

MITCHEL TAKES THE REINS OVER PRENDERGAST

Orders Department Heads to Help Give Work to the Jobless.

ACT CLOSELY FOLLOWS SARCASTIC REMARKS

Mayor Mitchell, for the purpose of helping the jobless, made this request in a letter sent to the heads of all city departments yesterday.

"You will please expedite wherever possible the preparation of plans and contracts for work to be performed in your department which is necessary and for which you have obtained funds, and have this work undertaken promptly."

The Mayor's letter was made public after Comptroller Prendergast had said in a sharp interview that he was "hopeless" to the government of the city assuming responsibility for unemployment.

and had alluded sarcastically to "some well intentioned people with a passion for advertising themselves," who, he said, were giving out misleading information and causing the city to shoulder the burden of distress caused by economic conditions.

It is obvious that the proposal of Chamberlain, Hogue and the Gary committee to have the city accelerate \$5,000,000 worth of public work this winter has irritated the Comptroller because of what he takes to be an implication that work already authorized has been delayed. He and the Mayor sharply disagreed at Friday's secret meeting of the Board of Estimate as to how far the city could properly go in employing the unemployed.

Mr. Prendergast said yesterday that he had no intention of saving anything publicly, but "as someone else had seen fit to repeat the discussion that took place at a private meeting of the board," he felt compelled to give the facts.

"Unfortunately," the Comptroller said, "discussing this question of unemployment in the Board of Estimate yesterday I did charge Commissioner Kingsbury with having exceeded his appropriations and entering into obligations for which there were no appropriations. My statement was absolutely true, and the proof of it consists in the applications now pending before the Board of Aldermen for special revenue bonds to pay for goods purchased by the Department of Public Charities and for which it had no appropriations. Furthermore, the obligations were not entered into in accordance with law as certificates of necessity, as required by the charter, were not furnished by the department."

"I have resented the attempts to make it appear that the city is delaying public work, and I assert that no such delay has been indulged in and that a calm investigation of the facts—that is, if calmness is possible among some people—will vindicate this statement in every respect."

Mr. McAneny's fine sense of diplomacy exhibited itself, and he proposed that the committee on social welfare of the board, which consists of his Honor the Mayor, President Mathewson and Mr. McAneny as chairman, should cooperate with the Commissioner of Charities in order to that extent we should give relief of the character proposed, and that the committee should authorize expenditures from the appropriations of the Department of Public Charities for this purpose if in its judgment such expenditures were warranted."

In his letter to department heads the Mayor said: "You are aware that there are now prevailing in this city and throughout the country abnormal conditions of unemployment. The only remedy for unemployment is employment. Experience has shown that temporary relief work undertaken by cities does not materially help an acute unemployment condition and generally leads to abuse. It is the conclusion, however, of those who have studied this question that the city's work in this connection should so time its public work wherever possible as to have it performed when for various reasons private industry is slack."

"Please understand that I do not wish the departments to make work, but I wish them to make every effort to have work which in the routine course of business might be deferred until later in the year begun now, if it is possible to perform such work under winter conditions. In this way some relief will be afforded to the unemployed and the city will be neglecting no present opportunity for helping the situation in a sane and economically sound manner."

Comptroller Kingsbury admitted yesterday that he had exceeded his appropriation, because the money appropriated in the 1914 budget for the Charities Department ran out last May.

U. S. ARSENAL ON TRIPLE SHIFT.

Waterloo Turning Out 14 Inch Guns, With 700 Men at Work.

ALBANY, Jan. 9.—The Government arsenal at Waterloo is being operated on a triple shift for the first time since the civil war. About 700 mechanics are working night and day on rush orders for the navy and coast defense. During the last few years many new arsenal buildings have been erected. A special electric plant is in operation.

Three shifts of men are employed and the arsenal authorities say that there is enough work on hand to keep the plant running continuously for at least two years.

Work is being rushed on eighty 3-inch field guns and orders are in for fifty 4.7 inch howitzers and a large number of 4-inch guns for the navy. The navy guns are used both in artillery drill and on battleships.

Several 10-inch guns, the largest pieces of arms the arsenal is making, are being manufactured and will be sent to the Brooklyn yard.

DENIES WHEAT MANIPULATION.

C. H. Canby Says Closing of Dardanelles Canned Price Jump.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—An enormous demand for United States wheat, due to the closing of the Dardanelles, is the cause of the sudden rise in the price, according to President C. H. Canby of the Chicago Board of Trade.

"There is only one reason for the present range of prices," said Mr. Canby tonight. "This is that Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, France, England and Italy have been in competition as buyers in the United States markets during the last few months. The closing of the Dardanelles and the elimination of exports from Russia have simply concentrated the demand from all exporting countries on the United States. Manipulation has nothing to do with creating this situation."

Less export buying marked the day in the wheat pit. Millers bought cash wheat heavily at \$1.38 a bushel, and the only export purchases were made for the United Kingdom. A two cent break occurred during the last half hour of the day as the result of sales at Atlantic and Gulf ports. The minimum price of the day was \$1.41, the lowest \$1.38 and the close, \$1.35 1/2.

Speech Convinces Leaders Wilson Seeks Nomination

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RIGHT TO HOME MAY SAVE SLAYER OF SON

Higher Court Holds Man Attacked Need Not Flee From Own House.

NEW TRIAL FOR TOMLINS

A father who killed his son in his own house in self-defense and was sentenced to death is to have a new trial and is likely to be freed through a decision by the Court of Appeals that the trial judge through his instructions to the jurors practically deprived them of the right to consider the issue of self-defense.

The case was tried in Rockland county, where Judge recently acquitted William M. Cleary of killing his son-in-law. The defendant was Newton Tomlins, who lived with his twenty-two-year-old son in a little cottage at Stony Point, where the son had been born and reared. Tomlins shot and killed his son on August 26, 1913, and on the trial testified that he acted without premeditation "when blinded by passion because of blows and insults."

Judge Cardozo, writing the majority opinion of the Court of Appeals from which Judge Collins and Cuddeback dissented, said that the verdict of murder in the first degree was sustained by ample proof, but the court had to consider whether there was material error in the statement of law by the trial judge.

St. Paul Pioneer Press.

"The most significant thing about the speech of President Wilson at the Indianapolis Jackson Day celebration was the intimations it contained that he would be a candidate for the Presidency again in 1916. It was a fighting speech from start to finish. Andy Jackson could not have done better himself. He would have gloried in the reckless, judgment manner in which the President hit out right and left at his opponents. He throws down the gauntlet to the Republicans as justly as ever did bold knight in the golden days of old, and acted as if he would be terribly disappointed if the members of the G. O. P. did not pick it up."

Philadelphia Public Ledger.

"The noteworthy thing in President Wilson's Indianapolis speech was not its defence of the Democracy and its policies, nor its exhibition of him as the masterful and controlling mind in its councils, but the plea to the independent voters who are not closely bound to any party, and he knows that without their support a Democratic Presidential nomination would be worthless to him or to any one else. More of this sort of appeal to the independent voters may be expected as the months go by."

Chicago Herald.

"Having defined the independent voter's power Mr. Wilson . . . urged him to come in where it is warm. The invitation is cordial; so much of the society as Mr. Wilson represents would undoubtedly be agreeable. However, it will occur to a good many independent voters that to accept the invitation means a division of power and to some extent its loss. Hence the stronger spirits at least will probably continue to prefer the reality of isolation—prefer the reality of power to the promise of comfort."

New York "Herald."

"It was solely to promote the enjoyment of Mexican factionalists in their pleasing practice of killing off one another—and, incidentally, all innocent bystanders, without regard to their nationality—that the only government in existence in Mexico was destroyed by the might of the United States, that the embargo against shipment of arms from this country was raised, that American sailors and marines were sent to death at Vera Cruz. Further discussion of the Administration's Mexican policy in Congress would be a needless waste of time. Mr. Wilson has conceded all that even its strongest critics can say of 'watchful waiting.'"

San Francisco "Chronicle."

"When the President claims approval for his policy of 'non-interference' in Mexico he fairly takes one's breath away. He has done nothing but interfere there. As a political orator the President was, of course, bound to embellish the Republican party but he did it wrong. He claimed all the credit for starting the great conservative movement, ignoring the fact that President Roosevelt, who did start it, was the publican at that time. The President, in intimating that he would be a candidate to succeed himself, as much as confessed that the plank in the Democratic platform opposing the reaction of 4 years' President was in the President's own happy phrase 'molasses set to catch flies.'"

New York Times.

"The friends of President Wilson will be moved to apoplexy and extenuation by his Indianapolis speech. . . . It is below the very high level of his usual achievement, the level which the country expects him to reach; and he said some things that he might well wish to unsay. . . . It would not have been easy for the President to find a worse justification for his Mexican policy than that which he chose. . . . Certainly the President does not wish the country to believe that in his judgment the right of cutting throats in civil strife is included in our traditional category of 'life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.'"

"The President is almost defiant in respect to his shipping bill. His mood would be admirable were his cause better. There is one idea about which President Wilson will do well to take serious thought, for it has become well rooted in this republic. . . . It is the idea, the belief, that on the whole the people of the country are better off, more prosperous, and have less cause for anxiety under a Republican than under a Democratic administration."

ROOSEVELT SILENT.

In Boston Refuses to Discuss Politics or Business.

BOSTON, Jan. 9.—Col. Roosevelt on his arrival here this evening refused to comment upon President Wilson's address in Indianapolis yesterday. He said he had nothing to say on either politics or business, and that he had come to Boston on private business.

MOSS DIFFERS WITH WILSON.

Holds Trade Commission Has Nothing to Do With Tariff.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Congressman Moss of Massachusetts, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations and author of a bill creating a tariff commission, does not agree with the President that the Federal trade commission bill has the powers of a tariff commission.

Wotherspoon Confers With Whitman.

ALBANY, Jan. 9.—Gen. Wotherspoon, Superintendent of Public Works, conferred with Gov. Whitman to-day regarding appointments to be made in his office, but no one was chosen as his first deputy. J. F. O'Marah has been named secretary to Mr. Wotherspoon. The salary is \$2,500 a year. Mr. O'Marah is an Albany county Republican.

FAIR CASE TO JURY THIS WEEK.

Recess Prosecutor Ready to Act Against Assemblyman Comstock. ALBANY, Jan. 9.—District Attorney Taylor of Rensselaer county said to-day that just as soon as he received the charges of frauds in connection with the Nassau fair, made by State Comptroller Travis against Assemblyman Edwin S. Comstock and Deputy Sheriff Delmar Lynd of Nassau, he will bring the case to the attention of the Grand Jury.

The Rensselaer Grand Jury is in session and it is expected to sit for another two weeks, so the case may be presented immediately. The District Attorney says that he will "go to the bottom" of the charges when he gets the evidence on Monday or Tuesday.

The two men most concerned in the case cannot be located. Calvin J. Fuson, Commissioner of Agriculture, said that the report of the fair commissioners was turned in on regular blanks, accompanied by the cancelled checks. He said the rules for the dis-

tribution of the county fair money had been formulated by his predecessor, Raymond A. Pearson.

The Comptroller's office promises more disclosures in connection with the Agriculture Department.

South Side Too Good for Paterson. PATTERSON, N. J., Jan. 9.—The South Side High School basketball five of Newark beat Paterson High School here to-day 42 to 12. South Side presented a front that was invulnerable and swept the local players completely off their feet.

Franklin Simon & Co.

Fifth Avenue, 37th and 38th Sts.

ANNUAL SALE—MONDAY

Women's Underwear

At Greatly Reduced Prices

"Parfait" Lingerie Underwear

Our own make, NEWEST MODELS, of highest grade fabrics.

Table with 5 columns: Item, Price 1, Price 2, Price 3, Price 4. Items include Night Gowns, Envelope Chemises, Combinations, Lingerie Petticoats, Underbodies, and Drawers.

Crepe de Chine Underwear

Exclusive models, of Highest grade washable silk crepe de Chine.

Table with 5 columns: Item, Price 1, Price 2, Price 3, Price 4. Items include Night Gowns of Crepe de Chine, Envelope Chemises of Crepe de Chine, Petticoats of Crepe de Chine, Bodices of Crepe de Chine, and Combinations of Crepe de Chine.

French Hand Made Lingerie

Of Sheer Nainsook, hand embroidered. Lace and Ribbon trimmed.

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WILL CLOSE OUT MONDAY

171 Women's Boudoir Gowns

Of Charmeuse Silk, Satin, plain or brocaded Crepe de Chine; Empire, Draped or Semi-Fitted Models. Elaborately trimmed with lace and flowers.

6.95 and 9.75 Heretofore \$12.75 to \$29.50.

120 Women's House Gowns 135 Corduroy Boudoir Gowns

Of French Flannel or Wool Albatross Lined throughout with Soft Silk

Kimono, fitted or semi-fitted models; hand emb'd or lace trimmed. Heretofore \$5.95 to \$9.75. Heretofore \$11.50 6.95

Annual Sale Monday

Women's Silk and Swiss Ribbed Underwear

"Parfait" Glove Silk Combinations Band or crochet top, fully reinforced. Regular Price \$3.75 2.65

"Parfait" Glove Silk Combinations Embroidered French band top, fully reinforced. Regular Price \$4.25 2.95

"Parfait" Glove Silk Vests Band or crochet top, plain front, reinforced. Regular Price \$1.75 1.25

"Parfait" Glove Silk Vests Reinforced band top, embroidered front, reinforced. Regular Price \$2.75 1.85

Sale of Women's Hosiery

Silk Lisle and Cotton Hose In black, white or tan silk lisle; also black cotton hose; all weights; double heel and toe and garter tops. Value 50c 6 pair for \$1.60 .28

Silk or Plain Gauze Lisle Of superior quality, in black, white or tan, double heel and toe and Dub-L garter top; all weights. Value 65c 6 pair for \$2.15 .37

Pure Thread Silk Hose In black, white and colors, lisle or silk soles, garter tops; all weights. Heretofore \$1.75 3 pair for \$3.15 1.10

Pure Thread Silk Hose Black, white and all colors, lisle or silk sole and garter top; also embroidered hose; all weights. Heretofore \$1.50 to \$2.00 3 pr for \$2.50 .85

Silk Hose, Paris Clox Pure thread black silk, with openwork Paris clox, lisle heel, sole and garter top. Value \$1.25 3 pair for \$2.50 .85

Hand Emb'd Clox Silk Hose Black, white, taupe or bronze, with self or contrasting clox; garter top. Heretofore \$2.00 3 pair for \$3.65 1.25

Franklin Simon & Co. Announce for Wednesday

A Special Purchase of Women's Fur Coats and Furs

At One-Half Former Prices

For Prices and Particulars See Tuesday Evening Papers.