

ENTERTAINED, BUT DID NOT INSTRUCT

Andrew Carnegie Appears Before the Committee on Ways and Means.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 21.—Andrew Carnegie, famous for the millions he made in the steel business and for his views on economic questions, made a most entertaining, if not instructive, witness before the House Ways and Means Committee to-day, in connection with the proposed revision of the tariff. An article on the tariff especially as to the steel schedule, written by Mr. Carnegie, recently appeared in a monthly magazine. Owing to the statements made in that article it became the basis for the questions asked by the members of the committee when the hearings on the steel schedule were held.

Mr. Carnegie had been invited by the committee to come to Washington and give any information the committee could use in determining proposed changes in the steel schedule. As Mr. Carnegie declined to accept the invitation, he was subpoenaed to appear.

Although he was on the stand to-day for nearly eight hours, Mr. Carnegie laughed and joked naturally throughout. He expatiated several of the "stand-patters" with his epigrammatic replies, praised the genius of Charles M. Schwab, urged the committee to accept the testimony of Judge E. H. Gary as conclusive, and told several funny stories. He avoided figures, however, to such an extent that it is doubtful if the tariff framers are any more enlightened on the steel question to-night than they were before Mr. Carnegie was sworn in by Chairman Payne at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

Needs No Protection.

Mr. Carnegie's principal contention was that the steel industry needs no more protection; that it has reached a point in its development where the American manufacturers can compete with the world under free trade conditions.

He said that Judge Gary told the committee that the United States Steel Corporation can get along without a tariff on its products, and that should be sufficient evidence for the committee to take off the duty on steel and iron.

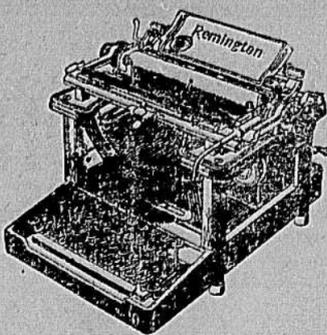
Mr. Carnegie's testimony was most unique and interesting, and he frequently caused peals of laughter in the crowded room, the joke often being at the expense of the chairman or some other member of the committee. He declared emphatically against combinations or trusts, and said he had nothing to do with the sale of the Carnegie Steel Company to the United States Steel Corporation. He characterized the "stock gambler" as being the worst citizen a country could have, and said that he had never had one associated with him in business.

From General Knowledge.

Retracting frequently that his testimony was given from general knowledge of the steel business, and not from any familiarity with the intricacies of the costs of manufacture and production at the present time, Mr. Carnegie dealt largely in theories and deductions, stating that he was merely expressing his opinion when his testimony varied from that of Judge Gary and Mr. Schwab. He said that those two gentlemen were very truthful, but that they were interested witnesses, and the committee should not place too much stress on any figures supplied by interested witnesses.

Mr. Carnegie evidently enjoyed the cross-fire of questions put to him by both Republican and Democratic members of the committee. He seemed to devote his efforts to making Chairman Payne and Representatives Dalzell and Fordney, of Michigan, uncomfortable. He called Mr. Dalzell "John," and either gave him a shove or replied to his questions or dealt with him in such a manner as to turn an evidently serious discussion into a humorous one. The member from Pennsylvania soon subsided into silence.

Praising the genius of Charles M. Schwab, the committee was told by Mr. Carnegie that Congress should extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Schwab



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Schwab and Gary.

"I never met his equal," said Mr. Carnegie, in speaking of Mr. Schwab, "and when we were partners we were a great team."

"That is very apparent," remarked Chairman Payne.

Speaking of the testimony of Judge Gary before the committee, Mr. Carnegie said: "You should not place too much relevancy in the testimony of interested parties. Judge Gary said the United States Steel Corporation could stand for a reduction in the tariff on steel, but the smaller steel manufacturers could not survive with lowered duties. Judge Gary is like the monkey who desired the chestnuts, but wanted the cat to pull them out of the fire."

At one point Mr. Payne leaned over and whispered to Mr. Dalzell. "I wish the chairman would tell me what he said to Mr. Dalzell. I think I ought to know," Mr. Carnegie protested.

There was a roar of laughter throughout the room, but Mr. Payne made no reply. Leaning over with his hand to his ear and his head cocked to one side, in imitation of the attitude assumed by Mr. Payne in whispering to Mr. Dalzell, Mr. Carnegie said: "I should say that your words were 'the jig is up.'"

Figures Alone.

Mr. Carnegie was not willing to deal in figures. "The more figures you get the more you will be fogged," he said. "You've been out of steel some time," said Mr. Payne. "Can you tell us where we can get the figures on the present cost of making steel?"

"I don't know whether you can get the figures," was the reply. "If a judge was interested in a cause you would not respect his decision, would you?" he asked, referring to the steel manufacturers who have appeared before the committee.

There was no reply to Mr. Carnegie's question.

"Silence in the courtroom," he laughingly remarked. "It's too bad I have to submit to be cross-examined and can't get a chance to cross-examine these dignitaries."

Mr. Carnegie asserted that at the rate at which iron ores are being extracted the supply would be exhausted in forty years. He based his statement on the best expert opinion he could obtain, he said. He also said that England would be in the same condition in seven years.

Some Trite Epigrams.

"Would you recommend an income tax to make up the deficiency in the revenues?" Mr. Fordney asked.

"I believe," replied Mr. Carnegie, "that the committee should not have more experience with the income tax than any man of his day—that an income tax makes a nation of liars. Of all the demoralizing taxes that a nation can impose upon people the income tax is the worst."

"If you want to do harm with money give it away to those people who will not struggle for themselves," was one of the numerous epigrams brightening Mr. Carnegie's unique testimony.

"That applies to the tariff on steel," he added. "I think the man who can make \$3 or \$4 more profit than a lazy, inert corporation management should

be allowed to make that profit for his country's good."

Pointing his finger at the committee and raising his voice to its highest pitch, he declared that the steel industry was now in the position where it can say: "Take your protection. We are now men, and we can beat the world in the manufacture of steel."

"There is no reason for the tariff on steel," he again emphasized. "You should not coddle the industry with protection."

A recess at this point was ordered.

Mr. Carnegie inquired if the committee was through with him.

"No," came a chorus of voices. "This is cruel," remarked the steel magnate, as he retired from the room.

"His solicitude for his weaker brethren is sublime," said Mr. Carnegie after the recess, referring to Judge Gary's contention that the smaller steel manufacturers could not stand for the abolition of the duty on steel.

Mr. Carnegie said the manufacturers of Wales could make a ton of tin plate a shade cheaper than it could be made here, and in reply to a question from Mr. Longworth, said the cost of manufacturing steel is greater in Great Britain than here. He said the committee should send experts familiar with the steel industry to the mills of Europe to study the question of comparative cost of labor. "They will be received by the foreign manufacturers with open arms," he said.

"It is a condition and a treaty that confronts the committee at this time," said Representative Longworth. "It is understood that the President-elect will call a special session of Congress for the purpose of enacting a tariff bill, and we must prepare a bill for them to pass on. We have no time to send experts to Europe. What I want to know is what authority besides the testimony given by you and Judge Gary, who I don't think were any farther from the mark for taking the duty off steel."

Little of Real Value.

Mr. Carnegie gave little testimony of value with regard to either the supposed international combination or the agreement with the railways. "That is a question you should ask those interested in it," he replied, when asked by Mr. Hill if a combination of the English, German and American steel manufacturers exists. "I do not know, but I have heard it stated that there is such a combination," continued Mr. Carnegie. "You have heard it from Mr. Miles, who appeared before your committee. I think it is highly probable. I would not be taking the whole credit. I said that I did not think that there is such a combination."

"Do you know of any combination to fix the price of wire nails?"

"No," replied Mr. Carnegie. "I am not so positive about the existence of a combination to fix the price of steel rails. In fact, I am without knowledge of any combination of any kind."

Mr. Carnegie concluded his testimony.

Mr. Gary Replies.

NEW YORK, December 21.—E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, after reading the testimony of Andrew Carnegie before the Ways and Means Committee to-night, said that while his (Gary's) figures had been contradicted by Mr. Carnegie, they were, nevertheless, the actual computation of the cost of steel production.

"When I told the committee what it cost per ton to produce steel, I told them what I know to be the truth based upon careful investigation as well as complete knowledge and experience in connection with the steel business," said Judge Gary.

"I realize the full importance of the question. I certainly did not testify falsely. I had a full comprehension of what was being sought by Congress. I gave the information I did according as I knew and believed it to be true."

As to Mr. Carnegie's remarks about the monkey in Aesop's fable, which wanted the nut to reach the nut, Judge Gary said: "I don't want to criticize Mr. Carnegie. He is a fine man and able. I really don't think he meant what he said in reference to me. Just his way of saying something in a certain mood. I will not enter into any discussion of what he said."

Has Not Yet Decided.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ALEXANDRIA, December 21.—Rev. Barryman Green, professor of the English Bible at the Episcopal Theological Seminary west of this city, when seen this morning said that he had not yet definitely decided whether

or not he would accept the position of bishop-coadjutor, to which he was elected by the special Episcopal council Wednesday last. Rev. Mr. Green added that he would not definitely decide upon the question for several days to come. When Rev. Mr. Green was elected to the position he announced that he would take the matter under consideration before deciding whether or not he would accept.

THREE-MILE BRIDGE.

Pennsylvania Railroad to Build One From New York to Long Island.

NEW YORK, December 21.—After the Pennsylvania Railroad has advanced farther with its terminal station and other improvements in this city, work will be started on a bridge from Port Morris, a suburb of New York, to Queens county, Long Island. The bridge is to be one of the most daring and remarkable engineering structures ever proposed. With the approaches, it will be three miles long and span the Hell Gate ship channel with an arch 1,900 feet in the clear. The entire bridge, except the piers for the arch, will be of steel, having an estimated weight of 80,000 tons.

A novel feature of the plans is that the train floor, instead of resting on the crown of the arch, is hung from it. The crown is 200 feet above the water and the floor 140 feet, enabling the largest steamships to pass under with ease.

The main arch is to be flanked by piers from which will rise double towers 200 feet high. The towers will be of granite and concrete.

Fire in Norfolk.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., December 21.—Fire to-night, in the establishment of J. E. Bass, wholesale grocer, on Roanoke Avenue, damaged the stock to the amount of \$5,000. The loss is covered by insurance.

Atkins—Carter.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

EUROPA MILLS, VA., December 21.—Miss Lula Judson Carter, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pryor Carter, and Mr. Walter J. Atkins were

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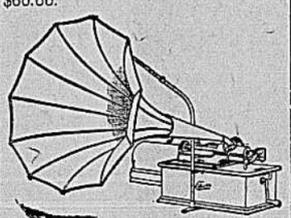
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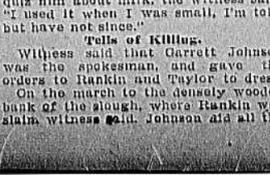
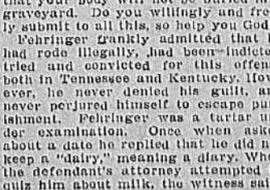
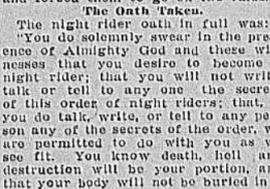
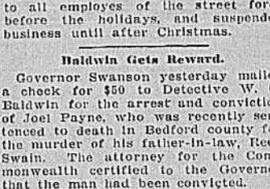
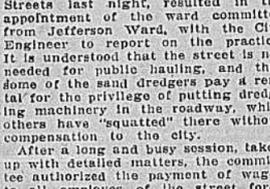
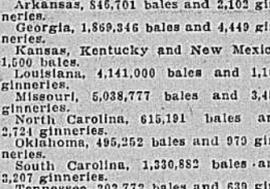
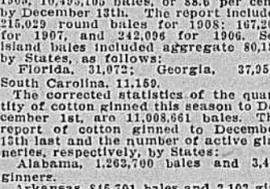
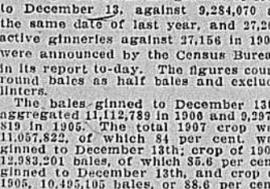
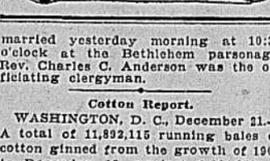
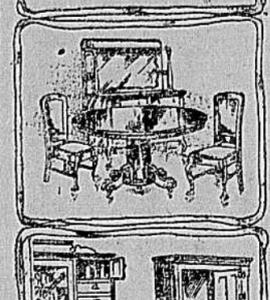
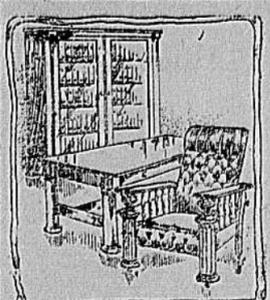
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Cotton Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 21.—A total of 11,832,115 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1908 to December 13, against 9,234,070 at the same date of last year, and 37,259 active ginneries against 37,156 in 1907, were announced by the Census Bureau in its report to-day. The figures count running bales as half bales and exclude linters.

The bales ginned to December 13th aggregated 11,832,115 in 1908 and 9,234,070 in 1907. The total 1907 crop was 11,057,822, of which 34 per cent, ginned to December 13th; crop of 1906, 12,830,011 bales, of which 55.6 per cent, ginned to December 13th, and crop of 1905, 10,495,105 bales, or 88.6 per cent, by December 13th. The report includes 16,029 running bales for 1908; 17,224 for 1907, and 242,096 for 1906. Sea island bales included aggregate 80,187 by States as follows: Georgia, 37,056; South Carolina, 11,150.

The corrected statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned for the season to December 1st, are 11,008,861 bales. The report of cotton ginned to December 13th last and the number of active ginneries, respectively, by States: Alabama, 1,263,700 bales and 3,447 ginneries; Arkansas, 546,701 bales and 2,102 ginneries; Georgia, 1,859,346 bales and 4,449 ginneries; Kansas, Kentucky and New Mexico, 1,500 bales; Louisiana, 4,141,000 bales and 1,169 ginneries; Mississippi, 5,038,777 bales and 3,454 ginneries; North Carolina, 616,191 bales and 2,747 ginneries; Oklahoma, 496,252 bales and 973 ginneries; South Carolina, 1,330,882 bales and 2,207 ginneries; Tennessee, 202,772 bales and 639 ginneries; Texas, 3,365,989 bales and 431,133 ginneries; Virginia, 11,767 bales and 117 ginneries.

PAY HANDS FOR CHRISTMAS

Street Committee Inquires Into Use of Triggs Street by Sand Dredgers.

Discussion of the use of Triggs Street, along the river front, by various sand dredgers, in the Council Committee on Streets last night, resulted in the appointment of the ward committee from Jefferson Ward, with the City Engineer to report on the practice. It is understood that the street is not done up to the grade, and that the dredgers are putting dredging machinery in the roadway, while others have "squatted" there without compensation to the city.

After a long and busy session, taken up with outside matters, the committee authorized the payment of wages to all employees of the street force before the holidays, and suspended business until after Christmas.

Baldwin Gets Reward.

Governor Swanson yesterday mailed a check for \$50 to Detective W. G. Baldwin for the arrest and conviction of Joel Payne, who was recently sentenced to death in Bedford county for the murder of his father-in-law, Keel Swain. The attorney for the Commonwealth certified to the Governor that the man had been convicted.

WHIPPED A WOMAN ON HER BARE BACK

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Times members failed to appear for rides, and on those occasions the riders went after the missing man and forced them to go on the ride.

The Oath Taken.

The night rider oath in full was: "You do solemnly swear in the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses that you desire to become a member of the night riders, and that you will talk or tell to any one the secrets of this order of night riders; that, if you do talk, write, or tell to any person any of the secrets of the order, we are permitted to do with you as we see fit. You know death, hell and destruction will be your portion, and that your body will not be buried in a graveyard. Do you willingly and freely submit to all this, so help you God?"

Fairinger frankly admitted that he had rode illegally, had been indicted, tried and convicted for this offense both in Tennessee and Kentucky. However, he never denied his guilt, and never perjured himself to escape punishment. Fairinger was a turtar under examination. Once when asked about a date he replied that he did not keep a "diary" meaning a diary. When the defendant's attorney attempted to quiz him about milk, the witness said: "I used it when I was small, I'm told, but have not since."

Tells of Killings.

Witness said that Garrett Johnson was the spokesman and gave the orders to Rankin and they set to work the march to the densely wooded bank of the slough, where Rankin was slain witness said. Johnson aid all the

talking, the others—about fifty in number, including the defendants—following silently, as the rope was put around Rankin's neck. Johnson said to the victim: "Do you want to say anything to the Lord? If you do, say it now?"

Rankin replied: "I have attended to that."

Just as they pulled the rope, witness said, Bob Hoffman shot Rankin, and Sam Applewhite then said: "I know he is dead, for I put a load of bicycle ball-bearings in him." Witness declared that Jess Carter, one of the defendants and a man yet to be tried, put the rope around Rankin's neck.

Colonel Taylor Escapes.

When Colonel Taylor jumped into the slough everybody shot into the water and Fehringor beat around in it with a pole. Meantime the men holding the rope let it go, and Rankin's body crumpled up and dropped to the ground. His stiff hat fell beneath his head, holding it off the ground, his glasses dropped back into the hat which rapidly filled with blood from the wound in the temple. Just before the body fell, a rider, not a trial, emptied six .38-calibre bullets into the hanging man.

The riders then went to where their horses were hitched and where four men had been left on guard. Witness said that Garrett Johnson addressed them before they dispersed, saying: "Burn your masks and say nothing about this night's work."

During the testimony the soldier guard was increased. As soon as the court took luncheon recess the armed sentries marched in and took Fehringor out. Then the court asked the newspaper correspondents not to mention the names of those implicated by the witnesses who are not on trial.

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