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President Roosevelt Has Matter Under Advisement.

THEODORE PRICE IS INDIGNANT

New York Cotton Broker Denies Emphatically that He Has Been in Anywise Implicated with Reported Cotton Statistics Leakage.

Oyster Bay, July 11.—It is reported here as not unlikely that criminal prosecution may result from the investigation of the cotton report leak in the department of agriculture. The subject has not yet been presented to the president in a formal way, although he is familiar with most of the details of the inquiry. United States District Attorney Beach, of Washington, was of the opinion after a cursory examination of a part of the evidence adduced in the investigation that a criminal proceeding would not lie against Assistant Statistician Holmes, who is alleged to have profited by giving advance information of the condition of the cotton crop to certain brokers. The department of justice is not inclined to accept this view of the case. While no decision to institute criminal proceedings has been reached the subject is being considered by Attorney General Moody who later will take the matter up with the president. No visitors of importance had engaged the president had taken his usual morning air and plunge in the bay he took up with Secretary Loeb a large amount of official business.

Mr. Price in Washington. Washington, July 11.—Theodore H. Price, of New York, arrived in Washington Sunday, and, through his attorney, requested Secretary Wilson to withdraw what Mr. Price characterized as the unjust, offensive and unsubstantiated charges and implications contained in the report made recently in connection with the removal of Edwin S. Holmes, Jr., assistant statistician of the department of agriculture.

Mr. Price stated later that Secretary Wilson has his request under consideration.

Secretary Wilson told Mr. Price, as he had William M. Irvine, his attorney, earlier in the day, that he had no statement to make along the lines requested. The secretary explained in detail how the matter had been brought to his attention by Mr. Van Ripper through Mr. Cheatham and he had in turn referred it to the secret service division of the treasury department, by the officials of which the investigation had been conducted. The report had been made to him and he in turn made it public. What had been made public, therefore, the secretary explained, was entirely the work of the secret service, except that portion of his statement which related to the organization of the statistician's office. Under the circumstances, he added, he did not feel called on to make an explanation or withdraw anything that had been given out if Mr. Cheatham saw fit to make a statement regarding the matter, as Mr. Price told the secretary, Mr. Cheatham had that was very well and good.

Mr. Cheatham was very much surprised when he first noticed in the report given out by Secretary Wilson to the press the name of Mr. Theodore Price mentioned so prominently in connection with the case, as he did not know of any evidence having been presented or secured by any one that would warrant the use of Mr. Price's name in connection with the affair.

Secretary Wilson Stands Pat.

Washington, July 11.—That Secretary Wilson intends to take no step backward in his report on the cotton leak investigation was evidenced today by the statement that he was not afraid of any libel suit which might be filed against him by Mr. Price or others mentioned in the report. In fact, he said he would welcome such action because it might be the means of developing such facts not already uncovered and which it was desirable to know.

"This is a quarrel among gamblers," he said, "brought about by the dissatisfaction of some of them in not getting what they thought was their due. I have nothing to take back. As the head of an executive department of the government it was my duty and right to give to the public the result of the investigation by the secret service agents into the charges which had been filed leading up to the dismissal of Mr. Holmes."

The secretary added that he had given consideration to Mr. Price's request as presented through his attorney, William M. Irvine, of New York, "to withdraw the unjust, offensive and unsubstantiated charges and implications," and had reached the determination to take no further action in the matter. He said he would not communicate with Mr. Price or his attorney in any way.

THREE DEAD FROM BOILER EXPLOSION

Carelessness On Part Of the Fireman Was the Cause.

ENGINE WAS BLOWN 75 YARDS

Wagons Were Demolished; Two Oxen Killed; Lumber and Timber Scattered—Saw Mill Is a Total Wreck. List of Those Killed.

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 11.—A special to the News from Huntsville, Ala., says that by the carelessness of Allen Hall, a fireman, three men are dead and Couch's sawmill at Goliightly, Ala., is a total wreck. The dead:

Frank Wallace, Allen Hall, Ed Beach.

The engine was blown 75 yards, and every drop of water in a well 18 feet deep drawn out. Wagons were demolished, two oxen killed and lumber and timber scattered in all directions.

RANCHMAN IS MURDERED.

Decoyed from His Home to a Deserted Cabin and Killed.

Cheyenne, Wyo., July 11.—According to information received from Thermopolis, Major Bob McCoy, a well-known ranchman, residing on the big Horn river, above Thermopolis, was murdered several days ago by assassins who had decoyed him to a deserted cabin and shot him in the back as he was about to enter.

His body was then weighted with rocks and sunk in the river. Several times during the past few months McCoy has received anonymous letters, warning him to leave the country and threatening his life. In each of these messages the statement was made that if it became necessary to kill him one of his ears would be cut off in order that others who had been warned to leave might know how he came to his death. One of the ears of the corpse is missing. Indignation in Thermopolis county is high and every effort is being made to apprehend the murderers.

FEDERAL COURT TO TRY POWERS

Will Have to Answer to Charge of Murdering Wm. Goebel.

Georgetown, Ky., July 11.—The case of the commonwealth against former secretary of state, Caleb Powers, charged with complicity in the murder of William Goebel, was continued today pending the federal courts. As soon as court convened Judge Stout called the case against Caleb Powers, which was set for trial today. District attorney Franklin arose and said: "Since the calling of this special term of court, the defendant has petitioned for a removal of his case to the eastern Kentucky district of the federal court. Judge Cochran has assumed jurisdiction and from the decision of Judge Cochran the commonwealth appeals to the supreme court of the United States. I, therefore, move that this case be continued and this court do now adjourn." The court so ordered.

Humiliated Husband Suicided.

Mt. Vernon, O., July 11.—Because his wife led him out of a saloon, Clarence Foss, 38, and a prominent citizen of this place, committed suicide by taking a dose of chloral hydrate. He lived but 20 minutes after taking the poison. Foss walked into a saloon and took a glass of beer, but his wife followed him and took him out before a large crowd. Foss felt his humiliation so keenly that he declared to his wife at the time he would surely take his own life. True to his word, he carried out his threat and died in great agony.

Fatal Panic on Street Car.

New York, July 11.—One man was fatally injured and many other persons cut and bruised in a panic on surface cars on the Brooklyn bridge early today, following the blowing out of the fuses in the controller boxes at both ends of the car. The passengers leaped from the car, whose speed was undiminished. Frank Lawrence, of Brooklyn, the first to alight, was borne down by others who leaped upon him and he received injuries which will cause his death.

Wife Elopes with Milkman.

Trop, N. Y., July 11.—Albert Dunham, 75 years old, a wealthy resident of Eagle Mills, a suburb of this city, is bemoaning the loss of his 25-year-old wife who disappeared with Ralph Reynolds, a young milkman. A simple note stating that she loved Reynolds and was going with him to Chicago, was the only explanation of her disappearance left by the young woman.

Stabbed Near His Home.

New York, July 11.—John Costello, a merchant of this city, has been fatally stabbed at his summer home on Staten Island. He was entertaining a number of guests, and it is said, left the house to resent remarks made by a passerby, one of whom is believed to have stabbed him.

COTTON CONTINUES ITS UPWARD STRIDE

Exciting Scenes Witnessed On the Floor Of Exchanges.

WEATHER REPORTS ARE BULLISH

It is Believed that the June Acreage Report Had Underestimated Percentage of Decrease—Net Advance of \$2.50 Per Bale.

New Orleans, July 11.—With prices bounding upward there was an exciting scene at the opening of the cotton market the opening quotations going beyond 11c for the active positions. Immediately after the opening the advance ran as high as 65 points, October selling at 11.32. Various causes contributed to the advance, the chief factor, however, being exceedingly bullish weather reports. Heavy rains and floods were reported from sections of the cotton belt. There was also a belief in the minds of the brokers that if the results of the investigations of the scandal in the bureau of statistics of the government indicated anything, it was that the bad state of the crop had been concealed.

In view of the Wilson report and the rains reported in the south there was unusual interest in the opening of the market after the holiday and the ring side was jammed before the gong sounded. The effect of the large advance at Liverpool in conjunction with the influences mentioned became immediate evident in the frantic effort to buy cotton and the market went upward in leaps and bounds before former bull interests checked the movement. By 10 o'clock there was a net advance of from 53 to 67 points, October selling at 11.30, December 11.46 and January at 11.53. Interests which fear a heavy reaction from an abnormal advance in the market, carrying prices below what the conditions of the crop warrant, made large offerings of cotton which served to arrest the advance and caused a decline of from 15 to 17 points, October receding to 11.15, December to 11.17 and January to 11.26.

The market did not remain long at the decline. Bull interests brought about a fresh reaction and prices began to ascend, creeping back toward the figures recorded shortly after the opening.

Early in the afternoon the advance from Saturday's closing ranged from 49 to 52 points, October selling at 11.29, December at 11.31 and January at 11.34.

New York Market.

New York, July 11.—An advance of more than \$2 a bale was recorded in the cotton market here today on reports of heavy rains in the west, private advices of crop damage and the belief that the June acreage report of the bureau of statistics had underestimated the percentage of decrease. The movement was accompanied by great activity and excitement. All options in the local market sold over the 11 cent mark during the first few minutes of trading, October after opening at 10.85 advanced to 11.21, a little more than \$2 a bale over the closing figures of Saturday. Other months were equally strong and excited.

At midday the market was still very excited and feverish with shorts still covering, and a continued demand through wire and commission houses to absorb the heavy profit-taking of old longs. Prices were about 48 to 53 points net higher.

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 11.30; middling gulf 11.55.

Light Keeper Saves Many Lives.

New Orleans, July 11.—Martin Green, keeper of the lighthouse at Beauvoir, near Pass Christian, Miss., single handed, put out from shore in a tiny catboat, rescued 30 boys, four men and two sailors from the capsized schooner on which the party from the Young Men's Christian association summer camp had embarked to attend the Biloxi regatta. The rescue took place in a squall that wrecked the schooner two miles off Beauvoir in sight of thousands of summer excursionists on the beach.

Texan Invents Cotton Picker.

Denison, Tex., July 11.—After five years of patient labor Charles B. Shreaves has perfected a cotton picker which he says will revolutionize cotton picking. A blue print device is being prepared at Dallas. The machine is attached to a wagon and can pick on two, or four rows at a time, and can reach tall or small stalks. Shreaves is a poor man. Ample capital will back up the invention. The inventor claims the device can do the work of 50 pickers per day.

Mining Company Assigns.

New York, July 11.—The Zimapan mining and smelting company engaged in mining ore in Mexico has made an assignmet to William E. Ellis. William Wiggins is president and Henry A. Dickinson is secretary. The company was incorporated in Oct. 16, 1901, under the laws of New York, with a capital stock of \$500,000.

JUMPED TO HIS DEATH.

Fire in New York Results Fatally. Dead Man Leaves Three Children.

New York, July 11.—One man killed, two persons are missing and several others narrowly escaped death by suffocation early today in a fire in East Forty-fourth street. The man who was killed was Arthur Neely. He leaped from the fourth floor of one of the two buildings which were on fire, landing on the sidewalk on his head, and he died on the way to a hospital. Two persons were seen at front windows of one of the burning buildings and it is believed their bodies are in the ruins.

Arthur Neely, who lost his life in the fire in East Forty-first street today, belonged in Chicago. He was a brother of F. Tennyson Neely, the publisher, of this city.

Neely leaves three children. Their mother was killed in a railroad wreck several years ago and they now are with an aunt in Cleveland, O., with whom their father left them two weeks ago to come to the city for a business trip with the idea of locating here.

The two persons who were missing have been found. They escaped without injury.

Officials Must Enforce Laws.

Springfield, Mo., July 11.—Governor Folk officiated at the cornerstone laying of the new St. John's hospital. He said, among other things: "It is an honor to be governor of any state and especially so to be governor of Missouri. The Missouri idea is that public officials must obey and enforce the laws. We have been told that we could not enforce the dramshop laws in the great cities, but the saloons have been closed in the three greatest cities of our state, and I say to you that they will continue to be closed on Sundays so long as I am governor. If you people of Missouri don't want the laws enforced put a man in office who will ignore his oath."

Brace Aeronaut Saves Woman.

Lynn, Mass., July 11.—With a straight drop of 1,000 feet to what seemed certain death, William Canfield, a Boston aeronaut, leaped from his balloon over Lynn commons in order to save Mrs. Camille Stafford, a woman aeronaut, who ascended with him. She escaped unhurt. He was badly injured by striking the side of a house as his parachute swung in the strong wind. Five thousand people witnessed his startling descent. The balloon was found to be leaking and the gas escaping rapidly. Mrs. Stafford leaped some time after Canfield left the balloon, striking an apple tree from which she was rescued unhurt.

Epidemic of Sunstrokes.

New York, July 11.—Telegrams from prefects of provinces to the Italian minister of the interior announce a great number of fatalities during the heat according to a Rome dispatch to the Herald. In the province of Alessandria, Piedmont, there were 68 cases of sunstroke and 12 deaths. At Palermo, in Sicily 28 sunstrokes and 5 deaths. At Messina 12 sunstrokes and 2 deaths and at Bari 8 sunstrokes and 2 deaths. A Berlin dispatch states that the record-breaking heat is paralyzing all branches of trade. Schools are closed, and 200,000 persons left the city for cool summer resorts.

Object to Bible Reading in Schools.

Cleveland, O., July 11.—The reading of the Bible in the public schools was denounced in the report of the committee on sectarianism of the central conference of American rabbis, which has closed here. The report says that "the place of the Bible is in the home, the church and the church school. To force it into the public educational institutions is to interfere with the growth of a finer and larger human brotherhood."

Kansas' Governor Will Demand Resignation of State Treasurer.

Topeka, Kans., July 11.—Another conference of attorneys was held to discuss the situation arising from the loss of state funds in the defunct First National bank. It was announced that Governor Hoch will demand the resignation of State Treasurer T. T. Kelly on the ground of improper conduct in office and that Kelly will resist the demand. The matter probably will have to be settled in the courts.

Governor Hoch is understood as being extremely anxious to secure the resignation of Kelly. Considerable difficulty arises from the fact that all the laws which were especially designed for cases like the present one were repealed by the last session of the state legislature. Some definite action will be taken early.

Killed Woman and Buried Body.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 11.—With the back of the head crushed in, mutilated from head to foot and several bones broken, the body of a woman was found buried in the cellar of a house in the northeastern part of the city, formerly the home of Charles Blum, a German, who died in a hospital on May 10. The police believe that Blum murdered the woman, who was his housekeeper, and buried the body in the cellar to hide the crime. A hole had been dug in the middle of the cellar and a quantity of quick lime thrown in. The body was then placed in the hole and covered with earth.

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