

## CONTEST IN THE SENATE

**Foraker Showing Signs of Weariness in Contest With President on the Negro Question**

Washington, D. C.—The president is not relaxing attention for a moment from the situation now existing in the senate. He had several conferences during the week with administration senators looking to plans for meeting any coup that may be sprung by the other side. Among those he talked with were Senators Lodge and Knox. Later in the day Senator Knox and Senator Foraker conferred together for a long time in the senate chamber over a new form of compromise resolution.

Senator Foraker apparently realizes that he has overplayed himself to some degree and is now willing to save himself as best he can in the eyes of the country. It is true that the original Lodge amendment specifically recognizing the president's power to discharge soldiers would have been defeated if put to a direct vote, but that does not mean that a majority of the senate at heart doubts the president's power. It does mean that a good many senators on the one hand are afraid of the "big stick" and that several ambitious statesmen

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on the other, fear the colored vote. The situation is such as to make a so-called compromise most acceptable all around, but it will not come until after there has been a good deal of noise.

The speech of Senator Daniel was a most logical presentation of the summary power of the commander in chief of the army, both constitutionally and under the articles of war and other statutes. As in any other instances where he has gone up against the senate, it now looks as though the president will achieve a victory that will be highly pleasing to him, although, as in other cases, the situation looked dark for a time.

### MILLIONS IN HARRIMAN COUP

**Profit of \$2,250,000 Seen in Transfer of Illinois Central Stock**

New York.—In quarters usually well informed it was said good ground existed for the belief that of the 28 million dollars Illinois Central stock turned over to the Union Pacific since July 1 last by the Harriman-Rockefeller-Rogers pool at 175 a share at least nine millions was purchased below 150, giving a profit of not less than \$2,250,000.

### MUST NOT RESTRAIN TRADE

**Kansas Seeks to Punish Those Who Throttle Competition**

Topeka, Kan.—A stringent anti-trust bill introduced in the senate provides for a heavy fine and imprisonment for any person or corporation who seeks to form a monopoly or combination in restraint of trade.

### ALCOHOLISM AND CONSUMPTION

In a recent address before the American international congress on tuberculosis Dr. T. D. Crothers of Hartford, Conn., the head of an institution in that city for the treatment of inebriates, took occasion to point out the close connection that existed between alcoholism and tuberculosis. The principal point presented by Dr. Crothers in his address is that alcohol weakens the blood vessels of the respiratory system and invites consumption; that the roll of consumptives receives annually vast additions from the ranks of moderate drinkers. A reduction of our national drinking capacity, therefore, means a reduction in the number of victims of the great white plague.—Philadelphia Press.

### Judging by Experience

Uriah Upstate—Young Jason Gadsby has morganized his hundred acres for \$2,500 an' gone tew Noo York tew buy an autymobile.

Silas Graball (who once purchased green goods)—Ha, hey? Well, I'll jest bet yew a good five-center cigar that when he gits hum agin an' unpacks the said autymobile it'll turn out to be a nice, red wheelbarrer!—Puck.

### Better Than Grandfather's

"What a remarkable old clock!" exclaimed the caller.

"Yes," said Mrs. Long-Bowe. "We think a good deal of that timepiece. It has been in the family fifty years. Sometimes we forget to wind it Monday morning, but it doesn't make any difference. It goes right along for another week, just from force of habit."—Chicago Tribuna.

## NEW RAILROAD CURBS

**House Committee on Interstate Commerce at Work on Three Important Additions to Rate Bill**

Washington, D. C.—Three important amendments to the railroad rate law are being prepared by the house committee on interstate commerce and will be urged upon congress at the next session if the business of the present session prevents their consideration before adjournment. An amendment prohibits interstate railroads from owning stock in any other interstate railroad except when, after full hearing before the interstate commerce commission, it is shown that the proposed purchase will be to the benefit of the people, and is not a stock jobbing operation to magnify private fortunes. The third amendment will authorize the interstate commerce commission to examine the outstanding capitalization and indebtedness of interstate railroads and to cause a valuation of the property to be made for the purpose of uniform and fair taxation and determining fair rates.

Western railroads protested before the house committee on interstate commerce against a flat two cent a mile passenger rate as proposed in the bill introduced by Representative Sherman of New York. John Sebastian, general passenger agent of the Rock Island, G. T. Nicholson, third vice president of the Atchison, and former Congressman Payson of Illinois, representing the Illinois Central and the Harriman system, all opposed the bill in elaborate arguments.

The trend of their opposition was that a two cent rate might be equitable in the east where population is dense, but that such a rate would be unjust in the west, where the travel is lighter. They insist that the present powers of the interstate commerce commission to fix reasonable rates is sufficient.

Petitions against intervention in the Congo affairs are reaching Senator Cullom from Chicago by the hundreds. The petitions are coming in upon printed blanks, which read: "To the senate committee on foreign relations: Your petitioner respectfully begs that you will refrain from any act of intervention in Congo affairs as well as from any act which might encourage any other nation or nations to intervene. Your petitioner is of the opinion that the charges against the Congo government are unfounded and are inspired by religious and commercial jealousy."

A bill to tax the gross receipts of foreign insurance companies was introduced in the house by Representative Olcott of New York. The proposed tax is 5 per cent of the gross receipts from premiums and the bill is to take effect on January 1, 1908. The companies are required to file with the secretary of the treasury at the end of each year a statement of their gross income.

In presenting his objections in the senate to the pending bills for the

regulation of child labor, Senator Overman of North Carolina went into an elaborate discussion of the decline of the state's rights. His text was taken from the constitution of his state: "A recurrence to first principles is absolutely necessary to the preservation of our liberties." The child labor bills of Senators Lodge and Beveridge were read by Mr. Overman with the comment that the effect of the enactment of either would be not only to stretch to the breaking point the commerce clause of the constitution, but would be a usurpation of rights of the states.

### John P. Irish Will Address Students

The following announcement is sent out from the office of the Chancellor of the University of Nebraska:

Hon John P. Irish has selected a subject most timely and appropriate for his address before the university graduates at their mid-winter commencement. "Is Government a Failure?" is the formal title, under which Mr. Irish will discuss government ownership of production and distribution. A prominent political figure, a veteran newspaper man, for the last thirteen years naval officer of customs at the port of San Francisco, Mr. Irish is qualified to speak with authority on the subject he has chosen.

The lecture will be given at eight o'clock on Friday evening, February 15, in the Lincoln auditorium.

### Of Interest to Poultry Raisers

The 1907 catalogue of the Old Trusty Incubator and Brooder is a work of art, and evidences the prosperity of the M. M. Johnson Company of Clay Center, Neb. The "Old Trusty Incubators and Brooders" are in use in nearly every neighborhood in nine states and the demand for them continues to grow with the times. Whenever one is introduced into a neighborhood, others invariably follow, the merits of apparatus becoming apparent to all who have an opportunity to see them in operation and note the results. The new catalogue issued by the M. M. Johnson Company is profusely illustrated with fine half tone photos and presents a wonderful study in the hatching and raising of chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys. Scientific instructions are given regarding the management of the eggs during incubation, and of the care and food of the young birds.

In appreciation of the business which the Poultry Fanciers and poultry raisers of the state of Nebraska have given to the M. M. Johnson Company, Mr. Johnson has rented the Auditorium at Lincoln for the week of January 14 to 19 and donated the use of the same to the Nebraska State Poultry Association for the association's annual show.

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