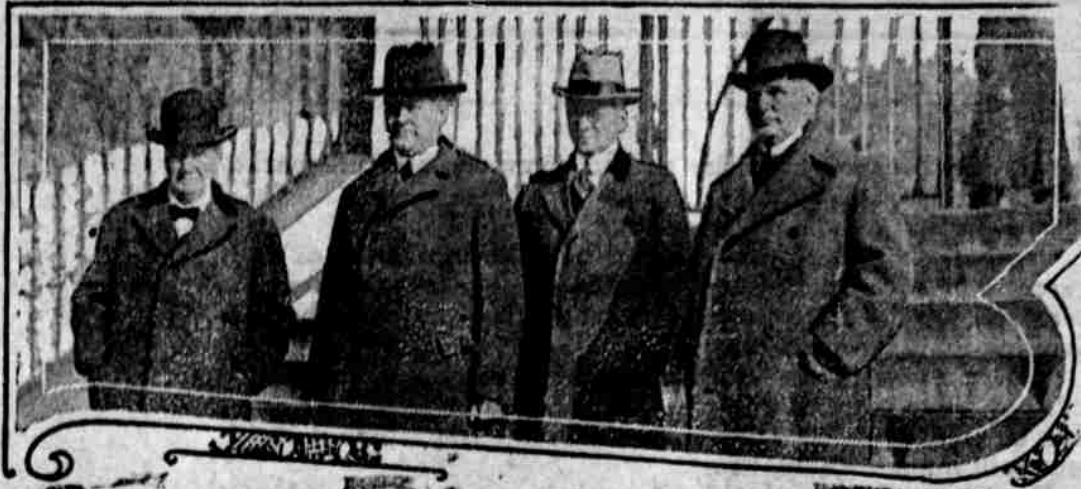


Untangling Uncle Sam's Fuel Problem



Here are the men who are thrashing out and adjusting the fuel situation. They are the three appointed by President Wilson and representing the coal operators, miners and the public. Secretary of Labor Wilson represents the government. This picture was taken as the party was leaving the White House. They are (left to right), Secretary Wilson, John C. White, former Mine Workers' president, Henry W. Robinson, representing the public, and Rembrandt Peale of Pennsylvania, representing the operators.

GENERAL NEWS

TOKIO, Jan. 15.—Influenza is spreading throughout Japan. There are 1,000,000 cases reported, of which 12,000 are soldiers.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 15.—The budget of the inter-church world movement to be used in co-ordinating the energies of the Protestant denominations for the evangelization of the world has been approved at the conference of 1,400 church leaders. The budget calls for the expenditure of \$1,330,000,000 in the next five years. It provides for evangelistic work in America and the foreign field, proper financing of hospitals and homes, liberal awards to struggling colleges, wages to both ministers and missionaries.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Plans for building a great naval reserve force by the establishment of summer training courses at the naval training stations for high school and college youths will be laid before Congress by Secretary Daniels in the near future.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 15.—Four governors, two lieutenant governors, and twenty-five representatives of the Western States Reclamation Association and the League of Public Land States have left Denver in a special car en route to Washington, where they go to present to Congress a bill for reclamation of public lands.

a memorial seeking prompt action on the suggested \$250,000,000 reclamation appropriation for the western states.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Enlistment of the motion picture industry in Americanization work will be furthered by a committee of film producers and others appointed by Secretary Lane as the result of recent conferences between the secretary and representatives of industry. Included on the committee, of which Lane is chairman, are Adolph Zukor and Louis J. Selznick of New York, both prominent in the moving picture world.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—A record sale of thoroughbred hogs was made today when 36 Poland China sows were auctioned for \$55,975, an average of \$1,554.84 each, at the farm near Lake Geneva, Wis., of William Wrigley, Jr. Ernest Melberg, of Norway, Ia., paid the highest price, \$4,900, for a sow. An offer of \$59,000 was made, but refused, for a prize hog for which Mr. Wrigley paid \$15,000.

ELKO, Nev., Jan. 15.—In a fit of rage, Billy Lucas, an ex-prizefighter, shot and killed his wife and committed suicide by shooting himself twice below the heart. He died in twenty minutes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Protest against the decision of Attorney General Palmer on December 4 in turning over 100,000 acres of oil lands in California, estimated to be worth \$500,000,000, to the Southern Pacific company without an appeal from the adverse judgment of a lower court, was made by Gifford Pinchot, president of the National Conservation commission, in a letter to the attorney general.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Officials of the Indian bureau said today they had information that more than \$300,000, and possibly as much as \$1,000,000 had been paid by the public for worthless deeds to Indian lands being sold by promoters who had no valid title.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Further increases in the price of men's clothing, without much change in style, were predicted by delegates who attended the tenth annual convention of the International Association of Clothing Designers here.

NEW WAR MUSEUM.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—Construction of a large granite building in the civic center here, to be used as a war museum, Americanization hall and meeting place for veterans, is proposed by the War Veterans Memorial association.

The building, projected as a memorial to San Francisco's soldiers and sailors who died in the war, would be financed, under plans laid here, by the sale of stock at a dollar a share.

DEACONS HAD LAST LAUGH

Good Story of How Boston Merchant Furnished New Haven Church With Baptismal Service.

In one of the older churches of New Haven there is a very quaint and beautiful baptismal service set of silver and no less quaint is the tale of how the old church came by the same.

It was during the year that Yorktown fell that the trustees of the church decided that the frame building must have repairs and sent to Boston for six kegs of nails. In course of time the kegs arrived on one of the huge and slow-moving freight wagons of the day and were duly delivered to the carpenters.

Nails in those days were scarce and expensive, each one being the hand work of a blacksmith, and, as a consequence of the methods followed in their manufacture, the smiths usually turning out 100 or so on days when they had nothing else in particular to engage their attention, they were apt to be very irregular in size and degree of perfection. The delight of the chief carpenter was, therefore, great when, knocking in the head of one keg, he found the nails of remarkably uniform size and indicating the best workmanship and material.

"Ye were in luck, deacon," he remarked to one of the trustees who had been present to receipt for the six kegs, "for these be Spanish nails, made at Toledo. Belike they were taken from some Spanish ship by a sea rover." He began to beat in the head of another keg and uttered an exclamation of astonishment.

"These be'n't nails, deacon!" he gasped, his eyes staring.

They were not. The keg was full to the brim of Spanish silver dollars.

"So I see, Master Thomas," the deacon remarked quietly. "Suppose you head up that keg again, and I will call a meeting of the trustees to discuss this matter. We must write to the merchant of Boston concerning it."

The meeting of the trustees was duly held that very day, and long and earnest were the arguments that took place. What was the proper course for them to follow? Should they simply write the Boston merchant that one of the kegs had been found to be full of silver dollars? The church was poor and the deacons were Connecticut Yankees to the bone. It was most obvious that the Boston merchant had obtained the keg in some unusual manner and it was a logical assumption that he had paid for it on a non-value basis, as he had sold it.

Then arose one who might have done mighty things in finance had he lived a century and a half later.

"Let us write," he said, "to this merchant of Boston town simply the facts that there was an error in shipment." And so they did.

In time came the merchant's reply. He had bought the kegs from a privateer; that they were sold as bought and "that no mistakes could be rectified."

And there is no doubt that the deacons chuckled somewhat dryly as they ordered the silver dollars of Spain melted down and cast into that service which can today be pointed out to the youth of New Haven as an example of—of, well, something.

Mark Twain's Imagination.

Mark Twain had such a vivid imagination, such a brain for embroidery, that it was a difficult task for him to tell a straight story just as it happened—he could make up one that was so much better. We all know that Albert Bigelow Paine, working on the "Mark Twain 'Life'" found it necessary to discard much of the autobiographic material that Mark Twain had written. Investigation, talks with men still living who knew the facts, simply proved that the tales were not so. And Mark Twain was no liar. He had a glorious, an almost superhuman, imagination. As he approached threescore and ten he said, as quoted in the "Life," "When I was younger I could remember anything, whether it happened or not; but I am getting old, and soon I shall remember only the latter."

Should Wifey Tell All?

"Should a woman tell her husband everything?" asks a New York newspaper. No—hold on—let's not get into an argument over this thing—when did an argument convince anybody of anything of importance? Let's just reflect that if a woman fails to tell her husband everything he is likely to miss a lot of news that never gets into the newspapers. And if men should fail to tell their wives pretty much everything they dare tell, the wives would miss a lot of gossip-material. And if both adopt a policy of reserve domestic conversation may lag a lot unless one or the other thinks of the happy expedient of using topics of personal importance for conversational purposes. Yes—this is a big subject. Go ahead—talk about it for a week if you like.

Wanted to Know.

Roomer—I'd like to know who is using my ink?
Landlady—Probably no one. Don't you know that ink evaporates quite rapidly?
Roomer—And how about my stationery? Does that evaporate, too?—Boston Transcript.

No Chance.

"We'd better not stay here. Let's go to some other cafe."
"What's the matter?"
"I don't think we'll ever get our dinner. I've just discovered that our waiter is the one that I forgot to tip the last time I was in here."

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