

# CARNEGIE ON STAND.

## Says Steel Industry No Longer Needs Protection.

### Former Steel Magnate Says American Manufacturers Can Compete With the World Under Free Trade Conditions—Enjoys Quiz for Eight Hours

Andrew Carnegie, famous for the millions he made in the steel business and for his views on economic questions, was an entertaining, if not instructive, witness before the house ways and means committee tariff hearing in Washington.

An article on the tariff, especially relating to the steel schedule, written by Mr. Carnegie, recently appeared in a monthly magazine. Owing to the statements made in that article it became the basis for the questions asked by the members of the committee at the hearings on the steel schedule.

As the testimony of various steel manufacturers was at variance with the statements made by Mr. Carnegie, the committee invited him to give any information the committee could use. As Mr. Carnegie declined to accept the invitation, he was subpoenaed.

Although he was on the stand for nearly eight hours, Mr. Carnegie laughed and joked good naturedly throughout. He expatiated several of the "stand patters" with his epigrammatic replies, praised the genius of Charles M. Schwab, urged the committee to accept the testimony of Judge E. H. Gary as conclusive, and told several funny stories. He avoided figures, however, to such an extent that it is doubtful if the tariff framers are any more enlightened on the steel question than they were before Mr. Carnegie was sworn in.

### Says Steel Needs No Protection.

Mr. Carnegie's principal contention was that the steel industry needs no more protection, that it has reached a point in its development where the American manufacturers can compete with the world under free trade conditions. While he claimed that the cost of labor and production of steel are less in this country than the other countries producing steel, Mr. Carnegie gave no figures to support his contentions.

He said Judge Gary told the committee that the United States Steel corporation can get along without a tariff on its products and that should be sufficient evidence for the committee to take off the duty on steel and iron.

Mr. Carnegie's testimony was most unique and interesting and he frequently caused much laughter, the joke often being at the expense of the chairman or some other member of the committee. He declared emphatically against combinations or "trusts" and said he had nothing to do with the sale of the Carnegie Steel company to the United States Steel corporation. He characterized the "stock gambler" as being the worst citizen a country could have, and said he never had one associated with him in business.

### Gary and Schwab Interested Witnesses

Mr. Carnegie dealt largely in theories and deductions, stating that he was merely expressing his opinion when his testimony varied from that of Judge Gary and Mr. Schwab. He said that these two gentlemen were very truthful, but were interested witnesses, and the committee should not place too much stress on figures supplied by "interested witnesses."

Mr. Carnegie evidently enjoyed the crossfire of questions put to him by both Republican and Democratic members of the committee, but frequently expressed regret that he could not cross-examine the members of the committee. He seemed to devote his energies to making Chairman Payne and Representatives Dalzell and Fordney uncomfortable. He called Mr. Dalzell "John" and either gave him such evasive replies to his questions or dealt with him in such a manner as to turn an evidently serious discussion into a humorous one. The member from Pennsylvania soon subsided into silence.

### COUNTRY LIFE COMMISSION.

#### Begin Preparations of Report to President Roosevelt.

That there are problems of a serious character affecting the farmers from one end of the country to the other, the solution of which they are going to demand, was the declaration of L. H. Bailey, chairman of the country life commission, who, with four other members of that body, arrived here to prepare their conclusions for presentation to President Roosevelt. The commission expects to have the report in the hands of the president the latter part of the month.

"Everywhere," said Professor Bailey, "there are serious economic questions along the lines of distribution, marketing and the lack of effective co-operation among the farmers. Farmers are in need of organization and more particularly of social organization. We found, for example, where farming is very prosperous, the social conditions may not be very good. Great emphasis has been placed on the deficiency in schools and of better highways."

#### Stickney Designs as Receiver.

A. B. Stickney, president and one of the receivers of the Chicago Great Western railway company, resigned his receivership and Wallace G. Burt has been appointed as his successor.

### TESTIMONY IN HAINS TRIAL.

#### Mrs. Annis Describes Shooting of Her Husband at Yacht Club.

The trial of Thornton Jenkins Hains at Flushing, N. Y., reached a climax of dramatic intensity Monday, when Mrs. Helen E. Annis, wife of William E. Annis, in a deliberate recital, lasting for nearly three hours, pictured the killing of her husband, as he sat at the tiller of his boat, by Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr. Mrs. Annis nearly fainted a few minutes before her examination was concluded, but quickly recovered.

It was a hard day for the defense and counsel for Hains was exhausted from the cross-examination which was directed toward the state's witnesses in an effort to shake their testimony. Thornton Hains lost much of his easy nonchalance. When led from the court by two deputy sheriffs the prisoner appeared dejected and careworn.

Mrs. Annis made an impressive figure on the witness stand as she told her story of Aug. 15, at the Bayside Yacht club. Several new points added dramatic interest to the trial. When Annis' boat came alongside the float, the widow testified, Thornton Hains beckoned to his brother and led the way down the runway. The shooting followed within a few moments.

Lawyer McIntyre sought to discredit the "beckoning episode," which the state asserts proves that the author induced the army officer to commit the crime, and kept Mrs. Annis on this point under cross-examination for nearly half an hour.

"I ran down the runway and Thornton Hains pointed his revolver at me. I turned to go back and he pressed the weapon against my back, saying, 'You get out of here or you will get the same.' I ran up the runway and, looking back, saw my husband fall into the water." So said Mrs. Annis in relating her story, and this new evidence the lawyers for Hains struggled vainly to discredit.

### NEW CABINET IN VENEZUELA.

#### Vice President Gomez Replaces Old Ministry With New Men.

Vice president Gomez, to whom Castro handed over the presidency on his departure for Europe, has established a new government in Venezuela. He has replaced the old ministry with a new body of men, who represent various factions in the state and who have figured prominently in various ways in the country's political history.

Not only has Dr. Jose de Jesus Paul disappeared from the councils of the nation, but Dr. Baldo, who is now traveling in Castro's suite abroad, also has been removed from his official position as minister of education. General Diego Ferrer, the minister of war, has been superseded by General Redulo Olivares, who took a prominent part in crushing the revolutionists six years ago.

Secret advices from Caracas indicate that the whole of Venezuela has been in a ferment ever since President Castro sailed.

### Plan to Issue Notes Secured by Silver

The New York Times says: In important banking circles in Wall street something very much like a sensation was created by the discovery in a financial weekly, published in Paris, L'Economiste European, of a letter written by Senator Henry M. Teller of Colorado, a member of the Aldrich currency commission, to Moreton Frewin, the well known bimetalist of London, in which Senator Teller seems plainly to indicate that the commission has under consideration a plan to issue circulating notes secured by silver, if the governor of India will co-operate.

### CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

#### Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Buying by several of the leading holders caused the wheat market to close strong today. Final quotations being up 1/4¢. Corn, oats and provisions also closed firm. Closing prices: Wheat—Dec., \$1.00%; May, \$1.05% @ 1.05%; July, 97¢. Corn—Dec., 58 1/4¢; May, 60 1/2 @ 60 3/4¢. Oats—Dec., 49 1/2¢; May, 51 1/2 @ 51 3/4¢. Pork—Jan., \$15.95; May, \$16.30. Lard—Jan., \$9.30; May, \$9.52 1/2. Ribs—Jan., \$8.27 1/2; May, \$8.57 1/2. Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, \$1.00% @ 1.03; No. 4 corn, 55 @ 55 1/2¢; No. 2 white oats, 48 @ 49¢.

### South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Dec. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; 10c higher; native steers, \$4.00 @ 7.25; cows and heifers, \$2.75 @ 5.00; western steers, \$3.50 @ 6.00; Texas steers, \$3.00 @ 5.10; canners, \$2.00 @ 2.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 @ 5.25; calves, \$3.00 @ 6.00; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.25 @ 4.25. Hogs—Receipts, 3,200; 5c higher; heavy, \$5.40 @ 6.65; mixed, \$5.35 @ 5.40; light, \$5.25 @ 5.40; pigs, \$3.50 @ 5.00; bulk of sales, \$5.35 @ 5.40. Sheep—Receipts, 2,800; strong; yearlings, \$4.75 @ 5.75; wethers, \$4.00 @ 4.50; ewes, \$3.25 @ 4.25; lambs, \$5.75 @ 6.75.

### Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 26,000; steers, \$4.00 @ 7.30; cows, \$3.00 @ 5.25; heifers, \$2.50 @ 4.50; bulls, \$2.75 @ 4.50; calves, \$3.50 @ 6.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 @ 5.00. Hogs—Receipts, 35,000; 5 @ 15c higher; choice heavy shipping, \$5.70 @ 6.85; butchers, \$5.65 @ 5.80; light mixed, \$5.00 @ 5.35; choice light, \$5.35 @ 5.60; packing, \$5.35 @ 5.70; pigs, \$4.00 @ 5.15; bulk of sales, \$5.25 @ 5.70. Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; strong; sheep, \$4.00 @ 5.00; lambs, \$5.25 @ 7.40; yearlings, \$4.25 @ 6.25.

# TAFT CABINET SLATE.

## Philander C. Knox for Secretary of State.

### Ex-Governor Herrick of Ohio Being Considered by President Elect Taft for Secretary of Treasury—Magoon May Get War Portfolio.

Cabinet builders in Washington and those who have moved to Georgia as a part of the entourage of President Elect Taft are succeeding in placing on the anxious bench public men in all sections of the country who have been looked upon as aspirants for portfolios or whose qualifications have been urged by admiring friends.

The announcement of the appointment of Frank Hitchcock to be postmaster general, followed by that of Senator Philander C. Knox to be secretary of state, and the generally accepted report that George W. Wickard of New York is the choice of Mr. Taft for attorney general, indicates that the slate is being made up rapidly and that an announcement of the entire cabinet may be expected before long.

### Wilson May Retain Place.

From a discussion of the cabinet slate among Mr. Taft's close friends in Washington, there seems to be a reasonable certainty that in addition to those named, Secretary Wilson will continue for a year or more as the head of the agricultural department, and Secretary Garfield will remain in the cabinet; that Judge Richard A. Ballinger of Seattle, Wash., will be given a place, probably that of secretary of the interior; that Luke F. Wright will retire from the cabinet and will take a post in the diplomatic service, and that an Ohio man will be given the secretaryship of the treasury.

Within the last few days the name of Judge Charles Nagle of Missouri has been discussed in connection with the secretaryship of the department of commerce and labor. Other names heard in connection with that department are those of William Loeb, Jr., secretary to President Roosevelt; Oscar S. Straus, who now has the portfolio, and George A. Knight of California. It is not believed, however, that two places will go to the Pacific coast.

### Herrick and Burton Mentioned.

Probably the most logical place remaining to be filled is that of secretary of the treasury. Among the Ohio men mentioned are former Governor Myron T. Herrick and Representative Burton. The report that there has been a break in the cordial relations that have existed between Mr. Burton and Mr. Taft is not generally credited by the friends of both in this city and in many quarters Mr. Burton is still regarded as a possibility for the second post of importance in the cabinet. For secretary of war, Charles Magoon, now governor of Cuba, is heard frequently, but the generally accepted idea is that Mr. Taft has not yet made up his mind whom to appoint. He is said to be looking for a man who has made a record as a business man. William Loeb, Jr. is also mentioned for secretary of the navy, as is also Charles H. Thompson of New York. There are some close friends of Mr. Taft also who think Secretary Newberry will be retained.

### MAXIMUM IN CRAFT CASES.

#### Pennsylvania Capitol Boodlers Given Limit by Judge Kunkel.

Two years' imprisonment and a fine of \$500, the maximum penalty, was the sentence given by Judge Kunkel in the Dauphin county (Pa.) court to each of the four men who were convicted of defrauding the state in connection with the furnishing of the capitol building in this city. Immediately after sentence was pronounced the defendants were remanded to the custody of the sheriff and taken to a side room pending application for a super-seedeas, which was made in the superior court at Philadelphia after notice of the sentence was given. As soon as it is granted the defendants will offer bail, pending appeal to the superior court.

The four defendants are John H. Sanderson of Philadelphia, contractor for the furniture; James M. Shumaker of Johnstown, superintendent of the board of public grounds and buildings at the time the contract for the furniture was let; William P. Snyder of Spring City and William L. Mathews of Media, respectively auditor general and treasurer during the operation of the contract and by virtue of their positions as members of the board of grounds and buildings. The men were convicted of defrauding the state out of \$19,308 in a contract for wooden furniture. Other charges involved large sums in the aggregate.

### PUBLISHERS COME INTO COURT.

#### Men Sued by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Are Paroled by the Judge.

Bradford Merrill, who is accused jointly with S. S. Carvalho and Edward H. Clark, all officers of the Star Publishing company, which publishes William R. Hearst's newspaper, the New York American, surrendered himself at the Tombs police court to answer the charge of criminal libel against him, preferred by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. He was paroled until Dec. 26, when the case against Carvalho is to be heard. The magistrate was told that Clark is in California, but expects to be in New York when the cases are called.

### OPERATORS INVOLVED IN STEAL.

#### Western Union Victim of Organized System of Theft.

An investigation by the Western Union Telegraph company during the past six months, has disclosed an organized system of theft among railroad operators on the Pacific coast, by reason of which the telegraph company has been robbed of several hundred thousand dollars, according to a statement made by an official of the company who is in charge of the investigation.

Complaints were made in several instances that messages filed at certain stations had not been sent or delivered and the falling off of receipts at other places on railroad lines caused the Western Union officials to institute a thorough investigation. A secret service was organized and it was discovered that in some instances 60 per cent of the money received for messages filed at railroad offices never reached the telegraph company. The telegrams, with but few exceptions, were properly transmitted and delivered, but all records of these dispatches so far as reports and book-keeping pertained, had been destroyed.

Following the discovery of the theft and the accumulation of proof, warrants were obtained for the arrest of several operators in the state of Washington, and it is alleged by officials of the company that at least one of the arrested men has confessed. They will all be brought to trial shortly. Only railroad operators are said to be involved in the alleged steal.

### WOMAN TELLS OF RIDERS.

#### Describes How She Was Whipped by Masked Band.

The state practically completed its case against the eight alleged night riders on trial at Union City, Tenn., for the murder of Captain Quentin Ranken when it drew from Frank Fehringer, a member of the band, a detailed statement, not only of the Ranken tragedy, but of half a score or more of other outrages. It also called Mrs. Emma Thurman Johnson, one of the two women said to have been whipped by the band, and had her tell her story.

The startling testimony of Confessor Frank Fehringer, involving the men on trial as actual participants in the murder of Captain Ranken, was given with an exactitude of detail that was amazing. As Mrs. Johnson's name was called, a murmur of satisfaction arose. Nearly everyone knew she had been whipped, but except the grand jury and prosecuting officers, none had heard her story. She removed her veil reluctantly on the judge's instructions that she might be heard by the jury.

### METEOR DROPS IN KANSAS.

#### Freak Comet Passes Over St. Joseph, Mo., and is Seen by Hundreds.

A comet was witnessed falling by several hundred people at St. Joseph, Mo. The meteor appeared to drop somewhere in Kansas, west of there. The comet itself seemed to be a ball of about the size of a street lamp. Its tail or stream of sparks was several feet in length. It was visible thirty seconds.

A peculiar white streak, and what is regarded as a phenomenon, which the comet seemed to leave behind it as a path, was visible for fifteen minutes. It seemed then to waver, as if blown by the wind, and fade away.

Wichita and Salina, Kan., report having seen the meteor. At Wichita the attention of persons out doors was attracted by a sudden flash of light. It was thought the meteor fell to the northeast of that place.

### DRINK CAUSES ELEVEN DEATHS.

#### Wholesale Poisoning of Soldiers in Philippines.

Eleven are dead and thirteen men are seriously ill at Keithley camp, Mindanao island, as a result of the men of the Eighteenth infantry drinking calumbe acid, a vegetable compound extracted from the calumba root.

An official investigation is being made by the military authorities, but no details have been given out. The details of the wholesale poisoning have not been received and the names of the dead and seriously ill will be withheld until an official report has been cabled to Washington. The beverage, it is learned, was served as "vino," a native drink at a resort near the camp on Dec. 15. The last death occurred on Dec. 17.

### OPENING OF INDIAN LANDS.

#### Senator Gamble Seeks to Have the Matter Expedited.

Senator Gamble of South Dakota took up with the department of the interior the matter of expediting the preliminary work for the opening of the Standing Rock and Cheyenne River reservations, and he feels confident from the information received that it will be possible to have the matter in such shape that even if the lands cannot be opened then, that the registration may be had in the fall of 1909 and settlement taken up in the spring of 1910.

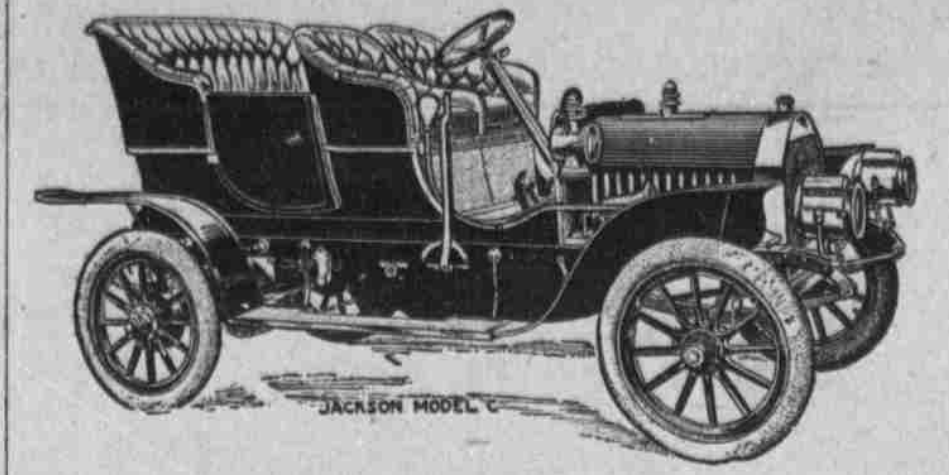
### Harriman Has Bilious Attack.

E. H. Harriman is at his Fifth avenue home in New York, recovering from a bilious attack. His physician, Dr. William G. Lyle, said that nothing more serious was the matter with Mr. Harriman.

### Castro Taken to Hospital.

President Castro of Venezuela was removed to Dr. Israel's hospital in Berlin to undergo a course of treatment and dieting.

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