

### CHANGE FOR WOMEN

CONGRESS MAY HEAR THEM IF IT HAS TIME TO CARRY OUT PLATFORM PLEDGES.

### MUCH NOW ACCOMPLISHED

Democrats Are Likely to Follow Up Their Anti-Trust Legislation With Some Law Directed Against High Cost of Living.

By GEORGE CLINTON. Washington.—It is probable that a report soon will be made to President Wilson by the Democratic leaders in house and senate in order that he may know with something like definiteness how long it will take, with his "one thing at a time" intention, to secure everything which his party pledged to him and to secure if the people should give them commissions to legislate for four years. Although the Democrats under the Wilson guidance have refused to bunch legislation, they have accomplished considerable already, but whether the accomplishment has been for good or for ill of course there has not yet been time enough to determine.

When the suffragists called at the White House and President Wilson in effect told them that he could not say anything to congress about their case, because it was not mentioned either approvingly or disapprovingly in the Democratic platform, he made it plain that he intends to stick to the Baltimore platform and not to depart from its advice and its recommendations unless necessities so shape themselves that he must. With all the signs that are in view it seems likely, however, in the face of the president's attitude, towards the suffragists, that if the really big things of Democratic promise can be put on the law books the women will be given their day in the court of congress before this administration is eighteen months older.

First the Trust Problem. It is probable that the president's message or rather his address to congress on the trust problem, will be delivered some time in the second week of January. Then the approval of committees must be given to the anti-trust legislation and the subject must be debated in house and senate. From what men of all parties say about it, it seems likely that a month and a half of winter and as much of the glad spring will pass before the president will get a chance to sign the bill which will "make guilt personal" and will make certain that the "big fellows go to jail."

If the Sherman law is bulwarked with Democratic legislation by April 15, there will be time enough left for the Democrats to take up one or two other matters of platform promises and to put them in fulfillment shape. As soon as anti-trust matters are out of the way the Democrats intend to authorize the building of a government railroad in Alaska.

In checking up the plank of the Democratic platform of 1912, it is found that accomplishment marks already have been placed by the Democrats against the tariff reform plank, the income tax and popular election of senators planks, campaign contributions, physical valuation of railroads and banking legislation. If congress shall sit until June it is probable that in addition to anti-trust and Alaska legislation, a rural credit system will be established, that some provision will be made for the control of the Mississippi river and that something will be done with the party's promise of an immediate declaration of the nation's purpose to recognize the independence of the Philippine Islands.

High Cost of Living. The second plank in the Democratic platform is recognized by every member of congress, Democrat, Republican and Progressive, as being the most important one from the people's point of view in the whole legislative program. It is entitled "The High Cost of Living." From time to time individual Democrats, acting however without party authority, have introduced into house and senate bills and resolutions of various kinds looking for a reduction in the cost of food, clothing, household goods and other things usually accounted necessities. Some of these bills and resolutions have been of the freak kind and no serious attention has been paid to them.

The leaders of the Democratic party promised that the tariff would reduce the cost of living. Prices have not yet come down, but the plea is made that the law has not yet been in effect long enough to produce results. In the Democratic platform it was said that the trusts and commercial conspiracies also acted to keep up the high price of living. An anti-trust law will be passed this winter and then the Democrats apparently expect that this law with the tariff law will bring "the price bird off its roost."

It is becoming evident, however, from the unrest among some of the Democrats that an attempt of some kind will be made to supplement the anti-trust law with some other kind of a law which may act directly to reduce the cost of things which men, women and children must have in order to live. In brief the Democrats still regard the high cost of living problem as the one great problem to be solved in order to make certain the continuance of the party in power.

Excited Over Precedence Dispute. Take currency legislation, anti-trust problems, government built railroads, independence for the Philippines, Mexico and half a dozen other things which have been centers for

public attention recently, roll them together in one bundle, and the combination will not hold half the interest for senators and members of the house of representatives that today is held by the small, but compact bundle containing the question "Who shall precede?" at the social affairs in the nation's capital?

When the personal element tinted with a little of the essence of jealousy and a good deal of the essence of pride, enters into a thing it has a more heart-burning interest than anything political or legislative. The senators of the United States are declaring that they should walk ahead of the cabinet officers at all the official and semi-official receptions and gatherings of any kind which are held in Washington. If the senators gain their point it will mean that as guests of honor at purely private functions also they will have "higher seats" than the cabinet officers.

Washington, in the capitol and in the houses of its people has made this burning topic the chief one. Washington is the capital of a great country, but despite its supposed metropolitan or perhaps, better, cosmopolitan character, it is one of the most provincial places on earth. Seemingly officials who are jealous of their rights of precedence, or of their assumed rights of precedence, have a thought that unless this matter is quickly settled the world at large will not be able to attend to anything like its usual zeal to its daily affairs.

Sees Usurpation by Cabinet. One of the senators maintains that the cabinet has been put ahead of the senate in the line of precedence and prominence because of the assumption of power in legislative matters by cabinet officers to which they have neither a constitutional nor a personal right. This senator says that in the last few years members of the cabinet have attempted to influence legislation and that in some cases they have succeeded, and that for this reason they seem to think that they are greater than the members of the legislative body.

Others do not look upon the matter in this light, but say that the cabinet members have taken precedence in social affairs and in semi-official affairs because they are members of the president's official family, and therefore are supposed to be as close to his person in the social line as they are in the daily business line. Whatever it is, it is certain that cabinet officers by custom are given the right of way, and now senators are trying to get it away from them, and Washington is full of gossip and of charges and counter charges of attempts to "get in the limelight."

Nobody yet knows how this matter is to be settled. The chances are, however, that the cabinet officers will continue to lead because of their position relative to that of the president of the United States.

Insular Policy to Be Attacked. When the Democrats take up legislation looking to giving freedom to the Philippines, or take up in fact any Philippine legislation, it is believed to be the intention of the Republicans and of some Progressive members not only to attack the insular policy of the administration, but to take President Wilson to task for his utterance in his message on former methods of government in Porto Rico and the Philippines.

Former President Taft has defended the course of this government in the Philippines and has inveighed against the proposal of the Democrats to give the islanders independence in short order. Dean C. Worcester, formerly a member of the Philippine commission, and who was in the islands in an official capacity for 11 years, it is expected will attack the Democratic plan and give answer to President Wilson's words in lectures which he expects to deliver throughout the country this winter.

Members of congress who are opposed to quick recognition of the independence of the Philippines because, as they say, "the islanders will not be ready for it for a long time," make objection to the sentence in the message which reads like this: "Such territories once regarded as mere possessions, are no longer to be selfishly exploited; they are a part of the domain of public conscience and of serviceable and enlightened statesmanship."

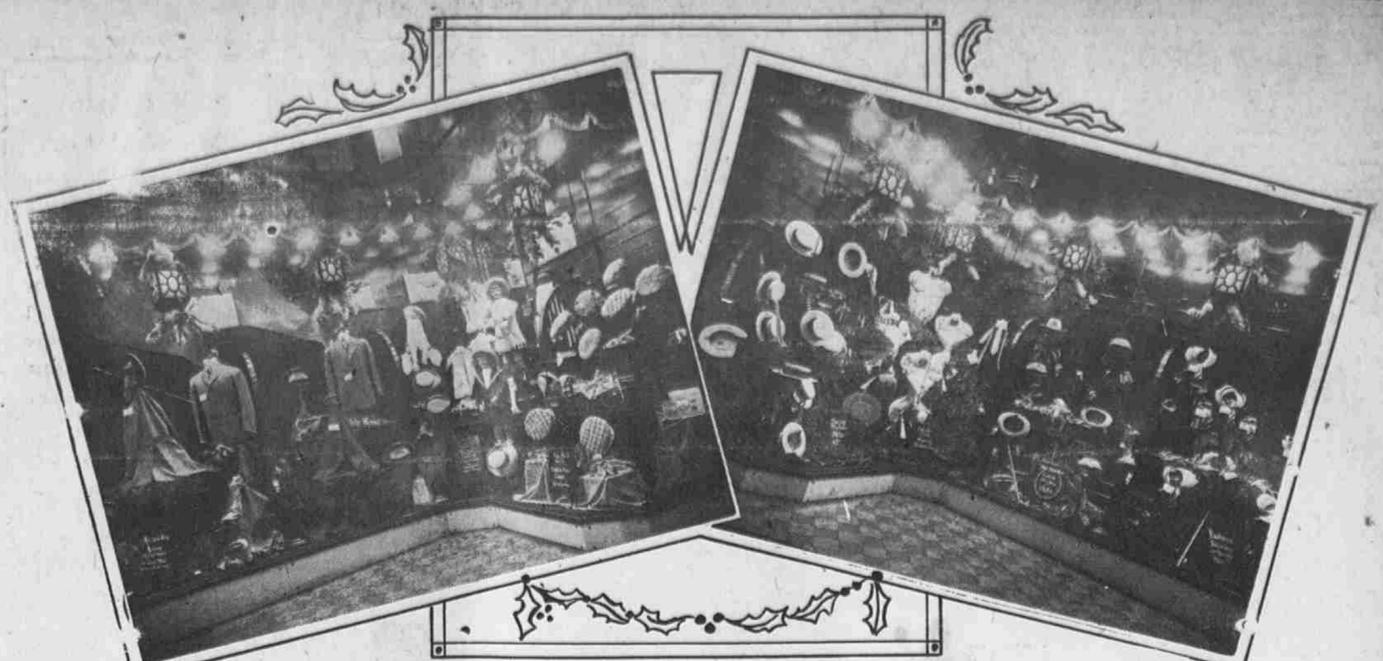
Lively Row May Result. It is altogether probable that if the Republicans and Progressives move to the attack on the administration, Mr. Wilson and the Democratic leaders in house and senate will be prepared for defense, but the opposition says that the reports of work in the Philippines and Porto Rico rendered in by officials, both Democrats and Republicans, show that every effort has been made in the islands to bring progress in the government and in the betterment of the people, and that the results will prove that the presidential criticism is unfounded and unjust. It looks as if there might be a lively row on insular matters before spring.

Men opposed politically to the present administration are pointing to the reports of the chiefs of the bureau of insular affairs as proof that the islands are progressing and that American domination has done much for them. Brig. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, who formerly was chief of the bureau of insular affairs, was an appointee and a strong personal friend of President Taft. The man who succeeded him in office, Brig. Gen. Frank McIntyre, United States army, is an Alabama and a Democrat. General McIntyre's reports on island conditions show progress and apparently good government. It is probable that this Democratic official's report will be used largely by the critics of the words the president used in his message.

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Two pictures of windows trimmed by James Cluxton for the Hartzell Bros. company are printed in the December number of the Merchants' Record and Show Window, as models of their kind. This publication is the great authority on window decoration in the United States and to have anything favorably commented upon by it is an honor that every window trimmer appreciates. Large pictures of the Hartzell windows are printed on the first two pages of an article for which the other illustrations come from Denver and other large cities. "An excellent front," is the line the Merchants' Record prints under one of the cuts, and "A Companion Window" under the other. This is the writer's comment, in the body of the article: "Pictures 1-A and 1-B show, I should judge, part of the front of a rather narrow store; and, if the engravers do these photos looking out what I consider an exceptionally good layout for a narrow front. It strikes me

that whoever is responsible for this layout, the style of the backgrounds and everything else that goes to complete the windows, possesses both good taste and an understanding of the need for using it to make the right impression on the hard-to-catch busy public. Who—no matter how hurried his gait—could pass this front without seeing at a glance that this is a "live" store, where wearables of all kinds for men and boys are to be had? And who, upon stopping to look at any one of the many sections or kinds of apparel, could help being favorably impressed with the tasteful manner in which the merchandise is arranged? It is a beautiful, sensible front, trimmed in such a manner as to attract, please and get business." The writer is inclined to find a little fault with the use of display cards and pennants; these, however, were made necessary by the occasion of the display. The pictures were taken during style show week, when the store was showing living models advertising a popular brand of clothes, and wished to make the fact known

through its windows. The writer concludes: "But as a whole, the display as well as the layout of the front, the backgrounds and other fittings, make one wish there were thousands more half as good instead of the few there are to be found. This front—in which the displays play an important part—certainly makes a strong bid for business, but note in what a polite, pleasing, confidence-inspiring manner it does so. And note how easily Mr. Cluxton seems to dispose of the question, 'How much is enough?'" The writer of the article in the Merchants' Record, which is a Chicago publication, is Harry C. Davis; the article is one of a series which that paper is printing on the display of men's clothing. Mr. Cluxton's work is appreciated here, as well as outside of the city, and all who pass Hartzell's store are attracted by the care with which it is always trimmed. Some men are born fighters. They fight for their rights, and when they get them they fight for more.

### BUCKWHEAT CAKES

When water pipes begin to freeze, And folks predict a snow, I think about the buckwheat cakes Of winters long ago. The flannel chest-protectors that I used to put away With running black molasses spread, At breakfast every day. An inch or more in thickness, raised From batter left to sour, They blanketed my liver down With half digested flour. I oft regret her gingerbread And sugar cookies sweet, But not the soggy buckwheat cakes My mother made me eat. Now smoking to the table comes A brown delicious pile Of dainty morsels that would make The worst dyspeptic smile, Well buttered, and floated upon A golden syrup lake, Behold they are the buckwheat cakes My wife has learned to make. —Minna Irving.

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The era of prosperity had been so long continued that this class of men have not been largely in evidence, but a few days of idleness brings them to the surface. Living up to the income usually ends with a jolt, and there are times when we can afford to profit by other people's experience.

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