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SWEEPING CHANGES IN TRUST LAWS

The President's Message Recommends Some Sweeping Changes in the Laws

AS TO RAILROADS

Would Compel Corporations Having An Interstate and Foreign Business to Take Out a Federal Charter and Would Protect Them From State Interference—Would Also Prevent Corporations From Acquiring or Holding Stock in Other Corporations—Would Establish an Interstate Commerce Court—Would Protect Corporations.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—President Taft today sent to congress his long delayed and much discussed message on interstate commerce and anti-trust legislation. In it he strikes at the existence of holding corporations, by which major trusts control their subsidiaries and at the watering of corporation stock. To insure the more complete control of railroads by the government, he demands the formation of a court of commerce, to comprise five judges, having power to act as a court of appeals from the rulings of the interstate commerce commission.

The president dips into railroad employees' safety, also, urging new features of the liability law.

State control of corporations is vigorously attacked; the president charges it with the responsibility for many corporation and abuses and he takes a firm stand for centralized power.

He demands that railroads be forbidden to control their competitors and would give the interstate commerce commission sweeping increases in power.

Declaring distinction between good and bad trusts to be impossible, the president says emphatically that if the trusts are to be kept within the law, new legislation, creating national corporations under charter, is urgently needed.

This, the main provision of the anti-trust section, was announced some time ago, as was many of the other terms of the message.

Such a move, the president points out, is not to afford the trusts a refuge, as the Sherman law's repeal is not contemplated.

The proposed statute, according to the message, "is not to be framed so as to permit the doing of the wrongs which it is the purpose of that (the Sherman) law to prevent, but only to foster a continuance and advance of the highest industrial efficiency without permitting industrial abuses."

Here are the steps he recommends: In anti-legislation: Grant a federal charter to combinations manufactured and selling in interstate and foreign commerce. Protect corporations from state interference.

Prevent stock issues in excess of property values as ascertained by the federal government.

Compel complete reports of national corporations to the department of commerce and labor at regular intervals.

Prevent national corporations from acquiring or holding stock in others, except with federal approval; this

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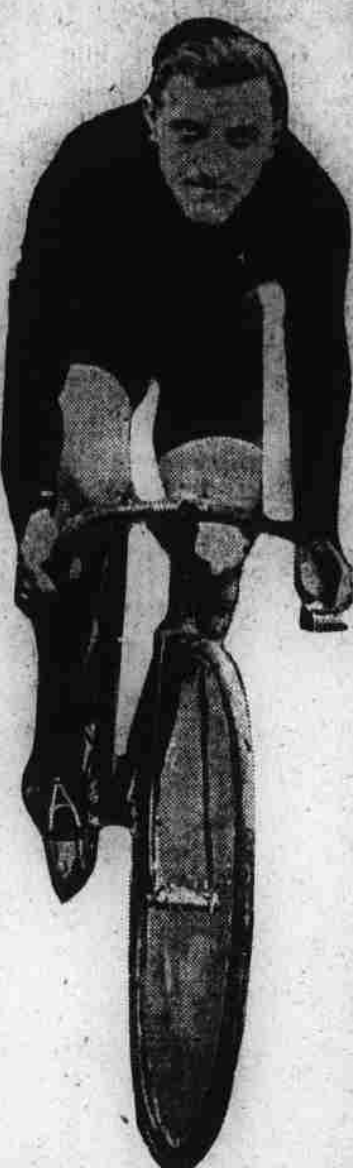
DR. VINEBERG LOSES STATE BOARD CASE

(Special to The Times.)

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 7.—Judge W. J. Adams filed his opinion in the case of Dr. Vineberg against the State Board of Optometry Examiners last night, the judgment being based upon the facts and law bearing on the case. In his decision Judge Adams decides against the petitioner, Dr. Vineberg, and orders that his prayer for a peremptory writ of mandamus be denied on the grounds that he had not practiced for two years in North Carolina prior to the date of the passage of the act creating the State Board of Optometry Examiners.

When the judgment was announced in court this morning Major Charles M. Steadman of counsel for Dr. Vineberg promptly entered a motion of an appeal to the Supreme court.

WALTER RUTT.



Walter Rutt, who with Jackie Clark, recently won the six-day bicycle race in Berlin, Germany. Rutt, who is a native of Germany, left his native land without having performed the lawful quota of military duty. When he entered Germany again the War Office promptly got after him. The Crown Prince, however, is such a lover of sport, that he used his good offices to have Rutt left free to enter the race. The Berliners are in great glee to think one of their countrymen took first place.

GOV. HUGHES WILL KILL AMENDMENT

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Jan. 7.—The advocates of an income tax law in congress are much disturbed over the recommendation of Gov. Hughes in his message to the New York legislature that the constitutional amendment passed by the senate and house by unanimous vote at the extraordinary session be rejected.

They feel that this recommendation on the part of the governor will have the effect of killing the amendment in a sufficient number of states to prevent its ratification by the required three-fourths of the state.

They now regret more than ever that they did not press the income tax amendment to the tariff bill when they had command of the situation as they did for a short time, and compel a vote upon it. They believe it would have carried at that time, and as drawn by Bailey and Cummins, would have been declared constitutional by the supreme court. They realize that it will be quite impossible for many years to come to pass such a law if the amendments fails of ratification, and they feel that the opponents of the message played a sharp trick upon them in eliminating the tax from the tariff bill and passing a constitutional amendment which is likely to fail of ratification.

TWO PERSONS KILLED.

In Early Morning Fire—Eight Children Have Narrow Escapes.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 7.—Two persons were killed, another seriously injured and a dozen others were rescued from a fire early this morning in a three-story dwelling house at 3031 Bragerton avenue. Eight children had narrow escapes. The dead: Mrs. Mary Antoszewski, 35 years old, suffocated; Joseph Antoszewski, 7 months old, suffocated.

The injured: Theodore Wodlinski.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Jan. 7.—In aid of proposed legislation affecting the disposal of waterpower sites on the public domain, Secretary of the Interior Ballinger today temporarily withdrew from all forms of disposition 1,800 acres on Hassayamp Creek, Arizona, and 2,400 acres along Two Butte Creek, Colorado.

SEARCH FOR MAN BURIED IN A TUNNEL

Force Digging Up Street In Hope of Finding Man Buried Alive

CROWD WATCH SCENE

Isaac Finkelstein Dug Tunnel Under Street in Order to Rob Jewelry Store and Was Caught Like a Rat in a Trap—Changed Course of Tunnel and Started For Bank—It Is Not Known Whether Buried Man Is Dead or Alive, But Work Goes On—Wife Stands by With Children Watching Excavators at Work.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, Jan. 7.—Fresh relays of the city's expert diggers were put to work this morning in the tunnel under Ludlow street, in which Isaac Finkelstein—whether alive or dead is not known—is believed to be entombed. If he is dead he is the victim of his own greed and in a grave of his own making, for after policemen, detectives, and laborers of the building department had been working like beavers for hours to find him, his wife told how he had confessed to her his plan to dig under the street and rob the jewelry store of S. Zirinsky, on the opposite corner.

Since 10 o'clock last night the excavation has been going on, and at times the crowds of watchers have been so large and so excited that police from the Eldridge street station had to form lines and keep the people back. A hole 10 feet deep and about six by eight feet at the top has been opened down to the tunnel in front of No. 51 Ludlow street, in the cellar of which Finkelstein started his digging.

A large space in the asphalt has been ripped up and Foreman Kelly, of the building department, who is in charge, said he believed his men would not entirely lay bare the strange human burrow before noon today. The scene in the early morning hours was an eerie one. In the heavy rain, by the flickering torches, the men worked, their labor made more difficult than ordinarily by the filthy condition of the street, which is piled with snow on the sides and racking with rain and slush in the middle. The policemen in their glistening raincoats, stood like guards at some weird obsequy, keeping back the curious and excitable crowds.

Frequently the wife of Finkelstein, an old shawl pinned about her head and holding a child by each hand, would come from her squalid home in the tenement, No. 53 Ludlow street, and hysterically break through the police lines to inquire if her husband had been found. Her grief and the crying of the five Finkelstein children added to the gloominess of the scene and she was finally ordered to remain indoors.

The tunnel begins in the cellar of an uncompleted tenement, and Chief Inspector Reville, of the building department, said it had passed under the foundations. His men have shored up the cellar walls to prevent the structure from collapsing. The tunnel, the inspector said, is about 10 feet below the level of the street, and Finkelstein must have worked like a mole, worming himself along as he dug, for its dimensions are only about 20 inches by two feet.

The tunnel was diverted, under the street, from a direct line toward the jewelry store and turned in the direction of the Eastside branch of the 14th street bank. The police believe that he changed his mind about robbing the jewelry store, as he had told his wife was his intention, or lost his way.

GAS FOR NEW YORK.

Will be Piped From Gas Fields of West Virginia.

Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 7.—In connection with the plan to pipe gas to New York and other cities from the West Virginia gas fields, it was stated here today that the Standard Oil Company would take over the interests of the United Fuel Company of Pittsburgh; the Columbia Gas Company of Cincinnati, and the Ohio Fuel Supply Company of Cleveland, involving holdings worth millions of dollars and practically embracing all the independent companies in the state except the Interstate of Pittsburgh.

ALEXANDER S. WILLIAMS.



Former Police Inspector Alexander S. Williams, of New York, who has just been cowed by the presentation of a pistol to his breast, the same authority, Williams was known as one of the bravest of men and his club became a by-word in New York. A negro entered his house, was discovered by Mrs. Williams, who gave the warning to the ex-inspector. But when it came to capture the thief the negro presented his gun and that settled it.

PINCHOT STIRS THEM

Chief Forester In Contempt of Court

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Jan. 7.—"Is not Chief Forester Pinchot in contempt of court?" Upon the Chief Forester for his Doliver Letter—His "Resignation" May be Looked For at Any Time.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Jan. 7.—"Is not Chief Forester Pinchot in contempt of court?" The contempt lies in the violation of President Taft's order of last November forbidding heads of bureaus to furnish senators or members with official information, such information to come only from heads of the departments.

The ready response of Forestry Service officials to Senator Doliver's request for facts relative to the Glavis charges against Secretary Ballinger is regarded by many as confirmation of the "back from Elba" stories that of late have been freely circulated by the "Roosevelites," as the progressive are termed by the regulars. Friends of the administration say today that they cannot see how Mr. Pinchot can expect to continue to retain his office after the disclosures in the Doliver letter.

Senator Hale, much to the surprise of the senate, has appeared in the role of the defender of the administration in this case. He criticized Pinchot for writing the letter to Senator Doliver in violation of the president's order but when the story about the president's order forbidding subordinates to furnish departmental information to congressmen was first made public the Maine senator was quick to speak his mind and criticized the order.

It has been made clear that the line in the senate between the adherents of Ballinger and Pinchot will be sharpened drawn and the progressives no doubt will be found lined up in support of the chief forester. The "resignation" of Mr. Pinchot, voluntary or otherwise, it was said today, may be looked for at any time in the near future.

DEAD AS RESULT OF RIFLE WOUND

(Special to The Times.)

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 7.—At 2:30 o'clock this morning Archie C. Lee, a member of a leading Virginia family, and of the best society here, died as the result of a rifle ball wound inflicted last night shortly after Mr. Lee had returned to his suburban home in Dilworth.

The general belief is the dead man took his own life, but some of his friends hold to the accident theory. The body of Mr. Lee was found in his den by a servant with blood scattered over the carpet, sofa pillows and seat in the room. Mr. Lee had lived at a rather rapid gait. It is said for some time, and was subject to fits of melancholia.

The deceased married Miss Margaret Graham, of Virginia. His sister, Miss Margaret Lee, lives in Ashland and his mother in Washington.

Col. and Mrs. Beverley Tucker, of the Virginia Military Institute, are close relatives of Mrs. Lee.

The body will be taken to Lexington, Va., for interment tomorrow.

Slashed His Throat.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 7.—Slashing his throat from ear to ear, with a razor, Leonard S. Matthews, vice-president of the Pawnee National Bank, and one of the wealthiest citizens in Sangamon county, ended his life at his country home near Pawnee this morning. Ill health and financial troubles are given as the cause.

ROADS SAY THEY CAN'T MEET DEMAND

Demands of Men Would Mean An Increase in Wages of \$10,000,000

HAD NO TROUBLE

Experienced Accountants Going Over the Demands Filed With Them—New Schedules Will be Considered in Joint Conference on January 20. Vice-president Stuart of the Erie Says They Have Never Had Any Trouble With Employees Over Any Question, and He Doesn't Think They Will This Time, But There Are Some Features of Demands He Thinks Unreasonable.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, Jan. 7.—J. C. Stuart, vice-president and general manager of the Erie Railroad, declared today that if the railroad company grants its employees the maximum increase demanded by the conductors and trainmen's organizations it would mean an increase of \$10,000,000 in the company's operating expenses.

"Some of the demands made are so extreme as to be unreasonable," he said, "and the Erie is not rich enough to reach the high figures submitted. The increases range from 10 per cent. to 65 per cent."

Representatives of the unions say their demands are not exorbitant, but are justified by the increase in the cost of living. They are determined to stand out for the increase.

Experienced accountants in the offices of 31 out of the 32 railroads east of the Mississippi river have been going over the demands filed with them last Monday by representatives of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. The Pennsylvania's rates, with a few unimportant exceptions, were satisfactory.

The new schedules will be considered in joint conference on January 20. The increases are not the same upon all the roads, but the different schedules have been so drawn as to make the wages practically the same, for like service, upon all the lines, the general aim being to bring the eastern rates of pay up to what is paid by the roads west of the Mississippi.

"We have never had any serious trouble over wages or any other question," said Mr. Stuart, "and I don't think we will this time. But some of the demands made in the pending schedules are so extreme as to be unreasonable and the Erie isn't rich enough to reach the high figures submitted to us this week. Why, the increases asked run all the way from 10 per cent. to 65 per cent. The new schedule calls for the Chicago standard in all yards.

"That would mean increases of 21 to 70 per cent."

Another matter in the proposed schedule which Mr. Stuart says he cannot endorse is the manner of dealing with the federal 16-hour law. This law requires that railroads must not work their men more than 16 hours on a stretch, and that eight hours of rest must follow each 16 hour work period.

"As I interpret the proposed agreement, here is what may happen," said Mr. Stuart. "A crew, let us say, for example, will be 12 hours on the road between Port Jervis and Jersey City. We will not be permitted to say to that crew, 'Now, go take your eight hours of rest,' but will have to pay the crew for the remaining four hours, whether we had work for them to do or not; and we wouldn't have a four-hour run for them."

"Another demand which I don't see how we can accept," continued the vice-president, "is, that we shall pay mileage rates, at full time, to crews while 'dead-heading' from point to point, where a train is waiting to be taken out. The crew is 'dead-headed' either in the caboose or on a passenger train to the point where its services are required. Under the proposed new schedule we would have to pay the men full mileage rates for their ride to where the work was waiting for them."

Mr. Stuart called attention to other features of the proposed schedule which he thought would be subjects for deep discussion at the conference on the 20th, but he insisted that he did not anticipate any serious disagreement with his men.

MRS. MATTHEW T. SCOTT.



Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, President-General of the National Society of the Daughters of American Revolution, who has made it known that Miss Sarah B. Maclay, for many years a trusted employee of the Society, is responsible for defalcations that baffled detectives for a long time. Mrs. Scott in the formal announcement of the culprit's name expresses the hope that an examination of Miss Maclay will reveal mental aberration of some kind.

QUEEN A HEROINE IN PALACE FIRE

(By Cable to The Times.)

Athens, Jan. 7.—Queen Olga today is the heroine of Greece. Her courage, and that of King George, at the Tatol palace fire was so marked that public opinion has swung strongly in favor of the royal family, and the campaign that has been waged for the abdication of the king has received, it is believed, a severe setback.

When dawn broke today the Tatol palace was still smoldering. Investigation, however, showed that the loss would be less than was at first supposed. Although insufficient water and inadequate apparatus handicapped the firefighters, whom the king himself led, the flames did the greatest damage to the apartments of the ladies in waiting, and the servants' rooms on the upper floor.

When the queen saw that the rooms of her ladies in waiting were doomed she urged the firemen on to save trinkets asked for by those in their train.

The sailors from Russian and British turned in Praterburg Bay today returned from the palace to their ships. It is believed that insurance will cover the loss. Much furniture and all state documents, it is said, were saved.

BOYCOTT FOD TRUST.

National Anti-Food Trust League to be Organized.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Jan. 7.—The national anti-food trust league is to be organized here January 15. General officers are to be chosen and a plan of campaign presented.

The league is based on the contention that it is not necessary to be robbed by any combine which raises the price of any article of general consumption unless the consumers are passive in the matter. If consumers throughout the country, or for that matter in a specified city, refuse to buy a certain article, their boycott will be effective and lower the price.

Storm Seeds Steamer South.

(By Cable to The Times)

San Juan, P. R., Jan. 7.—Caught in a terrible storm while bound from Boston to Norfolk, Va., the schooner Henry M. Cramp, was blown to this island and today is safely in port. She left Boston December 14, and as a result of the gale is now many hundred miles south of her destination.

CONSPIRACY IN DE JANON MYSTERY

Family Quarrel Developing Between Those Most Interested In The Girl

GIRL NOT LOCATED

Father of the Girl Said Today That He Believed a Conspiracy Was On Foot to Hide His Daughter From Him—No Confirmation of the Announcement Made Yesterday That the Girl Had Been Found—Attitude of Millionaire Buist Has Brought About a Family Quarrel—DeJanon Coming to Philadelphia to Investigate Report of Finding to Investigate.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 7.—Ferdinand DeJanon, father of Roberta De Janon, the \$100,000 heiress who disappeared from Philadelphia with Frederick Cohen, a waiter, declared today that he believed a conspiracy was on foot to hide his daughter from him.

Investigations today gave no confirmation of the announcement made late yesterday afternoon by intimate friends of Roberta Buist, grandfather of Roberta, that the girl had been found. Buist would neither affirm nor deny these reports to newspaper men, but at 4 o'clock this morning he said over the long distance telephone to De Janon, who is in New York:

"No, no, no; I haven't found her. I haven't found any trace of her."

A Family Quarrel. New York, Jan. 7.—The attitude assumed by Millionaire Buist in the hunt for his granddaughter has brought about a family quarrel. The father, of Roberta said today that he was going to retain a lawyer, go to Philadelphia and insist upon finding out just what Buist had learned concerning the whereabouts of his daughter.

"From what I have been able to learn of Roberta's absence," said De Janon, "I am firmly convinced that Roberta did not elope with this waiter because she had a tender feeling for him, but that she was lured away through a plot on the part of an enemy of mine and that this enemy is keeping her in hiding."

"To explain why I believe this it will be necessary to go back into several years. When my wife was alive one of her friends was a musician. This musician was the only enemy I ever had in the world. I despised him and he despised me. We still despise each other."

"I have learned enough to convince me that this musician was the man who called at the Hotel Bayard in this city and engaged quarters for Roberta and this man Cohen. Why should he do this? Because he would give anything in the world to bring misery upon me and my wife, although she abhorred him."

"This musician was seen loitering about the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia a week before Roberta disappeared. He was seen there the next day before she left. I do not care to give out the man's name at this time. The police are watching him. His hatred for me is such that I believe he would go to any length to injure me."

"The father was then asked if he believed his daughter had been located, as reported yesterday. He replied: 'That is exactly what I want to find out,' he replied. 'When I was informed of this report I was overjoyed. I did not sleep any last night, because all my energies were directed toward verifying the report. At 4 o'clock this morning I telephoned Mr. Buist. He

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KILLED A MAN BY BLOW WITH SHOVEL

(Special to The Times.)

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 7.—Following a row at work yesterday afternoon John Harris struck Dan Boulware with a shovel handle last night, the blow resulting in death two hours later. Harris made his escape and up to this time the police have no clue that will lead to his whereabouts.

According to the only eye witness Boulware kicked Harris while at work, trouble being narrowly averted at that time. After work was over the three started home, the Boulwares taking across a field in front of the negro A. & M. College. Harris asked Boulware what in the hell he kicked him for and receiving no reply struck him across the head with the shovel handle, which he was using for a walking stick.