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WASHINGTON LETTER

(From our Special Correspondent.)

March 3, 1903.

The republican so-called anti-trust law just passed by the Congress, and which gives to the New Department of Commerce and Labor the power to investigate and gather information about certain great corporations or trusts, and to report such data to the President, is a meaningless and harmless one so far as the trusts are concerned.

Here is the law in a nutshell, and you can draw your own conclusions, as it is a combination of "ifs":

If, the Secretary of this New Department is so inclined he may fish for facts in regard to trusts; If, the chief of the bureau of corporations in this new department is not owned by the trusts, and if he is capable, and if he has competent and honest assistants, and if they fish in the right place, they may obtain valuable data;

If, when valuable data is obtained, the President wishes, he may have access to it;

If, then, the President has time to read it and sees fit to do so, he may make public some or all of this data; or

If he thinks best, he may simply make "recommendations to Congress for legislation" to regulate trusts;

If, then, Congress is not controlled by the allied trusts and railroads, it may, in the course of time, pass new legislation to curb trusts;

If, then, the Attorney-General is so inclined, and if he has time, he may apply the new legislation to the offending trusts;

If, then, the evidence is sufficient, the courts may, in years to come, decide that the new legislation is constitutional, and that some particular trust has been guilty of illegal practices;

If, then, the trust has not already changed its form or ceased to exist, it may pay a normal fine, and, in the course of eight or ten years—as did the Standard Oil Trust—slightly change its name and location and continue its business of plundering the people.

When one reads this program of "ifs," the only word he thinks of is—"Rata."

When this letter is read the 57th Congress will have ceased to exist and will have passed into history. It will go out without a single sigh of regret from any man in the country with the exception of few who failed of re-election. It has done many things that will still stronger fasten the shackles of taxation on the willing wrists of the people, it has been shamefully extravagant with the money of the people it has failed to keep any of its promises in its platform, it fairly reeks with rottenness, hypocrisy, false pretence and broken pledges. It has done only one thing that commends itself to the people, and that was the killing of the ship subsidy steal the result never would have been accomplished had it not been for the most earnest and strenuous opposition of the united democracy. The people of the country may thank the Democrats of Congress for saving them ninety millions of dollars a year that otherwise would have gone into the pockets of a few ship builders and ship owners such as J. Pierpont Morgan and others. The death of the 57th Congress is a good riddance of bad rubbish.

The chances are that there will be no extra session. Quay has laid down and finally yielded to the republicans on the statehood bill, and that will let through all the appropriation bills, and obviate the necessity of an extra session of both houses of Congress. There may, however, be an extra session of the Senate, for the President says he will call one unless the Senate ratifies the Cuban and Panama Canal treaties, and it looks at this time that they will not be able to get through during the life of this Congress. The democrats will fight both the Panama Canal treaty and the compromise statehood bill and that probably will defeat both those measures. The representatives of the people of both Arizona and New Mexico here do not want the republican compromise statehood bill passed. They say they do not want those territories admitted as one state, but that they want them to come in as two states which they are entitled to by population. If that is what they want they will owe it to the democrats for giving them what they ask, but they will

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mild, dispirited and less ambitious; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs.

This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose. Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar tizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling how to get it.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

not get it at this session of the Congress.

There is a growing suspicion here in the minds of many people that the outgoing Speaker Henderson has sold out to the trusts body and breeches, and his actions lately would seem to confirm these suspicions.

It is said that he will go to New York, after his retirement from Congress, and enter the practice of law for the attorney for a number of big corporations known all over the country as trusts. Whether he does so or not, he is at present flagrantly assisting one big trust—the tobacco trust—in killing some legislation at this session that was aimed at it.

The Ways and Means Committee of the House unanimously reported a bill to compel the tobacco trust to quit putting tags and prizes in their packages of tobacco and cigarettes and the legislation was in the interest of the independent tobacco manufacturers.

Speaker Henderson now refuses to allow the report to come up in the House and will not recognize any member of the Ways and Means Committee for the purpose of making a motion to bring that report before the House.

In the meantime a man from his home in Dubuque, Iowa, has been eating with the Speaker, living in his room at the Capitol and, almost sleeping with him. Whether there is any connection between this fact and the fact that he refuses to allow anything to come up that will hurt the tobacco trust, I can not say, but people can draw their own conclusions.

The presence of William Randolph Hearst in this city last week accompanied by former Governor Budd, of California, who launched his boom for the democratic nomination for the presidency at the big Jefferson Jackson-Lincoln barbecue in Columbus, Ohio, on the 12th of February, has started the democratic talk again on presidential possibilities. A number of the leaders of the party here are beginning to take the Hearst boom seriously and are quoting what Governor Budd said when he launched his boom. In that connection it may be interesting to know the Governor's reasons for choosing Mr. Hearst as his candidate, and this is what he said:

"And we, Mr. Bryan, in the West have as our champion the man that we believe has done most for the cause of the common people; the man who, in the fight with the treasurers deserted you, came to your succor and stood an able lieutenant under your orders; the man who has spent more money and done more in aiding the cause of the plain people in these United States than any other man; the man who has fought all his life for a national eight hour law, for an income tax, for national appropriations, for schools; the man who in court and out of court has fought the trusts; who has raked his mighty papers in the interest of organized labor; who has flooded the United States with journals that daily speak to millions, the doctrines preached by Bryan and the fathers; the man who furnished the evidence that forced that President and Congress to act on the trust subject; the man born in our State and a native son, whom we regard as one of the greatest of

the times. He is William Randolph Hearst, Congressman of New York, the only private citizen thanked by a vote of a legislature of a sovereign State for his efforts in a common cause."

CHAS. A. EDWARDS.

READ IT THROUGH.

"WOULD SPOT THIS STORY TO TELL IT IN THE HEADLINES."

To use an eighteenth century phrase, this is an "over the top" tale. Having happened in a small Virginia town in the winter of 1902, it is a story very much of the present. Up to a short time ago Mrs. John E. Harmon, of Melfa Station Va., had no personal knowledge of the rare curative properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. "Last January," she says, "my baby took a dreadful cold and at one time I feared she would have pneumonia, but one of my neighbors told me how this remedy had cured her little boy and I began giving it to my baby at once and it soon cured her. I heartily thank manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for placing so great a cure within my reach. I cannot recommend too highly or say too much in its favor. I hope all who read this will try it and be convinced as I was." For sale by N. S. Peck & Co.

RALEIGH LETTER.

Special Correspondence.

Raleigh, March 2.—The pay of the legislators ends with the close of this week, but the present session of the General Assembly will not come to a close before the middle or latter part of next week, if all the business that demands its attention is attended to—and it will be, provided a quorum of the solons can be kept here on no pay for a few days.

The average legislator gets mighty "home-sick" about the time his pay stops, though of course there are many unselfish and patriotic members of every Legislature who are willing to remain as long as they are actually needed, which is hardly exceeding a week after the expiration of the sixty days.

An enormous amount of work has been accomplished during the last two weeks, and this week the Senate is at work on the Revenue Bill, as it came from the House.

The Code Commission bill is passed, and Messrs. Thomas B. Womack of Raleigh, N. Y. Guley of Wake Forest and W. B. Rodman of Washington county are elected Code Commissioners. The pay is very meagre—only \$1,000 a year each for not exceeding two years.

The passage of the Watts bill, by the combined forces of the Watts and London bills, is being followed up by considerable local temperance legislation. The temperance people did not get all they wanted, but the Watts law is a great improvement on old conditions.

There is a bill just reported favorably (introduced by Representative Alexander of Mecklenburg) providing for a State law to compel the closing of all bar-rooms at 9 o'clock. This law (a municipal ordinance) obtains at present in Charlotte, I believe, Dr. Alexander's home. There's going to be the hottest sort of fight over it in the House, and in the Senate also, this week, if it passes the House.

One of the important measures of the session passed the Senate Friday and is now in the House. It provides for a State Literary Loan Fund to build and repair public school houses in the various counties where needed. At present \$200,000 (derived chiefly from the sale of swamp lands belonging to the educational fund) is locked up in the State Treasury, practically idle. The object is to loan this fund out to such of the boards of education as desire to borrow, to build school-houses. The principal is to draw 4 per cent. interest and to be paid back, ten per cent. each year. The county boards and State Board of Education are made responsible for the loans.

Trinity College authorities consider themselves very fortunate in being able to provide a very interesting programme for next Commencement. The list of speakers follows: Baccalaureate Address, President John C. Kilgo; Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. S. Parks Cadman, D. D., pastor of Hancock street Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Commencement Address, Mr. Bliss Perry, Editor of Atlantic Monthly, Boston, Mass.; Alumni Address, Hon. John H. Small, Member of Congress from First Congressional District of North Carolina. At the last commencement of Trinity the Board of Trustees voted to confer the degree of Bachelor of Laws on Bishop Wallace W. Duncan of Spartanburg, S. C., but the degree

was not conferred on account Bishop Duncan's absence. The degree was conferred last Saturday evening by President Kilgo, this being the first time Bishop Duncan had been able to visit the College.

The resolution providing for the immediate payment \$100,000 for keeping the public schools open four months has passed the Senate and will pass the House.

Thus far the number of House bills is 1,541. At the session two years ago it ran over 2,200.

The Finance Committee think the New Revenue Act will raise annually \$150,000 more than that of 1901.

An anti-jug law is now before the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The substitute bill of the Senate committee for the "registered nurses" bill passed the Senate Friday night and is now awaiting action by the House. It in now way interferes with any nurse, "trained" or untrained, who does not care to stand the examination for "R. N."

The bill proposing to tax the property of whites and blacks separately, for the maintenance of the schools of each, go by the board, as usual.

Pembroke is giving Lumberton a stiff fight for the county-seat of Robeson county. The bill passed second reading Saturday afternoon in the Senate by the vote of 21 to 14, and is made a special order for Tuesday. It will meet with stronger opposition on final reading, and some predict its defeat. Authority is given to issue \$40,000 in bonds for new court-house and jail if Pembroke wins at the election. Senator McBryde of Robeson tells me that Lumberton will probably win (if the bill passes) at the election, but he voted for the bill because he thinks the people should be allowed to vote on the question.

The trustees of the University of North Carolina were elected in joint session of the Senate and House at noon Saturday.

There are no new developments in the recent horrible Haywood-Skinner tragedy here. No one except Ernest Haywood and his counsel know the real reason why Haywood killed Ludlow Skinner. The trial promises to be a "cause celebre," and many of the most eminent lawyers of the State have been engaged to defend and prosecute.

TRAGEDY AVERTED

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. W. Watkins, of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played and havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases. Guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

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who has been in our city several days has decided to remain here for some time giving aid to those suffering from eye troubles. His engagements are with the leading citizens of the town who are suffering from defective eyesight. Since he has been here he has done work which has proved satisfactory, it is due to his knowledge of the eye and by his method and prescription glasses that he gives the immediate and permanent results.

He takes every case that comes to him as an individual and directs the application and prescription glasses to suit the demands of each particular case.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as Administrator upon the estate of W. Z. Morton, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 25th day of February, 1903, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment. This 25th day of February, 1903. WHEELER MARTIN, Administrator. 25-0

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Martin County

I, J. C. Crawford, Sheriff of Martin County, in the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the following described real estate in said county and state to wit: Moses Jones interest in one town lot in Farmville, was on the 5th day of May, 1902, duly sold by me in the manner provided by law for the delinquent taxes for the year 1902 (amounting to \$4.45, including interest and penalty thereon, and the cost directed by law to Adolphus Riddick for the said sum of \$4.45, being the highest bidder for the same. And I further certify that unless redemption is made of said real estate in the manner provided by law, said Adolphus Riddick and his heirs or assigns will be entitled to a deed thereon, on and after the 5th day of May, 1903, on surrender of this certificate. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, this 5th day of May, 1903. J. C. CRAWFORD, Sheriff. 19-0P Martin Co.

North Carolina Superior Court, Martin County

W. L. Sherrard vs. Corneilus Davidson, et al.

By virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court of Martin County, in the above entitled action, I will on the 5th day of March, next: (It being the first day of court) sell for cash at the Court House door in Williamson, N. C., the best of land known as the W. D. Davidson land containing about 250 acres more or less. For a full description thereof, reference is made to said judgment. This 5th day of July, 1902. R. W. STUBBS, Sheriff.