

THE WEATHER.

Probably fair Saturday; Sunday unsettled; moderate northeast winds.

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WALL STREET IN CONFUSION

Stock Market Convulsed Over Reports About Affairs of Steel Trust—Demoralization and Swift Decline in Values.

PRESIDENT TAFT POOR POLITICIAN

He Acknowledged That to Republicans in Illinois Yesterday.

President Had Heart-to-Heart Talk With Both Factions—State Leaders Present and Pledged Support—Sad About Canada.

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 22.—President Taft had a heart-to-heart talk here today with the leaders of the different factions in Illinois; defined his status as to progressiveness, pleaded guilty to being a very poor politician, acknowledged again that his ambition had lain in the direction of the office of Chief Justice, rather than the Presidency; admitted that he undoubtedly had made many mistakes, but asserted that as President he had tried to do what he thought to be right. What the feature held for him he did not know; he would go ahead doing the best he could.

Mr. Taft declared he was not allied with the extremists of his party, either conservatives or progressives, but had tried to take a middle ground between the two.

"But we middle-of-the-road people believe we are the real progressives," said the President, "because you do not make progress in great strides—you make it step by step."

The President was in a serious mood. He declared that while it might not be so for a time, the people in the end would distinguish between "fact and instant" and would recognize the differences between substance in progress and platform declarations written for campaign purposes only.

The speech made by the President was the most significant and interesting of his trip thus far. He still was downcast by the defeat of the reciprocity agreement in Canada, but his only reference to that subject was made earlier in the day when he addressed the working men in a local manufacturing establishment where farming implements are made.

"I am sorry to hear that in Canada they do not care to have closer commercial relations with us," he said. "If reciprocity had been adopted, we could have gotten our agricultural implements into Canada at a substantial decrease. But I guess we can get along."

The President's political speech followed a luncheon given in his honor by the Republican State Central Committee, attended by State party leaders, including Senator Cullom and Lieutenant Governor Oglesby. Governor Deneen was unable to be present because of his broken leg.

The leaders vied with each other in pledging their support to the President and predicted that he would be re-nominated and re-elected.

Charles H. Williamson, of Quincy, a prominent member of the State Central Committee said he had taken a walk on a train a few days ago en route from Keokuk to Quincy, and that of 62 voters interviewed, 58 had declared for Taft, three for Colonel Roosevelt and one for Senator LaFollette. He added that he believed his poll accurately represented the views of Illinois Republicans.

Senator Cullom gave a more or less intimate talk of his association with and love for President Taft. He said that with the Chicago convention not six weeks away in 1908, Mr. Taft had told him that if Chief Justice Fuller could be induced to resign he would prefer that honor to all others. Mr. Taft then pleaded guilty to the indictment often laid against him that he knew nothing of politics and was a very poor politician.

"But," said the President, "as my dear friend, Senator Cullom, says, my ambition lay in an entirely different direction and was not gratified. I am not giving you to understand that I ran away from the nomination for the Presidency, but the fact is that it was not in the line which I had marked out, being nominated and getting into the fight I did the best I could, and, being elected, I took up the discharge of the Presidency with certain tendencies that I had gathered from judicial experience.

"Of course, I made a great many mistakes. I shall continue during this term to make them. That is hardly to be avoided. But there are certain things, certain rules, that it is rather easy to follow. One is that when you have made a promise it is your obligation to keep it."

In this connection, the President explained his veto of certain measures in Congress and declared that he was as much under an obligation to veto them as if he had said when he was on the platform running for the Presidency, that he would veto just those bills for the reason that the whole Republican party had taken the position that it was necessary to maintain the industries of this country by protection. He would have vetoed those bills under any conditions, even if it would have cost his life. "I say that with all the earnestness possible," he said, "because what I did was the result of a conviction as deep-seated as any principle I ever had."

"So far as the veto of the Arizona bill is concerned, I just vetoed that because I had gathered from judicial experience."

"The contract provides that the pooling arrangement be started this year and a campaign with this object in view will begin October 1st. It is further provided that a large manufactory be occupied in this city where 10 per cent. of the pooled tobacco will be handled every year, the remainder being sold in the open market."

Mr. Haggin is the largest producer of white burley tobacco in Kentucky and the Burley Society has been negotiating with him for several weeks in an effort to induce him to enter into a pool arrangement.

VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON.

In Sight Considerably Larger Than Last Year.

New Orleans, Sept. 22.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today shows the total visible to be 1,921,700 bales against 1,697,944 last week and 1,576,133 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 1,265,700 bales against 1,011,444 last week and 972,133 last year, and 1,766,328 year before last, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 656,000 bales against 686,000 last week and 604,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 919,000 against 854,000 last year; in Egypt 34,000 against 34,000 last year; in India 373,000 against 328,000 last year, and in the United States 596,000 against 355,000 last year.

COST OF LIVING BOUNDS UPWARD

Sharp Advances in Food-stuff Markets in United States.

UP GOES MEATS, FLOUR, ETC.

Market Fakers Blame It On Defeat of Reciprocity With Canada—All Prices Are Likely to Go Higher.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Foodstuffs, which might have been affected by an influx of Canadian products had Laurier and his government not been defeated in Canada yesterday, rose sharply in prices in all American supply centers today. Wheat led the advance and was followed late in the day by flour when millers ignored their previous price lists and adjusted their quotations to figures more commensurate with the advanced cost of the grain staple.

Oats too, felt the effect of the Canadian vote and as a result consumers may expect soon to pay increased prices for breakfast foods. The initial meal of the day, in fact, seems destined to bear the brunt of higher living costs within the next few months, as it needed only today's developments in the trading pits to add force to the recent advances in coffee and sugar. The consumer's toast and biscuit, wheat cakes and porridge, it is probable, will but add to the woes of the house-keeper.

The greatest advance in wheat during the day was recorded at Duluth. There traders were paying as high as eight cents a bushel more for the grain than they did before reciprocity was rejected.

Minneapolis, the greatest milling center of the country, showed a maximum net advance of six cents.

Increases of a less sensational character were recorded at Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha and Chicago. Immense stocks of grain in the elevators of this city acted as a check to a severe advance here and brokers on the board of trade bought wheat for about three cents more a bushel than they had paid yesterday. The Chicago market was the lowest of the important grain centers.

It is by means certain that today's advance in the prices of wheat and allied foodstuffs indicate that the maximum has been reached. One of the Chicago advanced the opinion that Spring wheat, the grade used most extensively for flour, is due to increase in cost 30 cents a bushel.

A further blow to consumers, at least a certain class, may result when unasters have studied the situation in the barley markets. In some quarters the prices advanced as much as eight cents. This if maintained probably will mean increased cost of material to brewers and the smaller sized beer-glasses may again become popular with saloonists.

There is a grain of comfort for the householder, however, in the meat situation. While packing house products rose in prices today, they did so only out of sympathy with grains.

Reciprocity, according to experts, had no direct effect upon meat products and its defeat is not likely to add to the cost of lard, bacon and ham.

Coffee and sugar. There was another advance in the coffee market today, the grade known as Rio No. 7, being quoted at 14 1/16 in the street, establishing a new high record. Considerable excitement also developed on the exchange where prices were 9 to 27 points higher for the day, representing practically half a cent advance on the week. Sales of futures today aggregated 143,750 bags, which is the heaviest single day's business in many months.

Raw sugar also continued its rise, although the refined market is still unchanged on the basis of 6.75 for granulated asked by the American, with other refiners asking from 7 to 7 1/2c or being out of the market entirely.

Flour prices were advanced 5 to 10 cents on the produce exchange today as a result of the big wheat up turn, Spring patents being quoted at 5.40 to 5.85 to the city trade.

CANDIDATE PUT IN JAIL.

Fired Revolver at Man in Dispute About Politics.

Washington, Sept. 22.—James E. Clements, candidate for commonwealth attorney of Alexandria county, Virginia, who was jailed today after he fired a revolver at Amos Donaldson, a bricklayer of Cheryadale, Va., following a discussion of politics in a local lunch room, was released on \$500 bond tonight. The shot went wild. Clements faces two charges, assault with a deadly weapon, and carrying concealed weapons. Both Clements and Donaldson claim that the other started the political argument. Matters became warm when Donaldson asserted that Mr. Clements' opponent, Crandall Mackey, would win the election in a walk.

Clements claims that he did not fire until Donaldson struck him and that he fired into the air merely to frighten his assailant. Clements resides in Alexandria county, but maintains a law and real estate office here.

BALTIMORE ELECTION FRAUDS

Four Precinct Judges and Two Clerks, Democrats and Republicans Arrested—Candidate Gorman May Be For Recount in City.

Baltimore, Sept. 22.—In connection with charges of widespread fraud at the recent primary election in this city four judges and two clerks who officiated at the election were arrested today. They are:

Judges, Jno. Wagner and Albert F. Cochran, Democrats; Charles A. Schuman and Reuben D. Smith, Republicans.

Clerks: Emil E. Steehline, Democrat, and John G. Smith, Republican. The arrests were ordered as the result of presentments furnished by the grand jury after that body had opened the ballot boxes of the eighth precinct of the 23rd Ward and found that in this political division of the city, where the returns showed that Thomas McNulty, so-called anti-organization candidate for sheriff on the Democratic ticket, did not receive a single vote there, were actually 50 votes cast for him. Likewise it was found that other candidates had been deprived of votes.

It was announced that the grand jury would probe every precinct in the city and that an official request for authenticity will be made next Monday.

State Senator Arthur Poe Gorman, Democratic nominee for Governor, who was victorious over Blair Lee in the State-wide primary election announced this afternoon that he would ask for a re-count of the ballots in the city.

CANED HANDSOME GIRL.

Sensational Affair on Streets in New York City.

New York, Sept. 22.—A man of powerful physique, who said he was Edgar R. Smith, a mining engineer of Des Moines, Ia., was arrested today on a charge of beating with his cane a handsome young woman who said she was his wife. The alleged beating was administered in the street, but the young woman, who was also locked up, refused to press a charge against him, and they left the court together.

Fifteen feet from the door, the man attacked a photographer aiming his camera at the pair. The camera was broken and the photographer was bruised and bleeding when his assailant fled. After a chase of a half block the six-footer was re-arrested and held in default of \$500 bail for examination in the court of special sessions. The young woman escaped.

The initials "G. H. B." found in the prisoner's hat band caused several persons to declare that the man's name was not Smith. It was said he came from a wealthy Virginia family.

SOUTHERN ENGINE WRECKED

Two Enginemen Dead, Several Injured Near Atlanta, Ga.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 22.—Two enginemen were killed and several passengers slightly injured when Southern Railway passenger train No. 11 struck a switch engine on the Peachtree Creek bridge, on the outskirts of Atlanta, tonight. The switch engine was knocked off the bridge to the Seaboard Air Line tracks, blocking traffic on both lines several hours.

The dead are: J. A. Farris, engineer, crushed under engine. N. M. Robinson, fireman, caught under engine and scalded.

Among the injured, most of whom received only bruises, was Mrs. W. H. Felton, of Cartersville, Ga., well known in literary circles throughout the South. The cause of the wreck is not definitely known, but it is stated that the engine was trying to cross the trestle ahead of the passenger train when the latter crashed into it toppling it off the bridge.

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OUTLINES.

Cotton has taken another tumble, owing to the belief that there is a record crop, the South itself bearing the market in its apparent haste to sell; the price yesterday was 9 1/16, a low less than last season. In the food centers of the United States yesterday there was a sharp advance in all products following the defeat of reciprocity in Canada.—A sensation was created on the streets in New York yesterday when a man supposed to belong to a prominent Virginia family caned a handsome young woman and afterwards attacked a photographer when he attempted to take their pictures as they left the police station.—Frank Miller, an aviator, was burned to death in mid-air when the gasoline tank of his machine exploded at Miami, Ohio.—A hurricane of great violence, accompanied by a deluge of rain, raged yesterday over the Vesuvian region of Italy, causing persons the loss of 50 lives, wrecking of houses, etc.—Canada was all ago yesterday in speculation over Thursday's election, the people wondering "how it was done."

New York market: Money on call steady 2 to 2 1/2 per cent, ruling rate 2 1/4, closing bid 2, offered at 2 1/4; flour was firm and higher with wheat; wheat spot strong, No. 2 red 100 1/2 elevator; export basis to arrive and 75 c. o. b. about; corn firm, No. 2 75 elevator, domestic basis to arrive and 75 c. o. b. about; oats strong, standard white 52; rosin and turpentine quiet; spot cotton closed quiet 15 points lower, middling uplands 11.00, middling Gulf 11.25.

HURRICANE SWEEP VOLCANIC REGION

Disaster Follows Recent Violent Eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

Naples, Sept. 22.—A hurricane of great violence, and accompanied by a deluge of rain, raged throughout today over the Vesuvian region causing a heavy loss of life and enormous damage to property. It is estimated tonight that 50 persons were killed.

Houses were razed by the wind, while others were inundated. Numerous boats in the bay of Naples are missing and are believed to have been sunk.

It is impossible as yet to estimate the total damage done by the storm, as telegraph and telephone wires are leveled and roads are blocked. Several towns are in darkness tonight owing to the electric lighting plants being compelled to shut down.

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HOW'S BUSINESS?

It Should Be Picking Up With the Approach of Fall. Have You Invited Your Share of It, Through This Medium? If Not, Why Not?

WHOLE NUMBER 18,721.

CANADIAN BLOW TO RECIPROCITY

Avalanche of Comment by Dominion Papers on Election.

Reputation Was Complete.

Casual Remarks by President Taft Had Effect in Defeating Laurier. Canadian Market Prices Advanced—Echoes.

Montreal, Sept. 22.—That popular post-election puzzle, "How did it happen?" has fascinated all Canada today. "Reciprocity is repudiated," states an evening paper in three-inch type, beneath which, in a cartoon headed "The Archangel Chains the Destroyer," a figure of "anti-reciprocity forces," with the drawn sword of loyalty, enchains prostrate "reciprocity" with a cain of votes. "Yesterday's victory was not a triumph of any political party," an editorial declares. "It was won by a patriotic coalition of Conservatives and Liberals determined that the dream of a great, imperishable Canada should not be dispelled."

Another paper displaying the severed heads of the eight defeated Laurier ministers, insists that the time had come for a change in government lest the controlling party become, even against its will, entrenched in graft.

Fear of annexation, disagreement with the government's naval and transportation policies and an anxiety lest the principle of national development be abandoned was other assigned causes for the change which gives the Borden Conservatives a majority of at least 48 in the new House of Commons.

The Borden regime will be inaugurated with even more completeness of power than is indicated by the mere statement of majority. Of the 132 Conservative seats but one is held by a Nationalist. The names of the victorious leader and the defeated one have not been heard since the popular tongue today than has that of President Taft. What, if any, effect it will have on his political career, or on that of his party, was much discussed. That his own oft-quoted words, to which were assigned meanings he had said were unintended, have been some of the most potent weapons against reciprocity, is generally conceded. The "parting of the ways," as synonyms with the "severance of British ties," wrought much destruction to the Laurier forces.

Canadian milling and industrial stocks generally were strong today with considerable price gains in several instances.

The tables showing the vote by provinces afforded interesting study for the politicians today. It was noted that the Conservative gains in the maritime provinces were seven to the government's three. In the grain growing and Western provinces the government increased its representation by but one, while the opposition secured four new seats. The two most populous provinces showed the most serious government defection. The opposition gained 23 to the government's two in Ontario, and 14 to four in Quebec. Deferred elections in four districts are expected to result in four Conservative gains, experience showing that under such conditions a majority of the electorate prefer their representatives seated on the side of the party in power.

The Borden party will soon take up the reins of government. That Sir Wilfrid Laurier will allow no technicalities to delay the opening of the 22d Parliament is certain. Today he went to Ottawa from Quebec where last night he received the story of his defeat.

It is expected that he will retire at the earliest moment consistent with the proper arrangements of the large affairs which have so long been under his control. That his striking figure and strong personality will be missed in public affairs is certain.

The Liberal organs describe the Premier's defeat as little short of a national calamity.

Toronto, Sept. 22.—Sir James Whitney, premier of Ontario, wired his congratulations to R. L. Borden, the premier-elect of Canada, today.

"Considering the possible results which hung upon the decision of yesterday," said Sir James, "in my opinion no such good work was ever done in British America before; and having regard to its effect on the future of the empire, I doubt if any one day's work in the old country in modern times, ever signified so much."

"There will be no more attempts by pretending friends of British institutions to encourage policies which would surely tend to the disintegration of the empire. I think another effort of yesterday's was our neighbors in the United States may possibly help and devote five minutes to consider the fact that there is another country besides their own on this continent, and one that must be reckoned with seriously."

"Serious consequences may ensue for President Taft, who took such pains to congratulate the editors of certain newspapers on the great work done by him in furthering the gospel of reciprocity."