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SENATE MEMBERS EAGER TO MODIFY SHERMAN STATUTE

Three Bills Are Introduced to Amend the Law.

NULLIFIES COURT'S ACT

Object Is to Place a Ban on All Combinations.

Democrats See Good Campaign Material in the Question and Insurgents Take Similar View—Department of Justice Awaits with Anxiety Decision in the Tobacco Case—More Agitation Is Feared.

The opposition in Congress to the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Sherman anti-trust law crystallized into action yesterday. Three bills were introduced in the Senate, two by Democrats and one by a Republican, designed to nullify the Supreme Court's decision limiting the application of the Sherman statute to combinations in unreasonable restraint of trade.

Senator Reed, of Missouri, Democrat, introduced an amendment which changes the first section of the Sherman act by adding these words:

"Every such contract, combination, or conspiracy is hereby declared to be unreasonable and illegal, and shall be so considered, taken, and held in all proceedings at law and equity."

OF SAME PURPORT.

The Reed bill also proposes an amendment to the second section of the act by adding the words of the same purport.

An amendment introduced by Senator Jones, of Washington, Republican, would make the first section of the Sherman act read as follows:

"Every contract, combination in the form of a trust or otherwise, or conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce among the several States, or with foreign nations, whether restraint be reasonable or unreasonable, is hereby declared illegal."

An amendment, introduced by Senator Culberson, of Texas, Democrat, would change the first and second sections of the present statute so as to qualify the words "combination in restraint of trade" by the phrase "of whatever character."

The purpose of all three of these proposed amendments is the same—to nullify

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BURNED TO DEATH UNDER UPSET CAR

Gasline Explodes and Inmates Are Slowly Roasted.

Dover, N. J., May 17.—Slowly burned to death as they were pinioned beneath the large automobile which had turned turtle as they were rounding a curve at Chester, N. J., was the fate of Edward D. Middlekauff, a broker of Plainfield, and his companion, Miss Elsie Walpole, of Scotch Plains, N. J., late last night. Middlekauff and Miss Walpole had been on an automobile trip through eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey when the accident occurred.

As they were nearing the Chester crossroads, Middlekauff turned out to avoid some obstructions, and the wheels of his car struck a ditch, causing Middlekauff to lose control of his car, which turned turtle. Miss Walpole was evidently rendered unconscious, but Middlekauff was conscious when the gasoline tank exploded and slowly roasted him to death. His cries could be heard for blocks. Mr. Searles, who witnessed the accident, summoned aid and attempted to raise the upturned car from the victims, but in vain. It was not until a team, with block and tackle, could be procured that the car was raised. By that time both victims had been burned to a crisp.

Through the State motor vehicle department at Trenton, Middlekauff was easily identified, but it was not until late today that woman's remains could be positively recognized as those of Miss Walpole.

Hobbles Affect Business.

New York, May 17.—Manufacturers says that the silk industry is in a bad way, because women's fashions, like the hobble skirt, require 40 per cent less material for the inner and outer dresses.

Between hobble skirts, "combination" underwear, and the partial abolition of petticoats, the silk industry of America, now grown beyond that of France, and amounting to $200,000,000 yearly in value of product, has come upon hard times. Secretary Ramsay Peuguet, secretary of the Silk Association, says:

"Of these fashions we see no immediate chance of change, because, confound them, they make the older women look incredibly young, and it's the older women who can keep a fashion going."

FIREMEN DENIED WAGE INCREASE BY MR. FINLEY

Says High Cost of Living Has Been Solved.

FOOD PRICES ARE LOWER

Declares that Problem of Year Ago Is Removed.

In the Fall President of Southern Railway Says He Is Willing to Reopen Question of Increase and Hints at Arbitration—Gives Figures to Show that Advance at This Time Is Not Feasible.

President Finley, of the Southern Railway, to whom had been referred the request of the locomotive firemen for an advance in wages, announced last night that, after mature consideration, he had come to the conclusion that an advance was not feasible at this time.

Mr. Finley accompanied his announcement with the first definite statement from a "captain of industry" that the high cost of living, the problem which confronted the nation only a year ago had, in a measure, solved itself. Mr. Finley told the men that prices were lower than they were a year ago, and that the demands of the men were not to be considered as based on the conditions that existed when their effort to obtain increases was inaugurated.

THE RATE OF PAY.

In the course of his statement Mr. Finley called the attention of the men to the fact that the rate of pay for firemen had been increased approximately 46 per cent since 1900. He told them that the advance they sought approximated an increase of 27.8 per cent in their present wage, and that the cost to the company entailed by such an advance would be more than $400,000 per annum.

"This," said Mr. Finley, "in the present state of business, and considering the fact that we are just now entering upon the dull season of the Southern Railway, makes it necessary to decline the request." He said, however, that this decision was not made in such a manner as to prejudice the right of the men or the railway company to reopen the question in the fall, and he further promised that the would reconsider the proposition at that time.

In making this announcement the Southern's president was placing his O. K. upon the previous decision of the vice president and general manager of the company, Mr. Coapman.

That the Southern Railway is willing to go into immediate arbitration of the wage question in the event of Mr. Finley's statement and promise of reconsideration next fall is not satisfying to the firemen is evidenced in the closing words of Mr. Finley. He says:

To Arbitrate Question.

"If they are unwilling to accept this suggestion, I offer as an alternative to mediate or arbitrate the question with them.

"I trust sincerely that our men will see the justice and equity of the position of the company, will realize that the management is controlled by the purpose of being entirely fair to them, and that the way is always open to them and to their representatives for a full and just consideration in conference of all questions of difference that may arise."

It is understood a committee of firemen held a conference with President Finley late yesterday afternoon, the details of which were not made public. A strike of the firemen is not expected.

CARDINAL DODGES FAST DRIVEN CAR

Narrowly Escapes Injury Only by Alertness.

Baltimore, Md., May 17.—Cardinal Gibbons and a companion were caught in St. Paul street between two automobiles, and the venerable prelate had a narrow escape. As witnesses relate it, an automobile obeying the traffic law, as it governs direction, but not speed, up St. Paul street, turned wide and went west on the north side of Mount Royal avenue. He "cleared" the cardinal easily. The confusion came when another car came south in St. Paul street. The cardinal was about ten feet in the street, and the chauffeur swung too close.

The cardinal is an active man in spite of his age, but the chauffeur paid no attention to his years, and blew his horn after the manner of chauffeurs who own the streets. The cardinal and his companion moved quickly to get out of the way, but the chauffeur evidently had no idea of waiting on them, and tried to beat them across.

It all happened very quickly, but in that instant the car was only a few inches from hitting the cardinal.

"It is a fact," admitted the cardinal, "that my companion and I had to run to escape an accident; but I would not say it was all the chauffeur's fault, because we were confused, and that doubtless confused the chauffeur."

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COMING INTO PORT.

KILLS AND WOUNDS ALL HE MEETS IN THE STREET

Negro Valet Runs Amuck in New York with Gun, Knife, and Blackjack.

New York, May 17.—A negro valet, named John Cain, thirty-seven years old, of 24 West 131st street, ran amuck in Columbus avenue at 104th street, and the bystanders claim attempted to stab, shoot, and blackjack those who fought with him, and tried to attack everybody in sight. Cain was finally shot in the back by Bicycle Policeman Eyon at 105th street and Manhattan avenue, and was taken to the Harlem Hospital, seriously wounded. Not long after his arrest two of his victims died in the J. Hood Wright Hospital. The list of dead and injured, which, according to the police is only a partial one, is as follows:

THE DEAD.

John Hall, thirty-five, chief clerk in the branch post-office at 105th street and Columbus avenue.

Sason Surell, stabbed in side and back. Died at 1:40 o'clock in the hospital.

Injured—George Hickey, twenty years, stabbed in the right leg; Louis Grisbull, thirty-six, waiter, stabbed in the right hand; John A. Cunningham, salesman, shot in left leg; August Lindblum, engineer, thirty-one, shot in both breasts; John Carlson, a porter, stabbed in left shoulder; Policeman Chauncey De Graff, stabbed twice in the back and stomach and leg, condition is serious; Policeman John Lawler, stabbed in the right arm; taken to the hospital; Mary Donohue, eight, shot in the right knee.

Cain said after his arrest that his troubles began on a north-bound Ninth avenue elevated train, when a passenger remonstrated with him for smoking a cigar on the platform of the car. Two or three passengers, all of whom were white, took sides with the first man who objected to Cain's smoking. Cain says he was slapped across the face by one of the passengers.

He has just finished serving a sentence of nine years and seven months for stabbing to death Richard L. Bell, a reporter, in front of the Bijou Theater, in Broadway, in June, 1900. Bell died a week later.

Cain, who had been drinking, got off at the 104th street station to get another drink. The passenger who had first quarreled with Cain followed the negro down into the street with two or three more of the passengers trailing behind. They had just reached the pavement under the elevated track when the negro and the passengers got into a fight.

The whistles from the elevated train from which the negro had just debarked had attracted pedestrians and shop keepers along Columbus avenue before the fight in the street below began. This little crowd soon was swelled by many hundreds.

The fight now began to stretch all the way along the block on Columbia avenue from 104th to 105th streets, with the crowd growing bigger every second. There was much doubt to-night whether Cain had a revolver. Some of the onlookers, even some who had been shot, believed that the pistol shots were caused by indiscriminate shooting by men along the avenue who were trying to kill the negro. Cain had no revolver upon him when captured by Policeman Eynon.

The negro fought his way northward, with most persons close by getting out of his way as they saw him swing right and left with a long knife. It was at 105th street, a block above where the fight started, that Cain lunged at Carlson and thrust the knife through Carlson's shoulder.

"I wanted to get that man who slapped me. I am sorry I did not. When I could not get him, I wanted to get everybody in sight. Even if do go to the chair, I'm not a bit sorry for it," said Cain in his cell.

HENRY REBUKED; CALLED A USURPER

After squabbling for five hours, the House Democrats yesterday approved the special committee of nine members selected by Representative Henry, of Texas, chairman of the Committee on Rules, to investigate the sugar trust. But many members of the majority party in the House took occasion to inform Mr. Henry that never again must he attempt to usurp all the power belonging to everybody and select the membership of an important body all by himself.

That is just what Mr. Henry did in the present case, as he admitted on the floor of the House yesterday. He absolved the Rules Committee from all participation in the naming of the sugar probers and acknowledged that he had made the list of names after consulting with some of his colleagues.

While the House Democrats were exceedingly indignant at Mr. Henry for trying to play czar, they appreciated at the same time that if they did not accept his list it would be taken as indication that there was some personal objection to the men he had selected. This was not the case, and so, after the Rules chairman had been properly rebuked, the special committee he suggested was unanimously elected.

Representative Hardwick, of Georgia, who introduced the resolution proposing that the sugar trust, and in fact all concerns importing, producing, and manufacturing refined sugar, be investigated, is the chairman of the new committee. The other members are Representatives Garrett, of Tennessee; Sulzer, of New York; Raker, of California; Malby, of New York; Jacoway, of Arkansas, Fordney, of Michigan; Madison, of Kansas; and Hinds of Maine.

$1.00 Harpers Ferry, Martinsburg. $1.35 Berkeley Springs. $2.00 Cumberland and return, May 21st. Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Special train leaves Union Station at 8:35 a. m.

BANKER McKIM DIES AT 79.

Succumbs to Infirmities of Age in Retirement.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Md., May 17.—Hollins McKim, the prominent retired banker of this city, died this morning at his apartments here. Mr. McKim had been in failing health for several months, but had been able to walk about his room until a few weeks ago, when he was forced by feebleness to keep to his bed.

Death resulted from the infirmities of age. He was seventy-nine years old and the son of the late William McKim, founder of the banking firm of which Hollins McKim was senior member at the time of his death.

MYSTERY SOLVED, SAY PHYSICIANS

Claim Love Affair Prompted Miss Hill's Act.

Physicians at the Casualty Hospital say they have solved the mystery in the attempt at suicide of Miss Edna Hill, eighteen years old, who jumped from the Pennsylvania avenue Bridge into the Eastern Branch Monday night.

The story is that Miss Hill, who was released from the hospital last night about 9:30 o'clock, told them that the suicide of her sweetheart about two weeks ago was the motive that prompted the act. It is said Miss Hill attempted suicide about a week ago by shooting, but was thwarted by relatives.

Whether the sweetheart of Miss Hill committed suicide in Washington or some other city could not be learned by the physicians. The only suicide in Washington within the last two weeks was that of Hollett D. Harding, who shot himself at the home of his parents, 1325 N street northwest, on the morning of May 1 last. His suicide was attributed to ill health by the police. He had returned to his home a few days before from a sanatorium in Maryland.

Miss Hill told the physicians, it is alleged, she would take her life within a week.

At the Hill home, 700 Sixth street southeast, last night the family said they knew nothing of a love affair. They denied Miss Hill had made a previous attempt to commit suicide.

CHARGE IMPORTERS WITH BIG FRAUD

Customs Officials Plan Action at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, May 17.—Criminal prosecution is to be brought by the United States government against importers in this customs district, who are alleged to have defrauded it of millions of dollars through undervaluation of imported goods, fraudulent drawback claims, and perjury.

This became known when, upon motion of Henry N. Arnold, special assistant attorney general, Judge Holland, in the United States District Court, made an order impaneling a special venire of grand jurors to investigate violations of customs laws here. The jury will begin its work at once.

Many prominent importers are said to be involved.

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MADERO DECLARES ARMISTICE, PENDING DIAZ' RETIREMENT

Suspends Hostilities for Five Days, While Conditions of Peace Are Being Formulated.

INSISTS THAT TERMS BE IN WRITING

Rebel Chief Announces Governors and Cabinet Ministers, as Agreed Upon by Provisional Body and the Federal Authorities.

El Paso, May 17.—The news that Porfirio Diaz had placed in the hands of the Mexican cabinet his resignation, effective this month, electrified the rebels of Mexico. It was the thing they were waiting for. The federal government a long time ago agreed to pay all expenses of the war, grant amnesty to all soldiers of Madero, permit all rebels to carry their arms home, and had agreed to buy up the big landed estates and sell them in small acreage to men who would cultivate them; also to equalize taxation. Lately the federals have agreed to allow Madero to name three cabinet ministers out of seven and fourteen governors out of twenty-seven.

The only thing that remained in the way was the announcement of the retirement of Diaz. This came to-day, and Madero at once announced that he would grant a five-day armistice throughout Mexico, while the conditions for peace were put on paper. Judge Carbajal, representing the Mexican government, wired to Mexico City to ask for its ratification. To-night both federals and rebels alike are awaiting a reply, but they have no doubt of its coming, inasmuch as the federals are apparently more anxious for peace than the insurrectos just at present.

AGREE ON THE OFFICES.

Madero to-night announced the governors and cabinet ministers, as agreed upon by the provisional government. While these are merely given out as agreed upon by the insurrectos, it is probable that they also have been considered by the federals through the peace negotiations. It is doubtful if the exact nature of the negotiations ever will be made public.

Of the fourteen governors to be selected Madero announces the following: Chihuahua, Abram Gonzales; Sonora, Jose Maria Mariorena; Coahuila, Venustiano Carrenza; Zacatecas, Guadalupe Gonzales; Sinaloa, Manuel Bonilla; Yucatan, Pino Suarez; Oaxaca, Bonito Juarez.

The ministers to be named by Madero are to be:

Justice, Vasquez Tagle; war, G. Sales; gobernacion, Dr. Vasquez Gomez.

"It is probable that the armistice will be signed in Mexico to-night or to-morrow morning," said Judge Carbajal, after his conference with Dr. Gomez, of the insurrectos. "I have not the power to sign it, but I believe that it will be signed. It will take effect from the moment it is signed."

Objection Is Rumored.

"That is everything," said Madero when asked of his opinion regarding the Diaz resignation. It appeared to wipe away all doubt from the mind of the provisional president. "Now we will have an armistice," he said, as if the principal objection had been removed.

"In my conception, it is the end and is sure to make peace," said Abram Gonzales, provisional governor of Chihuahua and chief of the local military zone.

Wrecked After Trial Flight.

Special Cable to the Washington Herald.

Bitterfeld, Saxony, May 17.—Parsival II, the new German military balloon, was wrecked this afternoon by being blown against a hangar. It had just completed a successful trial flight and was returning to its shed. The crew escaped injury, but two of the passengers sustained sprained ankles.

Morocco Capital Attacked.

Tangier, May 17.—Belated information from Fez says that the city was attacked by tribesmen last Thursday. The troops in the city were hard pressed, but managed to repel the attack from the force.

SHEFFEL VICTIM OF OVERSTUDY

Relatives Send Word to the Capital Police.

Henry Sheffel, who was arrested at the Eighth Street Temple Tuesday night for attempting to approach President Taft, according to information received by Lieut. Hartley from St. Joseph, Mo., last night, has been afflicted mentally for twelve years. They give as the cause of Sheffel's condition overstudy while at college.

Sheffel is a son of D. Sheffel, a liquor dealer. He is twenty-eight years old and is said to have always been considered exceedingly bright. He was graduated from the Albany, Mo., high school at the age of seventeen years, and soon afterward took up the study of medicine.

He attended the Ensworth Medical College, in St. Joseph, for two terms. He suffered from overstudy, and was forced to abandon college before finishing. Upon his recovery he opened a drug store at Cainsville, Mo., but after a few months removed to Chicago. Since then he has traveled extensively.

Sheffel will be held at the Washington Asylum Hospital pending instructions from his relatives.

COMPLAIN OF RATES.

Columbia Heights Citizens Point Out Discrimination.

The executive committee of the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association has filed with the express and parcel delivery companies a complaint of the extra charges for the delivery of packages to that portion of the city.

Georgetown enjoys free delivery, and Columbia Heights, which is no farther from the stations and wharves, demands the same privileges.

Amateur Aviator Killed.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 17.—Addison Hartle, a young amateur aviator, was instantly killed to-day on an experimental flight, when his aeroplane turned turtle at the Dominguez field. The aviator fell seventy-five feet.

HOUSE DISTRICT COMMITTEE CONSIDERS UTILITY BILL

Measure Will Be Ready to Report at the Next Meeting.

At its first meeting yesterday, the new District Committee of the House prepared to set to work earnestly upon the preparation of a bill to establish a public utility service commission in Washington. A definite measure of this sort will be before the committee at its next meeting.

The first District bill to receive formal committee action in nearly a year was considered by the House Committee yesterday and ordered favorably reported to the House. By its terms there is to be a widening and extension of Colorado avenue northwest, from Longfellow street to Sixteenth street, and of Kentucky street northwest, through square 2718. Commissioner Judson was before the committee on behalf of these street extensions.

Very little other business was transacted, beyond a general discussion of procedure and the reference of various measures to the subcommittees.

A bill conferring the powers of a public utility commission upon the Board of District Commissioners was referred to the subcommittee on the judiciary with instructions to submit what that body might consider a proper measure along that line.

Chairman Johnson reiterated yesterday his attitude in regard to a public utility measure, asserting that the time was ripe for legislation to that end. He said he had not determined whether the authority to control and regulate the public service companies should be placed in the hands of an independent board or bestowed on the District Commissioners. He remarked that he would await the views of the judiciary subcommittee along that line before taking any attitude upon the question himself.

The subcommittee which will recommend a bill to the full committee is composed of Representative Oldfield, of Arkansas, chairman; Rothermel, of Pennsylvania; Adair, of Indiana; O'Shaunessy, of Rhode Island; Sulloway, of New