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The betting odds, which ran prior to the opening game Friday from 2 to 1 to 10 to 7 on Philadelphia, will probably not be so strong today since the mighty have taken a slight fall.

For the first time in the history of Kinston, The Free Press Friday gave the full report of a World's Championship baseball game, the chief event in America's sport calendar. The readers of The Free Press were given the story, inning by inning, of the defeat of Mack's great fighting machine by the young "upstarts" led by Stallings, and the papers were on the street just ten minutes after the last bulletin carrying the final report reached the office. No other paper in Eastern Carolina, except in Wilmington, treated its readers to the detailed report. The service, started by The Free Press Friday, will be continued throughout the series.

The destruction goes on with renewed vigor. Antwerp is being reduced. Luxemburg, another innocent bystander, has been ruthlessly crushed by the rude Teuton and the little Duchy, which two months ago was one of the richest in all Europe, is now strewn with wreckage, its young and beloved ruler, the Grand Duchess of Luxemburg, is held a prisoner in a German castle; those citizens, who had French sympathies, have been shot and the others are facing starvation. The big dog has certainly run over the little one in this most terrible of blots on civilization and treaties of neutrality, binding the honor of the nations to respect, have been disregarded as if never made.

**LET'S HAVE AN ABATTOIR**

The suggestion that there is a possibility of the erection of an abattoir for the proper slaughtering and rendering of meats for the local market should meet with encouragement. Such a place would perhaps not be a paying investment to start with as an individual enterprise, but should the city take cognizance of the plant and see to it that it was constructed along the most modern lines, and then require all home killed meats to be slaughtered there at given prices to be fixed by city ordinance, such prices to be reasonable for the service rendered, it would not only be profitable for some individual to build and operate the plant, but the inspection of meats would be greatly simplified. The cost to the producer because of proper methods would not be comparable with his loss under a strict inspection, where the slaughtering was not done properly. This matter is worthy of the serious consideration of the authorities. The erection and use of a modern abattoir, without cost for the erection to the city, would be quite an item, and would no doubt enable the city to enjoy the use of such a plant long before any special appropriation could be made for its construction.

**APPOINTMENT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR**

It has been announced in connection with the recent meat and milk inspection law, that was passed by the City Council, that a city policeman would be appointed as inspector. The sanitary department should be under the supervision of the health department, for it is an adjunct of that department. Whether there is a policeman on the force now who is fitted for the work of sanitary inspector, The Free Press does not pretend to say or to discuss, except to caution the city authorities in the matter of the selection of a man to carry out

the model laws that have been enacted. Their effectiveness is very dependent upon the man in whose hands they are placed for enforcement. It is a serious question if there is a man now on the force, who is qualified to interpret, as they should be, the modern laws for proper handling and marketing of milk. The police haven't shown much aptitude for enforcing the law with reference to spitting on the sidewalks and in public buildings, nor the throwing of fruit skins on the walkways. It is not an uncommon thing to see the ordinances violated in the presence of a policeman, who apparently takes no notice of the offense.

The people of Kinston have a right to expect a rigid enforcement of the new sanitary and health safe guard laws, for which they have waited so long and so patiently, and they do expect it. It is a very important matter that due care be exercised in the selection and appointment of an inspector.

**SECRETARY M'ADOO IS RIGHT**

Secretary McAadoo takes sharp issue with Congressman Henry's plan for helping the cotton situation through direct government aid. Mr. McAadoo points out that the government cannot lend assistance to the cotton industry without answering the call of every other American industry, which is now in distress. He further points out that to do this would seriously menace the credit of the nation. There is no question about the principle of Mr. McAadoo's logic being correct. It would be a dangerous precedent for the Federal Treasury to take under its wing any individual industry and help that industry to tide over a period of depression by directly financing it. The currency system of America must be kept beyond the possibility of being weakened by any plan of fostering weak or tottering industries. The greatest latitude in keeping with sound business policy, should be given the banking interests in the matter of extending accommodation to industries and the government supervision, as it has been practiced by Secretary McAadoo, insuring to the people proper treatment from the banks, should be endorsed. The individual industry should, however, stand upon its own legs, so to speak, and get only that credit which it is individually entitled to. The Free Press does not pretend to be an expert on currency matters, but it knows the principle of a sound banking and currency system requires a strict policy of no favoritism and credit only where credit is warranted by the usual standards which are applied in the consideration of loans.

**WHAT OTHERS SAY**

**THE CHEAPEST THING IN WORLD**

Greensboro News: "The Daily News' forecast, made up on reports received from its confidential agents in every part of the country, is that the farmers will gather a bumper crop of advice this year."

**AUSTRALIAN BALLOT SYSTEM**

Wilmington Dispatch: "The beauty about the Australian ballot system is that no one can tell how the vote is being polled and that is right, because no one has any business knowing how the other fellow votes if he doesn't want him to know. Besides, it keeps a man from being sure the vote he bought was delivered to him, which even if dishonest is very much in favor of honesty in elections."

**DISGUSTING TECHNICALITIES**

Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch: "Five years ago a man operating a small bank in Fauquier county was indicted for receiving deposits after he knew the bank to be insolvent."

"Ten times in five years the case has been called. At the third trial he was found guilty by a jury, which returned a verdict of eighteen months in the penitentiary, but the Supreme Court reversed the decision and ordered a new trial. Mr. Boynton was again indicted and since that time for various reasons the trial has been postponed from term to term of the court."

"At a trial of the case in Warren a few days ago the banker's attorney demurred to the indictment upon the grounds that the indictment failed to state that the bank in question was a state bank. This position was sustained by the presiding judge, and the indictment quashed. It is

reported that the case will never come up again. This is a fine exhibit of legal technicalities."

**MUST HAVE "QUID PRO QUO"**

Charlotte Observer: "When the federal reserve banks are opened November 1, there will be a supply of new money at their command. The twelve banks, says the Washington correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce, will have stacks of this new currency totaling \$250,000,000." No one can doubt that the availability of this tremendous sum of money for the business channels of the country will have a fine effect in loosening up the situation. The government printing presses have already begun work on the contract, and within less than a month we may expect that the new yellow backs will be bringing a smile to the country's face. But for all that, no one need count on getting any of this money without having something to exchange in the way of value received."

**SMITH-LEVER ACT AN EDUCATIONAL MEASURE**

No Government Funds Provided for Grants to Individuals. Washington, D. C., Oct. 10.—Many letters are being received by the U. S. Department of Agriculture which indicate that farm women in various sections of the country have come to believe that the government is about to assist them with grants of money to individuals. This unfortunate mistake which, it is feared, will be the cause of much disappointment appears to have arisen through a misunderstanding of the Smith Lever act recently passed by Congress. Under this act funds contributed both by the federal and state governments are made available for practical demonstration work in agriculture and in home economics. Experts from the agricultural colleges and county agents, both men and women, are to show farmers and farm women the value of modern methods in agriculture and housekeeping, and demonstrate the use of labor-saving devices. The purposes of the act are thus entirely educational; and there are no provisions whatever for direct financial assistance.

This demonstration work which the Smith-Lever act is designed to promote has already met with considerable success in the States where it has been started, but the additional funds now available will greatly increase its efficiency. To avail themselves to the full of its possibilities the department officials recommend that farm women form local clubs and then communicate with the county agent or the State agricultural college. In this way it will often be possible to secure a visit from the county agent or from the home economics expert.

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY CONVICTS MUTINY AND REFUSE TO WORK.**

Elizabeth City, Oct. 8.—Half of the convicts on the Pasquotank county chain gang, an element composed of some of the most desperate negro criminals in the State, mutinied today, demanded that the shackles should be removed from their legs and that the guards should put away their guns. Upon their demands being refused, they revolted, threw down their tools and refused to work. They were placed in the county jail and they will stay there until the next term of court. There has been much trouble with the convicts during the past three weeks, during which time they have been in a state of insubordination and have been kept in the county jail.

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