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## MARKETS

36 Cars, 886  
1,054 Hogs;  
1 Sheep.

### RECEIPTS

Local Steer  
Strong to  
Higher.

### RECEIPTS FROM JANUARY 1, 1908.

Continued Activity in Market for  
Butcher Stock, Prices Fully Steady  
—Calves Sell Stronger—Stock Cattle  
Taken Readily at Firm Prices—  
Late Start in Hog Trade, Market  
Steady to Strong—Good Lambs  
Steady to Strong, Top \$6.80.

Receipts from January 1, 1908.  
The following table shows the receipts  
from January 1, 1908, and receipts for  
the corresponding time in 1907:

	1908	1907	Dec.	Inc.
Cattle.....	80,983	88,041	7,679	—
Hogs.....	432,917	320,776	112,141	+
Sheep.....	112,547	180,715	18,168	—
Horses.....	3,206	5,316	2,111	—

**LIVE STOCK IN SIGHT.**  
The following shows the estimated  
receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the  
five principal western markets:

City	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Chicago.....	7,000	10,000	2,000
Kansas City.....	6,000	10,000	3,700
South Omaha.....	4,000	9,400	1,700
South St. Joseph.....	600	4,100	4,300
East St. Louis.....	2,100	8,000	1,300

**RECEIPTS BY CARS.**  
The following shows the number of  
cars of stock handled today by railroads  
centering at the stock yards:

Company	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C. & O. West.....	56	—	—
C. & P. East.....	10	—	—
Great Western.....	7	—	—
Missouri Pacific.....	2	—	—
A. T. & Grand Island.....	2	—	—
H. J. & S. F.....	2	—	—

**CATTLE.**  
Small Show of Live Beef in Sight,  
Prices Are Firm.

The most serious effect of the recent  
storm became apparent in receipts of  
live stock at different markets today.  
Only 18,704 cattle were reported at  
five markets today and total for four  
days at these points, 122,000, is  
around 20,000 less than the moderate  
run at same points last week. Rail-  
roads are becoming pretty well open-  
ed to traffic, but snow is badly drifted  
in the country, and it will likely be  
some time before there can be a free  
movement from feed lots to shipping  
stations. Although this will possibly  
be felt more in the receipts of hogs  
than in cattle.

The slim receipts here today were  
hardly large enough to create a mar-  
ket. A few loads of medium to  
pretty good steers were offered, but  
nothing on strictly choice order.  
Some were out in season, willing to  
take supplies at steady to 10c higher  
prices, and the market was of short  
duration for offerings that got in  
during the early forenoon.

A recent class of medium weight  
steers sold at \$5.00 to \$5.25, the latter  
being the best here. Something on  
choice heavy order would have found  
outlet at \$5.50 to ground or over  
\$5.00. Bulk of offerings were of  
grades selling below \$5.00 and rang-  
ing from that down to around \$4.00  
for very common light killers.

**DEERED BEEF AND SHIPPING STEER.**  
No. Av. Price No. Av. Price  
9.....1278.....5.25.....1220.....4.75  
6.....1223.....5.25.....913.....4.70  
3.....1195.....5.50.....1030.....4.70  
21.....1089.....5.00.....983.....4.65  
80.....1124.....4.90.....970.....4.60  
9.....980.....4.75.....950.....4.60

**COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.**  
Supplies of cows and heifers were  
again light and buyers found it im-  
possible to fill orders. The market  
had good, active tone, and offerings  
changed hands readily. Prices were  
steady generally. In cases strength  
was quotable, but after the advance  
of previous days of the week buyers  
were not readily disposed to add any-  
thing more, and bulk of trading was  
on a steady basis. Compared with  
the close of last week the general  
range of cow and heifer prices is 10c  
to 15c higher. Canners and cutters  
while in fair demand are selling in  
the same notch as a week ago, \$2.50  
to \$3.00 taking bulk. Medium grades of  
cows predominated in the supply to-  
day and bulk sold in a range of \$3.25  
to \$3.50, although sales of dressed beef  
cows ranged up to \$4.50. Desirable  
heifers and mixed lots were scarce  
and bulk sold under \$4.25.

Trade in bulls was steady to strong.  
Offerings were small and demand  
keen. Bulk of the good butcher and  
export bulls sold in a range of \$3.60  
to \$4.10.  
Calf trade had a stronger tendency  
upward in light marketing. There was  
not much change in the light, top

grades, but medium kinds sold strong  
to 25c higher.

**HEIFERS.**

15 h.a.s. 1041 4 85	1.....	900. 4 00
21 h.a.s. 903 4 85	2.....	805. 4 00
28 h.a.s. 885 4 50	1.....	740. 4 00
3 h.a.s. 74 4 25	1.....	730. 3 90
1.....	1.....	850. 85
1.....	1.....	920. 4 25
1.....	1.....	620. 3 75
1.....	1.....	640. 3 75
1.....	1.....	643. 3 65
1.....	1.....	715. 3 60
1.....	1.....	680. 3 50
1.....	1.....	630. 3 25
1.....	1.....	740. 4 00

**COWS.**

1.....	1320. 4 25	1.....	1010. 3 25
1.....	1050. 4 25	1.....	510. 3 25
4.....	1122. 4 25	2.....	960. 3 25
1.....	1390. 4 10	1.....	970. 3 25
1.....	1030. 4 10	1.....	910. 3 25
1.....	1091. 4 05	2.....	950. 3 25
1.....	1290. 4 00	5.....	1016. 3 15
1.....	1020. 3 85	10.....	979. 3 15
4.....	1013. 3 85	9.....	1017. 3 15
11.....	853. 3 75	2.....	920. 3 05
12.....	1121. 3 75	1.....	820. 3 00
2.....	1186. 3 75	2.....	1035. 2 85
3.....	936. 3 75	4.....	904. 2 75
1.....	1090. 3 75	1.....	810. 2 75
1.....	970. 3 75	1.....	950. 2 75
1.....	1140. 3 70	1.....	980. 2 75
1.....	1220. 3 70	2.....	1080. 2 75
1.....	1080. 3 70	1.....	1080. 2 75
1.....	920. 3 60	1.....	860. 2 75
2.....	1080. 3 60	5.....	928. 2 65
1.....	1080. 3 50	5.....	788. 2 60
2.....	1030. 3 50	1.....	800. 2 60
2.....	1035. 3 40	6.....	830. 2 50
1.....	1430. 3 35	17.....	720. 2 40
1.....	1120. 3 25	1.....	810. 2 40

**WHEAT.**

2.....	1205. 4 00	3.....	1246. 3 25
1.....	1370. 4 00	1.....	1120. 3 25
2.....	1730. 3 75	1.....	1300. 3 00
1.....	1890. 3 75	1.....	1150. 3 00
1.....	1190. 3 25	—	—

**VEAL CALVES.**

3.....	125. 6 50	4.....	187. 6 00
2.....	230. 6 25	1.....	110. 5 00
2.....	110. 6 25	1.....	120. 5 00
1.....	130. 6 25	3.....	113. 4 50
1.....	103. 6 25	1.....	110. 4 50
1.....	140. 6 25	1.....	380. 3 75
2.....	110. 6 00	8.....	355. 3 25
2.....	125. 6 00	8.....	186. 3 00
1.....	100. 6 00	2.....	303. 2 90
1.....	100. 6 00	2.....	325. 2 50

**STOCKS AND FEEDERS.**  
A pretty good demand prevailed  
for stockers and feeders today and  
the small supply on offer soon changed  
hands. Most of the desirable  
grades sold with some strength over  
yesterday and sales looked fully a  
dime higher than the low spot Tues-  
day. Receipts have been light all  
week and there is only a moderate  
accumulation of stock in the hands  
of regular dealers. Outgoing trade  
has been light on account of Tues-  
day's storm, but dealers profess con-  
fidence in the outlook and have shown  
a disposition to absorb fresh arrivals  
right along. The consignment of  
Colorado feeders which was scheduled  
to arrive today was delayed by the  
storm, but is expected in tomorrow,  
so there will be a pretty good assort-  
ment of young cattle on hand closing  
days of the week.

Demand for stock feeders continues  
in excess of supply. Prices today held  
firm with bulk of the recent offerings  
selling at \$2.75 to \$3.25.

**STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.**

11.....	804. 4 35	1.....	920. 4 00
2.....	955. 4 35	1.....	700. 4 00
4.....	710. 4 25	1.....	780. 3 50
6.....	740. 4 10	—	—

**YEARLINGS AND CALVES.**

2.....	531. 4 15	3.....	420. 3 75
4.....	483. 4 00	3.....	633. 3 50
7.....	508. 3 75	1.....	660. 3 25

**FEEDING COWS AND STOCK HEIFERS.**

1.....	570. 3 35	2.....	610. 2 75
6.....	623. 2 90	—	—

**Packers Cattle Purchases.**

Swift and Company.....	500
Nelson Morris Packing Co.....	150
Hammond Packing Co.....	150

**Packers' Purchases Yesterday.**

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Swift & Co.....	129	1,912	978
Hammond.....	260	891	—
Morris.....	289	—	101
City butchers.....	5	125	43

**Stock Cattle Purchases Yesterday.**

Maxwell, Spayde & Co.....	79
George Spencer.....	55
J. V. Alkins.....	31
Dawson & Reynolds.....	28
Joseph Baker.....	18
Charles Tramp.....	14
E. J. Sweeney.....	5
C. Hoffman.....	3
Country and order buyers.....	43

**HOGS.**  
Run Extremely Light, But Buyers  
Oppose Higher Prices.

With only 4,000 hogs estimated on  
the local market and 42,000 reported  
in sight at five leading points, the  
trade was slow in getting started this  
morning. Whether the packers antici-  
pate an early breaking up of the  
snow-bound condition of country  
roads and a rush of hogs or not, they  
are apparently unwilling to let prices  
go up at this time and all concessions  
to the selling interest are made under  
protest.

Today the sellers all looked for  
and asked higher prices, but buyers  
balked, would not bid better than  
steady prices and finally got the  
supply on a steady firm basis. Quality  
was not as good nor weight as heavy  
as it has been running and for this  
reason sales, while not appearing to  
be more than steady on paper are  
in reality steady to strong. In fact,  
packers claimed the crop would cost  
higher on the hogs than yesterday.  
No pigs were offered and prices re-  
main nominal.

Prices ranged from \$4.25 to \$5.00,  
with the bulk selling at \$4.30 to \$4.50.  
The bulk yesterday sold at \$4.30 to  
\$4.45, a week ago at \$4.16 to \$4.25, a  
month ago at \$4.05 to \$4.20, a year ago  
at \$6.85 to \$6.95, two years ago at  
\$6.00 to \$6.75, three years ago at  
\$4.60 to \$4.80, four years ago at \$5.30  
to \$5.55.

**PIGS AND PORK.**

No.	Av. Price	No.	Av. Price
20.....	185. — 4 25	98.....	187. — 4 25
86.....	181. — 4 25	92.....	180. — 4 25

**WHEAT AND MIXED—BULLS AND UPWARD.**

55.....	873. — 4 50	78.....	208. — 4 57 1/2
45.....	408. — 4 50	143.....	239. — 4 35
88.....	182. — 4 30	99.....	184. — 4 25
84.....	179. — 4 30	155.....	105. — 3 25
100.....	190. — 4 30	2.....	60. — 3 00
63.....	190. — 4 30	2.....	100. — 3 00
80.....	163. — 4 30	1.....	100. — 3 00

**GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.**  
The following Chicago board of  
trade quotations are furnished by T.  
P. Gordon, Board of Trade building,  
St. Joseph, Mo.

**Options.**

Open	High	Low	Close	Prev. Day	
WHEAT	92 1/2	93	91 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
July	88	88 1/2	87 1/2	88	88 1/2

**CORN.**

May	60 1/2	60 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	60 1/2
July	58 1/2	59	57 1/2	57 1/2	58 1/2

**OATS.**

May	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
July	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2

**PORK.**

May	11.37	11.40	11.12	11.15	11.27
July	11.73	11.75	11.50	11.55	11.65

**LARD.**

May	7.32	7.32	7.25	7.25	7.33
July	7.50	7.50	7.45	7.45	7.52

**RIBS.**

May	6.40	6.42	6.30	6.32	6.40
July	6.67	6.67	6.57	6.60	6.70

**SELF-SUPPORTING SCHOOLS.**

**Better Undertone to Live Mutton  
Trade—Lambs at \$6.80.**  
Live mutton receipts were again  
light at all points. Locally 3,500 head  
showed up while the five point total  
of 17,800 was 5,000 short of last  
Thursday.

A firmer undertone to the market  
was in evidence. Reports from the  
east indicated a better feeling in the  
trade and the local market responded  
in a more active tone than has fea-  
tured trading former days of this week.  
Receipts ran largely to lambs, bulk  
coming from Colorado. Quality was  
generally desirable, although the un-  
popular heavy weight lambs was in  
evidence and some unfinished light  
kinds were offered. Where quality  
was right the market moved off in  
good season and prices were steady to  
strong. Noon witnessed a clearance  
of the good kinds, but the undesirable  
grades were still in first hands with  
buyers acting very indifferent toward  
them. The common price for good  
75 to 78 lb. lambs was \$6.80 and sales  
looked 10c higher than Tuesday in  
these classes. Not enough sheep were  
offered to test prices.

**OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS.**

**CHICAGO.**  
CHICAGO, Live Stock Yards, Ill.,  
Feb. 20.—The Live Stock World re-  
ports:

Cattle—Receipts, 7,000. Market  
slow, dull, weak; cows steady; feeders  
dull.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,000. Market  
opened 10c higher on shipping advices;  
crop, advance last; top, \$4.70; bulk,  
\$4.50 to \$4.60.

Sheep—Receipts, 7,000. Market  
strong to 10c higher; top lambs \$7.10.

**KANSAS CITY.**  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 20.—  
Special to The Journal: The Drovers  
Telegram reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 5,000. Market  
steady; top \$5.50, early; cows and  
heifers strong; stockers scarce firm;  
calves steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,000. Market  
opened 10c higher, advance last; top,  
\$4.35; bulk, \$4.20 to \$4.45.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,700. Market 10c  
higher; lambs \$6.80.

**SOUTH OMAHA.**  
SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 20.—  
Special to The Journal: The Drovers  
Journal-Stockman reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 4,000. Market  
slow, steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 9,400. Market  
steady to 5c higher, closed lower; top,  
\$4.35; bulk, \$4.10 to \$4.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,700. Market  
strong to 10c higher.

**EAST ST. LOUIS.**  
EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock  
Yards, Ill., Feb. 20.—Special to The  
Journal: The National Live Stock Re-  
porter reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 2,100, including  
700 Texas. Market steady; native  
steers slow; butcher strong.

Hogs—Receipts, 8,000. Market 5c  
to 10c higher; top, \$4.65; bulk, \$4.52  
to \$4.57 1/2.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,300. Market  
steady.

**ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET.**  
Today's cash values: Receipts,  
wheat, 4 cars; corn, 14 cars; oats, 1  
car.

**Wheat.**

No. 2 red.....	97 1/2 @ 99
No. 3 red.....	94 @ 97
No. 4 red.....	90 @ 94
No. 2 hard.....	91 @ 95 1/2
No. 3 hard.....	89 @ 93 1/2
No. 4 hard.....	85 @ 91
Rejected soft.....	85 @ 93
No grade.....	80 @ 85
Rejected hard.....	80 @ 87
No grade.....	75 @ 80

**Corn.**

No. 2 white.....	54 @ 54 1/2
No. 3 white.....	53 @ 54
No. 4 white.....	53 @ 53 1/2

**Oats.**

No. 2 white.....	50 @ 50 1/2
No. 3 white.....	48 1/2 @ 49 1/2
No. 4 white.....	45 @ 48
No. 2 oats.....	47 @ 48
No. 3 oats.....	44 @ 47
No. 4 oats.....	44 @ 47

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**SKIPS AND CULLS.**

**ONE SOW PER FARM.**  
There are approximately six million  
farms in the United States and more  
being developed each year. Did you  
ever stop to think what one brood  
sow to each of these farms means in  
the



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AT THE THEATRES TONIGHT.

Crystal—Advanced Vaudeville. Lyric—Renfrow's Stock Co.

BRIEF CITY NEWS.

G. G. Everhard, vice-president of the Stockyards bank, is in Chillicothe, Mo., attending a meeting of the Missouri State Bankers' association.

On account of the illness of several members of the Carnegie Culture club, the meeting which was to have been held yesterday, was postponed until next week.

Mrs. E. H. Kuser, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bangsner, of 108 Clayton street left yesterday for St. Louis, Mo.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Grace M. E. church, is holding an all day session today at the home of Mrs. A. Harper, 221 Michigan avenue. All members are urged to attend.

Robert E. DeWitt, druggist of the South End, who was said to have been appointed state fish commissioner, confirmed the report yesterday, when he received his commission from Governor Folk, this being the first official notification he had received.

The High School Glee club, comprising about 100 voices, and the High School Mandolin club will give an entertainment in the high school auditorium tomorrow night.

ELECTS OFFICERS.

Epworth League of Francis Street Church Meets.

At a meeting of the Epworth league of Francis Street Methodist church last night, officers for the ensuing year were elected.

The reports of the retiring officers showed that the league was in a prosperous and flourishing condition. The league has grown considerably during the past year, more than doubling its membership.

The officers elected were: Frank Thornton, president; Roland McDonald, first vice president; Miss Emma Castiel, second vice president; Mrs. J. R. Crews, third vice president; Miss Arvelia Uix, fourth vice president; Miss Jessie Gaudie, treasurer; Miss Mildred Kemper, secretary; Miss Nellie Schuler and Miss Virginia Rapp, Epworth Era agents; Miss Eliza Kemper, organist; Dr. Lee McDonald, chorister.

MANY APPEALS FOR AID.

Following close in the wake of the blizzard Tuesday, many cases of destitution came under the personal observation of the South St. Joseph charity board and the police department. All the day men, women and children came into the situation, asking for clothing, fuel and food. One man asked for medicine and clothing. He said he had walked here from Omaha, and could find no work and was sick. His shoes were dilapidated, having no soles, and his clothing was threadbare. He was given immediate relief by the charity board.

SURPRISE MISS ROBERTS.

Miss Pearl Roberts was very pleasantly surprised at her home Saturday evening by a crowd of her young friends. Later in the evening the guests were invited into the dining room where an elaborate luncheon was served. Those present were: Misses Bussjag, Nellie Francis, Maude Kerns, Nellie Shes, Myrtle Lowley, Ida Maslin, Mable Clark, Beulah Miller, Maggie Hasford, Jeanette White, Pearl Roberts, Messrs. Fred Francis, Bert Hitchcock, John Jeanner, Harry Walsh, Charlie McCoy, Ed Davis, Harry Hartzel.

TEMPERATURE LOW.

While many people were not aware of the fact, yesterday was one of the coldest days of the season. The mercury showed that it was eight degrees above zero at the Grand Island bridge at 6 o'clock a. m., while it only crept four degrees higher at noon, and showed the same temperature, twelve degrees above zero at 6 o'clock p. m. At midnight it had dropped to 10 degrees above zero, and probably reached as low as eight degrees above zero by dawn this morning.

While in the fall is one of the best times to sow new grass seed for meadows it is a waste of seed to sow unless the soil is prepared in a good fifth, plenty of seed is sown and there is sufficient moisture in the ground to induce a quick germination of the seed and a vigorous start to grass.

MASS MEETING TONIGHT.

Improvement Clubs to Plan Campaign at City Hall Gathering.

Members of both the leading political parties will view with much anxiety the mass meeting of the various improvement clubs at the city hall tonight. While politics has not as yet entered into the sewer extension problem, the decision of the suburbanites, when they meet tonight at the council chambers in the city hall, will determine to a large extent what action the council will take in passing the Schaffer sewer extension bond issue ordinance.

City hall employees state that a good ten minutes, bragging about his new possession in the assertive way peculiar to his kind. It was impossible to stop him talking. He had got elected to the Mobile club when those responsible for its management were either asleep or not looking, and we other members had to put up with the unpleasantness.

MANY IN STOCK JUDGING.

Manifold Says Animal Husbandry Course at University is Popular.

Columbia, Mo., Feb. 20.—Regarding the animal husbandry work at the University of Missouri Professor F. B. Mumford says:

"The total enrollment in the three short courses in agriculture at the University of Missouri during the present season is 105 men. Of the number eighty-five are enrolled in the special course in animal husbandry. The work which specially attracts this large enrollment in animal husbandry is the efficient instruction which the department is now giving in stock judging. At the recent International Live Stock Show at Chicago, Turner C. Cochran, a student in this department, made the highest score ever made by any student from any institution in America. The judging team also won two out of five scholarships for efficiency in judging."

"Judging work in the short course extends over thirty-five periods of two hours each. Fifteen periods are devoted to cattle, five to sheep, nine to horses, and six to hogs. Score cards specially prepared for the various types and classes are largely used to train the student in accurate methods of work."

"The department of animal husbandry is better equipped than ever before in its history to give high-grade instruction in every phase of animal husbandry work. A large number of high-class animals have recently been added to the herds of cattle, horses, hogs and sheep. Three new barns and a live stock building all contribute to the efficiency of this instruction."

The men directly in charge of the judging work are: Instructor, E. A. Trowbridge, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and Assistants F. G. King, a graduate of the University of Missouri, and C. W. Ripe, a graduate of the University of Nebraska.

LAW WILL HIT AMERICANS.

Measure Providing Weight Be Placed on Cans Being Proposed.

Berlin, Germany.—Representatives of American firms which import canned meats and other food products into Germany are anxiously watching the fate of the measure now proposed by the bundsrath providing that all food commodities sold shall bear a label indicating the weight of the contents.

The proposed regulations would seriously affect many American manufacturers, as the packages must be labeled according to the metric system and radical alterations in the methods of preparing food for export with expensive changes in the machinery used for that purpose might be necessitated. The American Association of Commerce and Trade in Berlin is taking energetic measures to induce the authorities either to withdraw the proposal or modify it so as to provide that goods prepared according to the ordinary avoirdupois system may bear labels giving the weight in the equivalent figures of the metric system, even though this would compel the use of confusing fractional figures instead of round sums.

FARM GOES TO AUCTION.

It is Sold to Satisfy Debts of William Reed of Pleasantville.

Pleasantville, Ia., Feb. 20.—The William Reed farm was sold at public auction in Pleasantville recently. Mr. Reed is the farmer, who, although reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in the county, recently went into bankruptcy, and his farm was sold to satisfy his creditors. The farm consists of 210 acres and was sold in seven separate lots, as follows: Thirty-five acres to Allen Reed at \$78 an acre; thirty-five acres to Allen Reed at \$85 an acre; forty acres to Allen Reed at \$59.99 an acre; thirty-five acres to A. K. Hart at \$71 an acre; thirty acres to A. K. Hart at \$51 an acre; fifty-five acres to Dean Greenway at \$56 an acre, and total price \$19,375. The result of the sale seems to be highly satisfactory to those most deeply interested.

COWS MUST BE INSPECTED.

Iowa Falls, Iowa, Feb. 20.—Beginning tomorrow all milk and cream sold in this city must be from inspected cows, the city council passing the ordinance that requires milk inspection as provided by the state board of health. The ordinance becomes operative with publication on the 18th inst., and will be strictly enforced. The council appears to be fully awake to the danger of general use by the public of milk and its products from cows that are not perfectly healthy and that are not milked and kept in sanitary stables and barns.

THE BITER BIT

By Armitage Barclay

"Don't tell me! Dis new car of mine is vorth der lot! Dere's not an oder four cylinder, 20-horsepower in der same street mid it!"

This was only the beginning. Julius Aasvogel, the South African millionaire, kept on in the same strain for a good ten minutes, bragging about his new possession in the assertive way peculiar to his kind. It was impossible to stop him talking. He had got elected to the Mobile club when those responsible for its management were either asleep or not looking, and we other members had to put up with the unpleasantness.

"What's her Christian name?" asked Haverson with a flicker of the eyelid that was lost on the Rand magnate.

"Der Anonyme my boy! Der finest car on der market. I've put 20,000 pounds into der concern, and I ought to know!"

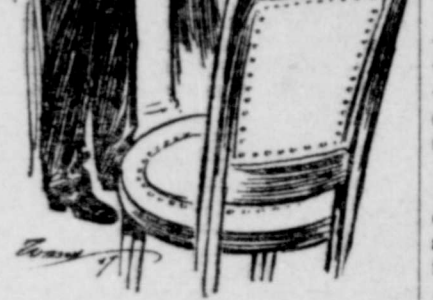
"You're going to race, of course," suggested Mills engagingly.

"And vin!" rejoined Aasvogel unctuously.

"Drive her yourself?" I asked.

"Vell, I don't know about dat. But I'm going to sit by der man vot does, and show him how."

"You pay der driver and call the pace. I see," observed Haverson.



"Den I'll Lay Five Hundred on Myself!" Declared Aasvogel, Excitedly.

"And so you think this new car of yours is going to clear the board?"

"I don't tink," scoffed the millionaire. "I know! Der isn't nooder 20 I couldn't beat!"

"Willing to bet about it?" asked Haverson carelessly.

Aasvogel's little eyes narrowed greedily. "If it's made vorth my vile, how much?"

"Depends. Of course I'm not going to race my Leader against any 20-horsepower car on equal terms."

"Your Leader?" gaped Aasvogel. "You don't mean you'd—"

He stopped in astonishment at Haverson's temerity in bracketing his little run-about with the Anonyme.

"I'll race you for a mile over the Blandville track if you'll give something away," returned Haverson.

"Gif something away?" wondered Aasvogel.

"Oh, nothing much. So long as it's agreed that we each drive our own car, that I'm allowed to choose the direction we race in, and that you carry a bit of extra weight, I shall be satisfied."

We listened in blank astonishment. It seemed to us that Haverson was offering to add to Aasvogel's accumulated wealth.

"Extra weight?" echoed Aasvogel suspiciously. "How much?"

"Three hundred weight—as a maximum—will do," returned Haverson after a pause. "I'm not sure you won't go a little lighter for it," he added thoughtfully.

"Don't be a silly ass, Haverson!" expostulated the millionaire. "Vot difference is tree hundred weight going to make?"

"I don't say it'll make any, but it must be part of the bargain that I decide what it's to consist of."

Aasvogel began thinking at high pressure. If there was one thing he prided himself on it was his cunningness. "Vid animals barred?" was his crafty reservation.

"Don't worry. It shan't be anything alive, or anything to hurt you."

animated and guttural conversation. But we paid no attention to any of these. Our eyes were fixed on a sheeted wagon that was coming slowly towards us.

"Here's Mills," whispered Haverson. "He's timed his arrival excellently."

A roar of laughter from Aasvogel and his noisy friends greeted us as we pulled up.

"Vell, Haverson, here we are; ready to start against der vind as you're so particular," cried the owner of the Anonyme cheerily. "Der vind von't stop me!" Then he added with a grin: "Vere's your tree hundred weight penalty?"

"I won't keep you waiting longer than I can help," answered Haverson. "Here's Mills coming with it now."

Aasvogel, following our glance, looked at the wagon with mild surprise as though mentally calculating the weight of its contents. Then, followed by his friends, he went forward to meet it.

Perplexity held them all as they watched Mills and two workmen unload a huge bundle of some shilly fabric incased in netting, several coils of rope and a length of india rubber tubing. There were other things in the wagon—long metal cylinders mainly—but they hadn't time to investigate these.

"Vot's all dis?" inquired Aasvogel in bewilderment.

"You'll see presently," returned Mills as his assistants lifted the mysterious bundle and made one end of it fast to the rear of the Anonyme.

"I say, Mills, vot are you playing at?" objected Aasvogel.

But Mills took no notice and went on with his preparations. Aasvogel grew hot with indignation. He expressed his feelings to his friends in a mixture of explosive German and inarticulate English. When they had all worked themselves up to a state of frantic uncertainty, they moved off in a body to where we stood discussing the details of the race with the officials of the track.

"Perhaps you'll explain vot all dis means?" remonstrated the millionaire. "Tying tings on der back of my car ain't part of our contract!"

"It's quite simple," answered Haverson, suppressing a grin. "It's only a balloon."

"A balloon! Vot for?" Haverson shrugged his shoulders. "Look here," he said rather wearily. "You agreed to carry three hundred weight which should consist of anything I liked to name. You admit that?"

Aasvogel was speechless.

"Well," continued Haverson, "I decided that the weight shall consist of a balloon, that's all." He turned away indifferently.

While Aasvogel tried to express his feelings in wild gesticulation and worse German, everybody on the ground gathered round the now half-inflated balloon. Every gust of wind made it plunge ominously, and both brakes of the car had to be jammed down to prevent it being dragged backwards.

There followed a hurried conference between Aasvogel and his friends, then the former approached us once more.

"Of course, Haverson," he said, "you can prove dis rotten ting of yours doesn't veigh more dan ve arranged for?"

But here the referee interposed. "It's all right, Mr. Aasvogel," he smiled. "Here are the conditions you both signed. The envelope and the gas together weigh under 200 pounds. Haverson doesn't want to be hard on you; he's let you off the rest!"

"Damn!" It was all Aasvogel could say. He moved moodily out of the circle of chuckling onlookers, and rejoicing his friends stood gaping at the monster as it grew and grew to huge dimensions.

Every now and then as the wind veered it gave frantic tugs at the Anonyme. The car shook and rocked, its weight alone preventing it leaving terra firma. It was obvious that no car on earth could contend against such a mountain of strength.

A select few had, of course, all along, been aware of the conditions of the match—in other words "in the know." They, like ourselves, had been careful to keep their knowledge to themselves. But with the appearance of the balloon the secret had leaked out, and then the whole gathering found it impossible to restrain its amusement. Each time the balloon strained and jerked violently at the car men doubled up with laughter. One or two, members of the Mobile club, who loathed Aasvogel, grew positively ill with merriment.

Aasvogel's face was a picture; his distress comical to witness. Alarm for the safety of his car, fear of losing his money, disgust at having been "sold" were some of the emotions that disfigured it. He danced in impotent rage.

While he was thus engaged, the starter signed to us to bring up our car. In a convulsion of laughter I took my place by Haverson's side, and the Leader drew level with the Anonyme.

"Now, then," Mr. Aasvogel, are you ready?" he called as seriously as he knew how.

But Aasvogel only clinched his fists and poured out a volley of imprecations. A full minute elapsed. Then, fixing Haverson with the most malign look that his evil face could conjure up, he burst out:

"I pay forfeit!"

Next day a joyous crowd in the hall of the Mobile club surrounded the notice board on which it was officially recorded that Mr. Julius Aasvogel had resigned his membership.

SPENT FREELY IN PROSPERITY.

Speculator Scored to Make Provision for Lean Years.

The late Townsend Percy, speculator and promoter, who made and lost more than one fortune in the course of his life, used to be fond of repeating some of his mother's witticisms at his expense, generally brought about by his extravagances during his periods of prosperity. Once Percy had driven four-in-hand for a year, when an unfortunate "deal" made it necessary for him to reduce expenditures and sell his horses, on which occasion she said to him:

"Townsend, don't you think that it would be better to drive one horse four years, instead of four horses one year?"

Another time, when on the verge of financial crash, Percy still owned a considerable stable, and gave no outward sign of pecuniary embarrassment. His mother met an old friend of the family about this period, who congratulated her on her son's success in life. "I am glad that Townsend is doing so well," said the friend.

"Yes, indeed," remarked the old lady. "Townsend has six horses and seven carriages and eight dollars."—Harper's Weekly.

The Power of Habit.

The power of habit was strikingly illustrated not long ago in a Philadelphia shirt waist factory. One woman who had done nothing but sew up the seams of sleeves for four years was taken off that particular job and was asked to run up seams in the body of the waists. She complained that the change made her so nervous that she could not work.

"But what is the difference?" asked the foreman. "There is nothing but a straight seam here, just the same as you have been used to."

"I know," replied the woman, with true feminine logic, "but it isn't sleeves."

And it did indeed prove to be a fact that owing to her four years of steady work on sleeves it took her fully that many weeks to overcome her nervousness sufficiently to run the machine at her accustomed speed when sewing another part of the waist.

Charity's Biggest Achievement.

The highest achievement of charity is to love our enemies; but to bear cheerfully with our neighbor's failings is scarcely an inferior grace. It is easy enough to love those who are agreeable and obliging; but to love one who is cross, perverse, tiresome, is as unpleasant a process as chewing pills. Nevertheless, this, the best way of practicing it, is to put ourselves in the place of him who tries us, and to see how we would wish him to treat us if we had his defects. We must put ourselves in the place of buyer when we sell, and seller when we buy if we want to deal fairly.—Francis Jay Sales.

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Washington, Ga.—After much and long protracted discussion it has been settled when, where and how this town was named in honor of George Washington. These are the facts as they have been ascertained:

The name Washington was chosen by the people of Wilkes county for their new town in the year 1779, and confirmed by the general assembly in January, 1780.

Historians have been prone to doubt and question these dates, claiming that in 1780 was the "dark year" in Georgia and that no session of the general assembly was held in that year.

"Even in our present-day hymn books there are many tunes which we could well do without.

"I should not like it to be thought that I object to all forms of emotional music. There is a certain kind of 'emotionalism' of which I am an admirer; the other kind I would do anything in my power to suppress."

A typical parson of long ago, the sternly consistent man who sounded censures regardless of consequences, figures in a recent book of reminiscences, "Old Schuykill Tales," by Mrs. Ella Zorby Elliott.

"Parson M., one of the early ministers of Pottsville, Pa., was never more earnestly eloquent than when preaching against the love of dress.

One Sunday morning the minister preached a sermon on humility, and bore down upon the vanities of dress most powerfully.

"You may think," he said to his congregation, "when I preach against the love of dress and the sin of it that I ought to look at home. I want to tell you, dear friends, that I do look, and look until my heart aches."

"The secret of the English complexion is not the moist climate. We have districts as moist as a wet sponge, and in them our women go about with faces like old leather.

"There they sleep all night, under heavy blankets, with open windows, the body warm, the head cool, the lungs inhaling the pure, cold, winter air.

"So should we awake," she said, "if we removed the radiators from our bedrooms. And then our skins would no longer be dry, opaque and yellow, but a clear pink like the petals of a rose.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Sato Shim-bun, the Japanese daily newspaper which represents the aristocratic element, was Wednesday attached for debt.

Henry Wye, for many years clerk and sexton at St. Mary's church, London, England, died the other day at the age of 87 as the result of an accident.

How do you do, Mr. Stucky? How well you are looking! And, my! how plump you are! Do you know, I'd give all the world to look like you?"

"I saw that Mrs. Stucky to-day. Did you ever see such a fat thing in your life?"—Detroit Free Press.

Stephen Heard, president of the assembly, was acting governor, because George Walton, the governor, was in Philadelphia attending the council there.

In Watkin's Digest, the oldest compilation of the legislative acts of Georgia, will be found the proofs of this statement, as follows:

"Section 19. And whereas it is essentially necessary for the convenience of suitors and ministers of public justice that the building of a small town in the county of Wilkes should be encouraged, be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, that five commissioners be appointed by this house, and said commissioners so to be appointed, or any three of them, be empowered to lay out 100 acres of land circumjacent to the said place into a town and common, and the same be sold and granted in the manner pointed out in this act—and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that William Downs, Barnard Heard, John Gorham, Daniel Coleman and John Doxham, Esquires, be a board of commissioners for acting under this act, representing the town at the courthouse, in Wilkes county, which shall be called Washington."

Now for the proof that the people of Wilkes had selected the name for their town in the year 1779. John Dooley, one of the commissioners mentioned in the act, was killed soon after the battle of Kettle Creek, in 1779; therefore the act appointing him commissioner and naming the town must of necessity have been determined upon before his death, February, 1779.

The original plot of the 100 acres as laid out by the commissioners is still in existence, and is among the treasures of the Mary Willis library, in Washington.

Colony of Royal Family Plunged on Head in Deep Marsh Hole.

New Haven, Conn.—An international calamity marked the first of the Yale geological outings, when a number of the students under the guidance of Prof. Barret started on an expedition to the quarries along Stony creek.

Riding to the quarries in a freight car, the students spent several hours, starting back through the marshes for a short cut to the railroad. Ponson is one of the dandiest sports Yale has seen in several years, and he nearly fainted at the sight of the marsh and looked at his new fall costume.

Costumes of British Officers. Commissioned officers in the British army are supposed to wear uniform only when in barracks or on duty.

Long-Lived English Family. Henry Wye, for many years clerk and sexton at St. Mary's church, London, England, died the other day at the age of 87 as the result of an accident.

Rev. Mr. Adams Will Not Pay. Fort Smith, Ark., Feb. 20.—Rev. A. J. Adams, prohibition candidate for governor of Arkansas two years ago, is in jail at Midland, Ark., where he was fined \$25.

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Our Ambassador to Great Britain Declares There Is no Ghost of a Possibility of Trouble.

ENGLISH WOULD NOT HELP

Treaty Only Provides for Assistance if Japanese Territory is Threatened—Two Branches of Diplomacy.

New York, Feb. 20.—Whitelaw Reid, ambassador of the United States to Great Britain, in a speech Wednesday night at the dinner of the Pilgrims of the United States at Delmonico's declared that talk of the obligation of Great Britain to sustain Japan in war against the United States was nonsense.

"There was not the ghost of a possibility of war with Japan," and that there "was every reason to think the Japanese sincerely our friends."

Our relations with Great Britain, the ambassador said, were cordial and there were no serious complications. The ambassador was given an ovation when he arose to speak by the 400 members of the Pilgrims of the United States and their guests.

Joseph H. Choate, ex-ambassador to Great Britain, was toastmaster. Ambassador Reid, who was the principal guest of the evening, said in part:

"The work of this society and of its London twin is the same and it is a work worthy of the great name they have both invoked. The old Pilgrims under whose device you serve went out to lay the foundations of a larger liberty and a better civilization."

"You probably know already, but still the assurance will not be unwelcome, that everything in the relations between the two countries is now substantially as you would have it. There are no serious complications."

"In thus dwelling on our peaceful and cordial relations, I am not forgetting the non-sense you have read in the sensational press about the obligations of Great Britain to sustain Japan in war against the United States. If all that ignorant and foolish talk were not mischievous you might dismiss it as merely another bit of yellow moonshine. For first there is no war, and not the ghost of a probability of war with Japan, any more than there is of war with Russia, or with Tibet, or with Paraguay and Patagonia."

"We do have every reason to think the Japanese sincerely our friends as we are theirs. If they are not, there is one thing you may be sure about, they certainly are not fools; and you have to think them entirely without common sense before you can imagine them capable of seeking war, with a powerful and friendly nation, half way around the globe, absolutely without a grievance or a motive. And secondly, the treaty between Great Britain and Japan simply provides that in case of aggression on Japan's recognized territorial rights in the East Great Britain would sustain her. Now what grows man, outside a lunatic asylum, dreams that we have such a hunger for more land that we are going to cross the Pacific and try to rob one of our oldest and truest friends in the farthest East—the very land we introduced to the western world and to which we certainly tried to be useful in helping to bring the late lamentable struggle to a close?"

"We do have a little list of other matters unadjusted between our two countries. They relate chiefly to Canada. Peoples who have large interests along 3,000 miles of frontier, as well as around the globe, must constantly have outstanding questions. But we rely upon the fairness of our Canadian friends, headed by the accomplished statesmen whose services they enjoy a premier Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to get most of them equitably adjusted between ourselves, and what we cannot settle, the Hague conference surely can."

"Where mutual good will is, all of them are simple. For that matter all American foreign policy is simple. Polonius had the whole philosophy of it. 'To thine own self be true, beware of entrance to quarrel, but being in, so bear thyself that thine adversary may be aware of thee.' That requires two branches in our foreign service, of equal importance, each vital. The one exhausts all means of peace—the other backs our position with our armed power. May I add that whoever at home, either wantonly or in mere thoughtlessness seeks to cripple a man at his post in either branch of this foreign service, is really acting like the dastard who shoots his own sentry in the back."

"We are all watching with pride one branch of this foreign service now—the stately procession of warships, bearing the flag of the country peacefully around the western hemisphere, heralded by the joy bells of every sister republic it approaches, and followed by the acclamation of their free and independent peoples. That fleet revives friendships, stimulates intercourse, puts to shame the maligners of the navy and of the president, carries cheer to stricken but gallantly courageous San Francisco, and the Pacific coast and recalls to our nation its commanding position, not merely on the Atlantic, but also on the ocean that is to carry the commerce of the 20th century."

FLEET APPROACHES CALLAO

Expected to Enter Peruvian Port Early Thursday.

Government Has Decreed Saturday a Holiday in Honor of Washington's Birthday and Americans' Visit.

Lima, Feb. 20.—The American battleship fleet is expected to reach Callao about 8 o'clock Thursday morning. Two wireless messages were received here Wednesday. They first conveyed the information that the fleet was then 224 miles from the port, and the second, timed much later in the day, forwarded a message of thanks from Rear Admiral Evans. He expressed his appreciation of the affectionate welcome by the Peruvian nation and the president. Admiral Evans said he considered the Peruvian escort to Callao a great honor, and thanked the government for its offer to transmit his messages to the navy department at Washington, but added that he had nothing at present to communicate.

The government has issued a decree making Saturday a holiday in honor of Washington's birthday and the Americans' visit and it has ordered the Peruvian war ships to salute the American flag at noon. The banks and commercial houses have decided to close Thursday and great crowds are expected to greet the fleet when it steams into port and take part in the latter festivities. President Pardo will give a public reception to Rear Admiral Evans and the other officers at 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon.

The wireless message from the Connecticut said that Admiral Evans has not yet recovered his health.

Creighton Convicted.

Iola, Kan., Feb. 20.—W. H. Creighton, on trial for the murder of H. Wellington Stewart in Iola, on the night of December 8, 1907, was convicted of murder in the first degree by a jury here Wednesday night. Stewart and Creighton were partners in the restaurant business here and Creighton and Stewart started on a chicken-stealing expedition the night of the murder. They stopped on their way home to kill the stolen chickens and while Stewart was engaged in that work Creighton hit him on the head with a slungshot and cut his throat. Creighton was arrested and confessed his guilt the night of the murder, but he later decided to stand trial with insanity as his defense. The jury considered the case only 20 minutes.

Would Classify Consular Service.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The senate committee on foreign relations Wednesday voted to report favorably the bill classifying the consular service. The committee also voted to reject the amendments to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, making appropriations of more than \$1,000,000 for the purchase of sites and erection of buildings for the consular establishments in Japan, China and Korea and \$400,000 for the purchase and repair of the building used for the American embassy in Paris.

Cost of Our Present Navy.

Washington, Feb. 20.—That our present system of naval construction is the best possible is the verdict of Senator Hale, chairman of the senate committee on naval affairs. The opinion was announced in the course of a speech in the senate Wednesday and was given, as he said, as the result of 30 years experience in naval legislation. In the course of his remarks he said that the new navy as it exists today had cost \$1,200,000,000.

Organizing a Paper Trust.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 20.—A special to the Pioneer Press from Appleton, Wis., says that a meeting of a dozen print paper manufacturers there Tuesday afternoon was attended by Henry B. Dean, of Providence, R. I., a member of the banking firm of Dean & Hopley and by John G. Hamman of New York, who is believed to be engineering a merger that will include all the paper mills of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

The Santa Fe Discharging Men.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 20.—It was announced here Wednesday that the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company has ordered a reduction of 18 per cent in the mechanical department all over the system. Two hundred were discharged Wednesday afternoon in the Topeka shops. Reductions were made in other Kansas shops.

Earliest Harbinger of Spring.



"I Wish It'd Hurry Up."

FOR POSTAL BANKS

A Bill Has Been Introduced in Congress Embodying the Postmaster General's Ideas.

A SAFE PLACE OF DEPOSIT

Would Encourage Thrift and Keep Money From Being Hoarded—Not Subject to Legal Seizures or Taxation.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Knox Wednesday introduced a bill to establish a system of postal savings banks. The bill embodies the plan outlined by Postmaster General Meyer in his annual report and which he advocated in public addresses being circulated to encourage economy and thrift and to afford a place of deposit free from any possibility of doubt for vast sums of money which would be otherwise hoarded and kept out of circulation through ignorance or lack of confidence.

The bill authorizes the postmaster general to establish a system of postal savings banks comprised of such money order offices as he may designate for that purpose. Accounts may be opened and deposits made in any postal savings bank established under this act by any person of the age of ten years or over in his own name, by a married woman in her own name and free from any control or interference by her husband, by a trustee as such on behalf of another person, by a parent, guardian or other person for the benefit of a child under ten years of age, or by any charitable or benevolent society or association, provided that no person or organization shall have more than one postal savings account, except that a trustee, parent, guardian or other person may have an individual account and an account in his representative capacity for each person or child for whom he may be entitled to open an account.

The bill further provides that such postal banks shall receive deposits of money in even dollars, with one dollar as a minimum and postmasters are required to make daily reports to the postmaster general, who will forward to the depositor a written acknowledgment of his receipts. Deposits are not liable to seizure or detention under legal processes against the depositor, and such funds are exempt from taxation. Interest at the rate of 2 per cent per annum is allowed depositors and the postmaster general is authorized to place the money deposited in postal savings banks in national banks at a rate of interest satisfactory to the secretary of the treasury. These national depositories are to be in the immediate vicinity of postal banks from which the money is drawn, as a safeguard against centralization of currency and as a means of facilitating the return of money to the channels of trade. National banks are prohibited from receiving any compensation for cashing or collecting any checks or any other services in connection with postal banks. Withdrawals of deposits may be made at any time subject to certain rules. The bill carries an appropriation of \$100,000 to give it effect.

To Drive Out Iowa Gamblers.

Burlington, Ia., Feb. 20.—Acting in accordance with Attorney Byers' campaign for law enforcement in Iowa, the civic federation has notified the mayor and all other responsible officers that the gamblers must be driven out of Burlington at once. The president of the federation has received a letter from Attorney General Byers offering all the assistance he can give them in the enforcement of the law in this city. They propose to make the campaign a strong one.

Found Some Ancient Gold.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—A private dispatch received here from Kamenetz, in Podolia, reports the discovery in an ancient quarry of a quantity of gold contained in 13 cakes and estimated to be worth \$75,000. It is thought that this treasure was hidden in this quarry centuries ago at the time of the Tartar invasion.

Senator Latimer Is Better.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Latimer, of South Carolina, who is ill here with peritonitis spent a restful night but was reported somewhat better Wednesday.

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Goldfield, Nev., Feb. 20.—A clash between Western Federation miners and non-union men occurred at the shift change Wednesday afternoon at the Mohawk mine. Forty men on each side were engaged. Pickets from the union derided the non-union miners and the latter took the offensive. After a brief skirmish the union pickets fled, closely pursued. The mine operators association's guards stopped the affray.

Yellow Fever at Galveston.

Galveston, Feb. 20.—T. E. Fritchard, third officer on the steamer Oripin and a victim of yellow fever, died Tuesday afternoon, making the second victim of the disease since the vessel went into quarantine Sunday.

TO GET THE FACTS

The President Asks Commerce Commission to Be Prepared for Possible Labor Troubles.

AMONG RAILROAD EMPLOYES

The Roads Threaten to Reduce Wages and Information is to Be Secured for Use in Case of Strikes.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Serious industrial disputes in prospect were in the mind of President Roosevelt when he wrote a letter to the inter-state commerce commission Tuesday which was made public Wednesday. He says that information has reached him that on account of the enactment of drastic laws by the congress and by the various state legislatures, it is regarded as necessary by certain railroad companies to reduce the pay of employees. He points out that, under the law, either party may demand the services of the chairman of the inter-state commerce commission and of the commissioner of labor as a board of conciliation. He suggests, therefore, that the inter-state commerce commission make such an investigation as will enable it to furnish data concerning wage conditions on various railroads as may relate, directly or indirectly to the possibly impending controversy. The president's letter, in part, follows:

"I am informed that a number of railroad companies have served notice of a proposed reduction of wages on their employees. One of them, the Louisville & Nashville, as announcing the reduction, states that 'the drastic laws inimical to the interests of the railroads that have in the past year or two been enacted by congress and the state legislatures' are largely, or chiefly, responsible for the conditions requiring the reduction."

"Under such circumstances it is possible that the public may soon be confronted by serious industrial disputes, and the law provides that in such case either party may demand the services of your chairman and of the commissioner of labor as a board of mediation and conciliation. These reductions in wages may be warranted, or they may not. As to this, the public, which is a vitally interested party, can form no judgment without a more complete knowledge of the essential facts and real merits of the case than it now has or than it can possibly obtain from the special pleadings certain to be put forth by each side in case their dispute should bring about serious interruption to traffic. If the reduction in wages is due to natural causes, the loss of business being such that the burden should be, and is, equitably distributed between capitalist and wage-worker, the public and congress should know it and if it is caused by misconduct in the past financial or other operations of any railroad, then everybody should know it, especially if the excuse of unfriendly legislation is advanced as a method of covering up past business misconduct by the railroad managers, or as a justification for failure to treat fairly the wage-earning employees of the company."

"It is sincerely to be hoped, therefore, that any wage controversy that may rise between the railroads and their employees may find a peaceful solution through the methods of conciliation and arbitration already provided for by congress, which have proven so effective during the past year. To this end the commission should be in a position to have available for any board of conciliation or arbitration relevant data pertaining to such carriers as may become involved in industrial disputes. Should conciliation fail to effect a settlement and arbitration be rejected, accurate information should be available in order to develop a properly informed public opinion."

"I therefore ask you to make such investigation both of your records and by any means at your command as will enable you to furnish data concerning such conditions obtaining on the Louisville & Nashville and any other roads as may relate, directly or indirectly to the real merits of possibly impending controversy."

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