

WEDNESDAY EVENING REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S EVENTS, HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

THE WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Happenings in the National Capital of Importance and Interest, Legislative and Political.

In the realm of foreign affairs, the most important development of the week in Washington has been the assurance received from the Japanese Government that the occupation of the Marshall Islands is only a temporary war measure.

The postponement of the Pan-American peace conference, which was to have been held at Buenos Aires next month, was announced after a meeting of the directors of the Pan-American Union Wednesday, which Secretary of State Bryan attended.

There were no important developments in the Mexican situation, although the brief visit of John R. Silliman, the President's confidential agent with General Carranza, to the capital occasioned much speculation.

Great Britain's alleged seizure of neutral vessels carrying copper and other "conditional contraband" to Dutch ports was the subject of a lively controversy in Washington.

Various plans for the relief of the cotton growers of the South, who have lost almost their entire market since the advent of the European war, were advanced this week.

Perhaps the most practicable plan yet developed has come through the initiative of Festus J. Wade, a St. Louis banker, who has established a fund of \$100,000,000.

The Administration plans for the coming campaign were matured this week by various conferences at the White House.

Another important political development of the week was the visit of Colonel George Harvey to the White House last Sunday.

The purchase and operation of merchant vessels by the United States Government would do nothing to encourage private capital to purchase and operate merchant vessels.

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COMMENT ON BUSINESS PROBLEMS

Editorial Suggestions Concerning Some of the Difficulties in the Business World.

What we need is to free the energies of the American mind from governmental shackles. What we need is to give free course to American activity and ingenuity and let the American merchant find his own way to make his money.

Much of our business depression is wholly mental. It is caused by paralysis of the mind. It is pure panic which induces confusion and inertia.

The cotton planters are not the only producers who are entreating us to buy something. Porto Rico is cut off from her European market and she is now asking the American people to "buy a bag of her coffee."

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VIEWS ON THE NEW TRUST BILL

What Newspapers in All Parts of the Country Think About the Clayton Measure.

There are two considerations which appeal with much force to thoughtful people at the present time. One is that there is great danger in an overcentralized government, and in too close political control of industries.

"I believe," Senator Bristow is quoted as saying, "that the President knows exactly what this conference report does and that he is supporting it because he does know what it does."

It is this bill also which embraces the great principle that "the labor of a human being is not a commodity or an article of commerce."

An unnecessary reaffirmation of the Sherman anti-trust law and a little sop to the labor unions—prefaced with the profound philosophic declaration "that the labor of a human being is not a commodity or an article of commerce,"

This experimental anti-trust legislation, greatly increasing the scope of Federal Government and widening immeasurably its control over private business, strikes most men of affairs, regardless of political affiliations, as decidedly unfortunate.

The thoughtful lawyers and broad-minded students of economic legislation would shed no tears if the omnibus Clayton bill should accidentally or otherwise get lost somewhere.

Here we have vicious, un-American class legislation favoring the mighty capitalist and the organized laborers against the great middle class of society.

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SEE WHAT THE DOVE BROUGHT

POLITICS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Progress of the Campaign and Some Illustrative and Picturesque Incidents.

The announcement that Martin G. Brumbaugh, Republican nominee for Governor, is financing his campaign independently of the Penrose-controlled Republican State Committee, and the successful efforts of friends of Roger C. Sullivan in the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections to postpone the Senate investigation of the primary expenses of Penrose and Sullivan, were important political events of the week.

A. Mitchell Palmer appeared before the Senate Committee early in the week and repeated his charge against Penrose. Penrose paid one of his frequent visits to Washington, and made a strong fight to prevent the inquiry into his campaign methods.

Doctor Brumbaugh's positive stand in favor of local option caused the difference between the gubernatorial candidacy and the Penrose-controlled State Committee.

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COURSE OF THE EUROPEAN WAR

Military and Naval Operations Considered in Relation to Their Effect on Whole Situation.

War operations in France this week were devoted largely to flanking and counter flanking movements characterized by terrific fighting, as each advance met with stubborn resistance.

The feature of the week was the northwesterly trend of the battle line and the violent effort of the Germans to sweep down through Belgium and outflank the Allies.

A surprise of the week was the sudden appearance of a strong German force near Lille on the Allies' extreme left, threatening lines of communication with French coast towns.

In Eastern Galicia the Austrians have been pushed nearer to Cracow and the Russian advance has crossed the Dniester, capturing Tarnow and other towns.

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IN COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Events Significant of Present and Future Conditions in the Business World.

This week the Federal Reserve Board announced that Class C directors had been appointed for all of the 13 Federal reserve banks.

It is felt that with the inauguration of the new banking system, which, as believed, will be placed in actual operation the early part of November, bank credit will be restored by bringing the leading banks within their full legal reserve.

Steps were taken by banks in all cities in response to the call of the Gold Fund Committee for 25 per cent of the allotted contribution to the \$100,000 gold pool for the relief of the foreign exchange situation.

A delegation of bankers from the cotton-growing States met in St. Louis on Monday and ratified the plan for raising a cotton loan fund of \$100,000,000.

The bill creating the Bank of Texas, with a proposed capital stock of \$25,000,000, for relief of the cotton situation, was defeated by the Texas Legislature during the week the New York Cotton Exchange completed a tentative plan for taking care of outstanding contracts in futures.

A statement issued by Secretary McAdoo on Tuesday showed that the prevailing rate on the sideline and on conditional banks to correspondent banks in most of the financial centers was 6 per cent.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad started suit against John L. Billard on Monday, claiming that the Billard Company to recover \$3,241,147 in connection with the sale of the Boston and Maine Railroad.

Stockholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway voted to increase the capital stock to \$60,000,000.

The fortnightly bulletin of the American Railway Association showed that on October 1 there was a net surplus of idle freight cars of 20,000.

The Government crop report, which was issued on the sideline and is regarded by us as more virtually assured of a bumper wheat crop, the greatest in the country's history.

World's series baseball games and a boom in the manufacture of a manufacturing plants were prominent in the week's news in Philadelphia.

Thousands of persons arrived in the city to witness the ball contests between the Athletics and Philadelphia team.

The United States Government has never considered a business in Philadelphia unless this business is a large part of the armor plate to be used on the new dreadnaughts.

The new tract of land includes 25 acres and will give the arsenal a frontage on the Delaware River.

The city-wide campaign for "safety first" received a decided impetus this week when Justice Callaway was charged to the Grand Jury with being a disreputable citizen.

A record for dumping coal into the hold of a vessel was established at the Green-Wich coal pier of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company when, by a new process, 550 tons were dumped in four hours.

The Philadelphia Housing Commission charged "outlets with permitting unsafe and disease-breeding conditions which are said to exist in various sections of the city."

Infant mortality in Philadelphia for the last nine months shows an increase of 25 over the preceding equal period despite crusades against sickening streets.

FILIPINO FREEDOM

The Republican policy, as outlined in party platforms and carried out by Republican Administrations, was to educate the Filipinos and give them a larger and larger measure of home rule.

The autonomy question most positively is not one to be decided on the utility or futility of the Philippines in case of war.

While the minority leader errs on the side of argument, he is right as to the main question. The United States is not called on to commit itself on that question at present.

It would be a mistake to suppose that a subsequent Congress, but would also cause continued unrest in the Philippines.

There is no need to discuss the question of independence—Chicago Herald.



THE RESPITE

welcomed throughout the country. Mr. Levy, in putting a price of \$20,000 on the property, yielded directly to the solicitation of Mr. Kuyper, but the action of the Secretary of State may be attributed fairly to the national sentiment roused by Mr. Martin Littleton—New York Herald.

The statement of the Japanese Government that Jabit was seized for present military purposes, with no thought of permanent possession, should save us from an outbreak of that painful disease sometimes described as Hispanitis, or more scientifically as Nipponitis.

Turkey's abrogation of the capitulations does not affect the American missions, either in Constantinople or in any of the ports of which they hold in Turkey.

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