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IS NO CHEAPER TO CONSUMERS

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PRICES IN PHILADELPHIA ARE RAISED TO RETAILERS

Wholesalers Angry at Statements of Packers That Price of Meat Is Going Down, Saying That It Hurts Their Business.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Meat is credibly reported to be cheaper to everybody except the man who buys the commodity to eat. Prices of live stock took another tumble at the yards under the pressure of heavy receipts. There was a fractional reduction in the wholesale prices of dressed meats, but the man who had 25 or 50 cents to spend acquired about the usual quantity of food for his coin.

With stocks of beef, pork, lamb, mutton and other things laid in when the old high prices prevailed, the retailers could not see how they were able to mark off anything on quotations, and the restaurant and hotel bills of fare are likely to remain where they are for days to come.

To reporters the proprietors of meat markets quote figures that show a real descent from the schedule of a week or a month or six months ago. To customers the old figures are quoted in nearly every case except for some fresh pork products.

Raised to Retailers.

Philadelphia, Nov. 18.—Wholesale meat dealers declare that there has been no decrease in the price of beef, that there would not be any in the near future, and most of them to emphasize this declaration raised the price of beef 50 cents a hundred pounds to the retailers. This, however, did not cause a corresponding increase to the consumer.

Wholesalers were up in arms about the statements of the packers that the price of meat is going down, saying that it hurt their business. Retailers are angry because their customers have demanded a lower price for meat, while in fact the retailers have to pay more for it than they did several weeks ago.

The price of prime beef has been gradually going up for the last month. Pork, however, has gone down five cents a pound.

GAYNOR REORGANIZES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Changes Shift Entire Detective Force to New Footing—Scotland Yard System Adopted.

New York, Nov. 18.—The big shake up in the police department that has been predicted ever since Mayor Gaynor took office came yesterday. The changes made shift the entire detective force to a new footing. Beginning Saturday morning there will be no more branch detective bureaus in any of the boroughs except Brooklyn, which by geographical necessity has always been something of a law unto itself. Detectives will no longer report to captains of precincts or inspectors of districts, but to a lieutenant captain of detectives who will be directly responsible to the inspector at headquarters in charge of the entire bureau, who in turn is under the second deputy commissioner William Flynn. In short, the plain clothes man, the handy man of captains and inspectors, the ready errand runner for the "system," has come to the end of his rope and the city will hear no more of him.

Detectives will be on part of the precinct command and will work independently of the uniformed police. This is the policy of the English detective force which works under Scotland Yard, a centralized control, and it is also in line with the policy of the secret service in this country.

When a crime is reported the complaint will be turned over to the lieutenant captain in charge of detectives for the precinct, and also transmitted over the department wires to headquarters. Sixty men will be kept there for emergency assignments and special work. The clerical force, numbering 100 men, will take their turn on the street and all the precinct men will be kept at patrol work.

More than 600 detectives will be affected by the order. They will have nothing to do with gambling, disreputable houses and keeping the streets clean of soliciting, which will be looked after by a special squad.

Seven Heundred Go on Strike.

Ludlow, Mass., Nov. 18.—Seven hundred operatives in the big bagging mills of the Ludlow Manufacturing association struck today. Deputy sheriffs have been summoned to protect the property.

HENDERSONVILLE MAY BE SELECTED

Stands Good Chance to Be Next Meeting Place of Western N. Carolina Conference.

THE ASHEVILLE AND CHARLOTTE DISTRICT MEN ARE ALL PASSED

Mass Meeting to Be Held Tonight in Interest of Children's Home—Conference Notes.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Winston-Salem, Nov. 18.—The place for holding the next session of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference is always anticipated with interest from year to year. It is probable that the question involving selection of the place for next year's session will be called tomorrow. It is certain that two places, Hendersonville and Statesville, will be placed in nomination and the contest will likely be interesting. One fact in favor of the selection of Hendersonville is that the conference has never been held in that place, and the Methodists and those of other denominations also will extend a very cordial invitation for the conference to hold its twenty-second annual session in the beautiful little city in the mountains of western North Carolina.

An invitation from Hendersonville was extended last year, but was withdrawn in favor of Winston-Salem on account of the special desire of the conference to be brought in close touch with the children's home at this time.

The conference was held in Statesville in 1894, that having been the fifth annual session.

Conference interest centered today in reception of the clas intao full connection. Characters of preachers of the Asheville and Charlotte districts were passed and reports submitted. Several addresses were heard. This afternoon the conference attends a complimentary recital at Salem college and in the evening a mass meeting in interest of the children's home. Hendersonville delegates are working hard for the conference session next year.

Rev. J. W. Wheeler, who is attending this session of the conference, has spent 55 years in the ministry. He now resides in Charlotte, and his presence in a church service, conference or other meeting is always welcome, on account of the gentleness and strength of his Christian character.

The visit to the children's home yesterday afternoon interested a large percentage of the conference members and visitors.

A feature of the conference which proves especially enjoyable and helpful is the addresses which Bishop Hendrix delivers at the beginning of the session of each day.

Rev. W. L. Sherrill was re-elected secretary of the conference without opposition, and began his eighteenth session in that capacity.

There is already a good deal of guessing among the preachers as to who will be appointed presiding elder of the new district.

Rev. F. H. Wood has spent 51 years in the ministry and when he was speaking to the conference he said he knew he had lived a long time, but that he wanted to live longer. He said further that at the present time there is a great lack of spirituality in the church, and that his great desire is to see a spiritual awakening throughout the conference and the entire church. He said this revival must begin in the home and must be preceeded by a recognition of parental authority and government.

A movement is in progress to establish two secondary schools in the Mt. Airy district, and a paper was submitted urging that one of these schools be located in Jefferson. So great is the desire of that place to secure the school that $2000 has been subscribed to aid in equipping it, if it located there.

This afternoon the conference will enjoy a recital in Memorial hall, given under the direction of the music department of the Salem Female academy.

The "Kitchen Cabinet" has been in session ever since conference convened. It will adjourn when the appoint-

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MAN AND WOMAN ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF MURDER

Her Husband, a Watchman, Was Assassinated at Pikeville, Ky., While Asleep.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 18.—A Pikeville Ky., special says that R. F. Blankenship, a night watchman was assassinated today while in bed asleep. His widow, Mrs. Jane Blankenship, and H. Collins, her alleged friend, have been arrested, charged with the murder.

H. M. Hoyt's Condition Grave.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The condition of Henry M. Hoyt, counsellor for the state department, is very grave this afternoon. Hoyt has a perforating ulcer of the stomach, which resulted in peritonitis.

Alleged Car Dynamiter Arrested.

Columbus, O., Nov. 18.—Albert Strader, arrested at Princeton, W. Va., was brought here this morning, charged with dynamiting street cars during the strike last summer.

DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT MAY OCCUR IN A FEW DAYS

Whirlwind Being Loosed, and Only Question Is Who Will Ride It—Suffragettes, Under Mrs. Pankhurst, Attack Parliament and Many Arrests Follow—Parliamentary Lobbies Full of Rumors—Fight Is Between Constitutionalists and Anti-Constitutionalists.

York Herald Syndicate Cable.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Clearly the whirlwind is being loosed. The question now facing England is, Who will ride it and guide it? Upon the answer depends the national existence. All political parties here are bracing themselves for the conflict, which everything indicates will be a battle to the death. Each side is determined to crush the other completely and forever.

Nominally the fight is one between radicals and conservatives. In reality, as every one knows and as every one inwardly acknowledges, it is one between constitutionalists and anti-constitutionalists. There is no longer any question of "reforming" the house of lords. The radical elements are bent on sweeping it away altogether. Realizing this, the conservatives are straining every nerve to defend the second chamber, which, as the history of the world teaches, is an indispensable guarantee of any democracy's existence.

Whatever may be the defects of the house of lords it serves a useful purpose as a brake to the British parliamentary coach.

Among those directly interested are Hon. A. J. Balfour, William Lloyd-George, Winston Spencer Churchill, John Redmond and Keir Hardie.

Suffragettes at It Again.

The suffragettes, under the leadership of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, made an attack upon parliament soon after the session opened today. Twelve women and one man were arrsted when the disorder began.

The fight continued. The police were compelled to make wholesale arrests. Eighty-two suffragettes, all told, were taken in custody.

All Sorts of Rumors.

The parliamentary lobbies have been full of rumors of all kinds—that the king has refused to give the prime minister guarantees to increase the number of peers sufficient for the government's purposes in reforming the house of lords; that the ministry would resign; that another party conference would be held. Nothing definite, however, is known beyond the fact that all preparations are going on for a general election, and the best informed opinion believes that as the government declines to accept any amendment to the veto bill Lord Lansdowne will either decline to proceed with the bill or the house of lords will reject it on the second reading on Monday, and that the dissolution of parliament will be announced next week.

FIVE CHILDREN PERISH DURING VESSEL'S VOYAGE

On Arrival at New York, 53 Others, Ill, Are Taken from Carpathia's Steerage.

New York, Nov. 18.—Five children died on the steamer Carpathia during the steamer's voyage from Trieste. The Carpathia was held at quarantine for transfer from the steerage of 53 children, all ill with minor contagious diseases.

They were sent to Hofman island for treatment. The bodies of the children who died enroute were buried at sea.

BODY FOUND SEALED IN TRUNK: HAD BEEN THERE FOR YEARS

Even the Sex of the Victim Is Not Known, but Indications Are That the Victim Was a Woman.

New York, Nov. 18.—Pending inquest over a body found in a hermetically sealed trunk in the cellar of a 54th street apartment house, the authorities are mystified over the victim's identity.

The body has reposed in its hiding place about five years. Even the sex of the victim is not known. Indications are that the body was a woman.

$75,000 Worth of Locomotives Burned

Nashua, N. H., Nov. 18.—Seventy-five thousand dollars worth of locomotives were destroyed by fire in the Boston & Maine railroad roundhouse today. Fire was caused by the explosion of a tank of generating gas.

AMERICAN BLUEJACKETS IN A ROW AT CHERBOURG

Two Hundred Raise a Rough House, and Fight Gendarmes—One Drowned in Harbor.

Cherbourg, Nov. 18.—Two hundred alleged disorderly bluejackets from the American visiting fleet, when expelled from a cafe today, stoned the building and gendarmes who interferred.

H. D. Weidlich, a sailor from the Louisiana, fell into the harbor and was drowned. His body was recovered.

Misbehaved at Brest.

Brest, France, Nov. 18.—A group of bluejackets from the American fleet today lighted a wood fire on the water front. The flames threatened to communicate with nearby barrels of nitrate and alcohol. The police saw the danger and extinguished the fire.

AGED FATHER OF CRIPPEN DIES IN LOS ANGELES

He Was Peniless and Friendless—Death Hastened by Grief at His Son's Crime.

Los Angeles, Nov. 18.—Myron H. Crippen, aged 83, father of Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, under the death sentence in London for murdering his wife, died today friendless and penniless.

His death was due to the infirmities of age, hastened by grief over his son's crime.

MRS. MARY THAW'S APPEAL IS TO BE ARGUED IN JANUARY

Asks Court of Appeals to Order Transfer of Harry Thaw from Matewan to Some Other Hospital.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 18.—Mrs. Mary C. Thaw's appeal, for the transfer of her son, Harry K. Thaw, who killed Stamford White, from Matewan hospital for the criminal insane to some other hospital within the state, will be argued at the January term of the Court of Appeals.

The case was scheduled for the present week, but Mrs. Thaw's counsel, because unprepared, secured a postponement.

Justice Hughes Goes to New York.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes of the United States Supreme court left today for New York, where he will be the guest of honor at a dinner tomorrow night at the Lotus club.

A $100,000 RACE TRACK PLANNED AT CHARLESTON

To Take Place of the Florida Tracks; Racing Outlawed by That State After the First of January.

New Orleans, Nov. 18.—Race track men declare that with the advent of the administration of Governor Blease in South Carolina in January, preparations will be made for opening a big race meet in that state. A $100,000 race track at Charleston, ready for a spring meeting in 1911, is planned.

The Charleston track will take the place of tracks in Jacksonville and Tampa, where racing will be barred by statute after January 1.

30,000 ARE INVOLVED IN DISPUTE OF FACTIONS

The Electrical Workers' Trouble Comes up, and Settlement of It Straightway Is Insisted upon.

St. Louis, Nov. 18.—Thirty-nine thousand electrical workers are involved in the dispute between the factions of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, which matter came before the convention of the American Federation of Labor this morning.

Leaders of the factions assert that the trouble must be settled before the convention proceeds with other work. The matter threatens to cause much wrangling among the delegates.

Luncheon for Officers of Fleet.

London, Nov. 18.—The Pilgrims society today gave a luncheon in honor of the officers of the third division of the American Atlantic fleet, now at Gravesend. Vice-Admiral Lampton presided and delivered a speech. Rear-Admiral Murdock, commander of the visiting battleships, also spoke.

Announced Last Summer.

Charleston, Nov. 18.—Announcement of a scheme to build a $100,000 race track here was made during the summer. Plans have not reached a point where a definite statement can be made. Blease's election to the governorship had nothing to do with the program, it is said.

Schenck Grand Jury Begins Work.

Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 18.—The special grand jury called to consider evidence in the case of Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenck, charged with administering poison to her husband, John G. Schenck, began work this morning. Witnesses were former employes in the Schenck household.

RALPH JOHNSTONE HURLED TO DEATH

Machine's Wing Crumpled up Like Piece of Paper and Daring Aviator Dropped 500 Feet.

FOUGHT GAMELY FOR HIS LIFE IN EFFORT TO RIGHT MACHINE

Johnstone Was Attempting His Famous Spiral Glide When the Accident Occurred.

Denver, Nov. 18.—Despite yesterday's accident, when Ralph Johnstone plunged to death in his aeroplane from a height of 800 feet, the aviation meet will continue. Walter Brookins leaves today for Kansas City with Johnstone's body. Johnstone was a native of Kansas City and will be buried there.

With one wing tip of his machine crumpled like a piece of paper, Johnstone, the brilliant young aviator, holder of world's altitude record, dropped like a plummet into the inclosure at Overland park aviation field late yesterday afternoon and was instantly killed. When the spectators crowded about the inclosure reached him his body lay beneath the engine of the biplane, with the white planes that had failed him in his time of need wrapped about it like a shroud. Nearly every bone in his body was broken. He had gambled with death once too often, but he played the game to the end, fighting coolly to the last second to regain control of the broken machine. Fresh from his triumphs at Belmont park, where he had broken the world's record for altitude with a flight of 9714 feet, Johnstone attempted to give the thousands of spectators an extra thrill with his most daring feat, the spiral glide, which has made the Wright aviator famous. The spectators got their thrill, but it cost Johnstone his life. The fatal flight was the second Johnstone had made during the afternoon.

In the first flight, when he was in the air with Hoxsey and Brookins, he had gone through his usual program of dips and glides with the machine apparently under perfect control. Then Johnstone rose again and after a few circuits of the course to gain height he headed toward the foothills.

Still ascending he swept back in a beautiful circle, and as he reached the north end of the enclosure he started his spiral glide. He was then at an altitude of about 800 feet. The machine tilted at an angle of nearly 90 degrees and he swooped down in a narrow circle, the aeroplane seeming to turn almost in its own length. As he started the second circle the middle spur, which braces the left side of the lower plane, gave way and the wing tips of both upper and lower planes folded up as though they had been hinged. For a second Johnstone attempted to right the plane by working the other wing tip. Then the horrified spectators saw the plane swerve like a wounded bird and plunge straight toward the earth.

Johnstone was thrown from his seat as the nose of the plane swung downward.

He caught on one of the wire stays and grasped one of the wooden braces of the upper plane with both hands. Then working with hands and feet he fought by main strength to warp the plane so that their surfaces might catch the air and check his descent. For a second it seemed that he might succeed, for the football helmet he wore blew off and fell much more rapidly than the plane. The hope was momentary, however, for when about 300 feet from the ground the machine turned completely over and the spectators fled wildly as the broken plane, with the aviator still fighting grimly in its mesh of wires and stays, plunged among them with a crash.

Fought for Souvenirs.

Scarcely had Johnstone hit the ground before morbid men and women swarmed over the wreckage, fighting with each other for souvenirs. One of the wooden stays had gone almost through Johnstone's body. Before doctors or police could reach the scene, one man had torn this splinter from the body and ran away, carrying his trophy with the aviator's blood still dripping from its ends.

The crowd tore away the canvass from over the body and even fought for the gloves that had protected Johnstone's hands from the cold.

The machine fell on the opposite side of the field from the grand stand stand and there were but few persons near the spot, but physicians and police were rushed across as soon as possible. Physicians declare death must have been instantaneous, as Johnstone's back, neck and both legs were broken, the bones of his thigh being forced through the flesh and the leather garments he wore.

Arch Hoxsey who, in a previous flight in the afternoon had reached an altitude of 2500 feet, had risen just before Johnstone began his fatal glide and was in the air when the accident took place. As he swung down the other end of the course he saw that Johnstone had fallen and guided his machine directly over the body of his friend. He descended to the ground and rushed to the wreckage, where he and Walter Brookins helped lift the mangled form to an automobile which brought it to the city.

Tolstoi Continues Weak.

Astapova, Russia, Nov. 18.—Count Leo Tolstoi continues weak. He passed a sleepless night, frequently losing consciousness. Drugs are being injected.

MAY BE DONE BY DEMOCRATS

Reapportionment Will Probably Be Attempted by Present House, but Minority Are Likely to Block the Game.

THEN SIZE OF CONGRESS WOULD BE IN THEIR HANDS

Democrats Have Gained Nine Seats in Senate, Cutting Republican Majority to 9—Standpatters Lose Control.

New Yrok Herald Syndicate,
No. 1502 H. Street, N. W.,
Washington, N. C., Nov. 18.

IF THINGS keep on happening as they have in the last few months in this country the expression "democratic good luck" is likely to become a byword in politics. This will be passing strange, too, because it has been the popular thing for the last 20 years for everybody to regard the democratic party as the unluckiest organization in existence.

Not only has the cost of living begun to go down only a few days after a big democratic victory all over the country, but the democrats and republicans in Washington are now realizing the importance of the fact that the size of the membership of the house of representatives under the new census will be determined in all probability by a democratic congress and the reapportionment of congressional districts in several of the most important states accomplished by democratic legislatures.

The constitution provided for the first reappointment, giving one representative for every 30,000 inhabitants. Since then the membership and ratio have been:

Year.	Members.	Ratio.
1789	141	33,000
1810	181	35,000
1820	213	40,000
1830	240	47,700
1840	223	70,680
1850	233	93,423
1860	243	127,381
1870	293	131,425
1880	325	151,911
1890	356	173,901
1900	391	193,167

The republicans are ready to pass the new reapportionment act at the short session beginning next month, but it is likely that the democrats will block it until they are in control. If it is decided to retain the present membership and ratio will have to be increased to such an extent that several states are certain to lose representatives.

But it is the state legislatures that will do the redistricting, and the opportunity for favoring the democratic party in the important states of New York, New Jersey, Indiana and Ohio will be very great indeed. Besides, the democrats are certain to gain members in the south on account of population growth.

With the official count of ballots in Montana giving the legislature to the democrats, who will name a successor to Senator Carter, the democrats have now gained nine seats in the United States senate. That cuts the present republican majority down to nine. As the minimum strength of the "insurgents" has usually been ten this clinches control by democrats and "insurgents."

THEODORE ROOSEVELT RETURNS TO WASHINGTON

There for First Time Since Inauguration Day—Will Talk Tonight About African Trip.

New York, Nov. 18.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt left at 11 o'clock this morning to make his first visit to Washington since his official departure last inauguration day. Reaching Washington, he will be the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth.

Late this afternoon he will be the guest of the National Press club, and this evening he will deliver a lecture before the National Geographic society, on his African trip.

FIVE HUNDRED OF THE W. C. T. U.

They Journey to Washington from the Convention at Baltimore to Pay Tribute to the Memory of Their Leader.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Around the statue of Frances E. Williard, which Illinois placed in the Nation's Hall of Fame at the capitol, 500 members of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, now in convention in Baltimore, gathered today to pay tribute to the noted leader's memory.

THE WEATHER.

For Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy weather tonight and Saturday. For North Carolina: Unsettled weather; rain in southeast portion tonight or Saturday.