

INAUGURATION OF NEW SYSTEM OF WATERWAYS

The Bill Business Like

The Rivers and Harbor Bill Will Make Generous Provisions for Projects Now on Books of Engineer Corps.

PROVISION ANNUALLY

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—I believe the river and harbor bill to be reported early in February will be the most comprehensive, business-like and satisfactory bill ever passed by the Rivers and Harbors committee.

Early in the sessions of the committee, particularly since the committee has been in executive session, it became apparent that the members were very generally in favor of making the river and harbor bill an annual one instead of biennial or triennial ones as has been the practice for a number of years past.

The bill will carry a provision for maintenance of rivers and harbors, for only one year instead of two to three years as formerly, and it will make a radical departure in fixing a time for the completion of projects which have the endorsement of the Engineer Corps.

To illustrate, it is estimated by the Corps of Engineers that it will require about \$20,000,000 to improve the upper Mississippi from St. Louis to St. Paul. They believe that about one and one-half millions can be used annually on this river, which would complete the project in twelve years.

It is thought that the improvement of the Mississippi from Cairo to the Gulf will be treated in a similar manner. That a time will be fixed for its completion, say twenty years, and that an appropriation of sufficient amount, probably four millions, as is recommended by the engineers, will be made which will make the completion of the project possible within the time limit.

An annual river and harbor bill has been demanded by the National Rivers and Harbors Congress since its organization in 1901. In season and out it has fought for a yearly budget dealing with waterway improvements as the only sure method of bringing about the completion of projects within a reasonable time and the adoption of the annual feature by the committee in the bill shortly to be reported is a tribute to the campaign of education which the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, and kindred associations, has carried on so earnestly.

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LAST ATTRACTION FRIDAY NIGHT

The Italian Boys Here Tomorrow Evening.

Every indication now points to a large audience for the famous Italian Boys who will appear here tomorrow night under the auspices of the Radcliffe Entertainment Bureau, presenting a musical and literary concert of the highest class. The sale of tickets has been unusually good.

Chief interest centers this year, however, in the presentation by the company for the first time of a musical and literary fantasy entitled "A Night in Venice." The name suggests beautiful costumes and delightful vocal and instrumental selections. With these will be blended the story of an American's life in the city of art and music.

Seats are now on sale at Brown's drug store. Remember tomorrow night at the school auditorium the Italian Boys appear.

VIOLENT DECLINE OF STOCKS.

Several Reasons Advanced as Cause. Sensation of the Market.

New York, Jan. 26.—Stocks broke from 3 to 7 points this afternoon in several of the most active issues, with a violence not often exceeded on the exchange, except in periods of absolute demoralization. Early sales were in enormous volume and flooded the market from every quarter.

This rush of liquidation was generally conceded to be speculative and Wall street, in explanation, professed acute anxiety over the characterization of the attitude of President Taft and his administration toward corporations in general, both good and bad.

There was a momentary lull and a following rally after the issuance of a statement of the White House, expostulating against the "sensational intentions attributed to the government, but at the last the weakness of the market again became acute and closing prices were near the lowest.

Prices of wheat, corn, cotton, oats and pork declined at the same time with stocks and one might have imagined that the community was being given practical object lessons in the cost of living. Total sales for the day reached the unusual figure of 1,617,881 shares against 533,786 a year ago.

OSCUATION.

Bus: To kiss. Re-bus: To kiss again. Omni-bus: To kiss all the girls in the room. Pluribus unum: 1900 kisses in a line.

over the annual features of the bill and its formal declaration that important projects should be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible consistent with good business methods. The committee undoubtedly feels and appreciates the work that has been done in educating the people to the necessity of inland waterway improvements.

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NUMBER OF FARM ANIMALS IN COUNTRY Bears on Present Prices

The Crop Reporting Board Publishes Estimates From Correspondents Number and Value of Animals on Farm.

COMPARISONS SUBMITTED

Washington, Jan. 27.—According to a bulletin issued yesterday afternoon from the crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture, and which has a bearing on the present high prices of meat, it is estimated, from reports of correspondents and agents of the bureau, that the numbers and values of farm animals on farms and ranges in the United States on January 1, 1910, was as follows:

Number of milch cows in 1909, 11,804,000; total value, \$780,308,000; average price per head, \$65.79; average prices per head one year ago, \$32.36.

Other cattle—Number, 47,279,000; value, \$617,453,000; average price per head, \$19.41; one year ago, \$17.49.

Sheep—Number, 57,214,000; value \$232,664,000; average price per head, \$4.08; one year ago, \$3.43.

Swine—Number, 47,782,000; value \$436,603,000; average price per head, \$9.14; one year ago, \$6.65.

Compared with January 1, 1909, the following changes are indicated: Milch cows, increase, 81,000; other cattle, decrease, 2,100,000; sheep, increase, 1,132,000; swine, decrease, 6,365,000.

In average value per head, milch cows, increased \$2.43; other cattle, increase, \$1.92; sheep, increase, \$1.65; swine, increase, \$2.57.

In total value—milch cows, increase, \$77,363,000; other cattle, increase, \$53,699,000; sheep, increase, \$41,032,000; swine, increase, \$81,899,000.

Total value (excluding horses and mules) of all animals enumerated \$5,525,486,000 as compared with \$5,525,259,000 on January 1, 1909, an increase of 13.6.

TWO WHITE MEN HURLED TO DEATH

Dynamite Kills Two Blasters Instantly.

Reidsville, Jan. 26.—While engaged in digging a well today 6 miles south of Reidsville, Henry Allen, about 35 years of age, and Turner Shreve, about 23, were blown up by an explosion of dynamite. Both are white and well connected. A charge of dynamite had been put in and after waiting some time for an explosion the young men went into the well, thinking the fuse had gone out. Both were killed instantly, their bodies being horribly mangled.

NEW UNIFORMS FOR MILITIA.

The shipment of new olive drab uniforms for Co. G of the Second Infantry will arrive in a few days. This is the latest departure in service uniform equipment, and consists of bell-collared coat and peg-top trousers, the goods being of a very high quality and well made. The new clothing is for winter service only, and is worn with canvas puttees, and in bad weather with the regulation campaign hat in place of the cap. The outfit is very nobby, and the men will stand the annual inspection in it on March 1.

MRS. SWEET ARRIVES.

Mrs. Sweet and family arrived in the city this morning and will be at the Gem Theater this evening. To see her and her interesting children at this popular place of amusement is a pleasure not often afforded the people of Washington. The first performance commences at 7:15, the second at 8:45.

Mr. E. H. Gay, of Beckwith, is a Washington visitor today.

BOYCOTT HAS RIGHT RESULT

Agitation Causes Cut in Prices of Meats.

New York, Jan. 26.—"The market is dead; agitation against high prices did it," was the declaration today of a wholesale meat dealer. The action of the local markets, both wholesale and retail, confirmed the dealer's assertion. Lard dropped 1 cent wholesale, pork loins 2 cents, and some dealers in beef cut prices 1 cent or more a pound. It was said today that wholesale dealers were stocked with thousands of unsold cuts of beef, with supplies still steadily flowing in.

Crusade Gets Weaker.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 26.—The anti-meat crusade, which was received enthusiastically in Newark and the neighboring towns early this week, appears to be on the wane and entrepeneurial dealers who bought up ten thousand buttons inscribed "I don't eat meat; do you?" find that the demand for them has ceased.

About 5,000 persons, however, are said to be still observing the boycott here. It has already been partially effectual, a reduction of one or two cents per pound being announced in most of the popular grades of meat.

Keep Cow and Chickens.

St. Louis, Jan. 26.—Gov. Hadley believes that the cost of living problem can easily be solved by every family keeping a cow and chickens. "If you can't afford to keep a cow and chickens, you ought to go back to the farm," he said, while in this city on a brief visit last night.

The real cause of the high prices lies in the fact that there are too many people in the cities producing things they can't eat. I keep three cows and some chickens, too. And you'd be surprised at what a saving they make in the household expenses, if you don't believe it, just ask Mrs. Hadley.

South Holds the Key.

New York, Jan. 26.—The South holds the key to lower food prices, according to Gov. Malcolm R. Patterson, of Tennessee, who is in New York for a few days. Here is what Governor Patterson had to say when asked for his solution of the problems presented by the higher cost of living:

"We are not feeling the pinch nearly as much in the South as you are up here. The principal reason is the plentifulness and productivity of our land. There is no congestion of population in the South. What we most need is an increase in population.

"If a method could be devised whereby millions of the poor in the crowded sections of the East could be scattered over the agricultural lands of the South, the problem of the excessive cost of living would soon be solved.

"I hope soon to see an organized movement led by able and practical men to scatter the people back to the soil. Our vast domain is yet undeveloped. There is where the fortunes of the future are to be made. Any man who comes to the South willing to do the work of a man will find profitable employment and an open road to independence.

"Our land though better than most Western land is cheaper because the demand has never been stimulated by the adventitious use of subsidies for railroads as in the West, which has been settled and developed through the necessity of the great railroad corporations to entice population to occupy their lands."

HOUSE BURNED AT SOUTH CREEK

Home of Mr. Thos. Aldridge Consumed Last Night.

The residence of Mr. Thomas Aldridge, South Creek, N. C., was totally destroyed by fire last night about 12 o'clock. The surmise is the fire originated from a defective stove pipe in the kitchen. The residence and all out-houses were a total loss.

There was no insurance. Mr. Aldridge's loss will approximate at least \$500.

If we can't advertise ourselves, it is folly to expect somebody else to do it.

EVERY INFANT IN THE CITY IS THREATENED

Entire City Flooded

THE LOSS LEAPS HIGHER

Paris, Jan. 26.—With the flood crisis 24 hours away, the rising Seine this morning touched the arches of the Pont De L'Alma. The spread of devastation continues, and the loss leaps by hundreds of thousands of dollars each day. Rain and snow continue to fall today.

A dozen or more tramway lines were stopped by the inundation today and the city is practically without transit facilities, light, or means of communication by wire. The hydraulic works are submerged.

In the historic Invalides the water has risen to the height of the Seine. The entire city, from the remotest suburb to the heart of the most populous quarter is undermined and on every side there is grave danger of collapse.

Paris lies over an intricate network of tubes, ramifying in every direction, tapping the foundations of every section, are subways, conduits, and the vast system of sewers. The catacombs, too, eat into the foundations of the city. And every one of these tubes has been turned into a swirling, raging torrent in which the water races with such force as to destroy the walls, burst pipes and masonry, and make inroads on the house foundations. Thousands of cellars in every part of the city are flooded.

The Seine on the outskirts is no longer a winding stream, curving in and out between suburbs. It has become a vast lake, in which there is no sign of land for miles save a hill here and there.

Hour by hour the river is extending its grip over the city, like a vast octopus throwing out tentacles after tentacles. Streets that yesterday were deemed safe even by the pessimistic became streams overnight. There were fewer crowds on the streets today; for the most part they were throngs of sightseers, defying the rain that was falling.

There is a scant showing of working crowds these days; factory after factory and shops innumerable have been forced to close down by the encroachments of the river and the suffering of an industrial crisis adds to the misery and the flooded city. It was estimated that fully 250,000 persons are idle.

The rising water has proven a tide on which half dozen other calamities than that of the flood itself have been swept to Paris. The danger of pestilence and famine today was added a menace that affects every infant in the city. The milk supply is low and there is no sign of shipments reaching Paris in sufficient force to cope with the danger. Thousands of head of cattle have been drowned and the railroads are paralyzed.

Holding desperately to their homes while the water mounted hour by hour about them, 10,000 inhabitants of the outlying districts today faced property loss or even death.

The work of the authorities and the Red Cross has been turned to saving and caring for the destitute. Although in many districts no boat can pass because the water is so high there is no room for even a skiff under the bridge arches motor boat ambulance service has been established.

The hospitals are crowded, and field depots and hospitals have been thrown up all over Paris. Every bit of submerged ground in the worst neighborhoods, picking up the survivors and taking away the sick who had been trapped if their helplessness.

In the older parts of the city an army of men was set to work shoring up buildings that threatened to collapse. The worst sections were about the Quai De La Gare and the Quai De La Rapée. Traffic over many of the unflooded streets has been halted.

EVENING WAS GREAT SUCCESS

Notwithstanding Bad Weather Good Crowd Present.

Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, the party and entertainment at Yeatesville Academy, Friday evening, January 21, was deemed a success. The number was few in comparison to such gatherings generally, but the patrons of the school were well represented, thus showing their interest in and wishes for the good work to continue. The people contributed largely in various ways, thus diminishing the expense considerably. Long before the appointed hour the academy was comfortably filled. With pleasing effect the program was as follows:

Pantomime, "Nearer, My God, To Thee."

Dialogue, "His Royal Nibs."

Pantomime, "Tit-for-Tat."

Here the plans were broken in upon by the absence of Messrs. W. L. Va. Ban and Joseph Taylor, for the people had looked forward with pleasure to their words of encouragement and enthusiasm.

Next came the selling of the chances, sixty in number, on a two-pound box of candy. Each chance was tied with ribbon in a peanut shell, well worth ten cents. No one could have used to a better advantage the "gift of the Divine Mercury" than did the several young ladies of the place that took upon themselves the task of disposing of the peanut shells. Thus ends the story of a box of candy in a nut shell, won by Mr. Walter Godly, the lucky number being fourteen.

A sofa pillow was then shown for the most popular young lady. The contestants were Misses Lyde Wallace, Lorena and Lelia Woolard, carried in favor of the first mentioned by a majority of five votes.

Glad of an opportunity to leave the warm room, every one rushed for the upper hall where refreshments were served.

The officers of Betterment Association felt amply repaid and much encouraged when at a late hour the people of the community gathered around them declaring themselves to have spent a most enjoyable evening. The amount realized was \$12.18.

WAIT U. S. TO BUY CANALS.

Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce Endorses Con. Small's Efforts.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Jan. 25.—The Chamber of Commerce met last night in the city hall for the purpose of discussing the question of the government's purchase of the A. and C. canal and the Dismal Swamp canal.

The matter was pretty thoroughly discussed and the Chamber passed a resolution endorsing the action of John H. Small in his efforts to secure an appropriation for the purchase of the canal. The Chamber also petitioned to Mr. Small to use his best efforts to have the government purchase the Dismal Swamp Canal, too.

These canals are in the route of the proposed inland waterway, and one or the other of them will be used if the waterway ever materializes.

It was also decided to meet again next Friday night for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

The Chamber has been inactive for several months and the majority of the people of the city thought that the organization was dead. The meeting last night has put new life in the organization and very likely a large attendance will be in evidence Friday night when the election will take place.

Bonds Received and Forwarded

The city has received \$25,892.92, less \$100 for engraving, from the purchasers of the bonds for the street improvement. The premium for the bonds amounted to \$820, and the accrued interest is \$72.92. The bonds were mailed yesterday to the bankers at Cincinnati who have purchased them. On next Monday evening the board will give a contract to some engineer for the preliminary of the street proposed to be surveyed.

LADIES' UNDERWEAR.

The readers of the Daily News should see the display of ladies' muslin underwear on display in the window of Spencer Bros. The exhibit is certainly one that will attract and please.

THE INQUIRY OF CONTROVERSY BEGINS TODAY

Ballinger-Pinchot Feud

Glavis Will Be the First Witness and He Will Be Followed by Pinchot, Price and Shaw.

PRELIMINARIES ARRANGED

Washington, Jan. 27.—The investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy by a joint committee of Congress will begin at 2:30 p. m. today, when L. R. Glavis, the agent of the general land office, who lost his position by executive order, because of charges he brought against Secretary Ballinger, will be the first witness. His testimony, it is expected, will lay the ground work for the calling of Gifford Pinchot, former government forester; O. W. Price, former assistant forester, and Alex Shaw, former law officer of the forestry bureau, who were removed from the service by President Taft because of their alleged activities in the controversy.

The joint committee met this afternoon and arranged all of the preliminaries for the opening of the official probing of the Interior Department and the forest service.

Senator Nelson of Minnesota, who was elected chairman of the joint committee, reported that he had conferred with Messrs. Pinchot, Price and Shaw and that they had said they had agreed jointly upon George W. Pepper, of Philadelphia, to act as their attorney. Mr. Glavis appeared before the committee and announced that his counsel would be Louis D. Brandis, of Boston, and Joseph E. Colton, of New York. Mr. Glavis was instructed to report with his counsel for examination at the afternoon session of the committee tomorrow.

Secretary Ballinger has informed Senator Nelson that he does not care for an attorney to look after his interests as he feels confident that the committee will make the inquiry broad and complete. If that is done, he said, he wants to lawyer to defend him.

It was agreed that regular sessions shall be had on Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 until 1 o'clock and from 2 until 5 o'clock. Other meetings will be had at such times as can be agreed upon by the members.

OVERSTOCKED SALE SUCCESS

Crowds Attend Event at Jas. E. Clark Co's. Store.

The mammoth overstocked sale at the James E. Clark Company opened yesterday morning, and from the opening time the store has been crowded with purchasers. The son of Mr. James Hill secured the handsome pair of shoes from the 500 bundles given away absolutely free yesterday. Others received purses, neckties, etc.

No sale has ever occurred in Washington that carried with it more interest. The firm of James E. Clark Company have always been leaders and on this occasion they have exceeded their former reputation. The store swarms with buyers all the while.

A CONSIDERATE GIRL

Madge—He said you were very punctual. Marjorie—Why shouldn't he? I never kept him waiting more than half an hour in my life.

New Advertisements in Today's News

- J. K. Hoyt—Linens, Etc.
Wm. Bragaw & Co.—Insurance.
Jas. E. Clark Co.—The Overstocked Sale.
Laxative Bromo Quinine.
Vick's Remedies.
Cardui.
Gaiety Theater.
Capudine.

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE at the Chamber of Commerce tonight at 8 p. m. It's for your benefit. 'T will lead you to more and easier dollars. Show your interest in the town and county by attending.