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THE CLEVELAND CONTEST.

Perhaps the most interesting election to take place this fall in the whole country is the one for Mayor of Cleveland, where Mayor Tom L. Johnson, Democrat, who has heretofore beaten every opponent, is being vigorously and aggressively opposed by Congressman Theodore Burton, who is receiving the support of the President of the United States himself. It is no secret that Mr. Roosevelt wants Burton elected, and he wants it badly, for the effect it is apt to have on the Republican situation in the State of Ohio, where Burton and Foraker are wrestling for supremacy. It cannot be doubted that Mr. Burton's election over such a formidable opponent as Tom Johnson would give him a wide range of influence in the Buckeye State, and would thus, to that extent, weaken the senior Senator. It is therefore not to be supposed that Senator Foraker is losing much sleep in trying to aid Burton, though he is a loyal party man and will doubtless do his duty, though only that. But Burton, in slang parlance, is up against it and has met a foeman worthy of his steel, and one who is more than apt to bring him down to defeat. Johnson has been uniformly successful in Cleveland, time and again coming out successful in gruelling contests, only the last time defeating his opponent by a majority of nearly twelve thousand, and this year his friends say, though this may be taken with a grain of salt, that his majority will be equally great. There is no questioning the fact that Mr. Burton has made a great sacrifice in accepting the mayoralty nomination and he will in all probability be looked after by the administration if defeated, and will lose little or no prestige as he has been admittedly up against great odds: on the other hand Johnson will be [illegible] in the public eye if again [illegible]

BALLOT REFORM IN JERSEY

Bills Providing Direct Primary and Election of U. S. Senator Signed.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 30. — Governor Stokes signed Senator Colby's bill providing for a popular expression in the selection of United States senators. Under the bill 1000 voters may file a petition with the secretary of state endorsing a member of their political party for that office. Candidates for senator or assemblyman, in filing their acceptances of nominations, may then sign one or two statements, the first pledging them to vote for the candidate for United States senator receiving the highest number of votes in his county at the party primaries, and the second pledging him to vote for the candidate receiving the highest number of votes [illegible] primaries.

[illegible] also signed the direct [illegible] which was a committee [illegible] measures introduced [illegible] Senator Hinchliffe [illegible] for the nomination [illegible] for office, except [illegible] assemblymen and presidential primary vote in [illegible]

MEAT IS CHEAPER

Cudahy Reduction at Omaha Becomes Effective.

Omaha, Oct. 30.—The 10 per cent. decrease in the price of meat announced by the Cudahy Packing company is effective.

On account of the present financial situation this action of the Cudahy company was taken, and Edward A. Cudahy predicts an immediate decline in the price of produce and staples.

Edward A. Cudahy said: "General business expansion has been carried too far and there has got to be a halt. We have been buying cheaper for several days, and we think that the conditions justify us in selling cheaper."

The reduction in Omaha will probably affect the retail price of meat throughout the middle west. Sioux City packers have made the same cut, and as the price of live stock has been going down for several days, similar reductions are looked for in Chicago, Kansas City and the other packing centres.

The cut in prices concerns not only fresh [illegible] lard, butterine and other by-products.

CANNON IN THE RACE

Speaker's Campaign Started at a Meeting in Chicago.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—Speaker Joseph G. Cannon's official campaign for the presidential nomination was started at a meeting of 14 Illinois Republican congressmen at the Auditorium. It [illegible] to place Speaker Cannon [illegible] whether he acquiesced or [illegible] the speaker was called [illegible] of the three-hour con[illegible] threw up his hands and [illegible] will be boys. Do as [illegible] Illinois congressmen, [illegible] able to be present, are [illegible] the movement. Congress[illegible] was made chairman [illegible] that is to have the [illegible] in charge. Congress[illegible] O. Lowden, Republican [illegible] committeeman for Illinois, [illegible]

[illegible]TS OF NEWS

[illegible] of the Scranton (Pa.) [illegible] was destroyed by fire, [illegible] of $50,000.

[illegible]ington firemen were in[illegible]sion between truck No. [illegible] fire department and [illegible] 24th street car.

[illegible] Hale, national com[illegible]der of the Spanish War [illegible] his staff were received [illegible] Roosevelt at the White [illegible]

[illegible] to carry out an [illegible] Dinehart, Greenaldi, [illegible]

THOUSANDS LAID OFF

Union Pacific Discharges Between 4000 and 8000 Men.

PENNSY NOT TO CUT FORCES

Officials Ridicule Rumor That the Company is to Discharge 20,000 Men — Heavy Exports of Staples Building Up Country's Credit.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 30.—The Union Pacific Railroad company discharged between 4000 and 8000 workmen. Vice President and General Manager A. L. Mohler declares there is nothing out of the ordinary in this reduction in track forces.

"We have been doing an exceedingly large amount of improvement work," explained Mr. Mohler, "and have put our property in the best physical condition in which it has ever been. Therefore the opportunity for reducing forces earlier than usual has been acted upon and on account of present national conditions a wrong motive has been applied by some few alarmists. We are doing that which comes from natural conditions and in line with the general practice of all railroads at this season of the year.

"We are continuing all improvement work which can be done to advantage and which we can utilize, but work which cannot be carried on at normal expense will be discontinued."

The Northwestern Busy.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 30.—The Burlington and the Northwestern are proceeding with their work. When asked if the Northwestern would follow the Union Pacific's action General Manager Walters, of the lines west of the Missouri river, said: "No, we are too busy to quit work and lie idle."

General Manager Holdredge, of the Burlington lines, said no more men would be laid off by his road than was usual for the approach of winter.

PENNSY DENIES LAY-OFF

October Traffic the Heaviest in History of the Company.

Philadelphia, Oct. 30.—Rumors that the Pennsylvania Railroad company would lay off between 20,000 and 30,000 men were denied by high officials. The following statement was given out at the company's office:

"There is no truth in statements that 20,000 men are to be discharged by the Pennsylvania Railroad company. Nothing of the kind has ever been discussed.

"In view of the fact that the traffic for October is 11 per cent. greater than for the same month last year, which will make the movement for the month the largest in the history of the company, any material reduction in the forces would not be practicable."

Exports Building Up Credit.

New York, Oct. 30.—The enormous influence which American products are exerting in building up a credit balance abroad has been the most signal development of the financial situation. Reports from all quarters show that the great American staples—wheat, cotton, copper, tobacco, oil, meats—are on their way to Europe, this being the season of the year when American products are marketed abroad. The immediate effect of these shipments is to give the United States a credit abroad which can be speedily converted into cash. These natural resources of the country promise to exert even greater influence than the sale of American securities abroad. The latter have to some extent suffered discredit under recent pressure, but the intrinsic value of American staples used abroad, and their colossal aggregate at this period of the year, is beyond the reach of financial distrust.

Runs upon the banks are practically over. Persons who present large checks and ask for their payment in currency are invited to consult the bank officials. In cases where their need for currency is evidently legitimate they usually receive it; in cases where it is sought for hoarding they are usually convinced that money is better off in the bank or that they should accept certified checks for deposit elsewhere.

The arrival of nearly $20,000,000 in gold it is believed will considerably relieve the situation and perhaps make call money a little lower on the stock exchange.

STEEL TRUST REPORT

Earnings Show Large Increase, But Unfilled Orders Decrease.

New York, Oct. 30.—The directors of the United States Steel Corporation declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent. on the preferred stock and one-half of 1 per cent. on the common.

The earnings for the three months ended September 30 were $43,304,285, an increase of $5,589,661, as compared with the same quarter last year. Unfilled orders on hand September 30 were 6,425,008 tons, a decrease of 1,511,876 tons, as compared with the unfilled orders of September 30 a year ago.

Chairman E. H. Gary made a statement to the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, in which he said:

"On June 30, 1907, our companies had on hand unfilled orders aggregating 7,603,878 tons. On September 30 this tonnage had been decreased to 6,425,008 tons. This has since been decreased by about 400,000 tons. Bookings are now at the rate of 18,000 tons per day. We are exporting at the rate of about 1,000,000 tons per year, and at prices substantially on a parity with domestic prices."

Small Bank Closed.

Connellsville, Pa., Oct. 30. — One hour after opening for business the Farmers' and Merchants' bank, of Mount Pleasant, a small town near here, was closed indefinitely. Unusually heavy demands for money, coupled with inability to get ready cash is given as the cause. The cashier, Charles E. Mullin, stated that: "The securities are gilt-edged, and it is only a question of ready cash." The bank is capitalized at $500,000.

DISCOVERED ABORIGINIES

Dr. George B. Gordon Found New Tribe of American Inhabitants.

Philadelphia, Oct. 30.—Dr. George B. Gordon, curator of the department of American archaeology of the University of Pennsylvania, who reached this city after penetrating the Alaskan wilderness for 2000 miles on the "Mrs. C. C. Harrison Expedition," reports the discovery of a small tribe of aborigines, hitherto unknown to ethnologists. Dr. Gordon calls these unknown American inhabitants "Kuskwagamutes," and brought with him a collection of their clothing, arms, utensils, etc. The tribe was found about 800 miles from the mouth of the Kuskowim river, and they were few in number. This people, Dr. Gordon says, came of Athabascan stock, but have been conquered by the Esquimaux and have almost been absorbed by them. They retain many of the ancient characteristics in speech and dress. Instead of wearing furs like the Esquimaux, they make the skins of loons and other great birds into robes for clothing.

FILES HER ANSWER

Mrs. Hartje Denies Husband's Latest Allegations.

MONEY OFFERED MADINE

After Denying "Newly Discovered Evidence," Wife of Pittsburg Millionaire Brings Damaging Counter-Charges—Hartje Wants It Quashed.

Philadelphia, Oct. 30. — Embracing damaging charges and counter-charges, and combining refutation with denial, the answer of Mrs. Mary Scott Hartje to her husband's petition to have the Hartje divorce case reopened in the superior court, sitting here, has been made public.

The answer of Mrs. Hartje makes denial of ever writing any letters to Madine, and denies that she committed perjury at the last hearing. The most sensational scathing is given to Howard Lappe, who, it is alleged, sold the Ida Scott letters to Mr. Hartje, and to Mr. Hartje for his action in securing damaging testimony against his wife.

"One part of the Ida Scott affidavit, which explains the position taken by her in regard to the Lappe letters, is as follows:

"The statements referring to Augustus Hartje, or the Hartje divorce proceedings, contained in the letters written by me to the said Howard Lappe were written at the suggestion and dictation of the said Lappe, he stating that with such letters he could force my father to consent to our marriage. I am informed and believe that with this end in view, the said Lappe did exhibit some of said letters to my father, and said the same to the said Hartje or his agents."

Hartje has filed a petition with the court to strike Mrs. Hartje's answer off the record, because it is irrelevant and impertinent.

Hartje also filed a supplemental brief, with copies of the love letters alleged to have been written by Mrs. Hartje to "Tom" Madine, the coachman co-respondent in the case. These letters are alleged by Hartje to be of an incriminating character.

Mrs. Hartje stoutly denies she ever wrote Madine a letter. She contends she is being harrassed by paid persons in the employ of her husband. Affidavits are attached to her answer showing that Madine had been repeatedly offered large sums to turn traitor to the woman. Madine recently made a confession in Canada, acknowledging his friendship with Mrs. Hartje. He has since gone to Ireland, where he purchased a hotel.

Mrs. Hartje's brief alleges that Madine made a statement on April 12, in the office of Watson & Freeman, Mrs. Hartje's attorneys, in which he asserted that a representative of Augustus Hartje met him and said to Madine: "If you will come along with me I will get you $5000. If you will make another statement there won't be anything done to you and they will see that you get off all right. In six months you will be shaking hands with me and have $30,000 in your pocket."

Madine further stated that this same representative of Hartje had offered to get him a livery stable if he wanted one and that he could make money out of the sale if Madine would make another statement.

"He told me," said Madine, "that he wanted me to come up to the seventh floor of the Frick building and make the statement before the superior court met, and that there was no chance of winning the case unless I would make a statement so they could use it in the superior court, and he said it would be up in 10 days.

"He wanted me to swear that I got those letters from Mrs. Hartje and that they were right. I said I never got any letters, and he said 'Well, you can say so anyhow,' and he said 'All we need is one more envelope.'"

Continuing, the brief alleges that Madine also made a statement on May 3, in the office of the Perkins Union Detective Agency, in which Madine states that he was offered $10,000 if he would get out of the case and out of the country, and that he would be paid liberally if he produced an envelope, or if he would give them some information that they wanted.

FEARS FOR BIG SHIP

It is Believed 40 Sailors Are Lost Among Cannibals.

MAY HAVE MET AWFUL FATE

Derelict Sighted Near Cape Horn Believed to Be the Big Sailing Ship Arthur Sewall, Laden With Coal For American Fleet.

New York, Oct. 30.—That the big sailing ship Arthur Sewall, laden with coal for the American fleet in the Pacific, has been wrecked close to Cape Horn and her crew of 40 eaten by cannibals who infest the islands near Terra del Fuego and the Straits of Magellan, is believed at the Maritime exchange.

Since the Sewall sailed away from Philadelphia on April 3, bound for Seattle, via stormy Cape Horn, not a word has been heard from her until Tuesday, when a letter was received at the Maritime exchange which seems to indicate that one of the biggest square rigged ships in the merchant marine has foundered.

The letter was from the Straits under date of August 31. It stated that on August 23 the sealing steamer Fridtjof arrived and reported that while cruising near the southeast headland of Noir island, half way between Cape Pillar and Cape Horn, she sighted a derelict which is believed to be the Sewall.

The derelict was a four-master, square-rigged ship. Only the topmasts were above the water and the royals were set.

The Fridtjof cruised about the neighborhood in the hope of getting some trace of the crew, as it was evident the wreck was recent.

On the shore of Noir island they found indications that they had landed, but though searching parties were sent out, nothing further was discovered.

The skipper of the Fridtjof feared to allow his men to leave the coast and search the interior owing to the presence of hostile savages.

In the belief that the wreck is that of the Arthur Sewall, divers have been sent to Noir island to make an examination of the ship.

The Sewall, which has been out 208 days, was commanded by Captain Gaffry. She was owned by Arthur Sewall & Co., of Bath, Me., and was of 2119 tons net register.

Several of the big sailing vessels that started out with coal about the same time that the Sewall left have had trouble. The Shenandoah, which left Baltimore on March 25, also with coal for the fleet, started for San Francisco. Nothing was heard from her for months, until a few days ago she was reported at Melbourne, Australia. She ran into contrary winds and was forced to make the trip by way of Cape of Good Hope instead of around Cape Horn. The Shenandoah also is owned by Sewall & Co.

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