

TAFT DIDN'T FAVOR LORIMER

SENATOR ALDRICH ON THE PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE

Testifies That Taft Wanted a Good Republican and Said That Lorimer was a "nonobjectionable" Where is the Wandering Mr. Shields of Duluth?

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, testifying today before the Lorimer investigating committee, explained the attitude of President Taft toward the deadlock in the Illinois Legislature from January to May, 1909, which resulted in the election of Mr. Lorimer as United States Senator from Illinois.

Mr. Aldrich said this statement was not true and that Mr. Hines was not authorized to carry any political message to Springfield on the Senatorship question. Senator Aldrich said he advised Mr. Hines that the President favored the election of a good Republican but would not aid the candidacy of any one.

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Mr. Aldrich said he personally was favorable to the election of Mr. Lorimer, as he regarded him as a "good Republican." Senator Aldrich denied that he authorized Mr. Hines to carry any political message from Washington to Springfield regarding the alleged friendly attitude of the Administration toward Mr. Lorimer's candidacy or to request Mr. Hines to use his influence to have Governor Deneen assist in Mr. Lorimer's election.

Mr. Aldrich explained that he had authorized Mr. Hines to refer any one to him who wished authoritative information as to the attitude of President Taft toward the Senatorial fight. Mr. Aldrich said that Mr. Hines came to him and asked him to find out the President's attitude on several different occasions. Mr. Aldrich also denied that he told Hines that Senator Lorimer's vote would be needed in the Senate to pass the Payne-Aldrich bill, which was pending at that time.

Friends of the President have always contended that the unauthorized use of the President's name was a political trick to aid in the election of Mr. Lorimer, and they believe that the Aldrich statement is a disingenuous attempt to bring up the confusion in the public mind as to the President's exact attitude.

Out of Senatorial courtesy the ordinary routine of the committee was laid aside yesterday and the cross-examination of C. W. Wiehe, secretary of the Edward Hines Lumber Company and brother-in-law of Mr. Hines, who began his direct testimony yesterday, was postponed to give Senator Aldrich an opportunity to be heard at once. Mr. Wiehe's cross-examination was concluded at the afternoon session.

Senator Aldrich took the stand when the committee convened shortly after 11 o'clock. "About May 20, 1909, a few days before the election of Mr. Lorimer," Senator Aldrich said, "I was present at a dinner at which it would be impossible for the members of the Illinois Legislature to agree on Congressman Boutwell or any other candidate except Mr. Lorimer. He expressed the opinion that Mr. Lorimer could be elected and asked me to find out what the President's attitude was toward Mr. Lorimer's candidacy. I went to the President that night at the White House and later at a dinner at 11 o'clock. I returned to my home, where Mr. Hines was waiting for me. I told Mr. Hines that the President would take no part in the election and that the President desired a good Republican to be elected. I also told Mr. Hines that the President would not be objectionable to the President, though he would not aid in accomplishing his election."

"Did you advise Mr. Hines to telephone or go to Springfield to urge Gov. Deneen to assist in Mr. Lorimer's election?" asked Senator H. Marble, counsel for the committee.

"No," replied Mr. Aldrich. "I intended to convey the impression to Mr. Hines," continued Senator Aldrich, "that the President favored the election of a good Republican and that he had no personal preference except that a good Republican should be elected." A Senator Kenyon asked Mr. Aldrich to deny the attributes of a "good Republican."

"I believe a 'good Republican' is one who is loyal in his support of the President and of the Administration," explained Senator Aldrich.

At the afternoon session the cross-examination of Mr. Wiehe was devoted principally to the whereabouts and activities of Robert W. Shields, an intimate friend of Duluth, Minn. Last May Mr. Wiehe sent Mr. Shields on a trip through Canada and the Far West to interview passengers who were in the smoking compartment of a train en route from Duluth to Virginia, Minn., on March 7 last. The purpose of this trip was to obtain affidavits from these passengers relating to the testimony of William Burgess of Duluth that Mr. Wiehe had said that he knew a fund of \$100,000 had been raised to elect Lorimer, because he had personally contributed \$10,000. Mr. Shields called to Mr. Wiehe in Canada, Seattle, Wash., and Humboldt, Ia., and interviewed persons who were in the smoking compartment.

The members of the committee showed considerable interest in Mr. Shields' present whereabouts. Mr. Wiehe did not know where Shields now is. From questions asked by Chairman Billingham and other members of the committee, it is apparent that the process servers of the committee have failed to find Mr. Shields at his home in Duluth.

To Study Stephenson Case. WASHINGTON, July 20.—The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections today referred the proposition of investigating the Stephenson election case to a sub-committee of which the chairman is Chairman Billingham. The sub-committee will probably consist of Senators Heyburn, Shippen and Nathanial, Republicans, and Bower and Paynter, Democrats.

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SEAL IN A COMMITTEE ROOM

GEORGE FROM THE PRIBILOF ISLANDS SHOWS OFF IN WASHINGTON.

Representative Townsend Gets a Live Exhibit for the Investigators of Seal Killing in Alaska. The Animal is an Extra-Extra-Extra Small Pup.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Representative Edward W. Townsend of Montclair, N. J., who is responsible for the House investigation into the killing of seals on the Pribilof Islands, made something of a stir around the House office building today when he appeared at the room of the Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Commerce and Labor accompanied by a trained seal, a crowd gathered to watch the unusual sight and the little seal, whose name is George, and which follows Mr. Townsend around like a dog, came in for a lot of attention.

All during the hearings on the seal resolution introduced by Mr. Townsend there has been much conflicting testimony as to the sizes and weights of seal-skins and as to the ages of the animals from which skins variously classified were taken. So Mr. Townsend wrote to a friend of his who lives at 121 Lembaie avenue, St. George, Pribilof Islands, for a well behaved seal that could be used as a committee exhibit and set the vexed question at rest.

All as experts know, seals for skinning purposes are classified as "large," "mid-dling," "small," "large pups," "pups," "small pups," "extra small pups," "extra-extra small pups" and "extra-extra-extra small pups." George is an "extra-extra-extra small pup" and his skin, which is soft and glossy, would hardly weigh three pounds if used for decorative purposes.

But George won't be skinned. After he served his purpose as a committee exhibit he will be turned over to the bureau of fisheries to gambol with the two other seals, both of them of pretty fair size, now in captivity there.

All of the members of the committee to the seal resolution this morning seemed much interested in George and his tricks. The little seal was a household pet of the man from whom Mr. Townsend secured him and has been trained to an unusual degree.

If anybody attracts George's attention and says "Prof. Elliott" sharply and distinctly, the pup will bark and wave both flippers with apparently genuine enthusiasm. Prof. Elliott is the Cleveland, Ohio, expert on fur seal life who after years of unsuccessful effort has discovered a rubber stamp which in general circulation in connection with the alleged butchery of the seal herd, is uncommonly bright or else has learned his lesson well.

George has other tricks too. He can catch a fish thrown to him on the fly, and he will curl up and curl up at the end of his nose and twirl a stick like a drum major. Although George wasn't brought to Washington to do tricks, but to serve as a committee exhibit, he has shown a number of other tricks, his appearance before the committee at its meeting on next Monday is expected to increase the attendance and to add not a little to the interest of the hearing.

CONTROLLER BAY REPORT.

The President Spends the Entire Day in Preparing a Statement.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The Controller Bay case took up the entire time of President Taft to-day. He did not come over to the executive offices at all, but remained in his library, where, with Secretary Hillos, he worked upon the statement which he will make to Congress in submitting the papers relating to the removal of the shore line land along Controller Bay from the Chugach national forest reserve. Secretary Fisher conferred with the President and Solicitor McCabe brought to him the record of the forestry bureau in the case.

It is expected that the material will be in shape for submission to Congress tomorrow. A map has been prepared showing the land available for terminal sites along the bay and the depths of the channel.

Leontine D. Brandeis of Boston, one of the anti-Ballinger attorneys in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation by Congress, has been engaged by the House Committee on Expenditures in the Interior to conduct the inquiry into the Controller Bay inquiry. He will take charge early next week.

TO BROADEN WILEY CASE.

Full Investigation of the Agriculture Department Seems Likely.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—At a meeting of the House Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Agriculture it was decided to broaden the scope of the inquiry into the Wiley case. The committee board, which is supposed to be antagonistic to the pure food views of Dr. Wiley, will be included in the investigation.

The indications are that the committee will investigate every ramifications of the Department of Agriculture before it has concluded its labors. The Democratic investigators are hopeful that it will prove a fruitful field for their inquiries. Some of the papers in the Wiley case were delivered to the committee by Secretary Wilson today. The papers withheld are now in the hands of the President. As soon as the President complies his scrutiny of these exhibits they will be forwarded to the committee. Until then the committee will not begin the work of inquiry.

LAPDOG BILL PASSED.

American Women May Now Take Their Pets Abroad Safely.

JOE BAILEY ON BUCOLIC JOYS

RECIPROCIITY WILL DIM THEM. THE SENATOR SAYS.

The Poor Farmer Will Suffer Most and "Back to the Land" Will Not Be Attractive. Then There's the Horse, the Noblest Dumb Animal of Them All.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas addressed the Senate this afternoon in opposition to Canadian reciprocity. The Senator attacked President Taft for his Indianapolis speech. He charged that the President was guilty of inconsistency in saying in one breath that the market for farm products was made in Liverpool and in the very next sentence attributing higher prices to the tendency in the country to rush to the cities and other manufacturing centers.

Explaining the causes for prices Mr. Bailey admitted that the foreign demand fixed prices if the production exceeded the local demand. Referring to corn prices he said that the United States produced 75 per cent. of the corn of the world, more than it consumed.

"Our export trade in corn has not yet attained much importance," said the Senator. "The world has not yet learned to eat corn. A product that the time will come when the world will eat more corn and drink less corn."

The Senator from Texas closed his speech with an attack on the press and made an eloquent plea for the farmer, garnished with special tributes to the nobility of the horse. The Senator asserted that the farm laborer toiled longer hours for less pay than his city brother and had fewer comforts of life. The Canadian bill, he declared, was drawn in the interest of "city folks" and in derogation of the rights of the farmer.

"He is a good citizen," observed Mr. Bailey, speaking of the farmer. "He starts no anarchist organizations. The Socialists do not recruit their pestilential organization from among his kind. We hear much these days about 'back to the land.' I wish it might become more general."

The Senator urged millionaires to leave the city with its evils and temptations and seek rest and physical well-being in rural recuperation among the timbered grasses. The Texan paid his tribute to the grain, the grass, the streams and then turned to the domestic farm animals. It was an easy step to his favorite theme, the horse.

"I pay my tribute to the horse," said Mr. Bailey. "The noblest dumb animal God ever made."

The Senator said the horse was noble whether he appeared "drawing the products of the farm from those who sell to those who buy, in the fire of battle with sparkling eye and foamy side bearing his martial rider, or in the quietude of the racecourse, where with nostrils distended he contends for the supremacy in speed or endurance."

The tribute paid by the Texas Senator to the horse was one calculated to excite the donkey, patient and long suffering symbol of Democracy, very envious. The Senator warned his Democratic brethren that they would have to reckon with the farmer, whose interests he asserted they had overlooked in the Canadian reciprocity bill. He admitted that he had no hope of changing a vote.

"I do not want to be excused," he said. "I find satisfaction in my isolation. I am glad there is one on this side who dares defy the public clamor started by selfish newspapers."

"I have a little reason to feel kindly toward the newspapers as any man in public life in the United States in the last fifty years," said Mr. Bailey. "They have slandered me more persistently and more villainously than any other public man, but I believe an independent press is the bulwark of a free government. I would not restrict its liberty, but I would restrain its license."

The Senator then pointed out that newspaper publishers were wealthy and did not need free wood pulp and print paper. He urged the repeal of duties on woolen goods, cotton and necessities of life rather than on paper and pulp.

Senator John Sharp Williams, who has become Mr. Bailey's constant Democratic antagonist, took copious notes during the Senator's speech.

Senator Smith of South Carolina replied to Mr. Bailey, giving his reasons why Democrats would support the measure. Senator Heyburn closed the session in opposition to the bill. The Senate was continuously in session for eight hours.

SELF-DENIAL FOR VOTES.

Mrs. W. W. Penfield Describes Scheme to Raise Feminine Campaign Fund.

Mrs. William Warner Penfield, acting secretary of the Woman's Suffrage Party, was busy at her quarters in the Metropolitan Life Building yesterday sending out letters to the captains of the various suffragist precincts to get recruits for the self-denial week, beginning on August 15.

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SILENT ON STEEL TRUST DATA

COMMISSIONER SMITH WILL NOT MAKE IT PUBLIC.

Refuses to Divulge Information to Investigators Without the President's Permission—says the Law Forbids It Judge Gary's Watch on Events.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—After a recess of several weeks the Stanley steel committee resumed its public hearing to-day with Herbert Knox Smith, Commissioner of Corporations, on the stand. He answered at the outset a few questions as to the organization of the Bureau of Corporations.

Referring to his recent report of sixty printed pages on the steel industry, he said it was a digest or summary of part I of a report not yet printed. Chairman Stanley wanted to be informed about the facts upon which Commissioner Smith based his opinion that the controlling motive for the creation of the steel trust was to regulate competition.

Reading the law creating the Bureau of Corporations, Mr. Littleton asked: "Is it your opinion that you are compelled under the law, unless authorized by the President, to withhold information from your possession from another branch of the Government?"

The witness replied in the affirmative, stating that his course in this regard was guided by an opinion of the Attorney-General. Replying to questions of Mr. Littleton the Commissioner said his bureau had paid little or no attention to the absorption by the steel corporation of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company.

Reading from the minutes of the steel corporation, Chairman Stanley quoted a statement made by Judge Gary to the executive committee of the corporation. This was to the effect that the finance committee was keeping in close touch with the Government investigation. Judge Gary was further quoted as saying that he took occasion to inform the executive committee that he made the statement "because you might be alarmed about the investigation without reason."

"Who kept in close touch with the President himself?" asked Chairman Stanley. Representative Gardner of the committee wanted to be informed whether Mr. Stanley was suggesting collusion between the steel corporation and the Commissioner of Corporations on the one hand and steel trust officers on the other.

"Oh, no," replied Mr. Stanley. "The witness did not know with whom the steel trust officers 'had kept in close touch.'"

It was brought out that in making an inquiry into the steel trust the Commissioner of Corporations accepted statements from the corporation and then verified them by examination. "In other words the steel corporation investigated itself?" asked Mr. Littleton. "It did not," replied Mr. Stanley. "We verified all statements submitted to us."

PUZZLE OF POMERANIAN PUPS.

Shipper Pays No Attention to Dan for \$2 Protective Duty.

The problem of the Pomeranian pups—there were only two of them, not four, as originally reported—was pondered further yesterday by the solicitor to the Collector, Mark P. Andrews, and his assistant, Edward Barnes. The pups had been characterized as "goods in excess" after their birth aboard ship in this port shortly after the arrival of their mother.

The papers in the case were indored by the appraisers thus: "Add goods in excess as noted. No fraud intended." This was, from the appraisers' point of view, in accordance with the regulation on the subject, which says:

"If any package be found by the appraisers to contain any article not specified in the invoice and that a majority of them shall be of the opinion that such article was omitted in the invoice with fraudulent intent on the part of the shipper or the owner the contents of the entire package are liable to seizure."

The appraisers solemnly declared that there could be no fraudulent intent on the part of the shipper, James Croft of 106 Elm street, Newark, and as the Pomeranian pups are classified as "perishable merchandise" they were shipped immediately to him. He was notified that he owed Uncle Sam \$2 for duty on the American born pups.

Mr. Croft paid no attention to the duty for \$2 and a second demand for the money was sent to him. The Custom House is still awaiting his answer. It was said that Mr. Croft may regard American born dogs as not dutiable, the law defining dutiable articles as those imported from any foreign country into the United States.

As pups the two Pomeranians certainly were not sent from the other side. The duty on the pups is put down as "accrued." United States Attorney John B. Vreeland of New Jersey may be asked to begin forfeiture proceedings against the pups. Then the problem as to their whereabouts will come up. The decision of the appraisers that the pups are "goods in excess" has been provisionally accepted for the warm season by the solicitor's office, which has not yet decided the question whether or not the pups may be regarded under the statute as "articles imported from a foreign country," and wonders if it can really collect that \$2.

SPANISH WAR VET HELD UP.

Ex-Soldier With One Arm Attacked by Thugs in Tenth Street.

Walter Blohm, a salesman for Lippmann Bros., produce merchants, walked through Tenth street last night and near University Square was attacked by two men. One hit him with a club over the left eye and the other struck him on the right side of his head.

Charles Reidell, a special policeman employed by the Interborough, was across the street and saw Blohm fall. He says he saw the two men start to go through the man's pockets. Reidell blew his police whistle and went after the two men. He caught one after a chase of half a block and the other, the younger, made off toward Broadway. He had just hopped on a car when he was jerked off by Policeman Finkelstein of the Mercer street station and led back to where Blohm lay unconscious.

A Dr. Baxter of St. Vincent's Hospital took Blohm to the police station and revived him. Each of his cuts required several stitches. He then went to his home, which was at 324 First avenue, he said.

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SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., July 20.—The steamer Huron, the largest of the Star-Cole Line fleet which operates between Cleveland and this port via Georgian Bay, ran upon a shoal off Richards Landing, Ont., to-day and tore a hole twenty feet long in her bottom. Two hundred passengers of the Huron were taken off as the vessel began to settle. They were transferred to the steamer City of Chatham and brought to this port.

The Huron is said to have gone on the shoal after leaving out of the channel in a fog. Capt. Cannon, commander, by his coolness prevented panic among the passengers when the vessel struck and all were taken off without difficulty.

Suit to Establish H. J. Grant's Will. Mrs. Julie M. Grant, as executrix, and John M. Bowers, executor of the will of Hugh J. Grant, filed suit in the Supreme Court yesterday against Mrs. Grant's three children, Julia, Edna and Hugh J. Grant, to establish the validity of Mr. Grant's will and restrain the children from maintaining any action based upon a claim that a will executed by Mr. Grant was not the last will of his father.

White Star Line Entertains Its Agents From Over the Continent. The White Star Line invited its agents from all over the country to come to this city yesterday and have a look at the new ocean giant Olympic. Almost 600 of them came by rail and boat, some from cities and towns in California and Canada. The company paid all expenses and every agent received a ticket which would fetch him to New York.

At 4 o'clock Capt. Smith conducted the guests through the ship. They started forward and worked aft. They saw the bridge and the chart house, the big wireless apparatus and all the mechanism of the huge ship which would be of interest. The trip lasted two hours and at that there were many parts of the vessel which they didn't have time to see.

Dinner was served to the party in the dining saloon at 6 o'clock and for three hours convivially overflowed. In answer to a number of speeches in which the agents told Capt. Smith what they thought of his ship he replied with a few words of welcome and gave his guests a further idea of the great capacity of the vessel.

Some of the men of men started for home last night, but many of them remained in town to see the sights for a few days. EXPECT BABY HIPPO. Miss Murphy Presently Will Be a Mother Again. The keepers of the Central Park menagerie are congratulating themselves over the forecast made by Head Keeper Snyder that Miss Murphy, the hippopotamus, is going to contribute another member of that species to the park collection.

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MISS SWAN STILL MISSING. Brooklyn Girl Disappeared Monday After Drawing Money From Bank.

SLICE ZOO DIRECTORS PAY. City Fathers Also Resolve to Raise Keeper Snyder's Salary to \$1,500.

WALTER SACKETT. New London, Conn., July 20.—Miss Audrey Townsend Sackett and Stewart Walter, both of New York, were married this afternoon at Miramonte, the summer home of the bride's father, Charles A. Sackett, in Pequot Colony. The Rev. Alfred Poole Grant, formerly rector of St. James's Episcopal Church here, but now stationed at St. Johnsbury, Vt., performed the ceremony.

STURGES-BISHOP. The marriage of Municipal Court Justice Frank D. Sturges and Miss Martha D. Bishop took place yesterday at the home of Mrs. John J. Wood, a sister of the bride, at Lawrenceville, N. Y. The ceremony was performed at noon by the Rev. Dr. Olin B. Coit, pastor of the Lawrenceville Methodist Episcopal Church. Intimate friends and relatives of the couple attended.

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