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PRICES ARE STILL SOARING

Prices Higher Than a Year Ago, While Advance Is Shown For Ten Years

SOME UP 50 PER CENT

Marked Upward Trend of Cost of Living Disclosed in U. S. Federal Bureau of Labor's Report...

Washington, Sept. 23.—The most marked upward trend of the cost of living is disclosed in the federal bureau of labor's report...

On June 15, 1912, the report shows, fourteen of the fifteen articles of food were higher than a year before...

During the last decade prices of potatoes changed most and sugar the least. Their advance were 111.9 and 8.5 per cent, respectively...

Specimens of the statements of merchants in various cities, published in the report, follow: New York.—"Meats in general are so high that if prices continue much longer will be obliged to close up business..."

Baltimore.—"If the present high prices prevail much longer in the wholesale market, follow: not know what will become of the retail dealers..."

Boston.—"Cheap airloins are so high and poor that I am not cutting any at present. Both grades of cattle have gone up and the above prices just about let me out without profit..."

New Haven.—"Beginning this week we will advance two cents a pound on all meats, as we are paying the highest price for beef and lambs in my time..."

Philadelphia.—"No money in meats at the above prices..."

PEOPLE THROWN OUT OF BED BY EXPLOSION

New York, Sept. 23.—Most of the fifteen hundred tenants of a huge five-story tenement on Elizabeth street known as "the Barracks," were thrown out of bed this morning before daybreak when a powerful bomb exploded in the doorway of an Italian store on the ground floor...

Roanoke, Va., Set. 23.—The Virginia league today awarded Roanoke the honor. Officers will be elected at the meeting in Portsmouth in November.

VANN ADMITS KILLING BOY

He Says That He Shot Oliver Layden In Self-Defense

HIS STORY A SURPRISE

Ben Vann Went on the Stand in His Own Defense Today and Told a Dramatic Story of the Killing of Young Oliver Layden...

Elizabeth City, Sept. 23.—Ben Vann went on the stand in his own behalf this morning and swore that he killed Oliver Layden in self-defense on the morning of July 11. The defendant told a dramatic story which came as a complete surprise in the case...

Vann stated that he came to Elizabeth City with Layden, the two had words over money which Vann admitted he owed Layden. The lie was passed between the two. They started back to Belvidere, and when they reached the forty-nine mile post on the railroad they again had words...

Vann was on the stand almost an entire day and suffered a grueling cross-examination. He proved an antagonistic witness on cross-examination and the prosecutor succeeded in confusing him on various details of his story...

PRIMARY ELECTION IN NEW JERSEY TUESDAY

Chief Interest Centers About Contest For United States Senatorship. Trenton, N. J., Sept. 23.—Chief interest in the primary elections which will be held in New Jersey on Tuesday centers in the contest between former United States Senator James Smith, Jr., and Congressman William Hughes for endorsement by the democratic voters for United States senator to succeed Frank O. Briggs...

Mr. Smith's candidacy in the democratic primaries is being opposed by Gov. Woodrow Wilson, the democratic presidential candidate, who made addresses in Hudson county Saturday night in support of Congressman Hughes.

The progressives cannot participate in the primaries, not having polled as a party 5 per cent of the total vote of the state in the preceding election and will have to make their nominations by petitions which need not be filed until October 10.

RELIEF FOR GRANADA

Force of Marines Gets Through—Incident of Thursday Not Serious. Washington, Sept. 23.—Admiral Southern telegraphed the navy department today announcing the arrival of Major Butler and a force of marines at Granada, Nicaragua, with red cross supplies for the children and pupils of the French college who have been isolated nearly fifty days.

Retails of the progress of the relief expedition make it appear that the rebels generally displayed a fair disposition toward the American naval forces and that the incident at Masaya Thursday where three marines were slightly wounded was the work of a drunken rebel and not inspired by rebel leaders.

Weather Bureau Bulletin

Washington, Sept. 23.—The general distribution of atmospheric pressure over the North American continent and the adjacent oceans is such as to indicate cool weather the coming week in all parts of the country, except the Pacific states. Frosts are probable in the plains states, the upper Mississippi valley and thence eastward along the northern border. There will be rains Monday and probably Tuesday in the eastern and southeastern states followed by generally fair weather in these districts until near the close of the week.



PROTECTED

TREASURY OF CUBA EMPTY

Government Faces Serious Situation—Gomez at Wits End to Meet Expenses

Havana, Sept. 23.—It is felt generally here that Cuba is approaching a crisis in its history as a republic. Two serious questions occupy the public mind: Can Cuba survive the present state of her finances? Can she hold an honest and orderly election for the presidency with a loyal submission of the defeated party to the will of the majority?

The treasury is empty; that the last dollar of the \$16,500,000 Speyer loan has been spent while the work of swerving and paying Havana, the principal purpose for which the plan was authorized by the United States, is not only not half finished but in danger of interruption if not of abandonment; that the government is at its wits ends to find money to meet its vast expenditures while receipts from customs and the lottery have reached their lowest point—all this is asserted by the enemies of the government and most of it frankly admitted by all. Everywhere it is asked, how long can this state of affairs continue?

Last month the government defaulted for the first time on the account due to the sewerage and paving contractors for work done in July amounting to about \$420,000. The government declared that it had no more money. The contractors appealed to the American legation and sufficient pressure was brought to bear to convince the government that payment was imperative.

The present aspect of the political situation appears to justify reasonable expectations that General Mario Menocal can carry the election, especially as he has just formed an alliance with the wing of the liberal party under the leadership of General Ernesto Asbert, governor of Havana province.

Both conservatives and liberals are making strong bids for the negro vote, the former endeavoring to excite the animosity of the negroes against the liberals on account of the fatalists to men of their race during the last insurrection in Oriente and the latter endeavoring to placate them by promise of unconditional pardons to thousands of the negro prisoners now confined in jails.

The association of veterans under the leadership of Gen. Emilio Nunez, which has hitherto stood fast for non-partisan purification of the government and the "Cubanization" of the civil service, now seems to be in a way of being badly split along party lines, but whether to the advantage of one side or the other does not yet appear.

TAFT WELCOMES THREE THOUSAND DELEGATES

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—Welcomed by President Taft, three thousand delegates from all parts of the world attended the opening session of the twelfth international congress of hygiene and demography. United to free the human race from disease, these warriors for a new and wider form of freedom gathered for a week's convention. President Taft's greeting was given brief responses by the head of the delegation from each of the thirty-three countries represented. After the morning session the congress began a long series of lectures and discussions in various sections.

A garden party at the white house this afternoon was the first of a series of entertainments given for delegates.

It is easier to borrow trouble than it is to pay debts.

ARE PLEASED WITH VISIT

Educators Return From Trip of Inspection to Farm Life School

GOT MANY GOOD POINTS

School in Baltimore County Has Been in Operation Three Years, and Is Model—Government Experts Interested in Work in North Carolina, and Chaven County Trustees Will Receive Able Assistance—Everything Ready for Building.

The executive committee of the board of trustees of the Craven county farm life school, consisting of Mr. A. D. Ward, Mr. D. P. Whitford and County Superintendent S. M. Brison, accompanied by President D. H. Hill of the A. and M. college, State Superintendent J. Y. Jjoyner and Mr. F. K. Thompson, school architect, have returned from a visit to Washington, D. C., Sparks, Mr., and Hampton, Va. The purpose of the visit was to get information and suggestions from conferences and observation of similar work to aid in properly planning the buildings and plant and the work of the Craven county farm life school.

In Washington the party held a most profitable conference with experts in rural education and agricultural extension work from the United States department of agriculture, the office of the United States commissioner of education, including Commissioner Claxton himself, and the southern education board. This was a most valuable conference, resulting in many useful suggestions and much encouragement. The school will have the hearty co-operation and active assistance of these agencies.

At Sparks, Md., the party had the opportunity to observe the work and equipment of the Agricultural high school of Baltimore county, which has been in operation for three years, and is regarded as one of the most successful county agricultural schools in the country. The wonderful work that it is doing in training the country boys and girls of Baltimore county for more profitable farming and the making of more comfortable, healthful and beautiful homes on the farms as observed in the work of the school, and the simple story of the extension of the work of the school for adult farmers and their wives and daughters as told by the principal of the school, Mr. B. H. Crocker, and County Superintendent A. S. Cook, filled the party with enthusiasm for the farm life school of Craven county, and with confidence in its success and benefits. The party made a brief visit to Hampton institute Saturday morning, where they were most cordially received and every courtesy extended to them. Here they made a special investigation of the work and equipment in the department of agriculture and household economics, including also the work of the trade schools in carentry, blacksmithing, brick laying, house painting, etc., especially as they were related to training for farm life. The members of the party were most favorably impressed with the practical, sane and efficient agricultural and industrial training of this school, and with the wisdom and sanity of its management.

SCHOOL CHILDREN STRIKE

Fifteen Hundred Boys in Riot Over Transfer of Principals. New York, Sept. 23.—The police reserves were called today to quell a riot of fifteen hundred public school boys who took this means of protesting against the transfer of their principals. The pupils of two schools participated, and for a short time smashed windows, routed the janitors with a shower of missiles and terrorized the neighborhood. The youngsters paraded the streets and prevented the children who did not join them from entering the schools.

BOTH SIDES ACTIVE IN COPPER TERRITORY

Bingham, Sept. 23.—Although yesterday was marked by outward calm in the copper mine strike territory, there was activity on the part of both the operators and men today. The miners are negotiating again today for a peaceful settlement, but so far there is no indication of the owners even considering a compromise. While Utah Copper Company remains silent as to its plans preparation is being made to lead union officers to the belief that matters may develop before the day is over. One of the chief concerns of the company officials is being able to assure their skilled laborers, who are not on strike, that they shall have complete protection when the resumption of operations is attempted.

PANAMA CANAL ACT ADMITTING SHIPBUILDING MATERIALS FREE OF DUTY

Washington, Sept. 23.—The treasury department, according to present indications, will hold that the provision in the Panama canal act admitting all shipbuilding materials into the country free of duty is applicable only to vessels of five tons or more. Seldom has congress enacted a law, treasury officials declare, containing so many important customs problems.

SHOULD GIVE HIM A CHANGE

No Man Should Be Held Respectable Who Does Not Educate Child

DANGER FROM MOBS

Judge Ferguson, in Charging Wake Grand Jury, Points Out Some of the Evils and Remedies for Evils Begetting Country—Denounces Gambling and Immoral Houses—Term to Continue Two Weeks.—The Grand Jury.

"The moral sentiment should be so overwhelming in any community," said Judge G. S. Ferguson in charging the grand jury today, "that a parent should be compelled to give his children an opportunity to acquire a reasonably fair education, and no man ought to be respectable in any community who does not give his children this opportunity." Judge Ferguson was telling the grand jury of the duty of citizenship, the responsibilities and honor of serving the state as grand jurors, and was pointing out some of the needs of society.

"We have become effeminate in our moral perceptions, and stand stand helpless before a mob," he declared, in discussing the mob spirit, which he said is attacking the very foundations of the government. "The military in a day of peace is called out to suppress riots while the sheriff stands helpless. This thing can't continue and our government stand. There are those who publicly criticize, who sow seeds of discord and dissension, and we see it more than year than in ordinary years. We see it in the Latin-American states. In Mexico one ruler had scarcely been driven out before another revolution was under way."

"If we turned our eyes to our own country we would find scarcely a day that the military is not called out. If we submit to this disrespect of authority it will not be many years before this resistance will take up the form of armed resistance."

Judge Ferguson appealed to the good citizen in an exercise of his alienable rights to see that they are not encroached upon by the lawless. When he said that the people stand helpless before a mob he meant that Americans have become so accustomed to disorders of one kind or other that they will not assist the sheriff, as is their duty, in suppressing the lawless, but that we look to the military to do the work. He thought this ought not to be, that American people should see that laws are not violated and that the necessity for ordering out armed forces should not be necessary. In the course of his charge Judge Ferguson scored all forms of vice, especially gambling and immoral houses. "It is true we have policemen in every city who in their anxiety to enforce the law arrest a few negroes, but the high rollers go scot free."

The term of criminal court which convened today will continue for two weeks. Solicitor Norris sent a lot of bills to the grand jury and the court began trying cases from last term.

MAY TRY TO HAVE TROOPS REMOVED

Charleston, Sept. 23.—Reports from the martial law districts this morning indicated that the striking miners and militia spent a quiet night, but more than the usual stir was created here by a report that the acts of Governor Glascock's military commission were to be tested before Judge Teller in the United States district court. It was stated suit would be filed later today by attorneys for a detective agency whose men employed as mine guards, have been sent to prison by the commission. The petition, it is understood, will question the governor's right to declare martial law when a state of war doesn't exist and ask that all acts of the commission be declared void. If the suit is successful the agency attorneys assert, the imprisoned mine guards will be released and the governor compelled to withdraw the twelve hundred troops patrolling the strike districts.

CONTAINS MANY PROBLEMS

The opening of the Craven county farm life school has been delayed for he decision of the Supreme court upon the constitutionality of the farm life school act passed by the general assembly of 1911. The court recently decided the act to be constitutional, the bonds have been sold and the trustees will proceed without further delay to prepare the buildings and get ready for the opening of the school as early as possible. The members of the party returned from their visit of inspection and investigation with renewed confidence in the value and necessity of this sort of education, with increased enthusiasm, with many valuable suggestions and much profitable information about the planning of their school and its work, and with a stronger determination to make their school an object lesson and an inspiration for the entire state.