

LAW A DEAD LETTER

FAR-REACHING EFFECT OF SUPREME COURT DECISION.

Under Ruling Just Made, Railroads May Easily Evade Compliance with the Hepburn Law—Congress Must Now Act.

The decision rendered by the supreme court on the "commodities clause" of the Hepburn railroad rate law leaves the way open for wholesale evasion, by the interstate common carriers, of the provision of the federal statute which forbids the transportation of commodities produced by such corporations and not intended for their own use. That is the practical effect of a decision which appears, on the surface, to have just the opposite bearing upon common carriers and their interests, outside of their natural and proper field.

The clause of the Hepburn law which was partly sustained and in part invalidated was intended chiefly to prevent discriminations between independent shippers and the common carriers handling their own coal, in the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania. There the railroads had long been great producers of coal, and they naturally favored their own mines in sending coal to market. Other mine owners and shippers were subjected to much less favorable conditions. The scandalous discriminations brought about by these extensions of the business of common carriers had been the subject of discussion, and the Hepburn law was universally commended.

Now, while it is upheld in theory it is virtually killed, as far as practical results go. The supreme court has ruled that the law is sound in forbidding the transportation by railroads of commodities, not intended for their own consumption, which the railroad companies produce. But the court has also held that the law goes too far in forbidding the interstate common carriers from owning stock in corporations the products of which are sent to market over their lines. It is provided, in the decision, that the outside companies shall be such as are organized and operated in good faith.

This loophole is all that the railroads can desire. It leaves the way open for the practical extension of their activities into many fields. Their heavy stockholders can organize outside corporations the products of which will go to market over the railroads interested and then sell their stock, wholly or except for a small interest, to the railways. The lawyers will find it easy to arrange such details.

The fatal difficulty is that the supreme court has acted on the assumption that the common carriers will meet the spirit of its decision, which is sound and reasonable to the lay mind, in candor and good faith. What is sure to happen, in some cases, at least, is systematic and far-reaching evasion of the intent of the court's ruling.

In the end, congress and the supreme court will be forced to action which will do the work the Hepburn law was intended to accomplish. It will be necessary to devise effective means of keeping the great common carriers out of business in lines which bring them into competition with other producers and shippers over their tracks. There is no other way to insure fair play, except, indeed, by government regulation carried much farther than the country has thus far been willing to go.—Cleveland Leader.

Wickersham and Enforcement.

Attorney General Wickersham appears to be the right man in the right place. He grows upon the country.

No man stands higher in the New York bar. He accepted the call of the president at a great pecuniary sacrifice, but the same zeal and devotion and ability will be at the service of his new client that he gave formerly to large private interests.

Mr. Wickersham's methods differ radically from those of his predecessors. He frankly states that conditions have so changed that the same methods are not necessary.

No one, however, need mistake his program and purpose. He will persecute no one and those who keep within the law need have no fear of prosecution. But he will not tolerate the willful and malicious law breaker. He will use to his utmost, his great legal ability and all the tremendous machinery of the government to punish the deliberate and malicious law violator.

He has served fair notice. He will take no snap judgment. If any corporation or trust gets caught in the toils, in the future, there will be no excuse and no sympathy and no mercy.

The attorney general means business and the country will appreciate his methods and purposes.

PLEA FOR TARIFF REDUCTION

Republican Newspaper Points Out What It Considers to Be the Duty of the Party.

Senator Aldrich said when the recommendation of the finance committee to treble the duty on gas retorts was under consideration: "When did we (the Republican party) ever make a statement that we would revise the tariff downward?" All the party promised, said he, was to revise the tariff upon the basis of rates which would equal the difference in cost of production between this country and abroad with a reasonable profit.

Thus read the Republican platform, and this is what Mr. Taft had to say about it in accepting the nomination:

"The tariff in a number of the schedules exceeds the difference between the cost of production of such articles abroad and at home, including a reasonable profit to the American producer. The excess over the difference serves no useful purpose, but offers a temptation to those who would monopolize the production and sale of such articles in this country to profit by the excessive rate."

Thus were the people given to understand that there would be a reduction of the duties in many schedules in the event of a Republican victory. Neither Senator Aldrich, nor Mr. Payne, nor any other Republican opened his mouth during the campaign to deny the statement that a number of the schedules should be revised downward. No Republican newspaper denied it. The voters believed, as they had a right to, that they would get a downward revision of the tariff in the event of Mr. Taft's election. Because of that belief he got votes which he would not have had otherwise.

President Taft said last December: "It is better to have no revision at all, better that the new tariff bill should die, unless we have revision of an honest and thorough sort." The Aldrich bill does not answer to that description. Its author says it is an answer to the pledge of the party and to the demands of the American people. It is an answer to neither. A revision which leaves the woolen schedule untouched, which makes the cotton goods schedule a little worse than it is now, and which retains the duty on hides is not an honest revision. It would be the violation of a party pledge concerning a matter in which millions of voters are directly interested—a pledge which President Taft reiterated when he said in his inaugural that the advancement of rates would be required in few, if any, schedules. Under the circumstances it would be politic for the representatives of the Republican party in congress to keep its pledge.—Chicago Tribune.

The Possibilities of Peace.

The National Peace congress attracted wide attention from its personnel and its purpose.

President Taft indorses it. Declaring that "the United States has contributed much to the cause of peace," and that the policy of this government is to "avoid war under all circumstances except those plainly inconsistent with honor," he pledges that as long as he is president his legitimate influence will be exerted to the full in favor of peace.

The better and growing impulse of civilized nations is unquestionably toward peace. The possibilities of war arises "chiefly from irresponsibilities of government and in those countries where stability of internal control is lacking."

The influence of our government, never more potent than to-day, will always be exerted in behalf of peace.

International competition in military armaments seems inconsistent with any peace movement, but readiness for war is a preservative of peace. The problem of increased armaments will solve itself. Maintaining a government upon a progressive war footing means increasing burdens upon the people, and the time will come when the people will rebel, and lessening armaments will follow.

That time is not now, but the work of education will continue, arbitration will tend to supplant the appeal to the sword.

The United States is best qualified for leadership in this world-wide movement, and ought to be foremost in promoting the ideal of universal peace.

Jokers.

There will be no jokers in the tariff bill when completed. Too many conflicting interests are involved. Too many experts are on guard. Every day's work in the senate will be cast up and a balance struck that evening by men capable of doing it. Particular care will be taken with the propositions submitted to the conference committee. And after the conference is over the men advising the president as to details will know their business and his wishes thoroughly. Jokers bearing against the public would be expensive to the Republicans, and many sharp eyes are on the lookout.



Miss Citykid—Oh, Willie, wouldn't it be lovely if we could catch one and take it home and tame it?

Cause for Relief.

An Alabama man tells of an unique funeral oration delivered in a town of that state not long ago by a darky preacher.

Now, it seems that the habits of the deceased brother had not been irreproachable, to the great scandal of the worthy pastor of the flock. So, in summing up the case at the funeral, the preacher delivered himself of the following:

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What Kind of an "Office."

Once upon a time a child who was asked on an examination paper to define a mountain range, replied: "A large-sized cook stove." The same method of reasoning seems to go with older growth. A recent examination paper at the Sheffield Scientific school at Yale contained the question, "What is the office of the gastric juice?" And the answer on one paper read: "The stomach."—Everybody's Magazine.

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An Obstacle to Mutual Esteem.

Natives who grow fat and muscular on a chunk of pineapple or the fin of a haddock can never enter into perfect brotherhood with us who live to eat, while they merely eat to live.—Singapore Straits Budget.

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