

CHARLES SCHWAB IS STAR WITNESS

President of Steel Company Appears Before Ways and Means Committee.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, took the oath today to tell the Ways and Means Committee of the House the truth about the steel business.

Chairman Payne said to Schwab, when the latter had taken the oath: "The committee wants to know a number of things you know. Would you prefer that we ask questions or that you first make a statement?"

"What is your business," asked Chairman Payne.

"I am with the Bethlehem Steel Company."

"In what capacity?"

"I am unfortunately a stockholder as well as president."

"Are you connected with the United States Steel Corporation?"

"No, except as a stockholder."

Letter From Frick.

Chairman Payne then read to Schwab a letter written by the latter to H. C. Frick, May 15, 1929, in which he said that he could make rails at Pittsburgh for less than \$12 a ton.

"We can sell at this price abroad and to nearly as good advantage as we get here," he said.

"We are going to control the steel business of the world."

"Was that true," asked Chairman Payne.

"Yes, at that time," answered Schwab.

"I may explain that I was young and enthusiastic at that time. That was an optimistic day. The point of view was that of the manufacturing department. The \$12 was the mill cost, and the general charges, interests or depreciation were included. The English cost did include those charges."

The letter was written at Mr. Frick's solicitation at a time when we were anxious to sell. That time of iron ore at Pittsburgh at that time was \$2.40 a ton.

The cost of pig iron was \$18 and the cost of converting pig iron into rails was \$7.50, which makes the \$25 per ton.

Everything in the steel business was then at the lowest level. There could get plenty of men at \$1 to \$1.25 a day, and one of them would do the work of three men in these days.

"Freight rates were one-third less than they are today."

"I will fill in the same detail, the cost of the steel was \$12.50 per ton."

"Are you going to be optimistic or pessimistic now?"

"I am going to be optimistic."

Cost of Pig Iron.

"I will tell you be the judge of that," said Schwab.

Then Schwab gave in detail figures to show that the cost of a ton of ore in Pittsburgh now is \$10.60, and the cost of a ton of pig iron, including the ore, is about \$14.

"Many mills had shut down this year," he said, "because they could not sell pig iron at \$14. The present cost of converting pig iron into rails is \$7.50. Schwab said that the present cost of rails is \$12.50 a ton."

Representative Underwood of Alabama remarked upon the necessity of the committee getting the facts. "If you give you the facts," replied Schwab quickly, "and you can do what you like with the facts."

Is Good Witness.

Mr. Schwab made such an excellent witness for himself that even Bourke Cockran, who occupied the major portion of the morning session in questioning him, was unable to get down to bedrock on some vital questions pertaining to the finances in the organization of the steel trust.

When Chairman Payne announced at noon that the committee would take a recess until 2 o'clock, Mr. Schwab protested that he could not remain for further examination. Mr. Payne, however, who is somewhat deaf, did not hear the protests of the steel manufacturer, and he ordered him to appear this afternoon.

SCOT COMEDIAN AT WHITE HOUSE

Harry Lauder, Clad in All His Glad Regalia, Calls on President Roosevelt.

It was a draw here at the White House, consequently when Harry Lauder, the Scot comedian, came up to shake hands with President Roosevelt he conceived his breeches and his McLeod tartan under a good fur-lined overcoat, which looked like fifteen seconds from Broadway.

Harry, clad in all the regalia of Scotland and accompanied by several eminent publicists, entered the executive offices in state. He told the President that he has traced Mrs. Roosevelt's ancestry back to the clan McGregor.

It had been the intention to have Harry's pipes, who also wore breeches and other things, play a bit of music for the President. Mrs. Roosevelt, being one bit, but it was Cabinet day and the music had to be omitted. The party afterward went a jaunty bice cap with black silk ribbons behind and is bow-legged. This afternoon he met Vice President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon.

THREE DEBUTANTE TEAS ON THE SOCIAL CALENDAR

Miss Lena Hitchcock's Affair Takes Place at Her Parents' Home.

MISS BARBARA SMITH MAKES INITIAL BOW

Miss Katherine Weeks Is the Other of Trio to Be Presented This Afternoon.

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Admiral and Mrs. Leutze, Captain and Mrs. Mulligan, Mrs. Merritt, Miss Boardman, Miss Mae Williams, Mr. Boardman, and Rear Admiral Capps.

The National Society of the Fine Arts has cards out for its twenty-fifth meeting tomorrow evening, December 16, at 8:30 o'clock, in the New Masonic Temple.

Judge and Mrs. Hatch entertained sixteen guests at dinner last night to meet Governor Frear, of Hawaii.

Mrs. Peirce to Leave.

Mrs. Herbert H. D. Peirce, wife of the American Minister to Norway, who has been spending several weeks in Washington, will leave here December 31 for Philadelphia, where she will be the guest of the mayor and Mrs. Reynolds for a few days.

Mrs. Richard Harlow, who has been spending a few days in New York, will return to Washington Thursday.

Luncheon for Miss Knight.

Mrs. Ashton G. Clapham was hostess at a charming luncheon today in honor of Miss Alice Margaret Knight, the debutante daughter of Major John T. Knight, U. S. A., and Mrs. Knight, The Bible house, 1500 Massachusetts avenue.

Invited to meet Miss Knight were the following debutantes: Miss Carolyn Murray, Miss Katherine Crane, Miss Dorothy Gatswood, Miss Ethel Hickey, Miss Ruth Beard, the house guest of Mrs. L. M. Mason, Miss Josephine Mason, Miss Kathleen Ryan, and Miss Beulah Johnson.

Representative Martin E. Madden was host at a dinner of fourteen covers last evening at the Highlands.

Mrs. John Melton Hudgins was hostess at a box party at the National Theater last evening, followed by a supper at the New Willard Hotel.

Mrs. Leon H. Reizenstein and son, R. Harris Reizenstein, of New York city, are the guests of Mrs. Reizenstein's mother, Mrs. R. Harris, of the Oakland.

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REVISION OF HOUSE RULES DETERMINED

Gardner's Victory Shows the Strength of Insurgents at This Time.

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first proposition to discharge the committee and take up the Gardner's resolution were Representatives Hepburn, Keifer, Campbell, Gardner, Lovern, Hayes. All these are Republicans, and are recognized as insurgents.

Representative Townsend, also an insurgent, did not vote on the initial proposition.

Gardner Insists.

Mr. Gardner insisted that he had a right to address the House on his amendment to the resolution.

Speaker Cannon said that the motion to discharge the committee from consideration of the resolution itself was privileged. The amendment, however, he said, is not in order in this resolution and changed its original intention.

This was a question of inquiry, which the amendment changed to a provision calling for the appointment of a committee to revise the rules.

Speaker Cannon said that there were many precedents to show that the point of order made by Mr. Dalzell was well taken, and he ruled accordingly.

Mr. Gardner thereupon appealed from the ruling of the Chair and Mr. Payne moved that the appeal be laid on the table. Mr. Gardner insisted that the rules gave him the right to speak on his appeal. Speaker Cannon said, however, that he would entertain a motion to lay on the table.

Williams Makes Plea.

Mr. Williams of Mississippi interrupted to ask that unanimous consent be given Mr. Gardner to address the House for ten minutes.

Mr. Payne objected and Mr. Gardner called for a vote.

The support of the Republican members of the House was so unanimous on the Democratic side that Speaker Cannon was unable to determine the time for the speaker's appeal.

Mr. Payne called for the yeas and nays.

What Congress Did

IN THE SENATE.

A concurrent resolution providing for a biennial adjournment of Congress on December 19 until January 4, which had already passed the House, was adopted by the Senate unanimously.

Senator Gallinger presented a memorial from ex-Senator Henry W. Blair of New Hampshire, in favor of suffrage in the District of Columbia. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The Senate adopted a joint resolution fixing the holiday recess from December 19 to January 4.

Senator Hopkins introduced a bill for consular improvement and reorganization.

Senator Carter called up the postal savings bank bill and addressed the Senate upon it.

Senator Gallinger would not commit himself upon the gas question and said the committee would consider the gas bill in due time.

IN THE HOUSE.

The House convened at noon. The consideration of District matters was delayed because of Representative Gardner's motion that the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from considering his bill to ascertain the present method of electing the British house of commons.

The yeas and nays were demanded, and roll call begun.

Gardner's motion won. A victory for the insurgents.

After securing the privilege of withdrawing his insurgent's resolution from the Committee on Foreign Affairs and being denied the privilege of introducing the amendment to appoint a committee of eight to revise the House rules, Representative Gardner temporarily withdrew his motion.

At the conclusion of the reading of the President's message, the House began consideration of a "reticet" affair.

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INFORMS A CASHIER THAT HE IS "STUNG"

Negro Preacher-Crook Writes Local Banker From Whom He Obtained Money That He Is Going to Quit.

Is Captured and Confesses.

"Cashier: From this little town we are leaving for New York. You no doubt understand by this time that you have been stung for \$200. We drop this to you because you are tired of the business, having gained by the last year \$7,000 from different banks. We shall now quit the game. A banker, who is now a prisoner, put us on to the trick. He sold us the stamp. We cut out the name of his bank, and have worked it on seventeen banks."

The foregoing is part of a letter that the Rev. Theodore Hawkins, colored, for several years pastor of a Baptist church in Newark, N. J., wrote to J. Fendall Cain, cashier of the Merchants and Mechanics Bank, Tenth street and Pennsylvania avenue, after he had succeeded in getting Mr. Cain to cash a worthless check for \$200.

Hawkins was arrested yesterday in York, Pa., on information furnished by Central Office detective Evans, and was brought to Washington this morning by the detective.

The police say the negro made a complete confession, and that his method of getting the money was to write letters to the cashier of the bank, who had been brought to their attention in some time.

On December 8, Hawkins appeared at the bank with a certified check for \$200, drawn on the Bank of Hampton, Va. It was made payable to Joseph Brown and was signed R. R. Brant. It was certified to with an authorized stamp of the Hampton bank, and the signature of Nelson S. Groome, cashier, had been forged.

Hawkins says he has been working as an evangelist in small towns in Pennsylvania and Kentucky during the last eight months. He admitted writing the letter to the cashier, who was signed "The Three Money Kids."

In order to get the cashier to cash the check Hawkins presented a letter of introduction from the Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, colored, of this city. The Rev. Mr. Johnson said that his signature on the letter was a forgery.

Hawkins will be arraigned in Police Court tomorrow on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

TREND OF AMERICAN ART HANGS UPON DECISION OF COMMISSION IN COLUMBUS COMPETITION.

The artistic anxious seat is filled with waiting sculptors, and the question of greatest interest is the probable date when the art commission will examine the twenty sketch models in the Columbus competition now assembled on the fifth floor of the Department of the Interior.

The commission may not recognize the greatness of its opportunity, but upon its decision hinges the trend of American sculpture for the next few years.

If it should decide that the highly elaborated and profusely ornamental and imaginative creations submitted by the European sculptors embody the most desirable art conditions in sculpture, then we may readily imagine that from this decision the American sculptors will take their ideas for future work, and that the memorial sculpture of the near future will be shaped on European standards, and that the imaginative sculptural style for the statues of national generals will have accompanying nude female figures bearing wreaths of laurel with which to crown the brow of the victor.

Should the subject be that of a naval officer, the laurel wreaths will be borne by mermaids swimming about the bow of the vessel, masses like schools of playful porpoise.

If, however, the commission should decide to award the statues to the decision to a model designed in accordance with the sculptural thought of this country, we may expect to have a revival of Columbus as simple and dignified as the statue erected in his memory in his native city of Genoa, or as modern and commanding as the statue by Paul Bartlett, in the gallery of the reading room of the Library of Congress.

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