

today submitted to Chairman Stanley and the majority of the steel trust investigating committee a minority report which he will submit to the house of representatives. In it Mr. Littleton agrees with some portions of the Stanley report, but disagrees with Mr. Stanley's proposals for trust legislation. Representatives Beall, Texas; McGillicuddy, Maine, and Bartlett, Georgia, will sign the Stanley report.

The democrats will meet with the republican members tomorrow and review the two democratic reports. Later the republicans will file a minority report. Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, expects all republicans to sign the minority report, but there is a possibility that Representative Sterling, of Illinois, will differ in details.

Representative Littleton's recommendations will include a joint commission of house and senate to undertake a revision of the trust laws. To this commission would be sent all legislation relating to trusts and interstate commerce.

FEDERAL SUPERVISION

He will also recommend a plan of federal supervision of corporations doing an interstate business, which will be neither a federal license nor a federal incorporation. Mr. Littleton will submit no bill, but will suggest the advisability of enacting legislation which would permit corporations to ask admission to interstate business under regulations made by the government. Corporations not availing themselves of the privilege would be excluded.

The details of the plan have not been worked out by Mr. Littleton. He has given much thought to the German cartel system and approves of much of it. His plan contemplates generally some functionary of the government, either an official in one of the departments, a board of appraisers or a court to vise the applications for admission to interstate business. This functionary would see to it that holding companies, overcapitalized companies and concerns enjoying a monopoly would be excluded from interstate business. Penalties for misrepresentations and violations of the anti-trust law would be provided by his plan.

BURDEN OF TRADE

Representative Littleton will also disagree with the Brandeis-Stanley bill, which transfers to defendant corporations the burden of proving that their combination is a "reasonable restraint of trade."

"I would not put the burden of proof on a defendant in any case—it would be revolutionary," said Littleton today.

Representative Gardner continued to work on the republican report. He emphatically denied that the report will be the last word of the republican party on the trust question.

"The four members of this committee are writing that report," he said. "They speak for no man but themselves. If the report is popular with the administration it can adopt it—if unpopular reject it. This committee is running amuck and each man is speaking for himself alone."

"We shall disagree with Mr. Stanley's findings. We shall praise some of his recommendations and indorse some of them. We shall go farther and make recommendations of our own. I promise you that the minority report will be a surprise to the country."

NO CHANCE

Dubbleigh—"Tell me honestly, is there any chance of your marrying me?"

Miss Bright—"Well, there's never been any insanity in our family, Mr. Dubbleigh."—Boston Transcript.



An Associated Press dispatch from Madison, Wis., says: Governor Francis E. McGovern appointed a committee to investigate a proposition laid before the state board of public affairs which has to do with the solution of the land problem of Wisconsin.

It has been proposed to the state board of public affairs by Albert L. Williams of Madison that the state start a colony of its own on a new plan.

The plan is to put colonists into right relationship with tracts of non-productive land without paying a tribute to the speculators or middlemen. It is proposed that the state acquire the land at its cheapest wholesale price, sell it to colonists for its fair market value, the entire profit to be converted into a communal fund for the benefit of the colonists.

This is to cut out the petty speculator, who otherwise would be sure to take advantage of the cheap land, and actually is intended to place it in the hands of bona fide settlers at wholesale prices. It is intended also to multiply the efficiency of individual savings by using them co-operatively.

It is expected to do still more by enforcing a community spirit, for the administration of the communal fund is left in the hands of the colonists themselves, subject to the veto power of a board of commissioners to insure against acts of folly—a reserve power which it is hoped the commission will never be obliged to exercise.

It is expected that every facility which the individual can not readily provide will be supplied co-operatively. In the beginning even such common necessities as teams, wagons and horse drawn implements will be included. A co-operative store is planned, also warehouses for receiving and marketing produce, a co-operative creamery and co-operatively demonstration farm, with thoroughbred breeding stock.

It is urged that in the cities there are many who would take advantage of such a plan.

Former Bishop Henry W. Warren of the Methodist church died at Denver.

In introducing the supplementary naval appropriation of \$5,000,000, First Lord of the Admiralty Churchill admitted that the increase in the German navy was the cause of his act.

Too many visitors at "The Little White House" caused Governor Wilson to retire to a secret place to write his speech of acceptance of the democratic nomination for the presidency.

A Grand Junction, Colorado dispatch says: The Rev. Elmer V. Huffer, just resigned as pastor of the First Christian church, who delivered a sermon recently advocating to exile of "old maids" to a barren island as waste humanity, has found himself at issue with Miss Helen Gould of New York. In a letter he just received Miss Gould declared that many preachers would be without work and without wives and homes were it not for old maids.

"Glancing over a Denver paper, I notice an item concerning your sermon on 'Love, Courtship and Marriage,'" she wrote, "one part of

which I especially notice, saying that all old bachelors and bachelor maids should be isolated on an island so they could not hinder the progress of civilization. I do not know why you made this statement, but I feel that it is a great injustice to the bachelor maids of our country. There are, I admit, many men-haters in the world, but a great many bachelor maids are not living alone because they so choose, but because they have been unable to find a suitable companion.

"I must admit that I am speaking from the standpoint of the bachelor maids. I felt that such persons as myself are not hindering the progress of civilization, but advancing it. If I had found a suitable helpmate I might have spent my money in a different way, and a way which might not have done as much good as it has.

"Please think this question over and before preaching on this subject again make up your mind that there is some good in living a single life."

An Associated Press dispatch from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, says: Iowa democrats put the principles of the initiative and referendum into practice, when, just before the adjournment of the state convention it was decided unanimously to submit the progressive platform adopted to the referendum vote of the rank and file of the party. In addition to the platform, the convention utilized its final session in nominating two candidates for the supreme court, Maurice O'Connor of Fort Dodge and John E. Craig of Lee county. O'Connor was named on the second and Craig on the third ballot from a field of ten aspirants.

An attempt to inject the liquor question into the debate over the platform caused considerable excitement among the delegates for a time and once threatened to cause the reference of the resolutions to the committee to include a plank on this subject.

With the declaration that Woodrow Wilson is a local optionist, Henry Vollmer of Davenport moved the inclusion of the local option plank in the platform. He created pandemonium among the delegates with an attack on what he termed "the cowardice of the committee and the convention on this subject." Repeated attempts to howl him down were futile and he was finally heard. After much disorder the motion was tabled and the platform adopted with few dissenting votes.

The platform favors the initiative and referendum; direct nomination of all officers through primary election; the presidential primary plan; demands the election of national and state committeemen by direct vote and that such committeemen assume authority upon receipt of certificate of election; favors government ownership of telegraph and telephone companies; physical valuation of railroads; employers' liability act; woman's suffrage. Wilson and Marshall were eulogized.

Thirteen men lost their lives in a flooded mine near Uniontown, Pa.

Former Senator Beveridge of Indiana has joined the Roosevelt movement and will be temporary chairman of the Roosevelt convention.

An Associated Press dispatch from New York says: Fear that the

Watched Their Chance
---Got Rich

Up in Canada there are scores of men who got in before the Canadian Pacific opened up Calgary, Alta., and realized enormous profits on the lots which they snapped up early for a song. Population went from 4,000 to 40,000 in a few years and values of lots rose from \$200 to \$10,000, \$20,000 and even \$30,000.

But a bigger thing than the Canadian Pacific is now stretching out over Canada. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has had grading camps working from both the eastern and western coasts and is pushing rapidly on toward the center of British Columbia, where lies the town site of Fort Fraser. The commercial importance of this Fort Fraser site can hardly be overestimated. Three other railroads are already headed that way.

The Grand Trunk Pacific is just about to lay tracks through the town-site—settlers are rushing in, government buildings are being located and the money making growth that came to Calgary, Prince Rupert, Edmonton and in other towns cannot fail to happen here quickly now.

Just now lots can be bought for only \$200, on the easy terms of 10 per cent down and 5 per cent per month. A small saving will take care of the payments and probably make you a big profit before the last installment is due. No interest or taxes are charged until lots are fully paid for and the titles are guaranteed absolutely perfect by the British Columbia government itself.

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