

SHERMAN TRUST ACT IS UPHELD

Supreme Court Indicates Its Attitude.

TILE ASSOCIATION LOSES

Held to Exist for the Purpose of Restraining Trade and Review of Case Denied.

The United States Supreme Court has expressed itself in a case arising under the Sherman anti-trust act in a manner that is of especial interest in view of the near approach of the Northern Securities decision.

While the case decided is not a parallel to the Northern Securities case, the decision of the court upholding the Circuit Court of Appeals and enforcing section 7 of the anti-trust law, is looked on as of much importance by Department of Justice officials, inasmuch as it is interpreted as indicating the tendency of the Supreme Court to apply the law broadly and with rigor. Section 7 of the act empowers anyone injured by reason of anything forbidden in the law to sue and recover treble damages.

Sought to Review Case.
The case was that of Montague & Co. et al., plaintiffs in error, vs. Edward Lowry et al. Montague & Co., defendants in the lower court and plaintiffs in error in the higher tribunal, sought to review the judgment of the circuit court of appeals for the Ninth circuit, entered in the circuit court for the northern district of California. The evidence showed that the Tile, Mantel and Grate Association of California, to which the defendants belonged, had, since 1898, constituted an unincorporated organization composed of wholesale dealers in tiles, mantels, and grates, who were residents of California and manufacturers of these articles in the East.

The evidence showed that by reason of the formation of this association, the plaintiffs were injured in their business because they were unable to purchase tile from the manufacturers at any price or from the dealers in San Francisco, except by paying 50 per cent more than the members of the association paid. The plaintiffs did not belong to the association and were never asked to join it. Before the formation of the association the plaintiffs procured tile from the manufacturers at much less cost than it was possible for them to do from the dealers in San Francisco after its formation.

Tribled the Verdict.
The jury rendered a verdict of \$500 damages for the plaintiffs, and pursuant to the seventh section of the anti-trust law, judgment for treble the amount, together with attorneys' fees, was entered for the plaintiffs.

The opinion of the Supreme Court was written by Justice Peckham. In opposition to the contention of the association, he held the association amounted to an agreement or combination in restraint of trade, within the meaning of Sherman act. He says the agreement restrained trade, "for it narrowed the market for the sale of tile in California from the manufacturers and dealers therein in other States, so that they could only be sold to the members of the association, and it enhanced the prices to the non-member."

ELECTION COMMITTEE GIVES SIMS CLEAR TITLE

Another Democrat whose election was disputed is to be given a clear title to his seat. Elections Committee No. 2 of the House has decided the Davis-Sims contest from the Eighth district of Tennessee in favor of Representative Sims, the sitting member.

YELLOW FEVER EXPERT TO ADVISE COMMISSION

Col. W. C. Gorgas, the yellow fever expert, will be brought to Washington in a short time to have a conference with Chairman Walker, of the International Canal Commission, on the protection of the canal zone from malaria and yellow fever. He is a recognized authority on yellow fever and did effective work in Havana.

Santos-Dumont Seeks Miss Spreckels' Hand



SANTOS-DUMONT.

Inventor of the celebrated flying machine which bears his name. He is a Brazilian and will compete for one of the prizes offered by the St. Louis Exposition to the inventor of the most modern and useful airship. The competition is open to the world.

Cupid Brings Aeronaut to This Country in Quest of a Wife With Whom Parents Refuse to Part.

NEW YORK, March 4.—That romance no less than airships has to do with M. Santos-Dumont's present visit to this country has just become known. In Paris five years ago the young inventor met Miss Lurline Spreckels, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Spreckels, formerly of San Francisco. The young woman is very handsome and has many admirers, and M. Santos-Dumont, joining the latter, was soon very much in love with her, and she apparently returned his affection.

But while nothing was to be said against the young Brazilian, softly or personally, Mrs. Spreckels had other ambitions for her daughter, and after two years, when the attachment showed no signs of weakening and M. Santos-

Dumont was persistent, he was forbidden the house. In spite of this, however, the young people found a way of meeting, though whenever in public or at the many social gatherings where they happened to be guests, M. Santos-Dumont avoided Mrs. Spreckels and her daughter. Recently, at a musicale, Miss Spreckels caused something of a stir by openly and pointedly speaking to M. Santos-Dumont, and since that time they have met frequently at similar gatherings and elsewhere.

Miss Spreckels is now ill, and her father's opposition is said to be diminishing. Mrs. Spreckels, however, is understood to be unalterably opposed to a match between her daughter and the inventor, and friends of the young people are very much interested in the outcome.

SALVATION ARMY WILL HOLD SPECIAL MEETINGS

A meeting of the southern district of the Atlantic Division, Salvation Army, will be held in Washington next Monday. Major Dunham, division commander, will be in charge of the meeting. Special services are to be conducted today and tomorrow in Salvation Army Hall.

Staff Captain and Mrs. Giddings, who have been in charge of the Industrial Home of the Salvation Army for some time, will leave Washington within the next few days for New England, where they have been assigned to duty. Captain James, of New York, will succeed Captain Giddings here.

SECOND ARMY CORPS TO HOLD BANQUET

The Second Army Corps Association met at the Shoreham last night to make final arrangements for the annual banquet, which will take place on the 12th instant. It was decided to extend the privileges of the association to members of the Royal Legion and the Grand Army of the Republic.

Tickets may be obtained from Col. Charles Lyman, Treasury Department; Capt. William F. Seville, Pension Office; Capt. F. W. Sanford, Land Office; John F. M. War Department; Col. Nathaniel Shotwell, Agricultural Department; Capt. James S. Wacker, Postoffice Department; Col. Frank D. Sloat, Patent Office, and Col. R. W. Tyler, 1307 F Street northwest.

CITIZENS FAVOR PRESENT PLANS

For the New Municipal Building Offices.

AS TO TAX EXEMPTIONS

East Washington Association Hears Report on Public Comfort Stations in District.

The East Washington Citizens' Association last night put itself in line with various other associations of the District by adopting a resolution protesting against the proposed plan of placing in the new Municipal Building the offices of the Register of Wills and the Recorder of Deeds.

The reasons given by the East Washington Association are the same as those advanced by others, inasmuch as the proposed plan of placing the offices of the Register of Wills and the Recorder of Deeds in the new Municipal Building.

Tax Exemption Discussed.
M. I. Weller, chairman of the committee on assessment and taxation, made a brief address, in which he expressed his doubt of the truth of the statement that the United States Government property in the District exceeds in value all that owned by the citizens and other parties in the District. This was a direct contradiction of the list of tax exemptions and values recently prepared by Assessor Darnelle. Mr. Weller said tax exemptions should be even more general than they are, especially where church and charitable institutions' property is concerned.

Gen. S. S. Yoder, of the committee on lighting, said he saw no reason for helping on the moment recently started by certain individuals and citizens' associations with the view of obtaining such legislation as shall compel the gas companies of the District to furnish gas of 25 candle power, instead of 22 candle power, as has heretofore been the rule. He said the committee had no sympathy with agitators calculated to depreciate the value of local securities.

For Public Comfort.

Fred G. Children submitted a report on public comfort stations, in which he pointed out that there are at present two public reservations, one in front of the Center Market, between Seventh and Ninth Streets, and another on the south side of Pennsylvania Avenue, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets, which the Commissioners might devote to the use of public comfort stations. Each of the stations could be erected for \$25,000 and maintained for \$2,500 a year.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES Will Be Specially Interested in NEXT SUNDAY'S TIMES.

The Times has a list of members of the Administration, of heads of departments, and of others' prominent in official life this question.

Should civil service employes, on reaching a certain age, be retired on pensions?

In response, many of those concerned have, for the first time, given expression to their views. A majority of the Cabinet members are included in the number.

The replies, which treat the subject frankly and in detail, will be printed in next Sunday's Washington Times. Every Government clerk will want to see the position which these influential men take.

QUAY AGAIN IN SENATE.

Senator Quay is again in the Senate, browned by exposure to the Florida sun. He seemed in splendid health and was warmly greeted by his colleagues on the floor.

Cleveland's Platform As "Commoner" Sees It

Mr. Bryan Excoriates ex-President, Ridicules Olney, Denounces Parker, and Tells a Racetrack Story on Hill.

LINCOLN, March 4.—W. J. Bryan will devote the next issue of his "Commoner" today to a reply to the recent article of Grover Cleveland in the "Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post." He says in part:

"The Sage of Princeton has for some seven years stood outside of the Democratic party and tossed advice over the wall to his former associates, but it is not the purpose of this editorial to criticize his forwardness and presumption. Its aim is rather to put his advice into concrete form so that it can be understood by the rank and file.

"Not only does he want to return to the 'old-time' Democracy (the Democracy exemplified by his administration), but he wants the platform to be clear and unambiguous."

Mr. Bryan then presents what he says is the kind of platform Mr. Cleveland can stand on.

"First—We believe that a platform has no binding force upon candidates at a clear and definite statement is that ex-Senator Hill will vouch for his soundness in every respect, but this recalls a remark made by John Randolph at the racetrack. Two strangers accosted him. One of them proposed a race on a race and added: 'Mr. Smith (the other stranger) will hold the stakes.' 'But,' asked Mr. Randolph, 'who will hold Mr. Smith?'"

"Fifth—We agree to keep on good terms with the trusts, to collect as large a campaign fund as the Republicans."

"Sixth—We, of course, sympathize with labor, but oppose legislation which earners desire."

"Seventh—We are opposed to imperialism between campaigns."

"Finally, we are so proud of the eminently respectable crowd, or rather, group, that joined us in the support of Palmer and Buckner in 1896 that we hesitate to open our doors to the rabble."

In the same issue of the "Commoner" Mr. Bryan will deny the report that he referred to Richard Olney as a man on whom the Democrats could unite. He says:

"The friends of Mr. Olney have a right to urge his nomination if they desire to do so, but I ought not to be urged as a harmonizing nomination. It is urged at all, it should be urged upon the ground that it would be unmistakable proof of the party's repentance for its conduct in 1896 and 1899 and a proof that it would return to Clevelandism."

Mr. Bryan has been busy for nearly a year, trying to find out Mr. Parker's views on public questions, but so far has failed. The nearest approach to a clear and definite statement is that ex-Senator Hill will vouch for his soundness in every respect, but this recalls a remark made by John Randolph at the racetrack. Two strangers accosted him. One of them proposed a race on a race and added: 'Mr. Smith (the other stranger) will hold the stakes.' 'But,' asked Mr. Randolph, 'who will hold Mr. Smith?'"

POSTMASTER IN NEED; MADE MONEY HIMSELF

Now Under Arrest for Alleged Counterfeiting—Tried Green Goods Game First.

Not the Presidential bee, but the bee for making money without work, has brought Postmaster John Roberson, of McClung, Ala., to grief and disgrace, according to dispatches that reached Chief Wilkie, of the Secret Service Bureau, this morning. First, Roberson is said to have sought the road to riches along the green goods route, but failed to reach his destination. Then he undertook a counterfeiting scheme. It is charged, and has again fallen short of his expectations.

Roberson has been running the post-office and a general store in McClung. About a year ago he received a green goods clearing from New York. He was couched in language that would have done credit to a Slavonic diplomat and looked tempting. Roberson is said to have borrowed \$500 from a bank and invested it in green goods, finding too late that he was \$500 out of pocket.

The separation from the money, according to Mr. Wilkie's dispatches, led Roberson to a counterfeiting scheme. It is said to have persuaded his brother, George, and a friend to go in with him. The friend raising \$2,000 and \$100,000, it is alleged, to the amount of \$700 or \$800.

Operative McAdams, of the Secret Service force, was set to work on the case when the bogus bills began to appear, and the result was the arrest of Roberson and his brother. The friend will be held as a witness for the Government.

ABOLISHES FEE SYSTEM IN CONSULAR SERVICE

The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House has decided to report favorably the Adams bill, to reorganize the consular service. The measure abolishes the fee system, by which it is asserted that certain consuls are able to make \$50,000 a year out of their offices.

The salaries attached to several of the offices are increased under the bill, but it is maintained that these increases are warranted by the amount of money which will be saved to the Government by the abolition of the fee system.

JUSTICE PRITCHARD RELEASES JOHN LUCAS

Jailed for Contempt of Court, Prisoner Pleading Ignorance.

John Lucas, who was sent to jail Wednesday because he disobeyed an order of the court, was yesterday released from custody.

The prisoner was a witness for the defense in the case of John Diggs, who was on trial in Criminal Court No. 1 on a charge of attempting to commit a criminal assault. As a witness, by order of Justice Pritchard, he was excluded from the court room while certain other witnesses were giving their testimony. Lucas refused to obey this order and remained in the court room. Yesterday morning he explained to the court that his action was not because of any lack of respect for the order, but was committed through ignorance. Upon hearing the excuse of the prisoner Justice Pritchard ordered him to be released from custody.

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PARTY DISBANDED IN PORTO RICO

Federal Organization Drops Out of Existence.

IT VAINLY FOUGHT AMERICA

New Body Forming to Advocate Independence or Admission to Union as a State.

SAN JUAN, P. R., March 4.—The Federal party of this island has gone out of existence. Since the American occupation it has persistently fought the American administration, until now it is buried in defeat. An effort is being made to form a new political body to be known as the Porto Rico Union.

This new party has made the principal plank of its platform a demand for independence or Statehood. One republican member of the executive council, Matienzo Cintron, whose term is about to expire, has joined the Union, but otherwise the Republicans have treated the movement with scorn.

Led by Rivera.

The Federal party has been under the leadership of Munoz Rivera, of New York, who has from that city directed its acts and policy, while conducting an English-Spanish weekly newspaper. Mr. Rivera came here a few weeks ago after an absence of three years, to visit his followers, and advised their disbandment as Federals and the formation of a new party.

The Federals have no representation in the executive council, as the two named by President McKinley resigned. In the house of delegates they have ten members out of thirty-five, representing two of the seven election districts of the island.

Present indications are that the new party will not be as powerful a factor in insular politics as was the old Federal party, and that the Republican will gain in strength by the movement.

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