

HOUSE TRUST-BUSTERS BUSY.

BUSTERS JENKINS AND LITTLEFIELD ACTING IN HARMONY.

The Knox and Littlefield Bills Already Marked "Disapproved" by the Committee Endeavoring to Report a Bill Containing the Best Parts of Those Measures—Publicity Will Be the Feature of Any Bill Now Agreed Upon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—When Representative Grosvenor of Ohio announced on Saturday night that he had decided that the Committee on Rules shall bring in a special order for the consideration and passage of the trust-buster, now being prepared by the Committee on the Judiciary, and that it would pass the House promptly, he forgot, or at least neglected, to say that all this would take place provided the bill in one that will meet the approval of the leaders in the Senate and House. This may not seem to Mr. Grosvenor to be an important omission, but it is so in fact, for everything depends upon what kind of a weapon the trust-busters will bring forth.

Both factions of the Judiciary Committee, one under the leadership of Buser Jenkins, the chairman, and the other in charge of Buser Littlefield, chairman of the sub-committee on trusts, who are working in harmony, have announced that by Friday next they will have completed an entirely new buster, which they will submit to the House of Representatives and the American people.

Attorney-General Knox's two busters, which he conferred to the care of Buser Jenkins, have been already marked "disapproved," as has the one so carefully prepared by Buser Littlefield's sub-committee. The leaders in the House are endeavoring to weld the best parts of these three measures into one perfect whole, and all hands profess to be hopeful of success.

One feature of Buser Littlefield's bill that was not included in either of Buser Jenkins's measures prepared by the Attorney-General has already been adopted. This embodies the principle of publicity. In whatever bill comes out of the Judiciary Committee of the House there will be provision for publicity, and lots of it. Publicity will, in fact, be its keynote, for that is what the President and the Attorney-General have sought so long and eloquently, and its authors profess to believe that when the buster comes forth in all its strength and glory it will be of such a character as to suit everybody, including those who are radical busters as well as those who merely want to take a fall out of the trusts for the sake of catering to the views of the President of the United States and meeting the alleged wishes of the country that the trusts be discarded from their midst.

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Last night Senator Aldrich, the party leader in the House of Representatives, and Senator Aldrich, the real leader of the Senate Republicans, had a conference with President Roosevelt, during which the prospect of busting the trusts at this session were talked of among other things, and, although the conference lasted until a late hour, it did not result in the production of a copy of the alleged Congress programme for the perusal of the President. During the conversation he may have heard the subject of a trust-busting program referred to, but certainly he received no assurance that there is one in existence. The truth is that the fate of whatever buster emerges from the House Judiciary Committee, as the result of the more or less harmonious action of the rival trust-busters who are members of the House, will depend largely upon whether or not it reaches the Senate, if it ever does.

Although the Senate Committee on the Judiciary is not regularly in session, as is the case in the House, it has been appointed, composed of the chairman, Senator Hoar, and Senators Fairbanks of Indiana and Nelson of Minnesota, and the late Senator Aldrich of Alabama and Turner of Washington, Democrats. These Senators are already chewing over the subject of trust-busting, and one of them has already introduced a resolution providing for an amendment to the Constitution giving the States jurisdiction over interstate commerce.

It is true that the Senate has introduced a trust-busting bill, but this session, unless it is one to which there will be no serious opposition, and as that can only be trusted that it will be passed, the conclusion is inevitable that if any trust-buster passes, it will be one similar to that introduced by Senator Hoar on Dec. 17, which contained a number and a title and nothing else.

The Judiciary Committee are not now consulting with Attorney-General Knox, as he is in Boston. He will be in New York on Wednesday, and Thursday will go to Pittsburgh for a few days as the guest of Henry C. Frick.

CONTRACT FOR NEW CRUISERS.

New York Shipbuilding Company Protests Against Awarding It to the Cramps.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The New York Shipbuilding Company, of which Henry C. Frick of Pittsburgh is said to be the principal stockholder, has entered a protest with the Secretary of the Navy against the recommendation of the Board of Construction that the contract for building the armed cruisers, Tennessee and Kentucky, be awarded to William Cramp & Sons of Philadelphia. The protesting concern was the lowest bidder for the construction of both vessels on the Navy Department's plans. The Cramp company submitted the lowest bid for the construction of both vessels in accordance with its own plans.

200 CHINESE DROWNED.

Disastrous Flood at Nankin Caused by a Landslide.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 12.—A landslide at Nankin caused a flood in which 200 Chinese were drowned. A European warehouse was destroyed.

CONTRACT FOR FAST CUNARDERS.

Swan & Hunter Say It Has Not Yet Been Placed With Them.

GLASGOW, Jan. 12.—Swan & Hunter of Glasgow, who it was reported some days ago, had been selected as the builders of one of the new fast subsidized Cunarders, say that the contract has not yet been placed. The Wallend Engineering Company denies the report that it has received the contract to build the other boat.

French Inventor Taken to Asylum.

Paris, Jan. 12.—M. Goubet, inventor of the submarine boats which were rejected by the Government as useless, has been removed to an asylum.

PRESIDENT WANTS A NEGRO

Appointed Assistant District Attorney in Boston.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The President has decided to use his influence with the District Attorney of Boston to have a negro appointed Assistant District Attorney at that place. The new appointee will be William H. Lewis, the famous former center rush on the Harvard football team. The President's decision to appoint Lewis will probably be regarded in some quarters as an answer to the criticisms from Indiana, Miss., that the President would not think of "inflicting a colored man on his constituents in any Northern city."

New Military Attaché to British Embassy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Lieut. Col. H. G. Foster, Royal Artillery, has been appointed Military Attaché of the British Embassy at Washington.

SPARS AND FITTINGS AS FUEL.

Anything to Make Steam for British Steamer Out of Coal.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. QUEENSTOWN, Jan. 12.—The British steamer Mexican, Capt. Parker, from New Orleans, Dec. 19, for London, arrived here to-day.

Her supply of coal was exhausted four days ago, and since then she burned spar, fittings and practically everything available for making steam. She reached port with the greatest difficulty.

TERRIBLE SCENES IN FEZ.

The City Reported to Have Revealed Against the Sultan.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Stories are printed of fighting near Fez. It is also said that the city has revolted against the Sultan and that terrible scenes have been enacted. Both these reports give no details and cannot be confirmed.

GEN. HELL NOT HEARD.

Court Excludes His Testimony in Major Glenn's Trial.

MANILA, Jan. 12.—The trial by court-martial of Major Glenn for unlawfully killing seven prisoners in Samar last February and for administering the water cure, was resumed to-day. The Court declined to hear the testimony of Gen. Bell for the defense, which would have described the conditions in the province of Batangas and in the archipelago at the time of the Samar campaign.

LONDON DELEGATES COURTESY.

To Send Vote of Thanks to Chamber of Commerce and Other Bodies.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—At a meeting to-day of the Council of the London Chamber of Commerce the delegates who recently visited the United States and Canada presented a report.

Sir Albert Kaye Rolit, ex-president of the Chamber, said that nothing could exceed the courtesy and hospitality extended to the delegation in the United States and the Dominion.

PORTO RICO LEGISLATURE.

Federal Party Represented in House of Delegates for First Time.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Jan. 12.—The third session of the Legislative Assembly began this morning. The Federal party was represented in the House of Delegates for the first time. The membership consisted of twenty-five Republicans and ten Federalists. Manuel F. de los Angeles was elected speaker. The Executive Council elected Charles Hartzell president. The Council is composed of eleven members. Six of these are Republicans and five Federalists. Gov. Hunt will read his annual message at the theatre to-morrow.

FRANCE TO AVOID A LOAN.

Reduce Expenses and Increase Receipts Says Budget Commission.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—The report of the Budget Commission, printed to-day, says that it is not necessary to raise a loan of 4,000,000 francs, as proposed by the Government, to meet the deficit. The report recommends a reduction of the amount of expenditures by 37,500,000 francs and an increase in the estimated receipts under various heads of 22,500,000 francs in order to balance the budget.

IRON ORDERS PLACED ABROAD.

Mr. Edison Said to Have Ordered Ore Crushing Machines.

GLASGOW, Jan. 12.—Further large American orders have been placed with Inarshie iron founders. It is said that Mr. Edison has ordered ore crushing machines in Cambridge, saying that they can be made better and cheaper there than in the United States.

FORD PITCHES INTO ODELL.

CALLS HIM "A HANGER-ON IN THE LOBBIES AT ALBANY."

Says the Governor was an Everyday Trafficker in Legislation Before His Election and Lobbied Against the Roosevelt Bill—Attacks at a City Club Dinner—Mr. Vreeland on Railroads.

Former Senator John Ford, author of the Franchise Tax law, the repeal of which Gov. Odell recommended in his last message, made a bitter attack on the Governor at a dinner given by the City Club last night.

Mr. Ford referred to the Governor as "a trafficker in legislation" and as "a hanger-on in the lobbies at Albany," before his elevation to the present high office, and plainly intimated that the Governor's private interests in franchise, not the interests of the people, is responsible for his present attitude on the bill which Ford, with the assistance of Gov. Roosevelt, got through the Legislature in 1899.

The subject of discussion at the dinner was the transportation problem and after President Wheeler H. Peckham had spoken briefly, Charles H. Chadwick, chairman of the Committee of 50 of Brooklyn, released the roving eye of the speaker at that borough. Mr. Ford, who was not down as a speaker but was one of the diners, was then asked to say something about his Franchise Tax law.

You all remember, no doubt, the recommendation of Gov. Odell that the Franchise Tax law be repealed. That is the subject, but I assure you it is not as surprising to me as it will be to others. Those acquainted with the history of the law know something of the trouble we had in getting it on the statute books, how it was presented by the Legislature and finally passed, crippled, but still satisfactory to the people at large.

I recall very vividly now the attitude of our present Governor at the time of his election in 1899. He was a hanger-on in the lobbies at Albany. He was a great gun about the law, and he wanted to get my legislation, and equally true was it that he must be seen if you wanted to get any legislation, and then and ought not to be now. It was generally recognized that Benjamin B. Odell, Jr. was the dispenser of favors in Albany. I recall now how Odell came to me when I was framing the Franchise Tax law, and he wanted to know what I was doing with my machine, meant by doing such a thing without the aid of the Legislature, and he wound up what he had to say with this remark: "And besides, it affects me. I'm interested in it, and I'm in it."

Well, for weeks after the bill went through, Odell would not speak to me and would not even receive me. He is not so surprised to me that he now finds it a very vexatious bill and would like to see it repealed. He is simply going back to his first love, is not asking what the people want, but only what his regular friends want. If he left the question of a repeal of the bill to the people I assure you he would get one vote out of ten in favor of it.

Gov. Roosevelt described the Franchise Tax law as the greatest piece of legislation in twenty-five years. What part have the people in the Government when such things are done? I do not, gentlemen, there is no doubt in my mind that the old machine is still working. There is only one thing that bosses and machines like this one, fear, and that is the people. The people, when they are united, can do anything. Public sentiment alone can stop the repeal of this measure.

Senator DeLoe loudly cheered by the members of the club. He spoke at some length on the transportation problem in this city and then made way for President H. H. Vreeland, of the Erie and Hudson River Railroad Company, who came in late.

Mr. Vreeland asserted that there was very little he could say on city transportation, as he had been married. James J. DeLoe, ex-president of the Erie and Hudson River Railroad Company, who came in late, said that he had been married. He said that he had been married. He said that he had been married.

DEVERY DROPPED, WITH \$10,000.

And Brooks President of the Police Endowment Association.

The New York Police Endowment and Benevolent Association, composed of police officers ranking from captains up, held a meeting yesterday and elected Inspector Nicholas Brooks president to succeed Devery, who was dropped from the organization. A man ceases to be a member of this organization when he leaves the force. The courts only recently decided that Devery was not a policeman. He remained president of the association until yesterday.

GREEN SAW A WARNING PARTY.

Coal Storage Cause of Saleen Gathering Which Caused Gorman's Suspension.

Sadie Agia, whose arrest on Sunday afternoon on a charge of violating the Raines law in her saloon at 72 Clinton street, resulting in the suspension by Gen. Greene of the review of the case, was the subject of a police court yesterday, on account of illness. The charge against her was that she had allowed a gathering in the barroom. There was no allegation of liquor selling. The lawyer said that he would prove that there had been no gathering, and that he would allow them to come in and get warm.

SUNDAY SATISFIED GEN. GREENE.

Of Course, It Can't Be Dry in Manhattan—Devil Wagon to Brooklyn Next.

Police Commissioner Greene said yesterday that he was quite well satisfied with the manner in which the Excise law was observed throughout the city on Sunday. "Of course," he said, "it wasn't a very dry Sunday. There's no such thing as a dry Sunday in New York, for according to the law it can be very wet. There are 2,300 places in Manhattan where drinks may be sold without violation of the law. The Commissioner's attention was called to the fact that no excise arrests were made in Brooklyn. He said that he might take a automobile over there on some Sunday in the near future.

TWO KILLED; THREE INJURED.

Fall of the Water Tower of the Pulp Mill at Ausable Chasm.

PLATTSBURGH, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Two men were instantly killed, two seriously and one slightly injured at noon to-day by the falling of the water tower of the Alice Falls pulp mill at Ausable Chasm. The killed are Fred Busha, 36, and Henry Fry, 65 years old. The injured is Fred Labounty, seriously.

Devils at Havana This Week.

Now at Nine Bay With the Mayflower and Eight Other Vessels.

HAVANA, Jan. 12.—The Secretary of the Government has received a telegram from Nipe Bay stating that Admiral Dewey, on board the Mayflower, with eight other vessels of the American Navy, is at that place. It is added that the Mayflower is expected to arrive at Havana this week.

Swedish General Dead.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 12.—Major-Gent. von Vegesack is dead. He fought on the Federal side in the War of the Rebellion in the United States.

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WHY CHAPMAN QUIT THE AXE.

A TALE OF HOW HE SPED HIS OWN PARTING FROM THE FORCE.

Departure Hastened by the Crooning Re-frain, "I'm After Him"—But It Was a Banisher's Song, and No More, That Is Heard in Attacks of "Jerome Nerves."

One by one the sands are falling. Drop by drop the stream runs dry: Last by last, beyond recalling, Summer passes drop and die. (As sung by the Mercer street chorus.)

Capt. George B. Chapman, sometimes known as "Prince Feather," more commonly as "His Whiskers," passed out of the Department of Police yesterday. He went out in a blue funk. In his own imaginative ears he heard the voice of the District Attorney singing.

One of the first of his admirers, by day and by night, was the Mercer street chorus. The tones of the imagined song seemed to the blue, whiskered veteran altogether too personal for comfort. He filled out his retirement blank and sent it to the Police Headquarters early yesterday morning. Ever since Chapman became the pet of the Roosevelt police board he made it a practice to prove that he was a careful and able captain by telling people how honest he was and how clean his precinct was. Negro bawling women paraded the side streets with their great guns about the Bowery. Men were held up in West Broadway and West Third street under the elevated railroad tracks. Drinks were plentiful for an hour or two. But a few weeks ago Chapman pointed with pride to the fine residences of Washington Square and Fifth Avenue and said with conscious rectitude: "This is the cleanest precinct in New York city, I boast!"

As long as folks seemed to agree with him his whiskers waved sick and he flourished his great guns about his precinct in law, and almost went in his grief over other captains who did not want to see after last week's police night school. Chapman guessed that the county detectives would attend to their own business after this, anyway, by crickets! But they didn't. His men brought him reports continually that the county detectives were still loose in the precinct. That made him nervous. Then he heard that they were paying attention to other violations than out-of-hour saloons.

Chapman raised one or two disorderly houses in a tentative way, to see whether they would change his luck. It didn't. Then came the blow that clean took the captain's nerve away, so his friends assert. In their opinion it was a cruel thing to do. He was arrested with three police men, who used to be a policeman, on an elevated train up in Harlem. So far as the county detective knew the meeting was accidental.

"I'm after him," said Chapman, "I'm glad to see you." "Pat, is it?" roared the county detective. "Pat, is it?" It wasn't Pat, yet were the county detectives. He gave me three hours on a half off post last time. Pat, is it, ye black-whiskered monkey! O'wan wid yer Pat!"

"What things are different," said the captain, consolingly. "Now, as an old friend —" "Never on yourself a frind of mine," roared the county detective, "an' be after sittin' farther away from me—lest by mistake ye should slip a bit of money into me pocket and be makin' more trouble for me!"

"I only wanted to ask," said the captain, very meekly, "whether the District Attorney was in the house and what he had against me down there?" "There's nothing in the wurruld agin ye. All the crime on the calendar!" "Well, ye come down to the house and talk it over with me, Pat? For old time's sake, now."

"I will not," said Pat. "I will not. And if ye want to see me, ye can come to my house." So the appointment was made between them. The county detective invited after a while and intimated that the county detective who had most of the supposed evidence against Capt. Chapman would be there when the captain called. Promptly at the hour appointed, so the captain's intimation says, he was at the detective's flat.

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Girls' Suits. 250 GIRLS' WHITE LAWN GUILMETS; embroidery insertion, hemstitched and embroidery ruffle on neck and sleeves; former prices 49¢ and 69¢. Second Floor, East, 19th St.

Axminster Rugs. 200 Bigelow AXMINSTER RUGS; floral and Turkish designs; light and dark colorings; size 7'x9'; regular \$2.25 grade, special, 1.50. Third Floor, Front, 19th St.

Women's Belts. WOMEN'S BELTS of black silk elastic, 1 1/2 and 2 inches wide; choice of a number of designs with cut steel front buckle, giving the "dip" effect and back pieces. Main Floor, Front, 19th St.

Bedroom Slippers. All-Felt BATH OR BEDROOM SLIPPERS, in all sizes for men and women, pair. (Second Floor, East.) 19

Cocoa. The original W.A. Baker's BREAKFAST COCOA, made at Dorchester, Mass., 3/4 lb. can. Fourth Floor. 17

Dinner Ware. DINNER SETS; 112 pieces, finer than porcelain, richly decorated in natural colors; every piece gold-lined. (Basement.) 7.50

Corsets. H & S ELITE ROYAL WORCESTER AND AMERICAN LADY CORSETS, short and long styles, regularly at \$2.25 and \$1.75; very special, to-day. Second Floor, East, 19th St. 95

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