

NO POLITICAL WORK PERMITTED

TAFT TALKS STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER TO CENSUS SUPERVISORS.

Washington, Dec. 11.—President Taft today served notice on ambitious members of congress that the newly organized machinery for the taking of the coming census is not to be utilized for political ends.

"Many of you—most of you—have been recommended by congressmen," said the president, "and it may be that some of those congressmen will come to you and expect because they did recommend you that you give them something in the way of selecting the men as enumerators who will help them in their congressional elections."

MUTTERINGS CAUSE HUSBAND'S ARREST

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Maggie Hunter, only survivor of the three women who were murderously attacked in their homes here yesterday, made statements in her delirium today that caused the re-arrest of her husband, J. C. Hunter.

Despite the injured woman's delirious talk, few believe anyone is guilty of the crime except the negro man, now missing, who was seen to enter the house about the time of the murders with an axe in his hand.

THE WEATHER

Cool, clear and not a breath of wind describes yesterday. It was an almost perfect day, but in the evening there was a hint of snow in the air and a feeling of colder weather to come.

Table with weather data: Thermometer 24, Barometer 26.99, Wind from the north.

BANKER SENTENCED

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 11.—Harry E. Hayes, junior member of the brokerage and banking firm of W. J. Hayes & Son, was sentenced to the penitentiary yesterday for five years for the embezzlement of \$198,000 in railroad bonds.

NEW PRESS AGENT



PHILLIP PATCHEN.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Official Washington has an official press agent. Phillip Patchen has just been appointed by the secretary of state as press correspondent.

Millions Made in Beef



At left above, Louis F. Swift, president of the greatest packing house in the world; at right, Charles Sprague Smith, head of the People's Institute.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—That Armour & company made \$7,124,924 above taxes, expenses and interest on its bonds in one year has aroused Charles Smith, head of the People's Institute, and in an interview with your correspondent today, he demanded an immediate government investigation.

By reason of his position Mr. Smith speaks as one with authority. No one in the United States knows more of the conditions of the poor and the exorbitant prices demanded for the necessities of life, chief of which is meat.

Recalling the stirring exposures of 1905 and later, the present demand for government investigation appears to be another move along the lines of the recent sugar trust investigation.

Through the People's Institute Mr. Smith hopes to force congress to take cognizance of the present conditions. He plans to force the government investigation before congress adjourns for the holidays.

The world's history shows that every time the price of bread has been advanced above the purse of the wage earner there has been revolution. It happened in Rome, it happened in France. What may happen in this country no man can say, but it is certain that the prices of foodstuffs are rapidly getting beyond the purse of the wage earner.

Letters to the Editor

The secretary of the state board of health, Dr. Tuttle, in an interview given to the papers of the state yesterday gives "reasons" for the suspension of quarantine in smallpox.

There are 43 states in the union besides Minnesota and Florida, and these states are not allowing their smallpox patients to run at large, and large percentages of these states have had much less smallpox than Minnesota has had during the last few years.

erty—Yet again is your soul troubled—Strict regulation and control of smallpox has everywhere been found impracticable—it does not quarantine—it is unreasonable and unfair says your Medical Association—Decisively you declare, "personal liberty in the matter of smallpox must be restricted when it interferes with the rights of others."

QUARANTINE OR NOT?

In view of the fact that the subject of smallpox is open for discussion, a brief history of this dread disease is not amiss at this time.

It was first described by an Arabian physician in the ninth century. It was known to exist, however, in the 13th century and during the Crusades.

The immunity secured by previous attacks suggested the inoculation idea for protection to Lady Montague, wife of the British ambassador to Turkey, in 1718.

The present epidemic in Missoula has been diagnosed in one suspected case as scabies, in three others as chickenpox.

One need only be reminded of the sacrifice of nearly 200 lives and loss of many thousands of dollars from business depression from the epidemic in the city of Billings a few years ago.

The physicians all over the state are becoming more enlightened. The local health officers draw down their monthly pension at the expense of the taxpayer and the smallpox victim, and all for what?

New York, Dec. 11.—Recent developments in the investigation of the Phoenix insurance company of Brooklyn led the committee to decide there is no warrant for serious action to be taken of the public concerning the solvency of insurance companies generally.

WAKE DEFENDS COOK NO LOBBY TO BE IN STATEMENT MAINTAINED

DECLARES THAT HE HAS NO DOUBT LOOSE-DUNKEL STORY IS FALSE.

New York, Dec. 11.—Charles Wake, an intimate friend of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, rallied to his support yesterday with a statement reasserting his confidence in the doctor's integrity and attacking the credibility of Captain A. W. Loose and George H. Dunkel, who have sworn that they assisted the explorer in the preparation of data concerning the north pole.

FIFTY-NINE LIVES ARE LOST IN STORM

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 11.—The terrific storm which passed over Lake Erie Wednesday night and Thursday reaped a harvest of lives and laid waste more than \$1,000,000 worth of vessel property.

Two of the crew are known to have perished. Neither is any hope now held out for any of the members of the crew of the car ferry, Marquette and Bessemer No. 2, who have been missing four days.

BICYCLE RACE

New York, Dec. 11.—The score at 9 o'clock of the six-day bicycle race was: Rutt, Clark, 2,429 1/2 miles; Root-Fogler, Walhour-Collins, Hill-Sten, 2,420 1/2; Halstead-Hehr, 2,420; Mitten-West, Lawson-Demara, 2,420; Georget, Georget, 2,419 1/2. The record for the 129th hour is 2,429 1/2.

The Sugar Trust Probe



Left to Right—James R. Colye, Oliver Spitzer, Patrick Hennessey, James F. Bendernagel.

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WANT ONLY FAST MEN FOR STARRING BOUTS

Washington, Dec. 11.—James J. Corbett is James J. Jeffries' choice for his sparring partner while he is training for his battle with Jack Johnson.

"Why, it will be easy," said he. "All this talk about my being in danger of being whipped I fail to see."

"I don't know," was the reply. "You see Bill wanted me to take Kaufman with me when I started to get in shape for the fight, but I can't use Kaufman because he is so terribly slow."