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WASHINGTON HAPPENINGS.

News From the National Capitol Briefly Noted in Passing for the Reader.

FARMER DOESN'T GET HIGHEST PRICE FOR HIS BEEF

Washington, Special.—"We have already discovered that the farmer is not getting exorbitant profits out of the beef he raises," said Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture, in discussing the price of food supplies.

"I have no doubt in the world," he continued, "that the same conditions will be found to prevail in most of the other lines of farm products."

"The department of agriculture has agents in every state and every county in the country and they have been ordered to report exhaustively on the cost of production and the returns on sales of all sorts of food products."

"We intend to bring out the truth, irrespective of whom it hurts or whom it benefits. I am convinced that the public is compelled to pay a great deal more for nearly everything it eats than it should, and I believe the figures will bear me out."

"There is ample excuse for some of the increase in the cost of living over what it was years ago. The farm area is not keeping pace with the demands for food-stuff. The cities seem to have more attractions for the laboring men than do the rural communities. The horde of immigration, as well as the ever-increasing native population, must be fed and the farm is expected to furnish the food."

Mills Bought Cotton.

Washington, Special.—American cotton stocks at the end of November aggregated 1,565,968 bales, compared with 1,795,690 and 1,214,791 bales reported on the same dates in 1908 and 1907, says the report of the bureau of statistics for November. Sight receipts of cotton during November totaled 1,141,139 bales with 2,595,097 bales during November, 1908, and 1,930,193 during November, 1907. The port receipts, 1,323,224 bales, show a similar decline from 1908 and 1907, figures of 1,888,922 and 1,529,526 bales. The takings of American spinners for the three months of the present season, says the report, were 1,517,194 bales, only 171,000 less than for the corresponding period of the preceding year. The decline in total takings is attributed exclusively to the curtailed demand of the Northern mills, the season's takings of the Southern mills 696,973 bales, exceeding the corresponding figures for the past season.

Ruling on the New Tax Rate.

Washington, Special.—"Where a corporation, through its books or otherwise, can ascertain its income sufficiently for the officers to make oath to the return as true, this will be regarded as equivalent to an inventory and a physical inventory need not be taken."

"It is realized, however, that in the cases of many corporations the income for the calendar year cannot be ascertained without taking a physical inventory at the end of the calendar year, and the law being explicit both as to the period and the income, where such income cannot be ascertained without a physical inventory, this will have to be taken."

Deep Enough For Biggest Ship.

Washington, Special.—That the dry dock at the Charleston Navy Yard is deep enough and broad enough to take in any ships that may be built has just been developed here in the hearings of the naval officers committee at the House.

Finds All Guiltless.

Washington, Special.—Approval has been given by officials of the navy department to the report of the court of inquiry into the collision of the battleships Georgia and Nebraska off the Virginia capes during the recent tactical drill, which recommended that no disciplinary measures be taken as a result of the accident.

Dock Facilities Needed.

Washington, Special.—The necessity of providing more suitable docking facilities for the battleship fleet is dwelt on in the annual report of Chief Constructor Capps, head of the bureau of construction and repair. The lengthening of dock No. 1 at the Charleston, S. C., navy yard, and of dock No. 3 at the Norfolk, Va., navy yard is urged. The early completion of the dry docks at New York, Puget Sound and Pearl Harbor is recommended. In addition, the chief constructor suggests that an additional dry dock be built at Norfolk.

Washington, Special.—Half the meat eaten in the United States can be called uninspected and that a real and serious danger to the public exists as a result, is one of the conclusions reached by Dr. A. D. Melvin, chief of the United States bureau of animal industry, in his annual report to the secretary of agriculture.

"Inefficiency of the government inspection because of its lack of authority to reach business done entirely within a state, is given as one of the causes, and Dr. Melvin points out the great need of supplementing the government inspection of meats with state and municipal inspections."

"One result of the federal inspection is to cause the diversion of diseased and suspicious looking animals to the uninspected establishments where they are slaughtered for the local market," says the report.

"Many cities have an inspection service but very few have an adequate force, and the inspection often consists of merely examining the meat as offered for sale in the markets, when it is usually impossible to detect disease the evidence of which may have been removed with the viscera or organs," says Dr. Melvin.

"As a rule, sanitary conditions are very bad at uninspected slaughter houses and in order to provide real protection against diseased or unwholesome meat a competent veterinary and sanitary inspection at the time of slaughter is essential."

Road Presidents See Taft.

Washington, Special.—President Taft held a conference with six railroad presidents, who came to see him last Monday. None of the railroad officials would discuss their mission other than to say that they entered a general protest against all the proposed amendments to interstate commerce laws. Those attending were President Mellen, of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad; President McCrea, of the Pennsylvania railroad; President Lovett, of the Union Pacific railroad, and allied Harriman lines; President Finley, of the Southern railway, and President Brown, of the New York Central. No statement is as yet made of the results.

Reprimanded For Adjustment Delay.

Washington, Special.—In a decision by the interstate commerce commission involving a claim of 20 cents in an overcharge on freight, made against the Ashboro Railway company, and other lines, railroads are generally severely reprimanded for their delay in adjusting claims where there has been a palpable overcharge. The case was that of a Wilkes-Barre, Pa., firm, who alleged an overcharge of 20 cents on a shipment of iron wagon axles to Carthage, N. C.

To Train Naval Militia.

Washington, Special.—With a view of procuring a higher degree of proficiency among the naval militia of the various States. Acting Secretary Winthrop of the navy has directed that a four-hole gun, equipped with Morris tubes, be sent to each of the naval militia armories throughout the country for training purposes. Armories in 23 States are affected by this step.

No Bond Issue Until March.

Washington, Special.—Unless some extraordinary situation supervenes, there will be no new issue of interest-bearing obligations by the Treasury before March.

Death Rate Great Last Year.

Washington, Special.—The average death rate from street car accidents in the District of Columbia during the past fiscal year was the greatest in its history, according to the annual report of Health Officer Woodruff. The death rate was 5.9, while during the previous year it was 5.9, and during the five-year period, 1901-1905 it was 2.6.

Didn't Buy Steamer Roosevelt.

Washington, Special.—An offer to purchase the steamer Roosevelt, in which Commander Peary made his last trip to the Arctic regions preparatory to his dash to the North Pole, has been declined by the Treasury Department.

Shively Gets Best Seat.

Washington, Special.—Senator Shively, of Indiana, hereafter will have the most desirable seat on the Democratic side of the senate. It is in the front row and on the center aisle. The seat was occupied by the late Senator McLaurin.

POSTAL REVENUES GROW

First Assistant Postmaster General Deals in Facts and Figures.

Washington, Special.—As a business institution the Postoffice Department, next to the United States Treasury, is the greatest in the government. According to figures submitted by Charles P. Gradfield, First Assistant Postmaster General, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1909, made public in his annual report, the gross revenue of the postal service reached the enormous total of \$203,562,383, an increase of \$12,083,720, or 6.31 per cent, over the preceding year. There were 7,202 presidential postoffices on July 1, 1909. Of this number 398 were first class, an increase of 14; 1,797 were second class, an increase of 112; and 5,097 were third class; an increase of 230. The total increase in the number of presidential offices was 356. There were 1,444 postoffices established during the year and 2,004 were discontinued, leaving a total of 60,144 postoffices in operation on June 30, 1909. During the year 1,626 postmasters were appointed at presidential offices. At fourth-class offices 9,161 postmasters were appointed.

The report recommends an amendment to the law whereby fourth-class offices may be advanced when the receipts of the office qualify it; wages of the clerical and carrier force should be increased in first and second class offices. Nearly half the offices of presidential class are housed in leased quarters.

Petitions For Morse Pardon.

Portland, Me., Special.—Petitions addressed to President Taft asking for the absolute pardon of Charles W. Morse are in circulation here. The petitions set forth that he did no intentional wrong, that he has repaid his debts; that his jury was largely influenced by popular clamor and that, even though guilty, Morse has paid the penalty by his imprisonment while awaiting the outcome of the case.

DENIES CHARGE OF MADRIZ.

Zelaya Defends Self in Case of Groce and Cannon.

Mexico City, Special.—As justification of his refusal to pardon Cannon and Groce and in support of a denial which he made last Saturday of irregularity, Jose Santos Zelaya exhibited for the first time telegrams which he claimed to have received from the American victims of Nicaragua's martial law.

Zelaya uttered his denial in reply to charges made by President Madriz of Nicaragua, that the executions of Groce and Cannon were illegal and that the United States government was justified in its resentment over this action.

Agree on Arbitration.

Chicago, Special.—Members of the switchmen's union representing the western railroads have agreed with the general managers' association to submit their requests for advanced wages and change in hours to arbitration under the Erdman law. The switchmen asked for arbitration.

Five Burn to Death in House.

Burnside, Ky., Special.—Mrs. Martha Corder, her daughter, Mrs. James Kidd, and three small children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed Kidd's house at Plavens, Wayne county.

Two Yeggmen Are Killed.

Tallahassee, Fla., Special.—In a struggle with two safe blowers, Paul Sauls, 17 years old, son of J. M. Sauls, the night watchman at the postoffice building, shot and killed them both in the basement of the building. The boy was only slightly wounded. The two cracksmen were white.

Students Have Hookworm.

New Orleans, Special.—Consternation prevails among the 100 or more students of Tulane College following the examination of every student for hookworm. It is announced that more than a third of the junior class were found to be infected with the parasite. Practically all the students said to be thus afflicted are apparently robust specimens of manhood.

Plot on Zelaya's Life.

Mexico City, Special.—Jose Santos Zelaya has been warned by officials here that the police authorities are in receipt of secret information that two Salvadoreans and an American are in Mexico City and are only awaiting a favorable opportunity to take his life.

Heavy Cost of Canal.

New York, Special.—"I believe it will cost \$500,000,000 to complete the Panama Canal and that will amount to \$5.00 a head for every man, woman and child in the United States," said Mr. Langley, of Kentucky, returning from the Isthmus.

NEWS BRIEVITIES

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AS THEY ARE HAPPENING DAILY

Suited to the Wants of Busy Readers Seeking a Knowledge of What is Going on.

Through inoculation of guinea pigs, which in turn infected other pigs, the pellagra germ that scientists are trying to combat, has been isolated by two local physicians, it is claimed, at Durham, N. C.

A fire in the business section of Lebanon, Tenn., destroyed property valued at \$50,000. Several of the best business houses in the town were destroyed.

One of the oldest women in the country, and acknowledged to be the oldest person in the State of West Virginia, is Mrs. Elizabeth Kerns, of Capon Bridge, Hampshire county, who recently celebrated her one hundred and sixth birthday by preparing for her funeral.

Pate Smith, aged 20, shot and killed his sweetheart, Miss Alice Rhodes, aged 19, and turned the weapon himself, blowing out his brains, at the girl's home three miles below Calera, Ala.

Fire at Galveston, Texas, destroyed the north compartment of one of the concrete wharves on Pier No. 12, causing damage estimated at \$100,000. The principal loss is on cotton awaiting shipment to Liverpool. About 2,800 bales of cotton was damaged to probably one-third of its value.

Mayor Gaynor, of New York, appointed Robert Adamson, a newspaper man, to the place of mayor's secretary with a salary of \$6,000 a year. Adamson is of Georgia.

Rev. Father Francis A. Schmidt, for many years prominent in Catholicism on work in North and South Carolina, but for seven years chaplain at St. Vincent's hospital, Norfolk, Va., died at that institution following a lingering illness. Father Schmidt was a native of Germany and was 62 years of age.

Allen Broom, proprietor of a near-beer saloon and small restaurant on Whitaker street, Savannah, Ga., has received a threatening letter which he has turned over to the United States postal authorities for investigation with the hope of finding the identity of the writer.

Thomas Waggoner, of Fort Worth, Texas, has just given each of his three children property valued at \$2,000,000 as Christmas gifts.

The head of a white man, evidently freshly cut from the body, was found in a trash bucket in the Prudential building, one of the large office structures of Atlanta, Ga.

During the year 1909 Atlanta, Ga.'s street car system, operated by the Georgia Railway and Electric company, hauled 50,598,769 passengers, including transfers.

From 10 to 15 persons are thought to have perished in the cold in Western Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia is to get the \$6,000,000 for an art museum left by Dr. Thomas W. Evans.

At Fresno, Cal., for the first time in 16 years snow fell.

The appellate division of the New York Supreme Court decided that colored Elks must not use the ritual of the white Elks.

Belated Christmas gifts were destroyed in a \$500,000 fire in the Adams Express Company warehouses in New York.

A justice of the New York Supreme Court, in an opinion, declared that no public improvement was now carried out without graft.

At Bladen, Neb., after eating 16 bananas, John Clausen, 19 years of age, became ill, and died at his home here. It is said that the fruit had been frozen.

Mrs. Russell Sage has offered to buy a park for \$650,000 and give it to Yale for a campus.

The woman suffragists of Oklahoma are waging an unceasing campaign to secure a constitutional amendment giving them the right to vote.

The plant of the Kennesaw Marble Company, located at Marietta, Ga., has been destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$150,000, partly covered by insurance.

An estate of the estimated value of \$3,000,000 is disposed of by the terms of the will of Stoughton J. Fletcher, the Indianapolis banker who died at Gallatin, Tenn., December 25.

The Philadelphia (Pa.) Rapid Transit company have decided to give \$500 free insurance to each of its employees and to give a pension of \$20 a month to each employee 65 years old and 25 years in its service.

At Johnson City, Tenn., fire destroyed the Arnbrush-Smith building containing a loss of probably \$50,000, partially covered by insurance. The Elks' home and many offices were located in the building.

Chicago's municipal expenditure for 1910 will be the largest in the history of the city. For schools, libraries, water bureau and corporate purposes it will be in the neighborhood of \$55,000,000, which is \$3,000,000 in excess of the largest appropriation heretofore made.

Atlanta's second year of prohibition which closed at midnight Friday, Dec. 31, shows on the docket at police headquarters 3,620 cases for drunkenness against 2,650 for last year, an increase of 980 cases.

After cutting the throat of John M. Jennings, a bookkeeper, in a room in which they had been living for some time past, Lizzie C. Crenshaw, aged 28 years, hanged herself in a cell at the police station at Nashville, Tenn.

Agnes Booth, the famous actor of two decades, is dead.

Lad Coughs and Cure Himself of Appendicitis in Nick of Time.

Pittsburg, Special.—Surgeons at Pittsburg, Pa., had placed Norman Barnett, the little son of George Barnett, on the operating table to cut out his appendix, but just as the knife was ready the lad was seized with a fit of coughing which cured him. He emitted a needle, which is believed to have caused his illness.

Texas Murders His Family.

Baller, Tex., Special.—F. B. Kimbler, a prominent farmer living in the northern portion of this county, killed his wife, his 6-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter, seriously wounded his niece, aged 20, and ended his own life by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a pocket knife. Ill health probably the cause.

Four men attacked a bank in Brooklyn and fatally wounded a clerk.

To Examine Cook's Records.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Cook's polar data is to be examined by the National Geographical Society. The documents left Copenhagen, Dec. 21st. The society is to report the findings this month.

Cotton School in Georgia.

Athens, Ga., Special.—The cotton school at the State College of Agriculture began Tuesday its third annual session, lasting ten days.

Tried to Save Groce and Cannon.

Managua, Nicaragua, By Cable.—Gen. Medina, of the government forces, says he and Gen. Toledo did all in their power to prevent the execution of Groce and Cannon, the Americans, decreed by President Zelaya.

King of the Gypsies Lead.

Boston, Special.—Richard Stanley, king of the powerful Stanley tribe of roaming Gypsies, whose fame has been world-wide for 70 years, is dead here.

Favors Plan to Raise "The Maine."

Washington, D. C., Special.—President Taft is in favor of the plan to raise battleship "Maine" from Havana harbor and suitable inter the remains of the sailors who went down with the ship.

Big Poultry Show in Texas.

Dallas, Texas, Special.—Poultry breeders and fanciers from all parts of the Southwest met here to attend the annual show of the Southwestern Poultry Association. The prizes were more than \$2,500.

Cashier Admits Hold Up Covered \$14,000 Theft.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Special.—Cashier William Dobson has confessed to Chief Mains, of the Ontario police, that he and two others planned and executed the robbery here last November when \$14,000, consigned to Toronto banks was stolen after an alleged sensational hold-up in which Cashier Dobson's hand was cut open with a piece of lead pipe.

Jim Farnum Pleads Guilty.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—James S. Farnum, agent in this State for a number of brewery and liquor firms who did business with the State dispensary, has plead guilty to a charge of conspiracy to defraud the State and paid a fine of \$5,000.

Congressman Griggs Dead.

Dawson, Ga., Special.—Representative James M. Griggs of the second Georgia district died suddenly at his home here Wednesday. He was in bed at the time, apparently convalescing from a supposed slight attack of heart trouble. Aged 49.

One beauty of having crowds in New York City, chirps the World, is that we are not left exactly lonesome when they are gone.

PRICE FIXED.

SOUTHERN SPINNERS ARE TO BETTER CONDITIONS.

CONCERTED PLAN LAUNCHED

Will Sell at Lowest Price and Curtail Wheat Market Slumps—Big Attendance.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—A very important meeting to the textile industry met in this city Tuesday. Several hundred manufacturers of soft and hard yarn were present, as well as numerous commission men of Northern cities. The meeting was called with an idea to reaching some plan of concerted action on the part of mill men to boosting prices on cotton goods on a parity with prices of the raw material. They claim that it is impossible to buy 16-cent cotton and sell goods at present prices and make a profit, and accordingly this meeting adopted the following plan to bring about an improvement in the cotton goods market:

"Resolved, That we recommend the adoption of the following schedule of prices, and unless these prices can be obtained, then we urge immediate curtailment. The minimum schedule is as follows:

	Hard	Soft
8-1	24	24 1/2
8-2 & 3	24 1/2	25
10-2 & 3	25	25 1/2
12-2 & 3	25 1/2	26
14-2 & 3	26	26 1/2
16-2 & 3	26 1/2	27
20-2 & 3	26 1/2	27
24-2 & 3	25 1/2	29
26-2 & 3	29	29 1/2
30-2 & 3	30	30 1/2
36-2 & 3	36	36
40-2 & 3	39	
50-2 & 3	39	
50-2 & 3	44	
80-2 & 3	50	

This resolution, after full and free discussion and enthusiastic endorsement from those who urged a campaign of education among the spinners of the South to count the cost before they fix their prices and then stand firm until the minimum (which is cost) is reached, was adopted unanimously.

W. B. Anderson, of Macon, Ga., illustrated by a blackboard example the exact cost of production as follows:

Raw material 16 cents a pound.	
Estimated waste 15 per cent.	
Calculation based on 20s yarn.	
Net cost of cotton, eliminating waste, 1.80 cents a pound.	

	Cents a Pound
Cotton	18.18
Hire (pay roll help)	1.75
Findings	.50
Taxes, insurance, power, salaries of officers, interest, depreciation	1.25

Total manufactured cost at mill	22.30
Freight	.50
Discount for cash 3 per cent.	.75
Commission for selling 5 per cent	1.25

Aggregate cost delivered . . . 24.80

The meeting was presided over by Mr. D. A. Tompkins, as chairman, and T. W. Crews, as secretary.

Many prominent mill men addressed the meeting along the above lines.

RESUME WORK.

Congress Meets After Holiday Recess—Increased Cost of Living.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Congress, after taking holiday recess, reconvened Tuesday, but after brief sessions of both houses adjourned until Wednesday to the memory of the late Senator McLaurin, of Mississippi. Representative Mann introduced a bill making sweeping changes in the interstate commerce law; Representative Humphrey also introduced a ship subsidy bill, which has the approval of the President.

The increased cost of living was the subject of a concurrent resolution offered in the House by Representative Hull of (Tenn.) It provides for a joint committee of seven members of the House and five members of the Senate to investigate conditions and report upon them and as to what remedies may be affected through legislation.

French Aeronaut Killed. Bordeaux, By Cable.—Leon Delagrang, noted French aeronaut, was killed while making a flight.