

President Signs Railroad Rate Bill

The senate and house conference committee agreed on the railroad rate bill at 11:15 of the evening of June 29 and President Roosevelt affixed his signature.

In the closing hours of the debate in the senate, Senator Tillman again attacked the pipe line amendment, declaring it was in the interest of the Standard Oil company. "About the time the Allison amendments were incubating," he said, "there was a great furor about the Garfield report on the Standard Oil company, and we were told that the exposures of its crimes would help the vote on the rate bill, and under the cover of this dust the president retired from his advanced position on railroad legislation and accepted the Allison provision. There the big stick and pitchfork, which had been in alliance, found themselves separated, and the pitchfork, while doing duty on the firing line, looked around only to see the tail of its associate hustling towards the rear—sliding towards the Allison base, to use a baseball phrase. The big stick was rushing in on all fours to get between Father Allison's legs." He had no fault to find, he added, except that he considered the fact that the president had been inconsistent in not coming to the assistance of the senate conferees. He considered it "a little re-

markable that just when he might do something to thwart the policy of this gigantic monopoly he is as mum as a mouse, except that there is now another hurrah about what the president is going to do to the Standard Oil in the way of suits." He added that notwithstanding the prosecution had been decided upon "we are carefully told in advance that the high officials, such as Rockefeller, Rogers and Archbold, are not to be molested." He then commented upon the employment of District Attorney Morrison of Illinois, as special counsel in this case, saying that he had demonstrated "how not to do it" in the Walsh case. "If," he added, "they wanted an expert in that line he is as good as could be found." In the same connection he said that he had been informed that the Hon. Frank Monett, "the most competent of all attorneys is to lose his job." He added:

"So it goes; the dear people are bamboozled every day, but the hurrah goes on. The president assures us from time to time that the crimes of the Standard Oil company are to be punished, but when it comes to a real fight and when there is an opportunity to do something he sits dumb and allows the house conferees to compel the senate conferees to yield to the demands of the Standard Oil company."

Henry D. Lloyd's Posthumous Book

The death of Henry Demarest Lloyd was a loss which will long be deeply felt. His noble use of a life freed from the pressure of earning a livelihood was for years an inspiration to every thoughtful lover of his kind. He gave his time and energy faithfully to the study of facts and principles which could help in the social uplift, and was himself the embodiment of the passionate zeal and consecrated purpose of the new social religion he discusses in a book compiled since his death and but just now published.

Not having seen the book, but only extracts, the full significance of its philosophical standpoint can not be determined, but the spirit of the following extracts shows the fervor of his individual attitude, even though the theologians may find something lacking:

"That restatement of the same old principles (the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of all men) which can bring men as fellow laborers under the same law, and that can associate them as fellow worshippers, will be the religion of the coming era. * * * The religion of the immediate future is to be an industrial religion—one which will expand to the association of men in their common toils, the sacred law of brotherhood, which they now obey only in the church, and then brokenly, because, being infidel

to it outside the church, they are unfit and unable to live up to its fullness within the church."

More specific description is found in the following:

"There will be only one form of worship in the new religion—work; but one form of prayer—aspirations. There will not be one dividing line—neither of creed, nationality, property nor anything else. Man is slowly being revealed to himself. The word the world waits for today will come from those who can disclose to humanity that the perfections it has been attributing to its gods are sparks struck out of the goodnesses it feels stirring within itself. Mankind struggling up out of the mud has not dared to think of itself as the nebulae in which is contained shining star stuff. But it is coming to feel that it does not need to be divine by proxy any longer."

There may be differences of opinion as to how such conceptions fit in to older ideas of religion, but there can be no doubt that this religion of human creatures devoutly reverent before human needs and human possibilities, and filled with the sense of the sacred value of every atom of humanity, must be the central fact in the religion of the future.

To most persons this will seem but the fulfillment of the old, old faith, but the fulfillment must take place in the world life.—Denver News.

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