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THE WEATHER
FAIR

PASTOR FLOWERS INDUCED TO BUY "WILD HORSES"

Lets Go of Half Section of
Nebraska Land, in Return
Taking Over Bronchos
Running at Large.

EXPECTED TO MAKE MONEY

Thomas Matters Figures in
Deal and Assures Preacher
Others Anxious to Get
Animals.

OTHER NEBRASKANS FALL

S. L. Flowers, pastor of the First
Naxarene church, Burns, Ore., and
formerly of Boulder, Colo., and previous
to the time pastor in a Kearney,
Neb., church for twelve years,
told the "wild horse" jury in United
States district court that he lost land
and merchandise, valued at \$9,800,
speculating on the wild animals.

Flowers was allowed only \$12.50
per week by his Kearney parish-
ioners, he said, so when he had a chance
to exchange his two-quarter sections
of land in Nebraska for wild horses,
which he was told would find ready
sale on the market, he traded. This
was the substance of a part of his
testimony brought out in the wild
horse case in which the government
is prosecuting the United States Live
Stock company and the Omaha Land
and Investment company for the use
of the mails to defraud.

The pastor told of his coming to
Omaha in 1910 and meeting Mr. Smith
of the United States Live Stock com-
pany in his office in the Omaha Na-
tional bank building. The conversa-
tion, he said, casually turned to
horses, when Smith showed him a
number of pictures of fine animals,
which he told the pastor he owned
on his ranch in Concho county,
Arizona.

Wanted More Facts.

But the pastor wasn't convinced
enough of the validity of the United
States Stock company to part with
any of his land for the animals.

"I wanted some evidence from Mr.
Smith to show me that he was on the
square," the preacher testified.

"Well, did he furnish it?" Tom Al-
len, United States district attorney,
asked.

"Well, yes," the pastor answered.
"He took me into the office of Thomas
Matters, who showed me a couple of
letters which he said came from a
man in Arizona who had recently
purchased some of the animals."

"The letter said that he had caught
1,700 animals and that he was tickled
to death that he had had dealings
with the United States Live Stock
company."

"What did Mr. Matters say to you
about the reliability of the man who
wrote the letter?"

"He told me that the man was so
enthusiastic at the time that he wept
for fear he would lose the deal."

"Matters said that the man had tied
up everything he had in the deal."

"And did you make any deal with
the United States Land company?"
Tom Allen, United States district at-
torney asked him.

"Yes, I traded my two quarter
sections of land for 144 horses," he said.

Twenty-Four More Horses.

Once, that he was assured that the
deal was all right, he told the jury,
he also offered to trade his \$3,300
stock of general merchandise which
he owned in Tannora, Neb. This he
traded directly with C. M. Thompson,
an officer of the live stock company,
who allowed him twenty-four more
head of the animals. He said that his
two sections of land were worth about
\$6,500, and with the value of the stock
of merchandise, would total \$9,800.

"How much were the horses to cost
you?" he was asked.

"I gave approximately \$65 for those
I traded my land for and \$30 for the
twenty-four I gave my merchandise
for."

"I asked Thompson if I hadn't bet-
ter go out and investigate the horses,"
Flowers stated.

"Mr. Flowers you didn't accumu-
late property you disposed of, on a
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PERKINS HEADS NEW YORK FOOD BOARD.



GEORGE W. PERKINS.

New York, Dec. 8.—George W.
Perkins, former partner in J. P. Mor-
gan & Co., and financial sponsor of
the progressive party, has begun an
investigation of the high cost of liv-
ing, as chairman of a committee of
five appointed by Governor Whit-
man to recommend remedial legisla-
tion. Mr. Perkins says he blames
the high price of foodstuffs in this
city on market conditions. He as-
serts that California is far ahead of
New York state in the matter of dis-
tribution, and cites Cleveland as an
example of a city which recently has
adopted modern methods. Mr. Per-
kins is also chairman of Mayor
Mitchell's committee to investigate
the price of foodstuffs.

Put Ban On Freight Shipments From West of Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Embargo orders
which practically bar the whole west-
ern part of the United States from
shipment of commodities for export
from Atlantic ports or for eastern
consumption went into effect on the
Pennsylvania lines and the Erie rail-
road east of Chicago, late today.
The orders bar virtually every com-
modity, the usual exception being
made, however, for perishable freight
in transit and for United States gov-
ernment shipments. H. S. Snyder,
general freight agent of the Erie, ex-
plained that the order of his road
"even applies to live stock to the ex-
tent that we no longer accept live
stock from connecting lines."

No limit is set on the duration of
the embargo, which is attributed to
the congestion of loaded freight cars
in the big yards on the Atlantic sea-
board. Railroad officials here point-
ed out that speculators and jobbers
for warring European nations have
been piling up cars in the eastern
yards for many months.

Notice of the embargo was served
on the connecting lines by the two
roads some time ago. The Pennsylv-
ania order forbids agents to accept
freight from connecting lines which
is destined for points east of Pitts-
burgh. The Erie order fixes Marion,
O., as the farthest east point of
destination.

Adjutant General Greenan of Montana Is Hurt in a Wreck

Helena, Mont., Dec. 8.—In a head-
on collision between the Helena-
Logan "stub" train and a freight
train on the Northern Pacific, a mile
east of Helena, last night, H. C.
Ruffin of Logan, a fireman, was
killed and Fred Seib of Logan, en-
gineer, was severely injured.

Adjutant General Phil Greenan of
the Montana National Guard suffered
three broken ribs. A chair car car-
rying two men and passengers were
slightly bruised. Governor Sam V.
Stewart of Montana, who was on the
train enroute to Washington, D. C.,
escaped injury.

Responsibility for the collision has
not been determined.

German Exchange Lower at Geneva

Geneva, Dec. 8.—(Via Paris.)—The
German 100-mark bill has dropped an-
other point and a quarter on the
Geneva bourse and a point and three-
quarters on the Zurich bourse. It is
now quoted at 79 francs and 78 francs,
25 centimes, respectively. The fall
is attributed to the establishment of
the mass levy in Germany, which, it
is feared, will result in the partial sus-
pension of the economic life of the
country.

Cotton Breaks Five Dollars Per Bale

New Orleans, La., Dec. 8.—A vi-
olent break of more than \$5 a bale,
one of the widest declines ever re-
corded in a single session in this mar-
ket, resulted in cotton today from
liquidation and short selling follow-
ing the census bureau report on cot-
ton ginned to December 1.

Fifty Thousand Veterans Die During the Year

Washington, Dec. 8.—Deaths among
civil war veterans made large gaps in
the government's pension rolls during
the last year. The report of Com-
missioner Saltzgeber of the pension bu-
reau shows that the names of more
than 50,000 of the old soldiers passed
from the list, reducing their total to
286,080. Pensions aggregating \$159,
155,000 went to 709,720 persons.

BALFOUR MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ACQUITS HIS AIDE

With Tells How Unionists
Forced Him Out of Govern-
ment, Acquits Lloyd
George of Com-
plicity.

CARSON MAY BE SEA LORD

Earl of Derby Named as Prob-
able Secretary of War
by the Standard.

DISTURBANCE BY SUFFS

London, Dec. 8.—Herbert H. As-
quith declared at the meeting of lib-
erals today that although he had
resigned the premiership he had not
given up leadership of the liberal
party. The former premier said there
had been a carefully engineered cam-
paign against him, but he acquitted
Mr. Lloyd George and his other as-
sistants in the retiring government of
complicity therein.

On Friday of last week, Mr. As-
quith said, he received Mr. Lloyd
George's proposal for a smaller war
council. The same day he replied that
the prime minister must preside over
such a body. Mr. Lloyd George did
not agree to this and on Sunday the
unionist ministers intimated they had
had a meeting at which they decided
they could not remain in the govern-
ment if he did that if he did not resign
they would. He saw Mr. Lloyd
George later and being desirous of
maintaining unity of the government,
appealed to Mr. Bonar Law to remain
in office. They had a conversation
and attempted to accommodate their
views as to the relationship between
the premier and the war council and
as to the personnel of the council. On
these two points they differed and the
difference of opinion was strong and
sharp.

Writes Lloyd George.

The next morning he found a
statement in the newspapers that the
premier was to be excluded from the
war council. He then wrote Mr. Lloyd
George that he was not prepared to
remain in the cabinet as a spectator
of the war and that it was not pos-
sible to have a war council without
the premier as chairman.

After consulting with his friends he
resigned, believing he could serve the
new government to best advantage
outside the cabinet.

Viscount Grey made the announce-
ment that Mr. Balfour would be for-
eign secretary and that Lord Robert
Cecil would remain parliamentary un-
dersecretary for foreign affairs.

It also stated that Sir Robert
Finlay, former attorney general and
member of parliament for Edinburgh
and St. Andrew's universities, will be
lord high chancellor in the new
cabinet.

Five Probable Appointments.

The Standard says it understands
that the following appointments are
certain to be made:

Chancellor of the exchequer, An-
drew Bonar Law.
Secretary for foreign affairs, A. J.
Balfour.

First lord of the admiralty, Sir Ed-
ward Carson.
Secretary for war, Earl of Derby.
Secretary for labor, Arthur Hen-
derson.

The home office portfolio, according
to the newspaper, was offered to Sir
Frederick E. Smith, attorney general
in the coalition cabinet, but he pre-
ferred to retain the attorney general-
ship.

At a meeting of liberals it was
stated that A. J. Balfour would be
foreign secretary in the new cabinet
and that Lord Robert Cecil would re-
main parliamentary under secretary
for foreign affairs.

A small party of suffragettes lent
variety to the arrival of the liberals
at the Reform club at noon today for
a meeting of the liberal party to de-
cide its attitude towards the Lloyd
George government. The women
greeted the earlier arrivals with the
cry, "another wait and see."

The suffragettes became more ag-
gressive when Mr. Asquith, drove up
and, on being forced into the road
way by the police, they contented
themselves with cries of "traitor" and
other abusive terms. Lord Haldane
was greeted with "Kaiser Haldane."

When Viscount Grey arrived the
suffragettes created such a distur-
bance that the police had to escort him
to the club. The crowd with the
exception of the women gave ex-
Premier Asquith and his colleagues
a hearty reception.

The Reform club adopted a resolu-
tion expressing confidence in Mr.
Asquith and also the determination of
the organization to support the new
government in whatever steps it may
take to prosecute the war vigorously.

News Against Balfour.

The Evening News, one of the
strongest supporters of Premier Lloyd
George, publishes prominently a pro-
test against the suggestion that A. J.
Balfour be appointed foreign secre-
tary and Lord Robert Cecil retained
as parliamentary under secretary for
foreign affairs. It says:

"The great enthusiasm with which
the formation of a new government is
received everywhere is dampened for
the moment by the persistent rumor,
on apparently good authority, that
Mr. Balfour is to go to the foreign
office with Lord Robert Cecil. Lord
Robert's record in the foreign office
is well known. It will be nothing
short of disastrous if the man who
persistently adopted a policy leading
to the weakening of our blockade and
the consequent feeding of Germans,
should again be placed in command."

WINSLOW BANK LOOTED; ROBBERS ESCAPE IN MOTOR

Two Masked Men Cover Offi-
cials and Customers, For-
cing Them to Hand
Over All Cash.

GET OVER SIX THOUSAND

Cashier Forced to Enter Vault
and Bring Out Money
There.

FLEEING TOWARD NORTH

Winslow, Neb., Dec. 8.—The Wins-
low State bank was robbed about 2
o'clock this afternoon. Two men ap-
peared in the bank, covered the
cashier, assistant cashier and three
customers with guns, backed them
into a corner and took all the cash
in the bank. They escaped in an
automobile, which they had left just
outside the door. They obtained
\$6,550.

The robbers fired two shots into
the side of the bank building before
they entered it and covered Cashier
George Boll and Assistant Cashier
Elmer C. Ruwee with revolvers. They
took all the money on the counter
and forced Ruwee to go into the
vault and bring out all the money
there. They crowded the bills and
coins into two bags and threw them
into their automobile and started
west.

The bandits were traveling in a
light six-cylinder gray Buick car.
They went west four miles and
turned north on the road leading to
ward Sioux City. A posse was at
once organized and Sheriff Condit
and Chief of Police Peterson were
notified. They arrived here shortly
before 4 o'clock and took charge of
the case.

One of the bandits was a tall,
slender man, with two days' growth
of beard on his face, and the other
was of medium height and wore a
mustache.

Winslow is a town of about 100
inhabitants in the eastern edge of
Dodge county, seventeen miles north
of Fremont.

Tree is Here for Municipal Fete At Auditorium

A forty-foot tree from Washington
has been given by the Tribune Bros.
for the Christmas entertainment to be
held in the Auditorium on Sunday
evening, December 24. The tree is
here on a flatcar.

C. F. Bossie, who has charge of the
municipal Christmas tree celebration,
has been offered the services of two
bands. He would like to hear from
musical organizations and soloists
who will volunteer their services for
this occasion.

Special electric illuminations will be
provided. Sacks of candy, nuts and
oranges will be distributed to 1,500
boys and girls by Santa Claus. Henry
W. Dunn and Charles Gardner will
sing.

Congressman Reavis Names Two Cadets

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Dec. 8.—(Special Tele-
gram.)—Congressman Reavis today
made nominations for cadetships at
Annapolis.

Mr. Reavis has named Dallas D.
Swan of Teumseh as principal and
Harold E. Holtz of Lincoln as first
alternate to fill his first appointment,
and Arthur Finley Fuller of Pawnee
City principal, and G. H. Kier, 1702
South Fifteenth street, Lincoln, as
first alternate in his second appoint-
ment.

Lyle L. Abbott of Omaha was in
conference with the Department of
Commerce today.

James H. Hanley, secretary to Con-
gressman Lobeck, accompanied by
Mrs. Hanley, arrived in Washington
today. Congressman Lobeck has been
appointed a member of the con-
gressional party to accompany the
body of the late Representative S. J.
Tribble of Athens, Ga., who died at
Providence hospital today. The fu-
neral party leaves tonight for the
south.

Policeman Holds Up Express Wagon

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—Albert
J. Griffith, a patrolman on the Los
Angeles police force for four years,
confessed today, according to the po-
lice, that he was the robber who held
up an express wagon yesterday on
a busy street and made off with about
\$5,000 in cash and \$34,000 in checks,
drafts and other banking paper. Most
of the money was recovered.

Morehead Asks For Budget Figures

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 8.—Under the
law passed by the last legislature, es-
tablishing a budget system and mak-
ing the governor chief budget officer,
Governor Morehead today sent a let-
ter to each of the state department
heads calling for an estimate of ex-
penses for the coming biennium. The
reports will include all expenditures
and revenues for the last biennium,
and estimates of expenditures and
revenues for the coming biennium.
Upon their reports the governor will
have his appropriation recommendations
to the legislature.

HEALTH COMMISSIONER PROBES STORAGE EGGS— Dr. John D. Robertson of Chicago, health commissioner, is conducting an investigation of the high cost of eggs. In the picture he is shown looking over the egg stock in a Chicago warehouse.



INSPECTING EGGS. (LINE FILM SERVICE.)

PRICES OF BUTTER LOWER AT CHICAGO

Boycott Diminishes Demand
and Supplies Appear to Ma-
terially Increase.

FEDERAL INQUIRY IS ON

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Boycott agi-
tation, together with the federal in-
vestigation of food prices, had consid-
erable effect today on the butter mar-
ket here. Wholesale quotations of cream-
ery butter on the Chicago butter and
egg board showed a fall, varying from
1/2 cent to 1 cent on some grades, as
compared with yesterday.

It was explained that consumption
of butter had diminished and that
supplies had materially increased.

Federal Inquiry Takes Shape.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The federal
investigation into the high cost of
living reached a stage today where
officials turned their attention to the
form which prosecutions, if under-
taken, should assume.

The subject under immediate con-
sideration was said to be the method
of proceeding against coal speculators
whose activities are believed to have
contributed largely to the recent ad-
vance.

United States Attorney Anderson,
in charge of the investigation, called
at the White House and will see the
president later. The president is con-
tinuing his study of preliminary re-
ports with a view to later forming
recommendations to congress. The
situation was discussed at the meet-
ing of the cabinet.

Mr. Anderson, continuing his con-
ference with department heads, es-
tablished headquarters here and called
into conference Oliver E. Pagan, the
indictment expert of the Department
of Justice. Instructions were sent to
the various agencies of investigation
throughout the country outlining
methods of procedure.

In congress the house commerce
committee decided to defer action on
bills and resolutions relating to the
subject until after the holidays.

State Governors to Meet at National Capital Next Week

Madison, Wis., Dec. 8.—The de-
layed meeting of the governor's con-
ference will be held at Washington,
D. C., next week, beginning on Thurs-
day and concluding on Saturday. This
announcement was made today by
Miles C. Piley, secretary of the con-
ference. The meeting was to have
been held at Salt Lake City during
the summer, but was delayed on ac-
count of sending of state troops to
the border. More than half of the
governors and eleven of the govern-
ors-elect have responded to the call
to be present.

High cost of living and the method
of checking increasing prices on ne-
cessaries of life will be one of the
leading topics of discussion, which
will be led by Governors William
Spry, Utah; Stewart, Montana; and
Alexander, Idaho. There will be dis-
cussion of the enforcement of the pro-
hibitory laws in those states which
have them.

Among the governors-elect who
have sent in acceptances are Keith
Neville, Nebraska; Peter Norbeck,
South Dakota; and Simon Bamberger,
Utah. Some of the governors who
will attend are Moses Alexander,
Idaho; Arthur Capper, Kansas; J. A.
Burquist, Minnesota; S. V. Stew-
art, Montana; W. C. McDonald, New
Mexico; Frank M. Byrne, South Da-
kota; William Spry, Utah; and John
B. Kendrick, Wyoming.

Wife Does Not Know Husband Convicted on Slave Charge

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 8.—Raphael
Van Wic, insurance man from Aber-
deen, S. D., was found guilty in fed-
eral court here yesterday on the
charge of bringing Miss Grace Esker
of Aberdeen to Des Moines for im-
moral purposes.

Van Wic is married and his wife,
now in Indianapolis, has not yet
learned of his predicament. Van Wic
and Miss Esker lived here as man
and wife until they were arrested by
federal authorities.

Madison Square Garden Sold for Two Millions

New York, Dec. 8.—Madison Square
Garden, New York's famous amuse-
ment amphitheater, was purchased to-
day for \$2,000,000 in a foreclosure
sale by the New York Life Insur-
ance company, which was the only
bidder. The company was the plain-
tiff in the foreclosure proceedings.

NEW DIFFERENCE WITH KAISER ON SUBSEA WARFARE

Berlin's Interpretation of Its
Pledges in Sussex Case
Not Accepted by
Washington.

NEW NOTE IS PROBABLE

Official Information Says the
Marina Was in No Sense
a Transport.

ASKS ABOUT THE ARABIA

Washington, Dec. 8.—A new note to
Germany on the general submarine
situation appears to be among the
possibilities which may come out of
the latest activities of the undersea
boats.

If decided upon, such a note would
be for the purpose of clearing up what
appears to be differences of interpre-
tation in Washington and Berlin as to
what Germany's pledges in the Sussex
case covered, especially as to armed
ships.

Secretary Lansing said today no
final course of action had been agreed
upon by President Wilson and him.

Although the State department has
been going on the principle of decid-
ing each case separately on its merits,
it was said today the number of cases
had reached such proportions that
some general action would be just-
ified, although it was made clear that
nothing had been determined upon.

Marina Not Transport.

The day's developments in the sit-
uation were:

The United States asked Great
Britain for information to determine
the status of the Peninsular and
Oriental liner, Arabia, which a Ger-
man submarine commander took for
an armed transport.

Official information coming to the
State department established the Ma-
rina, torpedoed with a loss of six Amer-
icans, was in no sense a transport and
was entitled to the immunities of a
peaceful merchantman. In both
cases Germany has expressed a will-
ingness to offer amends if its pledges
were broken.

It was reiterated again today that
the United States stands squarely on
the position it took in the Sussex case.
This, combined with Germany's state-
ment that it, too, holds the pledges it
gave in that case, leads officials to be-
lieve there seems to be some differ-
ences in interpretation.

Purpose of New Note.

A new note, if it should be decided
to send one, would be to clear this
up and make plain beyond question
that the United States expects all mer-
chant ships under international law
shall not be destroyed without warn-
ing or without having crews and pas-
sengers removed to a place of safety.

Affidavits on the sinking without
warning of the Italian liner Palermo,
on which State department records
show there were twenty-three Amer-
icans, are being collected as rapidly as
possible. As yet there are no indica-
tions that any American lives were
lost, but from information at hand the
case seems to parallel closely the
Arabia and the Marina.

England Asked Status of Arabia.

Great Britain has been asked by
the State department about the status
of the Peninsular and Oriental liner
Arabia, sunk by a German submarine
without warning. Germany in a note
yesterday cites circumstances which
it says justified the submarine com-
mander in taking the Arabia for an
armed transport.

The State department's information
to date is that the ship was a pas-
senger carrying liner, not subject to
attack without warning.

New Unloading Device Breaks On First Trial

The electric conveyor, newly in-
stalled to elevate grain from the barge
of the steamboat Julius F. Silber on
the Missouri river to the box cars
switched to the docks, went smash
about the first time it was tried.

Of course, it is not hopelessly
broken, and has already been repaired,
but things looked bad when it broke
and nearly fell on the heads of a lot
of workmen. The only thing that
saved it from being utterly smashed
and from smashing the heads of some
of the workmen was that it fell on
a box car, where it hung.

Then when it was patched up and
again started, the motor broke, but the
work of repairing is about completed,
and soon grain is to be unloaded in
bulk at the river front. The boat is
here now with a load of grain in
sacks which will have to be unloaded
in the old way.

Des Moines Wins One Point in Rate Fight

Washington, Dec. 8.—The Inter-
state Commerce commission in a de-
cision today on the complaint of the
Greater Des Moines committee of
Iowa against the Chicago, Milwaukee
& St. Paul and other railroads, upheld
the class and commodity rates in ef-
fect between Des Moines and north-
western Missouri, and also those be-
tween Des Moines and Minnesota with
a few exceptions, but held that the
rates between Des Moines and Des
Moines to the advantage of Missis-
sippi river crossings. The latter ap-
plies to not only Mississippi river
stations, but the adjustment of rates
beyond the river.

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