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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

Flood Control
WM. HALE THOMPSON
MAYOR

December 12, 1930.

Hon. Clyde H. Reed,
Topeka, Kansas.

Your Excellency:

The Chicago Flood Control Conference will meet in the Gold Room of the Congress Hotel, Chicago, January 12th to 15th, inclusive, for the purposes explained in enclosure.

I will deeply appreciate your appointing 25 delegates from your State and sending me their names and addresses as early as possible, so that I may promptly extend to them an official invitation.

The Committee in charge invites you to address the Conference upon such subjects as may be pertinent to the interests of your State, which we may be able to assist in the enactment of Federal laws for the benefit of your people and the people of the Mississippi Valley. An advance copy of your speech for newspaper publicity will be helpful, if we may receive the same a few days before your arrival.

We will be glad to assist in the securing of such rooms as you may desire at the Congress Hotel, if you will notify us before the hotel is filled.

The Chicago Conference was helpful in securing for the Mississippi Valley the \$340,000,000.00 Federal Appropriation to help prevent damage by recurring floods. When I was assisting in the last campaign for this legislation, many of my Western friends felt that floods should be prevented by reservoiring the water at the sources of the Mississippi and its tributaries, which reservoired water would be helpful for irrigation and bring into production many millions of acres of land and through this use of the water through the Summer months would be helpful in maintaining a better stage of water in the Mississippi in the latter part of the Summer for navigable purposes. I could not meet their requests in the last campaign because I was limited to an appropriation bill of \$300,000,000.00, and the Engineers' Report on the reservoir plan stated that this plan would require an appropriation of one billion dollars, so we had to content ourselves with the \$340,000,000 appropriation which would protect the people of the Lower Valley against recurring floods.

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I believe the time is now ripe to carry out the larger plan, and I am pleased to report that the Chairman of the Flood Control Committee of the House of Representatives, Congressman Frank R. Reid, heartily approves and is willing to assist the reservoir idea, and with his able support, which was the real power in the passing of the last bill, I feel confident that our chances for success with the new bill are even greater than our opportunities were in our last efforts.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

Mayor.



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IN REFERENCE TO THE CHICAGO FLOOD CONTROL CONFERENCE

CHICAGO, JANUARY 12TH TO 15TH, INCLUSIVE.

In calling a meeting of the Chicago Flood Control Conference to be held at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, from January 12th to 15th, I desire to recall to the public mind the following: This organization had much to do with securing the appropriation of \$340,000,000 for Mississippi Flood Control shortly after the last great disaster in the Valley. I regret to say that this appropriation has not been spent as rapidly as the Act of Congress permits, and it is my belief that the newly elected Congressmen and Senators, if properly encouraged, may be able to get the necessary action which will require the administration at Washington to carry out the provisions of the Flood Control Bill and the pledges and promises of President Hoover. Encouragement in this employment crisis comes from the position taken by United States Senator Nye of North Dakota - - that the strings can be cut through an amendment to the Bill so that this entire appropriation can be expended next year.

Preliminary to our endeavor to secure the passage of this Bill, I was informed by Congressman Martin B. Madden, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives that President Calvin Coolidge desired the expenditures in the Bill not to exceed \$300,000,000.

Many of my Western friends proposed the very practical plan of reservoiring the Spring run-off in the arid country, at the head waters of the Mississippi. This not only would be a guarantee against floods, but would make possible the irrigation of many millions of acres of arid land through the use of the water during the Summer months. Much of the water so held back would find its way into the river and create a head of water during the low stages in the Summer and greatly assist in the transporting of freight by barges at a price per ton that will make it possible to lay the products and manufactured goods of the Valley on the docks of the seaports of the world at \$7.00 per ton transportation. Such waterway development, in my opinion, would more than double the prosperity of the Mississippi Valley.

The reservoir system plan, according to the Army Engineers' estimates, would cost \$500,000,000 more than the last Bill provided for. Although I was strongly in favor of this plan, personally, I had to adopt the policy suggested by the Army Engineers which provided for the protection of the people of the lower Valley against recurring floods at a sum more nearly in accordance with the views of President Coolidge.

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Congressman Frank R. Reid, Chairman of the Flood Control Committee of the House of Representatives, is cooperating with us and will be an important figure in the coming Chicago Conference. I have talked the matter over carefully with him and he is in hearty accord with the reservoir plan, and I feel confident that our chances for securing favorable action in the House and Senate are very good.

At the last Flood Control Conference, more than 10,000 representatives from the Valley registered and it is my hope that we will have a larger representation in Chicago at the January Conference.

(signed) Mayor Wm. Hale Thompson
of Chicago,
Chairman of the Chicago
Flood Control Conference.

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December 23, 1930

Mr. Geo. S. Knapp,
Chief Engineer
Division of Water Resources,
B U I L D I N G.

Dear Mr. Knapp:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of December 18 relative to Honorable Wm. Hale Thompson's proposal to call a flood control conference to meet in Chicago on January 12.

Governor Reed appreciates very much your suggestions relative to the merits of this proposed conference.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor



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December 23, 1930

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Dr. B. F. Slusher,
220 W. 12th,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dr. Slusher:

This is to acknowledge receipt of
your good letter under date of December 16,
also copy of your communication to Governor
Caulfield.

You may be assured that I appreciate
your courtesy in sending me a copy of this
letter which I have read with keen interest.

Again thanking you, and with very
best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Governor



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To Gov Reed; I may be a "nut" but I am risking
imposing the enclosure on your valuable time (written
to our Gov. here) but really applicable to both states.

I lived for many years at Hutchinson & Salina
& feel yet a Kansan.

I hope it may contain an idea that may
help you - you know occasionally a "dumb-bell"
can get hold of helpful ideas or so.

I think it a shame they way you were treated
by militant sinister Republicans - well you emerged
the biggest Republican of the state & "they" got a voters rebuke.
most rep's submitted to B. F. Slusher, M.D.

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Kansas City, Missouri
November 25, 1930.

(Copy)

To his excellency,
Governor Caulfield.

Honorable Sir:

I hesitate and feel that I am imposing on your valuable time, to even offer suggestions, but here are two things needing solution so badly and so profoundly affect your constituents that I offer this letter for your consideration. No one is so able to champion them as you - and as the peoples' Governor and guardian, you can command attention, impossible for the ordinary layman such as is the writer.

(1) The wheat farmer, on whom our continued progress and prosperity depends, is in great distress from over-production or under-consumption.

The public as a whole are seriously misinformed or in apathy as to the great value of whole wheat as a breakfast cereal, being vastly superior and cheaper than the "chaff" sold by eastern breakfast food companies at fancy prices.

No breakfast food can equal in palatability nor sustaining qualities, of whole wheat properly prepared - steamed (in a double boiler) by slow heat till very tender - served with cream and sugar, one has the breakfast food par-excellent - excelsior.

Professor Hartman, a German scientist in the American Medical Association Journal says, "Whole wheat properly prepared is almost a perfect food with its seven (7) wrappings. Whole wheat is a great dietetic help in gall bladder disturbances, some forms of arthritis and a boon in nervous and circulatory diseases and constipation."

Why not insist on the now needed slogan, "Buy a sack of wheat."

No more useful gift could be given the average needy family than a sack of wheat - a very worthy Christmas gift.

After being taught how to prepare it, it will be eaten every meal as a matter of health and economy and thus be a boon to the sorely perplexed wheat farmer.

Governor - will you not lead the van and through the great press of this state call attention to whole wheat as the most healthful and economical, but neglected food. We can help ourselves and help the farmer by eating up (or down) the Farm Relief Problem.

Purdue University has proven wheat as hog feed is worth \$1.25 to \$1.35 per bushel.

(2) The Star has earned the profound gratitude of every gas user or home that seemingly is being profiteered on "without let or hindrance." (See clippings enclosed.)

If a Jesse James gang of bandits were preying on the people of Missouri - you undoubtedly would take most drastic steps to apprehend and stop them, yet they would not steal one one-hundredth part of what the brazen Doherty Gas Company is mulcting unjustly from its helpless consumers. Don't you think legal (?) stealing is far more reprehensible than illegal stealing? Yes, they say Jesse James used a horse, while Doherty uses a Judicial decision or legal apathy.

If you, or you and the valiant Kansas City Star act, you surely can compel the Gas Company to do business on a "live and let live" basis - on just and fair profits, not from a 1000% and up profit, as they are now gouging we helpless gas users. You can save the State more millions than any half dozen Governors before you and that will surely be an outstanding accomplishment of your administration.

If no present law reaches them - call a special session to enact emergency law that will enable the state to compel the Doherty Gas Company or any usurious Shylock corporation from fleecing the humble homes of the common strugglers, as most of us are.

Surely it is not complimentary to as great a state as Missouri claims to be - that they can't check this sinister gas company - you and your Attorney General and the press that is willing as the Star etc. - to declare "open season" and "go a gunning" till justice is again restored to the helpless consumer.

To whom can we commoners turn to - if not you as our Governor to champion the cause of justice!

Seemingly the City Management and Chamber of Commerce here have "lockjaw" and writers cramp, as they are silent or indifferent in this outrageous gouging - why? The Kansas City Star alone is exposing and trying to correct these horribly unjust prices for gas and deserves praise and profound thanks of all now being mercilessly "dry-picked" of their hard earned dollars.

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Why is Cleveland, Ohio etc., getting or do get gas that par-
Kansas City's gates as it were, at less than one-third of what we are
compelled to pay? Are the city "gate-keepers" so much keener business
men or is the Governor of Ohio and Attorney General watching closer,
these gouging corporations? Surely Missouri has laws to compel fair-
ness! Legal subterfuges that permit such costly and grave injustices
are not a compliment to any state.

Think of the distress caused in the humble homes when, owing
to the high cost of gas, the family tries to economize by having only
one fire - a scant one often - thus causing dozens and perhaps hun-
dreds of the tender young or age debilitated to suffer cold and bodily
privation, resulting in colds, pneumonias etc. and often death. Hun-
dreds have and hundreds more of worthy but helpless ones of this great
state will fill graves long before they would have, had they the body
vigor and disease resistance they would have in homes well heated, all
because of the greed of Monster Shylock corporations' desire for mil-
lions upon millions wrung from hapless consumers.

Is it possible that the great state of Missouri shall turn a
deaf ear or be indifferent to their (our) pathetic plea and plight.
Does any excuse justify failure to correct this?

Gas going to waste at our very doors - yet we are shivering
because of almost prohibitive prices. Is this a credit to our
civilization? Just prices for gas would remove much of the sting
of the present depression.

(As an example - My residence monthly bill, just received is
\$31 - in winter it is around \$100 per month. I'll be gouged out of
two or three hundred dollars by over-charges on gas this winter -
others the same.)

I have an interest in three gas wells - not received a cent
from the company for almost a year - something always has to be fixed
or some excuse. So they get the gas free and they pay absurdly little
- a paltry mite for it at the wells (see Star clippings.) I could
tell much if space permitted - my brother-in-law being district man-
ager of a great gas field.)

The world's greatest gas fields almost right at our doors, yet
we are charged prices higher than even artificial gas should be.

Not only should our official guardians compel fair prices, but
demand and compel them to disgorge and refund millions extorted from
its poor gouged consumers. Why not? They refund income taxes to the
"big fish", usurious insurance etc. - why should a robber gas company
be immune from refunding to those they have so avariciously extorted?
Were the conditions reversed they'd employ all kinds of legal talent
to compel restitution.

Easy money! Gas costing them from nothing to 8¢ per thousand
feet and sold we compulsory users as high as \$2.00 per thousand feet
- Easy money! Enough to make Kansas City have a real "Wailing Wall."

Talk about Santa Claus! Doherty compels his gas consumers to be
Santa Claus to him once a month.

Again the state should test frequently their "tricky" meters
which always register in their favor.

No reasonable person desires to cripple a proper industry,
much less destroy - but surely a just and fair rate to all would not
harm an honorable dealing company.

Public rights should always transcend corporation rights. The
gas company should be a useful servant of the people and merit
their franchise - as they only transport - but not create - one of
life's necessities - heat units, but from the clippings enclosed you
see they run "hog wild" on prices, as the Star has aptly said.

Governor, won't you be Missouri's "Patron Saint" of justice -
the common people's "Good Samaritan," the David to go out and slay
outrageous profiteering! O, how you will endear yourself to the
thousands, now the helpless victims of Doherty's colossal greed -
Help cure him or them, of their avaricious yellow (gold) fever.

If nothing can be done or will not be attempted, will you
please go into the Star's columns and state why?

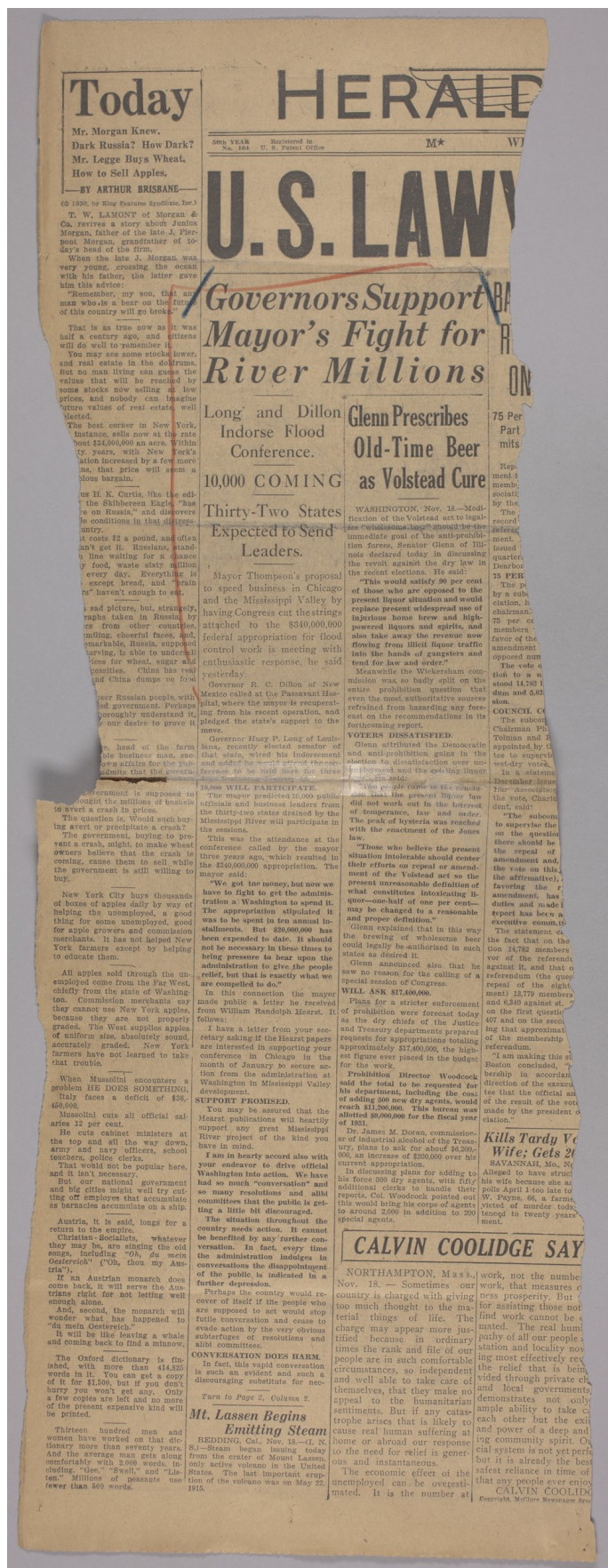
Profound and lasting gratitude awaits the ones who will compel
justice and stop this "pick-pocketing" on gas prices of hard earned
dollars and thus remove a galling yoke from the people in the ordin-
ary walks of life.

Respectfully and hopefully submitted,

B. F. Slusher, M. D.
2626 Troost Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Today

Mr. Morgan Knew.
Dark Russia? How Dark?
Mr. Legge Buys Wheat.
How to Sell Apples.

—BY ARTHUR BRISBANE—

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T. W. LAMONT of Morgan & Co. revives a story about Julius Morgan, father of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, grandfather of today's head of the firm.

When the late J. Morgan was very young, crossing the ocean with his father, the latter gave him this advice:

"Remember, my son, that any man who is a bear on the future of this country will go broke."

That is as true now as it was half a century ago, and citizens will do well to remember it. You may see some stocks lower, and real estate in the dole zone. But no man living can guess the values that will be reached by some stocks now selling at low prices, and nobody can imagine future values of real estate well known.

The best corner in New York, Eastman, sells now at the rate of \$14,000,000 an acre. Within ten years, with New York's value increased by a few more years, that price will seem a mere trifle.

As H. K. Curtis, like the editor of the Baltimore Eagle, "has been on Russia," and discovered conditions in that country, it costs \$2 a pound, and often more. Russia, standing in line waiting for a chance to get it. Everything is except bread, and "brains" haven't enough to eat.

A sad picture, but, strangely, taken in Russia by men from other countries, smiling, cheerful faces, and, markable, Russia, equipped with a line waiting for a chance to get it. Everything is except bread, and "brains" haven't enough to eat.

For Russian people, with government. Perhaps they understand it, and our desire to prove it.

Head at the farm, the business man, see the affairs for the public, that the government is supposed to avert a crash in prices.

The question is, will such a thing avert or precipitate a crash? The government, buying to prevent a crash, might make what owners believe that the crash is coming, cause them to sell while the government is still willing to buy.

New York City buys thousands of bales of apples daily by way of helping the unemployed, a good thing for some unemployed, good for apple growers and commission merchants. It has not helped New York farmers except by helping to educate them.

All apples sold through the unemployed come from the Far West, chiefly from the state of Washington. Commission merchants say they cannot use New York apples, because they are not properly graded. The West supplies apples of uniform size, absolutely sound, accurately graded. New York farmers have not learned to take that trouble.

When Mussolini encounters a problem HE DOES SOMETHING. Italy faces a deficit of \$35, 450,000.

Mussolini cuts all official salaries 12 per cent.

He cuts cabinet ministers at the top and all the way down, army and navy officers, school teachers, police chiefs.

That would not be popular here, but it isn't necessary. And our national government and big cities might well try cutting off employees that accumulate as barnacles accumulate on a ship.

Austria, it is said, longs for a return to the empire.

Christian-Socialists, whatever they may be, are singing the old song, including "Oh, du mein Österreich" ("Oh, thou my Austria").

If an Austrian monarch does come back, it will never be the Austrian right for not letting well enough alone.

And, second, the monarch will wonder what has happened to the death of Austria.

It will be like leaving a whale and coming back to find a minnow.

The Oxford Dictionary is finished, with more than 44,322 words in it. You can get a copy of it for \$15.00, but if you don't hurry you won't get any. Only a few copies are left and no more of the present expensive kind will be printed.

Thirteen hundred men and women have worked on that dictionary more than seventy years. And the average man gets along comfortably with 2,000 words, in spelling, "don't" and "don't." Millions of peasants use fewer than 500 words.

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Governors Support Mayor's Fight for River Millions

Long and Dillon Indorse Flood Conference.

10,000 COMING

Thirty-Two States Expected to Send Leaders.

Mayor Thompson's proposal to speed business in Chicago and the Mississippi Valley by having Congress cut the strings attached to the \$340,000,000 federal appropriation for flood control work is meeting with enthusiastic response, he said yesterday.

Governor R. C. Dillon of New Mexico called at the Passavant Hotel, where the mayor is recuperating from his recent operation, and pledged the state's support to the move.

Governor Huey P. Long of Louisiana, recently elected senator of that state, wired his indorsement and offer to make a personal reconnaissance to be held back for three days.

These will participate. The mayor predicted 30,000 people from the thirty-two states drained by the Mississippi River will participate in the session.

This was the attendance at the conference called by the mayor three years ago, which resulted in the \$340,000,000 appropriation. The mayor said.

"We got far money, but now we have to fight to get the administration a Washington to spend it. The appropriation stipulated it was to be spent in ten annual installments. But \$340,000,000 has been expended to date. It should not be necessary in these times to bring pressure to bear upon the administration to give the people relief, but that is exactly what we are compelled to do."

In this connection the mayor made public a letter he received from William Randolph Hearst, it follows:

I have a letter from your secretary asking if the Hearst papers are interested in supporting your conference in Chicago in the month of January to secure action from the administration at Washington in Mississippi Valley development.

SUPPORT PROMISED. You may be assured that the Hearst publications will heartily support any great Mississippi River project of the kind you have in mind.

I am in hearty accord also with your endeavor to drive official Washington into action. We have had so much "conversation" and so many resolutions and subcommittees that the public is getting a little bit discouraged.

The situation throughout the country needs action. It cannot be benefited by any further conversation. In fact, every time the administration indulges in the public is indicated in a further depression.

Perhaps the country would recover of itself if the people who are supposed to act would stop futile conversation and cease to evade action by every obvious subterfuge of resolutions and subcommittees.

CONVERSATION DOES HARM. In fact, this rapid conversation is such an evident and such a discouraging substitute for action.

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Mt. Lassen Begins Emitting Steam

REDDING, Cal., Nov. 18.—(U.S. R.)—Steam began issuing today from the crater of Mount Lassen, only active volcano in the United States. The last important eruption of the volcano was on May 22, 1915.

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PEOPLE WHO THINK WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1930

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IN' HOOVER ASKS SM LEADERS' HELP AY IN G.O.P. CRISIS

Task Force Curtis and Watson to Fight Extra Session; Muscle Shoals Compromise Hinted

BY FRASER EDWARDS.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The House today summoned Vice President Curtis and Senator Watson of Indiana, Republican leader of the Senate, to the White House for a conference on the modified legislative situation.

It was learned the discussion not only covered the entire situation in Congress but also the affairs of the Republican party, which have been left in an uncertain state as a consequence of the election reverses.

G. O. P. Leaders Scoff at Reports of Fess' Ouster

Discussed War Chest in Secret Parley, Says Lucas; Chief 'Knew of It.'

BY THOMAS WRIGLEY.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Such a hubbub was aroused over failure of Senator Fess, chairman of the Republican national committee, to be included in yesterday's White House pow-wow of G. O. P. chieftains, that the committee quickly dashed today that Fess was "on the spot."

The statement was issued by Robert H. Lucas, executive director of the Republican national committee.

MADRID GOES ABOUT WORK UNDER GUARD

Rioting Starts in Alicante; Barcelona and Valencia Strikers Battle With Police

MADRID, Nov. 18.—(AP)—The capital seemed to sit back and catch its breath after nearly a week of labor riots and general strikes which some believed had brought the country perhaps a year to civilization.

At Barcelona street fighting was still going on today. At Alicante disorders broke out today for the first time. There was continued trouble at Valencia.

The trouble appeared to be on a means over, but in all quarters there was a belief that from now on, if it continues, the disturbance will be strictly a labor problem without political ramifications.

People were in the streets in Madrid and Barcelona again, but care and tactics were of some with armed guards; were resented and normally returning.

But in the hospitals here Barcelona there were several wounded, both strikers and police. At Alicante first outbreak of violence this morning left three wounded, one of five.

Several hundred suspected anarchists have been arrested; of these were arrested four others were believed to have fled to France.

RELIES ON VETERANS.

It is significant, however, that the President should call to the council table these two Republican wheel-horses, each of whom had a third of a century of experience in practical politics, to advise him on the difficult situation.

One of the matters of chief concern to the President is the deposition of Muscle Shoals. Unsettled in the House and Senate and deadlock between the two bodies on this measure, it alone may be the cause of a special session.

A compromise may be effected so that the Muscle Shoals bill can be disposed of during the short session of Congress.

FIGHT ON FLETCHER.

Two more "fighting issues" which are sure to add to the confusion in Congress cropped up today. One was the opposition of progressives and Democrats to the confirmation of Henry P. Fletcher of Pennsylvania as chairman of the tariff commission. The other was a brewing battle over the reappointment of the House.

Members of the Senate tariff coalition regard Fletcher as an exponent of Cronyism.

RESIGNATION RUMORS FLY.

Reports persisted that the Ohio senator, because of his recent ultimatum against repeal of prohibition, would soon resign as national chairman. The Lucas statement said:

"There is no basis to certain statements in reference to the purposes of conference held yesterday by officers of the Republican national committee."

"The conference was wholly on administrative matters, with the executive officers reporting to the President. Chairman Fess was fully advised as to all of the matters under consideration, and the results met with his entire approval."

Lucas, Treasurer Joseph R. Nutt, General Counsel James Francis Burke and others of the party high command really got together to discuss ways and means to replenish the G. O. P. war chest.

FIGHTS FOR PUBLICITY.

The committee, it was stated, intends to keep functioning full time in order to confront the lambasting by the Democratic national committee publicity outfit.

It leaked out today that quite a bit was said as to the effect of Fess' dry blast on rising G. O. P. funds.

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Nov. 18.—Mrs. Mary, whose husband died 20 years ago, observed here. She told Judge she recently a son that her missing in Minnare, Neb.

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