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WICKERSHAM ON THE TRUSTS

Took Advanced Stand In Radical Speech On Further Regulation of Corporations

MANY NEW FEATURES

Speech Almost Sensational in its Many New Features—Says Government Commission to Regulate the Great Corporations is Desirable and That Such a Commission Might Become Absolutely Necessary—His Speech Made a Deep Impression.

Duluth, Minn., July 19.—Attorney General Wickersham, before the Minnesota State Bar Association, took an advanced stand on the further federal regulation of corporations, declaring that a government commission to regulate the great industrial organization in the same way that the interstate commerce commission regulates railways, was certainly most desirable, and that it might be absolutely necessary. Wickersham's speech was little short of sensational in many of its features. He declared it was a matter of serious consideration whether it would be practical to give to the proposed interstate commission power to fix prices. To do this in theory would simply require the extension of the principles by which the interstate commerce commission controls rates on railroads. The law of supply and demand, Wickersham said, no longer controls prices in the United States. For years, he declared, prices in all great staple industries have been fixed by agreement between the principal producers and not by the normal play of free competition. An interstate commission, he added, would prevent violations of the anti-trust act and aid business men to maintain a continued status of harmony with the requirements of the law.

Many of Wickersham's declarations are the most radical he has made since his entrance into official life.

With the weight of an administration officer behind them, his remarks made a deep impression. There was nothing in the speech, however, to indicate how far the attorney general reflected the views of the president. On several occasions in the past he has been regarded as the administration's spokesman.

Wickersham discussed the general question of what further regulation of interstate commerce is necessary or desirable from the broad point of view, saying he had not attempted to express a conclusion but merely to state the elements of a great problem, which goes to root of the American people's prosperity.

"Hoke Smith" in Washington.

Washington, July 19.—"Hoke Smith" arrived in Washington yesterday and is in the House office building on display. This "Hoke" is not the new Georgia Senator, but a monster watermelon, named for him. The name is carved in the rind. The melon was sent from Grady County, Georgia, to Representative Roddenbery.

FLEETS ENGAGE IN MIMIC BATTLE

Block Island, R. I., July 19.—Mimic war broke out a few hours after dawn when nine battleships of the attacking blue fleet steamed in and were met by five torpedo boat destroyers and six submarines. Whether the battleships were theoretically sunk or the defending craft destroyed will not be known until the officers report to the navy department.

Newport News Gets Contract.

Washington, July 19.—The navy department has placed with Newport News, Va., ship building company a contract for constructing sectional boilers for the great battleship New York, soon to be built at the New York Navy Yard. The contract price is two hundred and fifty-eight thousand dollars.

Soft soap works only on a soft man.

SEVERE HAIL STORM

Disastrous Storm of Hail Visits Apex Section

Wind, Hail and Rain Destroys Large Tobacco Crop—Loss About Forty Thousand Dollars—Wind Mingled With Hail—Peas Will Probably Take Place of Tobacco.

(Special to The Times.)

Apex, July 19.—Apex and immediate vicinity was visited by a severe hail, wind and rain storm yesterday afternoon about five o'clock, doing damage amounting to forty or fifty thousand dollars, according to estimates made early this morning.

The cloud came up from the south and brought with it a heavy and one of the greatest downpours of rain ever witnessed in this section. After about fifteen minutes the wind reversed itself bringing with it hail, and for several minutes the hail fell in sizes from a pea to a hen egg.

The area covered by the storm was about six or seven miles in length and three or four miles in width. In that area more than one hundred acres of tobacco were destroyed practically nothing remaining but the stripped stalks. Cotton and corn were also greatly damaged. It was estimated that the damage will run close to forty thousand dollars, but this is merely guesswork. Many tobacco farmers are talking of putting peas in the fields where they had tobacco before the storm.

BOY BLEED TO DEATH.

No Ambulance or Doctor Reached Him For More Than an Hour After He Was Hurt.

Atlanta, July 19.—Because no ambulance or doctor reached him for more than an hour after he had been hurt, Joe Watkins, a 21-year-old Atlanta boy died to death Sunday night, after his arm had been crushed off by an engine at the Hampton street railroad crossing.

The accident was discovered immediately after it happened and people stood helplessly watching the boy's life-blood slowly spilling on the ground. It seems that circumstances and bad luck, rather than negligence, were to blame for the failure of any ambulance to get there in time. The telephone message to the Grady was sent within five minutes of the accident, and the Grady Hospital, whose own ambulance was out on another run, telephoned for the police to send its auto wagon. The latter started and broke down, some distance from a telephone. It was over a half an hour before the hospital learned of this, and it took another half hour to get a private ambulance there. It arrived too late.

SUICIDE ABOARD A CRUISER.

Mess Attendant Hides in Hold of Des Moines and Cuts His Throat.

Boston, Mass., July 19.—William Tolson, a mess attendant on the United States cruiser Des Moines, committed suicide on that ship Friday or Saturday, hiding himself in the lower hold to commit the deed. He cut his throat and also shot himself. The body was not discovered until today.

Tolson had been in difficulty on the ship recently and last week was confined in the brig. He was released during the week. No one remembers having seen him Saturday, but he was not officially reported as missing until yesterday.

Taft to Motor to Manassas.

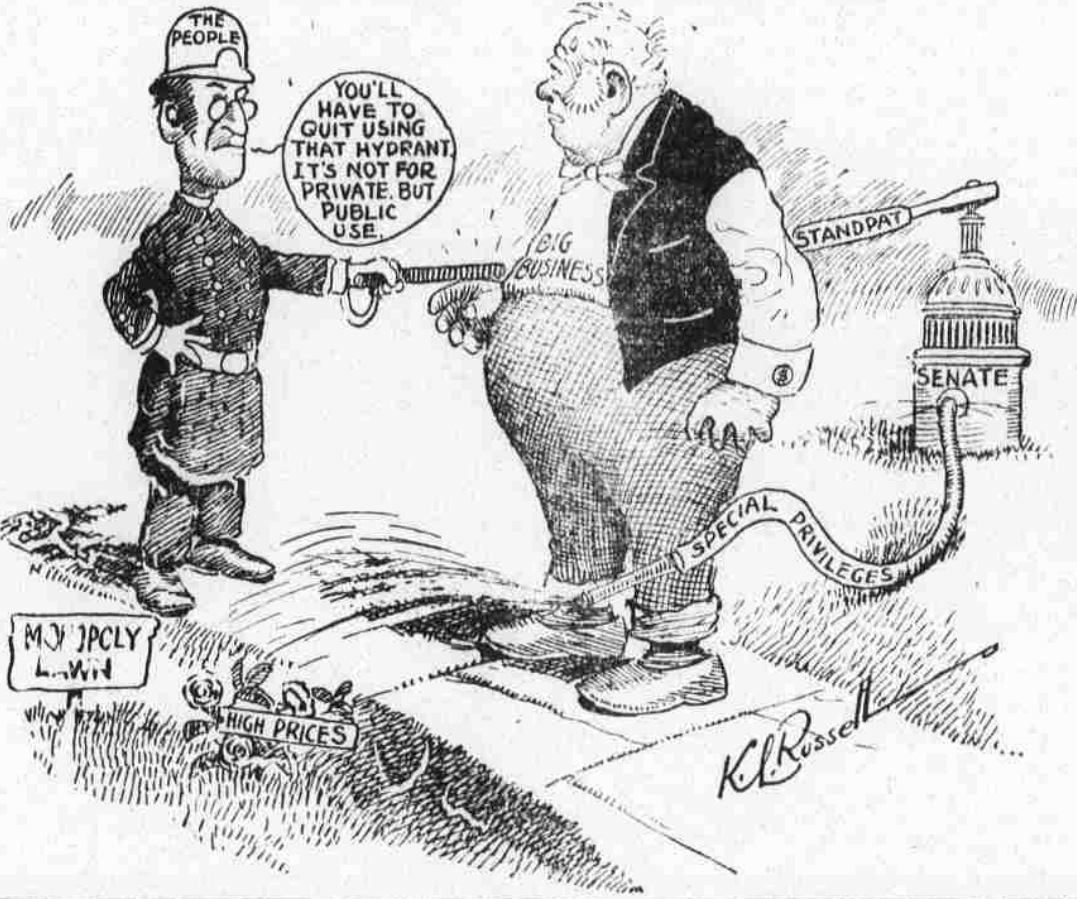
Washington, July 19.—That Taft may make leisurely motor trip to Manassas, Va., where he speaks at the blue and gray reunion, the hour for Friday's cabinet meeting has been advanced to ten o'clock. President with Senator Martin, Representative Carlin, Secretary Hilles and Major Rutt, expects to leave the White House at twelve-thirty Friday for Manassas and Bull Run Battlefield. After addressing the old soldiers he will motor back to Washington.

Wilson Predicts Democratic Success.

Asbury Park, N. J., July 19.—Six hundred democrats at a banquet last night heard Governor Woodrow Wilson predict democratic success in 1912. Wilson said the people are asking which of the old parties had seen the modern light and were turning to the democratic party. United States for first time, it was declared, is yielding to Thomas Jefferson's teachings.

Muscle is of more importance in a scull race than brains.

The New Sprinkling Regulation



WOMAN KILLED BY ANTI-AUTO FANATIC

Richmond, Va., July 19.—Blood-bounds, cried on by their trainers on the county constabulary, are searching the Middleham woods, adding the police and sheriff's posse, hunting for a man who late last night shot and killed Mrs. Harry C. Batts, Jr., while riding with her husband in an automobile. Beattie stopped the car when an unidentified man, evidently an anti-automobile fanatic, stood sulkily in the middle of the road. When he asked the man to make way he replied with a single barreled shot gun, firing at close range, killing Mrs. Beattie instantly. The gun was found this morning near the scene of the crime.

GIRL IN LOVE TRIES SUICIDE

Crowds Returning From Church See Gertrude Bryson Shoot Herself.

Cumberland, Md., July 19.—Miss Gertrude Bryson, aged 24, attempted suicide by shooting in the street in Morgantown, W. Va., last night, in the presence of a crowd on the way home from church. In a short time 500 persons gathered around her prostrate form. She exclaimed to John Bottles, who came and took hold of her hand, "I did it for you, John, all for you."

ENDS LIFE OVER SEPARATION.

Bristol Fireman Drinks Acid When Wife Refuses to Return to Him.

Bristol, Va., July 19.—Believing that his wife, who had separated from him, was trying to influence their 16-year-old son against him, and dependent because she would not return to her home, William Sawyer, 28 years old, a driver for the Bristol fire department, this morning drank half a glass of carbolic acid and died three hours later.

MYSTERY IN MAN'S DEATH.

Farmer Found With Skull Broken and Police Start Investigation.

Norfolk, Va., July 19.—Inquiry was begun today into the death of George E. Gornto, who was murdered or accidentally killed at his home in Oceanon some time during Saturday night. Mr. Gornto was found dead in a barn yesterday morning by his son, Elliott Gornto, and a colored farm hand. The father's skull was fractured and death it is believed, was instantaneous.

Killed By Bee Sting.

Dubois, Pa., July 19.—Philip Dusch, a prominent resident died today, thirty minutes after being stung by a honey bee. Dusch attempted to cap a hive when he was stung on the point of the jaw.

SENATOR JACOB H. GALLINGER.



Concord, N. H., July 19.—United States Senator Jacob H. Gallinger may never return to Washington again. It is understood he will not participate in the deliberations of the present Congress.

The reason given is that the death in his family have made him succeeded as to the future. One after another his wife and three of their four children have died. He is in his seventy-fifth year and is practically alone, his surviving daughter living at Brookline, Mass. The funeral of Senator Gallinger's second son, Dr. Ralph E. Gallinger, who was killed in an automobile accident, took place at Concord.

CONDITONAL PARDON GOES TO HARNETT MAN

Governor Kitchin has granted a conditional pardon to McKinnon Williams, convicted at the February term of Harnett County Superior Court of abetment and sentenced to six months on the roads. The pardon, which is recommended by the solicitor and others, is granted on the condition that the man contribute as much as \$10 a month towards the support of his wife. In his reason for pardon the governor says:

"Two reputable physicians certify in their opinion it is necessary for this prisoner to be sent to a hospital to have one of his eyes removed in order to save the other from total blindness. A conditional pardon is recommended by the solicitor, the attorneys for the private prosecution, the road commissioner and many citizens. I pardon prisoner on condition that he remain law-abiding and of good behavior, and give bond in the sum of \$500 with surety approved by the Clerk of Harnett Superior Court conditioned upon his contributing as much as \$10 per month towards the support of his wife, said payments to begin in six months after this date."

THOUSANDS DYING FROM PLAGUE.

London, July 19.—Deaths from the plague in India has reached a total of 650,690 for half-year, ended June 13th, according to figures, made public. The epidemic is particularly virulent this year, and efforts to check it are fruitless.

CHOLERA "CARRIERS" FOUND IN IMMIGRANTS

New York, July 19.—The health officers of the whole country may be asked to help repel the threatened invasion of Asiatic cholera. The discover of five "cholera carriers" among the six hundred immigrants undergoing bacteriological examination at quarantine emphasized what Health Officer Doty said about the difficulty of confining the disease to the quarantine hospitals of ports of entry. A system of general observation is contemplated. The case of cholera "carriers" who harbor germs while themselves free from their ill effects creates a puzzling situation.

Duelist Sentenced to Two Years.

Berlin, July 19.—Baron Oswald Von Richthofen who killed Wilhelm Von Gaffron in a duel May 10 was sentenced to two years imprisonment. A quarrel over money matters led to the duel.

CREATION OF NEW PEERS

Curiosity Over the Cabinet. Potential List

One is known to be Awaiting Possible Use, if Needed to Pass Veto Bill in the House of Lords—Elders Sons of Liberal Peers an Available Source, Also Members of Parliament.

London, July 19.—There is much curiosity on the part of politicians over the cabinet's list of potential peers. That a list has been made and is awaiting the possibility of its use, in the event that this is necessary to obtain the passage of the veto bill in the house of lords, there is no doubt.

The government's spokesmen have said repeatedly within the last week that Premier Asquith was prepared to meet all contingencies of the situation in all details, which is taken to mean that he has in hiding reserve two leading sources of supply, these being the eldest sons of the present liberal peers and members of parliament.

The proposal to enoble the eldest sons presents an amusing phase of the revolution. Peers of baronial rank think that if their sons are ennobled they themselves should be promoted to be barons, when their sons are made barons. Some of the more prominent members of parliament who are not averse to joining the nobility cherish the conviction that if a host of barons is to be poured into the upper house, of which a large proportion must be commonplace persons, they are entitled to receive the higher distinction of viscountships.

Drawing on the house of commons for new lords presents difficulties. If one hundred or more members of the lower chamber are taken, a miniature general election will be necessary to fill their places, and the country and politicians alike are tired to death of elections, with the consequent turmoil, expense, and disturbance to business. Moreover, the government cannot afford to risk taking members of parliament except from safe liberal constituencies.

The exact social status of the new peers, if created, is the subject of no little speculation. The conservatives profess to believe that they will be looked upon with amusement and contempt. One writer says that American heiresses are far too shrewd to find such quasi-noblemen objects of their ambition. Another suggests the addition of the title of count to the British peerage for the purpose of Asquith's peers, in order to distinguish them from regular lords, as noblemen created for a special political purpose.

LORD MORLEY'S SUMMONS.

The urgent summons issued by Lord Morley of Blackburn to the liberal followers in the house of lords yesterday calling upon all supporters of the parliamentary bill to be present, in anticipation of a forced division on the third reading, places him in a curious position. There is no intention on the part of the regular opposition to throw out the measure on its third reading. They will not only not vote against the amended measure, but, so far as official opposition is concerned, the bill will be allowed to pass its third reading without a division.

RATES ON WATERMELONS

Washington, July 19.—Complaints against existing freight rates on watermelons and cantaloupes shipped from Southern points to Northern and Eastern destinations have been made to the interstate commerce commission by 100 New York commission merchants. Recently the railroads made slight reductions in rates on melons, but refused to deliver them in New York city, delivery being made in Jersey City. Merchants declare they were then required to pay lighterage charges equal to three times the amount of reduction to get the fruit from Jersey City to New York and Brooklyn.

WANT TENTS FOR THE MEETING OF VETERANS

Washington, July 19.—C. N. Evans, of Wilmington, has wired Senator Overman to procure 800 tents and equipment for the confederate soldiers who will come at Wilmington on 29th and 30th, and three following days. The secretary of war told Mr. Overman that this would necessitate a resolution from both houses of congress. The time is so short that it may be impossible to get such a measure by Senator Overman, who is still fighting the south. Mr. Overman will do his best.

Wilson Still Has Wiley Papers.

Washington, July 19.—Secretary Wilson still has before him all the papers bearing upon the charges against Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry. He has not determined whether he will make a recommendation in the matter to the president. Maybe he will let the president act without suggestion from department.

ENTERS SUIT FOR \$20,000

Mr. W. M. Carter Brings Action Against Two North Carolina Newspapers

Publication of Article in Asheville Citizen and Raleigh Morning Paper Alleged to Have Caused Much Damage—Non-suit as to Mr. Carter Ordered in Federal Court—Some Facts About the Recent Action.

Mr. W. M. Carter, who was named in the complaint of the Ware-Kramer Tobacco Company against the American Tobacco Company and others as an agent of the American Tobacco Company, has entered suit in Wilson county inferior court against the Asheville Citizen and the News and Observer of Raleigh. Damages in the sum of \$10,000 are asked in each case. It was represented in the complaint of the Ware-Kramer Company that Mr. Carter was a villain of the worst kind, but the plaintiff did not introduce any testimony to prove these allegations and a non-suit was ordered by Judge Connor as to Mr. Carter.

The Wilson Times contains the following with reference to the action: "Mr. W. M. Carter, of this city, has filed with the clerk of the court of Wilson county a complaint in which he brings action against the Asheville Citizen and News and Observer to recover \$10,000 from each paper as damages suffered as the result of the following article published in both papers which he characterizes as defamatory and absolutely untrue and false:

"If the charges made against the American Tobacco Company, as filed by the Ware-Kramer Company are true, the former concern stands revealed as the heartless and soul-grinding corporation it has often been pictured. Press dispatches tell of methods used by the American syndicate in crushing its former competitor—methods which savor of the cut-throat and thug. Among other things it is charged that one W. M. Carter, agent of the American Tobacco Company, took stock in the Ware-Kramer Company, was put in charge of the sales department at a good salary, and was later found to be underpinning his employers in every way possible. While drawing their money he was busily engaged in decreasing their prestige and business."

The plaintiff further avers in his complaint that the publication of said article was willful and malicious and has damaged him in his reputation and business in a large sum, to wit, in the sum of ten thousand dollars in each instance.

"That by reason of the publication of the said false and defamatory article by the defendant and the giving of the same a large circulation, this plaintiff has been injured in his reputation, character and standing as a business man and in his business in the sum of ten thousand dollars.

"That more than five days prior to the bringing of this action the plaintiff through his attorneys made demand upon the defendants in writing, for a retraction of said defamatory article."

SOFT SOAP WORKS ONLY ON A SOFT MAN.