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SAYS SHERMAN LAW SHOULD BE MADE MODERN

Martin Littleton of the Opinion That Present Statute is Holding The Whole Country Back

TOO ANCIENT FOR PRESENT CONDITIONS

Is Going to Propose an Investigation Next Winter Looking to Much More Liberal Plan

(By Victor Elliott.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Representative Martin W. Littleton, of New York, has come out in defense of what he calls "centralized industry." To lapse into the phraseology of more than one political platform, progressive democrats will "view with alarm" the contemplated Littleton resolution, which will propose that a joint commission of congress be created to hold hearings for the purpose of changing the Sherman anti-trust law to meet modern conditions, as Mr. Littleton puts it. The New York lawyer who defended Harry K. Thaw, and sprang into the limelight in that trial, and who made quite a reputation as an orator, has said in a plain-spoken way that he considers the anti-trust statute now in force an absolute law.

It will be recalled that Littleton is the member of the Stanley steel trust investigating committee who prevailed upon the democratic majority of that committee to discontinue their attempt to force George W. Perkins, right hand man of J. P. Morgan, to tell of his campaign contributions, unless it could be established that the alleged donations were in some way associated with the subject of that committee's inquiry, the United States Steel Corporation. Perkins denied that the steel corporation made any campaign contributions—directly—and therefore, on Littleton's advice, the probe in this instance was about done.

When Perkins' recent lecture before the Michigan College of Mines was produced before the committee, in which the steel magnate and manipulator with Morgan of the financial palace of 1907 defended the steel corporation, and suggested that an inquiry be made looking to amendment of the Sherman law to facilitate the doing of good by such huge corporation. Littleton was ready with his proposition.

Littleton Makes Promise. A resolution will shortly be introduced in congress calling for an inquiry of that character," said Littleton.

Littleton has given out an interview in which he says he will introduce the resolution mentioned. He is of the opinion that there has been evidence enough in recent years to show that the commercial supremacy of the United States is threatened by the Sherman anti-trust law, which, he says, is preventing legitimate expansion and development.

"Apart from whether any or many concerns exist in violation of law, the main question is what is to be the future of legitimate industrial development," said Mr. Littleton. "In other words, now that the law has been construed by the supreme court, is it a weak and wholesome law? Is it too weak to reach offenders, or is it too drastic upon centralized industry? What is a lawful organization under the law? And is there any way to know whether a corporation is violating the law until it is too late to escape disaster?"

Law Too Ancient.

"The Sherman anti-trust law was created nearly twenty-five years ago, when modern industrial development was unforeseen. In my opinion it was the outcome of the rather barbaric pooling arrangements then being entered into to extort exorbitant prices and limit production. But today, by far the most important question before statesmen is how to preserve the efficiency, economy, and up-building influence of centralized industry, and how to get rid of the evils and wrongs which in many instances are practiced in the name of centralized liberty."

"Does the Sherman anti-trust law really meet the situation as now presented? It is my opinion that we are not dealing with the question intelligently and with courage. I think that congress, as the legislative branch of the government, coming from the people periodically, should provide a joint committee of the house and senate, to be known as an industrial committee, charged with the responsibility of taking up the Sherman law, and thoroughly investigating its reach and range, its bearing upon all forms of industry."

Will Probe Deep. This committee should call before it the best informed men of the country, both from capital and labor, and obtain all the facts and enlightened opinions upon the subject. It should consult the methods of other countries, their experience and their results. It should focus the attention of intelligent public opinion upon the question for the purpose of gathering the ripest and wisest judgment of the country."

RAILROAD STRIKE MAY BE DECLARED MONDAY

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 24.—A conference between the international presidents of five great labor organizations will be held here next Monday, to consider the question of a railroad strike throughout the country, according to M. F. Ryan, president of the Railroad Carriers' union, who is now here.

"It looks like a big strike unless the management of the Harriman system consents to confer with the leaders," he said, "five months ago several big labor organizations decided to cease dealing with the railroads separately, and banded together. They ask the roads to treat them as a unit, and many agreed, but the Harriman lines refused."

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—A long conference between Julius Kruttschnitt, vice president and general manager of the maintenance of way on the Harriman system, and J. W. Kline, president of the International Blacksmiths' union, was held here today, without any steps being taken toward the settlement of the differences involving 25,000 shopmen on the Harriman lines. Both men declined to discuss what was done in the conference, but said the refusal of the railroads to recognize the federated unions, instead of individual unions, was considered at some length. It is said that Kruttschnitt followed orders of the directors in refusing to yield the federated union point. Soon after the meeting Kruttschnitt left for the west, where he will investigate the labor situation, and confer with many leading labor heads.

The railroads involved in the present dispute are the Union, Southern, Central Pacific, Oregon Short Line, Houston and Texas Central, Oregon Railway and Navigation, and San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake, and Illinois Central. Kline, outlining the position of the men, said:

"The men of the various mechanical crafts organized one central federated body in order to minimize the work of dealing with the roads in all matters in dispute. Several roads recognized the federated body, but the Harriman lines refused. This is all the men are asking. Wages are not involved. Since its formation, men active in the federation have been discriminated against, and laid off without cause. I received many telegrams from officers of unions asking permission to strike. The situation is grave. We have had several conferences with the roads, and more will be held before anything is done."

DETECTIVE HOSICK ON HIS WAY EAST

Left Los Angeles Last Monday for Indianapolis to Stand Trial

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 24.—It became known tonight that Detective James Hosick, for whom requisition papers had been honored by Governor Johnson, for his return to Indianapolis to answer a charge in connection with the kidnapping of the McNamara, had left Los Angeles Monday and was due in Chicago tonight.

It was first stated that a writ of habeas corpus might be asked for to prevent Hosick's return east, but this was denied tonight by Attorney Fleming, representing Hosick, and the attorney would not admit until late today that he knew of Hosick's departure. He has been arranged for Hosick at Indianapolis and he will not be detained in custody there.

STEAMER SINKS WITH CREW OF TEN MEN

Martin, Towing a Barge, Is Lost in Storm in Georgian Bay

DETROIT, Aug. 24.—The steamer C. C. Martin, towing the barge Albatross, was lost in a storm off Georgian Bay Monday night. She carried a crew of ten men. The crew of the Albatross reached the lighthouse safely in a yawl. Nothing has been heard from the Martin.

Among the ten persons on the Martin were Captain Vent, his wife and three other Canadians, all of Midland, Ont. Survivors of the Albatross are two men, three women and two Chinese. The yawl bore evidence of a terrific struggle against the storm. Rescuers were sent out from the lighthouse to find the Martin, but returned unsuccessful.

COUPLE BEATS LAND LAWS. SAN DIEGO, Aug. 24.—Unable to secure a marriage license because of the youth of the prospective bride, Fred Sider and Olga Payne hired a power launch, and with the minister, went out to sea beyond the three mile limit, where the ceremony was performed. The skipper the only witness, held a lantern so the minister could read the service from the ritual.

ATWOOD AHEAD OF RECORD, BUT DELAYED

Engine Defect Stops Him 25 Miles From Goal in New York

NYACK, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Another delay brought disappointment to thousands along the lower Hudson river and New York City today, when Atwood, the aviator, failed to sail over the metropolitan area and land at Sheepshead Bay. Because of a defect in the engine he was compelled to land here, 25 miles from the goal. He expects to resume in the morning and within a few hours finish the longest flight ever made.

Atwood tonight is 1240 miles from St. Louis and 23 miles from New York. His actual flying time is 27 hours 45 minutes. Today's sail of 100 miles along the Hudson river placed him 76 miles ahead of the world's long distance record, formerly held in Europe.

BRACAMONTE WILL STAND FOR MAYOR

Prevailed Upon By Leading Citizens of Cananea to Make Race

CANANEA, Mex., Aug. 24.—Major Pedro Bracamonte has been prevailed upon by many of the leading citizens of the city to withdraw his resignation from the race for the mayoralty of Cananea and he has again allowed his name to appear on the literature of the Madero-Maytorna club.

Major Bracamonte has decided to make a hard fight for the office and will hold meetings all over the camp between now and the election, which will be held on next Sunday.

Word was received here from the Chispa mine, below Arizpe, to the effect that a band of robbers numbering seven men, robbed the store and offices of the company early this week and have taken to the hills. Manager Dufoureaux was in Hermosillo at the time and he was wired to come to the property, and he passed through Cananea this morning on his way to the mine.

WILEY SCORES IN CONVENTION

Factions in Duluth Gathering Have Clash Over the Election of Officers and Wilson Loses

SEATTLE GETS NEXT MEET

(By Edgar Middleton.) "Oh, my, did you see," said Miss Annette Dye. In casual talk with Ben Zoote of Soda. "That Wiley, our foe, has been bumped in the eye. For getting too gay in his Pure Food pagoda? Not much did he care. For the Wilson affair. I regret to report that Doc is still there. He's shaping a club for the chemists' league. Who poisons the Free in the Home of the Brave."

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 24.—The Wiley-Wilson factions of the associated states and national pure food departments clashed today in the election of officers, during the session of the 1911 convention.

The Wiley forces, by timely arrival of reinforcements, won out, electing Lucius P. Brown of Nashville, president, and H. E. Bernard of Indianapolis, vice president, over candidates of the organization, or the Wilson forces. The convention of 1912 goes to Seattle.

PRICES TAKE SLUMP, LITTLE RECOVERY

Bad Reports of Steel Made and European Rumors Are the Cause

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Another break of the Bondmarket which began in the stock market almost a month ago occurred today. Steel prices were made in many stocks, including the Harrimans, Steel and St. Paul, falling again covered largely around Union and Southern Pacific and Steel, and for reasons more clearly defined than before.

Reports of a strike in the labor situation on the Southern Pacific were received with ill concealed anxiety, although that situation was affecting that property has long been tense. Heavy offerings of steel are regarded as the logical outcome of the unfavorable outlook published yesterday by authoritative journals, and received further impetus from the shutting down over night of an important independent plant in New Jersey. The other contributing factor in the day's decline of bond prices included disconcerting developments in Europe.

Members of the Federal Reserve bank of the metropolitan area, which opened at the sharp slump of midday were followed by the usual period of dullness and uncertainty. Another setback in the final hour with another feeble recovery. After that the list reflected a degree of earnest support, especially Union Pacific and Steel, and during the first time the session grew moderately active on advance.

The advance was not participated by the less speculative issues, notably Pennsylvania, which is also under the year's low on extensive offerings. Condition of Canadian banks at the end of July compared with the preceding month shows few noteworthy changes. Liabilities increased little less than \$10,000,000, with reserves up about \$1,500,000; call loans increased \$4,000,000, with total assets greater by \$14,000,000. Bonds heavy; total par, \$3,350,000. Government bonds unchanged.

NEW COMET SOON TO BURST INTO VIEW

GENEVA, N. Y., Aug. 24.—A new comet was recently discovered by Professor W. B. Brooks, professor of astronomy and director of the observatory of Johns Hopkins university, and named the Brooks comet.

The comet has become so bright as to be seen with common opera glasses, and soon by the naked eye. The comet is now in the constellation of Cygnus, three degrees north of Alpha, the top star of the northern cross, directly overhead in early evening. The motion is northwest. Dr. Brooks says the comet is coming nearer and nearer and will continue so for several weeks.

EAGLES ELECT OFFICERS. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4.—The Fraternal Order of Eagles' session of the thirtieth annual convention closed today. Frank E. Heyling of South Bend, Ind., was unanimously elected president; Judge William J. Brennan of Pittsburg, vice president; Phileas McEwan, Bellevue, treasurer. The convention adjourns tomorrow.

HOWLING MOB BURNS NEGRO IN STREET OF PURCELL, OKLA.

SEVEN KILLED, THREE INJURED IN THE GIBSON CONSOLIDATED

ELY, Nev., Aug. 24.—Seven men were killed and three seriously injured early today in a fire which swept the new five compartment shaft of the Gibson Consolidated company here. Two bodies remain in the workings, but there is no hope that the men will be found alive. Both shafts of the mine were sealed in order to smother the flames.

The dead: Michael Foley, T. J. Gilbert, shift boss; Daniel Drees, secretary Miners' union; John Wilhemy; Thomas Odoletovich; Edward Walsh; John McNulty.

Seriously hurt: Clarence Gates, Edward Knox, Peter Harrington. The bodies of Walsh and McNulty are not recovered. The fire is believed to have been caused by a barrel of oil exploding on the 100 foot level of the new shaft. The men were working on the 1400-foot level at the time, and tacked up to see the level above them in flames.

KILLS PARENTS AND BROTHER BEATTIE TRIAL ON IN EARNEST

Awful Crime Charged Against Indiana Man, Who Quarreled With Father Over Wedding Settlement

TRIES TO BURN THE BODIES

DOONVILLE, Ind., Aug. 24.—Instead of being married tonight as he had planned, William Lee, aged 31, is in jail charged with the murder of his father, mother and brother Clarence, whose blackened bodies were found early today in their home. Because of threats of violence, Lee will be taken to the Evansville jail for safe keeping.

Lee's only statement is that he was awakened early in the morning by the cracking of the fire, and ran from the house to give the alarm, then returned to attempt to rescue his parents. The skulls of all the victims had been crushed with an axe or hatchet picked up by firemen after the flames were extinguished. Traces of kerosene were found on the floors and beds. In a drawer on a table were found the life insurance policies for \$5,000 of the father, aged 52, and the son, aged 17. Cash amounting to \$500 was also found.

Lee was to have been married tonight to Minnie Taylor, the daughter of a nearby farmer. Witnesses at the coroner's inquest testified that Lee had quarreled with his father because the latter had not given him as much money as he expected, in view of the approaching marriage.

MRS. EDISON NOT LOST, NAMES CONFUSED

DETROIT, Aug. 24.—The report that Mrs. Thomas Edison was "lost" was due to confusion of the names, Edison and Edson, according to L. D. Huesner, assistant general passenger agent of the Michigan Central railroad.

Mrs. Edson left her address with Huesner, and the latter explained to that Edson, who is the freight claim auditor of the road, wished to get into communication with his wife, who was on a train coming from the coast. One of the messages fell into the hands of an operator who thought Mrs. Edson could be none other than the wife of the great inventor.

TRIMBLE CERTAIN TO BE G. A. R. HEAD

Los Angeles Only City Mentioned for the Next Grand Encampment

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 24.—On the eve of the election for officers of the Grand Army of the Republic it is virtually assured that Judge Harvey Trimble of Illinois will be elected commander in chief. It was expected his opponent, General John McElroy, editor of the National Tribune, would withdraw tonight, but he has not done so. He may withdraw before the vote is taken tomorrow. The city for the next encampment will be chosen tomorrow, but so far only Los Angeles is mentioned.

The Women's Relief Corps tonight elected Mrs. Cora M. Davis of Union, Ore., president. Others will be elected tomorrow. The Sons of Veterans auxiliary elected tonight, president, Mrs. Flora S. Whitney, Wakefield, Mass.; vice president, Mrs. Addie M. Hoskins, Long Beach, Cal.

Identified as One Who Attacked White Woman Thursday, He Is Put to Horrible Death

SATURATED WITH OIL, TIED OVER BRUSH HEAP

PURCELL, Okla., Aug. 24.—P. Carter, identified as the person who attacked Mrs. Minnie Spraggins and set fire to her home, was burned to death by a mob in the main street of Purcell today. Three thousand people witnessed the negro's death. Under Sheriff Farris and Deputy Hayes made desperate efforts to prevent the burning of the negro, but the men locked them in the court house.

Officers Who Try to Prevent Lynching Are Locked in Court House By Mad-dened Crowd

While the men were looking on, a few men soaked a brush pile with kerosene, then poured oil on the negro, who was then thrown on the pile of brush. They touched a match to the fat and flames shot up, hiding the screaming black from view. His body was burned to a crisp.

Captured by Negroes. The negro was caught by three other blacks today near the Oklahoma Central railroad station as he was preparing to leave town. He was found hiding under a box car. The three men hauled and jerked Carter to the main street of the town, where he was turned over to the crowd, which quickly gathered when the report spread that the negro was captured.

Farris and Hayes were among the first to reach the spot where the mob gathered and made a strong effort to prevent the lynching, assuring the mob that there would be no chance of the negro's escape. The mob would not listen to them, and when they became more insistent, the two officers were taken bodily to the court house and locked in.

Horrible Scene. As soon as the officers were safely locked up the negro was led out and after being saturated with oil, tied to a telephone pole on the top of a high pile of brush. As the torch was applied the negro screamed and begged for mercy. The flames leaped high in the air and the crowd cheered as the fiery flames licked the black form. Many men and women in automobiles watched the dying agony of the doomed wretch.

The Crime Described. Mrs. Spraggins was able to discuss the crime for the first time today. She said Carter entered her home at 9 o'clock last night and struck her on the head with a piece of gas pipe, knocking her down. He beat her until she was almost senseless, then attacked her. He tore up a mattress and scattered it over her body and set fire to it, fleeing from the house. Just as she began to crawl the black, seeing the mattress, returned, again beat her with the gas pipe, breaking her jaw.

After he left she managed to crawl out of the house under a bench. Her husband returning home found his wife and rushed to the doctors. The home was destroyed. The negro was soon arrested at his home in bed. Shortly after he escaped from the constable and when the escape became public hundreds of men started searching, which ended in the capture today. Mrs. Spraggins is expected to die.

GUN TO DESTROY AIRSHIPS TESTED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The one pounder gun, designed by Admiral Twining, chief of the naval bureau of ordnance, to destroy aeroplanes in battle, was tested at Indianhead proving grounds today. The preliminary performance was satisfactory to experts.

One shot was fired at an angle of 85 degrees and the shell was sent 2,000 yards in the air and dropped in the Potomac 600 yards from the gun. The test concerned principally the carriage of the sky shooter. It showed the gun could be elevated to any desired angle. The experiments will continue tomorrow.

BRIDGE FALLS; FIVE DEAD

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 24.—Five men were killed and five injured late today by a fall into the river six feet below. Ten men were repairing a bridge when the main span gave way because of defective timber.

HOP-GROWER SUICIDES.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 24.—Will Lecman, one of the most prominent hop growers in Sacramento valley, committed suicide by shooting today. He was dependent since the death of his wife several months ago. He was worth \$500,000.

ROSS KNOCKED OUT. NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Sam Langford tonight knocked out Tony Ross of Pittsburg in six rounds.