

but it was printed in Spain and the royal decree of the degradation of Prince Alfonso followed. The prince, in concluding his story to his friends said: 'Maura is the head of the clerical party in Spain and because he holds a majority in parliament, forced the king to kick his own cousin out of the country and the army, to strip him of title and honors for the crime of marrying a Protestant, who is a niece of King Edward, and a first cousin of the emperors of Germany and Russia.' The king has again wired congratulations. The infanta Eulalie, the prince's mother, who is here, is almost prostrated over the ruin of her son's career, as she knew that both the Spanish and the British royal families were in perfect sympathy with the marriage."

Testimony concerning the death of Lieutenant Sutton at Annapolis shows that some of the superior officers witnessed the assault made upon him and that one of them told his assailant Adams to "beat his head off."

Aristide Briand is the new French premier, succeeding Clemenceau. The new cabinet is as follows: Premier and minister of the interior and of public worship, M. Briand; minister of justice, M. Barthou; minister of foreign affairs, M. Pichon; minister of finance, Georges Cochery; minister of education, M. Doumergue; minister of public works, posts and telegraphs, M. Millerand; minister of commerce, Jean Dupuy; minister of agriculture, M. Rua; minister of the colonies, M. Trouillot; minister of labor, M. Viviani. A ministerial declaration, which was formulated and unanimously accepted by the members of the new cabinet, contains an important statement indicating that the cabinet is committed to an attempt to end the war between labor and capital, which has disturbed France for so many years.

John S. Wise, Jr., of New York, now in Paris, is quoted as saying that Theodore Roosevelt has promised to return to America in time for the New York mayoralty campaign. Mr. Wise hopes that Mr. Roosevelt will be the nominee.

Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court, in a speech at Milwaukee said: "If the power to tax incomes is given the government, we will see the states taxed not out of their existence, but out of their vitality." Senator Brown of Nebraska denounces Justice Brewer's statement as "utterly ridiculous, absurd and senile."

An Associated Press dispatch from Boise, Idaho, says: "Harry Orchard, murderer of Former Governor Steunenberg of Idaho, according to his confession, was baptized at the penitentiary. The service was read by Elder Steward, a Seventh Day Adventist. Elder Steward made the following statement after the ceremony: 'Orchard is a devout convert and feels his sins have been forgiven. He told me he had fully determined to commit suicide if sent up for life, but that in his faith he had found consolation and was content to remain behind the prison walls for the rest of his natural life.'"

Referring to the new premier of France, the Chicago Record-Herald says: "Aristide Briand, who has been asked to become the new premier of the French government, was promoted a few months ago from the office of minister of public instruction and public worship to that of minister of justice. He has been considered for some time the natural successor of Clemenceau in the event

of that minister's suddenly relinquishing his leadership. M. Briand is one of the strongest men in French public life, in the opinion of many observers. He is an orator of extraordinary power and persuasiveness and has been in parliament only since 1902, thus winning his way to the top in the short space of seven years. He started out in life as a lawyer in a small country town and when he went to Paris turned to journalism rather than law, becoming in course of time editor of La Lanterne, one of the principal radical papers of the capital."

At the plant of N. R. Allen Sons Co., tanners, Kenosha, Wis., a riot occurred. One thousand men had gone on a strike for an increase of wages. In a fight between officers and strikers three men were shot and several police officers were badly bruised.

A Muskogee, Okla., dispatch, carried July 22 by the Associated Press, says: "A strike in every city and town in Oklahoma in support of the eight hour law, involving thirty thousand laborers of various classes, was predicted for next week by Deputy State Labor Commissioner Wiley here today. Several hundred street paving laborers and others in Muskogee have been out several days. Those working on public contracts have partially won their fight and they are planning a big parade for Saturday night in anticipation of a complete victory. The trouble started when the labor commissioner recently enforced the eight hour law and the employers cut wages to correspond with the reduction in hours."

In a cloudburst in Minnesota more than one million dollars worth of property was destroyed and three lives were lost.

The Iowa board of parole has recommended an unconditional pardon for Samuel Francis Smith, son of the author of "America," who was convicted five years ago and sentenced to the Fort Madison penitentiary for eleven years on charges of perjury, larceny and embezzlement. Smith was formerly one of the most prominent residents of Davenport, Ia., and served as mayor of the city. He was arrested for the alleged appropriation of the funds of several estates which had been entrusted to his care. Smith is now 72 years of age, and the pardon was recommended through fear that further incarceration would prove fatal. Provisional Governor Carroll signs his pardon. Smith will leave for his old home at Newton Center, Mass., there to spend his declining days.

William C. Herron, brother-in-law of President Taft, is the nominee on the democratic ticket for vice mayor of Cincinnati, Ohio. Alfred M. Cohen is the nominee for mayor.

**THE PEOPLE ARE BETRAYED**

The following editorial appeared recently in the Philadelphia North American, a republican paper: Aldrich and the herd of trust-serving senators of both parties who answer meekly to every call of that spokesman of privileged wealth and the law-breaking trusts have rounded out their record of perfidy. They have made liars of the republican president and the republican party. They have kicked the national platform into the waste basket and repudiated every ante-election pledge. With the actual and well understood needs of the nation being increased revenues and such modification of tariff duties as would lessen the cost of living, while maintaining all honest and necessary protection, thus honorable republicans sen-

ators have perpetrated a shameless fraud in the guise of a revision. It is a revision drawn only to fatten the profits of the trusts, grind every consumer a little nearer to poverty and juggle duties so that they become prohibitory.

It gives no hope of the necessary revenue save from a new tax of questionable constitutionality, at which Aldrich himself sneers as a trick to prevent an income tax; a sop to Taft to silence him and deceive the people; a cheat to invite legal contests lasting until the early repeal promised; a typical Aldrich swindle, the entire provision concerning which Aldrich already announces will be entirely re-written.

The party is shamed as no party ever was before. For the first time in American history every great newspaper of the dominant party is in revolt against the false leadership. And east and west, throughout the land, there is ominous anger spreading among the people that forecasts a confirmation of the warning uttered by the president a fortnight ago:

"Unless the republican party lives up to its promises and the expectation of the people, there is no doubt that it will be relegated to the position of the minority opposition."

We do not believe that even a glimmer of comprehension has come to the pliant senate followers of Aldrich of the bitter contempt with which they are regarded by loyal republicans throughout the land. Senator Gore, the blind man from Oklahoma, whose record of high ability, consistency and fidelity to principle has been the brilliant exception proving the rule of democratic impotence, remarked when Aldrich's economic atrocity was being rushed to final passage:

"Mary had one lamb, and it followed her to school one day; the chairman of the finance committee has fifty lambs, and they follow him every day!"

A happy phrase! The sheep are in the fold, penned in plain view so that 90,000,000 of Americans can see their blackness. And resting after his toil is Shepherd Aldrich. Shepherd, indeed, is his proper title. For the word instantly suggests the shepherd's control of the crook.

But Aldrich has done one good thing. He has given honor where it is due. He has put the splendid distinction of his disapproval upon the ten men to whom the honesty and decency of the republican party now look with gratitude and gladness.

The names of those ten who fought the good fight for the people and real republicanism, and against predatory privilege and betrayal of the party faith should not be forgotten.

Beveridge, of Indiana; Bristow, of Kansas; Brown and Burkett, of Nebraska; Clapp and Nelson of Minnesota; Crawford, of South Dakota; Cummins and Dolliver, of Iowa, and LaFollette, of Wisconsin, are the men who have risked their political fortunes to uphold the principles and the pledges of the party. They deserve the highest honor. And they have received it. For Aldrich has denounced them.

Aldrich, who, aside from being the mouthpiece of the Wall Street gamblers and the thieves of the trusts, represents only the degeneracy of the pettiest rotten borough that by courtesy is called a state, assumes in his arrogance to read out of the republican party eight imperial commonwealths of the central west. Rotten Rhode Island tries to play dictator to Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota—states that contain one-quarter of the population of the United States.

Aldrich, who called the consumer

"a myth;" Aldrich, flattered fulsomely when Tillman called him "the boldest buccaneer," for in reality he is only the tricky keeper of a political trading post; Aldrich, whose ignorance was exposed during the session as often as his intellectual and tactical dishonesty; Aldrich, of all men, had the brazen insolence last Thursday to speak these words:

"The senator from Indiana does not speak for the republican party. He has no right to call here the name of the president of the United States in support of any of the suggestions he has made. Those of us who are here representing states and voting as a majority in this

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