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HOUSE WILL BE THE BATTLEGROUND

WITH the opening of the final session of the Fifty-seventh Congress the warfare against trusts and unlawful combinations of capital will begin without delay, and the House will be the battleground.

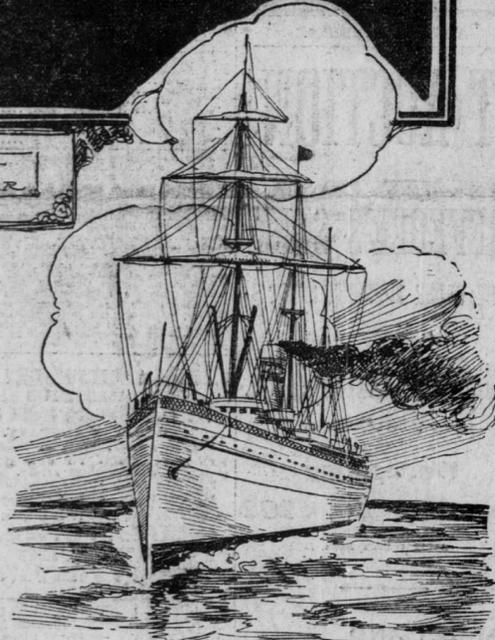
IN THE WARFARE AGAINST TRUSTS

HEAD OF WAR DEPARTMENT AGAIN URGES ABANDONMENT OF THE TRANSPORT SERVICE



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Root in Favor of Private Lines. San Francisco Menaced in Report.



HEAD OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT, WHOSE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT GO OUT OF THE TRANSPORT BUSINESS IS A BLOW AT SAN FRANCISCO'S COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Information from Washington shows that, by reason of the report and recommendation of Secretary of War Root made public to-night, there is, as reported, real danger of San Francisco losing the army transport business to and from the Philippines and that San Franciscans are beginning to realize the danger is evident from the telegrams received by California Senators and Representatives.

commercial lines for transportation of passengers and freight for the army between San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Manila, until June 30, 1904. A number of bids have been received, but the comparative advantage of operating under them has not yet been worked out, and no contract has been awarded.

immediate action and complete facts and figures showing, if possible, that it is to the Government's advantage to transport troops and supplies from the most natural depot and the most advantageous point, viz.: San Francisco. Armed with a strong memorial from the Chamber of Commerce, the California delegation may be able to thwart the plans of Seattle. But San Francisco must be up and doing. This Congress lasts only three months.

BOY FIGHTS WITH BANDITS IN A BANK

Youthful Guardian of Coin Killed by Bullet.

Walls of the Institution Riddled With Lead.

Enraged Citizens Race After Fugitives and Lynching May Result.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LAPORTE, Ind., Nov. 30.—Wesley Reynolds, aged 16 years, a clerk in a bank at Westville, this county, who sleeps in the institution, heroically defended the property submitted to his care in a battle with robbers at an early hour this morning, giving up his life. His body was found at 6 o'clock near his bed in the rear of the bank, a bullet having pierced his heart.

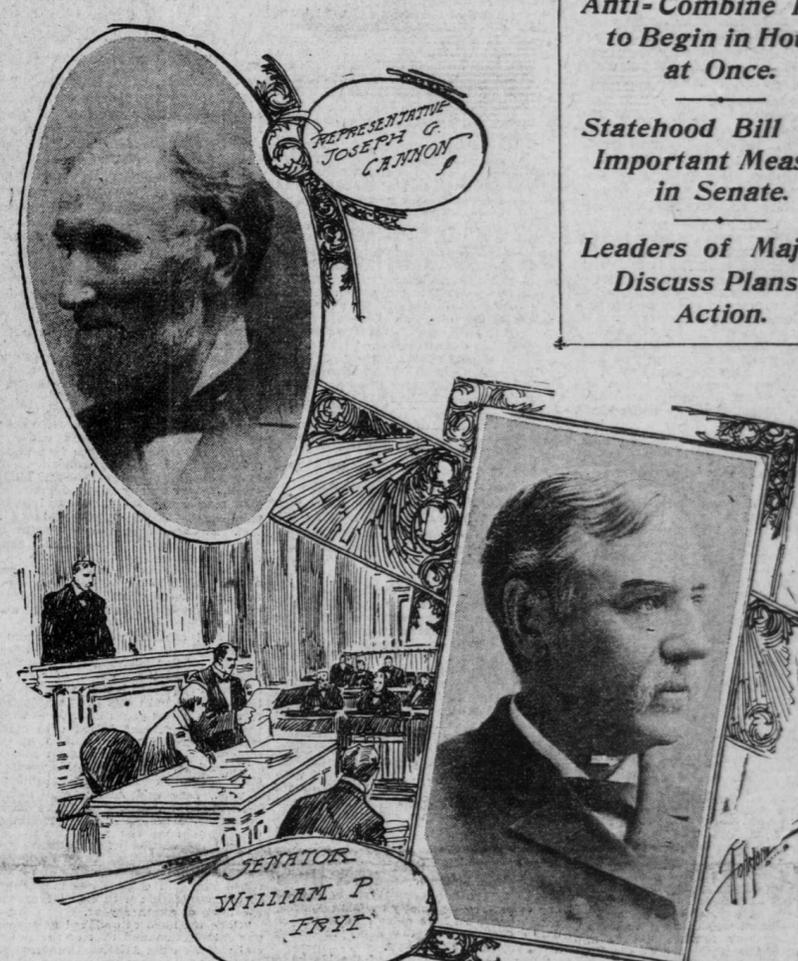
Leaving the bank the robbers escaped in a stolen rig and were tracked six miles southward, at which place the horse and buggy were abandoned. The murder of the bank clerk created intense excitement and should the robbers be captured and brought back to the scene of the crime, lynching would be almost certain.

From the appearance of the bank the robbers never got more than fifteen feet from the window. At least two of them must have been inside, for the indications are that while one was engaging the attention of the clerk from a point ten feet in front of the window another had circled around to the left and had there fired at the boy. Between the supposed position of the robbers and where young Reynolds' body was found were two tables, on which were piled overcoats and boxes of underwear. From a crouching posture behind the piles of clothing Reynolds, who was armed with three revolvers, evidently had done his firing, and not until he had emptied one revolver was he shot down.

After receiving the fatal shot the young man had fallen at the side of his bunk, in which position the body was found this morning, more than four hours after the attempted robbery and murder.

Siam's Crown Prince at Victoria. VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 30.—The Crown Prince of Siam and party arrived to-night by the steamer Charming and will remain here until sailing for Yokohama on the steamer Empress of China early Tuesday morning. The party was met by the Lieutenant Governor, who will entertain the party at dinner to-morrow.

NO SAN FRANCISCO BIDS. The failure of San Francisco steamship lines to bid for the Philippine steamship lines is scarcely understood here. Due notice was given months ago and an advertisement for bids was duly published in the daily newspapers.



REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH G. CANNON

SENATOR WILLIAM P. FRYE

PROBABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, WHO ARE OPPOSED TO ANY ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THE EXISTING TARIFF LAWS AT THE PRESENT SESSION OF THE NATIONAL LAW-MAKING BODY.

REVISION IS OPPOSED BY CANNON

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET N. W., WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Representative Cannon of Illinois, who probably will be Speaker of the next House, is known to be opposed to any attempt to change the tariff law. When asked as to other legislation he had only this to say: "If Congress, in short session, could do nothing more than pass the annual bills, its time would be well occupied."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—When the House convenes to-morrow to enter on the final session of the Fifty-seventh Congress a deluge of bills dealing with the trust question will be thrown into the legislative hopper. It is admitted on all hands that this will be the most important topic of discussion; indeed, the leaders incline to the belief that beyond the appropriation bills and routine legislation it will be the only general subject on which there is a chance for action at the short session. As yet the leaders have formulated no measure, and there should be a pretty wide divergence of opinion of what can or should be done. The President's recommendations on the subject are awaited with interest. The most conservative opinion among the Republican leaders seems to favor an appropriation for the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law. Such an appropriation, it is pointed out, could be placed on one of the regular appropriation bills and put through both houses without difficulty, whereas any amendment to the law itself, no matter how conservative, would likely meet opposition.

REPUBLICANS MAY CAUCUS. Hepburn of Iowa, chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, is one of those who believe the Sherman law, if enforced, is sufficient to meet the situation, and to-morrow he will introduce a bill appropriating \$500,000 to be used by the Department of Justice in prosecutions under the present law. It is not improbable, when the leaders ascertain exactly what can be done, that a caucus of Republicans will be called to agree on a measure. Meantime the trust bills introduced probably will be referred to the Judiciary Committee. There is some question of jurisdiction. If a bill invoke the interstate commerce clause of the constitution it

Anti-Combine Fight to Begin in House at Once.

Statehood Bill Most Important Measure in Senate.

Leaders of Majority Discuss Plans of Action.

FRYE WOULD NOT CHANGE THE TARIFF

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET N. W., WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Senator Frye of Maine, president pro tempore of the Senate, said to-day: "The country is in the midst of the greatest prosperity. Why should we endanger this by attempting to change the tariff laws which made this prosperity possible? It is equally absurd to attempt to regulate the trusts by revising the tariff, in the matter of trust legislation, I agree with Attorney General Knox that the Sherman law should be broadened and strengthened. Something can be done along this line, but not by constitutional amendment. I am more than ever in favor of ship subsidies."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The admission of the Territories of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona as States of the Union probably will be the first substantial importance to receive attention of the Senate which begins at noon to-morrow. After the omnibus territorial bill passed the House last session its friends in the Senate were so insistent on action by the Senate and so strong in point of numbers that in the interest of other pending legislation a unanimous agreement was reached that in consideration of abatement by the friends of the measure during the last session, the Committee on Territories would report on the bill on next Wednesday, December 3, and that a week later the bill should become the unfinished business in the Senate, which means that unless the measure shall be displaced by vote or by unanimous consent it will occupy the first place of the Senate calendar until disposed of. It is the current expectation that this programme will be carried out, whether the committee's report be favorable or unfavorable, as the agreement contemplated consideration regardless of the character of the report. QUAY FAVORS STATEHOOD. There is no definite information as to what the committee's decision will be, but at the last session all of the Republican members of the committee except Senator Quay voted to defer con-

HENDERSON'S VIEW AS TO LEGISLATION

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET N. W., WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Speaker Henderson is among those who believe there will be no tinkering with the tariff at this session. "The appropriation bills," said Speaker Henderson, "will necessarily occupy most of the time of the session. The President, however, will have the first inning."