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WILSON APPROVES ANTI-TRUST BILLS

PRESIDENT PUTS STAMP OF APPROVAL ON BILLS TO AMEND TRUST LAWS.

WILL STRENGTHEN THE LAW

Substance of Four Measures Framed by House Judiciary Subcommittee Finds Favor With Wilson.

Washington.—President Wilson, at a conference with the house judiciary subcommittee on trusts, put the stamp of administration approval on the substance of the four bills to amend the anti-trust laws which the committee submitted in a practically final form. There will be another conference at the white house soon, and members of the committee asserted that unless protracted discussion should be raised in the full committee when the measures are presented, all four bills to strengthen the Sherman law, covering interlocking directorates, holding companies, trade relations and definitions of restraints of trade, would be reported to the house within a fortnight.

President Wilson indicated his belief that it would be better to consolidate all the bills into one in order to expedite legislation. The senate interstate commerce committee is understood to favor consolidation and that it will be effected by the house judiciary committee practically is certain.

The president made a number of suggestions to the subcommittee, which comprised Representatives Clayton of Alabama, Carlin of Virginia and Floyd of Arkansas. He insisted that personal guilt of individuals in control of corporations should be prescribed in every bill in order to break up the evils that have grown up under the present anti-trust laws. The committee will revise the bills with this in view and talk with the president again before submitting the measures to the full committee and to the house.

EDITOR OF FIGARO IS KILLED

Drawing Revolver From Muff, Woman Kills French Journalist.

Paris, France.—Gaston Calmette, editor of *The Figaro*, shot by Mme. Henriette Caillaux, wife of Joseph Caillaux, the French minister of finance, died.

Mme. Caillaux went to the office of *The Figaro* to carry out an act of vengeance against M. Calmette, who had been waging a campaign characterized by great bitterness against the minister of finance. She fired at least three times, M. Calmette being wounded in the chest, in the side and the abdomen.

While the editor was being transported to the hospital he said repeatedly:

"I have done my duty; I have done my duty."

Having committed the deed, Mme. Caillaux submitted to arrest, and while employes in *The Figaro* offices were taking the pistol from her hands, she said:

"Since there is no justice in this country, I take upon myself an act of justice. Take me where you will."

Mme. Caillaux immediately was removed to a police station.

"I am sorry," she said, "for what I was obliged to do. I had no intention of killing M. Calmette and I would be happy to know that he will recover."

At the moment of the attack M. Calmette was preparing to leave his office in the company of Paul Bourget, the author. He excused himself to receive Mme. Caillaux.

Great Warship's Keel Is Laid

New York.—The keel of battleship No. 39, laid at the navy yard in Brooklyn, marks the beginning of the greatest fighting machine in the United States navy and the peer of any ever built. With a displacement of 31,500 tons she will be slightly larger than her older sister, the Pennsylvania, and will be the tenth vessel of the super-dreadnaught class to be added to the fleet. Like the Pennsylvania, she will carry three 14-inch rifles in each turret, mounting twelve of these guns altogether.

Opinion Is Divided on Horror. Philadelphia.—The two United States local inspectors of steam vessels who investigated the disaster off the Virginia coast on January 30, in which the steamship *Nantuxet* rammed the steamer *Monroe*, causing the loss of 41 lives, rendered a divided opinion, one holding the captain of the *Nantuxet* guilty of negligence and the other charging the commander of the *Monroe* with responsibility for the disaster. The report of the investigation was forwarded to Henry M. Seeley, supervising inspector.

GEORGE CRUMP, JR.



George Crump, Jr., of Wewoka, Okla., is the second ex-convict to announce his candidacy for the governorship of Oklahoma. He has asked Al Jennings to withdraw from the race and give him a chance to "beat it back." Crump was sent to the penitentiary for forgery in connection with Indian land frauds and was pardoned by Lieut. Gov. J. J. McAlester. Governor Cruise denied the pardon and Crump appealed to the courts and was released on habeas corpus.

PAGE'S REMARKS IN JEST

ASKED BY SECRETARY OF STATE BRYAN FOR AN EXPLANATION OF SPEECH.

Declares Condensed Report Caused Americans to Misinterpret Meaning.

London.—Ambassador Walter Hines Page received from Secretary of State Bryan notification of the resolution of the United States senate in regard to his speech on the Panama canal and the Monroe doctrine delivered before the Association of the Chamber of Commerce.

The secretary of state requested the ambassador to cable an explanation of the speech, and Mr. Page immediately began the preparation of his reply.

After reading fuller accounts of the proceedings in the senate, Ambassador Page came to the conclusion that the senators had been misled by the excessive condensation of his remarks in regard to his interpretation of the Monroe doctrine.

ELEANOR WILSON TO WED

President's Youngest Daughter and the Secretary of Treasury to Marry.

Washington.—"The president and Mrs. Wilson announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Eleanor Randolph, to Hon. William Gibbs McAdoo. This announcement was issued at the white house by Secretary Tamm after a day of speculation in capital, official and society circles over the prospects for another white house wedding in June.

For weeks there have been rumors that the president's daughter and the secretary of the treasury would be married soon, and there has been no denial that an announcement could be expected.

Miss Wilson will be the fourteenth white house bride and the second of President Wilson's daughters to wed in the nation's executive mansion. Her sister, Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson, became Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre in the east room on November 25 last.

Hunt for Pirate Gold.

New Orleans.—Hunt for the treasure pirate, Jean LaFitte, is supposed to have buried in the swamp lands of Louisiana during his successful operation on the gulf coast has been renewed and this time by two parties of gold seekers. Charles Tenney Jackson, a novelist, and Frederick W. McKenzie form one party which left for the swamps where they said they would try to find the treasure. A story accredited to Jackson is that in 1911 he met an old man who gave him a rude map showing the location

TRADE COMMISSION BILL MADE PUBLIC

MEASURE APPROVED BY WILSON AND McREYNOLDS IS MADE PUBLIC.

SUPREME IN PUBLIC MATTERS

Measure Approved by Republican as Well as Democratic Members of the Committee.

Washington.—The interstate trade commission bill, bearing the approval of President Wilson and Attorney General McReynolds was made public, following many conferences among the members of the house interstate commerce committee. Democrats expect this measure to command substantial Republican support, and an effort probably will be made soon to bring about concerted action between the senate and house on this phase of the administration program of commerce regulation and anti-trust legislation.

The new bill was unanimously agreed on by its framers, a subcommittee of Democrats and Republicans, headed by Representative Covington of Maryland, and it is approved by virtually the full committee.

"The whole theory of the creation of the commission," said Mr. Covington, "has been to make it an efficient, independent body. In most of the matters of publicity it has entire control of the facts gathered. Publicity is left to its discretion, and the bill contains ample authority for it to prevent the disclosure of those necessary trade secrets valueless to the public in promoting lawful competitive business, but which when disclosed simply afford opportunity for injurious use by competitors. Powers of investigation, safeguarded by proper constitutional limitations against unlawful searches and seizures, are taken under the control of the executive and given to this non-partisan body."

The bill would transfer all the powers and duties of the bureau of corporations and the commissioner of corporations to the proposed commission of three members, presidential appointees subject to confirmation, whose salaries would be \$10,000 annually each. Only two of the commissioners could be from the same political party.

TEXAS RANGERS ON GUARD

Colquitt's "Army" Consists of Only Fifteen Men.

Austin, Texas.—The entire force of Texas Rangers, totaling at present fifteen mounted men, was assigned to duty on the 800 miles of Texas-Mexican border with the arrival of two rangers at Raymondville, Texas, in response to an appeal from fifty-three persons there for protection against cattle thieves and desperadoes.

Along with news of the rangers' disposition, Gov. O. B. Colquitt made public a lengthy list of the Texas border troubles on which his appeals for more power to protect the boundary have been based and which explain the nature of the rangers' activities.

These incidents show the rangers as peace officers; not as an armed power which might cause the United States government embarrassment.

The timely arrest of a cattle or horse thief before he has time to escape into Mexico has warned off more serious consequences, such as the killing of Clemente, Vergara, the American, which grew out of horse stealing. The records indicate also that while many of the lawbreakers have come across the border in raids from Mexico, some mischief-makers have been residents of American territory in sections where the Mexican population is large and have used Mexico as a refuge.

World's Record by Coast Artillery.

Tampa, Fla.—Announcement was made here of what is believed to be a new world's record in night target practice. The Eleventh company of the Coast Artillery guard at night fired seven shots at a range of 4,000 yards in one minute and fifty seconds, each shot taking effect. Captain Borebeck claims that the time consumed in making the seven effective shots is the shortest known in army practice.

Wave Whelms 1,000 Persons.

Ekaterinodar, Russia.—More than one thousand persons perished in the inundation of the towns of Stanitz and Aichtyrskaja by a tidal wave from the sea of Azov. The wave struck the towns during a violent hurricane, that swept the province of Kuban. More than one hundred and fifty persons also were drowned in floods in Yassenkaja. A dam collapsed in the town of Temryuk on the Taman peninsula, 98 miles northwest of this city, flooding the greater part of the city and drowning many persons.

EDWARD GILMORE



Edward Gilmore is one of the Massachusetts Democrats who came to congress with the present administration. He is in the provision business at Brockton.

TROOP ORDERED TO BORDER

TROOPS WILL RELIEVE CAVALRY AT EL PASO AND AT LAREDO.

Seventeenth Infantry at Fort McPherson and Ninth Infantry Ordered in Readiness.

Washington.—Two regiments of infantry were ordered by the war department to the Mexican border. The seventeenth, now stationed at Fort McPherson at Atlanta, and the ninth, stationed at Fort Logan H. Root, Arkansas, will go to El Paso and Laredo, and relieve the cavalry now there.

Col. John T. Van Orsdale is eligible for retirement and his successor has not yet been named.

Lieut. Col. Henry D. Styer will be temporarily in command of the regiment. Colonel Van Orsdale's number will fall to Col. George W. McIver, now stationed at Manila, P. I.

The explanations given for the transfer of the seventeenth and ninth regiments to the Mexican border are said to be these:

To prevent Mexican marauders from crossing over into Texas; to prevent Texans crossing over into Mexico; to repay Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas for his support of the Wilson administration in opposition to Governor Colquitt.

Senator Sheppard wanted the additional troops sent to patrol the border. Since the dash of the Texas rangers across the international border to recover the body of Clemente Vergara, the American ranchman, there has been uneasiness in administration circles. Serious consequences might follow a dash by Texas into Mexico or Mexicans into Texas.

Secretary Garrison issued this statement:

"To allay as far as possible the fears of the people on the border, the president took up with me the question of sending some additional troops there. As a result, I have ordered that the seventeenth infantry and the ninth infantry be sent there. The seventeenth infantry is now at Fort McPherson, Georgia, and the ninth infantry is now at Fort Logan H. Root, Arkansas, and Fort Thomas, Kentucky. They will be stationed at present at Eagle Pass and Laredo, and the cavalry now at those places will be relieved for more extended border work."

The orders for the dispatch of two more regiments to Texas will result in the assembly in that state of nearly 18,000 troops, more by 3,000 than the entire force of the regular army that Shafter led into Cuba. Nearly 11,000 soldiers are in camp at Texas City, under command of Brigadier General Funston of Philippine fame. The others are scattered along the border from Brownsville, Texas, to Nogales, Ariz.

Flying Kite Makes Atlanta Dark.

Atlanta.—Boys flying a big cord kite with a long tail and cutters on the end of it, put Atlanta in darkness for more than forty minutes and threatened to tie up traffic. It was between 3:30 and 4:30 o'clock when the lights went out. Investigation by inspectors of the Georgia Railway and Power company showed that the switches at the Ashby street station were burned out, possibly because of the extra heavy load thrown on them when the kite pulled down wires in the neighborhood of the Davis street school.

WOMEN CAN'T GET FEDERAL SUFFRAGE

SENATOR BORAH WARNS SUFFRAGISTS AGAINST PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS

Fifteenth Amendment Which the Senator Declares Was a Mistake, Is in the Way and Must Be Removed to Obtain a Successful Vote.

Washington.—After a vigorous defense of woman suffrage in the senate Senator Borah of Idaho shocked suffrage advocates on the floor and in the galleries by declaring it was impracticable and impossible for women to obtain the vote by constitutional amendment. He predicted that after 15 years of vain endeavor, women would renew their abandoned request before the people of the state, because in seeking an amendment to the Federal Constitution they had loaded themselves down with the negro question, the Japanese question and a dozen other state's rights problems.

"You will never carry the required 36 states for a constitutional woman suffrage amendment," said the Senator, "until you repeal the Fifteenth Amendment."

Asserting that the Fifteenth Amendment, giving the negro the right to vote, was a blunder in the first place, and now a dead letter, not being enforced in a single state, Senator Borah asked whether advocates of the woman suffrage amendment now pending for a moment supposed Southern states would add 2,000,000 to the list of those they must disfranchise.

"Violation of law is a bad thing," he added. "It is demoralizing to the negro race to place in the Constitution the form of rights that we do not mean to see they shall enjoy."

The Fifteenth Amendment, the Senator said, was a blunder, engendered in a spirit of retaliation, with the result that after the first blush of satisfaction the North had connived at the South's violations of it. The amendment infringed upon state's rights, and might furnish a precedent for an amendment declaring the right to hold real estate or attend school should not be denied of race or color.

"I have no desire," explained the Senator, "to bestow the franchise on the 10,000 Japanese on the Pacific Slope, or yield up to the Federal Government the control of the school questions of the Pacific Coast."

Fighting in Mexico. Juarez, Mexico.—Heavy fighting, with the rebels hard pressed, was reported here. A force of Federals is said to have met Villa's arm at Escalco, an important railroad town, 100 miles north of Torreon, and both sides have been reinforced. The battle is said to have raged fiercely all day north through Escalco, to Jimenez, Chihuahua and beyond. On each side of the road are mountains. These for 10 miles are marked with rifle pits, dug in previous revolutions. It is reported that the Federals moved out of Torreon in two detachments, pursuant to orders from Provisional President Huerta. One detachment is said to have moved west of the railroad, with mountains between it and the road, while the main body went directly by rail to Escalco. The Eastern detachment evidently was trying to get in Villa's rear, as it was moving in the direction of Jimenez, 55 miles north of Escalco.

Income Tax Returns Confidential. Washington.—Warning was issued to all collectors of internal revenue that collectors tax returns are "inviolably confidential" that disclosure of returns is in violation of the law and the slightest infraction will be punished. The warning was in the form of a letter from Secretary McAdoo to Commissioner Osborn.

Waterway From Lakes to Atlantic. Washington.—Senator Townsend of Michigan in the senate advocated a deep waterway from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic through the Welland Canal and the St. Lawrence river.

Big School Building Burns. Wellesley, Mass.—Perfect discipline coolness and bravery on the part of the students and faculty members, prevented loss of life or injury when College Hall, oldest of Wellesley College building, was burned. Two hundred and fifty young women students, 50 instructors and 50 maids, were in bed when the fire was discovered. Every one was saved, and not one of the scores, marched in an orderly procession through smoke-filled hallways, suffered so much as a scratch or bruise.

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