

# TO CURE TRUST EVIL

**SOUTH DAKOTA CONGRESSMAN HAS A RADICAL BILL**

**Would Have all Interstate Corporations Operate Under Federal Franchise After Proving They Were Not Monopolies in Their Line of Business**

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The Washington correspondent of the Post wires as follows:

Eben W. Martin, of South Dakota, hitherto counted as one of the most conservative republicans in the house, has brought trouble to the door of the party leaders by introducing a bill of a substance so strongly paternalistic that it casts some of the radical measures into the shadow and by comparison makes the others appear as bulwarks of conservatism.

**Control of All Corporations**

Mr. Martin's measure aims to give

the government control of every corporation in the country that is engaged in interstate commerce in fuel or food supplies.

Two years ago Representative Martin forced consideration of his resolution asking for an investigation of the affairs of the beef industry. The resolution passed the house and the beef inquiry was on. The pressing of this resolution was not taken by congress to mean that the South Dakota representative had departed from the path of conservatism, for he represented a great cattle raising state and his stand was taken in obedience to the wishes of a large body of his constituents.

The measure of this Dakota congressman provides that every corporation, joint stock company or other association engaged in interstate and foreign commerce in food supplies shall first obtain from the secretary of commerce and labor a franchise permitting it to conduct business.

**Must Prove It is Not a Trust**

Before the company can be licensed it must prove it is not overcapitalized and that its capital represents a fair valuation of its rights and properties, and it must be made plain that the company is in no sense a trust, that it is not its intention to enter any combination or conspiracy in restraint of trade, and that there is no thought of attempting to monopolize the particular business in which it is to engage.

Fees for examination are to be charged and a price is set on the license, all moneys paid for the service and the franchise to be put into a fund for the promotion of the work of the bureau of corporations of the department. Every year, or oftener if the department demands it, the corporation is to make a report sworn to by its president, its manager, its treasurer and a majority of its board of directors, setting forth the properties, the earnings, the profits, the dividends and lastly the business methods.

**Forfeit of Franchise**

If the corporation does not come to time with its report on the date set, its franchise is to be suspended until it complies with the rule. If it be proved that the corporation has violated any law against monopoly or in restraint of trade it shall forfeit its license, but on a proper showing of amended conduct it may recover its franchise. If, however, it offend a second time, it shall forever be barred from business.

The measure provides that the responsible officers of any corporation of the kind specified in the title that shall attempt to do business after July 1, 1906, without the proper authority or in violation of the provisions of the act, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned for a term not exceeding one year, or suffer both penalties, at the discretion of the court.

**Goods May Be Confiscated**

If any corporation attempts to carry on interstate commerce in food or fuel without a license any goods that it may have in transit are to be seized and confiscated by the government.

Such are some of the provisions of this measure introduced by Mr. Martin of South Dakota and at the bill and at the man behind it the republican members of congress are looking fairly aghast.

This bill has gone to the committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

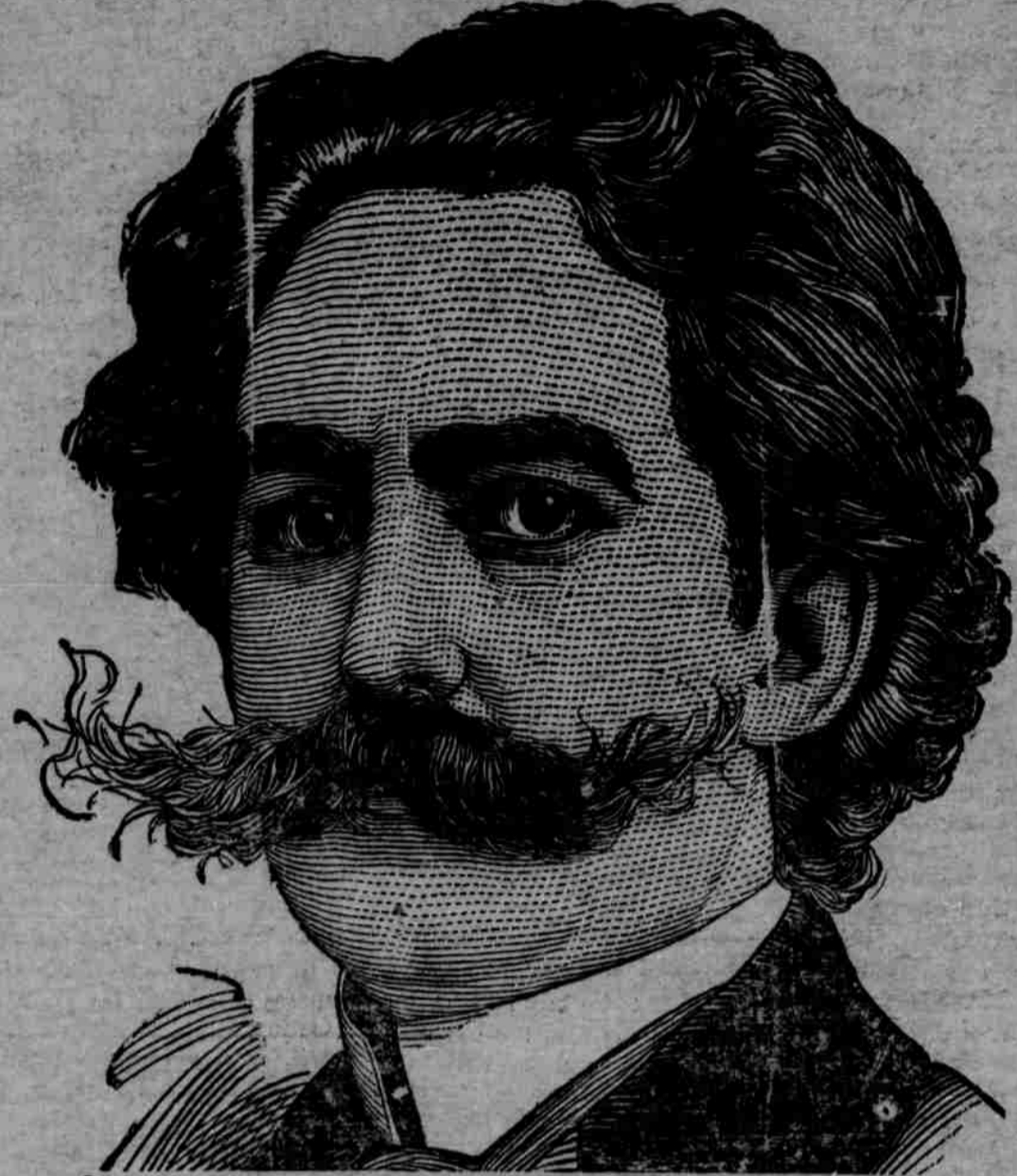
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**Premier Bannerman Chooses Famous Men as Aids**

An Associated Press cablegram under date of London, December 10, follows: "It is officially announced that the new British ministry is made up as follows: Prime minister and first lord of the treasury, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman; chancellor of the exchequer, Herbert Henry Asquith; sec-

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