

## PRICES MAINTAINED BY COLD STORAGE

### Oyster So Defends System Before Committee.

#### NO EGG TRUST, HE TESTIFIES

Washington Dealer Says 48 and 50 Cents a Pound Was Paid for Butter Before Cold Storage Days. Richmond Men Driven Out of Business—Clerks' Wages Compared.

Capt. James F. Oyster, of Washington, defended the cold storage business yesterday before the Senate committee that is investigating the high cost of living, arguing that it made possible the maintaining of uniform prices the year round, and that there was no cold storage trust or combination.

"Last year 60,000,000 cases of eggs were sold in this country," said Capt. Oyster. "Of that product only 8 per cent went into storage. Chicago had 1,000,000 cases in storage, and that supply was owned by six firms or individuals. That, in my mind, precludes the possibility of there being a trust. Before we had cold storage I have known eggs to sell as low as 6 cents per dozen, but at the same time, in the winter season they sold at 60 cents. If it had not been for storage I would not have been surprised to see eggs sell as high as 75 cents, or even \$1, this winter.

"Only 6 per cent of the butter product of the country goes into storage. In 1882, before we had cold storage, we paid 48 and 50 cents for butter."

**Do Not Buy and Sell.**  
It was explained by the witness that cold storage houses do not buy and sell the products they store, but simply charge dealers a certain rate per case, or pound, or hundredweight, for the use of their facilities.

Capt. Oyster was asked if there was much oleomargarine sold in Washington, and he created a laugh by his answer that little was sold here except to government institutions, that ought not to use it. He named the Government Hospital for the Insane as one of those institutions.

Charles H. Kastberg, a wholesale and retail butcher of Richmond, Va., told the committee of the range of prices in his business for the past ten years. He said that there had been an increase of 50 per cent in the price he paid for cattle on the hoof, but that the price for beef had not increased proportionately, because of the utilization of by-products to-day that were a loss ten years ago. The price of pork has increased 100 per cent, he testified, and that is the only thing he buys of the big packers.

**Driven Out of Business.**  
The witness told of a fight which the packers made to get control of the Richmond market ten years ago, testifying that they had sold meat at less than it cost them on the hoof, and that they had succeeded in driving out of business all local dealers except himself and two others.

Questioned as to the increased cost of his business, Mr. Kastberg said that wages have almost trebled in ten years. Men that he formerly hired at \$3 per week he is now compelled to pay \$15 to \$18.

J. S. Brauer, wholesale and retail butcher, also of Richmond, who followed Mr. Kastberg at the afternoon session of the committee, did not agree with him as to the extent of the increase in wages. He fixed the increase at 25 or 30 per cent, and J. F. Eubank, grocer and butcher, of Richmond, the next witness to take the stand, testified to the same effect.

**Clerks' Wages.**  
Mr. Eubank declared that wages had not increased proportionately as the cost of living had increased. "I don't know how I'd live on the wages I pay my clerks," he said, "and yet I pay just as much as I possibly can." Mr. Eubank fixed the monthly provision bill for a family of five at \$35 to \$40.

None of the witnesses examined during the day offered any explanation for the increased cost of necessities, and all asserted they were not benefited by the higher prices.

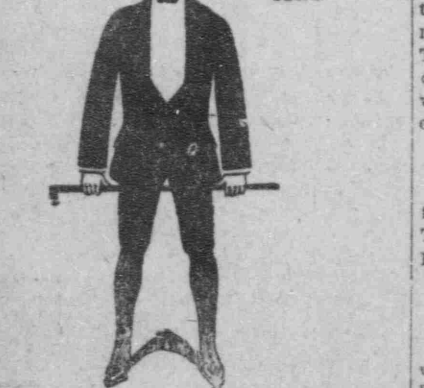
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President Robe and Secretary McCarthy, of the American Meat Packers' Association. John A. Green, of Cleveland, Ohio, the secretary of the National Association of Retail Grocers, was summoned yesterday to appear next Monday.

### WETMORE BILL REPORTED. Favorable Action Taken on Measure to Enlarge Capitol Grounds.

Senator Wetmore's bill to enlarge the Capitol grounds by creating a more dignified approach to the Capitol from Union Station, was yesterday favorably reported by the Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

The bill carries an appropriation of so much of \$3,900,000 as may be needed for the purchase of the property lying about the Capitol between it and Union Station to establish a new avenue on a line between the axis of the Peace Monument and the westerly fountain at the depot.

### BILL HOLDS PROPERTY OWNERS Cost of Widening First Street May Fall on Residents.

If a bill sent to the Senate District Committee yesterday by the Commissioners is passed, the cost of widening First street, from G to I streets northeast, will fall upon the property owners instead of the Washington Terminal Company.

In the Commissioners' letter to Senator Gallinger it is stated that the bill, as drafted, requires assessments for benefits shall equal the amount awarded as damages, including the expense of condemnation proceedings, so that the proposed widening will involve no final burden against public funds.

### FAVORS PLAZA BILL. Committee Reports Measure to Beautify Union Station Approaches.

The Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds yesterday reported favorably the bill of Senator Wetmore, of Rhode Island, authorizing the acquisition of twelve squares of land necessary to extend the Capitol grounds to Union Station Plaza, and to extend Pennsylvania avenue from the Peace Monument, at the foot of the Capitol grounds, to Union Station.

The assessed value of the lands to be acquired, part of which is improved, is \$1,711,207. The area comprises 1,167,886 square feet.

### WOULD AID AGED CLERKS. Golden Expected to Call Up Civil Service Retirement Plan.

Representative Golden is expected to call up to-day the bill providing for the retirement of employees in the civil service, of which he is the author. The bill is based on the statement of President Taft, when he was Secretary of War, before the Committee on Appropriations, that it would be a matter of economy to retire government employees at the age of thirty-five at three-quarters of their salaries and replace them with younger men. Under the bill, employees, to obtain its benefits, if it becomes a law, must have served in government employ for thirty years or more and be sixty years old.

### WRECK OF MAINE A MENACE. Naval Committee Favors Removing Obstruction in Havana Harbor.

At the meeting of the Naval Committee yesterday the bill introduced by Representative Lound, of Michigan, appropriating \$500,000 to begin the work of raising the wreck of the battle ship Maine from the harbor of Havana was reported. The committee amended the measure so as to make the limit of cost of the raising of the Maine \$500,000.

The action of the committee was based upon a report of the Secretary of the Navy, who said that the wreck was a menace to navigation. Ever since the Spanish-American war efforts have been made to induce Congress to transfer the remains of American jacks who lost their lives through the destruction of the battle ship.

There were intimations at one time that the government was disposed to move in the matter, fearing that an inquiry would disclose that the battle ship was wrecked by an internal explosion rather than by a mine laid by unfriendly hands, as is believed. The truth of these reports was promptly denied by naval officials.

Naval officials say that sixty-seven bodies are buried in the wreck of the Maine. Under the terms of the bill reported yesterday, these bodies are to be brought to this country and interred in Arlington National Cemetery with military honors.

### SAVINGS BILL IN DANGER. Will Not Be Reported Out Unless Caucus Directs It.

No arguments in favor of the postal savings bank bill, which recently passed the Senate, will be heard by the House Post-office Committee, which will begin hearings on the measure this morning. According to Chairman Weeks, who is opposed to the postal savings bank proposition, "the affirmative side was very fully presented" at the hearings a year ago.

Representatives of the American Bankers' Association, which organization embodies the principal opposition to the bill, will appear to-day and state their objections to the postal savings bank scheme.

Chairman Weeks was recently reported to have said that his committee would not report out the bill "unless directed by a caucus of the Republicans of the House."

### Marines in Panama to Be Shifted. The Navy Department has decided to bring back to the United States a detachment of about 350 marines who are now serving on the Isthmus of Panama.

They will be enlisted men who have been on duty there since June, 1908, and whose term of service in the tropics has expired.

**Senate Confirms Hoge.**  
L. Clark Hoge was yesterday confirmed as postmaster of Leesburg, Va. There had been a prolonged fight on Mr. Hoge's nomination in the Senate.

### CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFS.

Levor Perry, the new Senator from Mississippi, who succeeded to James G. Smith's seat when the Senate met, Senator Perry received the congratulations of most of the members of the Senate after he had subscribed to the oath of office. The candidate declined from West Point for having need expect no help from the House Committee on Military Affairs. It is understood that the committee will take no action looking to their reinstatement.

The ship subsidy bill came up in the Senate while the calendar was under consideration, but it went over under rule 9, so that there will be no time limit in the discussion of the measure.

The Senate has recalled from the White House the nomination of J. C. Staudt to be postmaster at Smithfield, N. C., who will have to answer the charge of having attempted to bribe Representative R. P. Fox to bring about his nomination.

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## THE BEGGAR.

He had a little organ there, the which I watched him grind; and oft he cried, as in despair: "Please help me—I am blind!" I muttered, as his music rose: "He plays in frightful luck!" And then I went down in my clothes, and gave him half a buck. A friend came rushing up just then, and said: "You make me ache! You are the easiest of men—that beggar is a fake! The fraud has money salted down—more than you'll ever earn; he owns a business block in town, and he has farms to burn." I answered: "Though the beggar own a bank roll large and fat, I don't regret the half a bone I threw into his hat. I see a man who looks as though the world had used him bad; it sets my jaded heart aglow to give him half a scad. And though that beggar man may be the worst old fraud about, that makes no sort of odds to me; that isn't my lookout. I'll stake Tom, Harry, Dick, or Jack, whenever he comes my way; my conscience pats me on the back, and says that I'm O. K. But if a busted pilgrim came to work me, in distress, and I inquired his age and name, his pastor's street address, and asked to see the documents to prove he told no lies, before I loosened up ten cents, my conscience would arise and prod me till I couldn't sleep, or eat a grown man's meal; and so the beggar man may keep that section of a wheel!"

WALT MASON.  
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## CHARITIES SEEK \$7,000.

The joint finance committee of the Associated Charities and Citizens' Relief Association requires fully \$7,000 to enable these two charities to continue their work without embarrassment. Of the \$7,000 asked for last fall, approximately \$30,000 has been contributed. These two organizations are the agents of the community. They deserve support for the following reasons:

- I. They are the two large, general, non-sectarian agencies dealing with the poor in their own homes.
- II. They are entirely dependent upon voluntary contributions.
- III. They work to prevent distress, as well as to relieve it.
- IV. They seek to find substitutes for charity to enable the poor to help themselves, in the meantime giving relief in the way of food, fuel, and other necessities as required, promptly and adequately.
- V. They act as a clearing-house for the charities and citizens of Washington by maintaining a central bureau of information at the service of all who are charitably inclined in the poor.
- VI. Their work is constructive and positive, and is open to investigation to any one inquiring into their methods and aims. One thousand five hundred and one persons have thus far contributed to this work. The committee hopes many more will contribute, thus sharing the burden of raising the remaining funds necessary to continue the work during the spring and summer.

JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

## GAS FIGHT HALTS ONE DAY.

Senator Brown to Urge Inquiry Resolution at Session To-day.

Owing to the fact that Senator Brown's report in regard to the advisability of investigating the Washington Gas Company was not turned out by the Government Printing Office in time yesterday morning, and therefore could not be laid on the desks of the members of the Senate when it was called to order, no action was taken yesterday on the disposition of the resolution calling for the inquiry into the gas company's affairs.

"I am sorry the printing of the report was delayed," Senator Brown said last night, "but it is expected that it will be ready in the morning, and the fight as to whether Senator Gallinger's Committee on the District of Columbia or my Committee on Corporations Organized in the District shall have control of the resolution asking for an inquiry will come up to-morrow.

"There is no change in the position of any Senator, so far as I know, who is a member of my committee. I think the Committee on Corporations Organized in the District ought to get the resolution, and am prepared to meet any parliamentary tactics that may be used to get my resolution of the committee of which I am a member."

## COUNTRESS PAINTS ON STAND.

Telegram in Famous Murder Case Overcomes Tarnowsky Woman.

Venice, March 15.—The Countess Tarnowsky, who, with her maid, Elise Periera, and her lover, Dr. Naumoff and Lawyer Prikoff, is on trial for the murder of her second husband, Count Komarowski, resumed the stand at the opening of the trial to-day. The woman, who has attempted suicide three times in the last two years, and who urged the young Russian lawyer and the Moscow officer to kill her husband in order that she might obtain the \$100,000 insurance on Count Komarowski's life, was cool and alert. She denied the assertion of Lawyer Prikoff that she was an accomplice in the theft of money which they jointly spent.

The president of the court handed a telegram to the countess with a request that she look at it. The countess had a sudden fainting spell and the proceedings were interrupted for a short time. On recovering consciousness the countess proceeded to tell the court how Dr. Naumoff first made his declarations of love to her.

**Drops Dead at His Plow.**  
Special to The Washington Herald.

Salisbury, N. C., March 15.—G. H. Kennerly, a prominent farmer, dropped dead at his plow, near Woodleaf, Rowan County, at noon to-day. He was sixty years old, and is survived by a wife, five sons, and four daughters.

## REGULARS LOSE FIGHT IN HOUSE

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on by the leaders to defeat the intentions of the insurgents, and Bennett being recognized for the purpose. Half a dozen other members were clamoring for recognition, so that they could move to recommit the bill with instructions to eliminate the paragraph providing that funds shall be set apart for the maintenance of the automobiles.

### House Refuses to Adjourn.

The regulars wanted to adjourn, and had tried to do so before the Bennett motion was put. The House was in confusion. Representative Dwight, the Republican whip, issued orders right and left, and messengers were sent abroad for absent members. The roll was called on the motion to adjourn, members filling in as this was going on. The House refused to adjourn, 100 voting in the affirmative, and 119 in the negative.

When the Bennett motion to recommit without instructions was put, Representative Gillett cut off discussion by moving the previous question on the Bennett motion. This was defeated, 110 to 97.

Representative Foster then offered his amendment, accompanying it by a motion that the bill be recommitted with instructions to modify it. The allies rallied their forces, and the Foster amendment was adopted by a vote of 115 to 94.

At the last session Congress authorized the purchase of automobiles for the use of the Vice President and the Speaker. The sum provided by the legislative bill containing appropriations for this purpose was covered into contingent accounts of the House and Senate. It was the aim of Representative Foster at the outset merely to knock out of the bill an item providing compensation for the chauffeurs employed by the Vice President and the Speaker to drive the government cars placed at their disposal. As adopted, the Foster amendment provides that no funds shall be set apart for the maintenance of the automobiles used by Mr. Sherman and Mr. Cannon.

### No Money to Move Wheels.

So that, aside from its political significance as to what the insurgents and Democrats combined can do, if the Foster provision should become a law the Vice President and the Speaker will each have a government automobile on his hands, with no government funds to make the wheels go around.

It was not believed at the Capitol yesterday afternoon that the allies attempted to do or desired to do anything to embarrass the administration. The stormy session was more of a show of force on the part of Messrs. Murdock, Norris, Davis, and their colleagues than anything else. The most immediate result of the mix-up will probably be that the regulars will not go home so early in the afternoon. On two days in succession, the Democrats, aided by some of the insurgents, have shown what they can do, and it is not doubted that they will lay for other opportunities like those of yesterday and Monday.

### Something May Happen.

Some day, if the regulars are not careful, it was remarked at the Capitol, something important belonging to the administration will be side-tracked or killed or maimed, and the story will get before the country in a way that, as one member expressed it, will do harm to the Republicans in the coming election.

Attached to the amendment offered by Representative Foster yesterday was a rider reducing the appropriation to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to administer the corporation tax law from \$100,000, the amount asked by the President, to \$75,000. This provision was defeated, and the appropriation to enforce the law therefore still stands at \$100,000. This item is, of course, very much administrative business, and the fact that nothing happened to it was cited by members after the House adjourned, at 7:15 o'clock, as reason for the belief they expressed that the allies did not want to embarrass the administration.

## ONE TO FIVE FOR SUFFRAGE.

Only Six Definite Answers in Census of Twenty-four Homes.

Albany, N. Y., March 15.—Assemblyman Charles A. Dana, of the Twenty-seventh Assembly district, New York, said to-day that he had taken a poll in his district to find out the sentiment on the proposed woman's suffrage amendment. He sent a canvasser out who called upon all the owners of private houses in one of the streets in his district between Fifth and Sixth avenues. The canvasser went personally to see each woman, and the answers to the questions which he asked were given to him personally.

In twenty-four homes which he visited he secured the following results: Out or not in city, 10; refused to answer, 5; not interested, 2; considering, 1; "no," 5; "yes," 1.

## EX-CITY OFFICIAL ARRESTED.

Boston Man and Others Charged with Jury Bribing.

Boston, March 15.—George U. Crocker, formerly city treasurer of Boston, was arrested to-day on an indictment for alleged connection with jury bribing at the Crocker will trial in 1904. John J. Conroy, a real estate dealer, and Charles H. Leach, a broker, were also arrested.

The three men were arraigned in the Superior Court this afternoon and pleaded not guilty. Bail of Messrs. Crocker and Conroy was fixed at \$3,000 each, and Leach's bail was made \$2,000.

## STAGE HANDS IN RIOT.

Go to Rescue of Manager in Dispute with Officer.

Philadelphia, March 15.—For engaging in a dispute with Detective McFadden, the mayor's bodyguard, over the placing of several taxicabs outside the Philadelphia Opera House, Harry Hammerstein, manager of the playhouse, was put under \$500 bail for court to-day on a charge of inciting a riot.

The alleged riot seemed to consist of a rush of stage hands to the aid of their employer when McFadden, who is said not to have shown his badge, struck Hammerstein on the mouth with a revolver.

Magistrate Eisenbush held McFadden in \$500 bail on charges of assault and brutality to a prisoner brought by Hammerstein.

**Aged Virginia Resident Dead.**  
Warrenton, Va., March 15.—W. Christopher Hayes, a native of Lincolnshire, Eng., died last night after a lingering illness, aged seventy-eight years. Mr. Hayes is survived by the following children: Mrs. H. William Hayden, of Manassas, Va.; Mrs. K. W. Berwyn, of Manassas, Va.; and Percy, Ernest, Harry, and William C. Hayes, Jr.

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## INSURGENTS SHOW DEFIANCE TO TAFT

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that I am optimistic to believe that we can pass the bill and get away much earlier. I do not think that Senators will stay here until dog days. The Senator from Texas will want to get through and get back to Texas before the hot weather comes."

"That may be," replied Mr. Bailey. "I have seen times when Senators consulted their personal comfort rather than the public interest."

Mr. Bailey added, with emphasis, that it was just as well to have an understanding about this bill at the very outset. "This measure cannot be rushed through here," he declared. "The Senator from West Virginia did not explain this bill when he reported it, and the newspapers say the friends of this bill are not going to discuss it, so that they may get it to a vote earlier. This is the first time the minority has ever opened the debate on so important a bill. The majority members of the committee owe it to the Senate to explain the merits of this bill."

"Sometimes you get more votes for a bill by not discussing it," Senator Ekins frankly admitted.

"Yes; if it is a bad bill and cannot be defended, it is best," retorted the Texan.

### Became Public Property.

"According to the unchallenged reports of the public press," said Senator Cummins, "certain gentlemen, namely, the Attorney General, the Solicitor General, the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, two members of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and a Representative in Congress met in New York on August 30 last to consider and put in the form of a bill the views which the President of the United States had at various times expressed with regard to amendments of the interstate commerce law. The report of his supervisory and unofficial commission was printed for the confidential use of the President, but it quickly became public property, and was in the hands of the railroads even before it reached the President."

Nearly every important railroad president in the United States visited Washington and was heard by the President and the Attorney General in opposition to certain features of the proposed bill. The place for them to have laid their objections should have been before the Interstate Commerce Committee. It was a significant fact that in the hearings before the committee only one lone railroad man had said a word against the measure, although they had filled the committee room every day at the hearings.

Senator Cummins talked for some time deprecating such methods, and declaring that the consequences would be disastrous. He will continue his attack upon the bill to-day, and when he gets tired there will be other insurgents to relieve him.

## RIFLE SILENCER ORDERED.

Hartford, Conn., March 15.—The United States government has given an order for 500 rifle silencers to be delivered as soon as they can be manufactured. Hiram Percy Maxim, who returned to-night from Washington, confirmed the news of the order.

The order was given by Col. John T. Thompson, acting chief of ordnance, and is taken to indicate that the silencer has been adopted as part of the United States army equipment.

## MURDERER SEEMS ATTEMPT OF FRIENDS TO LIBERATE HIM.

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