

### TAFI ASKS COST OF LIVING PROBE

Message Sent to Congress Urging Authority to Call International Conference.

WANTS FEDERAL COMMISSION Demands that Industrial Relations in America Be Investigated.

LIGHT ON SUBJECT IS NEEDED Increasing Prices General Almost Throughout the World.

LEVELS VARY AMONG NATIONS Representatives of Various Countries Should Prepare Plans for Action to Reduce Rising Quotations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—President Taft in a message to congress today urged an international inquiry into the high cost of living. The president asked authority to invite the nations of the world to a conference in this city or elsewhere to make plans for the investigation of the "high prices that have so distressed the people of the world."

Real Light Needed. "There is no doubt but that a commission could be appointed of such unprejudiced and impartial persons, experts in economic facts, that a great deal of very valuable light could be shed upon the reasons for the high prices that have so distressed the people of the world, and information given upon which action might be taken to reduce the cost of living."

Industrial Relations. As to the commission on industrial relations, the president said: "There should be an inquiry by the federal government into the general conditions of labor in the United States, notwithstanding the fact that some of the remedies will lie with the separate states, or even entirely outside the sphere of governmental activity, in the hands of private individuals and of voluntary agencies. One legitimate object of such an official investigation and report is to enlighten and inform public opinion, which of itself will often induce or compel the reform of unjust conditions or the abatement of unreasonable demands."

DERBY BANK ROBBERS CONVICTED AT CHARITON CHARITON, Ia., Feb. 2.—The jury in the case of John Williams and James Burns, charged with the recent robbery of the bank at Derby, returned a verdict of guilty tonight, after having been out twenty-four hours. The men are said to have secured \$10,000. They were captured by Omaha detectives.

### The Weather

For Nebraska—Unsettled, with snow flurries; warm today. For Iowa—Unsettled weather and snow flurries; rising temperature. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour	Temp.	Wind
5 a. m.	28	W, 10
6 a. m.	28	W, 10
7 a. m.	28	W, 10
8 a. m.	28	W, 10
9 a. m.	28	W, 10
10 a. m.	28	W, 10
11 a. m.	28	W, 10
12 m.	28	W, 10
1 p. m.	28	W, 10
2 p. m.	28	W, 10
3 p. m.	28	W, 10
4 p. m.	28	W, 10
5 p. m.	28	W, 10
6 p. m.	28	W, 10
7 p. m.	28	W, 10
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Station and State	Temp.	High	Low	Wind
Chicago, Ill.	32	38	24	W, 10
Davenport, Ia.	32	38	24	W, 10
Denver, Colo.	32	38	24	W, 10
Des Moines, Ia.	32	38	24	W, 10
Dodge City, Kan.	32	38	24	W, 10
London, Eng.	32	38	24	W, 10
North Platte, Neb.	32	38	24	W, 10
Omaha, Neb.	32	38	24	W, 10
Pueblo, Colo.	32	38	24	W, 10
Rapid City, S. Dak.	32	38	24	W, 10
Salt Lake City, Utah	32	38	24	W, 10
Santa Fe, N. Mex.	32	38	24	W, 10
Sheridan, Wyo.	32	38	24	W, 10
Sioux City, Iowa	32	38	24	W, 10
Valentine, Neb.	32	38	24	W, 10

### The National Capital

Friday, February 2, 1912.

The Senate. No session. Meets Monday at 2 p. m. Lorimer investigation continued with Detective Bailey testifying.

The House. Met at noon. Pension appropriation bill up for passage. Steel trust investigating committee resumed hearings.

Allen's Statement Shows that Bryan Has Trouble Ahead

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The announcement of former Senator W. V. Allen in favor of Judson Harmon as democratic candidate for president has served to convince some of the friends of Mr. Bryan that the task of delivering the vote of Nebraska in the national convention to Woodrow Wilson is going to be a little more difficult than they had imagined.

Secretary Currier continues to receive encouraging reports of the formation of Taft clubs in all parts of the state. No one is hearing any bass drums, but the voters are quietly and unostentatiously dropping into the Taft organization.

Gomez is Willing. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 2.—"If there is a successful revolution in northern Mexico and I am called to the presidency, I will accept," said Emilio Vasquez Gomez, who has been proclaimed the choice of the Juarez mutineers for president, here today.

Governor Aldrich Is Expected to Push Omaha Case Early

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Governor Aldrich is expected in his office tomorrow from his visit to his mother in Ohio and one of the first things to claim his attention will be having the attorney general or some one representing his office take a hand in the Omaha grand jury investigations.

### Brandeis at York Lauds La Follette

YORK, Neb., Feb. 2.—Speaking before a nonpartisan audience in the York opera house here this afternoon, Louis D. Brandeis denounced present methods of dealing with its trusts. He urged that delays in court procedure against the trusts be abandoned and that all litigation be reduced to a business basis.

### Rebels Attack Chihuahua Jail

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### President Will Make Lincoln Day Talk in City of New York

THIRTY INDICTMENTS DRAWN Dynamite Conspiracy Grand Jury Will Report Tuesday. NAMES WILL NOT BE GIVEN OUT Charges Will Be Violation of Federal Laws Regulating Transportation of Explosives and Conspiracy to Violate Them.

### Taft's Neutrality Proclamation Held Up as Model in Rome

ROME, Feb. 2.—The proclamation of neutrality of the United States in the war between Italy and Turkey, signed by President Taft on October 24, is reproduced in entirety today in the Tribunal newspaper in commenting on the proclamation evidently aims at comparing the correctness of America with the different attitude of other countries.

### Principal Witness in Murder Case Dies Suddenly

PORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 2.—Edward Throckmorton, principal state witness in the trial of J. R. Bredel, charged with the murder of Captain A. G. Boyce, died at 11:30 o'clock last night.

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### TEACHERS WILL COME TO OMAHA

Nineteen-Two Convention of State Association Lost to Lincoln by Large Vote. MAJORITY FOUR-SEVENTY-FOUR Thirty-Seven Hundred Blanks Are Sent to Members. VOTING CLOSING JANUARY 27 Papers Previously Distributed and Recalled for Error. BALLOTS COUNTED IN LINCOLN Large Increase in Majority of This City Following Elaborate Entertainment of Association Last Fall.

### Wireless Message from Honolulu to Washington

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—By way of Mare Island navy yard and Key West, Fla., Admiral Thomas, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, now at Honolulu, was in communication with Washington today, the entire distance being covered by wireless message. The original from the Hawaiian islands was picked up by the wireless tower at Mare Island and relayed across the continent to the wireless station at Key West, which telegraphed it to the Navy department here.

### Mystery Still Surrounds Death of Thomas Edwards

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 2.—Whether or not Thomas Edwards, formerly county commissioner at Yankton, S. D., was murdered or killed himself, is a mystery that Kansas City detectives, urged on by three fraternal orders, of which he was a member, today are trying to solve. Edwards was found shot dead on Kersey Coast drive here yesterday.

### Woman Will Inspect Purchases for New York

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Henceforth the city's marketing is to be done under the eye of a woman. Mrs. Anna W. Von Hofhoff has been made examining inspector of the inspection bureau of the finance department of New York, and that means that it becomes largely her duty to watch all purchases of the city and to certify whether they are according to specifications. Whenever James J. Monroe, chief inspector, is away Mrs. Von Hofhoff will be acting chief inspector in command of the bureau.

### Section Man Injured When Collide with Team

ARMOUR, S. D., Feb. 2.—Section Foreman Louis Johnson, Carl Peterson, a section hand, and Tom Chandler, a laborer, driving a gasoline handcar at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour, ran into a team at a railway crossing near here this afternoon, completely wrecking the car.

### Two Women are Killed by Explosion of Light Plant

KEWANEE, Ill., Feb. 2.—Miss Minnie Burrows, aged 30 and Mrs. Nancy Dean, aged 80, were killed on the farm of Mrs. D. H. Burrows, northwest of here, late last night, when a private lighting plant exploded. Mrs. Burrows was injured severely. The house burned.

### Woman Routed to Death

ERIE, Pa., Feb. 2.—Mrs. Elizabeth Crandall was literally routed to death. Mrs. Crandall's body was fatally burned and Homer Hillier was seriously injured trying to rescue the women today after a gas explosion at Hillier's home in North Grand, Pa. The house was blown to pieces.

### Leave your Want Ad for the big Sunday Bee at the Bee Office before 7:30 P. M. Saturday Night.

If pressed for time use the Telephone—Want Ads telephoned in will receive the same prompt attention as when brought to the office. Telephone Tyler 1000.



From the New York World.