

BLOW IS AIMED AT SUGAR TRUST

Confirmation of Report That Petition for Dissolution of American Sugar Company Has Been Prepared.

ACTION TO BE INDEPENDENT OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Confirmation of the report that a petition for dissolution of the American Sugar Refining company has been completed by government officials was received here today.

While the suit is said to be similar to the proceedings brought against the Standard Oil company and the American Tobacco company, both pending in the Supreme court, the petition is said to be more sweeping than either of these.

OLD UNCLE JEEMS DEFENDS TARIFF

Secretary of Agriculture Says the Tariff Is Not the Cause of the Higher Cost of Living.

Kenton, O., Sept. 17.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, in a speech here today in defense of republican policies, declared past experience justified apprehension as to what would be done if the democratic party got control of the government.

"We have good times now," he said, "the revision of the tariff has lost no man his job; no panic has followed. Further reduction of tariffs generally would hit the working people first.

ROUGH SEAS PREVENTED BATTLE PRACTICE WORK

ON BOARD U. S. S. KANSAS, by wireless via Portsmouth, Va., Sept. 17.—Rough sea this morning prevented the battleships of the fleet from work in annual battle practice.

Yesterday's gale which caused a day of idleness, will delay another day the departure for New York. The weather has made target practice almost impossible.

New York, Sept. 17.—Commodore Oliver of the Peruvian navy is here inspecting the American navy yards. His visit may result in placing orders here for the construction of gunboats for Peru.

THE WEATHER. For Asheville and vicinity: Fair weather tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature.

AIR MACHINES' PLACE IN WAR

Gen. Brun and Entire Army Greatly Pleased With Achievements in Air During French Maneuvers.

AEROPLANES, DIRIGIBLES SUPPLEMENT EACH OTHER

Combined They Are Destined, It Is Believed, to Modify or Even Revolutionize the Strategy of Armies.

GRAND VILLIERS, FRANCE, Sept. 17.—General Brun, the French minister of war, and the entire army are enthusiastic over the achievements of aeroplanes and dirigibles during the military maneuvers, which ended today.

The opinion is that air machines are destined not only to play an important part in future wars, but greatly to modify, if not revolutionize, army strategy. The consensus of opinion as to the relative merits of dirigibles and aeroplanes seems to be that each supplements the other.

During the maneuvers all dirigible balloons were theoretically destroyed, while most of the aeroplanes escaped.

Hubert Latham, the aviator, a private soldier in ranks during the maneuvers, is to be promoted to be an officer of the Legion of Honor.

BABY INCUBATOR SHOW ORDERED TO BE CLOSED

Following Deaths of Two Infants, at Kentucky State Fair—A Third Will Probably Die.

Louisville, Sept. 17.—A baby incubator show at the state fair has been ordered closed, following the death of two infants, a boy eight, a girl four weeks old, brought from the Charities hospital of Pittsburg.

A third infant, two weeks old, a girl, is in a serious condition, and it is believed, will die.

Later—The third baby died this afternoon. Later the county attorney ordered an investigation and the deputy coroner will hold a post mortem.

LARGE CROWDS SAIL FROM PORTS OF BRITAIN

Redmond, O'Connor, Devlin and the Sultan of Sulu Coming to the United States.

London, Sept. 17.—The Lusitania, the Baltic and the Laurentic sailed today from British ports for the United States with 5700 passengers.

NEW ORLEANS HAS DROPPED DOWN TO FIFTEENTH PLACE

WORLD'S BASEBALL SERIES. The Opening Day of Play, It Is Now Said, Will Not Be Before Sunday, October 16.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Garry Herrmann, president of the national commission, says a meeting to decide on the world's baseball series will not take place for two weeks, at least.



THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

COLONEL IS IN THE FIGHT TO A FINISH

Roosevelt Says That He Wanted to Stay Out of Politics but Was Drawn In.

New York, Sept. 17.—Theodore Roosevelt told the members of the New York Press club last night how it is that he can breakfast, dine and sup on work and then top off with more work.

Among the guests of the club was Sir William Purdie Treloar, a former lord mayor of London, and the colonel took advantage of his presence to refer to his famous Guild Hall speech delivered last spring in London.

After stating that on the cherished ornaments in his house is the box which contained the freedom of London, Colonel Roosevelt said: "I have always forborne to exercise my mind with the query as to whether or not I would have been given that freedom if I had made my Guild Hall speech before it instead of after."

Alluding to the impending state convention, Colonel Roosevelt said that when he returned home he had no intention whatever of taking any more part in public life.

EGYPTIAN NATIONALISTS ORGANIZERS MAKE PROTEST

Paris, Sept. 17.—The organizers of the Egyptian national congress protest against the action of the French government in refusing to permit a meeting of the congress here.

To Build War Vessels For the Chinese Empire

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17. —The Call this morning says that Charles M. Schwab, former president of the United States Steel corporation, will meet Prince Tsai Hsun, uncle of the emperor of China, here next week to close a deal for building a fleet of war vessels for China.

PLANS ENERGETIC FIGHT UPON GAMBLING DENS

District Attorney Whitman Will Endeavor to Stop the Evil in New York City.

New York, Sept. 17.—District Attorney Whitman today declared it his purpose to fight energetically gambling in this city. He announced the intention of organizing a "gambling bureau" to deal with the evil.

LUMBER FREIGHT RATES ADVANCE IS SCHEDULED

Principally on Yellow Pine, from All Points on Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific.

Washington, Sept. 17.—A general advance on lumber freight rates, by the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific Railway company, participated in by 280 other interstate carriers, is suspended today by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Washington, Sept. 17.—It is estimated that Egypt's cotton crop this year will exceed 700,000,000 pounds, according to Consul Birch at Alexandria, probably the largest crop Egypt ever had.

NORTH DAKOTA ACCIDENT IS RATHER A MYSTERY

Washington, Sept. 17.—In view of the naval court which investigated the recent oil explosion and fire on the North Dakota, to the effect that the installation was due to faulty design and installation, the navy department gives out a statement in which it says the installation of oil burners was after a design used a long time with success in other navies and the detailed plans approved by the navy department.

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BALLINGER MAY RESIGN SEPT. 26

Secretary of the Interior Will Put Matter of His Retirement up to Cabinet at Its First Meeting.

BALLINGER CONVINCED POSITION IS UNTENABLE

Disappointed Over Failure of Investigating Committee to Protect Him from Adverse Report of Minority.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Whether Richard A. Ballinger's resignation as secretary of the interior will follow upon the meeting of the cabinet September 26 to attend which he is now en route from Seattle; or whether he will retain his position indefinitely—at least until after the delivery to congress of the reports of the committee which investigated his stewardship of the public domain, depends now upon the attitude of his cabinet assistants.

Mr. Ballinger is coming to Washington, his friends here insist, wholly unconscious of any act on his part, either of commission or of omission for which he should be condemned, and has determined to force his chief and his official colleagues to be in effect his judges.

At the first meeting of the cabinet after the summer recess, Secretary of War Dickins, the democratic member, will not have returned from the Philippines, and therefore be saved from the embarrassment of participation in what is regarded as largely a problem of republican policy.

Rumors have been constant and decidedly definite here during the past few days to the effect that Mr. Ballinger's resignation would be one of the first developments of the cabinet meeting; but his friends, including his assistants in the interior department, have refused to believe that he would retire "under fire," and have pointed to his re-peated declaration to the contrary, and to the recent statement attributed to him that he would resign only at the specific request of the president.

Committee Will Sustain Him. Nobody here doubts that a majority—all but one of the republican members—of the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee will sustain Secretary Ballinger in their report to congress. The views of that majority to that effect are well known. But Secretary Ballinger and his partisans here were greatly disappointed that the absence of Senators Root and Flint from the Minneapolis meeting left the pro-Ballinger portion of the committee in the minority, and permitted the democrats and the insurgent republican member to put forth reports condemning him which, for many weeks, will stand before the country as the only findings of the investigating committee; whereas he had relied upon the majority for a vindication.

Position Untenable. It is this failure of the committee to take final action which, it is said, has determined Secretary Ballinger's course. It was said here yesterday by a close friend of the secretary that had the majority of the committee been ready to report at the Minneapolis meeting he would then have tendered his resignation to the president and urged its acceptance upon the ground that the dissensions to which he has been a party were detrimental to the public interest. When the committee failed at Minneapolis to take action as a whole, and when there was no quorum at the subsequent meeting in Chicago, it became apparent that no decision could be looked for practically for several months.

This situation is said to have convinced Mr. Ballinger that his position, in spite of the continued support of the president, has become untenable. Unable, as he sees it, to resign as either vindicated or condemned by the committee, he has decided, it is said, to demand of his superior and his cabinet associates either vindication or condemnation.

Superior Arrested While Entering His Monastery

Lisbon, Sept. 17.—According to today's papers, Mgr. Baldomero, superior of the Aldeia Bonts friars, was arrested as he was entering a Spanish monastery, which was recently closed by imperial decree. His occupants expelled and threatened with arrest if they returned to this country.