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Ardmore, Tuesday, January 16, 1906.

The Southern Cotton Association, in session in New Orleans, declared in favor of holding cotton for 15c a pound.

Did anyone ever think what would happen to the gold brick artist if he should meet the farmer on the farmer's own ground?

"Good sidewalks are coming."—Fort Worth Record. Yes, when property owners dig up the coin and pay for the improvements.

Mr. Cleveland is to receive a salary of \$12,000 a year as insurance referee. Evidently the cry of "Kill the umpire!" has no terror for him at that salary.

President Roosevelt's popularity may not be as much awry as some people are professing to believe, but it is the general opinion that he is having a hard time in keeping it on straight.

The senate, it is now said, wishes to take the control of the Panama canal away from the president. But does the senate think it can get along with Mr. Shonts any better than the president is doing?

The fact that a manufacturing plant does not pay a large dividend does not evidence the fact that it does not pay. The incidental or indirect profits and savings of home factories are the main point after all.

Leave the man-in-politics to differentiate for one locality against another, thus employing both threats of punishment and promises of reward in his business, and he can in due time be elected to anything he wants.

Wonder if that federal official who swatted a Chicago drummer for criticizing President Roosevelt at Pauls Valley wants to be U. S. attorney for the Southern district? The race is becoming fast and furious.—Phoenix.

It is being demonstrated every day that the cotton farmer holds a "big stick" of no mean proportions, and if the farmer doesn't get too fancy with his club swinging, some heretofore unsuspecting individual is going to get hurt.

The long march of the Sixth Battery from Fort Riley, Kan., to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, might be claimed to be a world's record. But considering the sad plight of the men and horses when they arrived at the Texas fort the world wonder if it is worth the price.

Come to think of it, this is not the first time Congressman Babcock has played to the grandstand. A few years ago he announced with a flourish of trumpets that he would lead an onslaught on the Dingley tariff law. The republican leaders cracked the party whip and Congressman Babcock laid down. All of which leads the world to believe that Congressman Babcock is a four-flusher.

An underground insurrection is said to be brewing in the Philippines. Agents of the sugar and tobacco trusts and the side partners of the stand-patters, are supplying the anti-Roosevelt papers with the evidence. Treat the Filipinos like men and not like chattels, serfs of a conquered province, and peace will prevail in the Philippines. American trust magnates, selfish and soulless, are willing to starve the Filipinos for the sake of adding to their hoarded gold. It pays to be just, and the American people are demanding and will continue to express their demand for a square deal for the natives of our insular possessions.

MEDDLING IN EUROPE.

The president and his love for the strenuous and the warlike, has at last found an avenue for his big stick that may lead us into a disagreeable situation. Up to this time the government of the United States has been content to mind its own business, decline from time to time upon the Monroe doctrine, and the theory that America is for Americans, has become sort of a fetish to conjure with and solid grape and canister to shoot at Europeans when they disclose a purpose to seek a foothold on this continent or meddle in the affairs of American states. Heretofore we have been reasonably free from the charge of meddling in the affairs of Europe. We have taken a few long range shots at Russia for her treatment of the Jews, and once long ago thrashed the Barbary pirates. But in that instance we had a direct and personal grievance. Up to this time we have not seriously essayed the role of world power. We have not sent ships of war careering into European waters except on the notable occasion of the assault upon our consul at Beyrut, who happened not to have been assaulted at all. But now we are to be seen in all our new robes of office. We are to have a part in the Moroccan conference. We are to do more than any European nation except dejected Spain has dared to do and to have Sigbee and his ships close at hand in the event the police of Algiers prove incapable of preventing the conference from turning things topsy turvy. In fact, we are about to invade the councils of Europe and participate in the washing of the quarrels of Germany and France, with the assurance that whichever way our commissioner hops he is sure to make an enemy of the nation he exposes.

The idea of the Bacon resolution was to inquire into the purpose of the president in thus departing from the unwritten law of this land not to meddle in European imbroglios.

There are evidences of strong protests not confined to democratic lines against the president's action in providing that this government take a hand in the Algerias conference. Senators who have excused the president's policy toward Santo Domingo on the ground that the Monroe doctrine must place upon this government the duty of acting as policeman in this hemisphere seem to think the representation at the Morocco conference is an altogether needless and unwarranted, if not dangerous, injection of this government into the quarrels of Europe.

They call it an uncalled for breaking down of the traditional policy of the United States, though perhaps a legitimate result of the idea, much proclaimed in administration circles that this country has just become a "world power." While republican senators are careful to confine the expression of their views to cloak rooms or to give them only under pledge of secrecy, it is believed the Bacon resolution will disclose an amount of criticism far in excess of that launched against even the Santo Domingo "arrangement."

It is pointed out the presence of the American fleet in the vicinity of the scene of the conference is likely to be construed in Europe that the United States purposes to show a mailed hand at Algiers, as some foreign powers seem about to do.

Even the defenders of the administration say it is the most unfortunate that any action on the part of this government makes possible such inference. These profess to see no connection between the visit of Admiral Sigbee's fleet to the Mediterranean at this time, but in the light of the previous announcement that there would be no fleet in European waters this year, and of the peculiar circumstances under which Admiral Sigbee's fleet was sent, they have to acknowledge that the coincidence is striking.

Southern cotton growers will reduce the acreage and pull for fifteen-cent cotton. President Harvie Jordan's co-laborers are in the saddle. If they stick, they will make good.

The gentleman in Houston who conducted his own defense and was convicted on a lunacy charge demonstrates the truth of the old adage that he who is his own lawyer has a fool for a client.

PRESIDENT'S CHANGE OF FRONT.

In deciding to appoint no more southern negroes to office President Roosevelt makes a significant confession of error, and he is to be congratulated upon finally coming to an understanding of the racial conditions in the south.

And yet his present attitude is not altogether creditable for it is announced that he intends to give negroes preference in doubtful states where their votes will count for his party in future elections. Either he is yielding to southern sentiment at the sacrifice of his convictions or he is playing a low sort of party politics. If he is yielding his convictions he exhibits an unstable mind, for at the time of the Crum appointment he was most insistent upon the point of holding open the door of hope to the negro, and such a positive and militant conviction ought not to be yielded if it is sound. If it may be yielded at the behest of southern sentiment it may be yielded at the behest of northern sentiment and the conclusion is reasonable that other convictions may be surrendered for the sake of party expediency.

This is not the first time the president has yielded to circumstances, and we apprehend that it will not be the last. The railway rate question is the next question of contest, and nobody need be surprised if the president's final surrender of this his last and most conspicuous contention.

All history proves that statesmanship is largely a matter of compromise, and no lawmaker or initiative executive is ever able to get quite the measure he desires. Wise men in public life understand this fact and are content to secure the best that is possible under all the circumstances. But Mr. Roosevelt always starts out with a cocksure programme and announces that there will be no compromise. Hence, when he is compelled to compromise his yielding takes the form of a defeat or creates the suspicion of a sacrifice of principle.

President Roosevelt has done much but he has promised and threatened very much more. A great deal of what he has done and what he still proposes is quite beyond the constitutional limitations of his office. That which he promises beyond his office is more than apt to fail, and some of the things he has done are apt to be undone. Now he stands in great danger of failing to do much that he proposes within his official function, and when he begins to acknowledge error as he has done in the policy of appointing southern negroes he materially weakens the force of his prestige. Those who oppose his ideas for any reason will take courage and oppose all the harder.

With this weakening in declared purpose and change of front in distinctive policies there is also a perceptible waning of personal popularity which further encourages opposition.

Altogether it appears possible if not probable that the mighty Roosevelt is hastening to his fall as a master statesman and a popular idol. It will not be surprising, though the Record will regret to see it come to pass, for however much it has discredited from many of the president's views, it has rejoiced to believe that his election gave him an extraordinary opportunity to accomplish a vast amount of good for the people.—Record.

RENOUNCES MORMONISM

PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY STIRS MORMON CIRCLES.

Says Polygamy is Practised as Freely in Arizona and New Mexico Today as it Ever Has Been—He Severs All Relation With It.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 16.—Mr. Wolfe, professor of theology in Brigham Young College, a Mormon institution at Logan, Utah, has caused a stirring in Mormon circles, according to a dispatch to the Tribune, by renouncing his belief in Mormonism, with refusing to pay tithes, and severing relations with the college. His action it is stated, has resulted from a recent trip to Mexico. He is quoted as saying, polygamy is practised as freely in Arizona and Mexico today as it ever has been. Wolfe is quoted as asking apostle John Henry Smith, how polygamous marriages would be reconciled with the Woodruff manifesto, to which Smith is said to have replied: "The manifesto was only a trick, devised to beat the devil at his own game."

Ohio Town Destroyed.

Lima, Ohio, Jan. 16.—The town of Conveys, thirty miles west is reported swept away by fire during the night. The wires are all down and there are no details.

Appeals for aid have been sent out by train crews.

Death in New York Tunnel.

New York, Jan. 16.—Ten negro workers were killed by suffocation and calisson disease, two were drowned, two others seriously overcome and the white foreman and his assistant, suffered severely, in rescuing those who survived, when the compressed air pipe burst in East River tunnel opposite Forty Second street, early today.

Wholesale Closing Stock Brokers. Buffalo, Jan. 16.—The offices of William F. Dever & Co., stock brokers, with eighty offices in New York state and Canada, closed today.

Subduing Revolutionists. St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—All members of the Workmen's council, numbering twenty-two were arrested during the night. The police seized many revolutionary documents.

Government officials consider that the future action of revolutionists will be hampered by the capture.

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Skirts, \$1.25 value, to go at.....	89c	Skirts, \$2.50 value, to go at.....	\$1.98

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Corset Covers, 15c value, now.....	9c	Drawers, 25c value now.....	19c
Corset Covers, 25c value now.....	19c	Drawers, 40c value now.....	29c
Corset Covers, 40c value now.....	29c	Drawers, 65c value now.....	49c
Corset Covers, 65c value now.....	49c	Drawers, 85c value now.....	69c
Corset Covers, 75 and 85c value, now.....	69c	Drawers, \$1.00 value now.....	79c
Corset Covers, \$1.00 and \$1.25 value, now.....	89c	Drawers, \$1.25 value now.....	98c

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