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Plan of Reorganization of the Tobacco Trust Being Considered by the Court

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agerney General Wickersham Files His Answer and Makes Several Recommendations to the Courtattorneys of Independent Compasies Object to Plan of Reorganiza-

New York, Oct. 30 .- The proposed was for the reorganization of the tobacco trust submitted by the Amer-Tobacco Company and co-debedants to the government's antirust suit was both praised and consemned today before the Circuit Court judges of the United States for the southern district of New York. After Attorney General Wickersham had filed the government's anseer to the plan, counsel for the detendants pleaded with the court to scept the dissolution proposal. Lew-& Cass Ledyard, arguing for the detendants, insisted that it was an hopest plan to comply with the reguirements in the mandate of the Supreme Court for a reorganization that will restore competition in compliance with the terms of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Supporting the plan, representatives of the preferred stockholders and bondholders of the American Tobacco and constituent companies urged approval of the division of the trust into four principal segregated companies to be operated absolutely independent of each other. In support of these interests there appeared

Independents and Growers Object to Plan.

and that it is a sham proposal to di- completely triumph. vide the properties, control of which still would be retained by the group of individuals now dominating the industry. Louis D. Brandeis, of Boston, made the principal argument impossible to bring about thereby a restoration of the competitive system in the trade.

Attorney General Files Answer.

Attorney General Wickersham, apattorneys J. C. McReynolds and Edwin P. Grosvenor, will be heard tomorrow. The answer of the Attorney General filed today did not exco industry.

Creation of a new condition, "hon- termed the trust of trusts. estly in harmony with and not rethe government's anti-trust suit.

The answer urged that any disin- all the great natural monopolies. revision within five years and asked the court to grant a permanent injunction against each of the defendants, their officers, employees, etc., restraining them from "continuing or carrying into further effect the combination adjudged illegal by the Supreme Court."

After referring to the directions of the Supreme Court that competitive conditions in the tobacco industry be restored, the Attorney General said: "Obviously the effect of any plan of disintegration submitted to the consideration of the court must be more or less a matter of conjecture, and it is impossible for the court to determine in advance whether or not a plan which proposes to restore competitive conditions will actually accomplish the purpose intended."

Want Right to Apply for Further Relief.

Therefore, he contended, the government should be given the right to apply for further relief at any time E 64 Within five years and to that end any of the new corporations proposed to be organized to carry out the plan should be brought in and made a party to this suit in order to be subjected to the jurisdiction of the court.

Any plan adopted, the Attorney General urged, should prohibit the corporations among which the business of the combine is distributed from having officers in common, owning stock in each other, employing the same selling or purchasing agents, retaining the same office force or occupying the same offices, or holding stock in any corporation any part of whose stock is also held by any of the other corporations among which the properties of the combine are distributed.

As to the distribution of properties, the government suggests that no corporation be allowed to acquire

property that would invest it with as occasion to notice the variety of New Mexico. In other States just elected, have nominated candidates.

Counsel for North Carolina Farmers' Union Want Receiver Named.

assets by a receiver.

ments, took active part in the dis- of understanding the nature of their cussion. When the arguments are charges. concluded it is expected that the The President said that the report judges will take the case under ad- which the government agents had visement for some time before an- made to him showing that the United nouncing a decision.

TAFT ANSWERS CRITICS. (Continued from page 1.)

dynasty, which was only a republic

in form and a despotism in fact. The Situation Between Italy and Turkey.

There has been but little change in the war situation between Italy and Turkey during the last week. Italy has continued to strengthen her forces in Tripoli, while Turkey is appealing to the powers of Europe to prevent further aggressions on the part of Italy. One thing is certain. and that is Europe will never permit Turkey to again dominate Tripoli, and sooner or later Turkey will Presidential struggle a year hence, be driven out of all Africa.

The fact that the present action of Joseph H. Choate and others, who in- Italy in seizing Tripoli has met with sisted that the reorganization plan the consent of the European powers was a sincere one, and pleaded that is an indication that sooner or later no hostile elements be permitted to all Africa will be divided up between destroy it though it might be subject | the leading powers of Europe, Tripoli to some amendment calculated to as- was conquered by the Romans over sure protection to the property rights two thousand years ago and civilized. Modern Italy has now returned to take up the work that was started by the Roman Empire, but first it will have to undo the damage and re-Independent manufacturers, deal- actionary influences of Turkey's rule. ers and producers of tobacco unani- Italy attempted to conquer Abysmously disapproved the plan on the sinia about fifteen years ago, which ground that it would not result in resulted unsuccessfully, but in the effectually breaking up the "trust" present case it seems that Italy will

Pot-Ash Discovered in the United

The Agricultural Department announces that several large deposits against the proposal and sought to of pot-ash have been discovered at convince the court that it would be different points in the United States. Heretofore this country has been forced to import pot-ash from Russia to the extent of over twelve million dollars worth each year for fertilizer. The Department of Agriculture announces that this amount and pearing with the special prosecuting more will be saved to our country next year.

Suit to Dissolve the Steel Trust.

The Attorney-General of the Unitpress general opposition to the dis- ed States has brought suit under the solution plan but contained for the Sherman anti-trust law to dissolve guidance of the court many restric- the great United States Steel Corportions deemed necessary to assure restion. This company is a greater trust toration of competition in the tobac- than the Standard Oil trust or the Tobacco trust. It may properly be

· Its ramifications in the business pugnant to the law," is insisted upon world are so extended that in one by Attorney General Wickersham in way or another it dominates or inhis answer to the plan of dissolution fluences more or less every other and reorganization of the American great industrial enterprise. Indeed, Tobacco Company, and defendants to it has a powerful effect over transportation lines, telegraph lines, and

tegration plan accepted be subject to President Taft Resents Attacks on Him.

> President Taft, in a speech a few days after the filing of this suit took

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much as 40 per cent of any partic- criticisms that had been hurled at tices of the Supreme Court, members A Legislature will also be chosen. ular line of the tobacco business; him. He said that one set of critics of Legislatures and mayors will be Mississippi will vote for all State that all covenants restricting the ac- one day were charging him with chosen. Several Congressional va- officers; in Kentucky a Governor. tivities of members of the combina- packing the Supreme Court of the cancies are to be filled. tion be rescinded and that the United United States in the interests of the Cigar Stores Company be sold and trusts; that another day the same set year, national interest centres in Mas- Virginia will vote for legislative and distributed to parties other than the of critics or another set of critics sachusetts, where the Democratic and would charge him with being an en- Republican parties have named full emy to business prosperity on ac- State tickets. E. N. Foss, who was count of his vigorous prosecution of elected as a Democratic Governor last the trusts, and now he says, the last year, is a candidate for re-election. The North Carolina counsel de- charge by these critics is that the The Republican ticket is headed by clared they had not much confidence government has brought this suit in the desire of the tobacco trust against the United State Steel Comdefendants to obey the law and that pany to make political capital to help the only remedy for conditions ob- his re-election. The President detaining was a sale of the defendant's nounced all of these serious accusations in a most emphatic manner, and Judges LaCombe, Ward, Coxe and said that the men who make such Noyes, who are hearing the argu-charges can hardly be men capable

> States Steel Company was a trust as able. described by the Supreme Court in its decisions in the Standard Oil and Tobacco trust cases were so strong that it was his duty not to delay another day in bringing suit to dissolve that combination when once he was satisfied that it was a trust in violation of law.

ELECTIONS OF 14 STATES.

Rhode Island Has Five Tickets to be Voted for-Interest in the Elections.

(From the Philadelphia Ledger.)

Although the elections to be held in a number of States November 7th will be quiet, compared with the interest is, nevertheless, keen.

States which will elect Governors or other State officers are Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maryland, Kentucky, Mississippi, Louisiana, and where a full State ticket is to be

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Raleigh,

While this is regarded as an off Commissioners will be elected, and L. A. Frothingham, present Republican Lieutenant-Governor.

In New York State a new Assembly will be elected, as well as several justices of the Supreme Court and city an decounty officials.

New Mexico votes, for the first time in its history as a State, for a full set of State officers, members of Congress and for a Supreme Court and other judges. It also will vote on a proposed amendment to make the Constitution more easily amend-

Ohio will vote for municipal officers and delegates to the constitutional convention.

Pennsylvania elects mayors in

nearly all cities.

nominate a candidate to succeed Gov- cost \$200,000. ernor Hoke Smith, who becomes United States Senator.

Court of Appeals, the full member- month aggregated \$367,711.26. crats for Governor, while the Repub- being about ten cents. licans have named Phillips Lee Golds-

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"Our people are very much exercised over high taxes and cheap Democratic cotton, as 10-cent cotton does not pay debts and high taxes like Republican 15-cent cotton. This looks like eating at the last table and nothing to set on it."

Big Tobacco Business at Winston.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Oct. 31 .-Municipal officers also will be vot- The Mengel Box Company, of Louised for, among other States, in Ten- ville, Ky., has let a contract to Harwood & Moss, of Newport News, Va., Georgia will hold a primary to to erect a plant in North Winston to

Local tobacco manufacturers shipped 4,596,390 pounds of goods this Maryland, besides electing a Gov- month, this being an increase of two ernor, will choose a State Comptrol- million pounds over the same month ler. Attorney-General, Judge of the last year. Revenue stamp sales this ship of the House of Delegates and Three and a half million pounds of half of the Senate. Arthur P. Gor- leaf tobacco were sold on the local man, Jr., is the choice of the Demo- market this month, the average price

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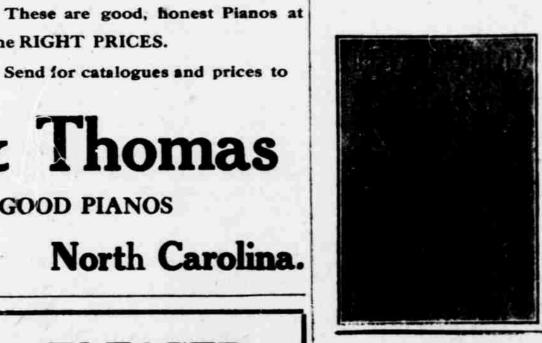
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