

CHEER UP, SAYS HENRY G. FRICK

The Steel Man Can Reason for Business Unrest and a Falling Market.

CONDITIONS NEVER BETTER; CONGRESS MEANING NO HARM

And, in Meanwhile Court Decisions Will not Enter Here With Productiveness of the Soil.

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 8.—H. C. Frick arrived in Augusta recently. He has taken a cottage on the hill, where he will spend a few weeks.

"It is hard to understand why," said Mr. Frick, "with all the conditions favorable to unprecedented prosperity in this country, there has suddenly appeared a hesitation in activity, particularly upon the part of the railroads and manufacturing establishments, which are first to feel the demands for increased facilities to meet public requirements and the first to take alarm when the demand halts."

Timidity Not Justified. "If this cause is, as it is generally asserted, a fear of unfriendly legislation at Washington and the drastic enforcement of the anti-trust law against the business organizations of the country, I cannot believe that it is a sufficient reason to justify the timidity shown in many quarters."

"Congress will not legislate any form of property out of existence, and court decisions cannot destroy the productiveness of the soil or any legitimate enterprise. Even though it may be necessary to change the forms and methods of doing business, there will be just as much business as the necessities of the country require, and the people who own the property will do the business."

"Calamity-Howling Gambler." "Nothing is quite so bad as an excited imagination sees it, and if the people will cease to heed the calamity-howling gamblers and demagogues who make capital out of their fears, all will be well."

"This is the greatest and most productive land upon the globe, and nothing can kill its progress except the lack of courage of its own people. I am, as I have always been, an optimist about the United States, and the longer I live the stronger my faith becomes in its supremacy."

"We have never stood upon the threshold of better days than now, and it will be our own fault if we allow our activities to be paralyzed by groundless fears."

"In my opinion the present great depression in security values does not reflect the condition of business so much as the present hesitancy in business reflects the effect of wild conjectures upon what will happen at Washington, and exaggeration of its possible consequences."

BALLINGER WILL NOT DO IT AGAIN. A Note from Him Tells How He Meant no Harm in Sending a Bill Direct to the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger is again persona grata with the senate. A note from him explaining he had not intended to contravene the senate rules by sending up a bill for consideration as he did last week, and promising not "to do it again," was read to the senate today, and was received with satisfaction.

PROHIBITION MOVEMENT IN KENTUCKY CONSIDERED. Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 8.—When today's session of the Kentucky Anti-Saloon league began interest was great on account of the impending discussion over the propagation of the prohibition movement in Kentucky. Mr. Baker of the Anti-Saloon league has gone to Washington to attend a hearing on the temperance bill before a congressional committee.

A Collision in Kentucky. Louisville, Feb. 8.—It is reported that one passenger was killed and several injured in a collision between passenger and freight trains on the Southern railway near Waddy, Ky., today.

No Complications. Stockholm, Feb. 8.—King Gustave is progressing toward recovery, following last night's operation for appendicitis. No complications have arisen from surgery.

THE WEATHER. Forecast until 8 p. m. Wednesday for Asheville and vicinity. Threatening weather, with rain tonight and Wednesday; warmer tonight.

SIX MEN ARE KILLED IN RACE RIOTING

War Breaks Out Between Whites and Blacks at Camp Near Chattanooga—Negroes Were Two to One, but the Whites Had Riot Guns.

Chattanooga, Feb. 8.—Two negroes were killed in a race riot at Hale's Bar lock and dam, 20 miles below between white and black employes of the contractors had been growing for several days, and an assault upon one of the negro laborers by several white men brought matters to a climax. After an exchange shots between the negroes and five policemen, and a squad of special deputies, the trouble was quelled. None of the white men was killed or wounded. The negroes retreated up the river and the sheriff is trying to apprehend them.

After the negroes quit work yesterday whiskey circulated freely and they adopted an obstreperous attitude towards the whites. As the blacks outnumbered the whites two to one, the white employes and their families became alarmed and notified the authorities. A deputy sheriff took charge of the situation. Meantime the attitude of the negro laborers became more alarming and it was feared an attempt would be made to "shoot-up" the camp. Chief of Police McMahon of Chattanooga shortly after midnight was asked to send guns and ammunition to the scene. Chief McMahon secured an automobile and placed 20 riot guns and 10,000 rounds of ammunition in the conveyance, and rushed to the scene.

The negroes were firing in all directions from the shelter of their shacks when the officers reached the dam. The fire was returned and the party closed in upon the negroes' settlement, clearing the shacks. Thirty negroes, the chief trouble makers, retreated up the Tennessee river, taking with them in their flight a large number of rifles and revolvers.

Reports from the scene this afternoon state that quite prevail. Most of the men have resumed work. Six negroes were wounded; two may die.

Nurse of Col. Swope Tells Exciting Story

Kansas City, Feb. 8.—Sensation followed sensation today at the inquest at Independence, into the death of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, millionaire philanthropist.

That a few days before Colonel Swope died Dr. B. C. Hyde asked the millionaire's nurse to try to persuade Colonel Swope to name Hyde as one of his executors was the testimony given by Miss Pearl Keller.

Then she told of happenings the morning of Colonel Swope's death, of giving a capsule that apparently was a digestive tablet, of the confusion that followed within 20 minutes, of the symptoms of attack, diagnosis by Hyde as apoplexy, the treatment and finally death. All this was in a quiet, unassuming manner.

Edwin Clapp Made a Match Between Strang and Robertson, but It Was Called Off. Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 8.—There is a nice row on among the directors of the Atlanta Automobile association, which will not down. It began several weeks ago when Edwin Clapp, the general manager of the speedway, made a match between Strang and Robertson in their 300-horse power cars.

Asa Candler, Jr., president, declared this race off and Clapp resigned. Then Edward Durant, secretary of the association, was asked to resign. He did so and gave out the interview, in which he declared that he "had been 'canned'" by Asa Candler, Jr., the president, and his father, Asa Candler, Sr., who financed the track.

The board of directors then met and asked Durant to resign as a director, claiming that his interview had injured the association. Durant refused and is out in another interview in which he says that the last race meet was mismanaged and that the action of the board indicates "how likely we are to do foolish things when we become liked to the folly of a spoiled child." Anyway, Durant says, as one of the six largest stockholders, he will not resign from the board.

The directors will meet again this week to take further action.

MISTAH JACK JOHNSING NOT TO BE TRIED NOW

Case Goes Over, and May Interfere With Fight Plans for Fourth of July.

New York, Feb. 8.—Fear that criminal court proceedings may interfere with the appearance of Jack Johnson in the prize ring July 4 was intensified in some quarters today, when Justice Goff granted the district attorney's motion to strike the charge of assault against Jack Johnson from the present calendar.

The case went over to the next court. Substitute for Humphrey Bill. Washington, Feb. 8.—Determined to defeat the administration ship subsidy bill, the democrats have decided upon a substitute for the Humphrey measure.

Paulhan's Flights. New Orleans, Dec. 8.—Increasing interest in the aeroplane flights of Louis Paulhan was manifested today. Tomorrow Paulhan will attempt a flight to the Gulf, a distance of 100 miles.

Charge of Housebreaking Dismissed. Norfolk, Feb. 8.—The charges of housebreaking preferred against Prohemer Williams, Dan Damm and Phelps of Portsmouth were dismissed by Mayor Reed today.

STATEMENT ON MEAT BOYCOTT

Prof. Fisher Tells Yale Class a Partial Abstinence from Meat Might Prove a Good Thing.

CHEESE, NUTS, MILK, EGGS ALL GOOD SUBSTITUTES. One Should not, However, Break Off From Eating Meat Too Suddenly. Like, as It Might Mean an Upset Stomach.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 8.—Prof. Irving Fisher, who told his class in Yale the past week that the country was facing an industrial crisis and that the chief cause for the present rise in prices was the increase of gold, is out today with another statement on the meat boycott. He added: "One of the curious incidents of the situation is the meat boycott; especially as meat, though the most expensive and perhaps one of the least wholesome parts of our diet, has not risen as far as other prices. The temporary going without meat will, of course, effect no permanent drop in prices. But it will not be surprising if those who now find it so hard to give meat up should include—as have so many people already—that abstention from it leaves them better off without as much meat as Americans ordinarily use. In other words, an incidental consequence of the rise in prices may be a permanent reduction in the quantity of meat consumed."

Meat Consumption Decreasing. "The statistics of the department of agriculture do, in fact, show that there has been a falling off in the consumption of meat for years. In 1907, Wiley is quoted as saying this will result in making 'mollycoddles' of us, but no such danger seems likely. It is true a sudden or complete abstinence if often hurtful. But reduction in its use and a substitution of cheese, nuts, peas and beans, milk, and eggs, if they can be afforded, have been found greatly to improve health, as well as decrease the cost of living."

"We are not in just such a period of rising prices as was experienced after 1857. We have every reason to expect another crisis such as that of 1866. This will be the culmination of the present rise in prices. Paradoxically, the more clearly this is seen to-day the less likely it is to happen—or, at least, the less violent it will be when it comes. No fixed date can be assigned. But judging from the rapid rate at which the storm is brewing, the crisis may be expected sooner after 1907 than the crisis of 1866 after 1857. The most probable date is between 1912 and 1915."

May Prevent Disaster. "While it would not be surprising should the crisis occur in 1912, it is doubtless true that there is so much more widespread and intelligent understanding today of economic problems that business men will trim their sails for the expected weather, and thus mitigate any disaster. The most potent means of preventing the disaster will be in prompter adjustment of the rate of interest. If overinvested enterprises is to be prevented, the interest rate should be high during a period of rising prices. "History shows that in general interest is high in such a period, but tardy in reaching the height required. Usually it rises sharply at the end of a period of high prices when the mischief is already done. Then it precipitates a crisis. Oddly enough high interest is then complained of. In fact, the criticism should be that it didn't rise early enough to serve as a warning and prevent the crisis."

BRILLIANT CLIMAX IS REACHED TODAY. They Are Having a Big in Time New Orleans Today—Masqueraders Throng Streets.

New Orleans, Feb. 8.—With the coming of Mardi Gras today's carnival celebration in New Orleans reached a brilliant climax. Hundreds of masqueraders thronged the streets, and the parade of Rex drew thousands of spectators into the streets through which the parade passed. Tonight the pageant and ball of Comus will be given, bringing to a conclusion the Mardi Gras festivities.

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE ALDERMEN. Franchise Granted the Electric Co. to Build Car Tracks Over Streets Leading to High Bridge.

The board of aldermen in special adjourned session this morning granted the application of the Asheville Electric company for a franchise over a portion of Depot street and Roberts street, to and over the eastern approach to the proposed high bridge across the railway tracks and the French Broad river at a point near Park avenue and Roberts street. The franchise gives the Asheville Electric company permission to go over the streets referred to and as far across the French Broad river as the city limits extend. The proposed route of the Electric company to the new bridge approach will be from a point where the South French Broad avenue line enters Depot street, up Depot street a very short distance to Roberts street and then along Roberts street to location of the proposed high bridge. It is possible that the Electric company will have to do a little bitting at one place on Roberts street where the street crosses a small branch, but this work of grading will be done by the Electric company at its own expense.

The securing by the Asheville Electric company from the city of a franchise to pass over the city's streets to the approach of the new high bridge means that the company will occupy with the tracks a part of the bridge and that the ultimate result of this crossing will be the building of an electric line into West Asheville, possibly as far as the site of the old Sulphur Springs hotel, or the Asheville school.

Plans to Welcome Roosevelt, June 15. Washington, Feb. 8.—John A. Stewart, a prominent New York republican leader, today reached here to confer with President Taft relative to the home coming celebration planned in honor of Theodore Roosevelt on his arrival in New York Harbor, June 15, next.

CHAMORRA ELUDES FEDERAL TROOPS

Slips Out of Boaco, Where Three Columns of Government Forces Tried to Pen Him—Advices Indicate He Is Marching on Managua.

Managua, Feb. 8.—General Chamorro has eluded three columns of government troops sent to besiege him in Boaco and has taken to the woods. The government forces are re-occupying the town, Boaco was captured by the insurgents under Maxia last Friday.

News of Battle Expected. Washington, Feb. 8.—News of sharp fighting between Chamorro's insurgent troops and the government forces under Vasquez at Tiplana river, Nicaragua, is expected momentarily here. Advices indicate that Chamorro is preparing to cross Tiplana on his way to Granada and Managua, and that the Madrid forces intend to make a stand there.

Force Increased to 1500 Men. General Chamorro's force has increased to 1500 men. Apparently the tactics adopted by the insurgents provide for the avoidance of a battle unless they are at the gates of Managua or Granada. One rumor is that Chamorro is the objective point. The government reports that 75 prisoners have arrived at Granada. Further political arrests have been made among the conservatives of Granada.

Accuses the Methodists of Acting Dishonorably. Chicago, Feb. 8.—Archbishop Ireland today gave the Associated Press a statement bearing upon the refusal of the Vatican to grant an audience to former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks in Rome, because the latter delivered an address before the Methodist association there. Archbishop Ireland asserts that people in America may easily misapprehend the circumstances which directed the Vatican's course and that "most likely Mr. Fairbanks did not fully realize the meaning which the Romans would attribute to his address."

He declares American Methodists in Rome are "pernicious proselyters" that "the means employed by them are by no means honorable." "It was not a question of Mr. Fairbanks being a Methodist, but of appearing to give the fullest approval to the work of the Methodist association in Rome," he says.

STOCKHOLDERS OF BANK OF CANTON. A Recent Meeting Officers Are Elected and a Dividend Is Declared. K. of P. Lodge.

Canton, Feb. 8.—At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Canton, all of the directors were re-elected except A. W. Freeman, who resigned upon his removal to Waynesville. J. O. Platt was elected to succeed Mr. Freeman. The stockholders authorized a dividend of six per cent and the carrying of ten per cent to the surplus fund. The bank has been organized for about two years and has done a splendid business. It has \$15,000 capital stock. The officers of the bank are Allen Howell of Waynesville, president; Dr. J. H. Mease of Canton, vice president; G. N. Henson, cashier. The board of directors is composed of R. H. Mease, A. E. Brown, J. M. Curtis, C. J. Jeffries, J. W. Scott, J. O. Platt, C. J. Jeffries, J. W. Scott, J. O. Platt, Allen Howell, H. A. Osborne, J. H. Mease.

W. T. Sharp expects soon to have completed his new three story brick building on Main street. The first floor is a fine store room, the second for offices, while the third story is being constructed especially for the Knights of Pythias. Canton has a very enthusiastic lodge of Pythians ready for occupancy in a few weeks. The hotel will contain about 25 rooms and will be steam heated. The heating plant was ordered last week and will arrive within a short while. This will give Canton one of the nicest commercial hotels west of Asheville.

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THE BANK CASE GIVEN ATTENTION. District Attorney Holton Looking After the Bill of Exceptions in Brees-Dickerson Case.

United States District Attorney A. E. Holton of Winston-Salem was in the city in connection with matters pertaining to fixing the bill of exceptions in the Brees-Dickerson bank case. It was decided that the district attorney should submit to the attorney for Messrs. Brees and Dickerson within a few days, just what part of the evidence he wished to carry up to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the government, and when this is done, a further conference will be held between Mr. Holton and Judge Charles A. Moore in an effort to settle just what shall go up on appeal. In case that the attorneys fail to agree on this point, the whole matter will have to be referred to Judge Newman in Atlanta. The bill of exceptions will have to be settled this month, so as to be in apt time. The case will, it is expected, be argued at the May term of the Circuit Court of Appeals.

ARGUMENT BEGINS IN GREEN CASE

Three Speeches Made This Forenoon, While as Many Will Be Made This Afternoon.

Gazette-News Bureau. The Bou Air. Waynesville, Feb. 8.—The people of Haywood continue to manifest a lively interest in the Allen Green trial, now in progress in the Superior court. The testimony of witnesses having been concluded yesterday afternoon, argument of counsel was begun this morning. S. C. Welch, assistant prosecutor, led off with a strong speech this morning. All the way through he followed the evidence of Green, the defendant, and contended, in effect, that the defendant had in a large measure convicted himself.

Following the speech of Mr. Welch, J. W. Ferguson made a strong plea for the defense, as did also Capt. W. J. Hannah. When court convened this afternoon three more speeches were to be made, but it seems likely that argument will be concluded tonight, when the case will go to the jury.

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Gets Eighteen Months in Penitentiary. Washington, Feb. 8.—Julius M. Waterbury, convicted of obtaining money under false pretenses from high government officials, by representing himself as an Associated Press representative, is sentenced to 18 months in the Atlanta penitentiary.