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50 Business Men Send Telegram to Atlanta

WANT MATTER SETTLED

Half a Hundred of the Leading Manufacturers, Merchants and Other Business Men Demand Equitable Adjustment of Railway Rate Controversy—Want Confidence Restored—Agitation is Depressing Values and Should be Stopped.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Wilmington, Nov. 1.—The business men of this section declare that values are being depressed by the continued agitation of the railway rate controversy and they demand that confidence shall be restored through an equitable adjustment of the contention without further delay.

To that end fifty leading merchants, manufacturers, and business men of this city last night telegraphed Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, now in Atlanta, for the purpose of considering with the governor of two other states railroad litigation in the south, the following message, which he has been requested to read at the meeting:

"Southern crops are plentiful and southern commercial and industrial conditions never more intrinsically sound. Agitation has ruthlessly depressed values, causing congestion and inability to move crops with expedition. Restoration of confidence essential for the south to realize full values for its great products. We believe it is in the power of the conference to restore confidence in a great measure, by an equitable adjustment of the rate controversy. The south can save the situation by wise action at this juncture. You are appealed to as patriots and statesmen who have deeply at heart the well being of the whole people."

RAISULI HAS STILL GOT KALD McLEAN.

(By Cable to The Times.)
Tangier, Nov. 1.—A telegram from Tetuan says that Kald MacLean escaped several days ago from Raisuli but was re-captured and put in chains. It was reported at Tetuan.

HOKE SMITH AND THE U. S. SENATE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Nov. 1.—Governor Hoke Smith of Georgia is not going to stop his political career with the wearing of the Georgia gubernatorial mantle, according to W. H. Hurlburt, of Atlanta, who is in Washington.

According to Mr. Hurlburt Governor Smith has designs on a toga in the United States senate and will undoubtedly be able to wear one in the next few years.

"Governor Smith, said Mr. Hurlburt, "is undoubtedly the most popular man in political life in Georgia today. He will be able to become a senator if he so desires, and there isn't much question that he does wish to become one of Georgia's senators so that it will merely be a question of wait until you will see him here."

OLD TIMER IS MAKING GOOD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Dedham, Mass., Nov. 1.—Edward Payson Weston, who at the age of 69 is trying to walk from Portland to Chicago in 26 days, as he did forty years ago, marched into Dedham after having covered 51 miles the second day of his journey. Weston is now two hours and two minutes ahead of his record of forty years ago.

BIG CENTRAL BANK OF ISSUE

Want to Revive Bank of the United States

ITS NEED POINTED OUT

When Congress Takes Up the Currency Question Next Month Leaders in Finance Will Press This Matter—Secretary Cortelyou, When Approached On Subject Today, Would Not Commit Himself—An Interesting Subject.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, D. C., Nov. 1.—The Bank of the United States may be restored to life and usefulness as one of the results of the present financial flurry.

Leaders in national finance are determined that when congress at last gets around to "doing something for the currency," it shall, if possible, be induced to establish a great central bank of issue.

It is realized that to achieve this means a long and hard fight against the prejudices of congress, many of whose leaders are determinedly opposed not only to government banking in general, but even to making any concession to the demand for a more elastic currency.

Nevertheless, men who have most closely studied financial conditions and who are powerful in the highest banking circles, are fast becoming convinced that the Central Bank of Issue, which has demonstrated its safety and usefulness in England, France and Germany, is the one thing short of which any currency reform will be weak and ineffective.

Secretary Cortelyou has declined to indicate, to interviewers, his attitude toward the proposal of a bank of the United States. The secretary feels that the present is no time for the inauguration of such a discussion, so far as he is concerned. The impression is strong that he is going to recommend important measures of currency reform and it is further that some of his most trusted advisers strongly favor the plan of a central bank of issue.

In this country the treasury is forced into the money market at times when stress develops, but at other times there is no supreme financial organ to look after national monetary concerns, to foresee troubles, and to make provision against them. It is being vigorously urged that such an institution be provided.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Aurora, Ill., Nov. 1.—Dr. T. J. Allen, the upholder of the peanut, has overcome one of his rival single food experts. James Hurrell has been compelled to give up a green onion diet after six weeks.

Edgar Brobst, the bean eater, and Henry Spoden, the sauer kraut exponent, are still feeding on their favorite diet, but the goober standard-bearer is confident they will fall by the wayside before sixty days have elapsed.

A gaping waitress and customers watched Brobst eat eight plates of beans at a single sitting last night. He, like Allen, is on his fifteenth day. Both are feeling well.

NO SUCH THING AS AN AFFINITY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Chicago, Ill., Nov. 1.—"Men and women who do not love each other should not live together," said Prof. Zublin of the department of psychology of the University of Chicago before the Woodlawn People's Institute last night. "Many women live with their husbands in order to be supported. Of course, when there are children in the family as a result of the union, the two people should think of their offspring before taking this radical step."

Ramond Hitchcock, the Missing Actor, Who Disappeared Wednesday.



Snapshot of Raymond Hitchcock, the theatrical star, who after causing a sensation by allegation that he was being blackmailed, was arrested on a felony charge preferred against him by agents of Gerry Society in New York. The case is based on stories told by young girls. He has disappeared carrying one of the girls with him.

THE GOVERNORS IN CONFERENCE

Glenn, Comer and Smith In Secret Conclave

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

The Meeting Began Soon After Breakfast, and at Noon They Were Still at It—Not a Leak up to the Time This Dispatch Was Sent. All Three of the Governors Are Very Reticent About What They Are Doing.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 1.—Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, Governor Comer, of Alabama, and Governor Hoke Smith, of Georgia, are in conference behind closed doors at the executive mansion today. The conference began immediately after breakfast this morning and at noon there has not been the slightest leak. Those professing to be close to Governor Smith say that a compromise agreement on passenger rates will be reached. They place this compromise rate at 2 1/4 or 2 1/2 cents a mile and say that it will be effective both interstate and intrastate insofar as Georgia, Alabama, and North Carolina are concerned. This may later be extended to include South Carolina and Virginia. Governor Ansel, of South Carolina, and Governor Swanson, of Virginia, received invitation to attend today's conference, and though neither is present it is believed that they would be willing to enter into a fair agreement with the governors of their sister states.

However, this is all speculation, as nothing of an official character is expected to be given until late in the afternoon, if then.

Hau Gets a Commutation.
(By Cable to The Times.)
Berlin, Nov. 1.—The Grand Duke of Baden, acting on the advice of the minister of justice, has decided to commute the sentence of death passed on Karl Hau, of Washington, D. C., for the murder of Frau Molitor, his mother-in-law, to penal servitude for life, owing to lack of evidence at the trial.

THE PRESIDENT IS SUPREME

Roosevelt Will Control National Convention

DICTATE NEXT PRESIDENT

Congressman Acheson of Pennsylvania in Washington Today Said Any Man Mr. Roosevelt Wants to Succeed Him in White House Will be Nominated as Candidate of Republicans Beyond Doubt—It is No Use for the Other Fellow to Kick.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Nov. 1.—There is no sense in any of those fellows trying to stack up against the president. Theodore Roosevelt will absolutely dominate the next national convention, and he will have nominated the man he wants to be the next president.

This was the uncompromising statement today of Representative Earnest Acheson of Pennsylvania, who is looked upon by many as the next chairman of the house committee on rivers and harbors and who might have been expected to raise his voice only in behalf of the presidential boom of Senator Knox, the son of Mr. Acheson's state.

"How is the Knox boom coming on?" Mr. Acheson was asked.

"Oh," he replied, "it's all right in the state of Pennsylvania."

"These other booms you hear so much of," he continued, "are alright in their way, but the country is in the thrall of Roosevelt, and Roosevelt is the man who can carry a boom to success. There is nothing else to it, so far as I can see. If Mr. Roosevelt wants Taft nominated, and everybody seems to think this is the case, Mr. Taft will be nominated beyond the slightest chance of a doubt."

ACTOR TOOK ONE GIRL WITH HIM

At Least Bella McKenzie Has Also Disappeared

FOOLED WIFE & POLICE

Raymond Hitchcock, the New York Actor, Indicted For Criminal Intimacy With Little Girls Still Missing—One of Them Who Was So Fond of Him Believed to Have Fled With Him—May Be on Atlantic Bound For Europe.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Nov. 1.—That Raymond Hitchcock took with him in his flight Bella McKenzie, one of the little girls whose accusations caused the grand jury to indict the actor on six counts, was the startling information that reached the police today. The girl disappeared from the home of her parents, No. 161 East 34th street, on October 1, and according to the Children's Society she has met Hitchcock several times since then.

One report today stated that Hitchcock and the girl at their last meeting planned to go away together and it is believed that on the morning he was last seen in New York he met her by appointment and they both disappeared.

There were two clues to the whereabouts of Hitchcock today. One, based on information furnished the police by a friend of the actor, indicated strongly that he was on his way to England on board the White Star liner Majestic.

The other clue, based on dispatches from North Adams, Mass., and Bennington, Vt., indicating that he has passed through these places, led to the supposition that Hitchcock was on his way to Canada, probably with the intention of sailing for Europe from Montreal or Halifax.

The general opinion among Hitchcock's former friends in Broadway today was that he was making for Canada and would sail from a Canadian port unless intercepted.

The McKendle girl, it was learned today, fell into the hands of the Gerry Society last fall, and in a confession accused the actor of causing her downfall. Later she became reconciled to her parents and returned to her home. She disappeared October 1 and the Children's Society was notified. Agent Pissaro, of the society, stated that he had learned that the girl had been meeting Hitchcock again, and for two weeks the comedian was shadowed nightly.

Two weeks ago, Pissaro said, he followed Hitchcock after a matinee and saw him meet Bella on 44th street, near the Lambs Club. The couple talked earnestly for a few minutes and then the actor went into the club. The girl caught sight of Pissaro, he says, and ran away.

For some reason, not yet explained, an attempt was planned for today to obtain the freedom of Elsie Voelck and Helen Von Hagen, two of the little girls who testified before the grand jury against Hitchcock. The former is in the House of Mercy and the latter in the House of the Good Shepherd. The managers of these institutions were served with (Continued on Second Page.)

TO PROSECUTE ROYAL BLOOD CRIMINALS

(By Cable to The Times.)
Berlin, Nov. 1.—The Frankfurter Zeitung says that the public prosecutor, acting on an anonymous denunciation, is taking preliminary information proceedings against Prince Philip Zu Eulenberg and three exalted former army officers for offenses against paragraph 175 of the penal code.

The action is regarded as the direct sequel of the defamation case of Count Von Moltke against Maximilian Harden, editor of Die Zukunft, which resulted in a victory for Harden.

PLOT TO BLOW UP WAR COUNCIL

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(By Cable to The Times.)
St. Petersburg, Nov. 1.—A plot to blow up the entire military council, including the minister of war, was discovered today and several clerks in the military office were arrested.

The city is highly excited over the discoveries and special troops have been called out to preserve order.

At the next weekly sitting of the military council, which is composed of the highest officers in the Russian army and several grand dukes, a bomb or a series of bombs were to have been exploded under the council chamber.

So far had the plot advanced that it was apparent that besides the killing of the army officers and grand dukes many other persons would have lost their lives.

The clerks who were arrested and who are believed to have been the prime movers in the plot were found to be members of the northern flying division of the social revolutionists, of which the young woman who last week killed the governor of prisons was a member.

Following the discovery of the plot the greatest precautions were taken to protect military officials and the grand dukes quickly retired into close seclusion. The recent activity of the terrorists has thrown the city into the wildest excitement.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New Orleans, Nov. 1.—Bankers of this city are in communication with Secretary Cortelyou to devise means to handle the cotton and sugar crops.

Mr. Cortelyou has informed local financial men that he will investigate the possibility of paying out cash at the New Orleans sub treasury for money deposited by European cotton buyers with United States fiscal agents abroad. Several local exporters announced that they stand ready to do business immediately on this basis.

Handling of spot cotton continued here today, although the banks were closed on account of All Saints' Day, a state holiday. The future trading branch of the cotton exchange closed for the day, but the exchange remained open for spot business.

THE 60-CENT GAS PLANT ASSURED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Indianapolis, Nov. 1.—The Citizens Gas Company, organized by popular subscription to manufacture artificial gas for sixty cents a thousand feet, today paid \$400,000 for the mains and plant of the Consumers' Gas Trust Company, which have been idle since the exhaustion of natural gas. The purchase insures 60-cent gas for Indianapolis. The price charged by the Indianapolis Gas Company is 90 cents.

GREAT THINGS TO HAPPEN AT BRYAN DINNER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, D. C., Nov. 1.—The William Jennings Bryan boom for the presidency will be officially launched at the "Love Feast" to be held at the Raleigh Hotel, Tuesday, November 26, and among the sponsors will be such staunch democrats as Hoke Smith, Isidor Rayner, and probably Senator Bailey and William Randolph Hearst, the invitations to the latter two gentlemen being still in abeyance.

This was the statement made by a member of the executive committee after last night's democratic meeting at the Raleigh. There will be gathered around Mr. Bryan 500 admiring supporters at \$3 per plate. John Sharp Williams is slated for the principal address.

TAFT TO RETIRE FROM THE RACE

Report Says His Candidacy Will Soon End

MAY MEAN ROOSEVELT

An Interesting Story From Washington That Appears to Contain Plausible Argument—Opinion is Expressed That if Taft Firmly Retires Roosevelt Will Be Forced to Accept Another Nomination—The Program.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, D. C., Nov. 1.—Secretary Taft's retirement from the field as a presidential candidate is declared in well informed quarters to be not merely a possibility but a probability.

From political quarters in close touch with the white house and friendly to the renomination of Roosevelt, the assertion comes that startling developments in the presidential situation may be expected within the next few months. These developments may be looked for about the time of Secretary Taft's return from the Philippines. They are contingent on what occurs in the meantime.

Within recent weeks the president has heard some plain words on the third term question. He heard them from his Mississippi trip and he has heard them since his return to Washington. He has been told that Taft is making no progress, and that his nomination is out of the question; and more than that, that even if Taft is nominated his election is doubtful. He has been told, too, that the next president will be one of two men—Roosevelt or Bryan.

He has been advised that if the republican party is to carry the country in the 1908 election, Roosevelt must lead it; that under such circumstances, it is his duty to concede a renomination, and that if he refuses to stand for renomination and Bryan is elected, he will be the object of bitter criticism from his own party.

According to a man of public confidence, who has excellent opportunity of knowing, the president will proceed in this fashion.

First, he will give careful study to the Taft movement, and will seek to ascertain finally for himself whether Taft can be nominated, if, after a survey of the field, he considers that Taft can be nominated, and is reasonably sure of it, he will issue a statement, saying he will under no circumstances accept another nomination.

On the other hand, if the president decides that Taft has no show for the nomination, or no such chance as warrants dependence upon it, then matters will be allowed to drift along until Taft returns from the Philippines. If Taft lands in America again and finds his case hopeless then he will withdraw from the field. In case of withdrawal, Taft may be expected to say that he finds the people want the president nominated; that he is convinced they don't want himself, and that accordingly, he has concluded to step aside. The effect would be inevitably a stronger trend than ever toward Roosevelt, and it would be more difficult than ever to prevent a general stampede to Roosevelt in the national convention.

OLD SWINDLER AT NEW TRICK

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 1.—Dr. R. C. Flower, who jumped his bail of \$23,000 in the summer of 1904, when he was charged with swindling investors in a mythical mining corporation, has startled this city by his boldness in operating a sale of stock in a \$300,000 corporation.

Investors in this concern have just started an inquiry in which it developed that not even the man whom he made president of the corporation knew that Dr. Flower alias Prof. O. O. Oxford, had been fighting extradition to New York since last January when the New York police arrested him here. Only his son, who is the secretary and treasurer of the concern, styled The Virginia Clay & Material Company, knew that Dr. Flower was the man who had been arrested in New York.

When young Flower was called on for an explanation of where the money paid for stock was, he refused to explain and then it developed that great quantities of stock had been sold without keeping any record, and that there was no record of the moneys received or the amount of stock sold.