

REPUBLICAN NEWS-ITEM

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LAPORTE PA.

A new cure for cancer has been discovered again.

Chicago women smile naturally whether it helps their looks or not.

France gets a new cabinet more frequently than many a man gets a new hat.

The American farmer will be pleased to know that he is worth nearly nine billion dollars.

If the "tip trust" provokes the traveling men to effective resistance it will not have lived in vain.

It is said that Yale will have a record-breaking crew. Accent on the record or on the breaking?

An English preacher has discovered a cure for snoring. An old-fashioned dig in the ribs works pretty well sometimes.

Wasp soup is said to be a delicacy in China, but Yuan Shi does not appear to relish the hornet's nest he has stirred up.

Lawn tennis on ice is the latest sport. Knowledge of the game might have helped the American players in Australia.

Kansas City citizen wants a divorce because his wife keeps thirty-five dogs in the house. Another marriage gone to the dogs.

New York gunmen broke into a gambling house the other day and held up the proprietor. One good holdup deserves another.

It is predicted that 25 years hence we will be eating reindeer meat. After that we may be ready to eat the Christmas toys.

Since the automobile began to make such great strides into popular favor very few horse thieves have gained prominence in the country.

Brander Matthews predicts that we shall have war again by 1930. We predict that in 1930 "war" will continue to be spelled the same old way.

The Boston Transcript says: "An exchange of feline amenities is entertaining Boston." One notion of feline amenities is to see the fur fly.

"The mother-in-law is omnipotent in China," says Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Evidently Ella has discovered the real cause of the Chinese revolution.

The Cambridge clergyman who doesn't mind if men sleep through his sermons probably will commend an alarm attachment to the contribution box.

A Connecticut preacher denounces rice throwing at weddings as a filthy habit. The only excuse for it is that it gives English sparrows a change of diet.

Aviators are abandoning the flying game because of its dangers, and yet there are plenty of men who persist in venturing into the woods to hunt deer.

A style congress in Chicago has doomed the hobble skirt to extinction, which, paradoxically enough, will rejoice the narrow-minded critics of feminine attire.

Wolves are said to menace the population in some districts of Michigan, but Michigan is not the only state in which people have trouble in keeping the wolf from the door.

Russia has imprisoned a man for writing a volume of poems. Are there, after all, virtues in autocracy?

A learned judge was asked to pass upon the complaint of a family which objected to rag time overhead. He couldn't do it, being a mortal.

New York policemen are learning wrestling that they may arrest offenders "with less brutality." Why shouldn't they study etiquette?

Chinese highwaymen, we are told, succeeded in getting away with a trifling sum like \$850,000. Even at this early date the Chinese republic has developed successful financiers.

One of our historians arises to remark that Mother Eve was not a good looking, but what's the use of being beautiful when there is only one man in the world and no other women?

New Yorker dropped dead when he learned that he had been left a legacy of \$180,000, but in spite of its dangers most of us are willing to take a chance on being left that much money.

A young woman in Chicago has gone to jail rather than talk. Such a thing would seem incredible if there were not court records to prove this amazing charge against any daughter of Eve.

A rich man in Pennsylvania, and a member of the bar at that, has had to pay a \$20 fine and \$80 costs because he tried to beat Uncle Sam out of a cent by sending through the mail a check folded in a newspaper. Served him right, you say? We thought you would.

LABOR MEN IN DYNAMITE NET

Most Sweeping Action Ever Taken by Federal Government.

MURDER CONSPIRACY CHARGE

United States Marshals Engineered Great Raid—Prisoners Will Be Taken to Indianapolis to Answer Indictments for Conspiracy.

Washington.—The Department of Justice received reports of the simultaneous arrest of 48 officials or members of union labor organizations, including three in New York City, marked the opening of another chapter in the uncovering of the nation-wide dynamiting conspiracy for which the McNamara brothers are serving prison sentences in California. The arrest of Clarence A. Dowd at Rochester, N. Y., was the first on the list.

All the arrests were made on indictment warrants issued at Indianapolis, where the federal grand jury returned indictments charging the prisoners with either having been actively engaged in the dynamiting conspiracy or of violating federal laws relating to the transportation of the explosive from one state to another. Other arrests on the Indianapolis indictments are to be made. They will bring the total up to between 50 and 60.

Among those arrested were: New York—Frank C. Webb, Patrick Farrell.

Indianapolis—Frank M. Ryan, Spurgeon P. Meadows, Herbert S. Hockin, John T. Butler, Fred Sherman.

Chicago—James Cooney, James Coughlin, Richard H. Houlihan, William Schoupe.

Syracuse—E. E. Phillips, John Carroll.

Cincinnati—Edward Clark, Ernest G. W. Basey.

St. Louis—John Barry, Paul Morrin.

Milwaukee—W. E. Reddin, Herman G. Steffert.

Kansas City—W. Bert Brown, W. J. McCain.

Detroit—Charles W. Wachmeister, Frank J. Murphy.

Rochester—Clarence E. Dowd.

Philadelphia—Michael J. Cunane.

Cleveland—Peter J. Smith, George "Nipper" Anderson.

Scranton—M. J. Hannon.

Denver—Henry W. Legleitner.

Davenport—Daniel Buckley.

Duluth—Fred Mooney.

Springfield, Ill.—A. J. Kavanaugh, M. L. Pennell.

Peoria—Edward Smith, James E. Day.

With two or three exceptions the men under arrest are officers or prominent members of the International Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' Union.

At the head of those arrested was Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

John T. Butler, of Buffalo, first vice-president, and Herbert S. Hockin, second vice-president of the organization, who succeeded J. J. McNamara, the convicted dynamiter, as secretary-treasurer, also were apprehended.

Altogether the indictment contains 128 counts against each of the defendants, and the penalty for any one of the offences varies from eighteen months to two years.

HUNT URGES JUDGE'S RECALL

In Inaugural Address Says Legislature's Duty is to Establish It.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Arizona is a state. The territorial officials relinquished the reins of government to the Democrats elected December 12. In the presence of the crowd that packed lower halls of the capitol George W. P. Hunt took the oath of office at noon. The oath was administered by Chief Justice Peace. Standing behind Hunt were William J. Bryan and Thomas H. Marshall of Indiana.

Franklin introduced Hunt in few words and the new governor delivered his inaugural address.

He promised a businesslike administration to work at all times for the interest of the people. He referred often to the people's power and declared it the solemn duty of the first state Legislature to give the people a chance to restore judiciary recall to the constitution.

TO HALVE EXPRESS RATES.

Adamson Bill, Cutting Charges 50 Per Cent., Introduced.

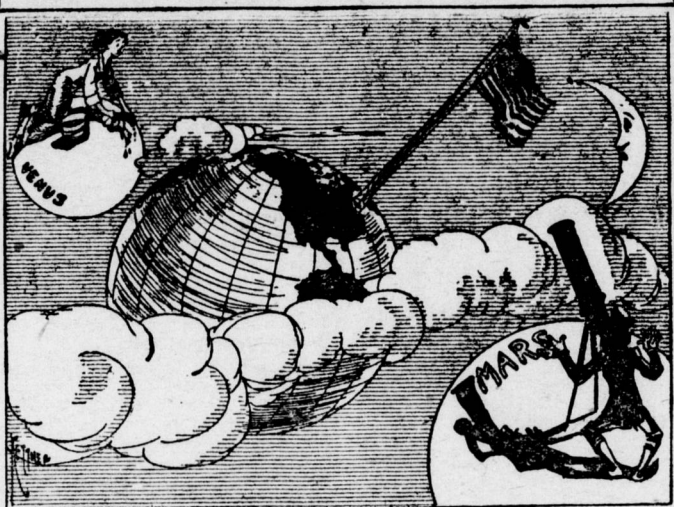
Washington.—A bill prescribing the rates to be charged by express companies engaged in interstate commerce will be reported to the House of Representatives in the near future. The bill was introduced by Representative Adamson of Georgia, chairman of the House committee on interstate.

BLOW AT UNWRITTEN LAW.

Maryland House of Delegates Passes Bill to Prohibit Appeal to It.

Annapolis, Md.—The House of Delegates by 52 to 31, passed a bill aimed at "the unwritten law." The bill gives judges the right to instruct juries on the law in criminal cases and prohibits counsel for the defense from arguing against such instructions. Delegate Dorsey led the fight against the bill. "I think the unwritten law is one that hangs over the homes as a protection," he said.

"O, SAY, CAN YOU SEE?"



(Copyright, 1912.) In Commemoration of Writing Star-Spangled Banner "Old Glory" is to Be Unfurled 1,000 Feet High—News Item.

WRITS FOR FOUR HUNDRED IN BUTTER TRUST

Members of the Mercantile Exchange Accused of Conspiracy—Alleged Trade Restraint.

New York.—After a two weeks' investigation of the butter situation Assistant District Attorney De Ford is convinced that the New York Mercantile Exchange, an organization of produce dealers which comprises most of the butter, egg and cheese jobbers in the city and controls, it is said, 95 per cent. of the trade, is virtually a conspiracy in restraint of trade, an object being to lower prices in the summer and raise them in the winter. He has filed with Magistrate Murphy information to that effect in which he asks for warrants for the 400 members of the exchange. Within a week or ten days Magistrate Murphy will take evidence in a series of public hearings similar to those held last summer by Magistrate Appleton in the ice investigation.

It is alleged that two members of the exchange fixed the price of butter and eggs so that in the spring and summer months, when such products are most plentiful, "they might purchase them and place them in cold storage at the lowest possible figure and thereafter, during the fall and winter months of each year, increase the price thereof to the retail dealer to as high a figure as the local market (competition between themselves in the sale thereof being eliminated) would stand without substantially curtailing the consumption of the butter and eggs by them in storage before the season of greatest production."

In the information it is alleged that the members of the exchange have conspired to injure trade and commerce, to restrict and prevent competition to the injury of the public and are therefore guilty of violation of section 580 of the penal law. It is the same section under which the live poultry trust, composed of dealers in Washington Market, was prosecuted last summer and thirteen of its members were sent to prison.

U. S. EXPRESS SOLD.

Control of the Company Passes to the Harrimans.

New York.—The E. H. Harriman estate has acquired control of the United States Express Co. to the exclusion of the Platt family. C. C. Tegethoff, who used to be Mr. Harriman's confidential secretary, and who is now Mrs. Harriman's confidential man, has been made a director in the United States Express, and has been selected secretary of the corporation.

Wall Street took the news of the withdrawal of the latter as an outcome of the Interstate Commerce Commission's investigation of the express companies, which is now going on at Washington.

DIES DAY AFTER MARRIAGE.

Lieutenant-Commander Sam. Browne Thomas Victim of Pneumonia.

Los Angeles—Lieutenant-Commander Samuel Brown Thomas, U. S. N., died in the California Club here, 48 hours after he had married Miss Grace Mellus.

Death was due to pneumonia contracted a fortnight before while Lieutenant-Commander Thomas was automobiling with his fiancée.

TO REDUCE THE CAVALRY.

Abolition of Five Regiments is Favored, Despite Opposition.

Washington.—The House of Representatives adopted an amendment, offered to the Army Appropriation bill by Chairman Hay of the Military Committee, to abolish five of the present fifteen regiments of cavalry.

PITTSFIELD BLOCK BURNED.

For Second Time in Two Weeks City Suffers Heavy Loss.

Pittsfield, Mass.—Fire destroyed the James M. Burns block in the centre of the business section, causing a loss of \$170,000. Five stores were burned out, and three persons were injured.

This is the second serious blaze in this city within two weeks. Fire on January 28 last burned the old Academy of Music and two blocks, owned by Mayor Kelton B. Miller, causing a loss of \$250,000.

DIX ORDERS BRANDT INQUIRY

Directs Justice Gerard to Hear Convict's Clemency Plea.

GRAND JURY ALSO TO ACT

Whitman to Press Grand Jury Inquiry Into Method of Conviction Whether Former Schiff Servant is Pardon- ed, Freed or Remanded for Trial.

New York.—Folke Engle Brandt, the former servant in the home of Mortimer L. Schiff, sentenced five years ago to thirty years for burglary in the first degree, whose application for Executive clemency was denied, was brought to New York on a writ of habeas corpus.

He was taken before Justice Gerard, in the Supreme Court, where decision on his writ was reserved, and then lodged in the Tombs, to remain under the custody of the Supreme Court until a decision is handed down.

Another feature of his case was taken up by Judge Rosalsky in General Sessions. Judge Rosalsky, who imposed the thirty-year sentence on Brandt, granted a motion to set aside Brandt's former plea of guilty, but because of the previous action of Justice Gerard the lawyers in the case believe the action in General Sessions will not have any effect.

Meanwhile, on the suggestion of Attorney General Carmody, Governor Dix reopened the case and appointed Justice Gerard a special commissioner to hear Brandt's plea for Executive clemency, which he denied at first, directing Justice Gerard to report his findings to the Governor.

District Attorney Whitman stated that apart entirely from any other proceeding in behalf of, or in connection with, Brandt's case, he would proceed with a grand jury investigation of the entire matter. Investigation of the files at Police Headquarters disclosed evidence which will be presented to the grand jury in the shape of letters written to Inspector McLaughlin, at that time at the head of the Detective Bureau.

Alton B. Parker, in the proceeding before Judge Rosalsky, read into the record of the case a letter to him from Mortimer L. Schiff in which the banker stated that Brandt wrote an insulting letter to his wife and that he, Mr. Schiff was now prepared publicly to vindicate "his honor and that of his beloved wife."

Mirabeau L. Towns, Brandt's counsel, called attention to the fact that Governor Dix in a public statement since the agitation about Brandt was recently revived has insisted that there was no mystery in the case, a point which Mr. Towns believes is opposed to the statements in the Schiff letter read in court by Mr. Parker.

DIES BEFORE OPERATION.

Doctor Drops Over After Excitement in Getting Patient to Hospital.

Somerville, N. J.—Dr. John P. Hecht, one of the best-known physicians in central New Jersey dropped dead in the operating room of the Somerset Hospital after he raced to the hospital to save the life of a railroad engineer.

Dr. Hecht was called from his home to attend Andrew Grover, an engineer on the Central Railroad, who was found unconscious in the cab of his engine, which was drawing a freight train at full speed. It is thought that when the engineer was leaning out of the cab window his head came in contact with a bridge.

GUS RUHLIN FALLS DEAD.

Heavyweight Pugilist Is Victim of a Hemorrhage.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Gus Ruhlin, once prominent as a heavyweight pugilist, who once fought Jeffries, and well known in sporting circles throughout the world as the "Akron Giant," fell dead in his home, No. 1490 Myrtle avenue, from a hemorrhage of the heart. Ruhlin was 40 years old. A widow survives him.

ARREST LABOR LEADER.

Clarence A. Dowd of Rochester, First Prisoner in Dynamite Roundup.

Rochester, N. Y.—Clarence A. Dowd of this city, business agent of the Machinists' union was arrested here by United States Deputy Marshal Fred C. Vichmann, on a warrant charging him with assisting in transporting dynamite and nitro-glycerine from one state to another. Dowd is one of the men indicted by the federal grand jury at Indianapolis in connection with the dynamite conspiracy cases.

FEED SCHOOL CHILDREN FREE.

Mayor Conroy to Begin the Plan in City of Lynn.

Boston.—Lynn is to be the first city in the country to feed its school children free, Mayor William P. Conroy after a conference with Mrs. Caroline M. Engler, member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, ordered the Board of Health to investigate conditions in the grammar schools, with a view to finding out how many children are in need of proper food. She found many cases.

TAFT FIRES ON HIS OPPONENTS

President Takes the Field in a Sensational Party Speech.

HIS DEFIANCE TO ROOSEVELT

Would Hurry Us Into Condition Which Could Find No Parallel Except in the French Revolution—Are Not Progressives.

New York.—In an address at the twenty-sixth Lincoln dinner of the Republican Club in the Waldorf-Astoria President Taft offered a statement of the platform upon which he seeks re-nomination and re-election. Eight hundred members of the club listened to the statement.

Mr. Taft read the address, and in doing so avowed the importance that his auditors attributed to it. Later in the evening Chauncey M. Depew characterized the speech as "the text book of the campaign, from which we shall draw the declaration of our position upon every issue," and the members of the club unequivocally bound themselves to that view.

In the President's reference to "extremists who are not progressives but political emotionalists or neurotics," the diners read a fling at the Roosevelt boom, as they did in a later rebuke of those who advocate the recall of Judges.

These two places in the platform claimed a greater share of applause than did any others, greater even than a plea for revision of the tariff, "schedule by schedule," for the maintenance of the army and navy at their present strength, "at least until the Panama Canal is completed," or for the enactment of a Federal incorporation law.

President Taft spoke swiftly and vehemently. The President made a direct appeal to the common sense of the Nation. He declared that the extremists were not progressives and they would bring us into a condition that would find no parallel except in the French Revolution or of that anarchy which once characterized the South American republics. He spoke of the security of the Constitution and the necessity of its observance to give equal opportunity to all men. He scorned the catch phrase that we should prefer "the man above the dollar."

CHINESE EMPIRE FALLS.

Rule of Manchu Dynasty Terminated Under Three Edicts.

Peking, China.—After occupying the throne of China for nearly three centuries, the Manchu dynasty, represented by the child Emperor Pu-Yi abdicated. Three edicts were issued, the first proclaiming abdication, the second dealing with the establishment of the republic and the third urging the maintenance of peace and approving the conditions of the agreement with the imperial Premier, Yuan Shih-kai, and the republicans.



PU-YI, Emperor of China.

The abdicating monarch will retain title, receive an annual grant of \$4,000,000 (Mexican) and remain near Peking.

LORD JOSEPH LISTER DEAD.

He Revolutionized Surgery by Anti-septic Treatment in Surgery.

London.—Lord Lister, the Grand Old Man of Surgery, known to fame as the discoverer of the anti-septic treatment method in surgery and the first English physician ever accorded the honor of knighthood, died here near the end of his eighty-fifth year. Sir Joseph was often referred to as the most famous living surgeon. His elevation to the peerage came in 1897.

CHESAPEAKE BAY CLOSED.

Ice in Tributary Rivers Thicker than in Thirty Years.

Baltimore.—Navigation in Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac, Susquehanna, Chester and other rivers, as well as Tangier Sound, is blocked by ice. Not in thirty years have the ice conditions been so bad, and the two iceboats are unable to keep the channels open.

The losses to the oyster trade and packing interests by the freeze-up is estimated at more than \$500,000.