

BEEF WILL BE LOWEST

Prediction Of Great Slump In Prices.

New York, Jan. 26.—"Beef will be cheaper by the end of the week, than it has been in years," said a wholesale meat dealer today. "After that prices won't go lower for the supply will be cut down."

Beef, lamb and pork show further reduction today and butler and eggs continue to drop. Only two or three commodities are now clinging to the nine cent rate.

DECREASE SLIGHT.

Government Reports on Number of Range Cattle and Other Live Stock.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The crop reporting board of the department of agriculture, giving the number and value of farm animals in the country Jan. 1, 1910, discloses the fact that the high price of beef is in the smallest degree due to the decrease in the number of range cattle. Only a slight falling off of range cattle is shown from figures of the previous year, while there has been an increase in the number of horses, mules, milch cows and sheep. Hogs, however, are fewer.

ENDORSE TAFT ON MERCHANT MARINE

Washington, Jan. 26.—The National Board of Trade convention today unanimously endorsed various resolutions for the American merchant marine, as recommended by Taft.

An investigation of the high cost of living occupied the delegates early today. A committee was appointed to carry on this investigation.

BIG LIBEL CASE ENDS

Judge Hough Quashes In- dictment of World Over Panama Story.

New York, Jan. 26.—The federal government's prosecution of the publishers of the New York World was stopped by the federal court here today. Judge Hough quashing the indictment against the Press Publishing company, publishers of the World, for alleged libel in connection with the publications concerning the Panama canal purchase.

The indictment was thrown out because of lack of jurisdiction of the court and other reasons.

The decision is generally regarded as the closing chapter of the Panama libel case.

CORPORATIONS MUST PAY TAX

Supreme Court Cannot Pass On Constitutionality of Law In Time.

Washington, Jan. 26.—All hope of procuring a decision from the Supreme court of the United States in regard to the constitutionality of the corporation tax provision of the Payne act before March 1, the date by which corporations must have made their income returns, has been abandoned. There is hope the questions may be determined before the close of the period of payment of the tax, June 30.

TWELVE TEAMS OF MULES FOR \$4,040

Clinton, Jan. 26.—The mule sale at the farm of J. W. Britton, northwest of Clinton, yesterday, was well attended and the twenty-four head of 8-year-old mules raised by Will Britton on his farm were sold for \$4,040, making an average per team of a fraction over \$334.

TO CHARITIES AND COLLEGES \$162,000.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Charitable and educational institutions receive \$162,000 by the will of Mrs. Frances E. Curtiss, deceased. Among the beneficiaries are Woman's Presbyterian Board of the Northwest, \$75,000; Beloit College, \$15,000; American Sunday School Union, \$62,000.

NO DELAY SAY THE GERMANS

Tariff Negotiations Now Be- lieved to Be At Critical Stage.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—The reply of the foreign office to the request of the United States that the application of Germany's general tariff to American imports be deferred until March 31, is understood to be a non-acceptance of the suggestion for delay.

DELICATE STAGE.

Americans See No Occasion for Cattle Demand.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—So delicate is the stage at which tariff negotiations between the United States and Germany have arrived that no one in Washington is able to predict the outcome.

The fact that the negotiations are proceeding steadily and that disputed points gradually are being eliminated leads to hope that a tariff war will be avoided.

The latest communication of this government in reference to the general tariff situation is now in the hands of the German authorities. The latter asked last week that the reply to the note be made by Saturday night, and this was interpreted in some quarters as an indication that the Kaiser's government had delivered an ultimatum.

In compliance with the request, Secretary Knox cabled his response on Saturday and it is now under consideration by the government and the imperial consular board, which represents the important business interests of the empire. It is the expectation of the officials here that the German response will be made tomorrow or Thursday, and it will be possible then to state whether an agreement can be reached.

MEAT ISSUES ELIMINATED.

The meat question is no longer in dispute between the two governments. An investigation made by the tariff board has disclosed that Germany does not discriminate against this American product but applies prohibitive regulations to such imports from all countries. Consequently there is nothing "unduly discriminatory" in this connection of which the United States can complain.

But a different situation exists with respect to cattle on the hoof. Germany permits cattle imports from Austria and Denmark to the number of 300,000 annually. Secretary Knox holds that the same concession should be extended to American producers.

In making this demand he is actuated by a desire to provide another market for the beef trust for the cattle raisers. It is doubtful, however, if they could take advantage of any concession Germany might have in view of the high price of meat in this country and the demand here for cattle products.

REALIZE PUBLIC SENTIMENT.

The president and the other officials of the administration realize that public sentiment might resent the application of an increased duty of 25 percent upon German imports, which would be apt to lead to further increase in prices, and for this reason they are disposed to be as conciliatory as possible.

In the note sent to Berlin last Saturday they made clear that this country, if it did not receive the cattle concession, must have a "compensatory concession." Upon this ground it is not improbable that a settlement can be effected. There is some talk of dispatching a commission to Berlin to talk over the situation, but if this is done it will not be until after the issuance by Germany of a decree extending the life of the present reciprocity treaty, which will terminate on Feb. 7, as the result of American denunciation.

Instead of seeking markets for American cattle members of congress say that in view of the increased cost of living foreign cattle should be permitted free entrance into the United States. Representative Garner of Pennsylvania today introduced a bill in the house repealing the duty on all cattle intended for use as food. There is no likelihood that any action will be taken upon this measure.

COMMERCIAL BODIES APPEAL.

Appeals from the chambers of commerce and boards of trade of several cities were made to the national board of trade. In session here today, urging that body to recommend to the government that the state department recede from its position that American beef and cattle must be admitted to Germany if the trade between the two nations, representing \$230,000,000 a year to American business houses, is not to be endangered.

Resolutions presented to the national body maintain there can be no advantage in insisting on a German market for American beef, because the home consumption is increasing at such a rate as to soon command all the supply, and in support of this it is cited that American cattle exports have decreased by the millions.

It is pointed out that the Agrarian party, in control of the reichstag, has stood for the principle that the farmers of Germany must supply its beef and that the imperial government could not admit the American product if it would.

A committee to settle the dispute is suggested, and President LaRoche of the national board of trade, sounding the note of alarm in his annual address, spoke of the condition as most grave—in fact, threatening a great portion of the mercantile interests of the United States.

PRICES TAKE UPWARD SHOOT

Furious Stock Buying More Hasty Than Unloading Tuesday.

New York, Jan. 26.—Furious buying of stocks at the opening today caused volatile uptick of prices in all quarters. The rush to buy was even more hasty and indiscriminate than the selling to unload yesterday.

SHORTS EAGER TO CLOSE.

The eagerness of uncovered shorts to close their contracts was an important element of the movement in prices. The attractive profits shown caused realizing late and many of the leading stocks reacted a point. Speculation then became quieter.

ASQUITH IS RE-ELECTED

Result of English Election Is No Longer In Doubt.

London, Jan. 26.—Thirty results out of 38 left over from yesterday's elections gave the Unionists four gains; and the Liberals two.

Premier Asquith and Richard B. Haldane are re-elected.

Following the election of Asquith the premier was mobbed by militant suffragettes. Asquith was conveyed to a place of safety by police.

ELIMINATED FROM THE RECORD

Charges of Lobbying Against Taft and Roosevelt.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Charges by Delegate Wickersham before the senate committee that President Taft and former President Roosevelt had maintained in Washington an Alaskan lobby in the persons of former Governor Hogatt and Major Richardson, an army officer who was at the head of the Alaskan road commission, were denounced by Chairman Beveridge of the committee.

The committee then decided to eliminate that portion of the delegate's testimony from the record.

Wickersham had charged that certain legislation furthered by Richardson and Hogatt was in the interest of the Guggenheims, and that the president and former president were responsible for their presence in Washington as lobbyists for the measure.

BAD BLIZZARD WORKS THIS WAY

Minneapolis, Jan. 26.—Railroads advise that the blizzard which started in Montana yesterday is a very severe one and is working this way. They say it was within 100 miles of Minneapolis this morning.

WHERE ARE MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN?

Litchfield, Jan. 26.—The village of Irving, in the eastern part of this county, is much wrought up over the whereabouts of Mrs. Theodosia Arnold and her two children. Mrs. Arnold and her two children left Stockton, Cal., on Sept. 15 last, to come to Irving to spend the winter with relatives. They have never arrived and their relatives are greatly alarmed over their safety.

Relatives in Irving are following every clue possible. Oliver Lipe of this place has just returned from Chicago and Streator, Ill., where he went to run down a report that they had been seen in Streator. Investigation, however, failed to disclose their whereabouts.

MILLIONAIRE AND THREE ARE FREE.

Federal Judge Discharges Those Accused of Land Frauds.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 26.—Four defendants in what is known as the Routt county land fraud case have been dismissed by Federal Judge Triebel. They are Lewis M. Ramsey, a millionaire; Charles H. Dodge, Charles Haberback and Gus Haberback, all of St. Louis. F. W. Kettel and Franklin F. Fay, the latter of St. Louis, were held for further trial. Judge Triebel held that no case had been made against the four who had been charged with obtaining valuable coal lands in Routt county, Colorado, by means of dummy entrymen.

GET MORE OR STRIKE

Leaders of Miners Say Every District Must Advance Wages.

Indianapolis, Jan. 26.—General strike of miners of the bituminous coal fields of the United States and Canada will be called if mine operators of all or any districts refuse to sign contracts granting an increase in wages, according to declarations of many leaders of the convention today.

LEWIS AGAIN REVERSED.

A roll call of the convention of the United Mine Workers on whether or not the delegates from nine local unions of central Pennsylvania shall be seated resulted:

Against 1,327
For 1,099

The majority reversed Lewis and in this result is the second defeat of his administration in this convention.

GLAVIS TELLS COMMISSION

Ballinger - Pinchot Inquiry Starts: Meet Twice Each Week.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The Ballinger-Pinchot congressional committee of inquiry met this afternoon. Lewis R. Glavis, the dismissed field agent, who preferred the charges against Secretary Ballinger, was the first witness.

It is reported that following today's session the committee would meet for the present on Fridays and Saturdays, in order to give the senators and representatives time to attend to their legislative duties.

SNOW IN BEEF TRUST QUIZ

Secretary - Treasurer of Packing Company Before the Grand Jury.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—The federal grand jury today began an investigation of the methods of the alleged "beef trust." The first witness was C. C. Snow, secretary-treasurer of the National Packing company.

WITNESSES CALLED.

About thirty subpoenas were served in the office of the National Packing company, the Armour, Swifts and Morris company today.

It is said the summons were served on prominent officials.

CHERRY MINE WILL BE OPENED MONDAY

La Salle, Jan. 26.—After an examination by state mine inspectors yesterday it was announced that the St. Paul mine at Cherry probably will be opened Monday, to allow the recovery of 210 bodies remaining under ground. The temperature, air pressure and gas mixtures were tested.

Richard Newsum, president of the state mining board, will direct the opening.

CONTROL COPPER OF UNITED STATES

New York, Jan. 26.—Announcement bearing upon the merger of the Butte copper properties is expected this afternoon by the Anaconda company. It is now expected that the Butte and Guggenheim copper interests will consolidate, and thus control the copper output of the United States.

WHIT SLAVE BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

Washington, Jan. 26.—The Mann "white slave" bill has passed the house.

DENEEN ON WATERWAYS

Says Insidious Influences Are Trying to Defeat the Will of the People.

Springfield, Jan. 26.—Governor Deneen today sent a special message to the legislature, declaring there are certain insidious influences at work seeking to nullify the expressed will of the people as to the construction of the lakes-to-the-gulf deep waterway.

He takes up objections to the proposed plan and says it is plain that the only interests which can profit by laying the project are individuals and corporations, who hope to avail themselves of the vast water power which has been created by diverting the waters of Lake Michigan into the Chicago river, the sanitary district channel, the Des Plaines the Illinois and the Mississippi by public expenditure which, when completed, will reach \$80,000,000.

PRICE INVESTIGATION.

A resolution was introduced in the house by ApMaddox which provides for an investigation by the legislature of the causes of the present high prices of the necessities of life.

JUST ENOUGH VOTES TO PASS PRIMARY BILL

Henson Voted Favorably To the Proposition.

Springfield, Jan. 26.—There were but two votes to spare in the passing of the senate committee primary bill, carrying the Gibson, "blanket" amendment, by the senate yesterday morning. In explaining his vote on the bill Senator Jones, who has been looking after the interests of the administration as far as primary legislation is concerned, made this amusing declaration:

"If the bill becomes a law it will change the complexion of this legislature, and primary legislation will be a direct issue at the next election, with the result that voters will have the opportunity to eliminate from the political world a few 'stagnant' senators, and in this way be an unmitigated blessing to the state of Illinois."

THEIR MOTIVES.

Admittedly, supporters of the measure were actuated by three distinct impulses. Democrats insisted in its passage with the idea that they were "put over something" on the majority. One lone pro-primary Republican—Senator Hay of Springfield—voted for the measure with the professed hope that it will be straightened up in the house. The remainder of the legislators voted with the idea that they were "put over something" on the majority.

HOW THEY VOTED.

Following is the record of the lawmakers on the roll call.

Ayer—Bailey—Bal—Barr—Bredt—Brown—Carr—Carruth—Curtis—DeLoach—Downing—Hay—Henson—Humphrey—Lish—McCormick—McLain—Potter—Republicans—Burton—Gibson—Glasgow—Gorman—Hearn—Holtslaw—Isley—Jandus—Rainey—Tossey—and Wasmak—Democrats—Total, 25.

Nays—Armstrong—Blinn—Dallie—Dunlap—Ellison—Hamilton—Helm—Hurlburg—Jones—Juul—Landes—McKenzie—Schmidt—all Republicans.

Not voting or absent—Baker, Funk, Gardner, Hall, Lundberg, Olson, Pemberton, Stewart, Republicans; Broderick, Mann, Democrats.

No oratory accompanied the passage of this measure.

Two Bills Reported.

Springfield, Jan. 26.—The house appropriations committee yesterday reported a bill appropriating \$10,000 for the relief of the Cherry disaster sufferers; also a bill for the appointment of an employers' liability commission of seven members.

"GRAM" AND "FLUNK" ARE COMMON WORDS.

J. M. U. Students Busy With Final Examinations for Semester.

These are the days of reckoning for the students at the James Millikin university. On the showings they make in the examinations which are in progress the relief of whether or not they receive their studies for the past semester. The words "gram" and "flunk" are the most common in the students' vocabulary at the present time.

There will be no further chapel gatherings until the opening of the second semester next Tuesday morning.

PROHIBITIONISTS FORM THEIR CLUB.

Object is to Promote Material Welfare of Decatur.

Prohibitionists of Decatur met in Suffern Hall Tuesday night and organized a Prohibition Municipal association the purpose of which is to promote the moral and material welfare of Decatur and Macon county and to extend the principles of the Prohibition party in dealing with public questions.

Officers were elected as follows:

President—George R. Hansel.
Vice President—J. C. Swinney.
Treasurer—Harry W. McRose.

ELECTION LATE.

Election of other officers and appointments will be made at another meeting. There was much talk of putting a ticket in the field at the coming election, although no formal action was taken.

M. C. Harper of Chicago was present and spoke on the party, its work and what it stood for.

\$200,000,000 LOSS IN FRENCH FLOOD

Miles of Streets Caving and Buildings Collapsing.

Paris, Jan. 26.—Premier Briand and the minister of Finance today estimated that the flood loss will reach \$200,000,000.

STILL IT RISES.

The Seine continues to rise, and the situation is worse hourly. Rain, snow and hail are falling everywhere and the coasts are stormbound. Ships are seeking refuge.

NOBLE FIGHT.

France is giving a fine exhibition of the pluck and solidarity of a people united to solve the relief problem.

RICH SUFFER, TOO.

The rich as well as the poor are beginning to suffer, because of lack of light and heat.

PRICES SOARING.

Prices are soaring. Two bakers were thrown into the Seine for doubling the price of bread. Details from the flooded districts of the provinces are harrowing.

HUNDREDS PERISH.

Hundreds of persons perished in the

Valley of the Doubs.

The floods throughout France have reached the dimensions of a great national calamity.

GREAT SECTIONS FLOODED.

Great sections of the French capital are under water, and six square miles of the Bois de Boulogne are submerged.

The waters inundated the Palais Bourbon, the foreign office and scores of historic monuments along each side of the river.

CABINET IN SESSION.

A special meeting of the cabinet was held today to consider means to cope with the situation. Military forces have been summoned from all parts of the country.

STREETS CAVE IN.

In the Rue Royale, a famous church edifice is sinking. Several streets and boulevards have begun to cave in.

The owners of row boats demand fabulous prices to remove furniture and valuables to safety.

DR. GALLOWAY TO TEACH AT NORMAL

Will Have Charge of Zool- ogy Classes in Summer School.

Dr. T. W. Galloway of the James Millikin university has accepted a position as a member of the faculty of the summer school at Normal. He will have full charge of the zoological work there and aside from this will deliver a general educational lecture each week while he is there.

The position is a good one, embracing pleasant work and President Feinley was anxious to obtain Dr. Galloway's services for the whole term of three months but he was only successful in getting him for six weeks.

BIG SCHOOL CERTAIN.

The summer school there is expected to be the largest one in its history and one of the largest in the United States, between 1500 and 1800 students having signed up for the course. The number of instructors has been increased from 42 to 60 and all are high class men.

RESPONSIBLE JOB FOR C. R. OVERLY.

Union Iron Works Man Head of St. Louis Branch.

C. R. Overly, who has been in the employ of the Union Iron Works for three years, has resigned his position to take charge of the St. Louis branch of the Birdsell Wagon company of South Bend.

Mr. Overly's new position is a considerable advancement for him. He was first manager of the Peoria branch of the Union Iron Works. He was brought to Decatur by the firm in November. Now he goes to take a more important and responsible position in St. Louis. He and his wife will retain Decatur as their residence for some time yet.

DIVISION ONLY; NO RECONCILIATION.

Hutchison Satisfied With Household Article He Has Now.

Before the case of Attorney David Hutchison against the estate of Mrs. Ella Hutchison was dismissed an agreement was reached between Mr. Hutchison and his daughter. Under this agreement Mr. Hutchison is given the picture of the monks, a bureau, a wash stand, a center table, and the encyclopedia Britannica. There is no reconciliation between father and daughter.

DIED IN WORK IN A CAISSON.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Death from black damp and natural gas ninety feet below the surface was the fate today of two workmen who had been lowered in a bucket to the bottom of a caisson.

In a fruitless effort to rescue the victims, two firemen were overcome by gas, but they revived.

MARRIED.

JOHNSON-ARTHUR.

Cecile Arthur of Bement and Fred Johnson of Monticello were married at noon Wednesday by Judge Hill in the county court room.

BRADEN-ANDERSON.

Joseph F. Braden and Flossie L. Anderson, both of this city, were married by Rev. J. F. Mills of the First Baptist church in the church office this morning. Only a few relatives and friends were in attendance. The couple will move to a farm near Litchfield.

LIFE'S LIGHTER HOURS

Eighteen at Social.

The Ladies Aid society of Sargent's chapel gave a social for Mrs. Nash Tuesday evening. The affair was very enjoyable. About eighteen were present. A short song and prayer service was held.

MRS. M. McMAHON DIES AT HER HOME

She Was Born In Decatur Fifty-one Years Ago Tuesday.

Mrs. Michael McMahon died at her home, 723 East Cerro Verde street, at 5:45 o'clock Wednesday morning. Death was caused by a complication of diseases Mrs. McMahon had been ill for some six weeks past, but her illness was not thought serious until Wednesday when she began to sink rapidly.

Mrs. McMahon was just 1 year of age Tuesday, having been born on Jan. 25, 1859. Her birthplace was Decatur. She was married to Mr. McMahon Dec. 26, 1876. To this union seven children were born, of whom three, Loretto, Eunice and sister Mary Francisco of the Dominican convent, survive her. She also leaves her husband and one sister, Mrs. F. W. Donahue of this city.

Funeral arrangements have not been made, save that the funeral will be held from St. Patrick's church, of which she was a member.

TEN VETERINARIANS AT STATE MEETING

Members Slow To Arrive But Program Proceeds.

Veterinarians of the state expecting to attend the annual convention which opened at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the auditorium of Dr. S. H. Swain on South Franklin street were a little late in arriving and the opening found but ten members present. Others were expected to arrive during the early part of the afternoon.

Those who were present at 1 o'clock were:

R. Cummins, Ross Hill, C. E. Conover, Macon, Wilburn Smith, Findlay, C. A. Hurlbutt, Stoughton, S. D. Brown, Assumption, W. C. Haines, Stanford, V. C. Dawson, Lovington, F. C. Bliss, Earlville, W. A. Swain, Mt. Pleasant, S. H. Swain, Decatur.

Some time was spent in preliminary business after which the program proper was taken up and carried out with the exception of two or three numbers which had to be postponed owing to the absence of the speaker.

MEXICAN U. S. BANK FAILS.

Mexico, Jan. 26.—The United States Banking company suspended today following the failure to make a clearing house settlement of yesterday's business.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Weather forecast for the next thirty-six hours:

Generally fair tonight and Thursday, except threatening in the north tonight; colder.

Weather Map.

Canadian Northwest—Partly cloudy, 10 to 20 above. Local snow.

Northwest—Partly cloudy, 20 to 25 above.

West and Southwest—Partly cloudy, 30 to 35 above. Rain or snow.

Ohio Valley—Generally cloudy, 30 to 35 above.

Local Observations.

The following is the range of temperature as recorded by Prof. J. H. Coomrad, United States weather observer.

7 a. m.	45
Noon	48
Highest	41
Lowest	36
Sun rise (Standard time)	7:07
Sun sets	5:00