

NO MORE ANTI-TRUST LEGISLATION TO BE HAD

This Announcement Is Made by Republican Leaders in the House Following the Passage of the Elkins Bill—Six Democrats in the Negative.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—Under the operation of a special order, which cut off amendments, the house after a debate of an hour today, by a vote of 241 to 6, passed the Elkins bill to prohibit rebates to shippers.

Mr. Dalzell (Pa.), Mr. Overstreet (Pa.) and Mr. Hepburn (Iowa) practically announced that with the passage of the Elkins bill the anti-trust legislation for this session of congress would be complete.

Still No Bloodshed. During the debate Mr. Cochran (Dem., Mo.) branded one of Mr. Hepburn's statements as a "deliberate lie." Contrary to the usual custom, this strong language had no sequel.

Chaucery Talks Some More. An immense crowd was attracted to the senate to hear the invocation of Gen. William Booth, founder and commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army.

Money to Execute Alaskan Treaty. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—The president today transmitted to the house a copy of the treaty entered into between the United States and Great Britain relative to the Alaskan boundary line, together with a draft of a bill appropriating \$100,000 to carry out the treaty.

Postage on Periodicals. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—Senator Burrows introduced an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill authorizing an increase on periodicals delivered by letter carriers in cities.

Will Tack on Statehood Bill. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—The senate committee on postoffices today decided, 8 to 5, to amend the postoffice appropriation bill by adding as an amendment the omnibus statehood bill.

TOO FEW BABIES, SAYS PARKHURST Sees Menace to Race in the Vanishing Birth Rate.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—"It is a fact, and a grim fact, that there is a steady diminution in the number of children in American families. Little by little much of the old American stock is being drawn off, and in its place we are drawing for our population on the poorer and lower classes of Europe. The higher you get in the social scale the greater seems to be the unwillingness or the inability to rear a family, and the one hope I can see for the future is in educating our women up to a fuller sense of their duties to the race and of the real distinction and privileges of maternity."

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children seems to be one of the penalties of modern civilization," he said. "The wife which women lead in such a city as New York, and, indeed, in every other center, is just as to make them utterly unfit for the duties of maternity, and the one or two children whom they do bring into the world are all too likely to have to pay by their own weakness for the nerve-racking strain under which the parent has lived."

Society Devouring Its Children. "It is a normal effect of modern social conditions to act adversely on the vital forces, and it seems to me to be the result of a certain nervous exhaustion which produces a rundown nervous condition. We read the story every day in the case of some girl or young society matron who breaks down under the strain and falls a victim to nervous prostration. The prominence given to physical culture and outdoor sports and exercises for women in the present day is an open acknowledgment that these unwholesome conditions are making themselves felt and demand some sort of remedy, but no permanent good can be done to men and women as a whole, return to simpler modes of life."

Short of that, it is only postponing the rate of reckoning. To try and build up the system on one side, while it is being burned away in a constant whirl of pleasure and excitement on the other, is to realize how tremendous are the drains made through the unnatural and extravagant life they lead from day to day, and to think that such purely physical causes as these are becoming more and more determining factors in the shrinking of families."

There is no doubt, however, that in hundreds of cases this is the result of deliberate intention. Many women do not want to be bothered with children, they consider the interruption such an event would cause in their crowded social life. "I have heard women admit this was one of the principal reasons for their dislike of children, and I have known of terrible instances in circles where you would least expect to find such conditions. The most desperate means have been taken to avoid what would have been regarded as a calamity."

The maternal instinct seems to have been sacrificed to another class of enjoyments—the elegance and amenities of wealth and luxury. It is not a question of better education or intelligence, for the most highly educated families were both in a high degree, yet eight or ten or twelve children were common in a household. "There has been a sacrifice of the physical side and self-indulgence on the moral and principal causes of an evil which is spreading with terrible certainty, and which can only be remedied, as far as I can see, by a revolution in our modes of thought and life."

Affection Lavished on Dogs. "The American woman cares more for her dog than for her child," said Dr. Shrady in talking on the subject. "She will take her pet out for a drive with her in her carriage every day, and she will spend more money on her dog than she would on her child. In the old times dogs were considered almost a disgrace, and certainly the most despised animals have been taken to avoid what would have been regarded as a calamity."

Requirements of Railroads. Moreover, there seems no end to the requirements of the railroad companies for material to be used in the making of permanent improvements. During the past week about 10,000 tons of steel rails were sold, and there are now live inquiries for about 60,000 tons, which will probably be closed within ten days or two weeks, most of the business going to necessity to the Eastern States. The Western States having sold out for the year. Nor can enough steel be obtained for the construction of steel cars, the demand for which is now being met by the present stock of material. To some extent the impediments to transportation are affecting the consumption of iron and steel also, idle mills which are not being run, and the indefinite continuance of activities.

Pig Iron. The tone of pig iron is stronger this week. This condition is to be chronic in the face of what everyone concedes to be a very tight market. Three lots of 500 tons each have been sold, one or two for 300 tons each, and fairly good car loads business is reported, usually at a profit of 10 to 15 cents. Spot iron is difficult to obtain, and the market reason is that the railroads are slow in getting the iron that is shipped to them. It is related that 150 cars of Southern pig iron have been dumped on the ground at Cincinnati, Louisville and other junction points in Northern Ohio, simply because the latter are unable to furnish the cars for the transfer. There is, moreover, a large quantity of incoming iron stock on hand, and the market is making a supply quite short, so that there is much shopping about for a little iron to piece out until supplies are received. There are still heard reports that prices have been shaded, but they seem to lack confirmation. The leading interests are holding to the basis of \$18.50, Birmingham, for No. 2 foundry, or \$22.85, Chicago, and for quick delivery some sellers are receiving double.

Too High for Them. There is a little inquiry for the second half of the year, but it is not large. The inquirers are not obtaining quotations much if any below those for earlier shipments, and are disappointed thereat. Hence they are not as yet purchasing. The production of local iron is hampered beyond all patience by the inactivity of coke in the market. Keeping one furnace out of blast and limiting the production of those that are active. Quotations follow: Local Coke No. 1, \$25.00 to \$25.50; Local Coke No. 2, \$23.00 to \$23.50; Lake Superior Charcoal, \$7.00 to \$7.50; Southern Pine, \$10.00 to \$10.50; Malleable Bessemer, \$23.00 to \$23.50; Ohio Scotch No. 1, \$24.00 to \$24.50; Southern Pine, \$10.00 to \$10.50; Southern Coke No. 1, \$23.00 to \$23.50; Southern Coke No. 2, \$22.50 to \$23.00; Southern Gray Forge, \$21.00 to \$21.50; Southern Soft No. 1, \$23.00 to \$23.50; Southern Soft No. 2, \$22.00 to \$22.50; Jackson County, Ohio, Sil. very, No. 1, \$30.00 to \$32.00.

Need Is Urgent. "There is an urgent need that the educated classes should be made to realize the significance of the present state of affairs," said another prominent physician, who was unwilling to allow his name to be used, "for the future rests with them. Men and women are being bred up to their country in this respect, and even when reminded they are inclined to see and not to act. It is the duty of the missionary work to other nations, and not to burden themselves with the tax of children."

Women are the worst offenders, just as it is on them that the burden falls most heavily, and it is becoming a harder task every day to teach them to regard motherhood as a cause for pride and honor rather than for blame and regret. The growth of luxury I believe to be mainly responsible for the views now in vogue, for and give the time which the rearing of a family demands. "Economic conditions also play an important part in this connection, for the high standard of living makes parents unwilling to increase their expenses, while the exigencies of life in the future are being rendered so high and so many thousands of the population live in flats also militate against the birth of a family."

What should I do with children? Make them saleswomen in a store or errand boys in a bank? A woman asked in part was justly answered. We reflect on how prominently men who rose from far smaller beginnings in the history of the country, and how few have reached the position of wealth which attempts to suppress such vast potential energies."

Scrubbing the Landscape. Hubbs—How bright and clean everything looks out here. George—The scrubbing had a couple of detectives scouring the country last week—Philadelphia Record.

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This Is Due to the Insufficiency of Transportation Facilities—Pig Iron Is Stronger in Tone—Withholding of Iron Makes the Supply Short.

The Iron and Machinery World says today: "Five of the blast furnaces of the Illinois Steel company are idle this week because sufficient coke cannot be obtained to keep them in operation, and because of the consequent scarcity of Bessemer pig iron the steel mills at Joliet, except the rail mills, have been compelled to close. This condition exists although the company have a number of men out on the road trying to get the delayed coke to furnaces. The fuel is produced in ample quantities, but motive power cannot be procured to move it. An Eastern locomotive expert is authority for the statement that fifteen locomotives are sent to the West every day, and the annual total of 4,600, and that the producing capacity of all locomotive works in the country is only 5,000 per year, a gain of only 200 locomotives, which is scarcely sufficient to take care of the normal growth of traffic."

There is scant reason to expect any material improvement in the traffic situation for a long time, if traffic maintains its present level. The West, in mills, or some of them, are so hampered by the insufficiency of transportation facilities that they are unable to catch up with the demand for iron. The First National bank was closed today by direction of the comptroller of the currency. Bankruptcy Examiner John W. Scofield was placed in charge as receiver. The bank was closed because of losses which amounted to \$1,000,000. The bank's assets are of such a character that additional capital is not required to meet the obligations, which would wipe out the remaining capital.

Bank Clearings. NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the weekly total of bank clearings for the week ended Feb. 13, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year.

Table with columns: City, Amount, % Change. Includes New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Boston, San Francisco, etc.

Big Coal Company. TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 13.—The American Coal Company, with an authorized capital of \$15,000,000, was incorporated here today. The charter confers broad powers, including the mining of coal and minerals, and the manufacturing of the same. The charter also authorizes the company to construct railroads and to hold stock in any other corporation.

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cause deliveries were required in May. Cotton has taken the leading position of the great staples, both as to extent and volume of speculative transactions. Visible supplies are lower than at the corresponding date in any year of the past decade and it is an "open market" when exports do not exceed receipts. Foreign spinners are busy, domestic mills consume freely, while there is business in sight for more cotton goods than present stocks of raw material at the mills will make. Several grades of cotton goods have advanced in price, which, with gains in other sections of the market during preceding weeks, makes the level of quotations much higher. A large attendance of buyers is reported, stimulating activity at jobbers' and at first hands. Cash sales are restricted by low supplies. Domestic consumption supplied most of the business, as exports are light.

New business has increased at New England footwear factories, with good orders for April delivery of calf skin shoes. The leather market, however, the chief event has been an increase in demand with higher prices for belting butts. Low supplies of sole leather give strength to the market, and in better request. Domestic hides weaker as the advancing season brings poorer grades to the market. Restricted receipts of dry hides sustain the market, but the price of American commanding a fractional advance.

A little change occurred in meats, but mild weather in the vicinity brought such a heavy movement of eggs that the price fell five cents for the week, with a decline of 11 cents a dozen within a week.

Failures for this week numbered 230 in the United States, against 240 last year, and 20 in Canada, compared with 33 a year ago.

TWO CONCERNS IN TROUBLE. Trust Company and Bank in New Jersey Close Up.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Feb. 13.—The Monmouth Trust and Safe Deposit company closed its doors today. The officials of the bank, which was in a run on their institution, and that it was done at their volition. They said they would re-open as soon as they could, but this was not to be. The company caused the greatest alarm, and among the poorer classes are deposited there.

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The president of the First National bank, J. B. Crocker, said that the institution has been under close scrutiny for some time past, and it is understood the suspension was made by the comptroller of the currency. The bank was assessed the shareholders \$30 on each share of stock. Some of the holders were willing to pay, but others refused, and the closing of the bank resulted.

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THE LONGEST BEARD IN ALL THE WORLD

It Is Now Over Seven Feet Long, and Still Growing.

Mr. Alexander Wilkie, of Upper Craigie, Perth, N. B., has the unique distinction of possessing the longest beard in the world. Mr. Wilkie's ex-



MR. ALEXANDER WILKIE.

ceptional growth of hair began when he was about twenty-five years of age. From that time it grew rapidly and it is now seven feet two and one-half inches long, and still growing. As Mr. Wilkie is only five feet ten inches in height his beard trails a considerable distance on the ground. It is light fair in color and hangs in graceful waves. To keep it out of the way he usually carries it inside the waistcoat, and trimmed in the manner of an ordinary beard. Mr. Wilkie is an agriculturist, and he has won many prizes at ploughing, shooting and stock breeding contests.

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A SOLEMN RACE IN FUTURE, LAUGHTER UNHEARD

Mirthless Beings to Make Up Population Unless the Risibilities of Our Descendants Are Excited by Some Device as Yet Unknown.

The human race is confronted with a new and growing danger. It is forgetting how to laugh and is in peril of becoming a race of solemn, mirthless beings with no outward evidence of the existence of emotions.

The subject has become so grave that it has drawn to itself the attention of a learned British scientist who takes the growing tendency to laugh threats to the human race as a matter of public concern. He has endeavored to eliminate one of the vital forces of life, the absence of laughter in itself might be tolerated if it did not actually cause a deterioration in the physical and mental structure of humanity. And, like other evils once started, it is likely to be handed down from one generation to another, becoming more and more pronounced in its character. With laughter will go one of the best of human characteristics, and there will be nothing left but the more tense and restrained elements.

Forgetting How to Laugh. The British scientist who sounds the alarm says: "It seems fairly certain that the decline of the human race is due to the change, the gradual disappearance of the spirit of play, of a self-part abandonment of the mirthful element of life. It is not only in the forced-gait pantomime and the walking-the-line circus, but in the change that has come over our out-of-door sports. Even the clapping of hands by the solemn-looking spectators sounds stiff and mechanical."

The reduction of the full stream of choral laughter of arrayed spectators, which might readily be supposed to be due to the growing refinement of manners in all classes, is a matter of "high society" tell us, as we have seen, that the modern world has adopted this idea from the upper class, and the classes below may be disposed of in the most of the forward spirit of fun. Still, the decline seems to be much more than a matter of restraint would account for. The evidence available certainly favors the conclusion that, even when the mirthful element does not laugh long and loud as they once did."

No Time for Laughter. The restrained laughter is one thing and the utter absence of it is another. The mirthless and nervous strain under which the man of today is working, there is no time for the mirthful element of life. The mind and body is at top tension to gain every advantage possible in the combat of survival. The mirthful element of life is evident everywhere and ever at hand. The modern world has adopted this idea from the upper class, and the classes below may be disposed of in the most of the forward spirit of fun. Still, the decline seems to be much more than a matter of restraint would account for. The evidence available certainly favors the conclusion that, even when the mirthful element does not laugh long and loud as they once did."

Know What You Were. "I would advise you," he said to the friend he was taking home to the dinner of some of my wife's orphaned peaches. "Of course, I don't know what you were ordinarily, but these are worth trying."

Board of Fire Commissioners. St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 12, 1903. Regular meeting of the board was held this evening at 8 p. m. Present Commissioner Brice, Chairman of the Board, and Vice President Schweizer. The board considered the report of the Superintendent of Fire Alarm and the report of the Chief Engineer. The board also considered the report of the Superintendent of Fire Alarm and the report of the Chief Engineer. The board also considered the report of the Superintendent of Fire Alarm and the report of the Chief Engineer.

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It is the manna on which good fellowship loves to feed. And so many sides is it that it may be recognized as a planer for moral ridges, and it may add the last touch to the character picture which every man engaged in the business world will not forsake us—if we care for his company, when he betake ourselves to the graver occupations of life. It is true it would seem as if, instead of trying to avoid a habit which would promote the laughing habit in ourselves, and in others.

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Long ago a French scientist consulted statistics and declared that marriage is a more destructive force than the most wholesome trade or other avocations. In a recent issue of the Spectator, Frederick L. Hoffman makes the attempt to verify these reports of Great Britain. You may here read his conclusion and give yourself accordingly.

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