

INDEPENDENTS FEAR STEEL TRUST

WITNESS SAYS SMALLER COMPANIES ARE SIMPLY SUFFERING TO EXIST.

Washington, Jan. 11.—A picture of the United States Steel corporation crushing the independent tinplate manufacturers in the event the tariff bars were let down for foreign products and a revelation of the complete indifference toward tariff revision shown by the Singer Sewing Machine company, characterized by the independents as a trust, featured today's hearing on the metal schedule before the house committee on ways and means.

There were many witnesses, testifying to a great variety of articles borne on the iron and steel portion of the tariff. The committee continued its discussion tonight.

Independent tinplate interests were represented by E. R. Crawford of Pittsburgh, president of the McKeesport Tinplate company. The United States Steel corporation was not represented. Mr. Crawford offered a compromise suggestion of a tinplate tariff of 30 cents a ton and was sharply cross-examined. He explained that \$1 per cent of tinplate is thin steel. He said if the tariff were cut so that foreign competitors of the steel corporation were let in, he feared that the corporation would retaliate by adjusting matters so as to crush foreign competitors and that the independents here would go down with the foreigners.

"The United States Steel corporation," he added, "simply suffers us to do business. It is strong enough to put us out of business in less than a week if it cared to."

"Do you think we ought to legislate on what you fear or on the basis of the contrary history of the last 10 or 12 years?" asked Representative Palmer of Pennsylvania.

"You might put a weapon in their hands to enable them to make a price to keep out foreign producers, with whom we might go down."

Mr. Palmer responded by asking if the witness thought there were danger, in the present state of public mind, of the corporation driving the independents out of business. The witness said that a tariff reduction in favor of foreign competitors might give the corporation an excuse to drive out competition and that he wanted the tariff to keep that excuse away from the corporation.

He testified to his belief that the steel corporation "has steel-producing capacity today greater than Great Britain and Germany combined, and that with all that, it represented 65 per cent of this country, that it could defend its position even if the tariff were wiped out; that it felt secure and can take care of itself from legislation no matter what may arise."

He said there was a shortage of steel today and that the corporation was "at the helm." What he was afraid of, he said, was that the steel corporation would go out after the California market.

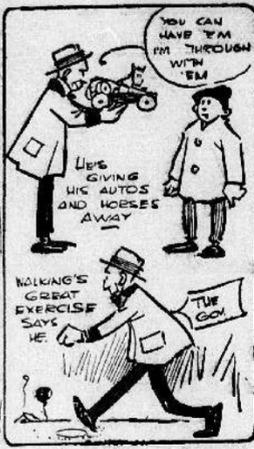
"There goes the ghost of the cor-

He'd Rather Go Walking



CHASE S. OSBORN.

Declaring he is through riding in automobiles and other vehicles and on horseback and that hereafter he will walk and enjoy the beauties of nature, Governor Osborn of Michigan, recently announced that he has given up his seven-passenger touring car and his beautiful Kentucky riding horse. "From now on I am going to travel and see more of the world than I have ever seen in the past," said the governor. "But I am going to enjoy the beauties of nature in my travels by walking instead of being shut up in an automobile, or going so fast it is all one can do to catch his breath."



YOU CAN HAVE 'EM THROUGH WITH 'EM. LIFE GIVING HIS AUTOS AND HORSES AWAY. WALKING'S GREAT EXERCISE SAYS HE.

poration again," Representative Palmer said scornfully.

"Do you think the steel corporation ought to be subsidized to the extent you advocate, to enable the independents to do business?" asked Representative James.

"I don't regard it as a subsidy."

W. W. Chase, secretary of the White Sewing Machine company, said he understood the Singer Sewing Machine company, with great plants abroad, was interested in subsidiary lines, forestry, mining and so on. The independents, he said, would like to know the inside business plan of what he called the so-called trust.

Joseph Amerbach of New York, a democrat, representing the metal ball-bearing interests and protesting against disturbance of the present tariff on ball bearings, referred to the covenant of the democratic party in revising the tariff on a revenue basis, to consider the difference in the cost of production here and abroad.

Representative Longworth of Ohio asked where he found any mention of such a covenant in the democratic platform or otherwise.

"I find it everywhere," Mr. Amerbach said, adding that he would cite utterances of the leaders.

Mr. Longworth read into the record a speech of Representative Harrison of New York, a democratic member of the ways and means committee, which led Mr. Harrison to say he always believed that "the question of cost prices was more important than the cost of production."

Steel gill, shot, or iron sand, pig iron, silverware, textile machinery, guns and jewelry were among other matters in testimony.

John A. Topping, president of the Republic Iron & Steel company of New York, bitterly opposed the gov-

ern provisions of the Underwood bill passed by the last congress and used as a basis for the present revision of the tariff.

"The bill is objectionable on account of its inconsistency and ambiguity," Topping said. "Business must be protected from foreign competition; the bill is discriminatory, unfair and will disturb business because it favors one class against another."

Topping stated that two standards could not be maintained and that the Underwood bill tended to work that evil.

"It is a popular move against the trusts," the witness said; "no products are made by the trusts that are not made by thousands of smaller independent companies. Besides the bill would seriously impair the payroll of 100,000 iron and steel workers. The employees of the United States Steel corporation are the best paid laborers in the country, and this fact should convince the committee of the fairness of capital toward labor. Labor profits in proportion to capital."

Chairman Underwood interjected at this point that the witness looked upon the bill from a manufacturers' standpoint.

"Has it occurred to you," Topping returned, "that the government's interest is the people's interest, and you can't have revenue unless you have prosperity? The bill shuts off prosperity; profits will be sacrificed and when you reach that, the last ditch, then labor will come in with its cry."

"Our purpose is not to make you sacrifice your profits," Underwood explained, "but many of the rates of the Payne law are prohibitive. There must be revenue, and if you build up a Chinese wall and say nothing shall come in, then we can't expect to derive revenue through the tariff. The iron and steel schedule should bear its proportion."

Mr. Underwood stated that he was inclined to think the iron and steel people could take care of themselves.

Mr. Topping aroused members of the committee considerably by his bitter attacks on the democratic tariff policy.

All the witnesses waiting to testify on the metal schedule not having been heard when the committee adjourned at midnight, it was decided to postpone consideration on the metal schedule until after the hearings on the other schedules have been held.

ROADS HAVE PLAN TO DISSOLVE

UNION PACIFIC AND SOUTHERN PACIFIC MEN CONSIDER WICKERSHAM.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Steps will be taken immediately by the Southern Pacific railroad to elect a board of directors distinctly allied with that road, to represent it in the negotiations with Attorney General Wickensham for the formation of a plan dissolving the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger in accordance with the decree of the supreme court.

This fact developed today after a conference of the attorney general and the protective committee of the Southern Pacific appointed to look after the road's interests in connection with the dissolution.

Because of the present large holdings of Southern Pacific stock by the Union Pacific, the board of directors of the Southern Pacific is regarded as largely representative of the Union Pacific interests. The attorney general desires to deal with men closely representing both roads in order that he may have the benefit of the points of view of each party concerned.

Today's conference between the attorney general, James N. Wallace, Albert A. Wiggin, Frederick Straus, J. Bert H. Wiggin, Frederick Straus, J. New York, was the first discussion the attorney general has had with representatives of the Southern Pacific since the decree of dissolution, the negotiations previously having been entirely with the Union Pacific interests.

Only the general phases of a tentative dissolution plan were considered today. Its principal feature, which the attorney general is understood to approve, is that the Southern Pacific turn over to the Union Pacific the Central Pacific line which runs from Ogden to San Francisco. This line, the \$67,275,000 common and \$17,400,000 preferred stock, of which it owned exclusively by the Southern Pacific, would give the Union Pacific an extension to the Pacific coast.

By the tentative proposition, the transfer would be accomplished by the Union Pacific surrendering to the Southern Pacific a part of the \$126,000,000 of Southern Pacific stock held by the Union Pacific and ordered relinquished by the supreme court.

A complication in this connection is the fact that the Central Pacific is now reserved as collateral for the Southern Pacific 4 per cent bonds. If this exchange is agreed upon, an involved problem faces the negotiators in reaching an agreement as to the disposition of the remainder of the \$126,000,000 of Southern Pacific stock held by the Union Pacific. Officials of the department of justice concede that the supreme court's decision does not forbid the Union Pacific distributing or selling a small part of these holdings to its stockholders. The attorney general maintains, however, that no substantial proportion can go to Union Pacific shareholders.

Conferences of the last few days have encouraged the attorney general to believe, it is said, that all the interested parties are disposed to make a serious effort to reach an agreement of dissolution for presentation to the courts for ratification. The Southern Pacific committee, which presented no particular plan, but assumed an attitude of study of the situation, returned to New York this afternoon for further consultation with Southern Pacific interests.

MONTANA COMPANY IN GOOD FORM

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY HAS ANNUAL MEETING.

Great Falls, Jan. 11.—The stockholders of the Rocky Mountain Fire Insurance company held their annual meeting in this city this week and elected directors and officers for the year. The affairs of the company were carefully gone over and everything was found to be in a very satisfactory condition. The entire stock issue of \$500,000 has been fully subscribed and is held by over 400 stockholders, all residents of this state and including some of the largest property holders and most influential men in Montana.

The following directors were elected: Paris Gibson of Great Falls; Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Helena; N. J. Bielenberg of Deer Lodge; C. E. Shoemaker, Lewistown; George M. Stone of Lewistown; Stuard R. Jensen and P. H. Sexton of Great Falls; Judge John J. McHatten of Butte and John W. Blair of Helmsville.

At a meeting of the directors, the following officers were chosen: Paris Gibson, president; P. H. Sexton, first vice president; Stuard R. Jensen, second vice president; N. J. Bielenberg, third vice president and Leo P. McElmeel, secretary-treasurer.

The company has received its license to write insurance from the state insurance department and will commence at once to do business. The Rocky Mountain Fire Insurance company is starting with a capital and surplus large enough to make it a credit to the state of Montana.

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INSANITY VERDICT OVERRULED

CHICAGO JUDGE INTIMATES THAT WEALTHY WOMAN WAS RAILOADED TO ASYLUM.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Mrs. Caroline Walsh Clinton, a sister of the Countess de Felice of Abruzzi, Italy, who was declared insane here recently and remanded to the asylum at Kankakee, Ill., was ordered brought back to Chicago today by County Judge Owens, who vacated the insanity verdict. Judge Owens said that "activity of certain interests" in the case appeared to him to warrant reopening the case. Mrs. Clinton inherited a fortune from her father, who died a few years ago in Syracuse, N. Y. She is said to have lost \$200,000 in the last few years as the result of ill-advised speculations, it is reported still to have large means. She was taken into custody for the first time here last September at the request of persons who said that her actions in her hotel indicated that her mind was unbalanced.

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Corsetless---Heelless



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Washington, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Social Washington has found three new topics in which to interest itself—the corsetless girl, the heelless slipper and the "introduction squad."

The corsetless girl has been heard of around Washington for perhaps a year, but not until the recent ball given by Mrs. William H. Draper, widow of the former American ambassador to Italy, for her daughter, Margaret, did she really make her debut. At the Draper ball the products of the corsetless were negligible. Miss Draper, herself, a jangling heiress, and beauty of the capital, is in favor of doing away with the corset, and the younger set is with her. The prevailing style of frock with its high-waisted effect and its female air of languishment, makes this new "dress reform" possible.

Not to be outdone by their younger rivals, the smart matrons have adopted a few new sartorial tricks themselves. The heelless slipper is one of them, and to pretty Mrs. Huntington Wilson, wife of the assistant secretary of state, goes the credit for its introduction. Mrs. Wilson is just coming into second mourning, so her heelless slippers are white or black to match the white or black gowns which follow the lines of her supple figure. Unhappily, the frocks are generally weighted by falls of crystal fringes or jet embroideries and they suit their dark-eyed, clear-complexioned wear-



er, who, to keep up the ensemble of clinging draperies and satin-shod feet, wears her plentiful black hair dressed with Grecian simplicity. Mrs. Edson Bradley, one of the smartest hostesses of the capital, is responsible for the "introduction squad." Mrs. Bradley gives many balls at her beautiful home, and in order to do away with the "wall flower garden," she conceived the idea, or rather borrowed it from Boston, of employing a little squad of young men and women at each social function to introduce everybody to everybody else. The "squad" is composed of young people who themselves have a wide acquaintance. The scheme has worked splendidly and is being adopted by other hostesses.

ROTARIES PRECEDE ALL TRAINS

ANOTHER SNOWSTORM IN THE CASCADES HINDERS THREE RAILROAD LINES.

Seattle, Jan. 11.—A heavy snowstorm that began at noon in the Cascade mountains has almost put a stop to traffic on the mountain divisions of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Milwaukee railroads. A Northern Pacific passenger train is being dug out of the snow near tunnel No. 4, west of Stampede pass. The Milwaukee has no telegraph wires and does not know where its trains are and the Great Northern trains are marked 12 hours late.

At 9 o'clock tonight nearly three feet of snow had fallen today on the Northern Pacific mountain division, but the precipitation was becoming lighter.

A local passenger train, due in Seattle at 6 o'clock tonight, was almost buried by a small snowslide near Stampede. At 9 o'clock tonight an army of men with shovels had dug out all of the train except the locomotive. The passengers probably will arrive in Seattle tomorrow morning.

Passenger trains No. 1 and No. 5 are being held at Ellensburg. All trains proceeded with rotaries in front of them.

A Great Northern train due here at 9 o'clock this morning arrived at 7:40 tonight. Trains are marked 12 hours late, but continuance of the storm makes their movements uncertain.

With no telegraph wires, traffic on the Milwaukee is at a standstill and no trains are arriving or departing over that road tonight.

Commercial telegraph companies are suffering as a result of a fall of wet snow that began at dusk and is continuing.

Roumania's first census in 13 years was taken last month.