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RAILROADS COMPETENT

Scott Tells Senate Government Should Not Make Rates.

CLAIMS CLOSE STUDY

American Interests Looked After in Isle of Pines Treaty.

Washington, March 7.—The discussion of the railroad rate question was continued in the senate today. Scott (W. Va.) opening with a speech advocating radical amendments to the Hepburn-Dolliver bill.

Scott Fears Ownership.
Washington, D. C., March 7.—Senator Scott's argument was directed mainly against the principle of government ownership of railroads in which he included control of rates by the government. He admitted there are evils connected with the railroad system of the country, but said he would not vote for the pending railroad rate bill without a provision for ample court review. On the general subject of permitting the government to fix rates he said:

Tried to Study Broadly.
"From intimate relationship with railroads as a shipper for nearly thirty years I have given this subject my consideration. As a senator I have tried to study the subject of government control from the broader standpoint of the roads and all shippers. As a consequence I am forced to the conclusion from every standpoint that the roads are better able to fix rates in accordance with the laws of trade than the government."

Clapp in Support.
Washington, D. C., March 7.—Senator Clapp spoke in general support of the rate bill as reported from the committee on interstate commerce. "It is not claimed this law is perfect," he said. "The bill aims in the interest of all, carrier and shipper, to provide certain means of arriving at a reasonable rate, and securing its enforcement with all promptness consistent with the interests of all, under those principles of American law which cover all classes and all conditions."

Message Read.
When Scott closed the president's message on the joint congressional resolution directing the investigation in the coal and oil traffic was read, Clapp then delivered a speech in favor of the rate bill.

For Isle of Pines.
Washington, March 7.—Senators Spooner and Bacon today reached an agreement concerning an amendment to the Isle of Pines treaty, which is intended to protect American interests. It provides the island shall be regarded as a separate province, within the meaning of the Cuban constitution.

Americans Pleased.
This would give to the island local self-government and a representative in the Cuban congress when the population of the island warrants such representation, and as Americans are in the majority on the island, it is understood the proposed amendment will be satisfactory to them. It will be offered in the senate when the treaty is taken up.

Indian Question Again.
Washington, March 7.—The Indian appropriation bill was continued the order in the house today. An agreement was reached to conclude the general debate on the measure at the end of today's session. Burke of South Dakota exhaustively discussed the Indian problem.

Loan Up to Half Value.
Washington, March 7.—The house committee on banking today authorized a favorable report on a bill permitting national banks to loan money on farm lands up to half their value, excluding improvements.

Snap for the Banks.
Washington, March 7.—Representative

KILL PRESIDENT?

Woman Asks Police Protection Saying She is Under Duress.

New Orleans, March 7.—Declaring her life will be taken unless she is assassinated President Roosevelt, a woman giving her name as Mrs. W. B. Lewaller, of Philadelphia, applied at police headquarters today for protection. She spoke rationally on all general subjects, but the police decided to detain her for examination.

CONVEYS WARNING

Andrew Hamilton Makes Reference to "Those Living in Glass Houses."

READY TO ACCEPT CHALLENGE

Prepared to "Face Music or Discord" Says Former Insurance Legislative Agent.

Albany, March 7.—Senator Armstrong, chairman of the insurance investigating committee, today expressed the opinion the committee would make no attempt to call Andrew Hamilton before it. He said he saw no reason to suppose the calling of Hamilton to testify now would assist in perfecting legislation now pending.

Went to Albany.
New York, March 7.—Andrew Hamilton, legislative agent of several large insurance companies who returned unexpectedly yesterday afternoon from Europe, remained in the city but a short time, departing for Albany. While here, commenting upon Mr. McCall's death, Hamilton said that he gave the former president of the New York Life vouchers for all expenditures, and that to any and all of these vouchers Mr. McCall would have a certificate of undisputed character. He said that he registered under an assumed name on the Deutschland in order to have his return voyage free from annoyance.

Comes Back to See.
"I have something to say," he said, "but not much. I know practically nothing as to the nature of the Fowler report. It will be time enough for me to talk about it when I have become familiar with it. What I suppose you want to know is why I have returned. Well, I heard something about criminal proceedings, and here I am. This signifies that, though my health is far from reestablished, I am ready to accept any challenge implied by such proceedings. As to my health, let me add that there is no necessity for any resort to fiction. I am fortunate to be alive after all that has happened. But I'm not so fortunate otherwise."

Lost Good Wishes.
"I'm especially unfortunate in the death of Mr. McCall, and I might say almost as much concerning the recent removal of Lyman Short, chief counsel of the Mutual, to say nothing of the incapacitating of Mr. Alexander. To some who have gone I could have looked with no misgivings as to what they would say or do.
"As to what others have said and done during my absence—and I might allude to those who live in glass houses—I will say nothing."
"You have come back to face the music?" he was asked.
"Yes, discordant or otherwise."

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR GEN. SCHOFIELD

Distinguished Soldier Laid Away at Washington With Military Honors.

Washington, March 7.—In the presence of the president and cabinet, justices of the supreme court, members of the diplomatic corps, high ranking officers of the army and navy, the war veterans funeral services over the body of the late Lieut. Gen. John M. Schofield were held at St. John's church this afternoon.

Active Fowler, chairman of the house committee on banking and currency has introduced a bill giving authority to the secretary of the treasury to deposit public funds in national banks without requiring security and upon which the banks shall pay interest at the rate of 2 per cent per annum. Such deposits are to be distributed equitably among the banks of all funds in excess of \$50,000,000 which amount is to be retained as a working balance in the treasury.

German Alliance Heard From.
Washington, March 7.—A large delegation of the National German-American Alliance appeared yesterday before the house committee on judiciary to oppose the Hepburn-Dolliver measure for the prevention of C. O. D. shipments of liquor into the prohibition districts.

SPARE BARRINGTON'S LIFE?

Bogus Lord is Likely to Get an Extension of Life.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 7.—The bogus Lord Barrington, who was sentenced to be hanged March 15, is likely to get an extension of life. The supreme court has decided to take up the case again for review en banc.

Susan B. Anthony Better.
Rochester, March 7.—Susan B. Anthony was considerably improved today, and the doctors say she has a fair chance of recovery.

Truman S. Gillett Dead.
Chicago, March 7.—Truman S. Gillett, once prominent in New York state politics, is dead, aged 72.

BOTH YIELD PRINCIPLES

France and Germany Near Settlement Over Morocco.

BERLIN IS PLEASED

France and Spain to Police Country but Control is International.

Berlin, March 7.—Private conversations between German and French envoys at Algiers have brought them almost to an agreement on the Moroccan police controversy, so near, indeed the foreign office regards a satisfactory issue of the conference as assured.

Both Concede Points.
Germany, it is understood, accepts France and Spain in having officers best fitted for policing Morocco and France accepts international control in principle, undertaking to supply adequate guarantees that the police shall not be national in character. It is the specific form of these guarantees that remains unsettled.

Not Confirmed at Paris.
Paris, March 7.—The foreign office is unable to confirm the announcement from Berlin that Germany is about ready to yield at Algiers by conceding French and Spanish officers for the Moroccan police. However, unofficial reports strongly indicate Germany is disposed to make a concession having the effect of settling the controversy.

GRIGGS IS ELECTED

Georgia Man New Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee.

OTHER OFFICERS SELECTED

Intention Expressed of Making Strong Fight for Ascendancy in Lower House.

Washington, March 7.—Representative J. M. Griggs of Georgia was unanimously chosen chairman of the democratic congressional committee last night at a meeting attended by 31 members of the committee. There were no other nominations and the secretary was instructed to cast the entire vote for Griggs.

Fight All Along Line.
Griggs made a statement in which he declared his election meant a "fight all along the line for a democratic house of representatives." The following officers of the committee were elected:

Secretary, Charles A. Edwards, Texas; assistant secretary, Capt. J. L. Percy, Tennessee; treasurer, James L. Morris, District of Columbia; sergeant-at-arms, J. J. Sinnott, Virginia.

MOYER AND HAYWOOD INDICTED FOR MURDER

Western Federation of Miners Officials and Associates Formally Accused by Idaho Grand Jury.

Caldwell, Idaho, March 7.—The grand jury yesterday returned indictments for murder against Charles H. Moyer, William D. Haywood, George A. Pettibone, Harry Orchard and Steve Adams. A separate indictment, covering the same charge, was returned against Jack Simpkins, who is not yet in custody. Rumors of the danger that the dynamiters of the Coeur d'Alene might kill Orchard and Adams have led to the formation of a vigilance committee, with George W. Froman at the head. Some members of the Silverton Miners' union, which pledged \$50,000 to defend Moyer, are advocating civil war if Moyer is sentenced to be hanged.

SIX SHIPS KNOWN LOST

Believed That the Final List Will Reach Over 50 Craft.

New York, March 7.—The maritime exchange has posted the names of six ships known to have been lost in last week's gale, the loss is nearly \$500,000. It is believed that the final list will reach over 50-craft.

Refuse Rockefeller's Offer.
St. Petersburg, March 7.—It is stated that the czar has commanded a refusal of the proposition of Rockefeller to furnish money in return for railroad concessions.

"DOLLAR DINNER" WILL DO BUT

Event of Nebraska Democrats Attended by 400 Party Members at Lincoln.

MILD PRAISE FOR ROOSEVELT

Mention of Bryan's Name Signal for Loud Applause—Eight Set Speeches Heard.

Lincoln, Neb., March 7.—Nearly 400 democrats from Nebraska, with a number from adjoining states, gathered last night for their annual "Dollar dinner." There were eight set speeches and the keynotes in nearly all was corporation domination in the state and nation, and the inability of a republican president with a republican senate and house to bring about reforms which the people demand.

Roosevelt Praised.
Mild praise was given President Roosevelt by some speakers for what was declared an evident effort to minimize some of the abuses prevailing, but he had, it was claimed, appropriated reforms long advocated by W. J. Bryan and enunciated in the Nebraska democratic platforms and those of other states.

The mention of Bryan's name was the signal for enthusiastic cheering and in some addresses he was lauded as the logical leader and best beloved democrat of Nebraska and the country.

FORGER OF STEEL PAY CHECKS IS ARRESTED

Chicago Police Have Man Whose Wife Passed Part of \$18,000 Worth of Paper.

Chicago, March 7.—Louis Longpre, principal in the recent \$18,000 pay check forgery of Illinois Steel company pay checks in South Chicago, was arrested yesterday in the office of the Western Bank Note company, Twenty-fifth street and Indiana avenue, where he has been employed as an engraver. Longpre protested innocence, but after being closely questioned by Inspector Lavin and identified by a number of merchants of South Chicago, he confessed that he made the plate from which the checks were printed and that he assisted in cashing them among the South Chicago merchants. He refused, however, to say where the plate was concealed, but the police are confident that he will reveal his hiding place.

Marie, Longpre's wife, was arrested Monday morning and was identified by several merchants as having cashed some of the pay checks. There are several others under arrest, but the police refuse to tell their identity.

TWO NEGROES ARE TO HANG

Convicted of Killing Miss Florence Allison in New Jersey.

Mt. Holly, N. J., March 7.—George Small, the negro who was placed on trial here, charged with killing Miss Florence W. Allison, near Moorestown on Jan. 18, was last night convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged March 24, at which time Rufus Johnson will also be executed for the same crime.

PARDON ELLIOTT SHEPPARD?

Efforts Are Being Made to Prevent His Imprisonment.

Paris, March 7.—The minister of justice has ordered a postponement in the incarceration of Elliott Sheppard of New York, sentenced and fined, because he killed a girl by his automobile. Efforts are being made to secure a pardon.

Princess Made Catholic.

San Sebastian, March 7.—The impressive ceremony of the conversion of Princess Ena of Battenberg to the Roman Catholic church, prior to her marrying King Alfonso took place today in the chapel of the palace of Miramar.

EPITOME OF DOINGS IN CONGRESS YESTERDAY

Washington, D. C., March 7.—Following is a brief resume taken from the official records of yesterday's proceedings in both houses of congress:

SENATE.—The question of enlargement of the army by disposing of contract surgeons who shall be given the rank of army officers occupied the attention of the senate for the greater part of the day. Mr. Hale criticized the bill severely. Senators Clegg and Gillingham also spoke against it, and Senators Warren and Blackburn in its favor. The measure was not disposed of. Senator Long spoke in behalf of the stretched bill. Senators Clegg, McComber and Du Bois were appointed to confer with a house committee for the settlement of the affairs of the five civilized tribes of Indian Territory. At 2 p. m. the senate adjourned until today.

HOUSE.—A unanimous resolution was passed declaring that Michael A. Mulheik a citizen of the United States, a resident of Illinois and a duly elected member of the 59th congress, the bill permitting tobacco growers to sell leaf tobacco through agents without paying the tax of 6 cents a pound heretofore charged was passed without discussion. The remainder of the day was devoted to tariff discussion, precipitated by the Indian appropriation bill. At 5 p. m. the house adjourned until today.

WILL DO BUT SMALL GOOD

President Not Enthusiastic Over Coal-Oil Investigation, BUT HAS APPROVED

Sends Message to Congress in Which He Almost Predicts Failure.

Washington, March 7.—President Roosevelt today sent a message to congress announcing his signature to the joint resolution recently passed instructing the interstate commerce commission to make an examination into the subject of railroad discriminations and monopolies in coal and oil.

With Hesitation.
He says frankly he signed it with hesitation because it may achieve "little or nothing." He indicates, too, that if the investigation proposed by the resolution is conducted thoroughly, it will result in giving immunity from criminal prosecution to all persons who are called and sworn as witnesses.

Money Needed.
In the opinion of the president the directions contained in the resolution will remain practically inoperative unless money is provided to carry on the investigation and the commission authorized to take testimony under its provisions.

Be More Specific.
He suggests, therefore, congress give serious consideration to just what it desires the interstate commerce commission to do and that the sum of \$50,000 be placed at the disposal of the commission to defray expenses of the proposed investigation.

HITS PRIMARY LAW

Wisconsin Man Criticizes Measure of Home State at New York.

BALLOT REFORM CONVENTION

Declares it a Long Step Toward Abandonment of Representative Government.

New York, March 7.—James G. Monahan, collector of internal revenue at Madison, Wis., criticized the Wisconsin primary law at today's session of the ballot reform convention, declaring in principle it was a long step toward the abandonment of representative government.

Bush Is Heard.
New York, March 7.—At yesterday afternoon's session of the national conference on primary election and ballot reform, George Fred Bush of Chicago, who drafted the first primary law of Illinois, discussed the existence of the great, important political parties in this country is inevitable and that the aim should be to present to them a primary law so fair that they would profit by using it—one that will answer every demand of the reformer.

Irvine Penroth, speaker of the Wisconsin assembly, said that the fight in his state was won in spite of the convention system. The law had been tried as yet only in municipal elections, but wherever it had been tried it had been a complete success. Railroad lobbyists opposed the law, as they expressed it, because it prevented them from getting together to talk it over with the voter.

Machine in the Way.
"We know in Wisconsin what happens when railroad lobbyists get together to talk it over. Does anyone doubt that Jerome would have been nominated under a direct primary law? It is the machine that stands between the man and the people. You also have here two senators who are quite well known throughout the country. But sentiment in regard to them is somewhat different from the feeling for Jerome."

MANY HORSES ARE BURNED

Livery Stable at Champaign, Ill., Destroyed by Fire.

Champaign, Ill., March 7.—The boarding and livery stables owned by E. C. Maupin were burned last night. Fifteen horses were incinerated, including Phantom, Barney Layton's trotting stallion. The insurance on the building expired at noon yesterday. Loss, \$75,000.

OBSTACLES MANY

Manner in Which Beef Men Blocked Investigation Told by Witness

AT THE CHICAGO HEARING

Were Well Pleased With Garfield Report and Ordered 5,000 Copies Printed.

Chicago, March 7.—A glimpse of the hindrances which were put in the way of the investigators of the beef trust was given yesterday afternoon in the hearing of the packer's plea of immunity before Judge Humphrey. T. M. Robertson, a special agent of the bureau of corporations, was called to the witness stand, following E. Dana Durand, the statistician who compiled much of the detail work for the Garfield report.

Mr. Robertson testified that he had experienced some difficulty in securing the information which he wanted, although the packers had expressed a willingness to cooperate with the investigators. He went first to the Cudahy plant at South Omaha, Neb., where he was shown much of the confidential information of the company, but was not allowed to take all the data he desired.

Sheets Destroyed by Clerk.
"Some of the sheets," he said, "had been destroyed by a clerk who did not know, I am told, that I wanted those figures. This makes my report less complete than I should have liked to have it. I told Mr. Cudahy my views about what was to be published. He said some of the information was confidential, being computations on net costs; but I assured him that it would not fall into the hands of his competitors. Later I received a letter from the commissioner confirming my promise, and I read it to him."

The witness said when he visited the office of Armour & Co. in Kansas City he was told he could not have access to the "red" cost of dressed beef, because Arthur Meeker had wired from Chicago that the department did not desire those figures.

Mr. Meeker is Corrected.
After Robertson came to Chicago he asked Mr. Meeker for the published wholesale price list of Armour & Co., and was told that no such list was published.

"The next day," the witness said, "I returned with some of the lists and told him he must have been mistaken. He said the head of the provision department must have misunderstood him when he asked for such lists, and that he would take me downtown the next day and introduce me to the man who had those matters in charge. At the downtown office he himself handed me the weekly price list. I was not introduced to the man in charge of the department."

"I asked Mr. Meeker what they intended to do about furnishing information on private car lines, and he said the company had determined to refuse the information."

Pleased With Garfield Report.
Mr. Robertson testified that the packers with whom he came in contact expressed their satisfaction with the Garfield report. He said Mr. Meeker told him that 5,000 copies were ordered for distribution, and that permission had been requested of Special Agent Durand to reprint an article which he had written for a magazine. This article, he said, contained some of the matter in the Garfield report.

REFORM LEGISLATURE WENT TRIFLE TOO FAR

Governor Holds Pennsylvania Body Exceeded Power in Attacking Railroad.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 7.—Gov. Pennypacker has vetoed a resolution passed by the legislature providing for an investigation by a special committee into the affairs of the Philadelphia Railroad company and the resolution directing the attorney general to inquire by what right the railroads in the state are engaged in the anthracite coal mining business, because they were not germane to the call of the extra session.

SERBIAN CABINET RESIGNS

Unable to Accept Austria's Proposal for an Agreement.

Belgrade, Serbia, March 7.—The Stojanovich cabinet has tendered its resignation to the king, giving as the reason for so doing that the ministers cannot accept Austria's proposal for the conclusion of a political and commercial agreement with Serbia.

Schwab Improves.
El Paso, Tex., March 7.—A telegram from Corran, N. M., says Schwab's condition was improved this morning.

Young Lawton a Cadet.
Washington, March 7.—The president has decided to appoint Manly Lawton, son of the late Maj. Gen. Lawton, to be a cadet at the military academy.

HOSTILE TO THE MINERS

Illinois Operators Favor Resisting Higher Wages.

MEETING AT CHICAGO

Some of 200 Members Say State is Ready to Fight Alone.

Chicago, March 7.—Two hundred members of the Illinois Coal Operators' association met here today to consider demands made by members of the United Mine Workers' union for increased pay. All speeches made were in favor of refusing the demands.

Ready to Fight Alone.
The sentiment against granting the demands was so strong several members of the association declared in the event of the national association of operators makes terms with the unions, the Illinois association will probably make a single-handed fight against the miners.

LABOR FEDERATION WILL AID MINERS

Meeting of Executive Committee March 19 to Arrange for an Assessment.

Pittsburg, March 7.—The American Federation of Labor has decided to help the coal miners in case a general strike is declared April 1. Word to this effect has been received in Pittsburg from Washington. A meeting of the executive committee of the federation has been called for March 19, when arrangements will be made for levying an assessment on the members, which, it is expected, will raise between \$300,000 and \$400,000 for the miners' strike fund. In case more is needed, other assessments will follow. During a speech here last Labor day Samuel Gompers, in forecasting the strike, promised that the federation would help.

EMIGRANT TRAIN WRECKED

Engine and Several Cars Go Over Embankment at Birmingham.

Birmingham, March 7.—A west bound Erie train traveling at the rate of 20 miles an hour and carrying a trainload of emigrants bound for the west, was derailed in this city today. The engine, mail, baggage and express cars plunged over an embankment to the street. Engineer Samuel Mason, and the fireman were painfully injured. None of the passengers were hurt. The wreck caught fire, but the flames were quickly extinguished.

DEBATING EQUAL SUFFRAGE

Important Measure for Austria Before Lower House of Parliament.

Vienna, March 7.—Debate on the government's general, equal and direct suffrage proposal for Austria will take place in the lower house of parliament this afternoon. It is the most important measure for Austria presented to the house in the last generation.

Paper Mill Burns.

Neehan, Wis., March 7.—Fire today in the Neehan paper mill company's plant caused a loss estimated at \$300,000, covered by insurance.

Ownership Wins by 15 Votes.
Seattle, Wash., March 7.—Judge Moore, municipal ownership candidate for mayor was elected by 15 votes.

DARK AT MIDDAY

Chicago and St. Louis Groped Under Clouds and Snow.

Chicago, March 7.—For several hours today Chicago was covered with a pall of smoke which, coupled with heavy clouds, made the day as dark as night. Artificial lights burned brightly in stores and offices in the business section. Street cars ran with all lights turned on and headlights ablaze. At times it was impossible to see half a square along the street. There was much confusion and delay in streets and collisions were numerous.
St. Louis, March 7.—A dense pall of smoke settled over St. Louis this morning and at 11:30 the darkness of night prevailed.