next move to be requested for armistice, and it is not thought probable that hostilities will continue after plenipotentiaries are named to arrange peace terms. Belief is expressed that both Japan and Russia had already desisted from further aggressive movements even before the suggestion of the President was accepted. It is thought here that the United States will be the medium of communication until some diplomatic channel is established between the belligerent nations.

London Speculates on the Terms. London, June 10.—Diplomatic circles are of the opinion that the plenipotentiaries will meet in Washington, Baron Rosen, as the Russian ambassador, probably representing Russia. It is also understood that Russia now admits in principle that the demand for indemnity is justified. It is suggested that the terms of Japan will probably also include acknowledgement of Japanese protectorate over Korea, the total Russian evacuation of Manchuria, the handing over of Russian interests on Liaotung peninsula and at Port Arthur to Japan and the cession of the railroad from Port Arthur to Harbin.

The question of the Island of Sakhalin will also be raised. It is thought the amount of indemnity which will be demanded by Japanese will depend in some measure on the other conditions. If these are considered to be such as will ensure durable peace the indemnity will be less than it otherwise would.

Both Nations Accept. New York, June 10.—The Associated Press has definite knowledge that both the Russian and Japanese governments have accepted President Roosevelt's suggestion and that a meeting of plenipotentiaries of the two contending powers is assured.

Russia is Ready. St. Petersburg, June 10.—It is stated at the foreign office this afternoon that Russia is ready to appoint plenipotentiaries to hear Japanese proposals, on being informed that Japan is nominating plenipotentiaries for this purpose.

ARMISTICE NOW EXISTS.

Suspension of Hostilities Will Be Formally Declared When Plenipotentiaries Are Named. St. Petersburg, June 10.—Practically an armistice can now be said to exist, Russia awaits the Japanese notification, the name of the plenipotentiary and the place of meeting, as upon the place will depend the appointment of Russia's plenipotentiaries. With the naming of plenipotentiaries a limited suspension of hostilities will be formally declared.

DIED BY AGREEMENT.

Young Kansas Couple Tired of Life and Took Poison. By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., June 10.—Mabel Gates, aged 18, and George Job, Jr., were found in a dying condition from the effects of strychnine at Rosedale, Kan., and both died before medical aid could be administered. Both protested when an effort was made to save them and it is supposed they had made a mutual agreement to commit suicide.

JAPAN WILL ACT ON PRESIDENT'S SUGGESTION.

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UNVEILING AT BETHEL.

Large Gathering on Historic Battle Ground to Witness Impressive Ceremonies. Special to The News. Bethel, Va., June 10.—The unveiling of the Confederate monument and tablet here today was witnessed by a large crowd of people, among the number being many North Carolinians. Governor Montague and staff attended the exercises. Col. J. Bryan Grimes is the personal representative here of Governor Glenn, who could not attend the unveiling.

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THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

Members of the Typographical Union Holding a Convention in Chicago Today. By Associated Press. Chicago, June 10.—Members of the International Typographical Union, whose convention in the interest of the eight-hour day for job printers, is in session here, are hopeful of carrying their point, according to President Lynch. It is desired that the new day shall go into effect January 1, 1906. Twenty-seven delegates from twenty unions from seven States are at the convention.

MR. MCCORKLE MAY LIVE.

Chester Man Thrown From His Buggy and Kicked in the Face By the Horse. Special to The News. Chester, June 10.—Mr. P. G. McCorkle, who, with his wife and child, was thrown from his buggy Thursday afternoon and kicked in the face by his horse, was at a late hour this morning resting easy and with no new developments. It is now expected that he will live, though last night his recovery seemed doubtful. His face was disfigured almost beyond recognition. Mrs. McCorkle, who was badly but not seriously hurt, is improving. The child escaped injury.

The facts concerning the McCorkle accident are as follows: Thursday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. McCorkle and their little son went out for an evening's drive. The horse suddenly became frightened and ran away. Within a short distance the buggy was overturned and all the occupants were thrown out. Mr. McCorkle fell on to the reins and fell under the feet of the horse, which kicked him twice in the face.

From such information as can be gathered it appears that both blows landed under Mr. McCorkle's eye, breaking his cheek and nose bones and mangling his face most horribly. He was picked up in an unconscious condition. Mrs. McCorkle was more or less bruised by her fall but was not seriously injured. The little boy, William H. McCorkle, escaped unhurt.

Mr. McCorkle is a son of the late Col. W. H. McCorkle, of Yorkville. Several years ago he was in the cotton business in Charlotte and while here made many friends who deplore the sad accident.

BIG FIRE IN BROOKLYN.

Nearly a Whole Block Destroyed and Ninety Families Rendered Homeless—Loss \$300,000. By Associated Press. New York, June 10.—Fire started in the factory of the New York and Brooklyn Casket Company, on South Ninth street, in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, and destroyed and badly damaged practically every building in the block, and rendered homeless ninety families. The loss is \$300,000. The Casket Company's factory was gutted with a loss of \$210,000. William Sheehan, a driver for the Casket Company, was asleep in the casket factory when the fire started, and received injuries by jumping which may prove fatal.

UNDER \$1,000 BOND.

Alvin Gabriel Charged With Killing William Graham—Both Negroes. Before Magistrate J. W. Cobb, this morning, Alvin Gabriel, colored, was given a preliminary hearing on the charge of killing William Graham, colored. The alleged crime was committed in Lemley's township the 23rd of last December. The coroner's jury investigated the killing, but decided that Gabriel was justifiable in taking the life of Graham. Later, additional evidence has come to light, and because of this the negro was again arrested.

As there seems to be considerable doubt as to the justification of the deed, Solicitor Clarkson agreed that Gabriel be allowed bond. This was fixed at \$1,000. Capt. R. A. Torrance signed Gabriel's bond. Mr. E. T. Candler represented the negro.

IGNORED THE BILLS.

Grand Jury Fails to Find True Bills Against C. Valer. Before adjourning today at noon the grand jury passed on all four of the cases sent up from the Recorder's court against Mr. C. Valer, charged with selling beer. In each of the four cases the jury ignored the bill and there the matter rests.

SPANISH RULER LEAVES LONDON

King Alfonso Leaves for Spain After a Delightful Visit. He Enjoyed Himself Thoroughly and the Englishmen Enjoyed Having Him. By Associated Press. London, June 10.—King Alfonso left for Spain this morning. He apparently thoroughly enjoyed his visit and the character of the farewells testified to the cordiality of feelings of the host and guest. King Edward the Prince of Wales and Duke of Connaught accompanied the Spanish King to the railroad station.

ARM GRAFTED TO CHIN.

Remarkable Operation in Philadelphia Hospital—Two Children the Subjects. Philadelphia, June 10.—Tightly bound with leather straps, almost covering his whole body, to prevent the slightest motion, Edward Leeks, a thirteen-year-old boy, this afternoon began his long ordeal in the remarkable grafting operation to supply skin to the chin of his half sister, Lydia Finnegan, who was severely burned in an accident almost a year ago.

LOWLANDS SWEPT BY MAD WATERS

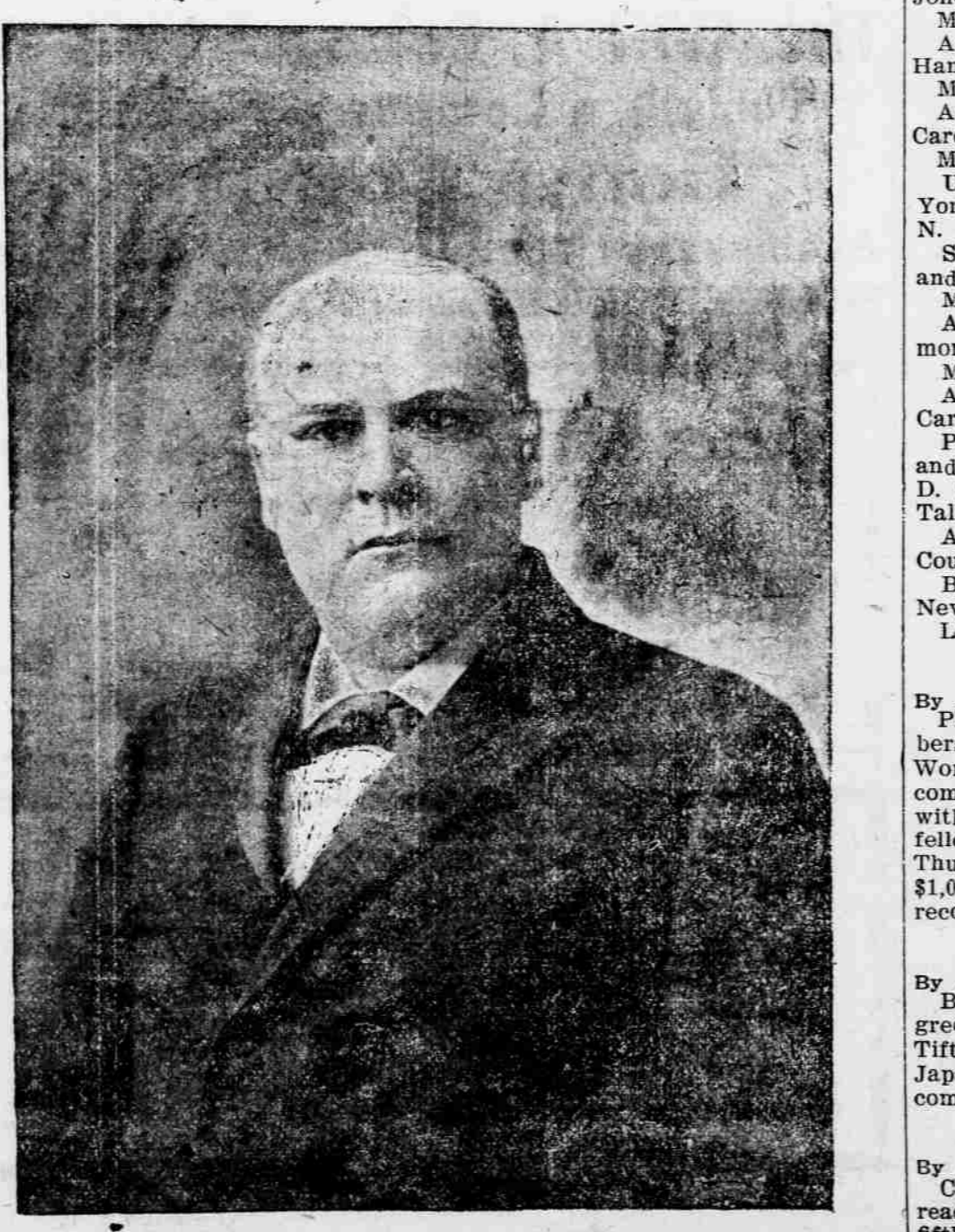
Vast Areas of Lowlands in Missouri and Illinois Will be Flooded by the Des Moines and Mississippi Rivers Overflowing Their Banks. By Associated Press. Keokuk, Iowa, June 10.—The Des Moines river rose seven feet in three hours and is still rising fast. Almost equally remarkable is the flood in the Mississippi river. The levee protecting the town of Alexandria, Mo., was broken and the water started through the town. A great volume of water will sweep all lowlands in Illinois and Missouri from Keokuk to Hannibal.

VICTIM OF "WIRE TAPPERS."

Wealthy St. Louis Junk Dealer Loses \$7,000 in Chicago. Chicago, June 10.—M. Cohen, a wealthy junk dealer of St. Louis, Mo., has reported to the Chicago police the loss of \$7,000 by a "wire tapping" swindle. Cohen met five men in St. Louis who unfolded to him an elaborate plan to beat the races at the Latonia track. He came to Chicago with the men and they took him to a room in a building near Sixteenth street and Michigan avenue. There were intricate electrical machines there, and he thought the scheme was a good one. For three days he remained there with the party. During that time he advanced large sums of money aggregating \$7,000 and then the five men disappeared. There is no trace of the swindlers.

JAPANESE ONSET EXPECTED.

General Linevitch Personally Engaged in Strengthening His Line of Defense—Remarkable Improvement in Reconnaissance Method. By Associated Press. Tokio, June 10.—General Linevitch is reported to be with his headquarters at Fenghwa busily engaged in personal inspection and direction of troops for the purpose of strengthening his line of defense along the Chancun-Kirin line, evidently expecting a Japanese onset. The Russian methods of making reconnoissances in force are said to have remarkably improved. They have ceased to be disorderly, but owing to the Russians' over-faithfulness to text book orders they are still placed at a disadvantage. Their movements are being anticipated by the Japanese, who prevent them from realizing that the results are commensurate with the amount of sacrifice.



Governor R. B. Glenn, Who will be in Charlotte Tomorrow.