

American Sugar Refining company. Parr rehearsed once more his story of how he caught Kehoe, a tally clerk, manipulating the crooked scales; how Oliver Spitzer one of six company employes now charged with conspiracy, offered to let him name his own price for hushing the thing up, and how Brezezinski, Spitzer's partner, hooked him by the elbow and asked anxiously: 'Dick, this fellow says you're all right. Does that go?' 'Nothing goes with me,' Parr testified he said. Told with heat and great circumstance, the narrative made a visible effect, and counsel for the defense was quick to retort with an attack on Parr's credibility. 'You started to investigate without orders from any superior officers,' he was asked. 'If you call President Roosevelt and his secretary (now Collector Loeb) superior officers, I was working under orders,' replied Parr, 'but if you mean the secretary of the treasury, then I was working without orders.' Further inquiry along this line was dropped."

The British parliament prorogued and new elections will take place beginning January 13 and concluding January 24. The campaign will be one of the most bitter ones in English history.

The federal court of appeals composed of Judges Grosscup, Seaman and Baker, have denied John R. Walsh a re-hearing and the former banker and owner of the Chicago Chronicle was taken into custody by the United States marshal.

Washington dispatches say that President Taft has decided in favor of both Secretary Ballinger and Chief Forester Pinchot. In a dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald Walter Wellman says: "Attorney General Wickersham's report was emphatically in Judge Ballinger's favor. Nothing whatever was found against him. And the report commands the more respect in Washington because it is gradually becoming known here that the attorney general is perhaps the ablest man in the president's cabinet—that is, ablest as an analyst and adviser. He has turned out a distinct 'find' for President Taft, just as another relatively unknown New York lawyer turned out the greatest discovery made by that excellent judge of men, William McKinley. I mean, of course, Elihu Root, who is still regarded by many good judges as the most powerful intellectual force connected with the government at this time."

John Harvard, a negro preacher, who shot and fatally wounded Will D. Booth, a well known Georgie business man, was burned at the stake five miles from Cochran, Ga.

The value of the estate of the late Edward H. Harriman has been formally fixed by court appraisers as \$149,000,000.

Henry U. Mudge has been chosen president of the Rock Island railway system. At the age of sixteen he began carrying water to section hands on the Santa Fe.

Emperor William opened the reichstag by personally reading the speech from the throne. The speech dealt largely with domestic legislation and contained the important announcement that the government had prepared a measure extending the sick benefit insurance.

Before Judge Anderson in the United States court at Indianapolis eight former employes of banks, under indictment on the charge of embezzlement, and two other men,

charged with complicity in embezzlement, were arraigned. Five entered pleas of guilty.

The court of appeals of the District of Columbia granted the petition of Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison in the contempt case against them for a stay of execution of the mandate of the court sending them to jail.

Shortages from wine casks and other packages have been discovered at the Baltimore customs house and an investigation is on at that point.

The military court of inquiry has completed its investigation of the "shooting up" of Brownsville, Texas, by negro soldiers, and has adjourned to Washington where the testimony will be considered.

In the sugar fraud hearings at New York, Andrew J. Mallen, a clerk, testified that James F. Bender-nagel, former cashier for the sugar company, had often paid cash at his office to customs employes in uniform. Ten assistant weighers were dismissed from the custom service at New York.

Former United States Senator Deitrich of Hastings, Neb., is ill at an Omaha hospital.

Harold S. Smith of Minerva, Ohio, told the Cleveland police that he had overheard two men discussing a plot to kidnap John D. Rockefeller. Extra guards were thrown around Rockefeller, although the story is not taken seriously.

During a little more than one month more than ten inches of rain fell in Nebraska, according to the United States observatory at Lincoln.

Walter Wellman has issued a statement in which he declares that Dr. Cook's story is more than suspicious. Wellman says that Cook did not reach the pole.

Dr. Cook, the arctic explorer, has retired for a rest. It is said that the attacks upon him have brought on serious illness.

Former Governor R. B. Glenn of North Carolina, in an interview at Richmond, Va., is quoted as saying: "Judson Harmon, governor of Ohio, will be the next presidential nominee of the democratic party, in my judgment. Everywhere I have been I have found Harmon was the leading candidate in public and party opinion."

Charles L. Warriner, former local treasurer of the Big Four railroad, admits to have stolen \$643,000 but his statement accounts for \$381,000.

Senator Clapp of Minnesota spoke at Milwaukee in favor of Senator LaFollette's re-election. He declared that when congress framed the latest tariff bill it did not regard the right of the consumer.

A big strike is on among the employes of the Northern Pacific Railway company.

J. Pierpont Morgan has secured control of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. The company has \$472,000,000 of assets. Morgan purchased the interest of Thomas F. Ryan.

The cabinet of Premier Giolitte of Italy resigned.

Governor Haskell pardoned fifty-two short-term prisoners.

Henry Clay Pierce, of the oil trust on trial at Austin, Texas, for per-

jury, set up as a defense that the affidavit of which complaint is made was taken before a woman acting as notary public and that under Texas law she was ineligible for the office she held.

The Wisconsin primary election law was upheld.

Judge Cabaniss ordered the release from custody of Abraham Ruef on \$300,000 bail.

N. S. Meldrum was elected president of the Seaboard Air Line.

Residents of the District of Columbia are planning to recover the territory that was once part of the federal capital, but is now in Virginia.

The protocol with the United States for the reference of the Alsop claim to King Edward for mediation was signed by the government of Chile.

The French battleship Iena, on which an explosion occurred in 1907 killing eighty and injuring hundreds of others, sank while being towed into port.

A cablegram from Lapac, Bolivia, says: "Senator Fernandez Molina was shot dead in a duel with Senator Adolfo Trigo Acha. The men quarrelled during a discussion in the senate over the promotion of the ex-president of Bolivia, Colonel Tsmuel Montez, to general. They fought and a bullet from Senator Acha struck his adversary in the head. He died instantly."

Representative Fowler of New Jersey gave from Washington City a statement in which he commented on the tariff commission bill which he has introduced in the house of representatives. The bill, as described by Mr. Fowler, provides that congress shall fix the maximum and minimum tariff schedules or rates, and that the commission, consisting of fifteen members, shall, with the approval of the president, fix the actual

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