

DIARY OF EVENTS.

TUESDAY, DEC. 2.

The president's message delivered to congress today deals largely with the trusts and the labor problem. It declares for trade reciprocity with other nations; for a conservative revision of the tariff, and an enlarged navy. The president informs congress of progress in investigating the titles of the isthmian canal grants, and of the practical completion of the Pacific cable to Hong Kong by way of Honolulu and the Philippine Islands—Verdict of not guilty returned against each of the seven defendants in the Marion, Mass., tar and feather case—Stockholders of the Atlas National bank of Boston vote to reduce the capital stock—Hundreds of veterinary surgeons coming to New England to treat the cattle disease; congress will be asked for at least \$1,000,000—Snow in Texas and Mexico—Civil service reformers criticize New York commission—Possible combinations in Delaware which might result in election of two senators—Changes expected in the Philippine commission—Senator Hale opposes construction of big warships—Lily Whites indignant about the president's southern policy, and Democrats rejoice—Congressmen oppose general revision of tariff, but some favor changes of few schedules—Bartlett of Georgia declares Hill's ideas too socialist for a candidate for the presidency—Spain expects the United States to intervene further in Cuba—Irish members ordered to be in the house of commons ready for education bill—Reichstag coalition to secure majority in Germany is criticised by press and public in Germany—London News declares the United States should be held responsible for the trouble in Venezuela—Castro accepts Germany's claim on Venezuela.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3.

Ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed suffers a sudden and severe attack of gastritis at Washington—Engineer killed and fireman and many passengers injured by wreck of railroad train at Longwood, Mass.—Fourteen cities in Massachusetts held elections, the features being the recovery of Brockton by the Socialists; their defeat in Haverhill by 14 votes and the defeat of Mayor Leonard in Lawrence. There was but one change in the license standing, Fitchburg returning to the no column. Charles S. Ashley was elected for his ninth term as mayor of New Bedford by an overwhelming vote—An endorsement of \$200,000 secured for Boston university—Dr. Salmon arrives at Boston from Washington to take charge of campaign against the foot and mouth disease; says situation is very disquieting—Coal shipments being increased—Crown Prince of Siam sails for home—Convention at Concord, N. H., to revise state constitution—New York boarding house keepers increase rates \$1 a week—Kansas City brewers' combination held to be a trust in violation of statutes of Missouri—Mosley commission favors a British civic federation like that in the United States—Senator Alger takes oath of office—House committee promptly takes up question—Labor men plan to secure wide influence in politics—Senate committee proposes further reduction of Philippine tariff—Change of sentiment of senators makes brighter prospect for Cuban reciprocity—Talk of factory legislation in Cuba—Russia and Austria to undertake specific reforms in Macedonia—Disputes between France and England believed to be near settlement—Serious conflict between Cosacks and strikers on the Caucasian railroad—Chinese edict recommends that knowledge of western science be a qualification for office—San Domingo will not submit to arbitration the dispute with American improvement company.

THURSDAY, DEC. 4.

Ex-Speaker Reed has appendicitis; condition very serious because of age and poor physical condition—Dr. Salmon reports that 3000 cattle in New England are affected by foot and mouth disease—Hearings of coal commission resumed at Scranton—New trial granted Caleb Powers, convicted of the murder of Governor Goebel—Four brotherhoods working together to secure more pay from railroads entering Chicago—George W. Streeter of 'District of Lake Michigan' fame goes to prison for manslaughter—General Bliss reports good progress on treaty with Cuba—Indications that Culebra is to be a permanent naval base—Bill introduced in senate providing gold basis for Philippines—Mr. Ball of Delaware declares Adkicks will never be elected senator—Canal negotiations resumed; early agreement with Colombia expected—The press generally considers the president's message mild and conservative—Mr. Hoar admits that there are evils in trusts but would delay legislation; others favor prompt action—Official announcement that England and Germany will make a joint naval demonstration against Venezuela—Belgian states general confers Brussels sugar convention—Italian government's divorce bill menaced by religious opposition—Great Britain shows little interest in closing debate on the education bill.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5.

Ex-Speaker Reed's case critical; uraemic poisoning develops from kidney complication—Shortage discovered in accounts of A. F. Welch, treasurer of Danvers (Mass.) Savings bank, who died a short time ago—Fourteen men suffocated in Lincoln Hotel, Chicago; unable to escape from veritable fire trap—Weld, Holworthy and Hollis halls, Harvard university, to be reserved for seniors exclusively—Proposed quarantine against New Hampshire will not issue, and the only herd of infected cattle in that state will be killed—District Attorney Jerome scores the New York detective bureau—New Jersey unions organize against unaturalized labor—More rumors of peace, but no new moves for coal settlement—Three thousand Choctaws to join their brethren in Indian Territory—Arbitration ends Cincinnati brewery lockout in favor of the employers—Quay's interest in territories said to be owing to Pennsylvania capital invested there—Admiral Sumner's fleet in the Caribbean goes to sea—Brighter prospect for early currency reform legislation—Interstate commerce commission may investigate advance in freight rates—United States does not intend to interfere in Venezuela unless attempt is made to seize territory—Germany decides not to oppose reforms in Macedonia—Mexican congress asked to authorize money for pious fund claims—Death of General Alfred E. Buek of Georgia, minister to Japan—American negroes may aid British cotton-growing experiments in West Africa—British ship subsidies committee believes subsidy should be granted only for service.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 6.

Extermination policy agreed upon as only safe course for stamping out foot and mouth disease in New England—Explosions and fire wreck Masonic temple at Laconia, N. H.—Old-fashioned storm brings snow to all New England for first time this winter—Failure of F. G. Coburn & Co., one of the largest contracting firms in Boston—Death at Omaha of "Grandma McCoy, the Mother of Methodism in the west"—British government asks for official statement of cattle quarantine systems—Germany's reservation at Louisiana exposition formally turned over—Interstate commerce commission to investigate new freight rates—Coal situation at Boston worst since the strike; dealers cannot fill orders—Report that Governor Crane is to elevate Judge Gaskill to the Massachusetts supreme bench—Massachusetts state board of arbitration settle a Haverhill shoe trouble—Fred Basto, aged 11, of Warwick, R. I., fatally shot by little playmate—Chicago brewers say they must put up the price of beer or lose money—Secretary Shaw's silver wedding celebrated by an Iowa dinner—Senator Lodge prepares pamphlet on condition of Gloucester fisheries—New Conservative party cabinet formed by Senator Silvea in Spain.

SUNDAY, NOV. 7.

Ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed died at Washington at 12:30 this morning—Hosea M. Knowlton, ex-attorney general of Massachusetts, suffered a severe stroke of apoplexy and is lying speechless and half conscious—Garland Hudson confesses to stealing \$340 from the home for little wanderers, Boston—Miners testify against John Markle's company; 14 of 12 testifies he is working at 4 cents an hour to pay off a debt of the company made by his father, who was killed in the mines 18 months ago—Riotous scenes in the French chamber of deputies—Postmaster James M. Lurvey under arrest on charge of robbing depot at Goffes Falls, N. H., of \$2710, last August—Canadian Pacific express wrecked near Belmont station, N. S.; six killed and 12 or more injured—Gloucester schooner Lucinda A. Lowell dismissed off Canso, N. S.; mate killed and one of crew drowned—Treasury department decides that the Cuban children detailed in New York may go to their new home in California—President Castro likely to appeal to the United States against Germany and Great Britain; falling that a South American union may be affected against the European powers—Wall street hears that Rockefeller has carried his point of making the United Metals Salling company the only seller of copper in the market—Sudden death in Paris of Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer, the famous teacher—Little progress on trust legislation made thus far in congress—Pension bill, calling for \$139,000,000, passed by the national house—Statehouse light believed to threaten wreck of this session of congress.

MONDAY, DEC. 8.

Thomas Nast, cartoonist, dies of yellow fever at Guayaquil, Ecuador, where he was United States consul—Remains of ex-Speaker Reed sent to Portland, Me., where funeral services will be held—White man runs amuck at Nichols, Ga., kills marshal and wounds others—Elkes defeats Michael in a 20-mile paced bicycle race in New York city—Maynard House at Maynard, Mass., gutted by fire—Senator Hanna to take steps for the reinstatement of General Jake Smith—Mayor of Denver and 11 aldermen given four months in jail for contempt—Senator Concha going home to Bogota to fight the canal negotiations—Death of Toni Benedito of Haverhill, Mass., shot by an unknown countryman—Congress asked to put a stop to stupendous land frauds in western states—Mrs. Sarah Abbit of Providence probably fatally burned in thawing pipes—Mrs. George A. Lewis burned to death at Hartford while alone—Fred Mercey caught in the shafting of an East Walpole, Mass., mill and killed—Policeman hurt and two horses killed by reckless auto running in Chicago—Man killed and three injured by burning of steamship at Philadelphia—Penal servitude for South African prisoners likely to be commuted—London poor undergo terrible sufferings from hunger and cold—Many unemployed workmen in Europe and suffering is beginning to be intense.

Nurses Disapprove Canteen

Washington, Dec. 4.—A resolution offered at the meeting of the Spanish-American Nurses' association yesterday declaring that body to be in favor of the re-establishment of the army canteen was voted down. The resolution provoked a lively debate before a vote was reached.

BOSTON MARKETS.

Quotations on the Leading Products in Demand

Boston, Dec. 8.—Prices are steady on butter, with a quiet demand. The local market has advanced for the week, but is still lower than New York and the west. Extra creamery, small pcks, 28@28 1/2; northern fresh, round lots, 27 1/4@28; western, 27 1/4@28; eastern, 26@27; jobbing, 1/2c to 1c more. Cheese is quiet in demand, but the market is firm in this market as well as in New York and Liverpool. The quotations are: Round lots, 13@13 1/2; sage, 13@14; jobbing, 1/2c to 1c higher. Eggs are in very moderate supply, especially for choice fresh, and prices are firmly held; storage eggs are firm in sympathy. Western fresh, 26@29; storage, 21@25; eastern, 30@35; nearby and fancy, 40@42; jobbing, 1c to 1 1/2c higher. There is a quiet demand for beans, with prices rather easy at the recent decline. Carload lots, pea, \$2.35; medium, \$2.55; yellow eyes, \$2.90@3; red kidneys, \$3.20@3.25; California small white, \$2.60@2.65; jobbing, 10c more.

There are a good many common apples still offering, and prices are easy. Choice eating apples are firm, with a slightly better demand. Baldwins and greenings, \$1.25@2 per bbl; gravensteins, \$2@2.50; pippins, \$1@1.50; Hubbardston, \$1.25@2; pound sweets, \$1.50@2; 20-ounce, \$1.25@1.75; snow and wealthies, \$2@3; Kings, \$2@3; Tolman sweets, \$1.50@2.25; common apples, 7c @8.15; bx apples, cooking, 25@50; choice eating, 7c@8.25. Small lots and jobbing from 50c to \$1 per bbl more.

The exports of apples from this port continue to break all records. Receipts are also very heavy, nearly four times as large as for the same week last year. Domestic grapes are about out of market, though a few Californias are still offered. Cornichons are quoted at \$2.25@2.75; Emperors, \$2.25@2.75. Foreign grapes sell at \$4@5 per bbl. A few Beurre Bose pears from cold storage are still offering at \$1; Beurre d'Anjou, \$2.50; Duchess, \$1.75@2.

The market is rather short of cranberries and prices are higher. The crop has not kept well and the outlook is for still higher prices. Barrels, \$7.50@9; cists, \$2.25@2.75; jobbing, 50c@1.10 more. Nuts are in good supply, and sell at: Walnuts, 11@13 1/4c per lb; castanas, 9 @11c; filberts, 11@12c; Texas pecans, 11 @15c; almonds, 12@14c for hard and 15@17c for soft shell.

Both white and sweet potatoes are very firm, with the demand active for good stock. Houlton Green mountains, 50c@55c; hebrons, 72@75c per bu; York state, Green mountains and round white, 85@70c; western, 65@68c; Virginia sweet, \$2@2.25 per bbl; double heads, \$2.75@3.25.

Boston market celery is in rather better supply, and is quoted lower at \$3@4 per long bx, three dozen in the bx; Paschal, \$1.50@2 per long bx; white, \$1 @1.50 for long bx; cauliflower, \$1 per long bx; lettuce, \$1@1.50 per long bx; radishes, 50c@1.50 per bx. Onions sell at \$2 per bbl, with jobbers by the bushel higher; Spanish long cobs, \$2.75.

Cabbages are quoted at 50@75c per bbl; savory, 50c per bbl. Marrow squashes are quoted at \$15 per ton; Hubbards, \$20; turban, \$15@20 per ton. Pumpkins sell at 25c per bx. Mushrooms are scarce, and sell at \$1.50@2 per 4-lb bx. Yellow turnips sell at 75c per bbl; white French, \$1 per bbl; white flat, 25c per bx; beets, 50c; carrots, 50c; parsnips, 50c; egg plants, \$1.50 per crt; mint, 75c per doz; scallions, 50c; parsley, \$1@1.50 per bu for lighthouse; salsify, 75c per doz; Brussels sprouts, 8@10c per qt, by the crt.

Southern string beans sell at \$1.50@2 per bush for green and wax. Spinach sells at 35c per bu; eskro, 25c per bu; endive, 25c per bu; romaine, 75c per bu; artichokes, \$1 per bu; leeks, 50c per doz.

Low grades of hay have been in oversupply; the stopping of the shipment of cattle has stopped a previous outlet. Choice grades are firm and scarce; straw is quiet; millfeed is steady. Choice hay, \$20@21; No. 1, \$17@19; low grades, \$12@15 and up; rye straw, \$14 @15; oat straw, \$10@11.

There have been trifling changes in the price of pork provisions for the week, with some grades lower, with lard higher. Fresh beef is decidedly easy, and prices show a decline for the week. Receipts have been large, but trade is fair.

Lambs are firm, with a good demand; muttons and veals are steady and unchanged. Spring lambs, 7@9c; yearlings, 6@7c; muttons, 5@7c; veals, 7@10c; fancy and Brighton, 10@11c.

There is a quiet trade in poultry, with only a moderate offering. Receivers are predicting a short supply of northern turkeys for the Christmas trade. Western turkeys, 16@18c; northern fowls, 14@15c; chickens, western, 14 @16c; northern, 18@20c; leed turkeys, 17@18c; fowls, 12@14c; chickens, 12@15c; ducks, 15@17c; Rhode Island geese, 15c; live fowls, 10@11c. Venison is in good supply, with whole deer selling at 15@20c per lb. Saddles are quoted at 25@28c, with skins on, and legs at 30@35c. Moose meat is scarce and sells at 10@12 1/2c with skins. There is a good supply of bear meat, which is quoted at 15@20c. There is a fair supply of game, which is selling at unchanged prices. Black ducks sell at \$1.00@1.75 per pair; red headed ducks, \$2.50; wildgeon, \$1@1.25; teal, \$1.10. Philadelphia squab are firm at \$3.50@4 per dozen, with natives at \$3@3.50, quail, \$4 per dozen; plover, \$6@7 per doz.

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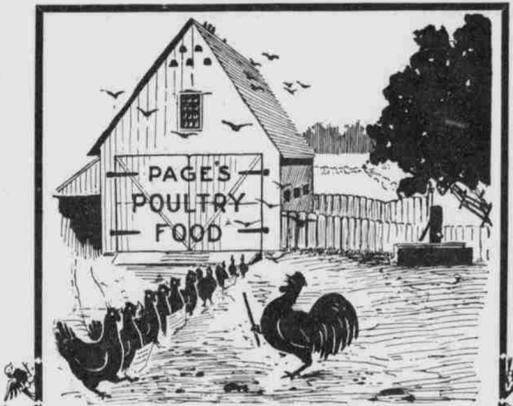
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