

TRUST INVESTIGATION

The Wholesale Grocers' Association on Sugar.

AMERICAN TOBACCO NEXT VICTIM

THE "FACTOR'S AGREEMENT" IS IRONCLAD.

Freezes Out the Small Merchant—Must Sell Goods at Fixed Price, or not at All—The Inquiry to be Continued.

Feb. 24.—The Joint Legislative committee investigating trusts, in its hearing this morning, President Wholesale Grocers' Association, was the first witness. He declared that the association was not organized through New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont. He declared the association controlled the market in any way. The only change, he said, was to send the changes of prices in accordance with the Secretary. He said that previous to the formation of the Wholesale Grocers Association, the grocers lost money by the operation of the association. He said that the association had no effect on the making of a code of prices, or fixing the price, or any other thing since six years ago. He said that grocers in every county adopted the price of the American Sugar Refining Company as a standard. He said his firm bought goods from the American Sugar Refining Company at the same discount from the same source as the Mollenhauer Company. He said that the Mollenhauer Company got the quoted prices from the American Sugar Refining Company. He said that he had no knowledge of any such thing. He said that he would fix the price asked? He said that he would be glad to be photographed to our paper. He said that he would be glad to be photographed to our paper. He said that he would be glad to be photographed to our paper.

UNPARALLELED DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY IN THE VALLEYS.

Numbers of Towns Under Water—Booms Swept Away—Stock Drowned—Loss of Human Life.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 24.—The large tobacco warehouses on Front street are full of water to the first floors, but the stock of tobacco has been moved out. So far there has been little loss at those places. A Catlettsburg special says: The street-car line on Centre street is covered with water. Residents on the square bounded by North Front, Main and Centre streets, are moving. The loss cannot be estimated. The greater loss is to timber men. At Versailles, Ky., no trains are running to-day on account of the damage by the flood at Valley View. The train which left Versailles last night at 6 o'clock at Richmond 4 1/2 o'clock, was delayed until this morning.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 24.—Streams in Kentucky are clear out of their banks and doing immeasurable damage. Several people have been drowned in various parts of the State. Much stock has been lost, fences swept away, and other property almost ruined. The streams all through the mountains are higher than for years. At Middlesboro yesterday, a cloud burst deluged the locality, drowning James Charwell, wife and four children. All but two blocks of Pineville, Ky., is covered, while a number of little towns along the North fork of the Kentucky river are under water. The people have been forced to seek shelter on the mountains. Reports from Jackson and other places up the North fork, say there has been considerable loss of life and property. Mrs. Houtzell and little daughter were drowned in their house, which was washed from the mountain side in Breathitt county, last night. Two men whose names could not be learned, were drowned in one of the streams in Bell county.

TURKS PROVOKING HOSTILITIES.

Backed by the Powers they would Destroy the Christians. Canea, Feb. 23.—Great excitement was caused here last night by smart rifle firing to the westward of the town. It was soon learned that the firing was taking place between the Turkish outposts and Christian insurgents, and the report spread that the outposts had been driven back and the insurgents were approaching the town. Crowds of residents went to the ramparts of the city and anxiously watched the outcome of the fighting. The firing ceased in a short time with either side having gained any material advantage or, so far as known, causing any casualties.

A Turkish warship in Sudabay and the soldiers in the arsenal there today fired repeatedly at the village, which was shelled Sunday by the foreign fleets. There was absolutely no reason for this attack, except that the Turks were desirous of provoking an occasion for further intervention on the part of the European powers. A white flag was flying over the position occupied by the insurgents, but this did not prevent the firing. The insurgents' understanding, probably, the motives of the Turks, did not reply to the leaders of the insurgents who were shelled Sunday have made through the Greek commodore a formal protest against the action of the Turkish admiral. They declare in foreign admirals. They declare in foreign admirals. They declare in foreign admirals.

Characteristic Spanish Dispatch.

Havana, Feb. 23.—General Gaco, while reconnoitering near La Reforma and other places in the vicinity of Sancti Spiritus, had engagements with the rebels under Gomez. The insurgents, according to the official reports, were pursued to the Rio Grande. One detachment of the Spanish forces pursued some of the rebels to Santa Terora, killing or wounding many of them. Three insurgents were captured. Nineteen men belonging to General Gasco's Brigade, which took part in the fighting, lost a Lieutenant killed and seven privates wounded. Ruiz's brigade while reconnoitering had an engagement near Jobosi with 200 men of Gomez's vanguard. The rebels were dispersed with a loss of eleven killed. The brigade had six men wounded. The troops on an armored car on the Sagua railroad had an engagement with rebels at Loma Cubana. The insurgents retreated after losing twenty killed. The town of San Pedro, in the Trinidad district, was attacked by the rebels under Diaz, who were repulsed by the garrison.

Professors of Frigidity.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 23.—The annual convention of the Southern Ice Men's Exchange will be officially opened here tomorrow. Most of the delegates, over a hundred in number, are already in the city. Today they were given a pleasant excursion through the city and to various points of interest. Tonight they occupied boxes at the Academy of Music. During the afternoon the executive committee met, but only routine business was transacted. The business session of the convention will begin tomorrow, two sessions being held. One point to be discussed is the making of the association into a national one. There are many interesting papers to be read. President E. B. Graves, of Memphis, is present and will open the convention. Tomorrow evening an elaborate banquet, at which a number of prominent men will speak, will be given.

A State of Anxiety and Unrest.

Athens, Feb. 23.—The entire country is in a state of intense anxiety and unrest over the situation and there is the widest speculation as to what the final outcome will be. The people are deeply incensed against the Powers for their intervention in Crete and their attitude is causing some apprehension in court and government circles. King George today issued a proclamation that he intended to cool the popular passions and thus avert what might prove a national crisis. He enjoins the country to be calm and dignified and to confide in the government which, he says, is doing everything possible to uphold the honor of Greece and maintain the rights of the Hellenic people.

Bryan Waterlogged.

Washington, Feb. 23.—William Jennings Bryan is waterlogged somewhere west of Cumberland, Md., on the B. & O. R. R. He was expected to have arrived here tonight, but on account of floods no train from the west over the B. & O. R. R. has reached here since Monday afternoon. He is to be the guest of honor at a dinner tomorrow night given by the Hon. John R. McLean, and a telegram received here tonight stated that Mr. Bryan will be unable to reach Washington by that time.

FLOOD IN THE OHIO RIVER THE SILVER REPUBLICANS

ISSUE AN ADDRESS—PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED. The Western Silver Senators, Led by Teller and Dubois Sign the Call for Reorganization.

Washington, Feb. 24.—An address was issued to-day by the Silver Republicans in Congress to the Silver Republicans in the United States, looking to the calling of a national convention in the near future and affect a national organization. The argumentative preamble omitted, the address says: "Circumstances have some times in the past thrust upon the undersigned, responsibilities on behalf of silver Republicans, which, in the absence of formal organization, we have felt warranted in assuming. Recently, moreover, we have been receiving a vast number of anxious inquiries from various parts of the country upon the question of party policy and requesting us to give some definite direction thereto. These communications exhibit a surprising and gratifying unanimity in sentiment and plan. Responding to these earnest suggestions, and at the time expressing our own deliberate opinion, we urge upon the silver Republicans of the United States, and upon all citizens of whatsoever previous party association, who are willing to cooperate with us in political action until the great monetary issue is settled and settled right, that immediate steps be taken to perfect organization in the various States and territories, to the end that thereafter a national convention may be held for the purpose of making an authoritative pronouncement to the country and effecting a national organization. As soon as possible each of the States and territories should designate a member of the provisional national committee of the Silver Republican party, which committee shall have charge of the calling of the national convention and of all matters preliminary thereto. Meantime, we have taken the liberty of naming Hon. Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota, as chairman of said provisional national committee, whose official address for the present will be the city of Washington, and to whom all communications should be sent. The provisional national committee is hereby called to meet in executive session at the city of Chicago, at a place to be seasonably announced by the chairman, on Tuesday, the 8th day of June, 1897. The address is signed by Senators Teller, Colorado; Dubois, Idaho; Cannon, Utah; Pettigrew, South Dakota; Mantle, Montana and Jones, Nevada, and Representatives Towne, Minnesota; Hartman, Montana; Shafroth, Colorado, and Allen, of Utah.

Railroad Presidents Meet.

New York, Feb. 23.—The Presidents of the Trunk Line Railroads met today with the board of managers of the Joint Traffic Association to consider the cut in west bound rates by the lumberland Gap Dispatch, a fast freight line operated by the Norfolk and Western Railroad. All the trunk lines were represented except the Chesapeake and Ohio. M. E. Ingalls, the President of the association, telegraphed his inability to be present. The representatives of the other roads voted unanimously in favor of the maintenance of rates. W. C. Bullitt, traffic manager of the Chesapeake and Ohio, previously said that the joint traffic roads were cutting their rates, but if they restored and maintained rates, his road would do likewise. It was expected that the Chesapeake and Ohio would join with the other trunk lines in giving assent to the schedule rates, which would be strictly adhered to, whereupon the Norfolk and Western would put its old rates in force after the ten days notice to the inter-State commerce commission required by law.

Will Earn a Bonus of \$40,000.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 24.—The gunboat Helena, constructed at the ship-yard here, made a trial-trip in the Bay this afternoon and developed a speed of fifteen knots, exceeding the requirement by two knots. The increase over the Wilmington, which made a preliminary trip last Saturday, was a quarter of a knot. The Helena's propeller is of a different pattern from that of the Wilmington. The weather was favorable for the test, and her machinery worked perfectly. If the Helena equals her performance of to-day, when she makes her official trip, she will earn her builders a bonus of \$40,000.

Got the Company into Trouble.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 24.—An application was made to-day by two stockholders for a receiver for the Georgia Society and Banking Company, of which Otis Smith was cashier. The stockholders say that Smith's embezzlement added to the company's depressed assets, spoke it practically bankrupt. Judge Lumpkin set the petition for a hearing on Saturday. The officers and some of the stockholders of the company declare that it is not insolvent and say that they will fight the petition for a receiver.

Parnell's Mother in Want.

Dublin, Feb. 23.—In a speech delivered in this city to-night, Mr. Timothy Harrington, M. P. for the Harbor Division of Dublin, declared that it was absurd to say that the Parnellit caused the death of the mother of Charles Stewart Parnell, who was in absolute want of the House, in which the dead Irish leader was born. Mr. Harrington in himself, a member of the Parnellite section of the Irish parliamentary party, but his speech to-night is held to forewarn his separation from Mr. John Redmond, the leader of that section.

Colored People to have Accommodations.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 23.—The State Railroad Commission suggests to all managers of railways in the State the rooms for colored passengers at points where there are eating houses for whites. The commission has not issued an order or rule, but believes that the roads will attend to this matter without an official order.

He Robbed Personal Friends.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 24.—Otis Smith, the young embezzler, was placed in the custody of detectives for four days. His shortage is estimated at about \$10,000. He robbed personal friends and corporations without discriminating or favoritism.

Plague Abating.

Bombay, Feb. 23.—The official plague returns for the past week show a distinct abatement in the ravages of the disease.

Fighting All Day.

Canea, Feb. 23.—Fighting has been going on all day today above Tulza on Suda Bay. No details have yet been received.

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Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. CAPITAL STOCK, \$100,000.00; SURPLUS FUND, 16,000.00; NET UNDIVIDED PROFITS, 8,708.47; DEPOSITS, 330,083.23.

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