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TRUE BILLS Of Indictment Against Eight Offenders.

THE REBATE CASES. Shippers, Freight Agents and Common Carriers Before the United States Grand Jury in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Eight indictments were returned by the federal grand jury yesterday against shippers, freight agents and common carriers in the rebate cases brought to the attention of the grand jury by United States District Attorney J. Whitaker Thompson. The indictments returned are as follows: Great Northern Railway Co., for offering a rebate to R. D. Wood & Co., of this city, on a shipment of 1,500 tons of iron piping to Winnipeg.

WILL STAMP OUT HAZING. Two Midshipmen, One for Hazing, and Another for Failing to Report It, Are Suspended.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Hazing of every kind, it was announced yesterday, will be stamped out of the naval academy, regardless of the number of dismissals from the brigade of midshipmen necessary to bring about this result. Two midshipmen will be dismissed from the academy within a few days by the secretary of the navy.

MANY MEN WILL BE BENEFITED. Independent Woolen Manufacturers Will Raise Wages.

Boston, Dec. 15.—Independent woolen manufacturers in this state, Rhode Island and Connecticut, employing about 5,000 operatives, announce that they will follow the action of the American Woolen Co., which recently decided to advance the wages of the 30,000 hands in its 39 mills, 10 per cent. on January 1.

Four Deckhands Drowned. Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 15.—Four persons were drowned in the Monongahela river yesterday, as the result of the passenger steamer Rose Hite colliding with the tugboat John F. Klein, and sinking in 14 feet of water.

An Automobile Accident. Washington, Dec. 15.—In an automobile accident in the outskirts of Washington late yesterday afternoon Walter Beaupre Townley, counselor of the British embassy, sustained minor injuries and his wife, Lady Susan Townley, was knocked unconscious and badly bruised about the head.

Man Killed, Wife Seriously Injured. Nolan, W. Va., Dec. 15.—Benjamin Endicott was shot and instantly killed and his wife was seriously injured last night by Fred and Howard Trippett and another young man.

ROOSEVELT THEIR CHOICE. Managers of the Democracy Looking to the President as a Possible Leader.

Democratic senators and representatives "have been flocking to the white house for several weeks past offering allegiance to the president," says the Washington correspondent of the Chronicle. And his statement is corroborated by the dispatches of all other Washington correspondents.

This spectacle of the national leaders of the opposition party accepting, or rather soliciting, the leadership of the leader of the party in power is extraordinary, but it is neither inexplicable nor wholly unprecedented.

Hence the readiness of the managers to go once more to the republicans for a leader and this time to the chosen and official head of that party.

What we see is a repetition of the tactics which failed at the inception in 1868 and at the polls in 1872 and which amounted then and amounts now to a confession of the unworthiness of the democratic party and its leaders.

The eagerness of the managers to make a democratic leader of President Roosevelt is merely a recognition of his phenomenal popularity. It does not mean that the democratic party is growing better or that it accepts the principles by which President Roosevelt is actuated or that it has any use for him or for anything about him except his popularity, and for that only as an instrument to rake democratic chestnuts, mostly wormy, from the fire.

COMMENT AND OPINION.

Free traders howl for tariff revision, because they are ashamed to acknowledge that they are free traders and opposed to any protection in a tariff.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

President Roosevelt pushes the country up to congress with a diminished public debt and a comfortable balance on the right side of the cash book. This is certainly a healthy financial condition, albeit congress may proceed to hit the surplus with a sandbag.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The president has laid out work enough to keep congress busy for many months, unless the unanimity resulting from abnormal democratic support of the administration proves to be destructive of due deliberation.

In 1892 the democratic cry of tariff reduction caught the ear of the voters, and the democratic ticket was successful. Voters recall the industrial disaster to the country which followed an enforcement of the democratic principle, and because they do remember it there is no danger of catching the American voters by it for 50 years to come.—Albany Journal.

CONGRESS IN SESSION. Body Which Insures Support to the President in Carrying Out Policies.

The assembling of the Fifty-ninth congress in regular session is an event of more than usual interest. The body is representative of the issues which entered into the memorable campaign of last year, and a large proportion of the membership may be truly said to have been elected as a result of the Roosevelt tidal wave.

The organization of the house of representatives was quickly accomplished, and was in accordance with conditions which had long been manifest. Speaker Cannon, a veteran statesman of most honorable and acceptable record, who served with distinguished ability as presiding officer of the house in the last congress, was reelected without the slightest opposition and with such enthusiastic and unanimous loyalty by the republicans as to make the choice a foregone conclusion long before the vote for him was actually cast.

The prompt manner in which congress has "got down to business" gives ground for the hope and expectation that much excellent work will be accomplished, to the benefit of the country and with the approval of the people.

PROSPERITY OF UNCLE SAM Never So Rich and Finances Never Before in Such Excellent Shape.

Last year the deficit in the first five months of the fiscal year was about \$25,000,000. It is less than \$12,000,000 so far for the fiscal year beginning last July. The national expenditures are being kept down to about the level reached last year. There is a constant gain in government revenues, says the Cleveland Leader.

The increase is chiefly in the customs. The unprecedented prosperity of foreign products, both for immediate consumption and for use in manufactures. In November the net gain in revenue was over \$2,000,000, compared with the corresponding part of 1904.

Such expansion of the nation's income leads some high authorities to believe that by the end of the fiscal year the United States treasury will reach the fortunate state of an even balance between well-guarded expenditures and growing receipts. Panama canal finances, of course, do not come under this general head. They will have to be provided for by the sale of bonds for that express purpose.

Uncle Sam was never so rich, and his finances can be adjusted readily to whatever needs he may feel like recognizing. Two per cent. bonds are rapidly being issued in exchange for four per cent.

All on Board Saved. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 16.—After a struggle of 48 hours with winds and waves, during which the crew had no time for eating or sleeping, the Belgian steamer Antigone, Capt. Eugene Calmetta, went ashore at Little Island, about 12 miles south of this place, early yesterday. No lives were lost.

Steamer Ran Down a Schooner. Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 16.—The steamer City of Lowell last night ran down the lath-laden schooner Basuto-laud, Chatham, N. C., for New York, off South Norwalk. The schooner was cut to the water's edge and was abandoned. The crew escaped in boats to the Lowell.

Three Children Cremated. Traverse City, Mich., Dec. 16.—Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ingerson are dead, as the result of a fire that destroyed their home, near Fife Lake, Mich.

WHITE KING. His Mantle Falls Over Southern States.

RAIN AND SLEET. Arkansas, Maryland, Tennessee and Kentucky Visited by Storms—Wires Down in Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 16.—The Gulf storm which has been causing heavy precipitation in Texas and Louisiana for the past two days has moved eastward, bringing snow into Arkansas, rain and sleet in Tennessee and rain, sleet and snow in parts of Kentucky, while unsettled conditions prevail generally in the entire district south of Ohio and east of the Mississippi.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 16.—An unusually heavy snow fell here yesterday, the ground being covered with four inches up to noon. The weather is very cold.

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 16.—The first snow storm of the present winter raged here yesterday. Snow fell heavily and there is a covering of several inches on the ground.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—The Maritime Exchange wires to the Delaware Breakwater are down, as a result of the storm which appears to be increasing in severity along the coast. Early reports from the breakwater and reporting stations in Delaware Bay stated that a large fleet of vessels of all kinds had sought shelter in Snug Harbor, this side of the breakwater. A 50-mile gale, driving a wet snow, forced ships in the Delaware river to drop anchor, as it was impossible for pilots to see through the heavy veil of snow.

HOCH TO BE EXECUTED FEBRUARY 23 Illinois Supreme Court Affirms Lower Court's Verdict—Last Hope Gone Unless Governor Interferes.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The supreme court of the state yesterday affirmed the verdict of the lower court, which condemned Johann Hoch to death for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Marie Welcher Hoch, and the date of his execution has been set for February 23.

The first news of the action of the court was received here by a telephone message from Assistant State's Attorney Barnett, who is in Springfield. He communicated the information to State's Attorney Healy. A messenger was sent to Hoch with the news and found him in the visitors' cage, talking with the last of his many wives, Mrs. Fischer Hoch, the sister of the woman for whose murder he was sentenced to death.

R. G. DUN & CO.'S TRADE REVIEW. Retail Sales in Holiday Trade Surpasses All Records.

New York, Dec. 16.—R. G. Dun's Weekly Review of Trade says: Holiday trade has become the principal commercial feature, retail sales surpassing all records, while it has been found necessary to place liberal supplementary orders. Yet this activity in specialties detracts little from the steady movement of staples, and in jobbing and manufacturing departments there is unprecedented preparation for the spring season.

Failures this week numbered 239 in the United States, against 276 last year, and 27 in Canada, compared with 25 a year ago.

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Laundering the Baby's Clothes. Many mothers are not aware that chafing and much discomfort may be caused by the strong alkalies in the soap with which the little garments are washed. Hence, the work should be done under the mother's direction and only Ivory Soap used. ELEANOR R. PARKER.

You can cure Neuralgia, Toothache, or Headache in a few minutes by applying Dr. Bayer's Penetrating Oil on cotton to the seat of pain. 25c a bottle.

A girl can stand having the weather make her feet cold, if it gives her a nice, rosy complexion.—N. Y. Press.

AILING WOMEN. Keep the Kidneys Well and the Kidneys Will Keep You Well.

Sick, suffering, languid women are learning the true cause of bad backs and how to cure them. Mrs. W. G. Davis, of Groesbeck, Texas, says: "Back-aches hurt me so I could hardly stand. Spells of dizziness and sick headaches were frequent and the action of the kidneys was irregular. Soon after I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills I passed several gravel stones. I got well and the trouble has not returned. My back is good and strong and my general health better."

THE BEST COUGH CURE. In buying a cough medicine, remember the best cough cure, Kemp's Balsam costs no more than any other kind. Remember, too, the kind that cures is the only kind worth anything.

For Family Colds. A reliable Cough and Cold cure should be always in the house ready for use the moment the first symptoms appear. It is always easier, cheaper and better to check a cold in the very beginning. It is safer, too.

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