

THE AMENDMENT? YES!

VOTE FOR IT AND SAVE TROUBLE TO THE LEGISLATURE AND EXPENSE TO THE STATE.

Leaders of All Parties All Over the State Advise Its Adoption.

Following are the expressions of a number of leaders, Central to all parts of the state, on the advisability of voting for the constitutional amendment November 5:

W. H. STREED, (Olatwa), Republican candidate for attorney general: "I favor the amendment, and wherever I have spoken have urged the voters to support it without regard to politics. That a city of nearly 3,000,000 people has outgrown the provisions of a statute under which villages and cities are organized is too plain for discussion. Chicago's present government is unwieldy, expensive and a handicap to growth. Whatever affects Chicago's prosperity concerns the entire state. Chicago ought to have a charter under which she can manage her own affairs. With such a charter the work of the legislature of Illinois will be materially reduced and successfully shortened. Nobody ought to complain on this account."

JAMES D. PUTNAM (Senator, Peoria District): "I am heartily in favor of the adoption of the amendment. In public speeches throughout the country I have taken up the matter, and had no opposition from either Republicans or Democrats so far as Peoria county is concerned there is no prejudice on the part of the people as to the adoption of the amendment. Those who are familiar with the situation and know the desire of the people of Chicago will cast their votes for the amendment believing that its adoption will not interfere with the rights of the state outside of Cook County."

W. F. BUNDY (Representative, Peoria District, Central): "The charter amendment ought to be adopted. A great deal of time of the general assembly under the present conditions is spent in the consideration of matters of an entirely local nature to the city of Chicago, in which we of the state outside have no particular interest. About the needs of the people of Chicago the members from the county have no voice. The result is that laws are liable to be enacted or good ones defeated because of the whims of a few members of the legislature outside of Chicago. The special powers granted the city of Chicago by the proposed amendment concern matters that in no way affect us outside and do not take away from us a single privilege we now possess. The amendment injure us in any possible manner. On the other hand, it will help the people of Chicago, and will help them and does not injure the rest of the state indirectly helps the rest of the state."

JAMES W. TEMPLETON (Senator, Thirty-seventh District, Princeton): "There are many reasons why the proposed amendment should be adopted and not one valid reason why it should not be. The shackles which bind a city of 2,000,000 inhabitants to the same code which governs a city of 2,000 people should be broken. I believe the people throughout the state favor it, but the danger is that many of them do not realize that a majority of all the votes cast at a coming election is necessary to secure its adoption, and that a failure to vote 'yes' on the amendment is a vote against it."

H. W. CLENDENIN (Member Illinois State Register, Springfield): "There can be no question in the mind of any person who will give the subject fair consideration that the city of Chicago should be provided with a new charter giving it ample authority to work out its destiny safely and satisfactorily to its people. The present general incorporation law, applicable alike to Springfield and Chicago, under which Chicago is compelled to operate its vast interests, undoubtedly handicaps that city and compels its citizens to resort to subterfuges that are humiliating if not illegal and immoral, and that, besides, are inadequate. It seems to me, after carefully reading the proposed constitutional amendment, that it should be adopted as a matter of justice to the people of Chicago and the city's vast and varied interests. The amendment to the constitution does that after the amendment is adopted, and all the people of the state through their senators and representatives will have a choice in the construction of the charter provided for by the amendment. This is a sufficient guaranty that no rights or advantages will be lost to the people of Chicago through granting adequate relief to the great city of which the people are justly proud."

A. H. JONES, (State Food Commissioner, Robinson): "The proposition to give Chicago a new charter is not only the proper thing to do, but is more just. Chicago is now the second largest city in the Union, and under the constitution of 1870, which prohibits special legislation, its growth and development is retarded. Under a special charter, with ample privileges and proper restraints, Chicago will in time outstrip New York and London, not only in population and wealth, but in business and commerce as well."

FRED J. KERN (Mayor of Belleville): "There is not the least doubt in the world that the proposed amend-

ment is a good and necessary thing. As a matter of fact, 2,000,000 people can readily see the necessity of giving Chicago the power of regulating its own affairs. The amendment should be passed in order that the state government may be relieved of the great mass of work that accrues from that great city, if for no other reason. A little investigation will show that the most of the time of the legislature, the Supreme Court and the governor are now taken up with matters which affect Chicago and which should be settled by the city. I shall do all in my power to impress on the voters the necessity of the passage of the amendment."

JUDGE OWEN THOMPSON (Jacksonville): "The city of Chicago is sorely in need of a new charter. It should have such a charter through the only means possible, a constitutional amendment. Voters of all parties should mark their ballots for the amendment."

In addition letters have been written by J. E. Bangs, assistant state superintendent of public instruction; James W. Gordon, state auditor; Henderson County; D. E. Sheen, of Peoria; R. D. Robinson of Galesburg; and many other prominent voters to mark their special ballots for the amendment.

NOBILITY OF OLD FRANCE.
Courtiers and Favorites of Monarchs
Was Queen
Many interesting stories of courtiers and favorites at the old French court are found in the memoirs of the Marquise de Crequy. She says that on certain solemn occasions kings of France wore ermine linings to their robes, but ermine became scarce, and the writers of the memoirs of Louis XV were retarded some years for want of this fur for their court mantles and at the coronation of Louis XIV they actually used cat skin. Superbly elegant was the Duchess de la Ferté, who generally was carried around under a canopy. When she went out to castles concerning this particular duchess, whose eyes "had the most disdainful expression ever seen, though they had a slight cast in them." But her supreme elegance can be appreciated when it is known "she never blew her nose for fear of spoiling her Greek contour, but dabbed it at intervals with a small square of cambric."

Mme. de Mazarin certainly was eccentric and unfortunate, according to the Marquise de Crequy. She never gave a reception without some accident of the worst kind. When she had a supper party the kitchen was certain to catch on fire. She gave a grand fête champagne in Paris in order to make it more realistic set for a flock of red sheep, a herder and a shepherd's dog. The flock was to pass behind a glass partition, the herder to make it more realistic set for a flock of red sheep, a herder and a shepherd's dog. The flock was to pass behind a glass partition, the herder to make it more realistic set for a flock of red sheep, a herder and a shepherd's dog.

Of that great lady, Charlotte of Bavaria, she says: "The diet of this illustrious person was largely composed of salt beef and soup made of beef, also a certain quantity of fermented cabbage, which made the whole castle stink when she partook of it." She carried a quantity of raw herbs in a small basket, which she used to compel her guests to eat. Indeed, she made a sort of patriotic persecution of it, so that every one tried to evade her diners. She would eat the most horrible messes—prunes and pears cooked with lard and onions, salads made of raw herbs and apples mixed with oil and mustard, pasties of otters' flesh and snail. She powdered her melon with Scotch snuff."

Unkind.
A newspaperman of New York spent the summer abroad, interviewing distinguished painters, playwrights and literary men.
"The most interesting person I met in London," he said the other day, "was Chesterton, the author of 'The Unbearable Scot'.
"I questioned him about the country, and he replied that the country was to be read with a smile, for the author is only joking, after all."
"He maintains throughout, though, an attitude of savage hatred and scorn, and often he will keep up this attitude when he discusses Scotland."
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"Still, I said, you must have found something to please you there. Want't something that you liked?"
"Yes," he said, "there was. There was just one thing."
"What was that?" asked.
"The 'unbearable' Scot."

Croupiers of Monte Carlo.
John Bull is talking about the croupiers of Monte Carlo.
"They are not as bad as they are painted," he said. "They have warm blood in their veins. They are sorry for you if you lose their money—your money, I mean."
"I have heard your advice of them they give you good advice—good advice, every time."
"I watched young Englishmen playing roulette at their own evening. He lost steadily. I judge he lost close on to \$2,000."
"I was mighty glad to look out a gold louis. He smiled wretchedly at the croupier, twirling the louis in his fingers."
"This is my last gold piece," he said. "Where do you advise me to put it?"
"Put it," he said the croupier, "back in your pocket."

FIRE ON BRITISH FISHERS

Russian Baltic Fleet Believed to Have Mistaken Peaceful Flotilla for Japanese Torpedo Boats—Grave Complications Are the Result.

British wrath has been aroused to the bursting point and talk of war with Russia is on the tongues of swells that have thronged the streets of London. The czar's Baltic fleet has fired on the British flag. It has shed British blood.

Its victims were steam trawlers and their crews, all defenseless and engaged in the peaceful occupation of fishing in the North sea.

For that outrage on the high seas there was no cause. But this is not all.

Not satisfied with chasing the Great Northern fishing fleet, firing on only using the ordinary precautions of war in firing on the English fishermen.

It is but justice to the English people to say no other great country would have manifested the self-restraint which has been shown here. In the case of almost any other great power the fleets would have been mobilized within twenty-four hours after the news of the sinking of the North sea trawlers.

In British official quarters some go so far as to say that it may be necessary to stop the fleet pending settlement of the whole affair, though this extreme measure, it is believed, will not be necessary. Everywhere there is evidence of the very positive opinion that this is no time for the usual diplomatic dilly-dallying, that there must be no delay and no limit set by Russia to her apology or to the extent of compensation for sufferers by what Baron Gravett, charge d'affaires at the London Russian embassy, himself terms "a ghastly and regrettable blunder."

Baron Gravett's only suggestion in the possible mitigation of the Russian Ambassador's action was that the fishing fleet may have approached suspiciously near the Russian ships, but while the trawlers were on their usual fishing ground on the Dogger bank the Russian ships were sixty miles out of their proper course, so this explanation cannot be considered.

Another solution of the mystery is much more sensational. It is that the Russians were victims of a Japanese ruse, a Russian spy known by the Japanese authorities having been printed with a story that Japan had a number of floating steamers with torpedo tubes fitted in the North sea. Japan's motive was represented to be to embarrass England with Russia, which she had already accomplished by doing by causing the Russian seizure of the steamer Malacca by a similar trick.

Foreign Secretary Lansdowne, in his note to the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg demanding an explanation, an apology, and compensation

government is determined to adopt measures to secure redress.

With promptness and decision never before equaled in England's diplomatic dealings with another power, a long and urgent note was transmitted to the Russian government. This note, it was officially stated at the foreign office, contained the significant statement that the situation in which, in the opinion of his majesty's government, does not brook delay.

The Russian admiral in command of the Baltic fleet has not yet officially reported the incident to the czar.

While the more conservative of British statesmen were inclined to scout the idea of actual war, none would deny that the situation was fraught with the gravest possibilities and was becoming more and more critical.

London, which is the storm center of the action, is in a fever of excitement, which is not allayed by the vitriolic bitterness of the comments of the press.

Carried away by his anger, a mob attempted to wreck the carriage in which Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, was driving from the Victoria station to the foreign office. A crowd followed the carriage and its police escort, hooting and throwing stones.

The incident is indicative of the deep resentment of the whole British people. It is the first time in living memory that a foreign ambassador has been the object of a hostile demonstration in London.

There is apparently a disposition in Russian official circles to seek a justification for the attack on the fishing fleet. At St. Petersburg it is carefully explained that the government has for weeks suspected the presence of Japanese spies in the North sea, and that these spies might attack the Baltic fleet with torpedo boats discharged from vessels disguised as fishing boats.

A VOICE FROM THE PULPIT.

Rev. Jacob D. Van Dusen, of 37 South Street, Fond Du Lac, Wis., Presbyterian churchman, says: "I had attacks of kidney disease which kept me in the house for days at a time, unable to do anything. What I suffered was largely hidden. Consequently set in, in particular of which I will be pleased to give in a personal interview to say one who receives information. This I can conscientiously say: Doan's Kidney Pills caused a general improvement in my health. They brought great relief by lessening the pain and correcting the action of the kidney secretions."

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All About the Associated Press.
Mr. Mettelle E. Stone, manager of the Associated Press, is preparing a series of articles which will appear in The Century Magazine, during the coming year, covering an account of the history, operation and policy of the Associated Press. The papers will be full of anecdote, and will tell of the operation of the Associated Press in Europe as well as in America.

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