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Our National Capital

Events of Interest from the Seat of Government by the
News-Special Correspondent, J. E. Jones

Strange Days in the Capital

Washington, D. C., Mar. 3.—The men of the Government, in and out of Congress, have been discussing the probability of war as coolly as though the matter concerned the manner of putting in the spring crops. There are plenty of opinions about the course that should be followed, but the air rings with echoes of movements looking toward preparations for war. As might be expected there are those who would plunge headlong into the gravest situations, while a larger number have been using every effort to keep the United States entirely out of the European conflict. Peace has been having a veritable boom, and Senator La Follette makes the statement that the issue was put squarely before the people of Wisconsin in the recent election, where, it is believed, ninety-nine per cent. of the people are against war.

The Holiday Attire

While grewsome probabilities of war have loomed high, the Capital City has put on its prettiest trappings; and the "oldest inhabitant" cannot recall so much magnificence as was shown in the preliminary preparations for the inaugural. The stands at the Capitol, the regular rows of pillars and columns along the Avenue, and the Court of Honor leading past the White House reviewing stand, far surpassed anything in previous years.

Four years ago thousands of Democrats came here from every part of the country to celebrate the victory of the party; and many of them also looked over the political jobs that were to be distributed. Their bright expectant faces were missed this year, for the joys of "four years more" could not be compared to the exhilaration incident to "turning the rascals out," and alas, and alack—the jobs were gone. So many of the patriots remained at home.

The Sweep of Prohibition

The National Capital has been voted "dry." Towards the last there was a good deal of talk about a referendum on the question, but Congress regarded such a course as dilatory. This attitude was perhaps influenced largely by the fact that Washington people have made it quite clear that they were ready to have the saloon go. There is perhaps less drinking in Washington than in most cities of 350,000; but the psychological effect of the National Capital going dry is looked upon as prohibition's greatest victory. There are some features of the bill that have been drafted in such a way as to leave the diplomats and other representatives of foreign countries unrestricted in the manner of conducting the social affairs of their establishments; but these matters are unimportant as affecting the general situation. Prohibition is to be a reality in Washington next fall, when the existing liquor licenses expire.

Food Riots

Any industrial condition that makes for food riots, is necessarily of first importance at Washington. The President has already acted and has ordered an investigation of food conditions, and it is proceeding under the joint direction of the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice. While the great prosperity of the country has been fairly advertised, a real analysis of it, seems to indicate that it is confined entirely to certain industries. Prosperity has been running wild among manufacturers,

and in the financial centers; the middle classes, as a rule, have suffered great hardships, and even with meagre increases in their wages they have found difficulty in purchasing the simple necessities of life. Any legitimate advance in price will occasion no protest from the Federal Government; but fictitious advances, such as have taken place in the prices of many articles of food, are liable to bring trouble to the "house of the manipulation." The other day a Washington housewife went to market for a dozen eggs and a pound of butter. She had a dollar bill and the two purchases took all her money. Potatoes have jumped into the luxury class and most articles of food along down the line may be enumerated in like manner.

"Readjustment" Ahead of Schedule Time

There seems to be a feeling that there is a reasonable cause for the advance in the cost of meats. For many years the meat supply has been rapidly decreasing, and even before the war the most serious apprehension was expressed in governmental and state reports, because the situation has been growing worse from year to year. Since the war, the exports of meat have been tremendous; the supplies that heretofore reached us from Central and South America, have been largely devoted to the use of the allied armies. The readjustment of industrial conditions, which people have dreaded "after the war" has evidently arrived considerably ahead of time; and local officials everywhere are unprepared to meet the problems confronting them.

The Government as usual, has been slow to recognize the critical periods, which the people have had to face, and most of the remedies must be gradually worked out to meet emergencies.

Food riots are recognized to be a near approach to revolution. The stories that come from New York are of the gravest nature; and the facts indicate that prices all over the country have risen to such a point that thousands of people have been unable to buy adequate supplies of provisions. Unfortunately, the anger of the crowds is being visited upon the retailers, who usually are the least to blame in the prices boosting process. The manipulators, among whom may be the wholesaler and middleman, are usually more or less responsible, escape without injury.

Indians Enjoy High Life

It has often been demonstrated that there is nothing which society will not attempt in order to amuse itself. The stories which have come from Newport and Palm Beach have often caused the public at large to wonder whether society has not, actually gone crazy.

However, it cannot be said that the recent ball, given by the Riding and Hunt Club of Washington had any objectionable features. It was thoroughly unique. One of the "big" features was pulled off by a party of real Indians, among whom were a chief of the Flat Head Tribe, a chief of the Moosie Indians, a chief of the Sioux, and a number of "sure enough" Indians from other tribes. These Indians were rounded up at the Capital for the occasion, and brought to the Willard in the finest limousines that roll on wheels. There, in one of the most magnificent dining rooms to be found at any American hotel, the chiefs and their followers gave real war dances, and produced a pageant depicting "Daniel Boone and the American Indians." Among the members of the Club

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Suffrage Department

CONDUCTED BY
Mrs. Anna Cadogan Eitz
Upstate Woman Suffrage Press

The month of February proved a banner month to the cause of suffrage giving as it did presidential suffrage in Ohio, presidential and municipal and county suffrage in Indiana, and all provincial suffrage to the women of Ontario, Canada.

In Arkansas the fate of candidates is decided at the primaries as a nomination on the Democratic ticket is said to be equivalent to election. So when the other day the lower house passed a bill which gave women the right to vote at primaries, the suffragists celebrated with all the gusto they would have shown if the bill had been a full suffrage measure.

Since writing the above bill has passed and been signed by the governor.

The women of the Danish West Indies are not yet divested of their right to vote, as the result of living under the American flag. The House of Representatives has passed a bill to continue temporarily the present government and so the women will still have the right to vote which they acquired under the sovereignty of Denmark.

"Bills have been passed here for the benefit of sheep and cattle, crabs and fish," said the only woman member of the Oregon Assembly. "and we have legislated on almost all other animals, including coyotes, gophers, moles and jack-rabbits, so let us pass this bill for the benefit of our boys and girls." The result of her plea was the almost unanimous passage of her bill to increase the rural school year from six months to eight.

"Old women who had not left the house for weeks hobbled along to vote; shop girls hurried to the polls to get back to work; elegant ladies in furs walked beside servant maids. Some tried to look indifferent; others wore an embarrassed smile; others had a gleam in their eyes which made one feel that it was a great day in their lives." Such was the description of an eye witness recorded in Jus Suffragii of the first election in Denmark at which women used their new right of equal franchise.

A committee of leading business men canvassed the city of Hornell and found, so ran the press report, "a strong sentiment in favor of giving to every citizen the right to vote his convictions upon this as well as all other questions concerning public welfare." So they chartered a Pullman car and arranged to go to Albany in the interest of the local option bill for cities.

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