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ATTACKS FREE SUGAR

Louisiana Senator Makes Bitter Speech Against Sugar Trust.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Senator Ransdell of Louisiana in a prepared speech today discharged verbal broadsides at the so-called "sugar trust," declared that the free sugar schedule of the tariff bill "violated the pledges of the Baltimore platform not to destroy legitimate industry." And declared in it supporting free sugar "the democratic party will be playing in the hands of the sugar trust and other refiners."

Mr. Ransdell made the statement that the cane industry of Louisiana supported "half a million souls," that the beet sugar industry employed 150,000 people with 500,000 dependent upon it and that 200,000 people in Hawaii depended on sugar. The refiners, he declared, employed about 10,000 men.

Directly attacking the so-called sugar trust, Senator Ransdell reviewed the customs frauds and the government's anti-trust suits against the American Sugar Refining company. The campaign for free sugar, he charged, was conducted by the refiners to distract attention from themselves. No reduction in price to the consumer would follow free sugar, Senator Ransdell declared.

Searching For Lobbyists.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—The first senators to testify today at the senate's investigation of the charge that a lobby is working against the tariff bill, declaring they knew of no improper influences being exerted, no use of money and had not themselves attempted to influence improperly any other senators. All admitted having talked with manufacturers interested in the tariff and having heard arguments and protests but they did not regard the men with whom they talked as "lobbyists."

It has been estimated that hundreds of men interested in manufacturing or other business affected by the tariff, have been in Washington during the past few weeks and many senators claim it would be impossible to remember all the persons who have called upon them to make appeal for changes.

Registry Stamps Abolished

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Postmaster General Burleson has issued an order discontinuing the use of the special 10-cent registry stamps and provided that no additional registry stamps shall be printed after the present supply shall have been exhausted. Hereafter ordinary postage stamps may be used for payment of registry fees.

Favor Duty On Meat.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—The senate democrats have decided to restore the duty on meats and breadstuffs that were free listed by the house in the Underwood bill. The duty may be small but it will be laid with a view of equalizing the advantages given under the bill to these products with the raw material from which they are made. It was felt to be an injustice to leave them on the free list and keep the duty on cattle sheep and hogs and on wheat, oats and the cereals from which breadstuffs are made.

The injustice is said to be keenly felt by farmers. The democrats felt that they could not freelist live stock and grains. This decision is a victory for Senator Walsh, who served notice that he would offer an amendment to freelist livestock and grains unless the duty is restored on flour and meats.

Penalties For Tax Dodgers

CHICAGO, June 1.—Taxes will be paid on \$722,000,000 this year to Cook county, according to estimates of the assessors, whose books have just closed. There are about 135,000 taxpayers in Cook county. About one person in every six was penalized this year for failure to schedule, adding about \$30,000,000 in penalties.

Issues Grasshopper Warning

MANHATTAN, Kan., June 2.—A bulletin issued by the Kansas Agricultural college warned farmers of Kansas that the grasshoppers are likely to cause serious damage in this state this year. The open winter left 90 per cent of the grasshopper eggs uninjured, the bulletin stated. The pests already are at work in some parts of the state, according to the dean of the college, who is an expert on the subject.

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, June 1.—An optimistic attitude appears to have been adopted by the wool trade in the last week, although this attitude is still tempered

with caution and does not necessarily mean that prices will rise rapidly, but simply that there is a disposition to operate more freely at current rates. A large line of Ohio wool has changed hands at a price fully down to a free wool basis. There has also been some further trading in new Utah and fleece wools at last week's rates.

In the west buying may be a trifle more active, with prices slightly firmer in fleece sections.

Roosevelt Wins Libel Suit.

MARQUETTE, Mich., May 31.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt won his libel suit today against Geo. A. Newett, who charged the colonel with drunkenness, and, having waived damages after the defendant had uttered a retraction, the jury awarded the nominal damages of 6 cents provided in such cases by the law of Michigan. Each party to the suit will pay his own expenses. Judge Flannigan instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the plaintiff, which they did without leaving their seats.

The libel of which Colonel Roosevelt complained was published Oct. 12, 1912, in Mr. Newett's weekly paper at Ishpeming, the Iron Ore. It took the colonel to task for "preaching" to others when "he himself gets drunk, and that not infrequently, as all his intimates knew."

Oriental Limited Wrecked

MOOREHEAD, Minn., June 1.—Engineer Frank French was killed, his fireman was seriously injured and six passengers were badly cut and bruised when the Oriental Limited on the Great Northern road, was wrecked at a crossing near here tonight.

The engine left the rails as it was crossing the Northern Pacific railroad track, and carried three cars with it. The exact cause of the accident is not known.

WILL PUSH TARIFF BILL

Democratic Leaders Expect Senate Vote About August First.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—"Make the republicans work," is the slogan adopted by the democratic leaders of the senate in charge of tariff legislation who today predicted that the senate would vote on the bill by Aug. 1.

Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia said that the senate should vote the bill in the latter part of July. How this could be accomplished, the senator said would be demonstrated when the debate began. "We will keep the republicans who want to discuss the bill working and we will keep at work ourselves from the very beginning," he said. "We will meet in the senate every day at 10 o'clock in the morning and keep at work until 6 o'clock at night. That will prevent the opposition from delaying the bill by playing with it. We will tire the republicans out of playing."

It was made evident today that the fight among the democrats on the wool and sugar schedules would be concluded in caucus, and that this would leave the two senators of Louisiana to vote against the bill because of their opposition to the sugar schedule, and Senator Walsh of Montana to oppose it because of free raw wool.

Amendments to the sugar and wool schedules will, of course, be offered on the floor of the senate, and the democrats, who will remain avowedly against the bill as it is reported, will be expected to vote against them. Even then, the leaders assert, the bill can be passed as President Wilson has approved it. They admit, however that it probably will require the vote of Vice President Marshall to pass the bill unless Senator Poindexter, the only avowed progressive in the senate, votes for the measure.

Montana Delegation In Capital

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Governor Stewart of Montana, accompanied by P. I. Cole, of Choteau, secretary of the Sun River Water Users' association, arrived in Washington today and will be joined tomorrow by former Governor Norris, William Boie of Great Falls, Vice President Campbell of the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce, I. D. O'Donnell of Billings, and possibly one or two others. This delegation comes to Washington for a conference with Secretary Lane, in hope of persuading him to proceed with the construction of the Sun river irrigation project and especially to offset the detrimental testimony given recently with reference to conditions on that project.

Governor Stewart and party have an appointment to meet Secretary Lane Tuesday afternoon to discuss federal irrigation in Montana, and while they will concentrate their efforts in behalf of the Sun river project, which has been jeopardized, they also will urge hastening of work on the Milk river project.

WILSON FAVORS PRIMARIES

President Believes Voters Should Nominate Public Officials.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Representative Britten of Illinois, sought today President Wilson's views on his measure to provide a six year single term for the president and vice president, the abolition of nominating conventions and the choice of president and vice president by presidential preference primaries and directions without the use of electors.

Mr. Britten said on leaving the White house that the president favored the abolition of national conventions for nominating purposes but thought them necessary to draft party platforms and declared that Mr. Wilson approved presidential primaries and direct elections which shorten the ballot. On the six year proposition Mr. Britten said the president refrained from comment.

White house officials stated that the president had not arrived at any conclusion as to the practicability of abolishing national conventions, but had always favored nomination by the primary system and a shorter ballot.

A Plague of Grasshoppers.

AMARILLO, Texas, May 28.—Traveling northward a column of grasshoppers five miles wide and eighteen miles long, is reported in northeastern New Mexico. Reports that millions of grasshoppers seem to spread as they travel and also the appearance of smaller bodies of grasshoppers in sections of western Texas have caused fear of a general grasshopper pest in the southwest, especially in Texas, western Oklahoma and New Mexico.

The New Mexico column is between Elida and Texline. It is reported that they are entirely denuding the land of grass as well as destroying all kinds of foliage. Stock, especially sheep, have been left in a starving condition by lack of pasturage after the grasshoppers passed. Government, state and railroad experts have combined to fight the grasshoppers.

To Guard Against Floods.

DAYTON, May 28.—After a week's convention to raise \$3,000,000 to make the city safe against any future floods the successful culmination of the work was greeted last night with wild demonstrations of rejoicing. In all the churches of the city the ministers urged their congregations to contribute liberally. Bands paraded the streets. Many workmen mortgaged their homes in order to contribute to the funds. One manufacturing concern contributed \$500,000.

Lazy Husbands Must Work.

SEATTLE, May 29.—Preparatory to enforcing the new "lazy husband" law which goes into effect June 6, and which provides that husbands who do not provide for their families shall be sentenced to hard labor, the proceeds of their work to be given to their wives, Sheriff Edward Cuddehe and board of county commissioners yesterday began to make plans for the construction of a county stockade on sixty-three acres of logged off land belonging to King county. The land is covered with small timber and large stumps and Sheriff Cuddehe believes a large gang of lazy husbands can be kept busy several months clearing the ground.

Maine Monument Dedicated

NEW YORK, May 30.—With a grand naval and military parade, teeming crowds, and in the presence of a distinguished company the National Maine monument, erected by popular subscription in honor of the United States sailors who met death in the explosion of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor just prior to the Spanish-American war, was unveiled this afternoon in Columbus Circle, at the southwest entrance to Central park. It was a gala day in the city. The Stars and Stripes floated from all the public buildings and from thousands of business houses and private residences.

Farm Products On Free List.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Whether to put cattle, wheat and oats on the free list, or to put a duty on their products, is one of the absorbing problems of the senate finance committee just now busy in revising the Underwood tariff bill for senate consideration.

The president is reported to have agreed with Senators Williams and Simmons that the raw materials and their products in the agricultural schedule should be equalized in the bill, instead of placing raw products on the dutiable list and making meats

and flour free, as in the bill at present. To equalize them was determined upon several weeks ago, and the senate sub-committee today is reported to have decided also to put cattle, sheep and hogs, and wheat and oats on the free list.

Will Investigate Lobbyists.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—After a sharp debate over terms, the senate adopted a resolution tonight instructing the judiciary committee to investigate the charge that a lobby is being maintained in Washington or elsewhere to influence pending legislation, with particular emphasis upon its efforts against the Underwood tariff bill, now before the finance committee. The resolution was in direct response to the statement made by President Wilson that an insidious lobby with plenty of money was operating against the tariff bill.

President Wilson, in his talk with newspaper men, declared he was in sympathy with the proposed investigation and would be glad to furnish the names of the lobbyists to whom he referred if "public necessity required."

Bill Exempts Labor Unions.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—President Wilson may soon have before him for his approval or rejection the much-buffed \$117,000,000 sundry civil appropriation bill, which includes the prohibition of labor unions and farmers' organizations from prosecution through funds appropriated for the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law.

What the president will do with the measure because of the exemption clause which caused former president Taft to veto it, is engaging country-wide attention. The executive office has been flooded with letters and petitions regarding the measure, some urging him to veto it because of the exemption clause and others appealing to him to give it his approval.

Washington News Notes.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—In the appointment of the majority committee places in the house, Representative Stout was made a member of the committee on public lands and Representative Evans was assigned to the committee on Indian affairs.

Senator Ashurst has introduced a bill appropriating \$20,000 from the reclamation fund to pay the witnesses who attended the recent hearings before Secretary Lane \$5 per diem each and their actual expenses coming to and returning from Washington.

Senator Myers has introduced a bill providing that public lands withdrawn for power site purposes shall be subject to entry under the general public land laws, but all entries shall be subject to the right of the United States to use any part of the lands for development, sale or use of water power and all patents shall contain reservation of such power rights to the United States.

A New Reclamation Commission.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Secretary Lane, as one result of his recent inquiry into government irrigation projects, announced today a radical reorganization of the reclamation service. F. H. Newell, director of the reclamation service, will be chairman of a new reclamation commission.

It is proposed by Secretary Lane that all future regulations affecting water users or proposed contracts for the construction of new works and all general policies of the service shall be considered and passed on by the board of commissioners as a whole. The commission will constitute an administrative body, but each will have distinctive administrative duties to perform.

Roosevelt Did Not Indulge.

MARQUETTE, Mich., May 28.—Introduction of further testimony to the abstemious habits of the plaintiff was resumed today in the libel suit of Theodore Roosevelt against George A. Newett, publisher of the Iron Ore of Ishpeming, Mich., who charged him with drunkenness. John Callan O'Laughlin, a Washington correspondent, was the first witness.

Although Colonel Roosevelt on returning to Europe from his African hunt, was obliged to attend banquets and receptions tendered him by monarchs, he never indulged in champagne to an immoderate degree, was the testimony of O'Laughlin, who said he had been associated with Colonel Roosevelt for 20 years. The witness said he met the former president on the Nile after the African hunt and accompanied him as far as Paris, acting as secretary to Colonel Roosevelt. O'Laughlin also accompanied the colonel on various campaign trips in this country.

MONTANA NEWS BRIEFLETS

A Budget of Readable Short Items From Various Parts of the State.

GLASGOW, May 29.—Clifford Gunnig, 14 years old, the only son of a blind couple of this city, was drowned today in Milk river, near the railroad pumping station dam. The boy, with several companions, was bathing in the river above the dam and got over his head. The aged parents are dependent on the county and this boy was their only help outside of charity.

GREAT FALLS, May 30.—Lester Thompson was drowned in the Missouri river here and Henry Sell narrowly escaped the same fate this morning when a structure of heavy timbers extending between two concrete piers of the new Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul bridge being built here, gave way without warning, throwing them into the water. Sell clung to a timber and was saved by a man in a rowboat. Thompson tried to swim to safety and went down within two feet of shore. Both were bridgeworkers.

HELENA, May 29.—Five boxing matches have been held under the Kiley boxing law in this state and the aggregate returns have been \$8,283. This is according to returns made to State Treasurer Rae by the athletic clubs under whose auspices the bouts were held. The state will get \$828 or 10 per cent of the gross receipts. Out of the state's receipts the expenses of the boxing commission are taken and the balance is allotted as the governor may direct.

KALISPELL, May 28.—The new \$30,000 steel bridge across the Flathead river at Columbia Falls was damaged beyond repair by the flood of water following warm rains yesterday. The public ferry at Holt was torn from the cable while crossing the stream with a team and driver aboard. The ferry was landed safely several hundred yards down the stream. The river is rising more than an inch per hour and residents along its course are preparing for emergencies. It is already out of its banks in many places.

LIBBY, May 31.—With his foot caught in the ashpan of the engine, a man named Nick Miller was dragged for two miles by a passenger train which arrived at Warland today. It is supposed that he was lying between the rails when the train came along. Miller was about 30 years old and had been employed in lumbering in the neighborhood of Warland, a few miles east of here, for the past two years. The body was terribly mutilated and the features unrecognizable.

HELENA, May 31.—District judges in the agricultural counties of the state have been more disposed to take advantage of the provisions of the suspended sentence act, than have the judges in the mining counties. Records in the office of J. J. Ryan, clerk of the board of prison commissioners, show that since the act went into effect February 14 of this year, twenty-six persons convicted of felonies have been given their liberty. The great majority were convicted or pleaded guilty to grand larceny. A few burglars are included among the twenty-six that are at large. Most of the grand larceny men are young horse thieves.

HELENA, May 31.—Because lands which now comprise a state game preserve were surveyed instead of lands for settlement out of which moneys, it is claimed, were to have been expended entirely by the general land office for the survey of the latter lands, settlers in eastern Montana are having no end of trouble. They cannot fence or plow, as they do not know the boundary lines of their claims. Senator Boardman of Dawson county today wrote to Senator Walsh calling attention to what, he says, was an error in the direction of the work, and seeking relief for the homesteaders.

Montana Delegation In Harmony

LEWISTOWN, May 29.—Representative Tom Stout arrived in town from Washington last night, the consideration of the tariff bill in the senate affording him an opportunity to make a flying trip home to attend to some urgent personal business. He will be back in Washington by the end of next week.

He says that Senator Walsh's effort to have a slight duty retained on wool as well as some duty on sugar, is attracting a great deal of attention because of the high ability shown by the junior senator. When the caucus has passed upon the bill Senator Walsh will line up with his party in support of the measure as presented.

The four members of the Montana delegation in congress are working in perfect harmony, says Mr. Stout, and

Senator Myers is ever ready to help his colleagues in any way that his two years experience can suggest.

Electricity Superior To Steam.

BUTTE, May 30.—Tests made at Anaconda seem to prove the entire practicability of electricity as a motive power for hauling heavy loads under the same conditions that obtain on the ordinary American railroad. At a cost of more than \$1,000,000 the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific railroad is electrifying its line between Butte and Anaconda, over which 5,000,000 tons of freight, principally ore, is hauled annually.

The tests just completed under the eyes of the company officials and eminent electrical engineers, show that ore trains can be moved up grades and under usual conditions at nearly twice the speed that the same loads could be hauled with steam engines, and at less cost.

Floods in Flathead County.

WHITEFISH, May 31.—Flathead lake has risen to a height beyond that in the memory of the oldest settlers in this section and the waters are at the backing up stage, threatening the ranchers in the lowlands with destruction of their crops. At Nyack the Flathead river is almost level with the tracks of the Great Northern overland line, and much apprehension also is expressed by railway officials for the safety of the roadbed at Belton, where the water is, lapping the grade.

The Columbia lumber company today was compelled to suspend operations, flood waters reaching the boiler room and residents in the lowlands were compelled to leave their homes and seek higher ground.

The Whitefish river is also the highest in history but as the town of the same name is built on high ground, no fears are felt for it. Ranchers living south of the town will, however, suffer severely. The automobile road to Glacier Park is out of commission and the Stillwater river, is out of its banks north of Kalispell, inundating the roads and cutting off all travel.

Stockmen May Recover.

HELENA, June 2.—Funds sufficient to pay all the stockmen who suffered from the embezzlement in the office of the secretary of the state board of stock commissioners will soon be available in the opinion of W. D. Raymond, secretary of the board.

Mr. Raymond was advised by Attorney General D. M. Kelly today that the special legislative investigating committee is now defunct; that the state board of stock commissioners has authority to act in the disposition of moneys recovered from Langhorne, and that the house and lot in Helena recovered from Langhorne can be converted into cash by the state treasurer upon the direction of the stock board.

When Langhorne was arrested he turned over to Mr. Raymond \$2,000 in cash, and the house and lot to the state. The cash, with the proceeds from the house and lot, and miscellaneous items will bring the total available to pay owners of cattle who did not get the returns from the sales of their stray cattle to about \$9,000. There will be a meeting of the executive committee of the stock board here June 16, when the matter will be considered.

Drove Cattle Across Line

LETHBRIDGE, May 31.—Three thousand head of cattle and horses belonging to several large stock raisers operating south of McGrath, Alberta, were "rounded" up last night and driven across the border into Montana, according to report made to the mounted police here today.

Homesteaders, with whom the stock-raisers have been in trouble for some time, and Indians, who are indignant because two of their number were recently sentenced for horse stealing, are accused by the stock raisers. An investigation is being made.

Drouth Affects Crops.

KANSAS CITY, May 31.—With a third day of extreme heat that has broken all May records in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, people in parts of those states are beginning to talk of short crops. Rain is badly needed in several sections. In southwestern and central Kansas, where dry weather has prevailed, the probable wheat crop has been cut down materially in the past three days, in the opinion of farmers. Every day of the present weather means a big loss, they say.

Blank forms for making annual reports of corporations on sale at the River Press office.