

he sent out a statement yesterday saying that John Donlin, president of the department of building trades of the American Federation of Labor, had forced Brindley to unseat the Painters Union, formed in a position to the Painters District Council local.

Senator William M. Calder, chairman of the Senate Committee on Reconstruction and Production, returned to the city yesterday after an absence of three weeks, during which the committee has been taking evidence in other parts of the country. The senator said that so far as he had been able to ascertain "Brindleyism" is exclusively a product of the metropolitan district.

Tells of Plumbing Combine. How labor unions played into the hands of the plumbing combination and together were manipulated by the Hetrick code to rig prices, was told by Sidney H. Sonn, builder and operator of a member of the firm of Sonn Brothers, 149 Church street. His testimony was about the most illuminating given in the entire investigation.

How the Combine Worked. "What was the amount of his contract?" Mr. Untermyer asked. "I believe it was \$67,800," Mr. Chapman told me this he would have to call off the men, as the union had an agreement with the master plumbers to the effect that they would not work for any plumber who was not a member of the Master Plumbers' Association.

Did the men go back to work? "They did not." "Then what happened?" "We had to make another contract with Albert F. Deischel of 44 East 16th street. Deischel started the work. He was a member of the Master Plumbers' Association, using union men. A matter of three or four weeks after he started Paddy Doyle, representative of the men on the job, came to men and then the men went on strike."

Combine's Social Side. Charles G. Cornell, Jr., member of the firm of Cornell & Underhill, dealers in wrought pipe and fittings, told about a little luncheon party he gave in his line have every month in New York. Mr. Untermyer found the "social side" of the pipe dealers' lives to be most interesting.

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Mr. Untermyer said, and Mr. Cornell agreed that was true. "You people in the pipe business are very lovable, are you?" Mr. Untermyer asked, referring to the monthly luncheon. The official lists of members of the luncheon club are corporations, not individuals, and are eighteen in number. Mr. Untermyer went over the list and showed that most of the big firms in this line have representatives at the luncheon.

"These lunches are a very odd institution," Mr. Untermyer asked. "Since 1899 or 1900," the witness said. "There was a time when you very openly fixed prices at those meetings?" "Yes, sir." "The lunches began for the purpose of fixing prices?" "Yes, sir."

All Told of Price Change. "There was a time when you very openly fixed prices at those meetings?" "Yes, sir." "The lunches began for the purpose of fixing prices?" "Yes, sir."

"But you think you have mended your ways, don't you?" "I don't think I know we have." "When did you say you mended your ways?" "I should think about 1905 or 1906." "Do you know there is a great uniformity in the price of wrought iron pipe in this market?" "I think there is."

"I think they do." "That is the same time the tin plate manufacturers were organized by Wall Street, the Morgan interests?" "I think so."

"At that time don't you know that when the National Tube Company was organized there were something like thirty tin plate works in the country and most of them were shut down?" "I think you are mistaken as to the number."

"It is now the McKeesport and the Lorain Works that are the bulk of the business of the National Tube Company?" "I think so."

"And many of the other concerns have been shut down and scrapped?" "I think so; yes."

"The prices are absolutely uniform, aren't they?" "Yes, sir."

"Do you know how they are fixed?" "I do not have anything to do with it." "You would not be in that game, would you? That is too big."

don't all follow. In this instance not half of them followed." "You are the pacemaker in this affair, aren't you?" "I would not say that, no."

Temp From Reading Strike. The National Pipe and Supply Association has a membership of 200 jobbing houses in the United States. It issues statements as "occasion may require." The big steel concerns are in the association. This business is paralyzed at present because of the Reading strike.

"So that practically the business of wrought iron piping is in the hands of the Reading concern and A. M. Bayne of Pittsburgh?" Mr. Untermyer asked, and the witness said it was.

"That is a fine condition for an industry in this great country," Mr. Untermyer said, then asked: "There were a number of dealers in wrought iron and wrought steel pipe that were consolidated and the small ones absorbed?"

"A number of large mills went in the Champion, the National Tube Company?" "That was a combination of something like thirty?" "I think it was more like eighteen."

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HONORS A. M. HUNTINGTON. MADRID, Nov. 24.—The University of Madrid has decided to confer the honorary degree of doctor of philosophy and letters on Archer M. Huntington, founder of the Hispanic Society of America, in recognition of his labors for the spread of Spanish culture. The members of the faculty expressed the desire that Mr. Huntington should come to Spain personally to receive his honor.

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William's body was near the window and Mrs. Johnson and Mary were on the bed. All were dead.

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