

RACE PROBLEM BOTHERS ENGLAND

Fret of Government and Ravings of Editors Do Not Solve It.

THE NEWSPAPERS AWAKEN

NOW BEGINNING TO COMMENT ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN UNITED STATES—TAFT CONSIDERED AN EXCELLENT MAN.

London, Dec. 5.—The race problem in the United States always has been viewed by Englishmen with good-natured superciliousness. They didn't take it seriously at all, putting down the considerable agitation over it to an American habit of exaggeration. But now that Britain has a race problem of her own, she talks about it all day and dreams of it at night.

The most pessimistic American never predicted that the race problem would wreck the American Republic. The prediction is heard every day over here that the future of the Empire is endangered by the British race problem; or rather, race problems, for there is not one but several. There is one race problem in India, another in South Africa and still a third in Australia and New Zealand. The Indian problem is the worst because it is just now most acute. Its ramifications extend to the most exclusive London drawing rooms. East Indian students of rank who have come to England to complete their educations complain that they are not shown social consideration, are not treated as equals by persons in England whose rank is no higher than their own. The government recognizes this is true, but realizes its helplessness. Several of the "high brow" newspapers have taken the matter up and are urging British gentlemen to avoid social discrimination. There is no reason to regard a man as a social inferior, they declare merely because his skin is several degrees darker than yours.

But fret as the government may and preach as may the editors, the age-old fact of racial antagonism is there and it is not going to be effaced by any such thing as political consideration.

And the Indian student in England is setting about to force social equality in very much the same way the American negro who demands social equality has done—by showing his unworthiness of it. At a recent meeting at which Indian students were specially invited guests they "booed" and hissed the king's name, and instances have not been lacking of late in which they English ladies.

Australia has been lectured and South Africa scolded because they are not willing to admit East Indians and other Orientals on terms of equality with the white man. And the very great folks who are doing the lecturing and the scolding have been arousing undying hatred in the breasts of Indian students by treating them as social inferiors. It is the ignorant coolie Australia and South Africa insists upon barring. It is the best culture and refinement of India that the London smart set has offended, many of them capable of tracing their ancestry back to the days when England was a vassal of Rome. The governing class of England is amazed that the colonists should insist on keeping out the riff-raff of India, but hold back their skirts for fear of contaminating contact with the best India has to offer in the way of culture and refinement. They are very willing to send the "thin red line" to the outposts of the empire to bear the white man's burden, but they don't want the burden packed home to their London drawing rooms.

The British press showed a great deal of interest in the recent presidential election in the United States and gave almost as much space to it as the did to the woman's suffrage movement, though, of course, the American campaign could not be allowed to crowd out the essays or "letters to the editor." After the cable told that Mr. Taft had been elected the subject was allowed to drop while the editors mulled the matter over in their minds. Just lately they have been coming forth with their serious editorial comment.

On the whole there is evident appreciation of the result, but through the "leaders" there runs a minor note of surprise that the Americans showed themselves capable of selecting so excellent a man as their chief magistrate. Try as they may, British editors are not quite equal to concealing their amazement that each presidential election doesn't smash the American republic to smithereens. They see revolutions following presidential elections in the little Latin republics, and they are unable to see how the United States escapes them.

They have just discovered a fresh peril in the fact that President Roosevelt took a very active interest in the selection of his successor. It is all right this time they agree, because Mr. Taft is such an excellent man, but they hope for the sake of the United States about whose capacity for self-government they are solicitous, that the precedent will not be followed by future executives; and on this subject quite a number of preachments have been uttered in that patronizing, fatherly tone the British press habitually assumes when discussing American domestic affairs.

Had the rough house methods which English women adopted in their campaign for the elective franchise been resorted to by American women engaged in any like crusade, British horror would have boundless and illimitable. And it must be confessed, Eng-

lishmen were shocked at the conduct of their own women folk. So grieved, in fact that they deemed it necessary to send several of the worst offending suffragettes to jail.

No English editor has dared make unfavorable comparison with the gentler methods pursued by women seekers of the ballot in the United States, but it must be confessed there has been generous praise of the firm stand American statesmen have taken on the subject, as compared to the vacillating, week-kneed policy of the present British ministry. In fact, opposition press lays the whole blame for what it terms a blemish on English womanhood at the door of Mr. Asquith and his advisers, who, instead of coming out boldly and telling the women no, avoided them and the issue by using the back door for their goings and their comings.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, whose will has recently been probated though the late premier died in April, left an estate valued at something over a quarter million of dollars. The figures prove something or a surprise to those who knew something of the late statesman's affairs, as it was believed his wealth was several times the amount disclosed. This estimate of his wealth was undoubtedly based on the scale of his expenditures, and the explanation is that after attaining political leadership, he not only lived up his income, but made serious inroads on the principal of his fortune in order to meet his social and political obligations. Although Sir Henry could not be said to have been impoverished, it must be remembered that the period of his leadership was comparatively brief. The instance furnished another proof, however, that it is much more impossible for a poor man to attain political eminence in Great Britain than in the United States. Until Sir Henry came into office with the liberal victory of three years ago his public services had been mainly rendered without compensation and his expenses were enormous.

In all probability before the present session of parliament ends capital punishment of women in cases of child murder will have been abolished. It is proposed to amend the law so that in cases where mothers murder children under one year old imprisonment for life may be imposed instead of the death penalty. This proposed change is not because the death penalty clause of the present law has long been a dead letter. Women child murderers are sentenced to death, but public sentiment forbids their execution. Your Englishman is a great stickler for the letter of the law. If women are not to be hanged for child murder, he argues, the law should not provide that as the only penalty the trial judge may pronounce.

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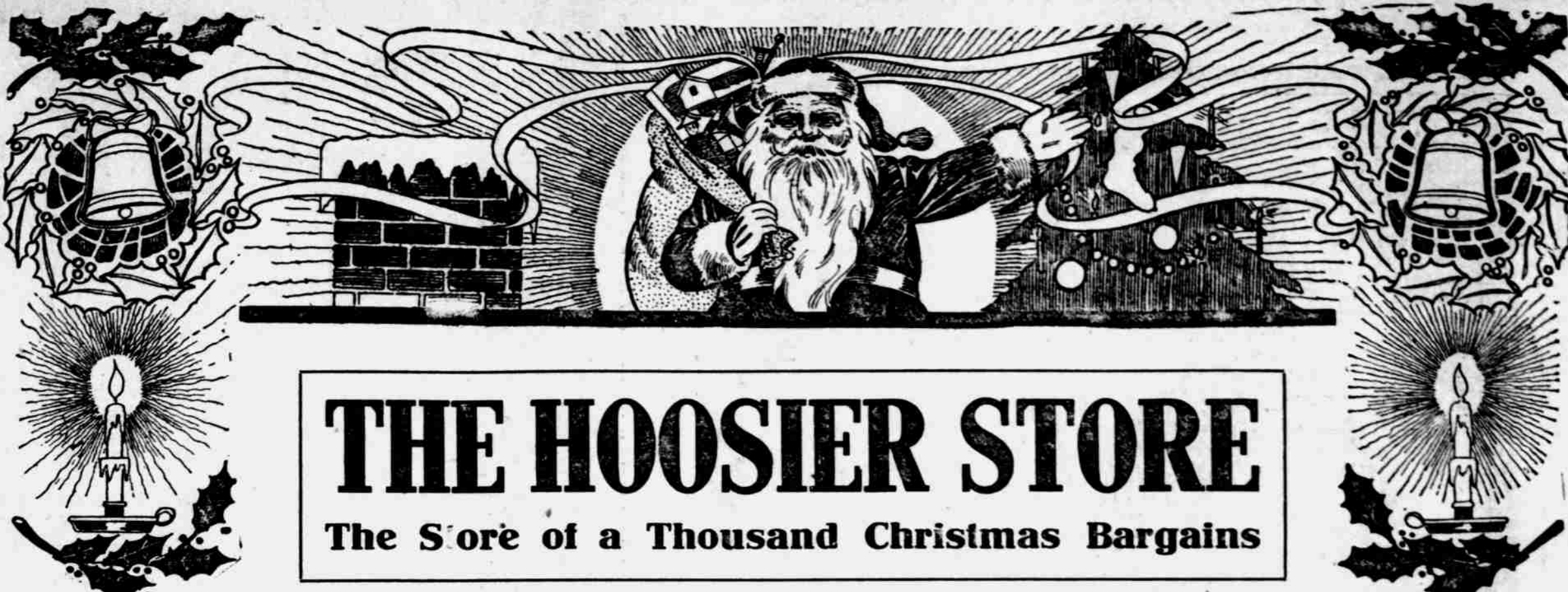
WILL CONTROL ALL

Pine Timber Practically Monopolized by Weyerhaeuser—Hines Syndicate.

GREAT SYSTEM DISCLOSED

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 5.—Latest information on the \$20,000,000 combine which was effected by the "lumber trust," in this city recently, goes to show that the syndicate will practically control the entire supply of white pine timber now available in the United States. The original estimate of three billion board feet as the amount of timber affected by the combine has been materially increased, and four billion feet is probably nearer the real figure, or 10 per cent of the annual cut of the country. While the principals in the consolidation have refused to discuss details, the fact that the "lumber trust" has for the first time abandoned its methods of secrecy and come out into the open is considered an indication that the handful of big lumbermen who have controlled the industry in this country for a number of years past, have decided that they are now secure enough in that control to disregard public opinion and to cease to work as hitherto through subterranean channels and silent partnerships. The Edward Hines Lumber company, which will operate the new syndicate, is known to have the backing of Frederick Weyerhaeuser, the man whose fertile brain is credited with having evolved the entire present system of lumber firms, the interrelationship of which has been so involved and so little known that they have escaped to date any effective anti-trust prosecution such as has fallen to the lot of most of the other big industrial combinations. The timber of the new Weyerhaeuser-Hines syndicate is situated for the most part in St. Louis and counties in Minnesota and in Western Ontario. There is enough timber, it is estimated, to make 150,000 houses and to employ 100,000 men part of each year for 40 years, the time which it will take before it is all cut.

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WISE CAMPAIGN PLANNED

CENSUS WILL BE TAKEN—DESTRUCTION OF BIRDS THREATENS THE GENERAL CROPS OF THE COUNTRY.

New York, Dec. 5.—To save the crops, woods and waters of America for future Americans by preserving the birds, without whose services few growing things will survive on this continent, is the object of a special campaign that was begun today in this city. At the request of the leaders of the movement at Washington, the National Association of Audubon societies has enlisted in the general conservation crusade, with all its working forces that have for years labored to this end. As a first step to show the rapid decline in the feathered resources of the nation a census of the game and forest birds of the entire country has been projected by the association.

Five of the leading ornithologists and workers in the Audubon association were today selected as a committee to represent the important interests of bird protection in co-operation with the other elements in the national conservation organization. With William Dutcher, president of the National association of Audubon Societies, there will serve on this committee Edward Howe Forbush, who is in charge of the association's New England department, T. Gilbert Pearson, the head of its offices in the South, Frank M. Chapman, a leader in Audubon field work and Dr. T. S. Palmer, who is prominent in the government biological survey, the department of Agriculture as well as an active member of the association. With the assistance of the authorities at Washington this committee hopes to soon be ready to show the people of the United States some striking evidences of the effect of bird butchery upon their chief resources.

Census to Be Taken.

To take a complete census of the game and forest birds over every square mile of every section of the country is regarded here as one of the hardest tasks which the Audubon

workers have ever undertaken in their long history of labors to preserve the national bird life. Thousands of detailed question blanks are to be sent to representatives and friends of the association the country over, as well as to every known warden, ornithologist and official who is in touch with local conditions. On the expert observations of this small army of bird lovers and experts a comparative census will

be based, which the Audubon officials feel sure will show an appalling decrease in nature's feathered forces that insure life to all crops and trees.

"When we have proven in this way the tremendous and growing destruction of bird life, which is now seriously threatening the crops and general material welfare of every American, we believe the whole country will come to support our work," said William

Dutcher, president of the National Association of Audubon societies at its headquarters, 141 Broadway, today.

"It is high time that the people of this country were made to realize the prime economic importance of our efforts to protect the nation's bird resources. This, I feel sure, the proposed census will accomplish. Beyond the share in the conservation movement which we have undertaken, we shall continue

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