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The Job department of the Press is complete and affords facilities for doing the best class of work.

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Wonderful Power of Light.

The extraordinary resuscitating power of light recently received a curious illustration in the silver mines of Laurium.

Famous Old Bowling Green.

Bowling Green was the cradle of New York city. It was the center of New Amsterdam.

Pointed Out Remedy.

Walking about his estate, a rich citizen halted a laborer who was digging a drain and solemnly inquired if he were ready to die.

Soulful Boston Messenger.

A short time ago a gentleman in Boston sent a small boy in his neighborhood to deliver a note to a young lady who lived a few blocks away.

"Mumping Day."

What is known in Lincolnshire as "Mumping" or St. Thomas' day, when women and children go from house to house begging money, food, or clothing, was observed recently.

Quite a Distinction.

Appropos of the four Brooks brothers who were all preachers, it is recalled that when one of them went to occupy the pulpit at Trinity, Boston, for a single Sunday, he was greeted by one of the parishioners, who exclaimed: "Ah, you are the brother of Mr. Brooks?"

Fine Caps for Infants.

History tells us that Louis XIV, when a baby, received from the pope a gift of six rich caps of various styles, inclosed in magnificent cases made of brocade and silver.

Why Champagne Is Costly.

Champagne takes up much time and care in the making. Altogether a bottle of champagne goes through 200 different operations, covering a period of 2 1/2 years.

Starvation Wages.

A woman who has applied to the Lambeth guardians for relief says she is a buttonhole-maker, is paid four cents a dozen, and that it takes an hour and a half to make them.

Meet Universal Appreciation.

Talents of even the highest order are criticised. But the simple little home games that make a woman sweet and lovable are seldom—if ever—subjected to adverse comment.

Bank of England Notes.

The ink with which notes of the Bank of England are printed is made of charred husks and stems of Rhenish vines, and the recipe, like the manufacture of the paper, is a carefully guarded secret.

LABOR'S BIG REWARD

GREATEST ADVANCE IN WAGES KNOWN IN HISTORY.

As a Result of Unparalleled Prosperity the Increase of Pay to Workers in Mills, Factories and on Railroads Will Amount to \$1,000,000,000 for 1907.

January first just passed and the months preceding saw the greatest advance in wages ever known in this country. The advance is the more remarkable because it was based on the highest rate known in this or any other land.

The Dingley tariff has brought most wondrous changes to our industrial life. Under it our foreign trade has doubled; the value of our farm products has doubled; the volume of employment has changed from the idleness of millions to a veritable labor famine in all parts of the country.

Remarkable as are all these results, they do not equal in importance the increased rewards to labor.

The secretary of the Railroad General Managers' association says the railroad employes will this year receive over \$1,000,000,000 in wages, more than double what the railroad employes of 1896 received.

The condition of street and elevated railroad employes is similar. The next largest increase has been given to the metal workers. Bradstreet's estimates that the annual pay roll in the Pittsburgh district alone exceeds \$250,000,000, an increase over two years ago of \$100,000,000.

The textile workers of New England and elsewhere have had their share too in the increase of wages, the gain amounting to many millions of dollars. The express companies' employes, coal and iron and copper miners, boot and shoe operators, and the laborers in thousands of mills and factories have had an increase during the past year over the increases of the years preceding under the Dingley tariff.

The laborers of the United States have been trebly benefited, first by continuous employment; second, by higher wages; third, by shorter hours; and we might add, fourth, by an increase of interest in savings banks where they have over \$3,000,000,000 on deposit at four per cent. now, in most cases, instead of three and three and one-half per cent. formerly.

In the light of the above facts it would seem foolish, yes, criminal, to change a tariff policy which has given such unprecedented rewards to the workers of the country.

Would Wreck the Prosperity Train.



Foreign Trade, \$3,250,000,000.

What will the advocates of tariff reduction as a promoter of foreign trade have to say about the November trade returns? In the first 11 months of 1906 our imports have been \$1,188,139,822, an increase of \$110,158,061 over the corresponding period in 1905.

TARIFF REVISION PROGRAM.

Postponement Until 1909 Should Meet Views of All Sensible Republicans.

It comes more or less authoritatively from Washington that there will be no further talk of tariff revision at this time. That decision is in accordance with sound common sense.

Gov. Cummins, of Iowa, began this agitation even before President Roosevelt was inaugurated. He tried to force it into the national platform of Chicago and he went to Detroit and told an audience about that time that he was for revision now, immediately, by this congress.

The postponement of tariff revision until 1909, that is until after the presidential election of 1908, will meet, we believe, with the approbation of nearly all Republicans.

To undertake tariff revision now would be a most disastrous proceeding, not merely from a party standpoint, although that is not unimportant, but from a financial and industrial standpoint.

It is to be hoped that there will be no Republican dissent to this program, and we feel certain that it will not come from the governor of Iowa, who has been learning some wisdom and moderation on such issues.

To Secure Fair Treatment.

"We have reached the day when we must be willing to make generous concessions if we are to receive fair treatment in Europe."

This is the conclusion reached in view of threats by Germany and France to mark up their tariffs on American exports. We are to make "generous concessions" from our tariff on German and French exports in order to secure fair treatment!

Is that the Express' idea of the proper course for a nation of 85,000,000 people to pursue? Are we to lie down and surrender our rights whenever some foreign country flourishes a big stick?

Our tariff is our own. It suits us. It was made for Americans, not for Germans or Frenchmen. Under it we are buying \$700,000,000 a year of competitive goods from foreign producers.

If we show the white feather now when and where will the big stick bluff game stop? Are we always to be at the mercy of foreign bulldozers?

For shame! The Express needs to take a few stitches in its patriotism and its common sense. Both are getting the worse for wear when it talks about making generous concessions in order to secure fair treatment.

The Rise in Price of Labor.

"Some idea of the amount of this tariff trust graft may be obtained by considering the difference between the rise of prices in this country and in England."

IT IS COMPLETED.

THE THAW JURY HAS BEEN CHOSEN AT LAST.

THE TAKING OF DIRECT TESTIMONY FOR THE STATE NOW TO BEGIN.

New York.—The Thaw jury as completed late Friday follows: Foreman—Deming Smith, 55, retired manufacturer, married.

The selection of the twelfth juror came as a complete surprise at the end of a long and tedious day—the eighth of the trial—and immediately after this last member of the trial panel had been sworn in Justice Fitzgerald ordered an adjournment of court until Monday morning.

District Attorney Jerome, who has been contending since Thursday afternoon for the removal of one of the men now in the jury box, but who has failed to gain the consent of the defendant's counsel to change, was still reluctant as court adjourned Friday to begin the actual proceedings without a further opportunity to plead with Thaw's attorneys.

HAS NO FOUNDATION.

Report that Japan Has Issued an Ultimatum to the United States Is Officially Denied.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Root positively refuses to make any statement touching the Japanese situation in its relation to the conference which took place at the White House Wednesday evening between the president, some members of the cabinet and the California congressional delegation.

The fact appears to be that a statement in the press cable dispatches ascribed to Baron Hayashi, Japan's minister for foreign affairs, to the effect that in event the courts uphold the San Francisco school officials, then the matter of discrimination against Japan would require diplomatic treatment was in some quarters erroneously attributed to Secretary Root.

A BUSINESS BULLETIN.

Commercial Activity in All Lines Is the Greatest Ever Known.

New York.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Although the average of the 60 most active railway securities fell this week to the lowest point since 1904, there was no corresponding reaction in commercial activity, which continued beyond precedent.

Forward business is most extensive in the iron and steel manufacture and the cotton industry, and the mercantile outlook is bright. Wholesale houses receive large contracts for spring delivery, especially in dry goods lines, and the settled winter weather has produced a wholesome reduction in retail stocks of heavy weight wearing apparel and other seasonal merchandise.

Congress.

Washington.—In the senate on the 1st a bill was passed increasing the pay of mail carriers in cities, also a bill increasing the pensions of all survivors of Indian wars from \$8 to \$10 per month.

A Deadly Epidemic.

London, Eng.—Cerebro spinal meningitis, hitherto but slightly known in this country, has broken out in virulent form in Scotland and the north of Ireland.

Hatters Strike.

New York.—Four thousand men and 700 women employed in the hat factories of the Orange, N. J., district were called out on strike Friday by order of the national union officers.

Abraham Lincoln.

That these shall not have died in vain, he prayed, Who gave their lives that Liberty and Law Should be the nation's heritage.

SUSAN E. DICKINSON.

Saw the Assassination of President Lincoln

Diary of Dr. Charles S. Taft, Recently Discovered in New York, Is a Remarkable Souvenir of the Great Tragedy of April 14, 1865.

A remarkable souvenir of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln recently came to light in New York. It is the pocket diary of Dr. Charles S. Taft, who formerly resided at No. 273 West Twenty-second street.

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about 8 P.M. The President and party arrived about 8.30 P.M. New York take a seat with his back immediately opposite the entrance door of the box, and facing the stage; could not see the President after he was seated about 8.30 P.M. in the front of the box extending from the lower end of the top; people could see his left side of the dress circle from his box; occupied a seat in an orchestra chair in Section C, No. 175, about three rows back from the orchestra railing and somewhat to the left of the center of the stage; about 8.30 P.M. saw Mrs. Lincoln in one corner of the box and another lady (whom I subsequently learned was Miss Clara Harris) in the opposite corner nearest the stage; from the relative position when I saw him seat himself, he must have been sitting between the two ladies, and just behind the division of the box, which intercepted the view of his face from my seat.

Two Pages of Dr. Taft's Diary.

The standard biographies of Lincoln and the newspapers of 1865 make brief mention of Dr. Taft as being present at the president's death and the autopsy. There can be no doubt of the genuineness of the notes. The house on Twenty-second street formerly occupied by Dr. Taft, is now a boarding house, and the doctor's name is unknown to the present occupant.

that I was a surgeon, when I was seized by several men and lifted up to the state box. When I entered the president was lying upon the floor surrounded by a number of men, who were about lifting him to remove him. Some were advising his removal home; this measure I opposed, stating that I was an army surgeon and wished him to be removed to the nearest house.

Charles S. Taft M.D. Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A.