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## Speaking of the One Price System

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Maybe he will reduce it still more  
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## CRISIS IN SOUTH AFRICA

News of Methuen's Capture Received in London Amid Great Excitement.

## DEPRESSION IN MARKETS

The Irish Cheer in the House of Commons and the English Cry "Shame! Shame!"

LONDON, March 10.—When it was announced that General Lord Methuen and four guns had been captured by the Boers, commanded by General Delarey, the news came like a thunder bolt to London.

Bitter remarks were passed on the subject of the government's declaration that the war in South Africa was over.

The news came too late to affect business on the stock exchange, but excited curb dealings which quickly followed by closing, and in which South Africans slumped heavily.

The news also caused great excitement in the mine market.

It was received in the House of Commons amid great excitement. The reading of Lord Kitchener's telegram was listened to in deep silence, which was broken by loud Irish cheers. Instantly there were cries of "shame," "shame," from the government bench. Then the Irish members seemed to think better of their outbreak and suddenly subsided.

Feeling of depression in the lobbies of the House of Commons over the news of the disaster was very marked.

The belief was widely expressed that the Boers will not fail to take advantage of Methuen's prominence to hold him as a hostage for the safety of Commandant Kritzinger and other Boer leaders who are now in the hands of the British.

## STRIKE IN BOSTON.

It is Expected to Grow to Larger Proportions Tomorrow.

By the stopping of work because of the discharge of union men, various organizations made every effort today to extend their sphere of influence to affiliate bodies, while the corporations energetically tried to fill the strikers' places. Both met with some measure of success.

Tomorrow local employees of the great express companies, Adams and New York and Boston, which handle practically all the fast freight in Southern New England, will refuse to work, while several smaller bodies of organized labor, such as the brewery teamsters and piano movers, as well as freight handlers in East Boston, will be idle.

The predictions are that the longshoremen, numbering 4000, will strike, together with 2000 Knights of Labor freight handlers employed by the Boston & Maine road, and 1000 men in other unions, when their assistance is needed.

If all these laborers cease work the striking force will be over 14,000 men.

## PRINCE HENRY'S FAREWELL

Gave Banquet Last Night and Sails for Europe Today.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Prince Henry and party arrived from Philadelphia this evening and were taken on to Hoboken, whence they were escorted to the steamship Deutschland, on which Prince Henry is to sail for Europe tomorrow. On the steamship the prince gave a dinner to those who had been his hosts while in New York. There were no speeches, the prince simply toasting the Kaiser and President Roosevelt, and Assistant Secretary, Hill toasting the prince. Forty-six guests were present.

## HART AND SPALDING CONFER.

Spalding Will Not Act Until Court's Decision.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 10.—President Hart, of the Chicago National League ball team, continued his conference with A. G. Spalding through Sunday at the latter's home nine miles from this city, at Point Loma.

Both of the baseball men continued to refuse to discuss their meeting to newspaper men, but it is now understood hereabouts that a crisis in the

present baseball war is the cause of the Chicagoan's visit.

It is believed that Spalding will not make any definite move in his cause until the courts have decided as to the legality of his presidency. According to report, Hart was called here to give Spalding the exact situation in the East up to date, and as soon as the lawsuit in New York is settled Spalding will return to the East and renew his fight in support of his policy. If the courts declare in favor of Mr. Spalding he is expected to at once start a vigorous campaign unless some compromise agreement is reached in the meantime. If the war is continued and Spalding is upheld in his claims by the court Spalding may even accompany Hart on the latter's return to the East.

It is believed that an effort is being made for some sort of a compromise before the season starts.

## AGRICULTURAL REPORT.

About 27 Per Cent of Last Year's Crops Still in Farmers' Hands.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The agricultural department has issued the following crop report:

Reports received from department correspondents indicate that about 23 per cent of last year's wheat crop is still in farmers' hands.

Corn in farmers' hands is estimated at about 23 per cent of last year's crop.

Of oats there is reported to be about 30 per cent of last year's crop still in farmers' hands.

## MAY FIGHT ON COAST

BIDS WILL BE OPENED NEXT SATURDAY.

The Fitzsimmons and Jeffries May Come Off in San Francisco in April.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Bids for the championship battle between Robert Fitzsimmons and James J. Jeffries will be opened in San Francisco next Saturday, and it will be decided where the battle shall take place.

When articles of agreement were signed last month it was agreed upon to give all the clubs desiring the match until March 15th to put in bids, the contest to go to the club offering the best inducements.

Jeffries is now on his way to San Francisco and with his manager, will be on hand when the bids are opened. It is expected that the California clubs will be the successful bidders and the champion favors the coast, as he realizes that a big championship battle can be pulled off without any interference by the authorities while Fitzsimmons would prefer an Eastern Club for the fight.

Both fighters are anxious to have the club selection made as soon as possible, as they wish to have at least a month's training near the scene of the contest.

If the contest goes to Frisco, Jeffries will train at Harbin Springs, where he prepared for his bout with Gus Ruhlin, and Fitzsimmons will leave at once for the coast to complete his preparations.

For several weeks the former champion has been working like a beaver with Gus Ruhlin at his Bath Beach training quarters, and he is well satisfied with his present condition. If the fight goes to the Pacific Coast, it likely will be put forward a month, and instead of taking place in May, may be held the latter part of April. The racing season there closes at that time and it is figured that the turf crowd will be an important factor in the gate receipts.

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## FREE DELIVERY BILL PASSED

But So Altered by its Opponents as to Change its Original Purpose.

## SCALE OF SALARIES FIXED

The Contract System Was Voted Down and Salaries of Carriers Raised from \$500 to \$600 a Year.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The bill to classify the rural free delivery service and place carriers under the contract system, which has been debated in the house for a week, was passed today, but in a form that completely changed the purpose for which it was framed. Before it was passed it was altered radically by its opponents. All provisions relating to the placing of carriers under the contract system were stricken out and the salary system not only was continued, but the maximum salary of carriers was increased from \$500 to \$600 per annum.

Motion offered by Williams (Dem.), of Illinois, to recommit the bill with instructions to report back the amendment providing for the dismissal from service of carriers who should use their influence in favor of any party, for any particular candidate was voted down, 95 to 141.

As passed, the bill classifies rural free delivery service and fixes compensation of employees as follows: Special agents in charge of the divisions not exceeding \$24,000 per annum; special agents, four classes, graded from \$1200 to \$1600; route inspectors, four classes, from \$900 to \$1200. Compensation of carriers is not to exceed \$600.

Tomorrow the postoffice appropriation bill will be considered.

## CUBAN RECIPROCITY.

President Still Maintains His Former Position.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Chairman Payne, of the ways and means committee, and Representative Grosvenor were among the president's callers today. Although they both maintained great reserve, it was known that the Cuban reciprocity situation was discussed. It was stated that no special message was at present in contemplation and that the president continued to maintain his position for reciprocity which he had taken in his annual message. Payne's associates in the contest expressed their belief that the reciprocity plan would prevail in some form.

## VEST OPPOSED SUBSIDY BILL.

Made Great Speech and Was Supported by Tillman.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—For nearly two hours today Vest addressed the senate in opposition to the pending subsidy bill. No member of the body had been accorded such flattering close attention as he received. Despite his evident feebleness he spoke with force and fire and at times became brilliantly eloquent.

Tillman followed with a brief speech in opposition to the bill.

The senate passed a considerable number of unobjectionable bills on the calendar.

## WASHINGTON AND MONTANA.

Land Office for Latter, Lighthouse for Former.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Bills were passed by the senate today to establish additional land office in Montana, at Great Falls, and appropriating \$23,000 for a lighthouse and fog signal station at Mukilteo Point, near Everett, Washington.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL FILES SUIT.

Will Test the Railroad Merger in the United States Court.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—By direction of the attorney-general, a bill was filed at St. Paul today in the circuit court of the United States for the District of Minnesota in the case of the United States, complainant, against the Northern Securities Company, Great Northern Railway Company, Northern Pacific Railway Company, and others, defendants, to test the legality of the alleged combination or merger of the two roads and others

named in the bill. The action is brought under the act of July 2, 1890, known as the Sherman anti-trust law.

## AMERICAN CUP DEFENDER.

J. Pierpont Morgan Will Race Her Against Anything Afloat.

NEW YORK, March 10.—It is stated that J. Pierpont Morgan announced, at the reception given to Prince Henry by the New York Yacht Club, that he will put Columbia, the America's cup defender of 1901, in commission and send her across the ocean to race against anything afloat, boat for boat. This statement is reported to have been made by Mr. Morgan in conversation with Admiral Von Baudissin and others, just after Prince Henry had taken his departure from the club house.

Commodore Ledyard immediately repeated the announcement to club members present and it was received with hearty cheers.

Under boat to boat conditions all questions of class is waived, so that Emperor William may have a chance to race his new Yankee schooner yacht Meteor against the America's cup holder.

## NEBRASKA TORNADO.

Damage to Telegraph Wires Confirms Story.

OMAHA, March 10.—A tornado is reported to have swept the country north of here. Sudden damage to telegraph wires seems to give the report confirmation.

## NO NEWS FROM NOME

## STAMPEDE FROM VALDES TO BREMMER.

People of Dawson Will Resist the Treadgold Concession.

SEATTLE, March 10.—The steamer Nome City arrived from Valdes and Ilamna last night with three sacks of Yukon mail, but none from Nome. She left Ilamna February 28, at which no signs had been seen of the long-expected mail carriers from Nome, although they were looked for almost daily. The steamer reports a stampede from Valdes to the Bremmer placer diggings, 200 miners having left already.

The city election at Valdes resulted in a victory for the prospectors and miners.

Advices from Dawson, via Skagway, state that the people of Dawson are preparing to make a strong fight against the Treadgold concession. Telegrams received at Skagway from the Klondike metropolis are to the effect that a committee of prominent men of that place is already on its way out from the interior and will present the people's case before the authorities at Ottawa. Prior to the appointment of the committee telegrams were sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the premier, and the Earl of Minto, governor general of Canada, asking for a delay in the confirmation of the grant.

## U. S. MINISTER GIVES BANQUET.

PEKIN, March 10.—United States Minister Conger gave a banquet to-night to a large party of Chinese princes and officials, including all the prominent members of the foreign office.

## PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Wheat, cash, 111 1/4.

## SOMETHING NEW!

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## DESTRUCTIVE TIDAL WAVE

On the Central American Coast Causes Great Loss of Life.

## WAVE WAS MOUNTAIN-HIGH

Completely Inundated Whole Coast and Almost Wiped Out Several Towns.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—The steamer Newport, from Central American and Mexican ports, brings few details of the recent disaster between La Libertad and a point 20 miles north of Acapulco.

A terrific tidal wave burst over all that length of coast and it was said 50 bodies had been recovered.

The wave rolled in like a mountain and over the embankments, covering them to a height of four or five feet, completely inundating the whole coast and almost wiping out all small buildings in La Libertad and Acapulco. When the steamer left, work of rescuing the remains had only just begun.

## DEATH OF TWO BROTHERS.

Die in Different Parts of the State Almost in Same Hour.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., March 10.—Charles Eisenbeis, pioneer of Puget Sound, died today in his 70th year. Almost at the same hour F. E. Eisenbeis, his brother, died at Steilacoom.

While a member of the family of Charles Eisenbeis was in the telegraph office sending news of the death of Charles, he received a message announcing the death of F. E. Eisenbeis.

Captain Moore received a letter today from his son in Nome under date of December 24. It is said that the season has been quite mild. There is plenty of provisions with the exception of eggs which sell at a dollar a dozen.

## DROWNED IN LAKE WASHINGTON

Girl and Boy Supposed to Have Been Boat Captized by Squall.

SEATTLE, March 10.—Roxie White, a 19-year-old girl and H. D. Tupper, a young draughtsman, have disappeared and their relatives believe they were drowned in a squall on Lake Washington Sunday morning. Their boat was found bottom up near the beach.

## MCKAY'S REMAINS FOUND.

Well-Known Contractor Who Disappeared Last Fall.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 10.—The remains of R. H. McKay have been found three miles north of Douglas near the Mexican line, bearing unmistakable evidence of murder.

McKay disappeared last November. He had been a contractor on the Necosari railway. He formerly lived in Montana and had large acquaintances in Anaconda and Missoula.

## FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 10.—George Alger, a well-known farmer of Probstel, Clark county, committed suicide today by shooting himself in the mouth with a rifle.