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BIG TRUST IN LUMBER IS FORMING

Startling Report by Commissioner of Corporations.

ONE PERIL OF FUTURE

Supply of Timber at Present Rate of Consumption Will Last 55 Years.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Concentration of control of standing timber in a very few hands, vast speculative holdings "far in advance of any use thereof," enormous increase in value of "this diminishing natural resource, with great profits to its owners," and incidentally, "an equally sinister land monopoly," and "closely connected railroad domination." These are the findings reported to the president by Commissioner of Corporations Smith, in the first installment of the report on the lumber industry of the United States.

WORTH BILLIONS.

In Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan he finds 215 holders have 65 per cent of all timber. In the entire timber area of the country privately owned standing timber, not including the value of the land, is estimated at least six billion dollars. It is calculated that at the present rate of consumption the standing timber of the country will last only 55 years.

NOW BEING FORMED.

"There are many great combinations in other industries," says the commissioner, "whose formation is complete. In the lumber industry, on the other hand, the bureau finds now in the making a combination caused, fundamentally, by long public policy. The concentration already existing is sufficiently impressive. Still more impressive are the possibilities for the future."

195 HAVE HALF.

"In the last 40 years concentration has proceeded that 195 holders, many interrelated, now have practically one-half the privately owned timber in the investigation area (which contains 80 percent of the whole). This formidable process of concentration, in timber and in land, certainly involves grave future possibilities of impregnable monopolistic conditions whose far-reaching consequences to society it is now difficult to anticipate fully or to over-estimate."

STATUS IN THREE STATES.

"In Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan," says the commissioner, "there are 100,000,000,000 feet of privately owned timber. In Wisconsin 96 holders have three-fourths of all timber. In Michigan 113 holders have 66 per cent. In Minnesota six holders have 54 per cent of very valuable white and Norway pine, 16 percent of other conifers, and 2 percent of hard woods. Taking all three states, 215 holders have 65 percent of all timber."

MEANS ABSOLUTE MONOPOLY.

Coming to the question of probable effect of this concentration, the commissioner expressed his views as follows:

"Such concentration in standing timber, if permitted to continue and increase, indicates a final central control of the whole lumber industry. A few strong interests, ultimately holding the bulk of timber, can set the price of timber and its products."

SUIT LONG PLANNED.

Washington, Feb. 14.—With intent to file some sort of an anti-trust suit against the lumber interests, the department of justice has been at work nearly a year investigating complaints of discrimination, black-listing, price raising, and combinations to apportion territory. Many hundreds of such complaints have been received from small lumber dealers, independent mills and individual consumers in all sections of the country, and anti-trust agents have given a detailed investigation to many of them.

ONE DIVISION AT A TIME.

It seems to be the plan of the department to devote its attention first to one of the so-called "divisions" of the interests. And what may be an anti-trust suit against one of these is now being perfected. It is likely that when the investigation in this one particular case is complete, however, no suit will be filed immediately.

AWAITS DECISIONS.

Despite the fact several anti-trust cases are all ready to be started, it is the disposition of the administration to wait until decisions of the supreme court have been given in the Standard Oil and tobacco cases. The investigation of the department of justice has been making it entirely separate from that made by the bureau of corporations.

Oregon Bill Passes Senate.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 14.—The Iowa senate passed the Oregon primary bill 21 to 16 today. It passed the house last week.

The Weather

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Wednesday for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Unsettled with probably rain or snow tonight or Wednesday, colder, the lowest temperature tonight near the freezing point.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 47. Highest yesterday 42, lowest last night 40.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. nine miles per hour.

Precipitation .66 inch.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 100 at 7 a. m. 94.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.) Sun sets 5:28, rises 6:48; moon rises 7:24 p. m.; moon at greatest libration west.

Work of Day in Congress

Washington, Feb. 14.—Following are the proceedings briefly told of the two houses of congress yesterday.

SENATE.—The chief feature of the session was a speech by Senator Bailey in support of Mr. Lorimer. When announcement was made that Mr. Bailey would continue Tuesday, Senator Curtis proceeded Senator Bailey, speaking against the resolution for the election of senators by direct vote of the people.

HOUSE.—The session was signalled by the opening of debate upon the proposed reciprocal tariff agreement with Canada, which after a spirited contest, became the order of business for the day, supplanting the District of Columbia bill on the calendar. No vote on the agreement was reached, nor was any time for a vote fixed.

TAFT AND CLARK HOLD SAME VIEW

Both Express Themselves in Favor of Gradual Adoption of Reciprocity.

TO COVER WHOLE WORLD

Deliver Addresses at Opening of the Pan-American Commercial Conference.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Reciprocity with Canada, reciprocity with all countries of North and South America and reciprocity with all nations was advocated by both President Taft and Speaker-to-be Champ Clark at the opening session of the pan-American commercial conference yesterday.

Speeches favoring a closer commercial union of North and South America were made by Secretary of State Knox, James A. Farrell, Senator Calvo, Senator Calderon and Senator Cassius. Nearly 600 delegates and almost the entire diplomatic corps were present.

CLARK BARS NO NATION.

Champ Clark, who had just left the house of representatives, announced in his address, amid loud applause, that the test vote for immediate consideration of the Canadian reciprocity bill had been won by the administration.

"I am with reciprocity with all South and Central American republics," he said. "In fact, I'm in favor of reciprocity with all nations of the earth. My principle is that honest trade never hurt any nation yet."

"It's a great pleasure to be with Mr. Clark in the promotion of trade in one part of the world," said President Taft. "He's in favor of reciprocity in all parts of the world, and so am I."

PLAN FIGHT IN ILLINOIS.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 14.—The fight in the Illinois legislature against President Taft's program for reciprocity with Canada will not be confined to those lawmakers directly under the influence of Speaker Cannon. Evidences of dissatisfaction with the president's policy on this subject were strikingly apparent upon the return of the assemblymen to Springfield. A resolution calling upon the United States senate to support the president's reciprocity plan will meet with unexpected antagonism if introduced in either house.

Farmer members of the assembly are understood to be planning an assault upon the reciprocity proposition in event the subject is brought before the assembly in any form. The proposal to admit Canadian cattle to the United States free of duty is said to be looked upon with particular distrust by agriculturists generally.

BRANDENBURG FINE HOLDS

Missouri Supreme Court Affirms the Verdict in Kidnaping Case.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 14.—The fine of \$500 was imposed on Broughton Brandenburg, the author, by the St. Louis court, for kidnaping his stepson, affirmed by the supreme court of Missouri today.

FORCE SENATE ACTION UPON DIRECT VOTE

Washington, Feb. 14.—Senator Borah today gave notice that Thursday he would ask the senate to sit continuously until the resolution for popular election of senators be disposed of.

OPTION BILL INTRODUCED

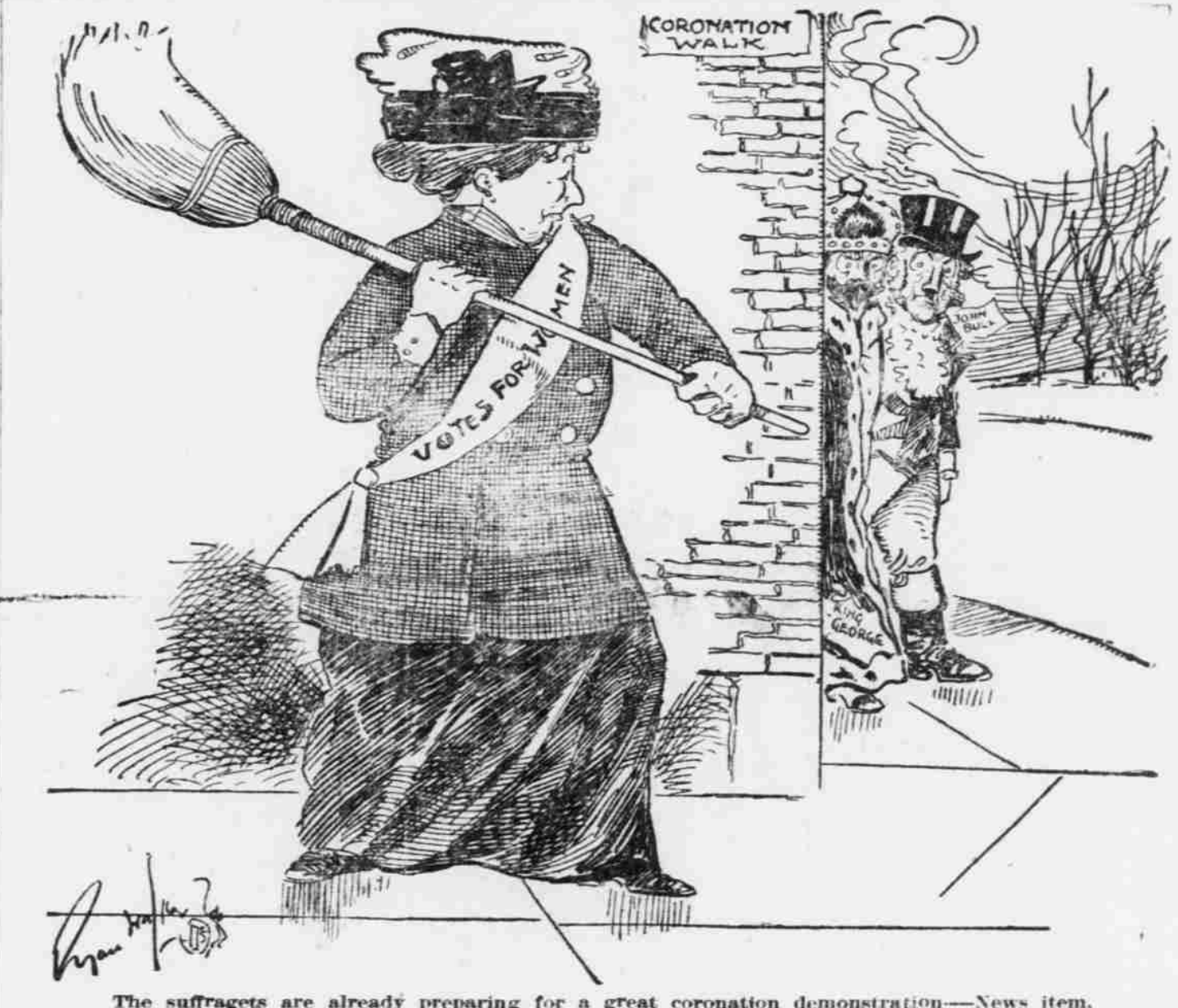
Presenting of Measure at Springfield is Cheered.

IS "TEMPERANCE" DAY

Resolution Approving Canadian Reciprocity Goes Over Under Rules.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 14.—A local option measure was introduced in the house today and referred to the temperance committee. The introduction and reference were cheered by several hundred temperance advocates present.

TROUBLE FOR ENGLAND



HOLD OFFICERS TO DUTY.

A bill was introduced in the house providing that a sheriff or other peace officer refusing or neglecting to do all in his power to prevent mob violence be removed from office and be ineligible to further election or appointment to such office.

RECIPROCITY GOES OVER.

A joint resolution favoring Canadian reciprocity was presented in the senate today and under the rules went over until tomorrow.

STUDEBAKER FIRM IS INCORPORATED

Concern With \$45,000,000 Capital Will Take Over Big Plant at South Bend.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 14.—The Studebaker corporation, capital \$45,000,000, was incorporated here today. It will purchase the property and assets of the Studebaker company of South Bend, Ind., devoted to the manufacture of carriages, wagons and automobiles, and an automobile concern in Detroit.

Muscatine Nun Dead.

Muscatine, Iowa, Feb. 14.—Sister Mary Felicita, aged 71, superior of St. Matthias convent, Sisters of Charity, is dead. Her sister died at Dubuque Saturday.

DECLARES AMBASSADORS AND MINISTERS ARE UNNECESSARY

BY TAV.

(Special Correspondence of The Argus.) Washington, Feb. 12.—Opposing the present system of the government in appointing ambassadors and ministers to foreign countries on the ground that it is antiquated and a waste of the people's money, Representative Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, chairman of the new democratic ways and means committee did not hesitate to vote against the measure providing for the expenditure of \$5,000,000 for the building or purchase of legation houses in the foreign capitals. Congress spent the \$5,000,000, however.

FIGHT FOR DELAY ON RECIPROCITY

Opponents of Resolution Before House May Prevent Vote for Two Days.

BATTLE BECOMES BITTER

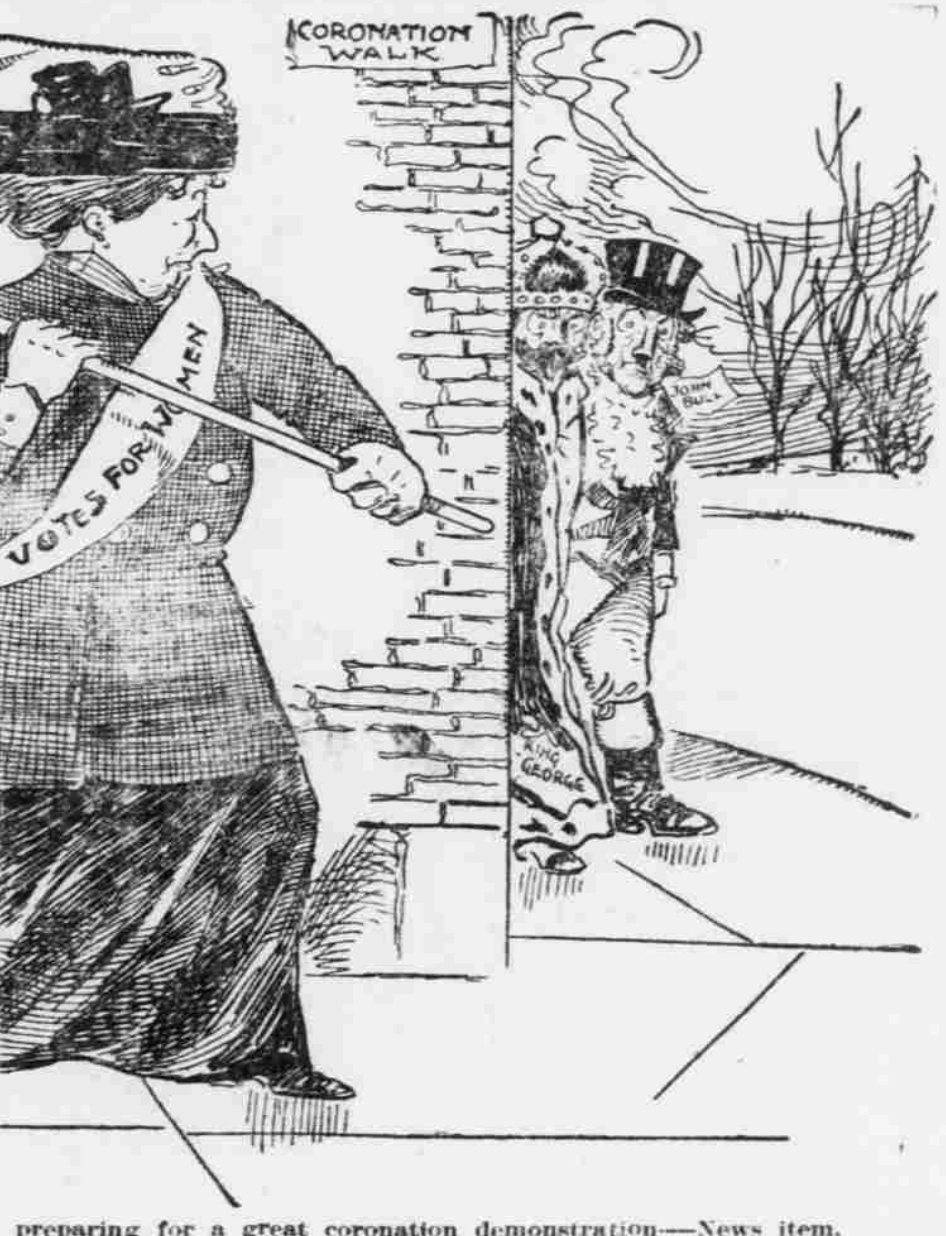
Dalzell, in Charge of Opposition, Complains of Haste of Committee in Reporting.

Washington, Feb. 14.—When the house resumed consideration of Canadian reciprocity today it was announced the proposed agreement to end general debate at 5 p. m. had failed and passage of the measure might be delayed two days.

DROP CALENDAR WEDNESDAY.

A motion was made that "calendar Wednesday" be dispensed with tomorrow so that consideration of Canadian reciprocity could continue. Speaker Cannon ruled the motion out of order.

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IS HOUSE REFORM.

"Calendar Wednesday" is one of the house reforms won by the republican insurgents and democrats in a fight against the speaker and rules of the house a year ago. Sometimes in debate it is referred to as "holy Wednesday."

WILL TRY TO CLOSE DEBATE.

McCall, in charge of the bill, announced he would move at 4:30 p. m. that general debate be closed and further discussion of the measure be under the 5-minute rule. Dalzell of Pennsylvania, in charge of the opposition, said he hoped such a motion would not prevail. Representative Underwood of Alabama spoke in favor of the measure.

COMPLAINS OF HASTE.

Dalzell followed Underwood with the principal speech in opposition. Dalzell complained bitterly of the haste with which the bill was rushed through the committee and brought before the house.

BAR THE BREWERIES FROM IOWA, NEXT

Des Moines, Feb. 14.—A resolution was today introduced in the senate prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in Iowa.

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OPPOSES WHOLE SYSTEM.

"Mr. Speaker, I am opposed to this proposition," declared the Alabama man when the embassy matter came up for a vote. "One reason is that 5 am opposed to the entire system that the country and the world now recognizes of appointing ambassadors and ministers to foreign countries. I believe the system is antiquated and as out of date as the system of riding in a stage coach as compared to riding in a railroad train. The system of sending a foreign ambassador to represent us abroad was inaugurated at a time when a country a few hundred miles away from another was so far removed in time and ability to reach it as it is to the furthestmost point of the earth today."

REACH ALL BY TELEGRAPH.

"Today there is not a capital at which we have a foreign ambassador or minister that can not be reached

NO TYPHOID IN THE ARMY

Practice of Vaccination to Make Soldiers Immune

URGED FOR MILITIA

General Staff Gives Figures Showing Fearful Havoc of Disease in Past.

Washington, Feb. 14.—So striking have been benefits already realized by the regular army through the adoption of anti-typhoid vaccination, that through General Weaver, in charge of the militia division, the general staff

TROUBLE FOR ENGLAND



BASED ON REPORT.

The circular is based upon the report of Lieutenant George B. Foster of the medical corps, which contains startling figures illustrative of the havoc wrought by typhoid in armies. It is shown that in the short Spanish-American campaign, there occurred 20,738 cases of typhoid among 107,973 men, with 1,580 deaths. During the Franco-Prussian war the Germans had 72,396 cases with 8,789 deaths.

IMMUNE IN THREE YEARS.

About one-seventh of the regular army has now been vaccinated and it is pointed out that if it were required that all new recruits and reenlistments be vaccinated, the regular army would be immune to typhoid in three years.

WATERLOO HAS FLOOD

People Rescued With Boats When Creek in City Overflows.

Waterloo, Iowa, Feb. 14.—Rain last night caused a creek in the residence section to overflow, causing much damage. Many persons were rescued in boats by firemen and police.

Wisconsin Brewery Burns.

Bangor, Wis., Feb. 14.—The plant of the Bangor Brewing company burned today. The village was saved by firemen from La Crosse. The loss exceeds \$50,000.

CATCH REBELS ON THIS SIDE

United States Arrests Mexican Insurrectos, Who Are Held to Grand Jury.

NEUTRALITY IN DANGER

Warrant Out for Madero, Who Proclaimed Himself President—May Be in El Paso.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 14.—Nine insurrectos who crossed the international boundary line into New Mexico, and were arrested by United States troops Friday, have been held to await the action of the grand jury in April.

DROPS OUT OF SIGHT.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 14.—Francisco Madero, has disappeared as mysteriously from El Paso as he appeared here Sunday. Although federal officials hold letters written and signed by him in El Paso Sunday and have a warrant for the arrest of the Mexican insurrecto "president" they were unable to locate him today.

MADERO IN EL PASO.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 14.—The self-styled provisional president of Mexico, Francisco I. Madero, is in El Paso unless he has slipped out in the last 24 hours. So confident are the United States officials that the directing head of the Mexican revolution is still here that they had a warrant issued yesterday afternoon for his arrest.

The warrant, issued by United States Commissioner George B. Oliver, came as a result of the capture of papers on the person of General Martin Casillas as he was returning to Mexico Sunday from a visit to El Paso. The papers were in the handwriting of Madero, and were signed by him. All were dated Feb. 12, at El Paso.

CHARGES AGAINST MADERO.

The warrant charges that Madero planned an armed military expedition against a friendly nation and caused arms and ammunition to be sent into Mexico from the United States in violation of the neutrality and customs laws. The United States troops and all United States federals on the border have been given orders to make the arrest.

Casillas was held in the sum of \$1,000 by United States Commissioner Oliver, in default of which he is in the El Paso jail. Arrested while returning to his command in Mexico, after a visit to El Paso to ascertain what disposition to make of 70 prisoners, he declares he has committed no crime and will make no effort to give bonds, "not even if you cut my head off," were his parting words.

SPRINGFIELD HAS GREATEST NUMBER

No Less Than 100 Candidates for Office Under Commission Form of Government.

Springfield, Feb. 14.—Springfield has made a world's record in producing 100 candidates for five offices under the commission form of government. There are five candidates for mayor and 101 for commissioners, of whom four are to be elected. The primary is to be held Feb. 28.

TO TEACH ART OF DINING

New Course in Kansas School Dooms Eating Peas With Knife.

Manhattan, Kan., Feb. 14.—The opening next term of a course in the art of dining was announced yesterday from the department of home economics at Kansas State Agricultural college here. Mrs. Mary Van Zile, dean of the department, will conduct the course. The art of eating peas with a knife without allowing any to roll down the cuff, drinking coffee out of a saucer and inhaling soup, already rarely practiced here, now are likely to become extinct.

AUTO SKIDS; ONE IS DEAD

Accident on Icy Pavement at Detroit Causes Injuring of Six Others.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 14.—One man was killed, one possibly fatally injured, three men and two women were hurt and two women escaped uninjured today when a touring car skidded on the icy pavement and crashed into a telephone pole. The dead: Harry Niederlander, agent for automobile company. Fatally injured: Paul R. McKenney.

ASKS SENATE TO INVESTIGATE COPPER TRUST

Washington, Feb. 14.—An investigation of the so-called copper trust is contemplated in a resolution introduced today by Senator Clapp. The resolution directs the attorney general to make inquiry concerning the relations between the United States Metal company and the Amalgamated and Anaconda companies. The resolution was referred to the judiciary committee.

GOV. DENEEN LAMBASTED BY BAILEY

Senator Declares Holst-Deposit Slip Forged.

DEFENDING LORIMER

Illinois Executive Interested in Bank Said to Have Been Involved.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Bailey today resumed his argument in the senate in favor of Lorimer. He practically charged forgery against the Illinois State bank of Chicago, in which he said Governor Deneen is interested. The Texas senator said a personal examination of the bank deposit slip evidencing State Senator Holst's deposit in the State bank of Chicago convinced him it is a forgery.

IS DELICATE MATTER.

What he admitted was a delicate branch of his investigation was entered upon by Bailey. Expressing surprise that the slip only, and not the books, of the bank had been introduced in the testimony, the senator said the slip was the only paper on the bank's files that could have been forged. He appreciated, he said, the seriousness of such a charge as this, but he seemed to find a possible explanation in Governor Deneen's connection with the bank.

"His friends control the institution, or at least he is a stockholder in it," he said.

EVIDENCE WAS TARDY.

When Cummins asked why, if there had been any suspicion of forgery, the investigating committee had not investigated the matter, Bailey explained there had been no ground for such a theory until the briefs of the prosecution had made their appearance. Taking up the legal phases of the case, Bailey proceeded to reply to the speeches of Root, Cummins and Borah.

SURE OF REJECTION.

Bailey declared it was not friendship for Lorimer that was actuating him, and added that if it were, he would want to see him unseated, for he was sure that in that event he would be immediately returned to the senate if the Illinois legislature was not as corrupt as it had been charged with being.

ROOT STATES POSITION.

When Bailey concluded, Root announced his position on the Texas senator's proposition of yesterday regarding the invalidation of senatorial elections. Root announced his proposition as follows:

"If an officer whose election is challenged did not personally participate in, or encourage, or sanction bribery, then his election cannot be voided unless it appears the result has been affected materially by the bribery shown. If on the whole testimony the senate be of the opinion that but for the influence of corrupt methods or practices employed the candidate would not have been elected, the election should be declared void."

REFUSES TO SET DATE.

Beveridge sought to obtain unanimous consent to fix a day for voting on the Lorimer case, but Burrows objected. Burrows said, however, there would be a vote on the Lorimer case.

PEACE DELEGATE LEAVES

Thomas C. Dawson Goes to Bring About End of Honduran War.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Thomas C. Dawson, who will act as the American delegate to the peace conference in Honduras between representatives of President Davila and General Bonilla, left Washington last night on his way to execute his mission in the Central American republic. He will sail from New Orleans Wednesday for Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, where he will be met by the American gunboat Tacoma and taken to Puerto Cortez. Details of the instructions given to Mr. Dawson by the state department are withheld for the present. But it is known that his purpose is to reconcile the conflicting factions in Honduras upon the basis of a plan to allow the people of the republic an opportunity to express their preferences absolutely without duress in the selection of a president and congress.

DEPOT ROBBER ARRESTED

Ed Smith, Escaped Convict, Wanted for Three Iowa Jobs.

Mason City, Iowa, Feb. 14.—Ed Smith has been arrested here by railroad detectives who say he escaped from Joliet penitentiary a short time ago. He is held on suspicion of connection with the depot robberies at Humboldt, Clarion, and Dakota City, Iowa.