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CONGRESS CALLED ON FOR NEW LAWS.

COMPETITION OF RAILWAYS

Combination of Interests Consolidates Management in Individual Hands—The Result is Disastrous to Public Welfare.

WASHINGTON.—The tendency to combine the most significant feature of railway development, according to the annual report of the Interstate Commerce commission, just issued. The report says:

"It is not open to question that the competition between railroad carriers, which formerly prevailed, has been lately suppressed or at least brought to the condition of effective restraint. The progress of consolidation, in one form or another, will at no distant day confine this competition within narrow and unimportant limits, because the control of most railroad properties will be merged in a few individuals, whose combination interests impel them to act in concert."

"While this will insure, as probably nothing else can, in equal degree, the observance of published tariffs, and so measurably remove some of the evils which the act was designed to prevent, the resulting situation involves consequences to the public which claim the most serious attention."

"A law which might have answered the purpose when competition prevailed upon to secure reasonable rates is demonstrably inadequate when that competition is displaced by the most far-reaching and powerful combination."

"Some great change in the conditions calls for a corresponding change in the regulation of the statute."

The commission reaffirms its recommendations for amending the interstate commerce law and urges the grave necessity for legislation.

The report says that the fact that no convictions have yet been obtained nor indictments found in the cases of the roads which were shown by an investigation last winter to be given secret rates to grain shippers, emphasizes the fact that the criminal provisions of the present interstate law are practically a dead letter.

The commission says that the effect of injunctions to compel roads to observe published tariffs has been to materially advance the rates actually received by the carrier and paid by the shipper and that their operation enables advances, which otherwise might not be made.

But while the producer will undoubtedly pay from now on from 5 to 7 cents per 100 pounds more to transport grain from the field to its destination than he paid before these injunctions took effect, that must not be regarded as an argument against the injunctions. There ought to be some power to compel the carriers to maintain the published rate and to publish a fair and reasonable rate.

Thirty-eight formal proceedings, double the number brought in the preceding year and involving rates and practices of 200 railroads, were instituted during the year.

Seeks Information.
CHICAGO.—The agricultural progress of the United States and the work of the American farmer are being noted by the German government, which is taking special interest in the subject for the coming year. According to information received by Dr. Walter Wever, the German consul here, the Chicago has been chosen by the German government as the center of operations of the experts' bureau during the coming year. Heretofore there has been an agricultural expert connected with the embassy at Washington and one also in New York city. An order has been made which transfers the bureau from New York to this city.

NORFOLK MAN IS PARDONED.
Released by Governor in Response to Letter from Little Daughter.

LINCOLN.—Governor Savage Friday gave Daisy Lawrence, aged 10 years, of Norfolk, a Christmas present in the shape of a pardon for her father, who is serving a three years' sentence in the state penitentiary for embezzlement. The pardon was granted in response to a pitiful letter from the little girl.

DEWEY CABLES FLEET ORDERS.
Advices the Navy Department Where Ships Will Go for Christmas.

WASHINGTON.—The navy department has received a cablegram from Admiral Dewey announcing the proposed itinerary of the vessels of his fleet during the Christmas holidays.

Admiral Dewey's cablegram, dated San Juan, December 14, is to this effect: "Proposed itinerary of vessels for Christmas holidays: Kearsarge, Alabama, Massachusetts, Iowa, Scorpion, Trinidad, Illinois, Indiana, to St. Thomas; Texas, to Pointa-Petrie; Chicago, New York, Eagle, to Curacao; San Francisco, Albany, Wasp, to Mayaguez; Cincinnati, Atlanta, Prairie, Tug and torpedo boats, to San Juan; Culebra, to Mayaguez and San Juan; Olympia, Nashville and Machias, to St. Kitts; Detroit, to Antigua; Mayflower and Vixen, to Porto Rican waters and vicinity, and Dolphin, to Antigua and vicinity."

CARACAS IS IMPREGNABLE.

Venezuela Could Put 400,000 Men in the Field.

PARIS.—M. Thiesse, formerly minister of France to Venezuela, who negotiated the convention of 1885 and who has lived many years in Venezuela, has been interviewed concerning the situation there. He said:

"Venezuela can put 400,000 men in the field, and even foreigners there are liable for military service. The regular Venezuelan army numbers only 10,000. A number of the younger officers received their education in the military schools of France and Germany. The Venezuelans are armed with Martini and Remington rifles and have a few Maxim and Krupp guns. They have no cavalry. Caracas is almost impregnable, owing to the fact that it is situated on the other side of a mountain range about 6,000 feet high. These mountains range are impassable except by steep mule paths, where twenty men could stop a whole regiment. There is a railroad from La Guayra to Caracas, but the destruction of a single bridge would render the line useless. If, by a miracle, Caracas was taken, the Venezuelans would wage a guerrilla warfare, as they did against Spain."

VANDERBILT IS LOW.
Doctors Admit Position is Grave, but Still Hope for Recovery.

NEW YORK.—Cornelius Vanderbilt passed a fairly good night and at 7 o'clock he had not been abandoned. The presence of two doctors in the house indicated that Mr. Vanderbilt's condition continued most grave, although a servant in the household said he had passed a good night.

Dr. Austin Flint, Jr., at 9:15, issued the following bulletin: "Mr. Vanderbilt had a fair night and has held his own. The fact that he is no worse this morning is encouraging."

Drs. Flint, Janeway, Brown and DeLafield held a consultation previous to the issuance of the bulletin, lasting about twenty-five minutes.

Dr. DeLafield said: "Mr. Vanderbilt is a very sick man, but there is hope and he is not going to die today."

A rumor that Mr. Vanderbilt was dead was circulated shortly after noon Friday. Inquiry at the sick man's house showed the report was untrue.

In the afternoon Reginald Vanderbilt and Miss Cathleen Neilson arrived at the house. Mr. Vanderbilt made inquiries and left his card, while Miss Neilson remained in the carriage. A close friend of Mr. Vanderbilt said: "Mr. Vanderbilt is low, but there is hope."

Dr. Austin issued this bulletin at 11:30 Friday night: "The symptoms of peritonitis are subsiding. In other respects Mr. Vanderbilt is holding his own."

CANADA LOOKS TO AMERICA.
Seeks to Learn Fresh Lessons from This Great Republic.

NEW YORK.—The sixth annual dinner of the Canadian society of New York was given at Delmonico's Friday night. Dr. James Douglas, president of the society, presided, and among the guests were Sir Frederick W. Borden, K. C. M. G., minister of militia and defense of the Dominion of Canada; Colgate Hort, president of the Ohio society; W. A. Higginbotham, president of the Canadian club of Philadelphia, and Sir Percy Sanderson, British consul general.

The first toasts were "The President and 'The King,' after which followed others to 'Canada' and the 'United States.'"

Sir Frederick Borden, in speaking on "Canada," said: "I say in all frankness that we up there in Canada thank the people of the United States for teaching us self-reliance. We also want to always have friendly rivalry. You hear a great deal said as to what is to be the final destiny of Canada. We are absolutely satisfied with our present position. We intend going along on the lines we have followed for some time, and we think the best friend we have to help us is this country."

"I believe in the Monroe doctrine and when it was promulgated the leading British statesmen approved it. The Monroe doctrine is a good thing for our country and is a guarantee against coercion and oppression. It is as much in favor of Canadian integrity as it is for the protection of any other portion of the American continent."

Vote on a Co-Operative Plan.
PITTSBURG.—Notice has been received at the office of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers from the Republic Iron and Steel company that a plan for making the workmen in these plants stockholders in the company will be presented to the next convention at Columbus, O. Plans are now being considered by the puddlers and finishers employed in the mills of this company can become stockholders, and it is probable the scheme will be ratified by the convention. The officials of the Republic Iron and Steel company have decided that if the plan is adopted the men will be given representation on the board of directors.

Men may boast of their honesty, but only women return borrowed umbrellas.

The mountaineer always takes a peak when he wants to obtain a good view.

POWERS ANSWER

BRITAIN WANTS SAFEGUARDS AND GERMAN APOLOGIES.

NEED OF GUARANTY A DRAWBACK

Private Financiers May Step in Now—Individual Firms May Offer Assurance—England Sees No Value in Arbitrators' Award.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary Hay has received partial responses from the governments of Great Britain, Germany and Italy respecting the proposal to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulties.

Great Britain is favorable to arbitration with proper safeguards; Germany accepts arbitration in principle, but finds a multitude of small adjustments to be made before entering into the agreement; Italy, as the junior partner of the allies, declares that it is favorable to arbitration, but would be bound by the action of the senior partners.

As far as England is concerned the safeguards referred to are believed to relate to the question of guarantee, which is full of difficulties. In this connection some consideration is again given to the feasibility of responsible parties assuming responsibility for any award assessed against Venezuela.

If it can be arranged the United States government will do what it can to reduce their risks.

The feeling is growing here that the Hague tribunal should undertake the case if arbitration is agreed to. Mr. Bowen, it is reported, wishes to come to Washington in order personally to effect an adjustment with the resident ambassadors of the allies, while the State department makes no statement on the point, it is believed that it does not regard this plan with favor. It is also pointed out that in some phases the disputes will not admit of arbitration. Such, for instance, as the attacks on British and German subjects and the German legations at Caracas, and the arrests of consular officers.

The United States government inclines to the view that there is a guarantee to insist needlessly on guarantees for payment of any judgment that might be rendered by the arbitrators. It believes that the force of public opinion would absolutely insure a settlement.

Answers German Demands.
CARACAS.—The Venezuelan answer to Germany's ultimatum has just been made public. In part it is as follows: "The Venezuelan government is unable to discover in its correspondence a single sentence offensive in tone."

"With regard to the publication of the note of March 8, 1901, marked 'confidential,' this note lost its confidential character through the publication of a memorandum by the German ambassador to the United States in which was incorporated the note in question."

"Regarding the other points, each of which comes within a certain law, it is only necessary to call your attention to the abnormal circumstances which have paralyzed any course of action relating to these matters. The Venezuelan government is now considering the appointment of a fiscal agent."

"The imperial government desires that Venezuela immediately satisfy the claims arising from the civil war and that other matters be arbitrated."

"The Venezuelan government only awaits the time when the work of pacification, in which it is earnestly engaged, shall permit it to issue an order re-establishing public credit. The claims arising out of the present war, which still devastates the republic, will be treated with all justice under the laws to be passed to cover the requirements."

"Upon the special command of my government I refrain from replying to that part of your note which relates to joint action on the part of Germany and the United Kingdom. A power like Venezuela, which is in need of no stimulus to cause it to fulfill its legal obligations to its utmost ability, can never expect any course of action which shall not conform to the principles of mutual respect and the rules of reciprocal cordiality."

"R. LOPEZ BARALT,"
"Minister of Foreign Affairs."

Percy Goslin, a 15-year-old boy, who carried the mail at Springfield, was brought in by Deputy Homaa on a charge of opening the mail sacks and extracting letters.

Pension Appropriation.
WASHINGTON.—The senate on Wednesday passed the pension appropriation bill without discussion. It carried \$129,847,000. An urgent deficiency bill was also passed. The amount carried by this bill is \$1,148,400, and includes an item of \$500,000 to enable the secretary of agriculture to stamp out the foot and mouth disease, which has become epidemic in the New England states.

Passes Pure Food Bill.
WASHINGTON.—The house today passed the pure food bill without a quorum by 72 to 21. Bills were passed to make Portal, N. D., a sub-port of entry for the immediate transportation of dutiable goods and for the relief of the Miami Indians, and then the debate on the pure food bill was resumed. Mr. Hepburn (la.) closed the discussion. The bill, he said, did not fully meet his approval.

CASH FOR CATTLE.

It is Voted by the Lower House of Congress.

WASHINGTON.—The house on Monday passed the senate bill for a union railway station in this city, to cost \$4,000,000. The station is to be situated north of the present site of the Baltimore & Ohio depot at Delaware and Massachusetts avenues, and in front of it is to be a large plaza park.

The Pennsylvania is to remove its tracks from the Mall and reach the site of the proposed station through a tunnel to run between the capitol and library buildings. The government is to pay the Pennsylvania railroad \$1,500,000, and the Baltimore & Ohio \$500,000, in addition to providing for the plaza park.

The house also passed an urgency deficiency bill, which carried among other items an appropriation of \$500,000 for eradicating the foot and mouth disease in New England. A bill was passed to provide for the allotment in severity of the lands of the New York Indians. The bill provides that prior to allotment the claims of the Ogden Land company should be decided in the courts, and if found good should be purchased for the benefit of the Indians for a sum not exceeding \$200,000.

The senate on Monday discussed the militia bill and also the omnibus statehood bill.

After agreeing to the house resolution for an adjournment from December 20 to January 5, Mr. Proctor (Vt.) called up the militia bill. An amendment by Mr. Pettus (Ala.), striking from the bill section 24, having particular reference to the reserve force of trained men, provoked some discussion, Mr. Pettus raising the point if enacted would be an infringement of the constitutional authority of the states, and put the custody of the militia into the hands of the general government.

The bill was laid aside for the omnibus statehood bill. Senator Dillingham (Vt.), who is opposed to the bill, occupying the remainder of the session in rehearsing the testimony taken by the subcommittee on its tour of investigation.

Mr. Bate (Tenn.) submitted a report of the minority on the omnibus statehood bill, which was read. It favored the omnibus bill.

A message from the president was laid before the senate, recommending the payment of indemnity to the heirs of certain Italians killed in the southern states.

Consideration of the statehood bill was resumed. Mr. Quay (Pa.) said that as the senator from Minnesota (Mr. Nelson) had "suddenly and tumultuously" withdrawn the substitute it was his desire to know if Mr. Nelson intended to re-report the same. Replying, Mr. Nelson said that it was his purpose to re-report, but could not say at this time when he would do so.

FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE GRAIN MEETING.
Called at Lincoln, Nebraska, Jan. 22nd, 1902.

There will be a meeting held at Lincoln, Nebraska, Jan. 22nd, 1902, at 2 o'clock p. m., in University hall, in the interest of and for the purpose of advancing the Farmers' Co-Operative Grain and Live Stock association and extending its usefulness in Nebraska. All farmers and others interested in extending the work of the association and in the building of Farmers' Co-Operative elevators are requested to attend and take part in the meeting. We recommend that farmers and shippers meet at the various shipping stations of Nebraska and send representatives or delegates to this meeting. All persons interested in the success of the co-operative movement and desiring information regarding the same are cordially invited. James Butler, manager of the Central association and other speakers from Kansas will address the meeting. Reduced rates have been granted by all railroads in the state. Ask for them when buying your ticket.

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