

EVENTS OF SEVEN DAYS PAST

Classified, Explained, No Sensationalism or Partisanship

POLITICAL

Why Harmon and Judson Quit.

The administration took the public into its confidence regarding the much disputed Santa Fe rebate case when, June 21, it gave to the press the entire correspondence between Attorney General Moody and Special Counsel Harmon and Judson in connection with the resignations of these attorneys. The attorney general disagreed with their advice to bring criminal prosecution against the officers of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, including Paul Morton.

Mr. Moody was in favor of prosecuting the company, but not the men, because, he said, not enough evidence had been brought to show that Mr. Morton or the other officers of the railroad were cognizant of the rebates complained of.

Writing from Cincinnati, Messrs. Harmon and Judson reiterated their opinion that the officers were guilty prima facie. They argued that since corporations could not be imprisoned and as evils are corporate in name, but individual in fact, the laws would not be obeyed until the government searched out the guilty men and made "corporate wrongdoing mean personal punishment and dishonor."

The correspondence included also a letter from President Roosevelt to Attorney General Moody, in which he incloses one from Secretary Morton denying he had any knowledge of the unlawful practices complained of and stating that he had in fact expressly forbidden such practices. The president is unwilling to have Mr. Morton singled out because of his connection with the cabinet. Mr. Morton's explanation of the Santa Fe rebates was that they existed for a time after contrary instructions had been given, just as a misplaced switch sometimes occurs without the knowledge or responsibility of the superior officials of the railroad. The president takes the ground that the only way to secure enforcement of the law would be to make it effective against all railroads alike, and that so long as it was a dead letter railroads might be compelled to disregard the law in self defense.

The president refers to Mr. Morton's new connection with the Equitable, and expresses confidence in his ability to make a new clean management. The president finds in the Equitable scandal new reason for effective supervision of all great insurance corporations by the federal government.

Bowen's Parting Shot.
Former Minister Herbert W. Bowen gave to the papers an extended reply to the censure contained in his dismissal from the diplomatic service. Mr. Bowen says that at one time a promotion was offered as a bribe to silence him. He intimates that the alleged misconduct of Mr. Loomis while minister to Venezuela has been covered up and ignored by the state department. Documentary evidence is given to the public indicating Loomis' connections with the Mercano claim and his participation in certain contracts. Mr. Bowen complains that in the investigation Secretary Taft acted both as trial judge and as counsel for Loomis, and that he was compelled to cross examine witnesses himself. Bowen may appeal to congress.

Troops to Execute the Law.
Governor Folk of Missouri went to St. Louis last week to investigate the violations of the antipool selling and Sunday closing laws and plainly indicated his intention of sending the state militia to compel obedience. He said he proposed to go the limit of his authority if necessary to suppress such conditions. The sheriff of St. Louis previously had been ordered to stop all betting at the race track.

Hooker Impeachment Case.
The New York legislature, which was summoned in extraordinary session June 21 to consider the case of Warren B. Hooker, supreme court justice, accused of misconduct, authorized the judiciary committee to determine whether the legislature had jurisdiction to remove Hooker. Justice Hooker was called to appear before the legislature June 27 to show cause why

he should not be removed.
Old Paper Turns Socialist.
The Appeal to Reason and other Socialist papers in the west are making much of the flop of the Portland Oregonian, an old and established Republican daily, to the Socialist cause. In its editorial announcement the Oregonian declared its belief that the country is looked for Socialism because of the greed of speculators in exploiting the wants of the public.

City Bosses as Reformers.
The expected turn in Philadelphia's tide of reformation came last week when the city campaign committee of the broken Republican machine adopted resolutions declaring for personal registration, and prepared for the withdrawal of its candidates in order to accept the suggestions of certain Union League party men, who aim to effect reform within the party lines.

Then came the magistrate's decision to hold ex-Chief Engineer Hill for trial on charges of forgery and falsification of records of the filtration bureau in the interest of the Durham-McNichol contract combine. Evidence against Hill was given showing that he personally directed a subordinate to falsely increase the estimate of work done by the contractor.

Mayor Weaver took the important step of authorizing the Audit company of New York to make a rigid examination into the records and contracts of the filtration work. When the accountants have got the facts together, Engineer W. Barclay Parsons of New York is to make a minute examination of the work done. This is something entirely new in the municipal government.

LEGAL-CRIMINAL

Mrs. Rogers' Execution Stayed.
By the action of Judge Wheeler of the circuit court at Brattleboro, Vt., in granting an application of a writ of appeal to the federal supreme court the execution of Mrs. Mary Rogers, condemned for the murder of her husband, was stayed. Judge Wheeler had previously denied the application of Mrs. Rogers' counsel for a writ of habeas corpus. Mrs. Rogers was remanded to the custody of the state authorities.

To Sue Equitable Looters.
Attorney General Mayer of New York announced that steps would be taken speedily to accomplish the return of any profits wrongfully taken from the Equitable, to debar from holding office in that company any person faithless to his trust and to obtain an accounting for any waste of funds for any reason by anybody.

A Fortune From Forgery.
It became known on June 20 that something over \$1,000,000 had been obtained from banks and trust companies by the late Benjamin H. Gaskill, a well known Philadelphia banker and broker, by means of raised stock certificates. Up to the time of his death a few weeks ago Mr. Gaskill's credit was never questioned. By means of chemicals he raised various stock certificates a hundredfold or more, the figures being changed so skillfully as to defy detection. The raised certificates were then used as collateral for large loans from some of the most conservative banking houses in the city, including the Franklin Exchange National, the Corn Exchange National and the City Trust company. Thus he had been securing large sums of money for years.

Death Sentence Ten Times.
Samuel Greason, the colored man who was accused of aiding Mrs. Kate Edwards in the murder of her husband four years ago and who has heard his death sentence read ten times, was finally set free. Mrs. Edwards having confessed that she lied in testifying that Greason was her accomplice.

FOREIGN

Norway Firm; Sweden Yielding.
The Norwegian storting adopted, June 19, an address to King Oscar, the riksdag and the Swedish people which was firm, though conciliatory. It said that what had happened could not be altered and that it was not possible to consider the various constitutional questions raised by King Oscar. The idea of humiliating Sweden was disclaimed, and it was asserted that no bitter feeling or animosity was felt toward the king or the Swedish people. The storting suggested that the Swedish government enter upon negotiations for a final settlement as to the dissolution of the union and the recog-

inition of Norway as a sovereign state. A declaration adopted by the Swedish council of state asked the authority of the riksdag to enter into negotiations with Norway in order to establish a basis of a dissolution on which both countries could mutually agree. The extra session of the riksdag began June 21.

Czar Again Talks Reform.
Czar Nicholas of Russia has received a deputation from the congress of zemstvos, headed by Count Heyden, president of the congress. The czar in reply to the list of complaints said he was still grieved at the calamities of war and that his will favored the admission of elected representatives to works of state. The fact that the committee was received, whereas the zemstvos congress itself had not been sanctioned, indicated a change.

Japs Must Fight On.
The Japanese minister of war in a formal letter has notified the army in the field of the peace proposals, but explains that nothing is assured, and instructs all to be prepared for a long continued war. Oyama continued to press northward against the positions held by Linvitch along the Kirin road in northern Manchuria, the expected general engagement being deferred. Neither country gave much heed to the suggestion of President Roosevelt for an armistice.

Pushing Chinese Boycott.
During the week 600 Chinese students, representing twenty-six colleges, have met at Hientsin and passed resolutions to boycott American goods and stimulate Chinese manufactures. Also 200 members from the commercial guilds of seventeen provinces have signed an agreement under bond to forfeit 50,000 taels if any member is reported purchasing American goods. Ten thousand copies of this agreement are being circulated.

France Agrees to Negotiate.
After a week bordering on war panic the French government gave notice that it was willing to meet the demands of Emperor William for a conference on the Moroccan policy. France agreed that the existing conditions in Morocco should be maintained, the sultan's sovereignty being unimpaired. This concession on the part of France was believed to have been the only alternative except war with Germany. Premier Rouvier next requested Germany to explain her footing and intentions, thus calling the kaiser's hand. It was still uncertain whether Great Britain would follow the lead of France by joining in a conference. The British press very generally was opposed to yielding a single point to Germany.

Indian Army on War Footing.
A British blue book out June 22 tells of the success of General Kitchener, the commander in chief in India, in bringing about the reorganization of the army there with a view to expected encroachments from Russia on the north; also it is announced that a royal commission has been appointed to investigate the South African scandals with powers equal to a high court of justice. This will increase the army from 8,000 to 140,000.

Balfour Wants American Aid.
An utterance of great international significance was made by Mr. Balfour, the British premier, at the welcoming banquet for the new American minister, Mr. Reed. Mr. Balfour made the solemn declaration that America's duty to civilization and the cause of peace must soon impel her to abandon her traditional policy of isolation and accept her rightful responsibilities in the family of nations. His words constituted almost an invitation for America to enter into a compact or alliance for safeguarding the world's peace.

Lessons of Sham War Games.
The joint army and navy war games which ended at Fort Monroe June 17 were conducted with such secrecy that very little was understood by the public about their methods and results. No official statements are to be made about the exercises until the war and navy colleges have time to work out the problems. One of the practical results was the demonstration of the great efficiency of the shore searchlights. It also seemed conclusive that Fort Monroe could not properly protect the entrance to Chesapeake bay, as the searchlights could not pick up vessels coming in between the capes, nor could the heaviest batteries reach them. This may result in a renewal

EXECUTIVE

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Carsman Barred For Cribbing.
Cornelius E. Daly, a senior member of the Yale crew, has been barred by the faculty from representing the university, having been found guilty of cribbing at examinations.

What Lady Managers Saved.
The audit of the board of lady managers in the St. Louis fair shows a balance of \$26,667 in the treasury above all expenses. This amount will be returned to the exposition company. They had \$100,000 to spend out of the loan granted by the government.

A \$2,500,000 G. A. R. Hall.
Upon the recommendation of H. C. Frick, who has agreed to contribute \$1,000,000, the leaders of the Grand Army of the Republic are planning to erect a \$2,500,000 memorial hall at Pittsburg.

Accidents.
The eastbound Twentieth Century Limited on the Lake Shore railroad while going at the rate of fifty or sixty miles an hour was derailed near Mentor, O., June 21, by an open switch, causing the death of nineteen persons and the injury of many others. The forward part of the train was destroyed by fire. It was believed that the switch was opened by a wrecker.

We See All of the Sun.
The inhabitants of this earth never get a glimpse of but one side of the moon, but in the course of a year every portion of the sun's surface is turned toward us. This is because the sun's equator is almost coincident with the plane of the ecliptic, the inclination being only about seven degrees.

Child Not Expected to Live from One Hour to Another, but Cured by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.
Ruth, the little daughter of E. N. Dewey, of Agnesville, Va., was seriously ill of cholera infantum last summer. "We gave her up and did not expect her to live from one hour to another," he says. "I happened to think of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and got a bottle of it from the store. In five hours I saw a change for the better. We kept on giving it and before she had taken the half of one small bottle she was well." This remedy is for sale by Red Cross Pharmacy.

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Supremacy of the Battleship.
Captain A. T. Mahan, the foremost American naval expert, has written for Collier's the lesson of the recent battle of the Sea of Japan. After allowing for the demonstrated superiority of the Japanese in training and experience he concludes that the superiority of the battleship and of the gun for the main purposes of naval warfare has not been shaken. The inefficiency of the torpedo boat destroyers was shown when the already injured battleships were able to repel the combined attack of the whole Japanese flotilla. Captain Mahan does not think it probable that the submarine was employed in this battle.

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