

edge of the law and your quickness to grasp a situation has placed you among the foremost members of the bar. You are assigned to Special Duty.

Mr. Baker announced today that he had decided to assign Assistant United States Attorney Charles H. Turner to the prosecution of cases in Criminal Court No. 1 and Assistant United States Attorney J. S. Easby to similar duty in Criminal Court No. 2.

Several weeks ago Capt. Boardman received a letter from a lady at Atlantic City saying that her sister, Bessie T. Stafford, had run away from her home and asking the office to keep looking for her.

The young woman today stated to the police that she had learned that they were looking for her and so she desired to let them know where she was. She is not a stranger in the city.

Secretary Taft Arrives at San Francisco. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's liner Korea, Captain Zeeder, arrived today from the orient, beating the trans-Pacific record by several hours.

Medical and Surgical Problems in Armies and Navies. DETROIT, Mich., September 27.—Ten papers on medical and surgical problems in armies and navies considered the program for the opening session of the second day of the fourteenth convention of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States.

Additional Declaration at Session Held Yesterday. MOSCOW, September 27.—The congress of the zemstvos and municipalities at its session yesterday, in addition to the program already adopted, adopted a special resolution on the subject of the judiciary.

COMMENT ON TREATY. Anglo-Japanese Paper Widely Discussed. PARIS, September 27.—The Anglo-Japanese treaty is widely commented upon today.

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PROBING FOR FACTS Insurance Inquiry Resumed Today. SEVERAL TAKE STAND

WINTHROP OF THE EQUITABLE QUIZZED.

Tells of the Bonds of Reorganized Union Pacific Railroad—Making the Purchase. Today's morning session of the legislative insurance investigation in New York developed a great mass of technical testimony as to the syndicate profits of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Mr. Winthrop testified that in one of the Equitable syndicate operations Senator Dewey was a participant to the amount of \$100,000. Senator Dewey and Senator Dryden of New Jersey have been requested to appear before the committee.

NEW YORK, September 27.—Upon the convening today of the special legislative committee investigating the life insurance companies Chairman Armstrong announced that owing to the absence of Mr. Fred Nixon, speaker of the assembly, the committee met under distressing circumstances.

It was announced prior to the opening of the investigation that Jacob H. Schiff, head of the firm of J. & C. Co., bankers, has been subpoenaed to give the stand for examination either today or tomorrow.

The first witness today was George G. Van Tuyl, Jr., secretary and treasurer of the Albany Trust Company, who produced a transcript of the account of Andrew Hamilton opened February 21, 1905.

He stated that neither the bank nor he had knowledge of the purpose for which the money was paid in or out of that account. Mr. Van Tuyl was cross-examined by Henry Rogers Winthrop, assistant secretary of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, who was on the stand last Friday when the committee adjourned.

Mr. Winthrop resumed his testimony as to syndicate transactions of his company. Mr. Winthrop said that the Equitable syndicate received \$750,000 from the reorganization of the Union Pacific Railroad. The Equitable Society was paid \$750,000 for the stock of the Union Pacific.

Mr. Winthrop said that Gen. Louis Fitzgerald, chairman of the finance committee of the Equitable Society, was described for \$1,500,000 of the Union Pacific bonds, and whether he held the bonds over the allotment received for profits of \$300,000 shares of Union Pacific preferred stock.

Northern Pacific Syndicate. In a Northern Pacific syndicate the Equitable participated to the extent of \$500,000, and the profits ultimately amounted to \$142,362. This was not paid in cash, but in Northern Pacific shares, which appeared on the society's books.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, September 27.—A resolution signed by ten deputies was introduced in the storting at today's session proposing, firstly, the summoning of a constituent storting before the middle of November, to decide on the future form of the Norwegian government, and, secondly, that a final decision of the matter be postponed until after the elections of 1908.

ST. PETERSBURG, September 27.—No cases of cholera have been reported in Volga region this year. The only cases announced are in the Vistula district. Investigation shows that the Astrakhan government is not threatened with cholera, and an order has been issued canceling the protective measures.

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PATENT MEDICINE TAX COMMISSIONER YERKES DEFINES HIS ATTITUDE.

The recent decision of Commissioner Yerkes that patent medicines containing large quantities of alcohol will have to pay taxes like any other alcohol and that druggists selling them will have to take out the license of retail liquor dealers, has resulted in a flood of correspondence for the internal revenue bureau.

The effect of Commissioner Yerkes' decision promises to be somewhat disastrous to a number of patent medicines. The ruling of the prohibition states in this country are overruled with these medicines and may require them to be sold only on prescription, which would destroy the sale, as physicians do not prescribe them.

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TO CLOSE CANAL. Suez Blocked by Sunken Steamer Chatham. SUEZ, September 27.—The canal has been closed here until further notice.

A serious stoppage of traffic on the Suez canal is threatened, owing to the necessity of blowing up the British steamer Chatham. The Chatham was sunk in order to put out a fire which threatened to reach a quantity of dynamite forming part of her cargo.

An expert from the Nobel company, who is conducting the operations, says it is impossible to predict the amount of damage which will ensue from the great upheaval, or to what extent traffic will be impeded. He says there is no precedent to show the effect of an explosion of such an amount of dynamite.

MOROCCAN PROGRAM. M. Witte's Position Not Quite Understood. BERLIN, September 27.—The Impression in some Paris newspapers that M. Witte has endeavored to assist France in persuading Chancellor von Buelow and Foreign Secretary von Richthofen to accept Premier Rouvier's Moroccan program appears most unlikely.

WOMEN ODD FELLOWS. Famous Degree Team to Be Given a Reception This Evening. The celebrated degree team of San Francisco Rebekahs, which won distinction at Philadelphia, is in the city.

ARGUMENTS BEGUN. The Indictments Against J. Ogden Armour. CHICAGO, September 27.—Arguments were begun before Federal Judge J. Otis Humphrey today in connection with a plea in abatement to the indictment against J. Ogden Armour.

EQUITABLE MEETING. President Paul Morton Presents a Statement. NEW YORK, September 27.—The regular monthly meeting of the Equitable Society directors was held today.

ESTATE OF ANDREAS LOEFFLER. Letters of Administration Issued to His Widow. Chief Justice Clabaugh, sitting in Probate Court today, admitted the will of Andreas Loeffler to probate and granted letters on the estate to the widow, Mrs. Catharina Loeffler.

CONDITION CRITICAL. Thomas Rhodes in Casualty Hospital With Fractured Skull. Thomas Rhodes, who boards at 605 L street, was seriously injured last night and is at the Casualty Hospital in a very critical condition.

GREENE AND GAYNOR. Writ for Extradition to Be Presented Tomorrow. OTTAWA, Ont., September 27.—The writ for the extradition of Gaynor and Greene probably will be issued tomorrow.

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Middles' Leave Extended. Special Dispatch to the Star. ANNAPOLIS, Md., September 27.—On account of the number of cases of diphtheria among the members of the new fourth class at the Naval Academy the leave of the members of the other three classes, which would have terminated on the coming Saturday, has been extended until 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 7.

SENATOR PLATT HERE HE MAY CALL MEETING OF PRINTING COMMITTEE.

Senator Platt of New York was at the New Willard today. He was crowded most of the morning with his secretary, replying to letters that have required his attention for some time.

One of the important matters relating to the congressional duties of Senator Platt that it is expected he will take up while he is in the city is the printing committee.

It is quite generally expected by those who were interested in having the joint committee inquire into the possibility of cutting down the expense of printing that the committee would make a report of its work as soon as Congress meets in December.

AFTER THE JUDGESHIP SEVERAL CHANGES TODAY IN RACE FOR APPOINTMENT. Selection of Colored Man for the Place Not to Be Asked at This Time.

There were several changes today in the Police Court judgeship, and new pictures of the situation were presented. While the list of lawyers who want to succeed the late Judge Scott on the Police Court bench was not apparently lengthened by the addition of new names, the friends of those already in the race are said to be redoubling their efforts in the interest of their favorites.

Surprise Sprung. A surprise was sprung today on the Police Court judgeship situation by Attorney W. Calvin Chase, who said to Star reporter that a big majority of the colored attorneys of the District had concluded that at this time they will not ask for the appointment of a colored judge.

Lively Long-Range Fight. It is understood that many letters and endorsements, petitions and other papers in behalf of the persons named for the judgeship are still being sent to Oyster Bay.

Plans Under Way by Railway Brotherhood. CHICAGO, September 27.—The Tribune today says: Preparations are under way for a concerted movement on the part of the big railroad brotherhoods to secure a railway employees' union.

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RETURN TO THE LAW. Interstate Commissioner Fifer Intends to Resign. Former Governor Fifer of Illinois, for the past six years a member of the interstate commerce commission, has announced his intention to resign on or before January 1.

Russian Minister at Tokio. Special Telegram to the Star. ST. PETERSBURG, September 27.—It is reported that the Russian minister at Tokio, M. Witte's special request will be appointed the Russian minister at Tokio.

TANNER ON DIMENSIONS Will Take Subject Up With President. NOW EN ROUTE HERE BELIEVES TWELVE DOLLARS MONTHLY THE THING. Would Give This to Every Survivor of the Civil War.

Special Dispatch to the Star. CHICAGO, Ill., September 27.—Corporal James Tanner, recently elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, accompanied by Mrs. Tanner and their son, Lieut. Earl W. Tanner, arrived in Chicago yesterday.

Commander Tanner is chiefly interested in the service pension bill which has been prepared by the Grand Army of the Republic organization and indorsed by that body in three successive annual encampments.

Had Lively Greeting. Corporal Tanner, or "Jim," as he is familiarly known, was greeted in his rooms at the Grand Pacific by a large number of Grand Army of the Republic men, and a mammoth collection of American beauty roses.

Secretary Wilson's Observations on His Recent Trip. Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture, who returned to his desk yesterday after a trip to the States of Iowa and the middle west, is authorized by the statement that the farmers of the west are with President Roosevelt in regard to race legislation, and will show the strength of their convictions on the subject by retiring to private life those servants of the public who do not toe the mark along the same line.

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ISSUED MANIFESTO. Committee of Coalitionists Reply to Emperor-King. BUDAPEST, Hungary, September 27.—The committee of the coalitionists has issued a manifesto to the nation in reply to the program submitted to its leaders by the emperor-king.

Reports of Committees. BRETON WOODS, N. H., September 27.—Reports of committees were made today at the morning session of the national convention of state insurance commissioners.

Reports of Marriage Discredited. MADRID, September 27.—The officials here discredited the continued reports of King Alfonso's approaching marriage to a young princess. It is said no decision will be arrived at until after the king's visit to Berlin.

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