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CHANGES PLANNED IN ANTI-TRUST LAW

AMENDMENT TO PRESENT LAW URGED BY COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COMMERCE TO RECOMMEND COMMISSION

Senate Committee Would Deprive Supreme Court of Discretionary Power

Washington.—Anti-trust legislation of a radical character is to be recommended by the senate committee on interstate commerce in a report. Amendments to present laws will be urged to take away from the Supreme Court the "discretionary power" it now exercises in administering the Sherman law and to define clearly forms of illegal combination, so business interests will know when they violate the law.

The report will be the termination of the trust investigation, begun by the committee in 1911. The decision of the Supreme Court that "only unreasonable" restraints upon trade are in violation of the law form the basis for radical suggestions by the committee to protect the anti-trust law against what, it is claimed, amounts to "legislative action" by the Supreme Court.

To enable business agents to clearly understand what forms of combinations, agreements, contracts or pools are illegal, legislation will be urged to define them in exact terms. Members of the committee believe this necessary to protect business interests that desire to act without violating the law, but have no legal standard to inform them whether contemplated actions are within the law. It is understood the report recommends the creation of a commission to exercise general control over corporations doing business across state lines, and that it urges amendments to the Sherman law which will compel corporations to remain more independent in character than at present, and that will enforce competitive conditions.

CHINA'S EX-EMPRESS DEAD

Ye Ho Na La, Attended by Native Doctor in Peking, Dies

Peking, China.—Ye Ho Na La, empress dowager of China, died here. She was the widow of Emperor Kwangsu, who died November 13, 1908.

The former imperial family was about to remove to the inner portion of the Forbidden City to make room for the government in the eastern portion.

Ye Ho Na La was a daughter of Kwi Siang, a Manchurian girl. She was married to Emperor Kwangsu in 1889. She was 48 years old and the niece of the late Empress Dowager Tsu Hsi.

Ye Ho Na La, who always had hampered the Emperor Kwangsu with slavish attentions, made the most important event in his life the choosing of his bride. As a preliminary she picked out about 200 candidates and set the members of the board of rights to work inquiring into the horoscope of each. When these officers who inquired into heaven had selected about a dozen likely candidates from the lot Tsu Hsi had them come and live at the palace under her observation of their characters. At first hand, she could pick out the most fitting one. The final choice fell upon Ye Ho Na La. The marriage ceremony was performed with great pomp and ceremony.

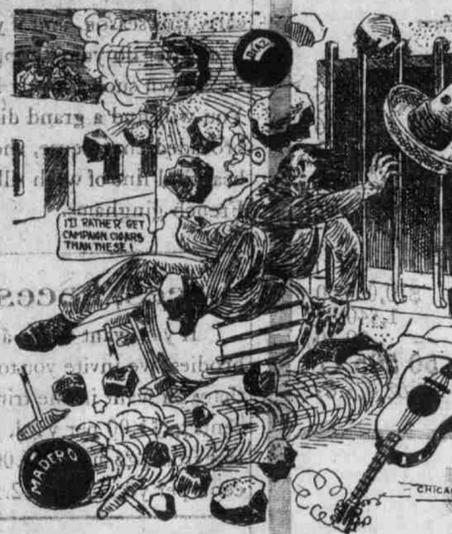
35 Indictments Returned

Augusta, Ga.—After twenty-one days spent in investigating the failure of the Citizens' Trust company of Augusta, involving approximately \$105,000, unprotected by assets, the Richmond county grand jury returned thirty-five indictments, charging violation of the state banking laws, forgery and embezzlement. The indictments include several local men, B. Sherwood Dunn of New York; D. H. Willard of Philadelphia, and former Cashier Moy C. Dowling, now in Barnwell county.

Citizenship for Porto Ricans

Washington.—The Porto Rican citizenship bill that would give citizens of Porto Rico and certain natives permanently residing in the island citizenship in the United States received the approval of a senate committee, and will be reported to the senate for passage. The bill already has passed the house. Under the proposed law any person on the island might retain his present political status by declining citizenship under oath that he did not intend to become a citizen of the United States.

POLITICS IN MEXICO



REGISTERS MEN SENTENCED

UNITED STATES JUDGE SCORED THE DEFENDANTS BITTERLY FOR THEIR METHODS.

Fines Are Imposed—Patterson Must Serve Year and Pay Fine of Five Thousand Dollars.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—President John H. Patterson of the National Cash Register company of Dayton, Ohio, was sentenced to serve one year in the county jail at Troy, Ohio, and to pay a fine of \$5,000 for violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Twenty-eight other officials and employees of the company were given jail sentences varying from three months to one year and were ordered to pay the costs of the prosecution.

The sentences were pronounced after United States Judge Hollister had scored the defendants bitterly for their business methods, methods which, he declared, were needless in a concern where millions of dollars could have been made legitimately and without violation of the law. Closing his declaration:

"The government is strong enough to protect its people without this protection extends to the transportation of dynamite across the land for the purpose of blowing up bridges or the laying of the hands upon men who seek to settle competition by illegal business methods."

Washington.—Attorney General Wickersham, when he heard the sentences in the cash register case, declared them eminently just, from his knowledge of the evidence.

Immunity Bill Passed

Nashville, Tenn.—The "immunity bill," providing immunity for witnesses appearing before a committee to investigate state officers during the legislative recess, passed the house.

"JOAQUIN" MILLER IS DEAD

The Poet of the Sierras Dies at His Home in California.

Oakland, Cal.—Joaquin Miller (Cincinnatus Heine), "the poet of the Sierras," died in his one-room cabin, which he built in the Piedmont hills many years ago. The end came with warm sunshine flooding the room where lay the author of "Songs of the Sunland."

Death came slowly upon the venerable poet. He became unconscious after a lingering illness, which began when he was struck by paralysis two years ago. His wife and daughter, Juanita, were summoned at that time from the east, and have been with him since. The weakness of age had come upon him, and he rarely ventured from the Heights, as he called his mountain retreat.

For many years the Heights has been the Mecca for lovers of Joaquin Miller's poetry. He always received his visitors graciously and loved to tell in a vein of quaint humor of the old, adventurous days which he memorialized in his verses.

Machine Gun Stolen by Rebels

El Paso, Texas.—A machine gun of the Thirteenth Cavalry platoon at Hachita, N. M., has disappeared, according to reliable reports received here.

It is believed that Mexican rebels came over the border and stole the piece. Major Clark, district adjutant at Fort Bliss, said no report of the theft has been made. However, the disappearance of the gun and also of considerable ammunition is fully verified. United States troops have been searching the border for a trace of the missing artillery.

MILITANT WOMEN USING DYNAMITE

COUNTRY RESIDENCE OF THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EX-CHEQUER DESTROYED

NO PERSON WAS INJURED

Mrs. Parkhurst Boasts of Destruction of Lloyd-George's Home—She Accepts Responsibility.

Cardiff, Wales.—We have blown up the chancellor of the exchequer's house," said Mrs. Emmeline Parkhurst, addressing an enthusiastic meeting of suffragettes here. The authorities need not look for the women who actually did it. I personally accept full responsibility for it."

Mrs. Parkhurst declared that if she were sent to penal servitude she would go on a hunger strike.

The government will then either have to set me free," she added, "or let me die. If I drop out a hundred women are ready to take my place."

London.—The country residence of Chancellor of the Exchequer David Lloyd-Garrison at Walton Heath was practically destroyed by a bomb which the police say was placed there either by militant suffragists or their male sympathizers.

Nobody was injured, as the residence had not been occupied.

An official of the Women's Social and Political Union told the police that the society had no knowledge of the perpetrators.

General Mrs. Flora Drummond, however, declared the explosion was "undoubtedly the work of women."

"It was a fine act and shows the determination of the women," she said, "to power to all kinds of militancy in the direction of harassing cabinet ministers short of taking human life."

A bomb had been placed in one of the rooms of the residence, which is a modest one adjoining the golf links on which Lloyd-George plays. The infernal machine was so powerful that the thick walls of the house split in all directions, and most of the rooms were wrecked.

Two severe explosions of high powder also had been placed in separate rooms among heaps of wood shavings which had been saturated with oil, and in the center of which burning candles had been fixed.

PURCHASER GUILTY AS SELLER

So South Carolina Judge Holds in Passing on Blind Tiger Cases.

Anderson, S. C.—In South Carolina the buyer of whisky from a blind tiger is guilty of a violation of the law and is punishable just as is the seller, according to a decree handed down by Circuit Judge Shipp in dismissing several appeals.

The defendants contended in their court of the charge of transporting contraband liquors appealed on the ground that they were acting as agents for purchasers and that the whisky was not contraband because it was to be used for a lawful purpose.

The defendants stated that they secured the whisky from a blind tiger, naming the man, and they merely carried the whisky from the tiger to the purchaser.

Judge Shipp stated that the defendants knew the whisky was contraband when it was in the hands of the blind tiger and that its character did not change when it passed into the hands of the defendants, although it may have been obtained by them for a lawful purpose.

Omnibus Bill Passes House

Washington.—Aid great rejoicing and in defiance of the conservative members who urged retrenchment and the cutting down of expenditures, the house passed an omnibus public building bill, carrying \$25,800,000.

The vote on the bill was 184 to 48, and the opponents of the measure were unable to muster enough votes to secure a roll call to insure a record vote. Representative Hardwick of Georgia was bitter in his denunciation of the bill.

More Land for Forest Reserve

Washington.—The national forest reservation commission, at a meeting authorized the purchase of 9,000 acres of land on the Savannah watershed in the states of Georgia and South Carolina, which will bring the total forest reserve holdings in this locality up to 80,000 acres.

Representative Gordon Lee, a member of the commission, states the average price paid is \$3.25 an acre. An additional 1,200 acres in Fannin county, lying adjacent to lands already acquired, were approved for purchase.

FROM THE TAR HEEL STATE

Short Paragraphs of State News That Has Been Condensed For Busy People of State.

Lincolnton.—County Superintendent of Health Page reports quite a number of cases of smallpox scattered in all directions, but none of a serious nature.

Raleigh.—The joint legislative committee on libraries ordered a favorable report on the bill of Senator Nimocks, of Fayetteville, providing for a legislative reference library.

Spencer.—A disastrous fire at the home of W. A. Hendrix, near Salisbury recently, resulted in a loss of about \$2,000 with \$1,000 insurance. The home will be rebuilt at once.

Raleigh.—The bill to allow the voters of Jackson county to vote at an election as to removal of the county seat from Webster to Sylvia, passed the Senate by a vote of 24 to 4.

Asheville.—Claude Goodlake was found guilty of seducing Ibe Luther, under the legal age of consent. Notice of appeal was given and bond was required in the sum of two thousand dollars.

Raleigh.—Raleigh was honored by the presence of a large number of mayors from the important towns in North Carolina, members of legislative committee of the City Municipal Association.

Wilmington.—As the result of being struck by a train at Boardman, Augustus Rice, a young white man, died at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, in this city, whether he was brought for treatment.

Lamberton.—The Robeson County Teachers' Association will meet here on Saturday, March 1. County Superintendent Pool is making great efforts to secure a full attendance, having written to each teacher.

Durham.—Dallas Welch was killed in a fight near the Lincoln Hospital by Henry Green. Death resulted from wounds inflicted by a knife. Both of the negroes had knives and were making generous use of them.

Durham.—An epidemic of measles in Durham is playing havoc with the attendance records in the schools of both the county and city. The disease has been in the county for the past month, and is now somewhat better than it has been, though a large number of children and grown ups have suffered from it.

Greensboro.—The Greensboro chamber of commerce and the Greensboro merchants' association in a joint meeting have adopted strong resolutions upholding Governor Craig and the legislative commission in their purpose to have an end put to railroad freight rate discrimination against this state.

Raleigh.—The committee substitute for the Statewide primary bill went to its death in the house by a vote of 66 to 43, after a strenuous crossfire argument that continued for nearly two hours. The real test vote came on a great number of amendments asking the exception of counties from the entire operation of the bill.

Charlotte.—The 117th annual State Convention of the North Carolina Sunday School Association will be held in Greensboro April 22-24. The International Sunday School Association will provide two speakers for this convention, Franklin McElfresh, Ph. D., of Chicago, superintendent of teachers training in North America, and Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, Newark, N. J.

Greensboro.—With the adoption of a schedule calling for 116 games and the decision to permit no transfers except by unanimous vote of the six clubs, the Carolina League directors have made ready for the opening of the season on April 24 with games in Winston, Charlotte and Raleigh. Asheville plays the opening game in Winston; Greensboro in Charlotte and Durham in Raleigh.

Raleigh.—After over two hours' discussion by advocates and opponents of the proposed new county of Middlesex, the bill was defeated by unanimous vote. There was a goodly number of interested citizens before the House Committee on Cities and Towns, Roberts, chairman, to consider the bill by Representative Cornwell to create a new county out of portions of Nash, Franklin, Wake, Wilson and Johnston counties.

Raleigh.—Making vigorous speeches against the Mount Airy proposition to hold an election to vote for \$50,000 in bonds, Representative Haymore (forgot to vote when he was overwhelmed and allowed the committee on roads to report his bill with unanimous favor.

Raleigh.—The plan for a reformatory for girls and women under thirty years of age who need help for a clean life, has been endorsed by the Senate committee on penal institutions, which heard a decision of the bill introduced by Senator V. S. Bryant, of Durham, by request.

MADERO IS SHOT DEAD IN STREET

MOB ATTACKS OFFICIAL AUTOMOBILE; CARRYING HIM TO PENITENTIARY

INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE

During Melees—Accounts of Death of Victim, Do Not Conform in All Cases.

Mexico City, Francisco I. Madero and Jose Pino Suarez are dead. In a midnight ride under guard from the National Palace to the penitentiary they were killed.

The circumstances surrounding the death of the deposed President and Vice President of the Republic are unknown, except as given in official accounts, which do not in all cases conform. The only witnesses were those actually concerned in the killing.

The Provisional President, Gen. Victoriano Huerta, says the killing of the two men was incidental to a fight between their guard and a party attempting to liberate them. The Minister of Foreign Relations, Francisco de la Barra, adds that the prisoners attempted to escape. Neither makes a definite statement as to which side fired the fatal shots. It is not impossible that neither knows.

An official investigation has been ordered to determine the responsibility and solemn promises have been made that the guilty will be punished.

Not uncharitably, a great part of the public regards the officials versions with doubt, having in mind the use for court for centuries of the notorious "ley fuga," the unwritten law which is invoked when the death of a prisoner is desired. After its application there is written on the records "prisoner shot trying to escape."

Senora Madero, widow of the Ex-President, received the first definite information of his death from Senor Cologan y Cologan, the Spanish Minister. She already had heard reports that something unusual and serious had happened but friends had endeavored up to that time to prevent her from learning the whole truth.

Soon afterward, accompanied by her brother, Jose Perez and Mercedes Madero, a sister of Francisco, Senora Madero drove to the penitentiary but was refused permission to see the body of her husband. Senor Suarez also was denied admittance to the mortuary, where physicians, in accordance with the law, were performing an autopsy.

Turkey Ready to Quit Fighting

London.—The Sublime Porte has instructed Haki Pasha, Turkish peace envoy in London, to request the good offices of the foreign offices in London in bringing about the opening of Balkan peace negotiations, according to a special dispatch from Constantinople. The Turkish government has agreed to accept, in the main, the recommendations of the great powers, which were that Turkey meet the demands of the allies.

Castro Has Gone to Cuba

New York.—Gen. Cipriano Castro, ex-president of Venezuela, left New York for Cuba on the Ward Line Saratoga. He said there was nothing secret about his trip, that it was merely for pleasure and that he would return to New York some time in March. The general said the late confidence in his appeal to the supreme court from the federal court decision allowing him to enter this country.

Grey Likely to be Premier

London.—The cabinet has now definitely settled the vexed question as to who shall have the reversion of the premiership when Mr. Asquith finds the burden of his office too great for his years and seeks the repose in the house of lords. The choice has fallen almost unanimously on Sir Edward Grey.

Asks Resignation of Keefer

Washington.—Secretary Nagel has made a report to President Taft on the official conduct of Daniel J. Keefer of Detroit, commissioner general of immigration, and has recommended that Keefer's resignation be demanded. The report alleges that the head of the immigration service has accepted free transportation for himself, and family from railroads and steamships. These alleged acts were considered by Secretary Nagel as sufficiently serious to be called to the president's attention.