

SHERMAN GOUGERS
CAPITOL GOUGERSWashington Hotel Keepers
Are Grilled.

RATES HELD EXORBITANT

Let Those Who Profit Pay Bill for
March 4 Fuss and Feathers,
Says Lawmaker.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 10.—Senator Sherman entertained the senate and galleries for several minutes this afternoon in a caustic speech denouncing Washington hotel keepers and other alleged gougers. The occasion for his speech was a resolution of his own to limit the prices that hotels can charge guests during the inaugural period and a resolution by Senator Borah to withhold all federal appropriations for the inauguration.

Senator Sherman's speech was of unusual interest because he is the chairman of the senate committee on the District of Columbia and therefore has scientific knowledge of the habits of the Washingtonian in his native haunts. Speaking in a staccato plan here to gouge inaugural visitors, he said:

Getting Home Problem.

"Everybody who comes here expects to be plundered to some extent, but he does hope to have enough home change left over to get back home without walking. It is very doubtful, however, whether under present conditions that will be possible."

He declared that if the people who come here are going to be gouged those who do the gouging and reap the benefits thereby should pay all of the costs of the inauguration, just as the business men of a small town foot the bills for a Fourth of July celebration.

"The government by the appropriations it provides, by the use of its public buildings and by other methods, including the granting of permits for the building of grandstands along Pennsylvania avenue and other places of public interest," he continued, "draws a very large number of people here from various quarters of the United States for the inaugural ceremonies."

Government Stool-Pigeon.

"The government thereby becomes a dummy or stool-pigeon for the purpose of attracting large numbers of people here in order to be plundered by the various occupations in the city of Washington, notably the hotels."

Citing the prices charged by Chicago hotels during the last republican national convention for the purpose of comparison, with prices which Washington hotels are setting for the inaugural period, he said:

"For less space, for poorer accommodations, for no fire escapes, for no waiter, messenger or other service, except that the hand of the servant is out behind his back more than it is in front for the performance of service, for a much less valuable service and accommodation in every way, the hotels of Washington now are demanding prices double those charged in Chicago during the last republican convention."

Extortion City-Wide.

"I offer this by way of comparison to show that the money contemplated to be appropriated for inaugural purposes ought not one dollar of it be taken out of the public treasury until at least there is some reformation in the matter of charges. Extortion on the occasion of the inauguration has ceased to be a matter of individual practice and has become city-wide."

"Before the first of January one could not make a reservation in any hotel in the city of Washington. No information could be obtained as to what the charges would be. There is more law-breaking in the District of Columbia under the nose of a beneficent government than there is in any other quarter of the United States. This morning the press reports carried the pleasing information for those who love to justify manslaughter that there are more murders in the District of Columbia than there are in the entire country of Scotland."

Profiteering Held Rampant.

"The anti-trust laws of this country have long been set at defiance here in the District of Columbia. No laws are enforced here. During the war profiteering was more rampant in the city of Washington than in any other place in North America. It has grown to be a fact and a by-word that the government cannot regulate its own capital."

"Notwithstanding that prices are falling on all the necessities of life that grow out of Mother Earth, that payrolls are being diminished and that wages are being reduced, the one shining example to the general rate of reduction of charges will be found in the hotels of Washington, which will not merely remain at the figures of prior inaugurations but will mount to new, unheard-of levels."

"It is time that an investigation was had, and if there is no law to cover it, let it go, but let the public stay away from Washington. The president can be sworn in; the pillars of state will not crumble in the event there is no inaugural ball. I do not know what the president-elect thinks about it, but in all probability the whole uproar, the fuss and formality and frivolity and official feasters that are shed on the streets of Washington are as distasteful to him as they are to the senator now occupying the floor."

National Scandal Charged.

"It has grown to be not only a national scandal, but a national jest; not only a matter of extravagance in time when we are endeavoring to save every penny, but a scandal to the occupations involved and to the public to be plundered by these occupations."

"Prices are from 25 to 40 per cent higher in the District of Columbia than in any western state. They have been that way for a long time, even preceding the war. My suggestion is that we make not one dollar of appropriation for the inaugural. If these gentlemen wish an inaugural paid for, let those who charge double the rates in any first-class hotel town of the country go down in their pockets as they would for a Fourth of July celebration in a local town and those who get the benefits pay the bills."

TAXPAYERS HAVE INNING

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great weight with the committee in arriving at its final conclusion.

There is no wish to skip or cut down appropriations to a point where institutions will be crippled in efficiency, but there must be good,

sound business reason for every item in the appropriation measures before the ways and means committee will give its approval. All members of the joint committee are now applying themselves to a study and analysis of the tentative budget, which has been printed and laid out on the desks. When the committee is through, the budget is likely to be shot full of holes.

Salary Items Boosted.

Some items in the estimates are so far in excess of the sum allowed in the 1919 session that veterans on the ways and means committee are wondering by what course of logic these new estimates were arrived at. Items are heavily loaded with increased salaries and will suffer from the pruning knife.

Judging from the personnel of the joint committee, the taxpayers are being protected by some decidedly practical business men, legislators who are exceptionally conversant with the inner working of the various state departments that are to be provided with funds. Before the session ends, the tax statements will be received by taxpayers and when they discover what they must pay this year public sentiment will be for retrenchment that will encourage the most frugal member of the joint committee to turn a cold shoulder to appeals. However, there are not judges from the makeup of the joint committee, many members who are very generous with state funds. Most of them must "be shown."

Committee to Hold Down.

Those who will have direct control of the appropriations as members of the joint committee are, on the senate ways and means, Patterson, Smith, Edwards, Staples, Upson, Norblad and Bell. The house members are Gordon, Pierce, Kuhl, Childs, Hurd, Kay and Hyatt.

Most of the members are experienced with the problems to be solved. Senator Patterson and Representatives Gordon and Kuhl are old-timers in trimming appropriations, and after years as a member of the state board of control by virtue of being state treasurer, Representative Kay knows the ins and outs of every branch of the government. Mr. Kay has announced a determined stand against increases in which he echoes the sentiment of Chairman Gordon and Chairman Patterson.

CONVENT IS UNDER BAN

POPE DISPATCHES PRELATE
TO MAKE INVESTIGATION.German Papers Print Stories of
Alleged Immorality Among
Carmelite Nuns.

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STRASSBURG, Jan. 10.—(Special cable.)—The convent of Carmelite nuns at Marienthal, near Cologne, has been put under a ban by Pope Benedict because of alleged immoral practices among the inmates, according to radical newspapers. These journals state that a German nun, who was expelled from Alsace because of her nationality, made disclosures to the Catholic hierarchy in Germany as to the life of the nuns in the convent. As a result the pope has forbidden any Catholic to have any associations with the convent.

Another version, however, is in circulation in Alsace. This declared the convent was banned by the pope because money brought in by German nuns was not returned to them when the French government expelled them from this country recently. These nuns interceded with German bishops, who complained to the pope.

A prelate was sent from Rome to make an investigation, and when the superior refused to pay over the money the holy see pronounced its ban. The incident has caused great excitement in Catholic circles in Alsace.

PRETTY WIDOW MURDERED

MME. IRMA SUTTER SLAIN IN
PARIS STATIONERY SHOP.Head Nearly Severed From Neck.
Police Search for a Mysterious Admirer.

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PARIS, Jan. 10.—(Special cable.)—The murder of Mme. Irma Sutter, a pretty young widow who was found this morning in her stationery shop in the Rue Chateaux Landon, is agitating all Paris. The police are searching for a mysterious admirer who neighbors say called often to see the young woman.

The body was found with the head nearly severed from the neck lying on the floor of the shop. Sixteen stab wounds had been inflicted, but after the fatal blow had been severed, for they had not bled. Robbery was evidently the motive, for a large sum of money which the victim kept in a bureau drawer was missing.

At about 7 o'clock this morning the concierge saw a light burning behind the iron shutters and found the body lying on the floor. The police are unable to discover how the assassin gained entrance, but believe he may have slipped in when she returned about 4 o'clock last evening from a store where she bought a newspaper.

—that is, they should see and note these prices and then KNOW about the really surprising goodness and variety and service one gets here—in either restaurant—for the money.

Wife in Electoral College.

BOSTON, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Anna C.

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Lipman Wolfe & Co.
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World's First Bankers

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Records were kept on massive clay tablets and filed in earthen jars for safe-keeping. Notes and other commercial papers (paper by courtesy) were not unknown. These were also inscribed on clay and, of course, were non-negotiable!

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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF PORTLAND OREGONTHE FIRST NATIONAL BANK WEST
OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

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"Merchandise of Merit Only"Mail
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FilledWomen's and Children's Outing-Flannel
Gowns and Pajamas
ReducedTo prices that warrant
your early selectionOuting Flannel Gowns and
Pajamas for Women, and
Outing Flannel Gowns, Sleepers
and Bloomers for Children—Warm, pretty, comfortable garments
that are absolutely essential now—yes,
that are absolutely essential now—yes,
eral months yet to come.Women's Outing Flannel Gowns
Regular or Extra Sizes
Now \$1.95 to \$3.25—Beautifully tailored gowns; others in yoke
effect; some with side-front openings, and still
others pajama effect. In white and fancy
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hemstitching, or cords.All Women's Outing Flannel Pajamas
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and elastic at waist.Children's White Outing Flannel
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Sizes 6 to 12 Years, 79c—Princess Slips, with deep ruffle and stitched
edge finish; in white only.Children's Outing Flannel Gowns
Sizes 6 to 18 Years, \$1 to \$2.19—Made of white or fancy striped materials,
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this lot are many sample garments of extra
special quality.Children's Outing Flannel Sleepers
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voile; also plain silk and cotton crepes.39-inch White Voile
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—A splendid grade of fine
Dress Voile in a fine fin-
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splendid standard grade of
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upon her.

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portant duties and you know that others
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