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Events of Interest from the Seat of Government by the  
 News Special Correspondent, J. E. Jones

## WHO IS BEING ROBBED?

Washington, D. C. May 8.—The railroads have been putting out frequent statements concerning railway mail pay. These generally emanate from Chairman Peters of the Long Island Railroad. Mr. Peters' statements are intended to prove that the railroads are being underpaid, and consequently that the government is robbing them. To all sorts of claims of this kind, Postmaster General Burleson replies with counter statements, attempting to prove that the government is getting the worst of it at the hands of the railroads. The rate of railway mail pay has been in controversy for twenty-five years. The reason why some definite basis of pay has not been arrived at that would be fair to the railroads in attempting to manipulate politics. If Chairman Peters can get his people down to a point where they are willing to present a clean case to the people of the United States, it is entirely reasonable to suppose that the railroads will get justice. But while the policy of the railroads and the Postmaster General continues to rest upon the theory that this is a political rather than an economic question, no practical results are likely to be obtained.

## Hughes and the Presidency

Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes has issued a statement declaring that he has no desire to re-enter politics and as a member of the Supreme Court he is not available. In short, Mr. Hughes has put a damper upon the movement to run him for president on the Republican ticket. Mr. Hughes made an enviable record as governor of New York, and a small minority of people who are "looking for the best man" are Hughes enthusiasts. However, there is no warmth among the active Republicans in the suggestion of Hughes as a candidate. This is for the very simple reason that Hughes is generally regarded as something of an iceberg, and he provokes about as much enthusiasm as a missionary at a Sunday ball game. There are no real candidates for the Republican nomination for the presidency, but many people are asking what Roosevelt, LaFollette, Cummins, Borah, Burton and Whitman intend to do about it.

## Lincoln Talks on Tips

Robert T. Lincoln, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pullman Company, has declared his belief that the tipping of Pullman porters would continue even if the pay of \$27.51 a month should be increased. Mr. Lincoln admitted before the United States Commission on Industrial Relations that the wage system for porters was an inadequate one, and that it had given him considerable annoyance. This gentleman is the son of Abraham Lincoln.

## A Provoking Lot

The fighting Europeans are a provoking lot, and some people allege that the United States has no foreign policy since our attitude with the warring nations has been such as permitted us to dodge the trouble, and let the combatants fight it out among themselves.

## The Case of Huerta

While we are "watchfully waiting" to see what happens in Europe, former President Huerta, of Mexico, has apparently settled down in the United

States, and for some reason there has been a sort of spontaneous enthusiasm for the old Indian who caused us so much trouble in Mexico. Chauncey M. Depew has made known the fact that he is still among the living by declaring that Huerta is the "ablest Mexican alive." The endorsement of Chauncey seems to have been seconded by many other enthusiasts whose presence heretofore had not been discovered.

## Cleaning States

Washington officials are cleaning up their desks in order that they may have time to see Ringling's circus attend the fashionable horse show, or go on picnics, auto rides or trips to such nearby spots as Great Falls, Tennessee and golf art at their height, and there is a general tendency to "clean up" the work, since Washington is reminded by the advent of the straw hat and Summer raiment that the hot weather approaches.

## Waiting For Results

Every government official is supposed to take thirty days leave, and in another month the departments will all be running short-handed. The administrative forces of the government are at ease, and are waiting the results that are expected to follow the new legislation of the past two years. There has been a let-up on prosecutions and interference with trusts; and the principal matter of domestic discord is the row the Treasury Department has gotten into with one of the country's biggest banks.

## A Boom in Chautauqua

Newspaper devotees will miss a familiar item in the press that has been printed at regular intervals each Summer for six years. They will not read that "Speaker Champ Clark has lost eight thousand dollars because he had to cancel his Chautauqua engagements, since the Speaker declared that it was his duty to remain in Washington while Congress was in session." Some of the Senators get the same sort of mention, and the Representatives prove their greatness to their districts by letting it be known that the Chautauqua's were losing their best attractions because the members were so important to affairs at Washington. There are five hundred of these statesmen who are free from attendance at the sessions in Washington this year, and if most of them secure assignments they may cut down the market price, in which event our dear old "Bill" Bryan might become disgusted with the game, and spend the Summer at the State Department.

## Secretary Garrison's Army Plans

Secretary of War Garrison, according to reports, contemplates submitting to Congress at its next session a rather extensive plan for the national defense so far as the army is concerned. Congress likely will be asked to increase the efficiency of the mobile army and the coast defenses.

## Straw Schedule Smashed

Washington smashed all records in inaugurating the straw hat season this year. There is a sort of "unwritten law" that straw hats should not be worn in the capital before May 15th. In New York it is June 1. Other cities have similar arbitrary customs that men follow with the same equal regularity that wo-

men recognize when they trot out their Easter bonnets. April 26 is the new Washington date, and within twenty-four hours great stacks of straw hats were resurrected or purchased, and Summer, hot weather included, was in full swing.

## Stray Observations

Every State in the Union and nineteen foreign countries are represented among the students of the George Washington University. Less than half of the students are natives of the District.

Secretary of Labor Wilson is arranging details of a national conference to be held in San Francisco on August 2, at which questions of unemployment, the distribution of labor, and federal control over private employment offices doing an interstate business, will be discussed.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston has gone on a trip to the West to determine to what extent the timber, forage, grazing and water power resources of the national forests are being developed for the public welfare.

## THE ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL

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Prin. Howard Brooks of Almond High School was a welcome visitor last Tuesday. He accompanied his base ball team.

The following Arbor Day program was excellently rendered last Friday at 11:15 a. m.

Song The School Recitation Zola Goodrich Song The First Grade Current Topics Eloise Clark Solo Nellie Walsh Pony Song Miss Snyder's Room Recitation Denzel Baker Bobolink Song The First Grade Song The School

## Almond High School 4— Andover High School 11—

On Arbor Day, the High School Team went to Almond and crossed bats with the Almond Team. The game was a thriller. The writer was so excited during most of the game that he was not able to secure a complete and accurate box score. Things started off a little loosely. The Andover team was puzzled with the grass diamond at first and made a few seemingly foolish plays. But this soon wore off and perfectly good baseball was the rule throughout the last six innings. The feature of the day was the playing of first baseman, Mark Boyd. Hal Chase in his palmist days had nothing on this youth. It made no difference where the ball came or where it came from. Mark was on the job. Hann, behind the bat showed such stuff as did our old friend Baekus a few years ago. Emery pitched. He had the speed of a Johnson, and the curves of a Rusio. As soon as this corner develops the control of a Mathewson, the silk mill and the Cutlery will vie with each other in bidding for his services. Not only did he pitch well but he worked up a high batting average. Dawson also returned to old time form and knocked out some solid drives, one going for two bases. Lynch had a two bagger to his credit. Hardy, Dawson and Boyd developed a world of speed on the bases and worried the opposition considerably. The Almond boys appeared to be gentlemen in every respect. Andover was accorded most excellent treatment at all times. The umpiring was efficient and satisfactory.

## Belmont High School 5— Andover High School 9—

Last Saturday, the High School met the Belmont Team, and, after a struggle, overcame them. Captain Dawson looked over the material at hand for the line

up and was surprised to note that the only available pitcher was Emery who had so valiantly fought for his school at Almond the day before. This little incident did not seem to bother Emery at all and he took his place at the firing line with all the sun froids imaginable. A five run lead in the first inning helped some. In fact, the result was never in doubt after this first inning. Among the features of the game, we noticed the infield work of Hardy and Boyd and the base running of "Flash" Dawson and Hardy. The gameness of the two catchers is also worthy of mention. Hann, who caught an excellent game, really should have been out of the contest because of injuries and the Belmont catcher, a left handed man, was forced to catch right handed because of injuries to his left hand. Such exhibitions of nerve deserve all of the compliments they receive. The score follows:

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Dawson 2nd	4	3	1	0	2	1
Hardy 3rd	5	2	4	1	6	1
Emery p.	5	1	2	0	3	0
Bloss ss.	5	1	0	1	0	0
Lynch cf.	3	2	0	0	0	0
Rogers lf.	3	0	0	1	0	1
Boyd 1st	4	0	1	13	0	0
Robinson cf.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Hann c.	3	0	0	11	3	0
Totals	36	9	8	27	14	3

## Belmont—

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Barber ss.	5	1	2	1	4	0
Sanborn c.	4	0	0	10	0	0
M. Corbin 1st	3	2	0	9	0	1
Brundage p.	3	1	1	1	3	3
Chase lf.	5	0	1	2	1	0
R. Corbin 3rd	4	1	1	0	0	1
L Lyons 2nd	4	0	0	0	1	1
Osgood cf.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Cantor rf.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gorton rf.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	5	5	24	9	6

## Score by innings—

Belmont	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	—5
Andover	5	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	x—9	

## Summary

Two base hits Barber, Boyd. Struckout by Brundage 8, by Emery 13. Base on balls, off Brundage 3, off Emery 5. Hit by pitcher, by Brundage 1 (Hann); by Emery 1 (Sanborn). Double plays, (line to Corbin-Barber to Corbin-Umpires Trowbridge and Newton.

## Almond High School 5— Andover High School 10—

The Almond Team accompanied by a number of fair rooters autoed to our village last Tuesday. But any optimistic expectations were cruelly blighted. The game was not a particularly interesting one because the result was a foregone conclusion. Martin made his initial bow as a pitcher and handled himself like a veteran. In the three innings he pitched, but two hits were registered off his delivery. Emery then took up the burden and the game was over. Boyd again distinguished himself by his all around playing, base running and hitting.

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