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In New York City, twenty-six manufacturing firms of the Paper Board Association, indicted by the federal grand jury in December last as members of an illegal combination in restraint of trade, entered a plea of guilty as an association in the United States circuit court. Fines of \$2,000 each—\$52,000 in all—were immediately imposed and in all except one case, were paid in cash.

A Madrid cablegram says: "The assumption of the premiership by Joseph E. Canalejas Mendes, the radical and anti-clerical, has caused great surprise among the reactionaries, who had assumed that when Moret fell King Alfonso would institute more moderate rather than a more radical regime. The impression prevails that the king has outwitted the intriguers by boldly confiding the government to Canalejas for the purpose of giving to the country a clear proof of his sincerity in the role of a constitutional sovereign. The revision of the Concordat of 1851 and the reduction in the number of religious orders will be a feature, it is said, of the new cabinet policy."

An Associated Press dispatch from La Paz, Bolivia, says: "William J. Bryan, accompanied by his wife and daughter, arrived here today. All of them are enjoying good health. A reception in honor of the distinguished visitor was held at the La Paz club, at which the diplomatic representatives and various government officials met Bryan. President Villazon has arranged to receive Mr. Bryan, who has expressed his great appreciation of the manner in which he has been welcomed."

James A. Cook, the American conductor who has been under arrest in Mexico charged with participation in wholesale robberies of freight trains, has been sentenced to twenty years and ten months in prison. Cook's friends claim that he is being "railroaded" to jail.

Judge Clemen Smith at Charlotte, Mich., has ruled that the International Harvester company must prove that it is no trust else it can not maintain in his court a suit on a note and book account against certain Michigan implement dealers.

Commander Peary was given a reception in New York City and presented with a \$10,000 check.

A coroner's jury at Kansas City reported that the late Colonel Thomas H. Swope came to his death by reason of strychnine administered in a capsule by Dr. B. S. Hyde, husband of Colonel Swope's niece. The jury said it was unable to say whether the drug was administered with felonious intent.

Mrs. Mary Booth, aged sixty, of Portland, Ore., who has been working as a teacher in the Chinese mission, is heiress to one million dollars willed to her by George D. Nelson, late of Springfield, Mass.

Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, was stricken with appendicitis and was operated upon.

David R. Francis of St. Louis has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination as United States senator to succeed William Warner. James A. Reed of Kansas

City and Sterling P. Bond of St. Louis are already in the field. It is expected that former Governor Joseph W. Folk will also be a candidate.

The Iowa state supreme court has upheld the constitutionality of the state law, which provides that public officials may be removed for intoxication. This decision confirms the ouster of A. H. Henderson as mayor of Marengo.

John Lawrence Sullivan, the old time prize fighter, was married at Boston to Miss Kate Harkins, forty-five years old. The newspaper reports say that John L. is now a sober man.

Dr. B. C. Hyde of Kansas City has been arrested on the charge of having murdered the late Colonel Thomas H. Swope.

A Brooklyn alderman has offered a resolution to close all city offices, banks and shops in New York City on the day Theodore Roosevelt arrives in New York. This will be some time in June.

William Hayward, of Nebraska City, Neb., vice chairman of the republican national committee, has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for congress from the First Nebraska district. This district is now represented by John A. Maguire, democrat.

It is announced that the state of Nebraska is now out of debt and the state treasurer has \$100,000 on hand.

The United States circuit court at St. Louis has issued an injunction restraining the Oklahoma authorities from enforcing the two cent passenger fare law.

John E. Redmond was re-elected president of the national directory of the United Irish League at Dublin.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Jeannette Stewart Ford, charged with complicity with Warriner, former treasurer of the Big Four Railway company, disagreed and another trial must be had.

An Albany, N. Y., dispatch says: "The man who 'handled the money' was brought before the state senate today by Senator Ben Conger to confirm Conger's charge that Jotham P. Allds, its majority leader, accepted \$1,000 for influencing legislation. He proved to be Hiram G. Moe, former bank cashier of Broughton, where Conger lives, and he declared positively that on April 23, 1901, he had handed Senator Allds an envelope containing \$1,000 at the capitol. The purpose for which this alleged transfer of money was made did not appear in the direct testimony today, but Conger filed an affidavit in which he declared that the payment was made to Allds upon Allds' demand, "in the interests of the American Bridge company." The rattle of dead men's bones added a mysterious interest to the hearing this afternoon, for Moe declared that on the same day he paid Allds \$1,000 he gave to another legislator \$4,000 and to another \$1,000. The tense anxiety displayed by both sides to guard the identity of the alleged (Continued on Page 15)

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"A woman just can't keep a secret," he declared, opposing a statement.
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"Yes," he replied, "but one of these days you will give it away. In time you will just simply have to tell it."
"Well," she replied, with confidence, "I think that when a woman has kept a secret for twenty years she comes pretty near knowing how to keep it."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.