

amendment in the senate. This evoked some favorable mention.

"It was expected that the Lorimer question would come up in the open senate, but it was crowded out by

other discussions. Senator La Follette expects to conclude his speech soon, and after one or two brief speeches in reply, it is expected a vote will be taken. The prospect

now is that the Martine resolution will be adopted without material amendment.

Justice John M. Harlan filed a new dissenting opinion 80,000 words long in the trust case decided by the supreme court.

The United States supreme court handed down its decision in the "tobacco trust" cases, Monday, May 29, in which it held the trust to be a combination in restraint of trade, a violation of the law. Chief Justice White announced the decision, which was practically unanimous, although Justice Harlan dissented on several points. As in the Standard Oil case, Justice Harlan resents the application of the "rule of reason" to the Sherman anti-trust law.

A Washington dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, under date of May 29, says: "The government today won a sweeping victory over the so-called 'tobacco trust' when the supreme court of the United States held the American Tobacco company and its allied corporations to be operating in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. By directing that the combination be forbidden the privilege of interstate commerce or be placed in the hands of a receiver, unless it disintegrated in harmony with the law, within six, or at the most eight months, the court is regarded to have dealt with the tobacco corporations more drastically than with the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, whose dissolution was ordered two weeks ago.

"Both the first and second sections of the Sherman anti-trust law have been violated by the so-called tobacco trust, according to the court. Not only has it restrained wrongfully and unlawfully interstate commerce in the eyes of the court, but it has attempted to monopolize the tobacco business to the injury of the public and of its competitors.

"The court reiterated its determination to follow the 'rule of reason' in determining what restraints of trade violate the Sherman anti-trust law. Chief Justice White explained at length the decision of the court in the Standard oil case, but did not qualify the reasoning in that case so as to harmonize it in any particular with the dissenting views expressed in that case by Associate Justice Harlan and other critics of the decision.

"Tonight it is regarded as settled that the 'rule of reason' will prevail in the courts of the land in the interpretation of the Sherman anti-trust act, until, at least, the personnel of the supreme court greatly changes or the Sherman anti-trust law is amended.

"In reality the decision was nothing less than a deliberate exemplification of the application of the 'rule of reason' to 'undisputed facts.'

"From the date of organization of the first combination the court found that there was a purpose to acquire dominion and control of the tobacco trade, not by the mere exertion of the ordinary right to contract and to trade, but by methods devised by driving competitors out of business.

"This purpose was carried out ruthlessly, according to the court, upon the theory or play upon the cupidity of competitors would make success possible. Such action, viewed in the 'light of reason,' was regarded by the court as violative of the law.

"On practically every point on which the government appealed from the decision of the lower court it scored a victory today."

A Washington dispatch, dated May 29, says: "Germany today expressed willingness to enter into negotiations with the United States for a general arbitration treaty along the lines laid

down by Secretary of State Knox in the tentative draft of this government's proposal now in the hands of Great Britain and France. Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador at Washington, conveyed this information to Secretary Knox and asked for a copy of the basic proposition of the United States."

#### THE MEXICAN SITUATION

A Mexico City dispatch, carried by the Associated Press says that President Diaz is seriously ill. Dispatch under date of May 25th says: Enraged by the announcement that President Diaz and Vice President Corral would not resign before tomorrow, spectators in the galleries of the chamber of deputies this afternoon precipitated a riot that has resulted in at least three deaths and many wounded by volleys of police and troops. President Diaz has had fever for five days.

Until 9 o'clock tonight the mob encountered practically no opposition and apparently little restriction was necessary. Shouting vivas for Madero, they paraded the streets of the capital, but always in orderly fashion, except for the noise. Instances of vandalism were immediately condemned by thousands of marching men who joined in shouts of "order, order."

At 6:30 it appeared that the crowd was dispersing. The main body had been broken into smaller groups, but at that time some of these had grown more demonstrative in the big plaza in front of the palace and the police determined that the time had come for drastic measures to be taken. The shouting, gesticulating mass of humanity was warned to move on, but a confidence born of better treatment earlier in the evening caused them to receive with derision the order of the police. Again they were told to disperse, and again no attention was paid to the order.

Quickly their shouts of ridicule were turned into cries of anguish for the guns of the police and soldiers were throwing into their midst a hail of bullets. The living stumbled in a mad rush over the bodies of the dead and wounded. The narrow street, extending from the Zocolo, were jammed with the squirming men and women. For a few minutes the guns of the government were stilled but a regathering on the street corners of the now thoroughly enraged, as well as frightened partisans of Madero resulted in another order to fire at will.

Sharper and longer now became the shooting. The mob fled but contrary to all traditions of Mexico the troops had not yet intimidated the rioters to the point where they were willing to submit. The force of the iron hand was weakening and despite the death it had brought the rioters refused to do more than scatter into miniature mobs each shouting for Madero and yelling for the early downfall of the present government.

In the midst of it all President Diaz lay on a sick bed. It was learned on authority this afternoon that despite optimistic reports of his condition, the president has shown several degrees of fever for the last five days. He declines to see all visitors, including members of the diplomatic corps, and takes nothing but liquid nourishment. Madam Diaz told a visitor this evening that the president's principal diet was warm milk. His condition is considered serious by his family.

The presidential palace was crowded with visitors mostly personal friends who had called to pay their respects and to show their loyalty in the hours of the declining of his power. There were not chairs enough in the palace for them and

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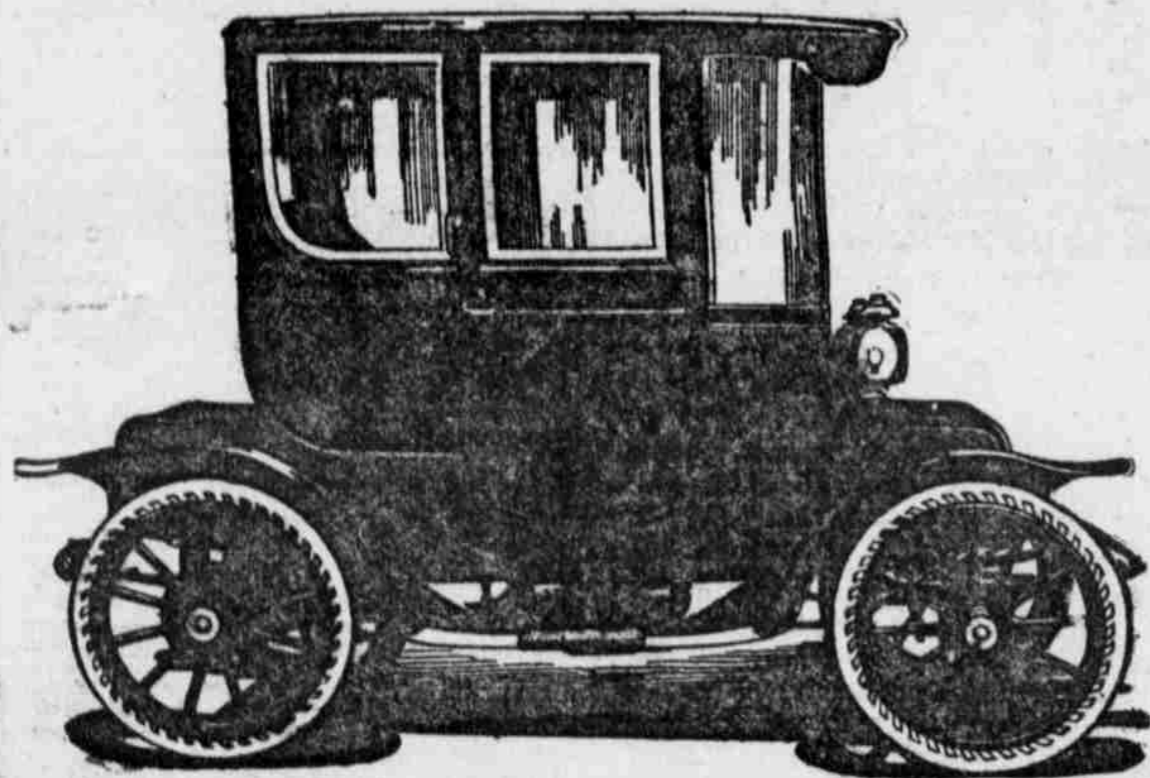
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