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THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE WORRIED

The People at Home are Complaining About High Prices And Asking Why

TARIFF AND PRICES

Every Republican From the White House Down Knows That the Tariff and the Present High Prices, Which Are Believed to be Mighty Close Kin Are the Ominous Shadows for the Party in November and 1914—Republican Party is Not Going to Grow Much Anywhere While Present Conditions Prevail.

(By JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—The members of the sixty-first congress are hearing from the American people upon the high cost of living. The four hundred and six representatives who make our laws are hearing from the eighty-four million represented who have mouths to fill. It is said that the congressional mails have not been so heavy within the present decade as they have during the last fortnight, and it is something more than a presumption that the vast bulk of the messages that they bear relate to this question of food and the price of it.

The discontent in the home of the country has found a voice. So far as I recollect, James J. Hill, of St. Paul, has been the pioneer in arousing public sentiment upon this vital theme. For a year past every public interview of the railroad statesman of the northwest has dealt seriously and warily with the question.

Mr. Hill's prestige as one of the republic's real thinkers and prophets has given accumulating weight to his words until at the first breath of it in congress the whole people seem to have risen to tell their representatives that not the tariff nor the trusts, nor the railroads, nor the navy, nor the merchant marine, nor Joe Cannon, mean so much to them as the soaring prices of the necessities of life.

No wonder, then, that congress wakes up with a start, and goes to work with a vigor and earnestness that is at least inspiring. When Senator Payne, of New York, and Boutell, of Illinois, and Champ Clark, of Missouri, lay their heads in serious counsel with the mighty ways and means committee behind them and bare their arms for a real investigation, it looks like hopeful, helpful work when it is most needed, and promises results.

What results and by what methods may not be exactly here at the first, but one thing at least is sure. Publicity has done the work with most of the great evils that have cursed the country, and the light of publicity is going to shine through this question from this time on.

No fear of any party division on this great theme at least. It is the best hope of the democrats for congressional success next fall and for the greater election that follows. And with the republicans it is a matter of life and death. They will, of course, endeavor to lift the bonus of high prices from their tariff and the trusts and privileges. It does not need a declaration from

augurs another world-wide inundation, the president to show how deeply he is alarmed and concerned over republican prospects. His recent activity in party matters, east and west, is almost without a presidential parallel. Nobody criticizes him for this. He is frankly and heartily a republican. He believes in the motive and mission of his party. It is his own best hope of establishing the legislation which represents his conception of the public welfare.

But none the less, his vigorous activity represents his consciousness of the necessity of it. Any republican from the white house down knows that the present tariff and the higher prices which are universally believed to be mighty close are the ominous and enlarging shadows on the horizon of the party in November and in 1912.

The administration activity in the south is founded upon a better prospect than that section has held out for change and conversion since the war.

A republican president who in the last national election carried two congressional districts in democratic Georgia and three wards in its capital city of Atlanta, has more than ordinary encouragement to go south again. The south is missionary ground for new ideas and new parties now as never before, and with the educative and suggestive strange results may be written of the next election.

It seems to me that the trend for the next decade will be for the republican idea to go southward and the democratic drift steadily northward and westward.

But the republican party in the common judgment of the thoughtful and foreseeing is not going to grow much anywhere unless its great majority in the sixty-first congress avails something to make bread and meat and butter cheaper in the land we love.

Ambassador Calhoun to Sail. (By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Feb. 1.—It was announced at the state department today that Ambassador Calhoun will leave for his post at Peikin March 8, sailing from San Francisco on the steamer Magnolia.

WORK OF THE HOUSE

The President's Legislative Program Taking Shape

Representative Mann Says There is No Foundation For Newspaper Stories That President's Legislative Program Will Go Through.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Feb. 1.—Representative Mann, of Illinois, is chairman of the committee on inter-state and foreign commerce, and Speaker Cannon's lieutenant on the floor, said today that there is no foundation for the recent newspaper stories that President Taft's legislative program will go by the board at this session. The house, he said, is well up in its work, and the committee are by no means idle. The railroad legislation recommended by the president will shortly be in shape for the house to consider. The inter-state and foreign commerce committee is now engaged in hearing railroad managers and others vitally interested in the proposed amendments to the inter-state commerce act, the Hepburn act, and other laws bearing on the subject, and as soon as the committee has all the necessary data to work on a bill embodying the amendments will be drafted and reported to the house early in March.

Mr. Mann said the majority in the house is solid for the president's legislative program and that there has been no delay on the part of the members in getting to work on the bills recommended by the president. The leaders of the house are in favor of adjourning the latter part of May, if possible. To facilitate this the program is to dispose of the supply bills first. That this is understood by the members is shown by the record already made, for not in years have the appropriation bills been so advanced as now. The insurgents in the house say that if any part of the president's legislative program is defeated it will not be due to them, but the regulars who oppose amendments to the rules.

Postoffice Appropriation Bill. (By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Feb. 1.—The subcommittee of the house committee on postoffices and postroads today completed work on the postoffice appropriation bill, and reported it to the full committee. As reported the bill carried in round numbers \$243,000,000 about \$8,000,000 in excess of the amount appropriated last year.

SCENES IN THE FLOODED DISTRICT OF PARIS.



The Hotel des Invalides, in Paris, which for several days past has been surrounded by water because of the recent floods. The lower picture on the right shows the Place de la Concorde, which has been completely flooded. Both of these views are of places and buildings in the very heart of Paris.

SITUATION IN PARIS IS IMPROVING

Many People Suffer From Cold and Hunger But General Situation Is Better

THUGS AND LOOTERS

Two Hundred Thousand Homeless and Destitute Persons Suffer From Cold Wave Which Has Settled on the City of Paris—Coal Is Scarce and Source of Supply Cut Off—New Dangers That Develop as the Flood Recedes—One of the Dangers is From Sewer Gases That Have Been Released by the Floods—Thugs and Looters Active.

(By Cable to The Times)

Paris, Feb. 1.—Two hundred thousand homeless and destitute Parisians are suffering in the cold wave which has settled on the city. Their condition is serious and so far has defied the efforts of the authorities to relieve them. Discovery of a coal famine was the development of today. The supply is practically exhausted and the mines in Belgium, from which Paris draws three-fourths of its stock, are tied up by floods. The suffering is most acute in the outlying districts, where, because of the failure of the weather supplies, fires have been prohibited. The city stands practically defenseless against the peril of a conflagration today and this danger is viewed by the authorities as the greatest menace they have to guard against. The streets in the greater part of ten square miles in the heart of the city are impassable, the water supply has entirely failed in a great part of the city and would be practically useless for fire-fighting in the remainder. Under these conditions, it is recognized, a fire would likely sweep the city from end to end.

The flood is slowly but surely subsiding. The Seine, the Marne, and the Yonne are dropping by inches. Every foot of the reclaimed space adds to the knowledge of the enormous damage the city has sustained. Street levels are falling with the waters and the collapse of scores of the city's great edifices seems inevitable.

To prevent this last crowning disaster the city's engineering department, reinforced by the ablest men in the army and navy, today is making desperate efforts to shore up tottering foundations until they can be permanently rebuilt. The work in many instances seems almost hopeless, but with bravery that is essentially a part of the French, and more particularly the Parisian disposition, the task is being attempted.

INVESTIGATION OF PRICES FOOD STUFF

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Feb. 1.—As soon as the house met today Representative Scott, of Kansas, called up the agricultural bill which has been under consideration for several days. The bill will be before the house all day. Representative Clark, of Missouri, service made an examination of the sewer and reported that the residential sewer matter is being carried away in sufficient volume to safeguard the people against disease.

several cotton mills will soon move from England to Mississippi as a result of the election in Britain. England's refusal to impose a tariff is said to be the chief factor influencing the removal of the mills.

Mississippi towns will bid for the location of the mills and two or three towns are considered sending commissions to England to invite the industries here.

PANAMA LABEL CASE

May be Discussed by President and Attorney General Today.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—The question of appeal from the division of U. S. Circuit Court of New York in the Panama label case against the New York World may be discussed by President Taft and Attorney General Wickersham after the cabinet meeting today. As the right of appeal now lays with the government, the next move in the prosecution will have to receive the sanction of the president. A conference has been held between the attorney general and Stuart McManamy special attorney in the case.

Rioters Shot Japanese.

(By Cable to The Times)

Pekin, Feb. 1.—Further details of the revolt against the Japanese at South Peking were received today. All of the government buildings were burned by the rebels and the Japanese and Korean officials shot to death. Government troops shot and killed ten of the rioters before they were subdued. Two hundred arrests were made today.

MORE EVIDENCE IN SWOPE MURDER CASE

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, Feb. 1.—John G. Patton, executor of the Swope estate, announced today as he made ready to return to Kansas City, that he had secured most important evidence and clues strengthening the belief that Thomas H. Swope, the millionaire Missouri philanthropist, and his nephew and heir, Christian Swope, were murdered. He refused to state the nature of new evidence, but declared that the report of the Chicago chemist that fatal quantities of strychnine had been found in the viscera of Swope made it practically certain a murder had been committed. Mr. Patton said he did not fear the suit for slander, asking \$100,000 damages, filed by Dr. J. C. Hyde, husband of a niece of Thomas Swope, a second suit of \$600,000 for slander

Raymond Paxton, Dr. Frank Edward L. Stewart follows. Paxton grants charging murder have been reported in Kansas City, it was reported, and will be sworn out and served as soon as Mr. Paxton returns there with his reports. He refused to say for whom the warrants would be issued, but it declared that both the Swopes were poisoned as the result of a plot.

HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Two Fatally and Four Seriously Hurt in Auto Wreck.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Honolulu, Jan. 31.—Six persons were hurt, two fatally, in an automobile wreck near here last night.

The party consisted of Robert Deane, R. J. Younger, J. Adam Berger, Dr. Oscar Toujan, John C. Berger, and Nelson Delaune, started out in Younger's automobile, which the owner was driving, for a ride on Bayou Terre Bonne, towards Schriever. Leading the Younger automobile was another car in which were Sidney Toujan and A. H. Davenport. In attempting to pass the car in front Younger's machine became unmanageable and turned turtle, pinning Berger and Younger underneath. They cannot survive.

TILLMAN CHILDREN STILL WITH SENATOR

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 1.—Pending the decision of the supreme court the children of Mrs. E. R. Tillman, Jr., will be left in the custody of their grandfather Senator Tillman. This was announced by Chief Justice Jones when court convened today. He said that no decision in the young woman's suit for her children had yet been reached, but that it would be handed down as soon as possible. The court room was crowded in expectation of a decision.

WARE-KRAMER CASE

A. T. Company Demurs to Certain Portions of Complaint

American Tobacco Company Through Its Counsel Appeared Before Judge Connor Yesterday Afternoon and Demurred to the Complaint of the Ware-Kramer Company.

Yesterday afternoon the American Tobacco Company, through its counsel, made a special appearance before Judge Connor and demurred to the second cause in the complaint filed by the Ware-Kramer Tobacco Company. The hearing was begun about twelve o'clock and was not concluded until nearly seven o'clock. The American Tobacco Company was represented by Aycock & Winston of Raleigh. F. L. Fuller, of Durham and Junius Parker, of Morristown, N. J.; F. A. Daniels, of Goldsboro, and E. A. Woodard and C. C. Daniels, of Wilson.

The suit was brought against the American Tobacco Company by the Ware-Kramer Tobacco Company and Robert T. Thorpe, receiver, asking for damages to the amount of \$2,200,000. The demurrer was overruled and motions made to strike out certain portions of the complaint. The matter was thoroughly argued by counsel and papers filed. Judge Connor now has the matter under advisement and will render an opinion as soon as he can go into the matter thoroughly.

Pardons Man Who Shot Him.

(By Cable to The Times)

Paris, Feb. 1.—Matis, the waiter who assaulted President Fallieres Christmas day has been pardoned. He attacked M. Fallieres near the Etoile, as he was taking his usual early walk with M. Ra Mondon, the secretary-general of the presidency, plucking him by the beard, striking him, and throwing him on the ground. For this offense he was sentenced to four years' imprisonment, which, on appeal, was reduced to three, and now he has been pardoned, being just 12 months in custody.

"Penny" Declares Dividend.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, Feb. 1.—Declaration by the Pennsylvania Railway directors today of a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent, maintaining the old rate of six per cent per annum, disappointed many in Wall street, who had looked for the stock to be put on 7 per cent basis. Heretofore dividends were paid semi-annually.

MANY BODIES TAKEN FROM COAL MINE

Death List Will Probably Reach Over One Hundred In Primero Horror

ONE MAN RESCUED

Seventy-nine Bodies Found Piled in a Mass at the Foot of an Airshaft Where They Had Evidently Rushed, Hoping to Escape When the Explosion Occurred—Main Shaft of the Mine is Completely Wrecked—Pitiful Scenes About the Mouth of the Mine Where the Women and Children Are Gathered—One Man Taken Out Alive—Rescue Work Being Rushed.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Primero, Colo., Feb. 1.—Early today twenty-six dead bodies had been taken from the Primero Coal Mine of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, in which an explosion occurred late yesterday afternoon. "Remember Cherry" was the slogan of the desperate rescue party as they worked with the hope of finding the 150 imprisoned men alive. Shortly before 2 o'clock this morning the efforts of the rescuers were rewarded with finding of Donado Virgin, whose condition is such, however, that he may not survive. The company insists that there were not more than eighty men in the mine at the time of the accident, giving as evidence that seventy-nine safety lamps are unaccounted for. The men and their families at the mouth of the shaft, however, insist that the total is 150 and possibly 200. Virgin was saved after the rescuers heard him calling from behind the big cave-in. A few inches hard digging made an opening large enough to haul him through. Virgin told the following story of his experience:

"I was working near a dozen other fellows when the great crack came. I awoke in another part of the mine. "I pulled myself together and on my hands and knees started for a light I saw. It was so weak from the shock I could not crawl, and I knew I would die if I did not get to the surface soon. "I saw dead men ahead of me as I pulled myself along the ground. I heard men groaning and screaming, and then for the first time I knew what had happened. I seemed to get new life and I crawled over the dead and dying men and finally fell unconscious in my efforts to free myself from the living tomb.

"When I awoke I was sicker than I was before. The gas was for a collecting about me. I tried to crawl again, but I was too weak. I tried again and again, and finally was able to pull myself along a few feet at a time. "I heard the men's groans about me and the sickening shrieks of the suffocating victims sickened me. I could hear men begging one another to help them, but no one could help anybody. I seemed to be the only one in that part of the mine who had not been rendered absolutely helpless. I passed men in the path to the light who must have given out as they tried to save themselves. I knew many of them saw the light. I could tell by the way they tried to pull themselves along. "The whole inside of the mine is wrecked. I don't know in what part of the mine the explosion occurred. I do not remember. I did not know there was an explosion until I was nearly at the point where I was rescued. I did not see any men in the mine who had not been hurt, and I think nearly every one of them in the shaft was killed or so badly

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THE NEW SENATOR FROM NORTH DAKOTA

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Feb. 1.—When the senate met today Senator Money, of Mississippi, announced the resignation from the senate of Senator Fountain L. Thompson, of North Dakota. Immediately Senator Mcumber, of North Dakota, presented the credentials of W. E. Purcell, appointed by Governor Burke, of North Dakota, to succeed Senator Thompson. Senator Burrows, of Michigan, called attention to an irregularity in the credentials, but after some discussion withdrew his objection, and Mr. Purcell was sworn in. It is said that Mr. Thompson's resignation is due to ill-health. He has suffered two hemorrhages since he came to Washington two months ago, and is now in Texas recuperating. Senator Purcell, like his predecessor, is a democrat.