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BALLINGER COMMITTEE IN WRANGLE

Partisan Lines Drawn and Report Will Not be Unanimous.

DISCORD IN SESSIONS

Chairman Nelson Shows Dislike for Brandeis, Attorney for "Prosecution."

Washington, April 1.—The house, 132 to 123, amended the corporation tax law so as to provide for publicity of corporation's returns upon the discretion of the president alone.

Washington, April 1.—The administration railroad bill was reported to the house today. Many of its original features were eliminated, but it still has the provision for a commerce court, the regulation of railway agreements, consolidation, securities, rates and routes.

Majority Points Good Features.

The majority report cites at improvement in regulating railroads provided by the Hepburn law, but says experience shows some important matters which should be subject to government control are not now within the scope of the commission's authority. Various subjects coming under this head are discussed and the necessity of embracing them within the law pointed out.

Minority Opposes Court.

The minority report opposes the commerce court, the change in the law requiring notice and hearings on restraining orders and provisions legalizing agreements among carriers if filed, even if not approved by the commission. The minority object to the commerce court being authorized to legalize consolidation by permitting the acquisition of one competing line by another. They also object to the repeal of the proviso which forbids application of the act to intrastate transportation.

Sims and Russell Dissent.

With the exception of Sims and Russell, the minority condemn the provisions as to competing lines and stocks and bonds as unwarranted interference with local authority as calculated to favor established lines, discourage new lines and prevent further development in sections which need more facilities.

Campaign Publicity Favored.

Washington, April 1.—Senator Bailey today introduced a bill providing for the publication of campaign contributions. A similar measure has been ordered favorably reported by the committee on election of president and members of congress, but Chairman Gaines has not yet presented the report.

Haggle Over Liability Law.

Washington, April 1.—The senate again today took up the house bill amending the employers' liability law and as on the two previous days on which the bill was before the senate it was the subject of much contention among the senatorial lawyers. An amendment prohibiting removal of damage suits from state courts was agreed to.

COUNTY OPTION LAW IN INDIANA IS GOOD

Indianapolis, Ind., April 1.—The supreme court of Indiana today decided the county optional law is constitutional.

COLOMBIAN MOB OUT AGAIN

Attacks Peruvian Legation as Result of Inciting Telegram.

Bogota, Colombia, April 1.—A mob attacked and forced an entrance into the Peruvian legation yesterday. Police prevented serious damage being done. Rioting was provoked through the posting about the city of copies of a telegram addressed to the Colombians by President Alfaro of Ecuador and in which the executive expressed the hope the Ecuadorians and Colombians would stand together in defense of the frontiers of the old fatherland.

Wolter Pleads Not Guilty.

New York, April 1.—Albert W. Wolter today plead not guilty to the indictment charging him with having murdered Ruth Wheeler. He was remanded for trial.

DETROIT MAN HEADS POWER BOAT CLUB

Chicago, April 1.—At the annual meeting of the National Power Boat association here today Charles W. Kotcher of Detroit, Mich., was elected president and Robert Deming of Cleveland, Ohio, secretary-treasurer. The association consists of 200 clubs claiming membership of 30,000.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Saturday. Cooler tonight, with light frost.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 45. Maximum temperature in last 24 hours, 63; minimum in 12 hours, 44. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 3 miles per hour. Precipitation, none. Stage of water, 7.7 feet; no change in last 24 hours. Relative humidity, at 7 p. m. 29, at 7 a. m. 70.

J. M. SHERIER,
Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today until noon tomorrow.) Sun sets 6:21, rises 5:38; moon rises 1:12 a. m. Constellations visible 8:30 p. m. during April—overhead, Leo Minor; north, Ursa Minor, Ursa Major, Cepheus, Cassiopeia; northeast, Draco, Canes Venatici; east, Corona Borealis, Bootes, Serpens, Virgo; southeast, Corvus; south, Leo, Cancer, Hydra; southwest, Canis Minor, Monoceros, Canis Major, Orion, Argo Navis; west, Gemini, Taurus; northwest, Lynx, Auriga, Perseus. First magnitude stars visible same hour, with rank after each—east, Arcturus, 5, Spica, 15; south, Regulus, 19; southwest, Procyon, 9, Sirius, 1, Betelgeux, 11, Rigel, 7; west, Pollux, 17, Aldebaran, 14; northwest, Capella, 4. Planets during April—Mercury changes from morning to evening star on the 5th, passing the sun from west to east; Venus rises about 3:30 a. m.; Mars sets about 11:30 p. m.; Jupiter, brilliant in the east and south, sets about 4:45 a. m.; Saturn rises about 5 a. m.; Uranus rises about 1 a. m.; Neptune sets about midnight. Sun in constellation Pisces till 18th, then Aries. Sun's declination 4.7 degrees north of celestial equator. Zodiacal light moonless nights after twilight in west. Lyrid meteors April 16-20. Eta Aquarid meteors 29th and 30th. Mars' disk 0.921 of full orb. Halley's comet distant today 130,000,000 miles; visible in east before sunrise.

HALLEY'S COMET BULLETIN.

April 1—Halley's comet rises 5:12 a. m., distant from the earth 130,000,000 miles. The two bodies steadily drawing nearer and with increasing speed. Speed today about 1,654 miles per minute. The comet passed from east to west of the sun March 27. It is therefore now in the morning sky, rising shortly before the sun, and should very soon be made out with the naked eye. Opportunity will rapidly improve as the comet moves up from the sun into night, rises earlier and draws nearer the earth. It is now in the constellation Pisces, slowly advancing westward toward the star Omega.

Work of Day in Congress

Washington, April 1.—Following is a summary of the proceedings of the two houses of congress yesterday, taken from the official records:

SENATE—Senator Root continued, but did not conclude his speech on the administration railroad bill in the senate. He defended the merger and traffic agreements provisions of the measure. There was further discussion of the proposed amendment of the Cummins employers' liability law, but the senate took no action upon it. Adjournment was until today.

HOUSE—The naval appropriation bill pending in the house offered an opportunity to members to discuss various subjects. Mr. Sherley of Kentucky explained at considerable length his resolution to permit a majority of the house to bring before it at any time a bill which might be pending in a committee. Mr. Padgett of Tennessee and Mr. Gregg of Texas, minority members of the house naval committee, each delivered a speech in favor of a one battleship a year policy. Objection being made to an increase by the senate to the extent of $25,000 of the appropriation under which the state department may encourage trade relations, the diplomatic bill was sent back to conference by the house after all amendments except that one had been agreed to.

BUCKLEY WORKED WITH HAMILTON

With Keeper of "Yellow Dog" Insurance Fund He Handled the Legislature.

New York, April 1.—How William H. Buckley, accelerator of insruance legislation, and the late "Andy" Hamilton, keeper of the insurance "yellow dog" fund for four years, worked shoulder to shoulder at Albany was brought out in yesterday's inquiry on fire insurance legislation.

Henry C. Wilcox, vice president of the American Surety company, testified that in 1901, when a bill was up to exempt unearned premium reserves of fire insurance companies from taxation, Wilcox wanted the casualty and surety companies also made exempt.

Buckley, he said, got Hamilton to help him. The change in the bill went through as desired. Hamilton sent a bill for $10,000 to Wilcox's company. Wilcox says they compromised at $6,469. Wilcox said the United States Guaranty company and the Lawyers' Surety company contributed also.

Business Progress Steady.

New York, April 1.—Dispatches to Dun's Review indicate business as a whole reflects steady progress.

LAND BILL TO GIVE A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH

Washington, April 1.—Democratic members of the house public lands committee attacked the so-called administration conservation bills relating to withdrawal at a hearing today, charging they were merely to valididate existing withdrawals and designed to "give the administration and interior department a clean bill of health."

APPEARED IN DISHABILLE

Mrs. Sayler and Dr. Miller Shown in an Unfavorable Light

BY MURDER WITNESS

Sister of Dead Banker Declares He Was Shot Down "Like a Dog."

Watseka, Ill., April 1.—A witness in the Sayler murder case today testified he saw Mrs. Sayler and Dr. Miller alone in the latter's office and later saw them pitching horse shoes, she being attired in rather transparent garments.

Three bullets, said to have been fired in the Sayler home on the night of the killing of Banker Sayler were introduced as evidence yesterday. Besides the bullets a shirt waist said to have been worn by Mrs. Sayler and a shirt worn by Grunden on the night of the killing were identified by W. R. Nightingale as having been in his custody since the adjournment of the grand jury which indicted the prisoners accused of the murder. The state offered these articles in evidence against the defendants.

Banker's Sister Tells Her Story.

According to Mrs. Myrtle Green of Onarga, sister of J. B. Sayler, Mrs. Sayler exhibited no sign of grief over her husband's death the Monday after the shooting.

"Mrs. Sayler leaned over the body of my brother," said the witness, "and said, 'Undoubtedly it was all By's fault.'"

The witness was agitated as she repeated the words and with still more emotion declared that Mrs. Sayler said she ran from the room when the trouble started.

"She said she would not wear mourning," continued the witness, "and Golda said she would. Then she said to Golda, 'Sweet, the doctor would never have done this.'

"Shot Brother Down Like a Dog."

"Then I spoke up and said, 'It's not what he would have done, but what he has done. It was a dog's trick—coming into his home and shooting my brother down.'"

Mrs. Green identified the shirt waist with blood spot on it as being Mrs. Sayler's, and identified the shirt worn by John Grunden.

PAINTERS OUT AT CHICAGO

Thousand Quit Demanding Increase of 5 Cents an Hour.

Chicago, April 1.—One thousand painters and decorators who demand a wage increase of 5 cents per hour struck here today. It is believed that by night 4,000 men will be out.

LAVA INVADES LISI PLAIN

Flowing Toward Cisteria and Regina—Borrello Not in Danger.

Catania, April 1.—The river of lava from Mount Etna today invaded Lisi plain, flowing in the direction of Cisterna and Regina. Borrello is not in danger. Another stream is advancing toward Mount Nocilla.

BREAK UP CLIQUES

Object of Resolution Introduced in Congress by Representative Sabath.

AIMED AT JUDGE GROSSCUP

Impeachment Proceedings Hinted at as Result of Receivership Appointment.

Washington, April 1.—Behind a sweeping resolution sent to the house of representatives yesterday by Congressman A. J. Sabath of Chicago a movement has been started looking to an attempted impeachment of United States Circuit Court Judge Peter S. Grosscup.

Congressman Sabath's resolution directs the attorney general to furnish the house with the names of all persons connected with the department of justice and particularly the United States circuit and district courts, who receive compensation other than a fixed salary.

The Chicago representative said that he desired mainly to break up the court cliques in Chicago that have got a corner on bankruptcy proceedings and receiverships."

Wants Records Shown.

The primary purpose of the resolution, he explained, was to secure a record of all clerks, special attorneys, masters in chancery, referees and other attaches of the court who receive compensation other than that fixed by the regular salary list, in order that their relations with the several courts could be checked up.

He cited the Union Traction litigation in Chicago as an illustration of what he meant by the "system" he objects to.

Naturally, he added, the investigation would lead up to Judge Grosscup, who appointed his confidential clerk one of the receivers and named John Maynard Harlan one of the special attorneys. Sabath asserts that nearly a quarter of a million dollars was taken out of the assets to pay receivers, special attorneys and other appointees of the courts.

Others Ignore Requests.

Other federal courts in Illinois, Mr. Sabath charges, have been ignoring the requests of interested litigants and their counsels and apparently throwing all their receivership and bankruptcy cases to some one firm or favored friend of the court.

BIG WRECK TO COST C. R. I. & P. $500,000

Des Moines, Iowa, April 1.—The railroad commissioners who have returned from Marshalltown, where they investigated the Green Mountain wreck, refused to make any announcement at this time. Claim adjustors at work say the wreck will cost the Rock Island $500,000.

PLAYING "POSSUM?" MENELIK NOT DEAD

Berlin, April 1.—A special to the Tageblatt from Addis Ababa indicates King Menelik was still alive yesterday.

London, April 1.—Skepticism is still expressed here regarding the recent announcement that King Menelik was dead. A dispatch from Rome today says that advices purporting to be authentic from the Abyssinian capital not only flatly contradict the announcement, but insist there has been no change of late in the monarch's condition.

OPENS WITH A HOLIDAY

Mine Strike Inaugurated With Celebration of Anniversary.

MAY LAST FOR WEEKS

Brazil District in Indiana the First to Agree—Progress Made in Iowa.

Baltimore, Md., April 1.—Forty-five thousand unorganized coal miners of Maryland, northern West Virginia and southern Pennsylvania received an advance of wages of 5 per cent today.

Celebrate Anniversary.

Indianapolis, April 1.—Celebrating today, the anniversary of the institution of the 8-hour day, 300,000 bituminous coal miners faced an enforced holiday of far greater duration. In many states the miners' two-year wage contract with the operators expired last midnight and the men quit the coal pits, demanding that their new contracts must provide for a wage increase of 5.55 per cent a ton on screened coal and an equivalent increase on "run of mine" coal. The adjustment of the difficulty may be a matter of weeks or days.

In the Brazil block coal district of Indiana there will be no suspension of work, for late yesterday the operators conceded the higher wage demand of the miners. On the other hand, in Illinois and western Pennsylvania, where the powder question and which side shall pay the shot firers enter the controversy, there will probably be a prolonged contest. In hundreds of meetings in miners' communities, where people dependent on the industry assembled to listen to speeches of their union leaders, "Strike" was the sole subject of discussion today.

Lewis at Belleville.

President Lewis spoke at Belleville, Ill., this afternoon, and will visit various points in the affected territory. Secretary-Treasurer Percy today went to Des Moines to participate in a joint conference of the Iowa miners and operators.

Lay Off Freight Crews.

Danville, Ill., April 1.—Suspension of work in the mines already has had its effect on the railroads in this territory. The Chicago & Eastern Illinois laid off 25 freight train crews, the Chicago, Indiana & Southern 10 and Big Four 10. As the strike continues more crews will be withdrawn, the companies announce.

Iowa Miners Claim Victory.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 1.—Iowa mine workers claim a victory as a result of the first joint wage conference, at which the operators agreed to pay the increase of 5.55 for men to man the mines during the suspension. The joint conference adjourned until April 11. The old officers of the mine workers were today reelected with the exception of Auditor Harry Howe of Hiteman, who is succeeded by Harry Barber of Everist.

Number Out 300,000.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 1.—Three hundred thousand miners in the bituminous coal fields of the United States suspended work and demanded higher wages last night, according to the official statement given out at the headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America.

Coincidentally the national officers of the organization, who had been in session for two days, departed for their respective states to advise the miners in the district conferences with the mine operators, in which, it is hoped, settlements will be speedily reached.

Miners Deny Any Strike.

The miners declared the walkout was not a strike, but a suspension of work pending an arrangement between the workers and the operators of a wage scale for another year, the old scale having expired with the month of March. The men demand an increase of pay in some instances of 5 cents a ton and in other instances certain changes in working conditions.

Confidence was expressed by the operators that there will be no general coal famine, large supplies of fuel having been secured in anticipation of the walkout.

Operators Continue Pessimistic.

While the miners predicted the suspension would be cut short by a prompt signing of wage scales, some of the operators maintained the mines might be kept closed for a month or longer.

News of the miners' first victory was received yesterday by the national officers of the United Mine Workers from Brazil, the center of the Indiana block coal district. At the close of a secret conference between the miners and operators of that district it was announced that the operators would grant a wage increase of 5 cents a ton and that there would be no strike.

Lewis Talks of Outlook.

Reviewing the situation, President Lewis said:

"When the national executive board adjourned we all felt that the prospect was satisfactory for the miners. In many districts it is now only a question of the miners and operators sitting down together and talking over business.

"In eastern Ohio, where we expected strong opposition, it is reported to us that three of the largest companies are ready to sign the contract we formulated at our recent meeting in Cincinnati.

"In Indiana and the Hocking district of Ohio we will reach a settlement next week. There probably will be more difficulty in western Pennsylvania and Illinois, where the powder and shot firers' wage question are involved."

NUMBER OF MINERS IDLE.

Western and central Pennsylvania	100,000
Ohio	47,000
Indiana	18,000
West Virginia	10,000
Illinois	72,000
Iowa	15,000
Michigan	3,000
Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma	25,000
Colorado	5,000
Western Kentucky	5,000
Total	300,000

BIG RATE FIGHT IN FINAL STAGE

Government Files Brief in U. S. Supreme Court in Missouri River Cases.

Washington, April 1.—The biggest freight rate fight since the passage of the Hepburn rate bill entered the final stages today when the government filed in the supreme court of the United States a brief in the so-called Missouri river rate cases. They involve interests of the manufacturers, jobbers, merchants and railroads from the Atlantic seaboard to the Rocky mountains.

Aged 94; Commits Suicide.

Los Angeles, April 1.—Weary of waiting for death because of infirmities of old age, J. A. Durfee, formerly of Chicago, and 94 years old, committed suicide last night by shooting himself in the head.

Copeland Burlington Postmaster.

Washington, April 1.—William W. Copeland was today nominated as postmaster of Burlington, Iowa.

CANADA GETS BETTER CLASS OF IMMIGRANTS

Washington, April 1.—Senator Dillingham, chairman of the joint immigration commission, submitted a report to congress today. The most important statement relates to the situation in Canada, where the report shows the policy is to encourage immigrants whose purpose is to enter agricultural pursuits and keep out those whose presence tends to the congestion of cities and towns. The report also shows that 70 per cent of Canada's immigrants during the past decade came from northern and western Europe and only 30 per cent from southern and eastern Europe. The reverse is true as to the United States.

REPORTS ON RAIL BILL PRESENTED

Majority Points Out Virtues, Minority Its Faults.

LATTER RAPS COURT

Main Objection Lies in Legalizing Consolidation of Competitors.

Washington, April 1.—The Ballinger-Pinchot hearing went on today with Secretary Ballinger's counsel in charge of the presentation of evidence. As the hearing progresses indications multiply that the congressional committee is so seriously split along party lines that a unanimous report is beyond the bounds of possibility.

Democrats Want Publicity.

Democratic members have notified their republican colleagues they will participate in the executive sessions of the committee only upon the understanding they shall be free to announce their votes and contentions during the public sittings. Executive sessions have not been very harmonious.

Clash Among Members.

The taking of testimony was interrupted today by a serious clash among members. Chairman Nelson accused Attorney Brandeis of concealing certain facts and brought from the latter a demand that the remarks be stricken from the record, together with the intimation that if the chairman followed the proceedings more closely he would see where his remark was unjust.

Left Nelson on Hook.

Some democratic members moved to direct the chairman to withdraw his remarks and it was this motion that brought on a quarrel which lasted nearly an hour. Nelson refused to withdraw his statement. A motion to lay the whole matter on the table was finally adopted.

FRENCHMEN FIGHT A DUEL: ONE DEAD

Other Escapes and New York Police Are Unable to Secure Light on the Affair.

New York, April 1.—Two Frenchmen fought a duel early this morning in a New York street not far from the east side water front. One was killed by a shot fired through the head. His adversary escaped, leaving no clue to his identity. Nothing is known of the cause of the duel, nor has the dead man been identified.

Two Killed at Herrin, Ill.

Herrin, Ill., April 1.—In a street duel here last night Special Officer Hilton was killed by Otis Kearney, who died later. Kearney and a friend had been arrested and the friend resisted. Hilton fired his revolver twice and Kearney shot six times.

BOY DRAGGED TO DEATH

Six-Year-Old Lad Tangled in Rope While Leading a Cow.

Boone, Iowa, April 1.—Emmett Valline, the 6-year-old son of Henry Valline, at Kelley, was killed while leading a cow this morning. Getting entangled in the rope, he was dragged to death.

FAILS TO STOP STRIKE

John Mitchell Holds Several Conferences in Philadelphia Fight.

Philadelphia, April 1.—Following the arrival here yesterday of John Mitchell, the well known labor leader, several conferences were held with a view of securing an adjustment of the strike against the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company. At a late hour last night, however, leaders of the street car men and officials of the rapid transit company united in declaring the situation to be unchanged.

Call for Condition of Banks.

Washington, April 1.—The controller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business March 29.

PEARY IS THROUGH WITH EXPLORATIONS

Chicago, April 1.—Commander Peary, who arrived in Chicago today, in an interview declared he was positively through with polar explorations for all time. "I am absolutely at the end of my career as an explorer," said he. "Reports that I am to lead an expedition into the antarctic regions are not true and I certainly do not contemplate another trip to the north pole."

An April First Observation

Old Man Citizen—If I pick that up I may get fooled—if I pass it by it may be the real money.