

IS UP TO CONGRESS

CAN STOP UNJUST DISCRIMINATION BY RAILROADS.

No Question of the Power of the Legislative Body to do This, but Corporations Control and Reform is Very Unlikely.

It is announced from Washington that the executive committee of the interstate commerce law has commenced a vigorous campaign to secure the passage of the bill now on the calendar of the senate for the amendment of the interstate commerce law.

It is high time the law was so amended as to make it of some value to the public. For many years we have had a law, we have had a commission, and the commission has investigated many things and made voluminous reports, some of them of value to statistical historians, but that is about all.

It is popularly supposed that the law was passed and the commission was created principally for the purpose of protecting persons and places against unjust discrimination by the railroad corporations.

Notoriously that purpose has not been accomplished to any great extent. What with court decisions defining the powers of the commission under the law and the influence of the railroad lobby and the railroad attorneys in the two houses of Congress in preventing the amendment of the law in such wise as to make it effective, discrimination has been practiced since the law was passed to about the same extent as it was before.

The commission has not been clothed with adequate power and the law has been found to be beautifully easy by the corporation lawyers. The commission can do practically nothing of itself. Every question must go into court if the corporations please, and they always do. Proceedings there are spun out indefinitely, and by the time an ultimate decision is at last near at hand some new device of evasion is all ready to go over the same old road.

It is easy enough to amend the law so as to bring the corporations to time. Congress has absolute power over interstate commerce as it has over foreign commerce except that it cannot apply to the former the tariff method by which it destroys much of the latter.

A title of the ingenuity which is exercised to cripple or destroy foreign commerce would have provided a law to stop unjust railroad discrimination long ago.

Will it be exercised during the coming session? Doubtful. The session is short and the corporations are powerful. It is a suspicious circumstance that the pending bill is in charge of Senator Elkins, who is understood to be not unkind to corporations.

Another Tribute to Tariff. Emigration from the United States to Canada has been attracting serious attention in Europe as well as in this country. It is attaining proportions which justify surprise.

Investigation shows that within our boundaries we have chiefly tenant farmers who can never hope to own their farms.

Why cannot our tenant farmers hope to become owners of their farms? Ask our tariff.

To enrich privileged classes of our manufacturers the Republican party has impoverished our farmers in dull times and diminished their profits in prosperous times. Although land is the chief source of wealth, the Republican party has defied the farmers in a spurious theory of "protection" and accumulated special legislation to enrich manufacturers at the expense of the farmers.

What with the tariff-increased price of everything he had to buy and the oppression of monopolies controlling transportation rates, the American farmer has remained for the most part a mere tenant. That his lot is somewhat better in good times than that of tenant farmers in Ireland or Russia is due to the vast areas of our agricultural regions and the lighter pressure of population upon space.

Were the tariff yoke removed from the neck of the American farmer he would not be a mere tenant. Land under a foreign monarch would offer no attraction to him or his children.

Trust Moguls Not Alarmed. Simultaneously with the announcement that the president has summoned a number of the headlights of his party to Washington to consult about amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law comes the statement from New York that the trust moguls are not worrying.

They accept this move on the part of Mr. Roosevelt, we are told, as a necessary effort on the part of the administration to do something to satisfy the popular demand for the restraints of trusts, but they believe and they assume that Mr. Roosevelt and his headlights believe that there will be no legislation and no effort to enforce the existing law which will be strenuous enough to hurt anybody.

In other words, the trust moguls believe that Mr. Roosevelt and the rest are deliberately planning to fool the American people, that they believe bad trusts, like the whiskey, do not exist, and that they have no intention of making serious legislation for any trust, good or bad, if there is such a thing as a bad trust.

Are the trust moguls right? They have much reason to think that they are. They have been permitted to go on organizing their vast monopoly combines since the Republican victory of 1896 to an extent almost beyond belief, and not a finger has been lifted to apply the criminal provisions of the law in any case, and only in two cases has the ineffectual injunction remedy been invoked.

This would seem to justify the conclusion that the talk about amending the law is mere humbug.

The manifest purpose not to deprive the trusts of their tariff shelter in the least degree also goes to justify that conclusion.

The Trusts Will Control. The leadership fight is only a part of the play. It really doesn't make

any difference whether it shall be Dabzell or Cannon as far as the trusts are concerned. One is as much of their friend and dependent as the other. Neither can possibly win without the consent of the powerful aggregation which controls the Republican party. Cannon is more likely to win than Dabzell. The latter is now flagrantly a mere attorney of the tariff barons. His election to the speakership would be too open an affront to the low tariff sentiment which is becoming insistent and sullen in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and some other western and northwestern states.

Taking It Out of Consumers. Close on the heels of the 10 per cent advance in railroad wages an advance of eight rates all over the country is in contemplation—sufficient to cover the increase in wages twice over. The general mass of consumers are, it seems, to "pay the freight" for everybody. They are now paying \$1 per ton more for coal than last year—before it is even decided whether coal miners' wages shall be advanced at all. They are to pay twice as much in freight rates as will cover the 10 per cent rise in railroad wages. And the general mass of consumers include the wage-earners, who will feel the further rise in the cost of living more quickly than any other class.

The Country Needs Rest. What our country needs is rest—rest from the manufacture of new securities, from fire-ups in Wall street and from "corners" in Chicago and a chance to pull itself together, find out where it is at, pay off its foreign debts and readjust credits at home after the several years of speculative debauch through which it has passed. This must be done if we are to avoid a crash in financing and speculative circles, which would react to the injury of the legitimate industrial and mercantile interests, which are now so prosperous. This is no time for fireworks.

Power of Republican Leaders. Is it not a well-known fact that certain Republican leaders in New York and Pennsylvania have gained what amounts to an ownership of the party organization in those states by becoming the repositories of a secret fund amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, which they pay the cost of political campaigns and elections, thereby securing control of legislatures and of the lawmaking power?

Revision Regardless of Trusts. If to revise the tariff is logical and proper, let us revise on the merits, whether it shall prove that the trusts are hurt or helped. Reciprocity is a revision of the tariff, and if it can be made broad enough will attain most of the ends desired. Congress must do something or the people will eventually elect a congress that may go beyond even the fears of the Wall street men.

Not Much Afraid of Knox. Notwithstanding the dark and sinister hints dropped by Philander Chase Knox respecting the awful things that are in store for the "protected packers," trust the pulse, temperature and respiration of the beef barons were strictly normal at an early hour this morning. The coolness of some men in the face of overshadowing peril is something marvelous.

It is Bound to Die Young. There are no good trusts now in operation. A trust may be good at the start, but if it wishes to live it becomes bad. If it is prepared to die it remains good, and if it remains good it is marked for an early grave. In considering the trust question we may just as well eliminate the good trust, for if we don't it will eliminate itself.

Up to Expectations. "Your father was disappointed in your monthly report, of course," said the school teacher. "No, ma'am," replied the dull scholar. "No? You don't mean to tell me he was satisfied with it?" "No, ma'am, but he said he hadn't expected to be satisfied with it."

Tariff Commissions Are Useless. The scheme of a tariff commission, whether permanent or temporary, can wait. We have had tariff commissions before, and experience teaches that their work is absolutely useless as an influence upon legislation by congress. Why not give the people at once the relief for which they are clamoring?

Both Are Revisionists. Perhaps accuracy requires that both Payne and Babeck be counted as "revisionists" of the thirty-third degree. Either will revise his own views upon anything to suit the needs of whatever situation confronts his party and that upon the shortest possible notice and without a whimper or a frown.

It Will Come Ultimately. Massachusetts may whistle for free hides and free coal and free iron and not get this relief for our industries if Mr. Lodge and Mr. Roosevelt can prevent it. But our people have made a pretty fair start toward enforcing their demands. It may need only one more election to do the business.

Healthy Sentiment Aroused. The vigorous opposition to the ship subsidy grab waged for the past three years has thus far borne fruit in the stimulation of a healthy sentiment in favor of the protection of the federal treasury against the more brazen schemes of individual favoritism.

Reform Comes a Little Late. After receiving 100,000 illegal votes in Philadelphia Governor Elect Pennypacker says he expects to reform political methods in Pennsylvania. If those methods had been reformed before the election Pennypacker would not have been chosen governor.

Decrease in Wages. Wages of the working people of the United Kingdom, according to official statistics, showed a decrease of \$7,200,000 last year, compared with the preceding year.

ALL OF ONE FAMILY.

Deacon Unable to Resist the Demand of the Tramp.

While the Christian Endeavorers were in Boston recently holding their annual convention many incidents occurred provocative of mirth. Among the stories told to them was one concerning a peripatetic of the barefooted variety and a farmer, who was also a church deacon. The deacon was taking lunch under his own vine and fig tree and unto him the peripatetic said: "Sir, I'm very hungry."

"You haven't been shaved," replied the deacon. "No, but I'm very hungry."

"You're very dirty into the bargain." "Yes, but I'm very hungry."

"Well, can you say the Lord's prayer?" "No, I can't."

"Will you say it for a piece of bread?" "I will."

The deacon started in with "Our Father," at the same time cutting off a slice as he enunciated the words. The tramp repeated "Our Father," then suddenly asked: "Did you say 'Our Father'?" "Yes, 'Our Father.'"

"Stop a moment," continued the dirty man. "You mean your father and my father."

"I do," answered the deacon. "Then we are brothers," triumphantly proceeded the unshaved. "We are."

"Then, for our father's sake, cut that bread thicker and cut it quicker."

GIVES UP A FORTUNE.

One of England's Temperance Reformers is the Son of a Brewer. F. N. Charington, the English temperance reformer, who has conceived the idea of a teetotal paradise surrounded by water, has had one of the most remarkable careers in the history of the temperance movement.

What situation more dramatic has any work of fiction to show than Charington's assembly hall, where the huge canvas advertisement of temperance meetings is almost permanently hung out in the close proximity of Charington's brewery, whence are supplied hundreds of public houses in the neighborhood. Born in 1850, a portion of his education was received at Marlborough. Rather than go to the university he preferred, after a continental tour, to take his place in the brewery of his father. Meanwhile he was "converted." After some time spent in assisting mission and evangelistic work the irony of his position overwhelmed him and he cut himself from the prospect of a vast fortune with a comparative pittance. "I wonder what you get for wearing that blue ribbon?" said a cynic to him once. "I am not certain of the exact amount," he replied, "but I know it costs me £20,000 a year."

An Author's Wrath. An interesting copy of George Meredith's "Shaving of Shagpat" was sold in London recently. It was the copy which Frederic Locker-Lampson, the verse writer, possessed, and it bears some doggerel lines in Mr. Locker's autograph. The book had formerly belonged to a Mr. Wilde, whose name is on the flyleaf, and who had jagged the edges in the careless cutting of them. Thereon Mr. Locker-Lampson wrote in his small, neat handwriting: "Who is this Wilde—this graceless cuss."

Who mutilates Meredith's pages thus? Who over his barber takes a linger. Who cleaves his leaves with his fat forefinger? Would, O Wilde, had the luck been mine.

To stick a knife in that fist of thine! A distinguished man who was fond of fishing tells the following about the decorations of his country home: "Our fish are all carefully weighed and those over five pounds are traced out on a cardboard, painted, and form a handsome frieze round the sitting room, the names of the sportmen being appended underneath. As an enclosure, the following guests I have had the following inscription painted large over the entrance porch of my house. The result is eminently satisfactory: "The fisherman goeth forth in the early morning, Disturbing the whole household. He returneth in the evening, when The smell of whisky is upon him And the truth is not in him."

THE WAY TO SING. The birds must know, who wisely sing, Will sing as they; The common air has generous wings, Songs make their way, No messenger to run before, Deviating plans, No mention of the place or hour To any man; No waiting till some sound betrays A listening ear; No different voice, no new delays, If steps draw near. "What bird is that? Its song is good," And eager eyes, Go peering through the dusky wood In glad surprise, Then late at night when by his fire The traveler sits, Watching the flame grow brighter, higher.

The sweet song fits By snatches through his weary brain To help him rest; When next he goes that road again, An empty nest On leafless bough will make him sigh, "Ah, me! last spring, Just here I heard, in passing by, That rare bird sing!"

But while he sighs, remembering How sweet the song, The little bird on treeless wing Is borne along In other air and other men With weary feet, On other roads, the simple strain Are finding sweet.

The birds must know, who wisely sing, Will sing as they; The common air has generous wings, Songs make their way.

To Look After Soldiers' Feet. Lord Roberts approves of the appointment of one chiropodist for each battalion.

If you analyze love you may find a motive that will take all the conceit out of you.

When the heart is young who cares for wrinkles?

CONVINCING PROOF.

Case No. 41,296.—Capt. Alfred G. Rigger of Hose Company No. 4, Canton, Ohio, says: "I had a weak back ever since I was a boy, and about six years ago the cause developed into rather a bad case of kidney complaint. It was not a little backache now and then, but backache which caused actual suffering day and night, and the harder I tried to get rid of it the worse it became."

When the attacks were in the acute stage it was difficult to sit down, and when down it was just as hard to regain an erect position, on account of the twinges of pain in the kidneys. I can only describe some of the pangs as similar to that received from a knife thrust.

In time, distressing and terribly inconvenient urinary weakness resulted, causing annoying embarrassment during the day and loss of sleep during the night.

I took everything which came to my notice from reading, from observation, and which my friends and acquaintances advised. I consulted physicians, but none of them were able to relieve the trouble, let alone stop it.

It became so well known that I had a pronounced case of kidney complaint that I often received circulars from medical companies offering to cure me, and one day eighteen letters were handed to me by the mail carrier.

When Doan's Kidney Pills attracted my attention I wanted to try them, just as I had tried everything else, and Mrs. Rigger went to Durban & Wright Co.'s drug store for a box. Relief followed.

I knew after a dose or two that the medicine was acting directly on the kidneys from the altered condition of the kidney secretions, and, encouraged, I continued the treatment. Finally, the backache and other complications stopped.

Let me sum up my opinion about Doan's Kidney Pills by saying, I would willingly pay one month's wages for a box of them if I could not buy them for less. You can refer any one to me about Doan's Kidney Pills and I will convince them that they act just as represented."

Four Years After. "Lapse of time has strengthened my appreciation of Doan's Kidney Pills. I gave this remedy my unqualified endorsement in the summer of 1896, because of the results I obtained from a course of the treatment. I can now add to my original endorsement the experience of a number of others who are just as enthusiastic in their appreciation of Doan's Kidney Pills, as I."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mr. Rigger, will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists, price 50 cents per box.

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It is only after love is dead that people dissect it.

HALF RATES TO CANADIAN POINTS.

The Wabash will sell tickets from Chicago to many points in Canada Dec. 18, 19, 20, 21st, good returning until Jan. 10th, 1903. For rates and all information call at the Wabash office, 1901 Farnam St., or address Harry E. Moores, G. A. P. D., Omaha, Neb.

It needs but a slight scratch of the pen to turn pathos into bathos.

DEFIANCE STARCH should be in every household, none so good, besides 1 oz. more for 10 cents than any other brand of cold water starch.

Old age would be bereft of a generous share of its comforts if it could not boast of when "I was young."

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There are boards made of wood and wooden boards.

Pico's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. Endicott, Vanuise, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

Self-preservation is the first law of politics.

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You can view life through either stained glass windows or an old piece of smoked glass.

A mule or a woman could never be happy unless they could kick about something or other.

A London View of Wood. The day after the three American generals lunched with King Edward the St. James Gazette spoke of Major General Leonard Wood as being "in his 80th year." This will be news in Chicago, where the general used to be well known as a practicing physician.

The Gazette also informed its readers that "General Wood has had an exciting life of nearly eighty years on the frontiers. It is his boast that he took part in all the battles of his corps during the civil war." The general is really about 42 or 43 years old.

A Sphinx for St. Louis. The suggestion that the ancient Egyptian sphinx be reproduced in St. Louis for the world's fair has been received by Mayor Rilla Wells from Mrs. Bertie Cortland Longworth of Paris, France. Mrs. Longworth is a sculptor and has made a plaster model of the sphinx after four years of study, this being the only model in existence. The idea is to reproduce the sphinx in cement, making it more durable than stone. Mrs. Longworth says the sphinx is crumbling, owing to the bringing of rains into Egypt as the result of the extension of irrigation.

The Hansons Are Happy. Ashley, N. D., Dec. 8th.—Cured of that most dangerous of all Diseases, Rheumatism of the Heart, J. H. Hanson, who has had a plaster model of this place loses no opportunity of singing the praises of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I am able to work again," says Mr. Hanson. "And am feeling better than I have for five years. Broken down and fairly used up and suffering from Rheumatism of the Heart and Dropsy I was in very bad shape."

"Then I started taking Dodd's Kidney Pills and—well, you can see how I look and I feel as well as I look. My Rheumatism is gone and the Dropsy with it."

"I don't think they'll ever bother me again, but if they do I'll just get some more of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I know that will fix them."

Mrs. Hanson, too, whose health was far from good, took the same remedy and she joins with her husband in recommending Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Britain last year imported no less than £1,352,000 worth of musical instruments—£750,000 worth from Germany alone.

"Distinction" for Prussian Teachers.

The Prussian ministry of education has resolved on conferring a special mark of distinction upon lay teachers in the municipal schools when they retire from service. It has been felt that years of faithful and exceptionally valuable service in the cause of education call for recognition on the part of the government, and the ministry, convinced that the thing should be done handsomely, therefore decided that each teacher who has displayed marked ability in the performance of her duties shall, on retirement, receive a colored portrait of the empress in a gilt frame. Middle-aged teachers who fail to attain the prize may console themselves with the reflection that an article of this kind is to be obtained for a shilling or so in most art shops in Berlin.

Ton of "Star Spangled Banner." Over a ton of "Star Spangled Banner" is an item that the Brooklyn navy yard has just got rid of to the junk man. Flags that had noble service on warships and cruisers, and had visited nearly every port on the face of the earth, ragged and unfit for longer usage, they were consigned to the junk room to be added to the motley collection of other useless articles, all to be sold for scrap. Sentimentalists might consider this consigning of "Old Glory" to the rubbish heap with broken boats, useless crockery, old hammocks, canteens, pumps, canned beef and salt pork that wouldn't last much longer, somewhat in the light of desecration, but it sometimes happens that men of high ideals must be robbed of the glamour of sentiment.

Sultan a Poor Paymaster. An official investigation proves that 72 per cent of all the employees of the state in Turkey—that is, the officers and men of the army and navy, the gendarmes and police forces, and all members of a branch of the civil service—never receive more than half of the salaries and wages due them. Twenty-six per cent obtain from seven to ten months' salary in the year, and the remaining 2 per cent are happy in getting their full due.

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Criminal Substitution in China. In China it is nothing out of the way for a criminal under sentence of death to secure, at a price, a substitute to die for him at the hands of the executioner. A remarkable case of such substitution is reported from Foo-Chow. When a certain childless criminal there was adjudged to death, his family met to see what should be done. The superstition of the land ran counter to a man dying without leaving a son, at least, to worship him after death. The criminal had a brother who had so many sons that he had no fear of being left without worshippers. The family decided to put him in as a substitute for the childless one, so that the latter could live on to get a son. The military mandarin concerned was bought over, the criminal was set free and his guiltless brother's head was cut off.

Many Foods Are Adulterated. The Stewards' club of Cleveland, representing the leading clubs and hotels of that city, has just completed an investigation of the character of food products sold there with surprising results. Of 175 samples of oleomargarine examined, 170 were found to contain impurities; of 460 milk samples, 132 were impure; 27 per cent of the mustard tested were adulterated and 32 per cent of the flavoring extracts were doctored. Many other food products fell far short of the standard.

Over 15,000 rabbits have been trapped during the past year in the municipal rabbit warren of Torquay.



Many women and doctors do not recognize the real symptoms of derangement of the female organs until too late.

I had terrible pains along my spinal cord for two years and suffered dreadfully. I was given different medicines, wore plasters, none of these things helped me. Reading of the cures that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has brought about, I somehow felt that it was what I needed and bought a bottle to take. How glad I am that I did so; two bottles brought me immense relief, and after using three bottles more I felt new life and blood surging through my veins. It seemed as though there had been a regular house cleaning through my system, that all the sickness and poison had been taken out and new life given me instead. I have advised dozens of my friends to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Good health is indispensable to complete happiness, and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has secured this to me."—MRS. LAURA L. BREWER, Crown Point, Indiana, Secretary Ladies Relief Corps.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuine cannot be produced.

Every sick woman who does not understand her ailment should write Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free and always helpful.

Secretary Shaw tells this story of his second race for governor in Iowa, when he failed to carry his own county: He was chatting with a witty Irish cobbler, who dryly congratulated him on his election. "I'm glad to be elected," said Mr. Shaw, "but I'm sorry to have lost the county where I live." "Pat didn't say a word. 'What do you think about it, Pat?'" persisted the successful candidate. "Begorra, it's the devil's own city ye didn't live in every county of the shate," was the explosive reply.

It's Worth the While. To know of the prosperity and un-equaled inducements in the South-west, Illustrated pamphlets, "Indian Territory," "Texas," "Old Mexico," "Winter Tours," "Trado Follows the Flag," etc., will be sent free by writing James Barker, Gen'l. Pass. & Tkt. Agt., M. K. & T. Ry., 520 Wainwright Bldg., St. Louis.

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