

THE DEMOCRAT

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Chloroform the fly.

Very few straw hats seen thus far.

The man who rocks the boat is here on schedule time.

Conservation of hats is suggested to reduce insect pests.

Did you ever notice how much legal argument is piled?

Manchuria is the Massachusetts of the Orient. Its loan crop did it.

The Chinese are not so slow; slavery has been abolished in China.

A Philadelphia man stole the roof from a church, and Pittsburgh is jealous.

Sample of the most patient man—He who counted the 6,000,000 germs on one fly.

Those "Kiss not" buttons will not be worn by such girls as are encouraging the mashers.

Pittsburg celebrated "third day" the other day, with the whole Audubon society out in chancery hats.

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S. D. McENERY DEAD

UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM LOUISIANA EXPIRES IN NEW ORLEANS.

End Comes After Arrival From Washington—Was Serving His Third Term—Governor Sanders Will Probably Be His Successor.

New Orleans.—Samuel Douglas McEnery, United States senator from Louisiana, suddenly expired at his home here Tuesday from an attack of acute indigestion.

The senator arrived here Monday from Washington. He was seventy-three years old, and death was superinduced by old age.

The senator is survived by his wife, who was before marriage Miss Elliker, of New Orleans; his daughter, Mrs. Warren B. Parker, and his two sons, Charles P. McEnery and Dr. Douglas W. McEnery of Washington.

The present term of Senator McEnery, which was his third, would not have expired until March 3, 1915. During his service he was known as an independent Democrat who voted frequently with the Republicans. This was true particularly in tariff legislation.

In conformity with custom the sergeant-at-arms of the United States senate was immediately notified by telegraph of Senator McEnery's death. The funeral will be held Thursday morning.

In all probability Gov. Jared Y. Sanders will be chosen by the Louisiana legislature, now in session, as Senator McEnery's successor. It is thought that the leading figures in state politics have figured upon the aged senator's passing for some time, but it was not anticipated exactly at this juncture.

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LA FOLLETTE SEES ROOSEVELT

SENATOR LEAVES COLONEL IN JUBILANT MOOD.

Declares Former President is Greatest American Living and is in Fighting Trim.

Oyster Bay.—Robert M. La Follette, United States senator from Wisconsin, spent two hours talking politics with Theodore Roosevelt. He left Oyster Bay wearing a broad smile.

Senator La Follette arrived with G. E. Rice, a New York lawyer, who was formerly his law partner. Colonel Roosevelt's chauffeur was waiting for him, and whisked them away to Sagamore Hill. The senator had pulled his hat down over his eyes and tried to escape unseen. But he was caught fairly at it by a group of newspaper men. They tackled him on suspicion, although nobody recognized him, for his hat hid his famous pompadour.

"Not a word," he said. "I'm going to Sagamore Hill, but I don't want a word said about it."

When he returned, just in time to catch a train for New York, he was smiling his most expansive, persuasive smile. "It's all right, boys, he cried jovially. 'The colonel says I may talk with you about it.'"

"Did we talk politics?" he replied to the first question. "We did."

"We talked of the legislation of the present session of congress, from the attitude of those members of the Republican party whom the newspapers are pleased to call 'progressives.'"

"Can you go into details?"

"No; I prefer that they come from Sagamore Hill. I am very much pleased with the result of my visit with Colonel Roosevelt, very much pleased, indeed."

The senator paused for a moment. Suddenly the smile left his face for the first time and he said impressively: "I want to tell you that Colonel Roosevelt is the greatest living American, and he is in fighting trim."

"He is in fighting trim?"

Robert, with two college friends, Lendall King of Minneapolis, and George Harrison of Washington, started out from the summer White House for a spin along the Massachusetts north shore.

Robert, who has been driving the automobiles about the city considerably since his arrival last week, was at the steering wheel.

At Pride's crossing, about two miles from home, the streets were being oiled by a gang of men. The automobile was slowed down. The horn sounded and most of the men stepped aside.

One of them, however, was not quite quick enough, and the machine struck him, tossing him into the gutter. He was unconscious when picked up by young Taft and his two friends.

Congress comes to close.

Adjournment sees most of the program of legislation carried out.

Washington.—With President Taft's legislative program practically carried out in its entirety the first regular session of the Sixty-first congress adjourned sine die Saturday night.

signed the rivers and harbors bill, but sent a message to congress, indicating that he had made up his mind to do so practically at the last minute of time at his disposal, so far as that measure was concerned.

Congress was warned that it must change its method of framing river and harbor improvement measures, and an announcement is made that unless reforms which he suggests are carried out in future bills the withholding of executive approval will be justified, even though a rivers and harbors bill is passed.

The president also signed without comment the postal savings bank bill, the omnibus public building bill, the latter carrying authorization for improvements aggregating \$23,000,000.

General Funston is suffering from angina pectoris. It was learned that he has been subject to slight heart trouble for some time, and it is believed that the heat of the last week brought on the present severe attack.

Missouri State Law Valid.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The law prohibiting railroads from charging more for hauling freight a short distance than for a longer distance in the same direction was upheld by the supreme court Tuesday.

Phone Company Convicted.

Water Valley, Miss.—The Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph company was found guilty of violating the state anti-trust law by Judge L. T. Blount in the chancery court here and a fine of \$175,000 was imposed.

A. G. Spaulding Out for Senate.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A. G. Spaulding, head of the big Chicago sporting goods house, Saturday agreed to run for the United States senate providing the campaign expenses are limited, and he can stay at home.

Upholds Commission Form.

Jackson, Tenn.—The Tennessee supreme court Saturday rendered a decision declaring the Memphis charter bill constitutional and upholding the commission form of government.

Steal \$5,000 From a Bank.

Boston.—Police are searching for thieves who stole \$5,000 worth of Austrian and Italian paper currency from the private bank of Julius Rotenberg while the bank was crowded Friday. The money had been placed in a show window.

Public Building Bill Passed.

Washington.—The house adopted the conference report on the public buildings bill, which disposes of that measure. The bill now goes to the president.

GETTING HER FITTED OUT FOR HER TRIP

You know I couldn't think of going without at least two new evening gowns.

And I'll simply have to have one more new hat, and a parasol to match.

People dress so there—Henry, say the man who says my trunk can't hold any more clothes.

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BRINGS NO VERDICT SLASH RAIL RATES

Commerce Commission Declares Capital Invested and Betterments Made Do Not Justify Advances Proposed in New Schedules.

Washington.—Decisions important to all parts of the country were handed down Wednesday by the Interstate Commerce commission. They set freight rates, both class and commodity, on all transcontinental lines between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Extensive reductions were ordered running all the way from 20 to 50 per cent.

The decisions are in what are known popularly as the Pacific coast cases. These cases were heard last autumn by the commission on its six weeks' trip to the Pacific coast and surrounding territory and had been under consideration ever since then. In every instance reductions in the existing rates were made.

The commission found a remarkable rate situation on the Pacific coast, and even a more remarkable one in intermountain territory. This is true especially of the rates to and from Spokane, Wash., and Reno, Nev. The Spokane rate issue had been before the commission in one form or another for several years. The shipping rates to Pacific coast terminals of the tariffs on freight classes and commodities from eastern points of origin, because they were required to pay the Pacific coast terminal plus the local rates back to Spokane, from those terminals, although the freight was discharged at Spokane on the western trip.

Substantially the same state of facts existed at Reno and other Nevada points, which had to pay the rates to San Francisco and San Francisco rates from San Francisco to Sacramento to destination. These local rates in the majority of instances amounted to two-fifths or more of the entire rate from eastern points of origin to the Pacific coast terminals.

The decisions of the commission affect all class and commodity rates between eastern points and the far west. No complaint was made of the rates of the eastern lines between Atlantic points and the Pacific coast terminals and all of the reductions ordered by the commission affect rates from Mississippi and Missouri river transfers to Pacific coast terminals and intermountain territorial points.

Saylorsville, Ky.—Fifteen people are known to be dead, fifteen additional are reported as having died and fully forty are missing as the result of a cloudburst in Magoffin, Floyd and Knott counties, Ky., late Tuesday. Twenty bodies of the known dead have been secured by the workmen in Saylorsville and the towns affected by the terrible cloudburst. When late reports came in from sections lying near Saylorsville, it was estimated by the bodies of the known dead that the bodies of the fully forty have been killed in the foods and that forty are missing from their homes.

Saylorsville is the county seat in eastern Kentucky. There are no railroads running to the town and little else than farming is done in this vicinity. Floyd and Knott counties lie adjacent to this county and have several small towns lying directly on the Licking river and large creeks which were affected greatly by the downpour. It has been raining in this section for three days and the rivers and streams were all full of water when the downpour from the cloudburst broke over this section. Instantly many houses in this section were carried from their foundations and were swept into the streams.

Many of the people in these three counties are homeless. The property damage is estimated to be fully \$100,000 and the loss of stock and grain will go to even higher figures.

Senator Daniel Dead.

Lynchburg, Va.—John W. Daniel, senator from Virginia, died at the Lynchburg sanitarium Wednesday, his death being due to a recurrence of his deathly cerebral hemorrhage. This was Senator Daniel's third paralytic stroke. He was sixty-seven years of age.