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Boston's Big Fire.

The most destructive fire in the world's history, in point of wealth, except the Chicago fire in 1871 and the Moscow fire in 1814, occurred this week in Baltimore. The fire broke out in the Hurst block Sunday morning and raged for 28 hours, with all the fire companies of Baltimore and a number from Washington, New York, Philadelphia and other places doing all within their power to stop it. From the Hurst building, covering a block, the flames crossed the streets and a wholesale whisky warehouse and a distillery caught, in which an explosion of whisky occurred, throwing burning debris for blocks over other buildings, setting them afire, and the stiff breeze made it impossible to check the fire until it reached a stream and had burned 75 blocks, covering 142 acres in the heart of the business district.

Insurance will amount to \$90,000,000. With admirable promptness all the important phases of the situation have already been provided for. To relieve the banks and citizens from the embarrassment of financial transactions, the next seven days have been declared legal holidays in the commonwealth of Maryland.

Three regiments of state militia are on duty and troop A of the state guards also has been called into service.

Probably never before has there been a fire of such magnitude absolutely without loss of life and so remarkably free from accidents. Only one person was injured, Jacob Inglefreitz, a volunteer fireman of York, Pa.

It is thought the effect will be felt in all financial circles, and 50,000 persons will be thrown out of employment. Congress has appropriated \$2,000,000 for purpose of cleaning up debris and relieving immediate distress.

Other big fires in the past compares as follows: In 1814 a Moscow fire destroyed \$150,000,000 worth of property. In 1871 fire in Chicago destroyed property valued at \$190,000,000. In 1866 fire in London destroyed property valued at \$55,000,000. In Boston in 1872, \$50,000,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire. In 1872 Constantinople suffered loss by fire of \$25,000,000. In 1851 San Francisco lost by fire \$17,000,000 worth of property. The loss in values because of the Baltimore conflagration may be over \$125,000,000.

Mississippi Negroes Burned.

Luther Holbert and his wife, negroes, were burned at the stake at Doddsville, Miss., Sunday by a mob of over a thousand persons for the killing of James Eastland, a prominent white planter, and John Carr, a negro, on Wednesday morning at the Eastland plantation, twenty miles from Memphis. The burning of Holbert and his wife closes a tragedy which has cost eight lives, engaged two hundred men and two packs of bloodhounds in a four days chase across four counties, and has stirred that section of Mississippi to such a state of excitement as it has never before experienced.

One negro, John Winters, was killed by Eastland, after the latter was fatally wounded. The rest of the persons killed were unknown negroes killed during the chase.

War Is On.

Japanese torpedo boats attacked the Russian fleet yesterday at Port Arthur and three Russian ships were badly damaged. The Japanese who scored the first success of the war, escaped undamaged. The damaged war ships are the Retvisan and Czarevitch and the cruiser Pallada.

It was announced at the French foreign office in Paris yesterday that the Russian cruiser Pallada was sunk in the torpedo attack made by the Japanese on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur. The injuries sustained by the Retvisan and Czarevitch are not known. It is reported on the same authority that the cable from Vladivostok has been cut.

England For Japan, France For Russia.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—England is a unit in its expression of sentiment and sympathies in regard to the action of Japan in taking the initiative against Russia. The opinion in the English press this morning reflecting this expression of the people's mind is unanimous and emphatic in but one direction—approval of Japan's action in defying the crafty play for time on the part of the great bear. The spirit of Rudyard Kipling's poem of over a year ago, "The True of the Bear," is now remembered and commented upon freely, and the spirit that animates Kipling's poem is that which possesses the English nation in the present clash between Japan and Russia in the Far East. The conservative London Times editorially says that Japan judged Russia by her deeds, for they are her only profession of sincerity. "The world," says the Times, "we believe, will hold as England and America, Japan has judged aright."

PARIS, Feb. 7.—Clubs and cafes are filled today with anxious people intent on learning as much as possible about the Japan-Russia rupture. In view of the friendly offices that Russia has extended to France in the past sentiment here is decidedly in favor of Russia.

France will remain perfectly neutral unless her eastern interests are jeopardized.

Adobe Walls History.

The following, over the signature of Champ Traylor, appeared in the Dallas News Sunday:

Away up in the Panhandle—in Hutchinson County—is a fortification or place for resisting attack called Berts Fort, or Adobe Walls. The scene of an important fight with the Indians in the early days, it is also one of the most interesting structures of the kind to be found in this state. No one knows who built it, but supposition is that it was the Spaniards who came through that section in the very early days of the white men in the Southwest. Adj. Gen. Hatch of the United States Army, who passed through that country in 1848, says that the walls then appeared old and showed numerous signs of decay.

In the early days Jot Gunter and other surveyors who worked through Hutchinson and adjacent counties based their field notes on the location of Berts Fort.

The place was situated on the north side of the Canadian River in Hutchinson County. In 1874 a man named Myers, who had a store

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at Dodge City, Kan., came across the Plains with others, and striking Moores Creek at the head, followed it down to the Canadian River, and thence on down to Adobe Creek Valley. Here Myers and one Charles Roth established a store, stockade and saloon combined for the purpose of supplying buffalo hunters with provisions and ammunition. There were millions of buffalo and they were slaughtered by the herd. Fortunes were made in the business and—squandered.

On the night of June 20 a Comanche medicine man gave a "medicine dance." The Cheyennes, Kiowas and Apaches were invited. When they came he told them of this store. Whiskey and ammunition were to be found there, he said. His medicine, he asserted, would put a spell on all within the place when the Indians attacked it. No resistance would be offered. The attacking party might knock the white men in the head at their leisure. They could get plenty of good whiskey and ammunition and "shoot the big guns" until they were tired.

Some of the older warriors were a little suspicious about the power of his medicine. However, they agreed to make the attack. Five hundred picked men set out to accomplish what was called "the easy task."

Within the walls of the fort at the time were some famous frontiersmen. Among them were Bat Masterson, known from the Atlantic to the Pacific; the Shadley brothers, Myers, William Langdon, Chas. O'Keefe, Charles Roth, Joseph Langdon, Billy Dixon and John Clinton, who is now City Marshal of Abilene, Tex., and others making twenty-eight in all.

An hour or two before daybreak on the morning of June 24 a remarkable thing occurred. The occupants of the saloon were aroused by the creaking of the cottonwood log which served as ridgepole for the building. It soon after fell in on them and they called on some of the buffalo hunters to assist in making repairs. Some little time was required to cut a post and place it in position, so they did not go back to bed. At that time he had a camp on Dixen Creek in Hutchinson county, and the place bears his name to this day.

One of the hunters set out on foot to drive up the horses, Dixon was the first to discover the Indians. The man after the horses soon saw

the warriors and came running back to the building, terrorized.

Giving their warwhoop, the Indians charged, firing rapidly as they approached. They came so suddenly and so near that the hunters who were sleeping outside of the building barely had time to get within. The two Shadley brothers were caught and killed, Billy Dixon who had gone out to tie a favorite horse near by, was one of the last to enter the house. It was at his suggestion that the doors were barricaded with sacks of flour.

Made confident by the superiority of numbers, the Indians attempted to take the place by storm. But they were repeatedly driven back by volley after volley, well aimed, all day until about 4 p. m. Then the redskins fled to the hills. They took many dead and wounded with them. It is estimated that fully fifty were killed out-right. Of these thirteen were found on the field.

The defenders lost three men—the two Shadley brothers and one other man whose name I have been unable to learn. These three got a frontiersman's funeral. They were buried in one grave. The bodies were rolled in blankets and then covered with dirt. Coffins were out of the question. There was no lumber on the Plains. Many a pioneer has been interred in this manner. The writer's father was buried that way in San Saba County, Tex., in 1855.

Billy Dixon, one of those who participated in the fight, is still alive and still a resident of this county. To him and to Jot Gunter and others the writer is indebted for the details of this narrative.

War Will Hurt China.

HONGKONG, Feb. 7.—News of the open rupture, after so many weeks of negotiating, between Japan and Russia resulted in great excitement in this city. Hongkong does a large trade with the territory that will be the scene of hostilities and if the war is long drawn out it will mean financial ruin to many large firms here.

Dr. John W. Thompson, a prominent physician of Hillsboro, Ark., was shot and killed at that place Saturday by Ben Finley, a brother of Dr. A. Finley, whom Thompson killed last March. Finley has not yet been apprehended.

There are several cases of small pox in Wise county, south of Decatur.

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BUTLER, the St. Louis briber, had a jury practically of his own selection from his political friends at Fulton, Mo., who pronounced him not guilty.

ADVERTISING is done for the purpose of selling the thing advertised. A Fort Worth lady fully realizes this, hence she allows no newspaper in her home that carries a whisky or saloon ad.

WE have received the initial number of the Elida News, by Grant & Hall, part of the Clarendon colony at Elida, N. M. The paper is a four-column folio, and is a newsy, neat little paper for a town of Elida's caliber.

SENATOR BAILEY opened up with a flood of his usual music against the proposed \$4,000,000 World's Fair loan last week. But while he is loud, very loud, his talk does not seem to have much weight with the senate. There was no roll call, but there was an overwhelming response of "noes" to his proposition to defeat the measure and the chair announced his point lost.

A MISSOURIAN don't have to be "shown" when it is his turn to spin a big yarn. One said a few days ago that there is excitement in Gallatin, Mo., over the discovery of the skeleton of a man short of one rib and by his side the photograph of a woman with the core of an apple in her hand—all of which is accepted as proof positive that the remains are those of Adam and Eve and that the ancient town of Gallatin is located in the center of the Garden of Eden.

Up north, in the towns, they are publishing lists of marriageable men for the benefit of the marriageable women, it being leap year. Such is not necessary here. The marriageable women can name from memory, without a moment's thought, every eligible man, even if they are so ignorant of other affairs as not to know whether clothes are ironed before are after washing, or whether a fire should be made in the oven or furnace of a cook stove.

District Attorney Bee of San Antonio was in Dallas a few days ago conferring with the attorney general regarding the anti-trust suits against labor organizations in San Antonio. The suits were instituted under the new law and were filed some time ago. It is understood that the attorney general will assist in the prosecution.

"I was put in nomination by my party only because it was known there was no chance for my election."

The Kansas City Daily Journal says that W. J. Bryan used the above language at Burlington, N. J., last Thursday. We doubt the correctness of the report. However, the words quoted state a fact. If Bryan really used them it is an indication that he now realizes that his nomination was not made in good faith.—Mo. World.

They are talking about running Rev. Dr. Rankin, the editor of the Methodist Christian Advocate, for mayor of Dallas.

J. H. Bryan, the Marble Falls counterfeiter, was sentenced to fifteen months imprisonment in the United States penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., in federal court. The accused wept when the sentence was pronounced. Notice of appeal was given.

Russia Refused Four Demands.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 7.—Russia, while making concessions, declined to yield on the four following points:

First—Japan's right to ask for a treaty covering the sovereignty of Manchuria.

Second—She insisted upon mutual recognition of the Independence of Korea.

Third—That there should be no fortification of Southern Korea which might threaten Russian communications with Port Arthur and Vladivostok.

Fourth—She declined to meet Japan's wishes with regard to a neutral zone on both sides of the Yalu River.

Russia's Reply.

Word comes from St. Petersburg that the Russian response to the latest Japanese note was sent to Tokio Thursday night.

The feeling in the higher circles continues to be that Russia has offered substantial concessions, but that she cannot meet Japan's wishes regarding Manchuria or agree to Japanese fortifications in Southern Korea.

It is intimated in certain unofficial quarters that if Japan should offer a counter-proposal that Russia guarantee China's Manchurian treaties, irrespective of the ultimate sovereignty of the Province, there might be a chance of reaching such a compromise.

For "Boodle and Scheming Politicians."

"The Hearst boom for the Democratic candidate for president is assuming alarming proportions. The Observer is going in this time to win and doesn't want Hearst nominated. The fact is, we don't believe that anybody who is for the people, against the trusts and money changers, can be elected president. The deserters would again flock to the enemy and leave the people to fight it out on principle, and principle can never win against boodle and scheming politicians."—Quannah Observer.

Lawyers Refusing to Pay.

State Revenue Agent Bell states that he is having trouble in collecting the lawyers occupation tax in Tarrant and Delta counties. He says that only a dozen lawyers have paid the tax in Fort Worth, and that the others were refusing to pay it on account of an opinion rendered by one of the local courts. The courts of criminal appears has held the law to be constitutional. A determined effort is to be made to collect the tax, though Agent Bell does not know on what grounds he will proceed to enforce the law.

The Washington Post (Ind.) is pessimistic over the chances of either party to build a solid platform for use in the next four years. "Disagreeable as is the Democratic situation in relation to the platform, confronted as the Democracy is with alarming possibilities on that score, it may be said, with absolute fidelity to truth, that the Republican party faces a situation that is scarcely less than distressful touching its next grand output of principles of faith and doctrine." It is doubtful whether there has ever been a time in the history of the Nation when politicians on both sides were so eager to avoid principles and to rely upon spoils.—Dallas News.

Adolph Schwarzmann, one of the founders and editor-in-chief of Puck, died Friday in New York of pneumonia, after an illness of six weeks. He was born in Germany in 1835 and came to this country after learning the printers' trade. With Joseph Keppler, he founded Puck in 1876, and had since been at the head of the publication.

STATE NEWS.

Abe Mulkey is holding ten days meeting at Chico.

There are eight candidates for mayor at Denton.

Houston had a \$100,000 fire Sunday night, originating in a livery barn.

A complete carload of honey bees have been sent to E. H. R. Green's big farm near Terrell.

The County Judges association has adjourned at Fort Worth to meet next in Mineral Wells.

Last week W. T. Seely of Grand Prairie, near Dallas, was kicked by a mule and died from the injury.

The deficit in the treasury department at the close of business Saturday amounted to \$431,920.

At the close of the criminal term of the 17th district court at Fort Worth Saturday, there were still 143 cases on the docket.

At Plantersville Friday a negro slashed Baker Stephenson with a knife. When officers went to arrest the negro he resisted and was shot to death.

Vic Saufley was convicted in Camp County Court on a charge of violating the local option law. There are several cases against alleged violators.

Florence Browder, the 4-year-old daughter of W. W. Browder, was burned to death Monday night at their family home at Calhoun, five miles from Dallas.

The general stores of A. K. Anderson and J. F. Nagle, confectionery store of B. Canova and a butcher shop were destroyed by fire at Manor Sunday morning.

A prohibition election has been ordered in Montague county for March 5. Since the decision in the Cooke County case several saloons have opened in the county.

At McGregor Monday the Citizens National Bank was taken in charge by J. M. Logan as receiver. The failure is estimated at from \$10,000 to \$30,000; capital stock \$25,000.

Frank Schwalst was arrested at Sherman Thursday upon a warrant charging him with violating the "blind tiger" law. He was admitted to bail in the sum of \$400.

Alec Verner, trying to shoot a hawk in Hill county yesterday, near Kirby, stumbled over a rake, the gun was discharged, its contents passed through Verner's left shoulder. He died an hour later.

The Hillsboro public school board has given permission to the teachers of the city schools to ask the pupils for a donation of 5 cents each, to be contributed to the interest of the Texas educational exhibit at the St. Louis fair.

The coast cabbage crop will be short. In the vicinity of Corpus Christi no rain of any consequence has fallen for several months and the unirrigated cabbage crop is threatened with almost total failure. In some instances farmers have plowed cabbage under and planted other crops.

Billy Hearst's paper reports all the Democratic congressmen as being in favor of steering clear of the money question. Billy is a Democratic member of congress, hence, according to his Chicago paper, he is in favor of steering clear of the money question. He claims to be a friend of the people, and if he is, he is a most misguided one. He is off in two important respects—trying to get reform through a monopoly party and endeavoring to free the people while leaving the monopoly of monopolies—the money monopoly—in the hands of the people's oppressors.—Mo. World.

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M. E. Fourth services every Sunday—Rev. G. S. Hardy, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Junior Epworth League at 3 p. m. Epworth League at 4 p. m. every Sunday.

Catholic, St. Mary's Church—Rev. D. H. Dunne, pastor. Sunday services: Mass at 10 a. m.; Sunday School after mass. Evening services at 7:30. Services every Sunday except

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—Clarendon Lodge No. 381, meet 1st and 3rd Thursday nights each month in 3rd story of courthouse. Visiting brothers made welcome. D. E. FOSKY, N. G.

M. O. W. Woodbine Camp No. 476—Meets in Odd Fellows Hall every Friday evenings. Visiting choppers invited. ED KIZER, C. C.

J. E. COOKE, cl. k.

A. F. & A. M.—Clarendon Lodge No. 700, meets 2nd Friday night in each month over the Bank of Clarendon. JAMES TRENT, W. M. R. A. CHAMBERLAIN, Sec.

CLARENDON CHAPTER, No. 316 R. A. M.—Meets the first Friday night in each month at 7:30 p. m. in Masonic Hall over Bank of Clarendon. MRS. FLORENCE TRENT, W. M. MRS. MARY ANDERSON, Sec.

K. of P.—Panhandle Lodge, No. 90. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in every month in their Castle Hall, in Johnson's Hall. Visiting Knights cordially invited. M. ROSENFELD, C. C.

F. A. WHITE, K. of R. S.

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No. 7, Passenger and Express.....	7:15 a. m.
SOUTH BOUND.	
No. 2, Mail and Express.....	7:15 a. m.
No. 8, Passenger and Express.....	9:30 p. m.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

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Just received a big shipment of harness plow goods, etc., at Rutherford & Collins'.

Next Sunday is St. Valentines Day.

G. S. Patterson was reported very sick this mornin'.

J. H. Hall has made a sale of the C. C. Brooks house to J. H. King for \$150.

R. E. Grabel, field editor of the Advance, will speak here on prohibition Saturday and Sunday nights.

Dr. Denson, of Amarillo, will preach again Sunday and Sunday night at the Christian church. All invited.

In the court of civil appeals at Fort Worth Saturday the case of Braly vs. Barnett was reversed and remanded.

Geo. B. Williams, timekeeper for the Denver at Childress, died of appendicitis at Fort Worth Friday morning.

There will be a box supper and valentine party by the ladies of the Baptist church at the residence of R. C. Moss Friday night Feb. 12. Everybody invited.

B. F. Smith, bookkeeper at Martin-Bennett Cos., has rented a residence from Dr. Stocking and will occupy it, his wife and two of their smaller children having arrived Monday night.

W. H. Sides was down from Amarillo Monday selling some of his feed crop, and hauling two loads back with him. He says feed is not plentiful up there and not of near so good quality as here.

M. F. Peters has rented and moved to the Baptist parsonage, and Rev. Skinner will board with them. Miss Norma Skinner will go to Brownwood about the close of the present month for an indefinite visit to relatives.

The county commissioners have been in session since Monday, engaged most of the time in checking up reports, etc. A prohibition election petition has been presented to the court, but as yet no action has been taken.

This morning the temperature was down to 12 degrees and snow threatening to fall. Once before, this winter, it was four degrees colder, but the north wind this morning made it the most disagreeable of the winter, so far as cold is concerned.

Bro. and Sister Grant had a fine girl born to them last Sunday morning. * * * Public school closed last Tuesday. The funds were short this year, but we will have more money and a longer term next year. * * * A thick crop of candidates seems to be sprouting this spring. Nearly every man you meet is or looks as if he would like to be a candidate. —Elida News.

Nicest fresh fruit cakes, etc., to be had anywhere at Blair's.

If you want to make a hit with your chum, Stocking's Valentines does the work.

Found—Ladies black silk neck boa. Call at CHRONICLE office.

News comes in today that the mail hack team run away six or eight miles southwest of town and the driver and one of the four passengers were badly hurt. At the time of going to press we could hear nothing further.

Caperton-Helvey.

C. H. Caperton and Miss Clara M. Helvey were married last evening by Rev. G. S. Hardy at the residence of Joe L. Williams. Mr. Caperton is a ranchman of Dozier, Collingsworth county, while Miss Helvey has been teaching in the Clarendon public school. They left last night for Amarillo for a few days' stay, after which they will go to their ranch home.

Claude.

Half the town has had the grip this week.

Mrs. Dora Priddy of Clarendon, was with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Ayers, this week.

Born—January 28, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Warren a daughter.

G. S. Vinyard was up from his ranch Wednesday. He reports Roy, who has been dangerously ill with pneumonia, is improving slowly.

Mr. Rutherford of Hillsboro, who recently purchased the Dr. Pennington section, arrived this week and is now a full fledged member of the Hill county colony.

The News regrets that it failed to greet its readers last week, but lagrippe had too strong a hold on the working force of the office and we were forced to miss an issue.

The First National Bank of Claude opened for business Monday. It has a good strong board of directors and the following are the officials: T. S. Cavins, president; C. M. Byrd, vice president; J. M. Johnson, cashier.

Shamrock has a new coal and grain store, a new hotel, a new barber shop, a new drug store, two new residences and three new wells with an abundance of water, says the Texan.

Episcopal Church

Sunday next—Sexagesima morning service 11 o'clock. Ash Wednesday, Litany and Holy Communion 10 o'clock; Evening prayer and sermon 7:30.

Other Lenten services will be duly announced.

Mrs. Belle Crawford, wife of P. L. Crawford, died Saturday of pneumonia at their ranch, seven miles north of Silverton, aged 66 years. She was one of the first settlers of Briscoe County and was well known in Stephens County, where she resided for a number of years.

Fort Worth Market.

Top prices yesterday were: steers \$3.50; cows \$2.65; calves \$5.00 hogs \$5.10. Receipts were: cattle 1,750, calves 65, hogs 275.

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CHRONICLE Correspondence.

We have been having a lot of cold weather.

H. E. Stubbs made a business call at Alanreed Saturday.

Mr. Whatley's child has recovered from the croup.

The wind has been blowing hard for the last two days.

Charley Slay has his drill out of the well where it was fastened and has begun work again.

Jess Winn shipped a car of horses from Groom Thursday to Memphis, Tenn. We wish him good luck.

Groom seems to be on the standstill. If there was not a postoffice here there would not be much trade going on.

There is to be a valentine party at Charley Harris' next Friday night.

Charley Boydston and J. M. Alexander are going to plant cotton this year. RABBIT.

The Index has heard it intimated that the prohibition or local option question will enter into the race for representative from this district. If so, we predict the canvass will become lively, and some surprises sprung—Childress Index.

North Texas had a good rain from Iowa Park south and east Saturday.

We hear the town is so tough the passenger train won't stop at the Depot so they stop at the bridge east of town which is about one half mile.—White Deer Cor. Panhandle Herald.

Economy of Newspapers.

It is the duty of the people to inform themselves in regard to what is going on in the world. If they do not do so they are liable to be run over by the procession. This can best be accomplished through the medium of the press. A great many people imagine it is economy to eliminate the daily or weekly newspapers, thus allowing their children to grow up in ignorance and perhaps the laughing stock of others. There is no economy in this course. On the other hand it often costs a man dearly when the sharper is abroad in the land.—Mineral Wells Index.

Deputy Marshal Grand jailed Albert Tinker of Snyder, Scurry County, at Abilene last week on charge of selling whiskey without license.

A contract was signed at Lawton Friday between the promoters of the Colorado, Oklahoma & Texas railroad and a committee of citizens whereby the railroad will begin grading within twenty days. Lawton is to give as a bonus to secure the road \$15,000 and ten miles of right of way. The road is to extend from Denison, Tex., to Pueblo, Col.

Mr. Winters dropped dead from heart failure at Shamrock this week.—Texan.

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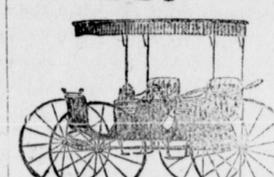
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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From the Democratic Congressional committee

The principal subject of political discussion in the national capital at the present time is the so-called Foraker bill, which aims to relieve the trusts and the mergers of any control or limitation by the government, and is everywhere regarded as the administration's bid for the support of the great corporations in the coming presidential election. This bill shows the lack of sincerity on the part of the Republican party in their alleged fight against the trusts as does nothing else that has come to the surface lately. The administration has been active in getting before the people of the country and touting itself as an anti-trust administration, telling in flaring headlines in the good Republican papers how the Attorney-General was going to smash the trusts to smithereens. It would like to get the people to believe that it intended to do something for them in the way of trust busting, but so far it has only worked with its mouth and has done nothing in the courts of the country, notwithstanding the fact that an appropriation of a half million dollars has been made for the special purpose of prosecuting the trusts. The fund has not been used and will not be, for that purpose. More similies, drawn from the national game of poker, that fit the political situation, have lately been coined, most of them by the redoubtable Mark Hanna, than at any period in the political history of the country. The one that fits the present situation in the politics of the nation is that the present play of the Republican party is a huge "bluff" so far as it intends to wipe out the criminal trusts of the country.

Senator Foraker, besides being the Ohio manager of the President's campaign for election to succeed himself, is, with the Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge, his spokesman in the Senate of the United States, and no man who knows how things are done in Washington considers that there would be the remotest possibility of Senator Foraker offering such a bill without the President's direction.

Following as it did, the visit to Washington of the trust magnates, whose mergers and combines are menaced under the Sherman law, the Northern Securities merger, now fighting for life in the Supreme Court, and the coal trust, brought to bay by the suit started by William Randolph Hearst before the Interstate Commerce Commission—the significance of Senator Foraker's effort becomes manifest.

Not in years has anything happened to bring J. Pierpont Morgan, H. C. Frick, J. W. Gates, President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and President Stillman, of the National City Bank, all to Washington together. The presence of Cassatt and Stillman at the White House dinner emphasized the view of the situation that the Foraker Bill was the administration's tender in exchange for the help of the trusts in the next election. Not in a generation has a bill introduced in Congress provoked such a feeling of alarm and indignation as this has done. Coming at a time when the people are marshalling all that is left to them of power to check the power of the rapacious combinations, and when the worst of these are under fire, the proposition to undo all that has been done for the protection of the country against these predatory organizations, the Foraker Bill is doubly alarming, and the fact that it is presented by the spokesman of the President intensifies the feeling of dismay.

The comments of the Democrats

in the Senate and House of Representatives indicate how clearly the danger is realized and how unanimous is the condemnation of the measure among those on whom will fall the burden of the fight to prevent the enactment of this measure into a law. The Foraker proposition is regarded as a throwing aside, on the part of the Republicans, any pretense of opposing the trusts and the notification that prospective contributions of Wall Street to the Republican campaign fund are deemed of more importance than the sympathy of the people who are fighting for deliverance from the mergers and illegal combinations of railroads with the aggregations that control production, such as the coal trust and the beef trust.

C. A. EDWARDS.

Fort Hancock, which is situated in the extreme western part of Texas, is to be sold by the United States government upon order of the Department of the Interior. Many of the old frontiersmen of the state will recall when this border post was of much military importance. It was the station of government troops during the early days when Indians were troublesome and when there was plenty of work to be done in protecting the frontier. Fort Hancock has been abandoned for some time. It consists of a reservation of 508 acres upon which are situated thirty-eight buildings.

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