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REAL SCOPE OF SUIT REVEALED

Wickersham Not After Railroads Alone

Real Game In Fight Being Waged Against Increase Of Freight Rates By Western Railroads In Western Trunk Line Committee, Through Which All Increases Are Presented To Commerce Commission—Contempt Proceedings May Follow

Washington, June 2.—In the proceedings which the attorney general has begun against 25 railroads in the middle west the real scope of the legal battle has been generally overlooked. The obtaining of an injunction from Judge Dyer at Hannibal, Mo., to restrain the railroads from putting into effect increases in rates, was only incidental to the main proceedings.

The suit which the attorney general has filed in St. Louis seeks the dissolution of the Western Trunk Line committee, the medium through which the 25 railroads have made their move for rate increases, and indirectly affects similar committees and associations throughout the country which have been used by the roads in the matter of fixing rates. The suit begun against the Western Trunk Line committee and the 25 railroads in the middle west is similar in character to that which the department of justice began against the Harriman merger and against the Northern Securities company. The attorney general holds that the Western Trunk Line committee in the matter of fixing increased rates is a combination in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and as such ought to be dissolved.

Master to Be Appointed. The trial of this suit means the appointment of a master, the taking of an immense amount of testimony, as in the Harriman merger suit, and a fight in the courts which will probably last for several years. The obtaining of the injunction was merely a move on the attorney general's part to prevent the increased rates from being levied upon shippers pending the trial of the suit in equity to dissolve the Western Trunk Line committee. There is a possibility that the rail-

roads may be taken to task by the department of justice on another score. Many shippers are charging that the roads in making these increases had violated the general injunction issued by the circuit court and sustained by the supreme court in the transmissouri rate case of several years ago. That injunction, it is contended, forbade the railroads from making any combination of the sort that is now charged, and if the government is successful in its suit to dissolve the Western Trunk Line committee, an attempt may be made to punish the railroads for contempt of this injunction.

NO LAW TO CONTROL TELEPHONE RATES

Denman Powerless to Stop Recent Boost.

Columbus, O., June 2.—Had the Woods utilities bill been made a law by the legislature, the advance in long-distance Bell telephone rates announced could not have been put in effect until a state commission had been convinced of their reasonableness.

The Woods bill was not passed, and the state is powerless to interfere, though Attorney General Denman is convinced that the increase affords substantial evidence of a rate agreement between the Bell and the Morgan interests.

The increased prices put into effect by the Central Union company in many cases amount to 120 per cent, and it is understood that the United States company contemplates a similar move July 1.

PRESIDENT IN TRAINING FOR THE COMMENCEMENTS

Washington, June 2.—President Taft, preparatory to his swing around the commencement circle, tried his hand on the students of Trinity college.

"I am beginning a series of commencements," said he to the Trinity girls "if it were the last I might be so used to talking to young ladies and young graduates that I would make my remarks long enough to be tiresome; but you may be sure that in the first I shall be short. It used to be thought that the education of women ought not to be advanced because they were not able to stand it and they did not have the capacity. We tried them with the boys and they distanced the boys.

"The nineteenth century has been as much distinguished for the progress made in education of women as in any other step in the progress of civilization. You are beginning life with advantages, but they impose upon you heavy responsibilities in improving society where you are to live and in leading it to the highest ideals."

The president's other commencement speeches of early June are to

be at Bryn Mawr, where his daughter Helen is a student, today, and at Ohio Northern university at Ada, tomorrow. From Ada the president goes to Detroit, Jackson and Monroe, Mich. He will be away from the capital until Sunday night.

House Agrees on Bank Bill. Washington, June 2.—The Republican house caucus, which has spent three evenings considering the postal savings bank bill, adjourned after agreeing on the measure as perfected, and adopted a resolution calling on the committee on rules to frame and report a rule for the consideration of the bill.

Botha Forms Cabinet. Cape Town, June 2.—The first cabinet of United South Africa has been formed by General Louis Botha, who has himself taken the portfolios of premier and minister of agriculture.

Trouble Brewing in Haiti. Kingston, Jamaica, June 2.—Exiles from Haiti declare that the military governor of Port-Au-Prince is imprisoning all his political enemies, and that a revolution will come soon.

World's Richest Woman Fighting \$569.25 Court Verdict



Mrs. Hetty Green is not satisfied with the verdict of a jury that returned a judgment against her for \$569.25 in favor of the Safety Deposit company of New York. Mrs. Green is going to appeal the verdict to the higher court. She was sued for the rental of ten safety deposit boxes. Mrs. Green said the boxes contained papers of her father's estate. "Before God they belong to me, but before the law they belong to my son. Make him pay for them," she told the jury. But the jury thought otherwise. Mrs. Green expressed her opinion so strongly that she was in danger of being fined for contempt of court. To prove that the judge is wrong, she says, she will carry the case to the highest court.

TWENTY-FIVE LIVES LOST IN QUARRY EXPLOSION

Golden, Utah, June 2.—Twenty-five workmen were killed in an explosion in a quarry of the Union Portland Cement works at Devils Slide, Utah. The explosion blew down the telegraph and telephone poles and the news came in brief messages sent by courier.

Most of the killed are Japanese

and Greeks who made up the quarry gang of 75 to 100 men. The injured are reported to number a score or more. The victims were literally blown to pieces. On the hillside overlooking the scene portions of legs and arms were picked up. Some of the bodies had been blown 100 yards.

PLACE PLAINTIFFS ON THE DEFENSIVE

Hocking Valley Attorneys to Interrogate Suit Filers.

Columbus, O., June 2.—By filing a cross-bill in the federal court, the Hocking Valley railroad begins preparations to put the complainants in recent cases on the defensive. Attorneys for the road seek to force H. D. Mannington, Ralph E. Westfall, Fred H. Schoedinger, John Stanton, Henry J. Booth and John M. Sheets to answer questions.

As a result of the filing of the cross-bill, subpoenas were issued by the clerk of the federal court in Columbus to the men named, citing them to appear before Aug. 1. It is probable that some of them will be asked where they obtained the stock, ownership of which is made the basis of their suits. Also they will be asked who is backing them, whether coal operators or other railroads, in their attack upon the Hocking and allied roads.

The cross-bill asks that the complainants be enjoined from interference with the proposed retirement of preferred stock and issue of additional common stock of the Hocking, and that J. P. Morgan & Company be given a decree permitting payment for the remainder of the preferred stock with about \$15,000,000 on hand for the purpose. That is, it asks relief from the temporary injunction granted the plaintiffs by Judge Kinkead several weeks ago.

Democrats Name Andrews. Gallipolis, O., June 2.—In the nomination of L. R. Andrews of Ironton as candidate for state senator from this district, the Republicans patched up a factional fight between the Marting and Johnson forces in this county. Mr. Andrews, who is a Marting man, defeated Mateer Beaman of Meigs county for the nomination.

Mrs. Taft Visits Father. Cincinnati, O., June 2.—Mrs. Taft, the wife of the president, deeded herself to all visitors in order to devote her time to her venerable father, Hon. John W. Herron.

CHARGE OF PERJURY

Canton, O., June 2.—That the marriage last October of Helen Lucile Jacobs, daughter of Rev. J. R. Jacobs, Massillon, and Herbert E. McIlwain, auto salesman, was known by her to have been illegal and to have been consummated under fictitious names for the protection of her name, was the statement here of McIlwain. McIlwain is in jail pending a hearing this week on charges of perjury by the pastor after McIlwain had served a term at Pittsburg on conviction of bigamy. McIlwain declared that Miss Jacobs engineered the elopement.

FIRST AID TO INJURED

Columbus, O., June 2.—Members of the Second Ambulance company, O. N. G., under the command of Sergeant John Shetter, will go to Ada this evening to attend the commencement exercises of the Ohio Northern university, at which President Taft will make an address tomorrow. The company will take care of all emergency cases in the crowds that are expected to attend the visit of the president.

CONFESSES TO MURDER

Youngstown, O., June 2.—When taken to view the body of John Brinza, Peter Chorun, a Roumanian, confessed that he had stabbed Brinza Sunday night. To comply with Roumanian customs, the accused man was taken to view the corpse. When the lid of the casket was removed, Chorun knelt in prayer and asked forgiveness of the dead man. Then he confessed to the killing. He said he did not know why he had killed the man, as he was intoxicated.

DEFENDS GIRLS' SCHOOL

Delaware, O., June 2.—Representative Crist of Delaware county, member of the legislative committee investigating the conditions at the Girls' Industrial home, says complaints are all bosh. He declares the committee viewed conditions at long range and that consequently reported interviews carry little weight. The overcrowded condition, he declared, is due to a juvenile court law. The buildings, he says, are all sanitary, and the institution has the best hospital in Ohio.

BOAT SINKS IN KANAWHA

Gallipolis, O., June 2.—The Greene Line packet Evergreen, running between Gallipolis and Charleston, heavily loaded with freight and passengers, struck an obstruction in the Kanawha river near Buffalo and was sunk. The passengers and crew were taken ashore in yawls, which were quickly loaded by Captain Deviney and the crew, who quieted the panic-stricken passengers.

Tried to Wreck Traction Car. Dayton, O., June 2.—Joseph Kenna was fined \$100 for trying to derail the D. S. & U. interurban. Kenna signaled the car to stop and the motorman disregarded the signal. To "get even" he placed heavy railroad ties on the track at a sharp curve. The motorman slowed down and was able to stop his car in time to avoid a wreck.

A Friendly Greeting. "How did you enjoy your vacation?" "Fine! It made a new man of me!" "I congratulate your wife." — Ex.

SENATORS SHY AT RAIL BILL

Many Republicans And Democrats Fail To Vote

Senator Beveridge Called From The Chamber When Roll-call Announced On LaFollette Physical Valuation Amendment—Bourne Stayed Too Long At White House—Proposition Defeated, 30 To 25—Expect Final Vote On Measure Today

Washington, June 2.—There is a chance that a vote on the administration railroad measure will be reached in the upper branch before adjournment today. A number of important amendments were acted upon. Two separate rollcalls were had on the proposition to authorize the interstate commerce commission to take the physical valuation of all railroads in the United States that are engaged in interstate commerce. The first rollcall came on an amendment offered by Senator LaFollette, who is a "specialist" on this particular brand of legislation. Mr. LaFollette's amendment was defeated by a vote of 30 to 25.

This rollcall developed an interesting situation. Eighteen Democrats and 19 Republicans did not vote. Most of them were paired, but some of them were not. Three insurgent Republicans or near-insurgents, Beveridge, Bourne and Burkett, were absent and not paired. Four Democrats, Bankhead, Hughes, Smith of Maryland and McNery of Louisiana were absent and not paired.

Beveridge Appears Surprised. A few minutes after the vote was taken Senator Beveridge came into the senate chamber and appeared very much disappointed. He explained that he had been called out into the marble room on official business and had no thought that a vote would be reached so soon. He announced that if he had been present he would have supported Mr. LaFollette's amendment.

Senator Brown of Nebraska explained that he had tried in vain to arrange a pair for his colleague, Mr. Burkett, who was also in favor of the LaFollette amendment, but had been unable to do so. No explanation was offered by Senator Bourne. He was also in favor of the amendment, but made his customary call on the president and remained longer than usual.

It was very evident that the friends of the physical valuation amendment were determined to put through the senate this feature, which has heretofore passed the house as part of the railway bill. Immediately after the defeat of Senator LaFollette's amendment practically the same subject matter was offered as an amendment by Senator Simmons of North Carolina. Mr. Simmons' amendment failed by only two votes, the vote being 30 to 28.

WON'T SCOLD WARDEN

Governor Finds Latest Penitentiary Escape Unavoidable. Columbus, O., June 2.—Because of numerous escapes from the Ohio penitentiary it was predicted that the getaway by a murderer and burglar would result in an official shake-up at the institution, but Governor Harmon inspected the method of escape and indicated that he would find no one at fault. The last escape likely will result in the employment of additional guards.

Hanley Seeks Senatorship. Dayton, O., June 2.—In local political circles it is more than hinted that in the event of the next Ohio general assembly being of a Democratic complexion, Edward Hanley, manager of the Dayton Gas company, will have to be reckoned with as a candidate for the log now worn by Charles Dick of Akron. Hanley is said to have the backing of Congressman James Cox, who owns a newspaper in this city and one in Springfield.

Cuba Gives Consent. Havana, June 2.—Responding to a request made by the American navy department, President Gomez says that Cuba willingly authorizes the raising of the wreck of the battleship Maine.

NOT READY TO APPOINT THE TAX COMMISSION

Columbus, O., June 2.—Governor Harmon said that he was not ready to appoint the members of the new tax commission. He has until July 1 to make the appointments. Dispatches from Cincinnati said that the large corporations were preparing to attack the Langdon tax commission

on the ground that the law was unconstitutional because of the powers bestowed upon appointive officials. Governor Harmon replied that this would not deter him from appointing the commission in accordance with the law.

NEW STATE APIARIST

Columbus, O., June 2.—The state board of agriculture has designated N. D. Shaw as state apiarist, a position created recently by the legislature. Shaw will continue to act as state orchard inspector. The apiarist place was established as a result of honey producers claiming that the supply of honey was being greatly reduced owing to diseases among bees.

DON'T LIKE APPOINTMENT

Mansfield, O., June 2.—Mansfield Republicans are indignant because of the recommendation sent to the senate by President Taft for the appointment of Dr. Leroy C. Benedict as postmaster. Messages were sent to Senators Burton and Dick by the Richland county executive committee, remonstrating against the recommendation and asking that the appointment be held up.