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## THE ALDRICH CROWD DEFIED BY ELKINS

### Senator From West Virginia Trampled Upon But He Remains Defiant

## HOPE OF THE PEOPLE

Introduced a Resolution for a Vigorous, Honest Investigation of the High Cost of Living and the New England Crowd Held It Up—He Comes Back Charging Them With Cowardice and Afraid to Go Into Any Investigation That Would Develop the Real Effect of the Tariff Upon the Necessaries of Life—His Speech a Significant One.

(By JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES.) Washington, Feb. 4.—It was reserved for Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, to illustrate in the senate yesterday the first full effect of the insurgent movement and the growing spirit of independence in the republican party.

The senator from West Virginia is not likely to be impeached in his party loyalty of the past. He is a stalwart of the old regime, linked with the historic policies of the republican party and an associate of the great men who made up its reputation just after the war. In dignity of manner and in courage of conviction he is one of the most impressive, if not the most impressive, looking men in the American senate.

The "iron duke" of West Virginia has perhaps as stalwart a record on the subject of the tariff as any man on that side of the chamber. He has always been brave and clear cut in his championships, even when his opponents thought he was far from right.

It is something significant when a distinguished stalwart of his age and type flings down in such language as he used yesterday the gauntlet to the traditions and leadership of his party. Perhaps no other man on that side of the chamber could have given greater significance to a grapple with the leadership of Aldrich and with the sincerity of the republican majority.

The whole Elkins speech, amiable but none the less vigorous and incisive, was an arraignment of the cowardice of the republican party on this question of the tariff. From the side he voiced the protest against the disposition of the "New England regime" to smother any investigation that would develop the real effect of the tariff upon the necessities of life and to whitewash that economic theory by silence and diplomacy in this vital matter of the high cost of living.

Senator Elkins may lay just claim to the pioneer movement in the American congress in behalf of a reforming the soaring prices upon the commodities of life. Thirty days ago, and in advance of his fellows in either chamber, the brave old West Virginian presented a bill more direct in its challenge and more sweeping in its scope of investigation than that which Lodge and Aldrich jointly fathered today.

It was the very honesty of this bill which caused it to be smothered by the New England coteries which rules the senate. Aldrich and his company were not willing to submit the workings of the tariff to a fair investigation of the American people and they distrusted the outspoken and courageous methods of the bluff old senator who had introduced the bill. So they promptly sat down on Elkins and thought that they were done with him.

There has been no stronger tariff man than Senator Elkins. But there is the stuff of statesmanship and of American honesty in his veins, and, partisan as he is on the historic economic theory of the republican party, he is frank in his challenge and more sweeping in its scope of investigation than that which Lodge and Aldrich jointly fathered today.



Miss May Hesler, of Chicago, who has admitted that she is the real cause of the quarrel which has resulted in the court martial proceedings against Paymaster Auld, and scene during the proceedings at Boston. Dr. E. S. Cowles accuses the Paymaster and another man of having assaulted him at a dance given at the Charleston Navy Yard last December. Auld says Cowles was an undesirable guest at the dance because he had purloined Miss Hesler's photograph and had boasted of his success in winning her affection, although he is a married man.

duct of the independence party's campaign in the nation and of the insurgents' splendid forensic and parliamentary battle on the floor of the senate and of house.

The day has been a great day for free speech and forward movement in the senate of the United States. The rule of the oligarchy has had another powerful check in a new and powerful independent voice. It will not be so easy from this time forth to carry things with a high hand in the American senate or to cover them up at the dictate of an autocratic few. We are approaching the greatest of great problems with a better equipment than we thought to see. Every week seems to add some new and splendid reinforcement to the ranks of the free-thinking and brave-speaking representatives of the American people.

It is in this development that there is to be found the largest hope of a free and exhaustive investigation into the vital question of the high cost of living; into the merits and demerits of the tariff and the trusts, which have so long been defended plausibly and protected skilfully by statesmen pledged in their representative character to better things.

The white American people may take on an optimistic spirit for the future when the breath of courage and frankness and sincerity exudes from the two houses of the American congress.

## EVIDENCE IN THE PACKING TRUST CASE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Feb. 4.—New efforts to prevent the discovery of the witnesses before the federal grand jury were made by the district attorneys office as the result of the reports that "squealers"—former employees of the packing firms—have testified. W. D. Miles, formerly in charge of the beef department of Armour & Company, has testified as a witness for the government and the fact that his name became public has aroused the government attorneys. It has become known that several witnesses of this sort—men that were formerly in the employ of the packing company, but who left or were discharged, are anxious to testify for the government. Information has reached the packers that such information has been brought out before the grand jury and their former feeling of confidence has been displaced by a fear that there really is trouble in store for them.

## WILL APPEAL CASE

### Father of Auld Will Appeal The Case

Says if Case Goes Against His Son He Will Appeal to the Supreme Court—Arguments Concluded Yesterday—Papers Prepared Today.

Boston, Feb. 4.—"If my boy has been found guilty I am ready to carry his case to the supreme court of the United States. The whole matter is the result of a woman with a serpent's tongue."

Joseph Auld, of Burlington, Vt., father of Paymaster George Percival Auld, who has been on trial before a court-martial on charges preferred by Dr. Edward Spencer Cowles made this statement today.

Mr. Auld declared he did not anticipate a verdict of guilty, but his view is not shared in official circles at the navy yard.

There it is believed that Paymaster Auld has been found guilty of assault. Auld, senior, is prepared to carry his son's case to the higher courts on the ground that the court-martial which tried the young paymaster was unconstitutional.

The court-martial met today to sign and prepare the papers in the Auld case to be forwarded to Washington. Their finding, it is expected, will be in the hands of the officials there by tomorrow morning at the latest. The officers of the court-martial will forward today complete transcripts of all the evidence taken at the hearing. If Auld has been found guilty and no one at Charleston navy yard doubts that he has, the verdict will be technical and it is probable that the extent of his punishment will be a formal though sharp rebuke.

The arguments were concluded yesterday. Judge Advocate Catlin dropped the second count in the charges, that of falsehood, but demanded that Auld be found guilty on the first and third, that of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman and that of assault.

Major Leonard's speech of defense was a tribute to what he called the chivalry of Auld in defending Miss Hesler.

## ENGLAND WINS GAME

### Played Lame Hand But Came Out Winner

As a Result of England's Firmness and Activity the Dispute Over Crete Turns Out to be a Tempest in a Teapot—European Politics.

(By Cable to The Times)

London, Feb. 4.—England has played a lone hand in the game of world politics against a powerful if unavowed coalition and as the result of her firmness and activity the dispute over Crete—in reality no more than an excuse for startling projects which might split Europe up anew—has been kept to the importance of a tempest in a teapot. The postponement of the Greek national assembly, announced from Athens, to the end of the year, is a splendid triumph for England.

Setting out with the object of balking the kaiser's aims on the near east, the British foreign office has played its cards so well that, it was learned on credible authority today, France, Italy, and Russia are ready to stand by her.

The probable outcome of the entire situation may be nothing short of a complete re-alignment of the affiliations of the powers, and the dissolution of the triple alliance.

Germany is credited in diplomatic circles with a strong hold and avid desires on Turkey. Every move of the kaiser has borne out this impression. With him is Austria, whose future ruler, Franz Ferdinand, owes to the kaiser's intervention his chance to mount the throne he once renounced. Italy, the other member of the Triple Alliance, has shown strong signs of lack of sympathy, of which the recent meeting of the czar and King Victor Emmanuel was not the least. That had for its object the laying of plans to thwart Austria's near eastern designs, though Austria is Italy's ally in the triple compact.

While Russia and Italy have taken a sand inimical to the Teutonic powers, France, Russia's ally, has dropped into line. But England, quietly engineering the Greek-Turkish situation to suit her own ends, has gone ahead on her own initiative.

Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary, has kept close watch on the situation and it was asserted today that he was behind the activities of Sir Francis Elliott, British minister to Greece in the latter's efforts to turn the sympathy of King George from the national assembly, which move has aroused much animosity in Athens.

A prominent statesman today declared that the re-occupation of Crete was only a matter of time, but that whatever the developments might be, England had thoroughly worsted Germany in the silent game of international politics.

## Fire in Lexington

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Lexington, Ky., Feb. 4.—Fire destroyed 29 city and interurban cars in the Central Kentucky Traction Company's barns early this morning. Loss \$75,000.

## Last of Victims Taken From Mine

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Browder, Ky., Feb. 4.—The mangled body of Pete Kelly, assistant superintendent, has been taken from the Elk Valley mine. He was the last of the 34 victims to be recovered.

## HEIKE PLEADS FOR IMMUNITY RATH

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, Feb. 4.—Judge Martin in the United States circuit court today set for Charles W. Heike, former secretary of the American Sugar Co., for immunity on the ground that he had testified before the grand jury to the affairs of the sugar trust.

Counsel for Ernest W. Gerbracht, James F. Bender, Harry W. Walker, Jean Voelker, and James P. Halligan, other indicted former employees of the American Sugar Refining Company, substituted for their former pleas of not guilty a further plea of not guilty with privilege to interpose a plea to quash the indictments against the men. Judge Martin ordered that this be done.

## Huge Meteor Falls

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Keokuk, Ia., Feb. 4.—A huge meteor weighing several tons is reported to have fallen some miles southwest of here early today.

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN.



Joseph Chamberlain, the English statesman, weak and feeble, yet of predominant influence in the parliamentary light just concluding. The picture shows Mr. Chamberlain, supported by an attendant, as he appeared at the time of his return from his latest health-seeking trip to Europe. The aged and feeble statesman was recently carried from his home to the polls, where he cast his vote for his son.

## TOLL OF THE FLOOD

### Many Buildings Collapse And Blocks Unsafe

Seine Has Fallen Five Feet and Rehabilitation Goes on Apace—Relief Work Actively Pushed on All Sides—Two Million Dollars in Hand.

(By Cable to The Times.)

Paris, Feb. 4.—The Seine today passed the five foot mark below the level of the flood's crest, and continued to fall steadily.

Yet, as it drops, it takes toll of Paris. The collapse of several buildings in the outskirts was reported today to the authorities and at many quarters entire blocks are roped off as unsafe.

Thousands of those whose employment was swept away have been set to work in the ranks of the restorers and the rehabilitation goes on apace. The shoring up of leaning buildings furnished work for scores.

Relief work is being actively pushed on all sides, but there is still much to do. The total on hand now is nearly \$2,000,000.

In the remote outskirts and the provinces there has been little change save for the slow recession of the waters from the lowlands and the draining of the higher ground. The task of rehabilitation is tremendous, little headway has been made generally.

The situation of the metropolis is growing better as rapidly as could be expected and it is believed that by next week nearly all the tram lines and railroads will again be in operation on a normal basis, but the subways may require a long time to be put in shape.

It will be months at least, however, before the streets are again in fit condition, and the work of restoring the parks, the most beautiful of which were flooded to a depth of five and six feet, to their former glory, will require two years at least, and probably more.

As the extent of the damage is gradually ascertained, the list of fatalities grows. Several bodies have been found below the city, swept down by the flood. It is believed that several persons reported missing perished in the sewers where their bodies now lie. At Alfortville today there was discovered a cab which had been overtaken by the flood as the streets gave way drowning the horse, driver and a woman passenger.

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### SHIP TO THE RESCUE

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Charleston, S. C., Feb. 4.—Wireless advices at 10:30 o'clock this morning say the steamship Kentucky, Alaska-Pacific line, is sinking in latitude 32.18, longitude 76.43.

She sprang a leak on this her maiden voyage from New York to the Pacific coast. The steamship Alamo, of the Mallory line, is rushing to the rescue.

New York, Feb. 4.—A report received by the United Wireless Company here from its Cape Hatteras station at noon today said the steamship Kentucky was sinking in latitude 32.19, longitude 76.30 which would place her some distance southeast of Hatteras. This dispatch also said that the Mallory liner Alamo had picked up the Kentucky's distress call and was rushing for the scene at top speed.

The Kentucky, which was an old vessel today had been bought by the Alaska-Pacific line for the northwestern coasting passenger service, sailed from New York on her trip around the horn on January 23. She sprang a leak when but six hours out and almost turned turtle before she succeeded in making Newport News, Va. After repairs there she left on February 2 to resume the voyage. The wireless operator who had made the trip from New York upon her, a man named McLarny, who formerly had been stationed at the wireless company's office in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, here, refused to continue the trip from Newport News, although he had asked permission to make the trip around the horn. At the company's office here today it was said McLarny had reported that the vessel was unfit to attempt the voyage.

W. G. McGinnis, another wireless operator, took McLarny's place and sailed from Newport News. He it was who sent out the "C. Q. D." messages today which were picked up at Charleston, Hatteras and by the Alamo. The Kentucky, which was built for the Eastern Steamship Company 12 years ago, was launched under the name of Lincoln in the service between Boston and Bath. Later she plied under the name of Martinique in the Miami-Nassau service. She later was acquired by the Joy line and plied between New England ports. She was sold to the Alaska-Pacific Company in 1909 and was immediately made over in preparation for her trip around the horn. When she sailed from here January 23 she represented an expenditure of about \$125,000 and was fitted for carrying both freight and about 400 passengers.

When she left New York she carried a crew of about 20 men. She is a twin screw boat, is 203 feet long, has a beam of 37 feet and a tonnage of 996.

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### Suffragettes Have Hauled Down Their Flag and Will Work on Quiet Lines

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