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## CONTROL TRUSTS

MR. HOAR ADDRESSES THE SENATE ON HIS BILL.

### ADVISES PUBLICITY AS A CURE

Nation Sees that Common Alarm is by No Means Baseless—Officers Must Be Held Personally Liable—Peril in Corporate Wealth.

WASHINGTON.—In the senate Tuesday the vest resolution instructing the committee on finance to prepare and report a bill removing the duty on anthracite coal was considered.

Mr. Vest (Mo.) said the finance committee could do nothing, and, therefore, he could not see the necessity of Mr. Aldrich's (R. I.) motion to refer the resolution to the finance committee.

"This no longer is a party question," he said, "but a question of absolute humanity. We are not on the verge of a crisis in regard to coal, but we are actually in it. Women and children have been frozen to death and my only solicitude is to find a remedy for this disgraceful and outrageous condition of affairs."

Sensors stood dumb, he added, either afraid or unwilling to take any action answering the appeals of the poor, freezing women and children with a party cry "stand pat." Nothing was to be done with the sacred elephant of the Dingley tariff law. The senator from Massachusetts Mr. Lodge had endeavored to administer a homoeopathic dose in the shape of a suspension of a duty for ninety days, but if medicine was needed at all it was in allopathic doses. By referring the resolution to the committee it would have no chance to pass.

"Don't you know," he continued, "that when we send the resolution to the finance committee we send it to its execution?"

He criticized the Dingley tariff and said there was no more chance today to reduce a single duty in the Dingley act than for him to carry off the capitol building on his shoulders.

Mr. Aldrich (R. I.) said he desired to make full answer to Mr. Vest, but as Mr. Hoar (Mass.) had given notice that he would speak on his trust bill, he asked that the resolution go over until Wednesday. He took occasion, however, to deny certain statements by Mr. Vest, attributed to Mr. Dingley, to the effect that the rates of the bill were made unreasonably high in order that reciprocity treaties could be made.

Trusts Must Be Regulated. The resolution went over and Mr. Hoar addressed the senate upon his anti-pass bill.

The address of the senator was devoted entirely to an explanation of his recently introduced anti-trust bill. He began his address with the assumption that all thoughtful men are agreed as to the necessity of legislation, state or national, for the control of trusts.

He said that as yet there had been only apprehension and alarm, but no serious injury, except in the case of the recent coal strike, on account of trusts. On the contrary, the progress of our material prosperity had been greater in the past few years than ever before had been known and our workmen were better off. Still there is, he said, actual peril and it is none the less real because it involves only the future and not the present.

The senator then took up the discussion of the effect of the control of vast wealth by individuals, saying that in such a system there was much to threaten republican liberty. Most of the vast fortunes of the present day had been accumulated within thirty years.

"If there were anything to render it unlikely," he asked, "that if one of these vast fortunes has grown from a hundred thousand to a hundred million or a thousand million in thirty years, that, in the hands of the next possessor, in another thirty or fifty years, the hundred million may become a hundred thousand million? Is there anything to stop the accumulation of these snowballs? Cannot the same power and business ability and capital that can control all the petroleum in the country control all the coal? Can it not control the railroad and the ocean-carrying trade? Can it not buy up and hold in one man's grasp the agricultural and grazing lands of new and great states and the coal mines and silver mines and copper mines?"

But, great as were the possibilities of the accumulation of great wealth by individuals, he did not find in such accumulation the same peril that is found in corporate control of such wealth. This was true, he said, because the natural man dies and his estate is distributed under the law, while the corporation lives forever. "It never goes through the probate court," he said.

"Internal transactions are kept secret. It is not solicited for its own honor, except so far as its honor or reputation is essential to its getting money. It has no soul and no conscience. In general, the men who are most powerful in its management can, if they see fit, avoid personal liability for obligations."

The senator said that now the great corporations are in good hands, but suppose some Napoleon of France should come into the control of a thousand million dollars. Would not that possibility be a real public danger?

## THE COAL FAMINE

ATTY. GEN. SUMMONS SPECIAL GRAND JURY AT CHICAGO.

### SAYS A CONSPIRACY EXISTS

The State's Attorney Has Prepared a Statement Setting Forth His Reason for Believing That a Conspiracy Exists in Cook County.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—A special grand jury met in Chicago Saturday to investigate the alleged conspiracy between coal operators, railroad and coal dealers to increase the price of coal on the Chicago market.

Attorney General Hamlin will lead the investigation. The attorney general recently secured the services of competent men whom he sent to the mines along the Chicago & Alton road, and also other coal producing regions, and the reports which they have made convinced him that the market is being controlled by certain dealers and operators. The last report made to him was received Friday afternoon and contained some valuable information.

While the attorney general has not made public the evidence with which he has been furnished, he claims it will show that certain coal operators and dealers, some of whom are interested in mines and some who are not, entered into an agreement by which they could control the coal market. He did not state that any of the railroads were interested in the alleged combination, although he has also investigated on this point. Railroad officials state that they lose no time in transporting coal from the coal-producing regions to Chicago, but that the delay is caused by the dealers there not returning the empty cars in due time. This furnished an important foundation for the inquiry, and on it several interesting statements have been secured.

Forty witnesses were named in the subpoena given to the sheriff. Small dealers are not the mark at which the state's attorney aims. While the names on the list of witnesses are withheld, it is known that they are those of mine owners and wholesale dealers in coal.

The state's attorney in his petition for a special jury says: "From information brought to him the state's attorney has reason to believe that there exists among certain owners and operators of coal mines and certain dealers in bituminous coal doing business in Cook county, a combination to do an illegal act, injurious to the public trade, to wit: To prevent competition in the sale and delivery of such coal in the county and to regulate and fix the price thereof, and that such a combination has been entered into and exists to fix and limit the amount and quantity of such products as are mined in this state and also such as are mined and produced elsewhere and brought into the county for consumption, and to regulate and fix the price thereof."

"It is a matter of general information that at the present time great quantities of such products have been brought into the county for sale and consumption, and that the same is sold at exorbitant prices, so much beyond the cost of production and transportation that such owners, operators and dealers receive unreasonable profits and the consumers are required to pay exorbitant prices; that by reason of such combination and the withholding of sales thereunder great distress and suffering prevail among the poor in the community, who are unable to pay such prices for such necessities, and great hardships exist among the different lines of industries requiring a continuous supply of products to carry on their business by reason of the pretended inability of the operators, owners and dealers to supply the demand at the ordinary market prices."

Senate Investigates. WASHINGTON.—The senate committee on the District of Columbia continued its investigation of the coal shortage in Washington. Joseph Crawford, general agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, said that during the last year there had been a decrease in the quantity of anthracite brought to Washington over his line of 30 per cent, but during November and December there had been an increase over the normal receipts. There had been no increase in freight rates from the mines.

W. Z. Zeh, a local dealer, declared it was much easier to secure coal from the independent companies than from the railroad companies, which indicated that the large companies were disposing of their coal to the smaller ones to keep the prices up.

Canada May Remove Duty. OTTAWA, Ont.—D. Gallery, M. P. of Montreal, conferred with Premier Laurier regarding the advisability of removing the duty on anthracite coal. Mr. Laurier promised to take the matter under consideration.

Coal Famine in Missouri. MARSHALL, Mo.—A coal famine prevails in Marshall and the nearby towns. Slates sent to this city for coal, which is scarce here. Many families are burning their fruit trees and shade trees. Cut wood is selling for \$8 a cord, and such fuel is very scarce.

Paris for the Sultan. PARIS.—The Temps correspondent at Constantinople telegraphs that representatives of the sultan signed a contract Wednesday providing for the delivery to the Ottoman army of 200,000 rifles.

## STORM DELAYS ALL TRAINS

Passenger's Pull into Union Station from One to Six Hours Late.

### NEBRASKA IN GENERAL

#### NEBRASKA'S INVESTMENTS.

State Has a Million and a Half Dollars Invested. LINCOLN.—Auditor Charles Weston's balance sheet, issued January 1, shows that the state treasurer has on hand \$208,374.31, and that the investments now held by the state amount to nearly \$6,500,000. The total amount of trust funds on hand is \$4,673.23. This is made up of the following funds on hand: Permanent school fund, \$220.91; agricultural college endowment fund, \$674.51; permanent university fund, \$838.47; normal endowment, \$312.23.

The amount on hand December 1 was \$425,255.23. The receipts during the month were \$397,416.23, and the disbursements were \$434,297.35, leaving \$208,374.31 on hand at the opening of the new year. This is the smallest amount for which the treasurer has had to account within the past twenty years. When State Treasurer Messervie turned over the office to State Treasurer Steiner he had on hand \$99,322.58. Of that amount \$31,032.45 was trust funds.

The investments of the state funds have grown, notwithstanding a great many bonds and securities have been paid off by counties. The total investment held by the state has grown from \$4,571,240.21 on August 31, 1901, to \$4,575,034.77 at the present time. These investments are as follows: School fund, \$6,090,391.63; agricultural college endowment, \$234,692.14; permanent university, \$101,050.97; normal endowment, \$53,900.

Implement Dealers Meet. The Nebraska and Western Iowa Retail Implement Dealers' association will open its annual convention at Schlitz hall, Omaha, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and beside that meeting will hold morning sessions Wednesday and Thursday.

It is now assumed that this will be the largest convention ever held by this association, and it is expected that the attendance will exceed 700. There will be a number of distinguished members of kindred organizations, among whom will be F. K. Allen of Craig, Mo., president of the national federation.

The present officers of this organization are: H. P. Shumway, Wahkiakum, Neb., president; Neil Brennan, O'Neill, Neb., vice president; N. L. Maloney, secretary and treasurer, and Gus Babson, Seward, Neb., and J. L. Blowers, David City, directors.

The visiting delegates will be entertained at the Commercial club Wednesday evening by the local jobbers and manufacturers of implements.

The program of Tuesday, afternoon consists largely of the reports of officers, but will include addresses by visiting members of the national association.

Killed by Train. WAHOO, Neb.—John Neville, a farmer living four miles north of Wahoo, met with a fatal accident about 3 o'clock Monday. He was hauling corn and attempted to drive across the railroad track ahead of the Elkhorn passenger train. The train struck the wagon and demolished it and Mr. Neville was thrown some distance, slitting on his forehead. He was picked up unconscious and brought back to Wahoo by the train and medical aid was summoned. He was about 45 years of age, married and had a large family. Mr. Neville died at 5 p. m. in the depot waiting room.

Stockmen Will Meet. LINCOLN.—L. C. Lawson, F. M. Tyrell and Hon. Z. C. Branson are arranging for the program for the meeting in this city on January 22 and 23 of the Central Short-Horn Breeders' association. This will be one of the big gatherings of the year in Lincoln. From 200 to 500 lovers and breeders of short-horn cattle will be here. They come from all parts of the United States and Canada, and are a class of men whom it will be to the interest of Nebraska people to know. For six years the association has met yearly in Kansas City, but at the last session it was induced to come to Lincoln.

Miller Must Face Charges. When Charles Miller, stopped off the Elkhorn train at the Webster street station at 5 o'clock Sunday night in Omaha he met a reception which he did not expect. Captain Dunn and Detective Mitchell were waiting for him and escorted him to the city jail, whence he was taken by Sheriff Bowman of Dodge county to Fremont, where he is wanted to answer to the charge of larceny. He recently, it is alleged, held up a saloon keeper at Scribner to the tune of \$40.

J. T. Morey has been re-appointed as superintendent of the state school for the blind at Nebraska City.

H. M. Garner, a book agent, was arrested Sunday afternoon at Omaha on the charge of being a suspicious character. He had been following little girls about, trying to engage them in conversation. The police had received several complaints regarding him. One night last week he was found in a room on the south side by the occupant, who came home at a late hour, but could give no definite reason why he was there. He has been known to the police for some time.

## PUSH TRUST LAWS.

President Desires to Curt the Combination.

### WILL START MARCONI PAPER.

Enterprise Newspaper Man to Publish Journal on Atlantic Lines. LONDON.—According to the Daily Telegraph contracts have been completed to start a daily paper, to be supplied with news by the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy, on board a British liner running between Liverpool and New York. Publication will begin about the end of this month.

Embargo to Be Lifted Soon. BOSTON.—Dr. D. E. Salmon, census bureau of animal industry, expresses his belief that before the end of this week all cattle suffering from the foot and mouth disease in Massachusetts will have been destroyed.

It is expected that within two weeks the cattle embargo will have been lifted from New England.

OTTAWA, Ont.—A report received from Canada's commercial agent at Jamaica, says the government of Jamaica has passed an order prohibiting the importation of cattle from Canada and the United States on account of the foot and mouth disease in New England.

Pennsylvania Stock Grows. PHILADELPHIA.—The call for the meeting of the stockholders of the Pennsylvania railroad for March 1 contains a notification that the shareholders will be asked to authorize an increase in the capital stock of more than \$400,000,000, or nearly double the amount outstanding.

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## NEBRASKA INVESTMENTS.

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### BRIEF NOTES.

It is estimated that 50 per cent of the employees of the cigar trust are females, and the great majority are females.

In Dodge county the total chattel mortgages filed during 1902 was \$26,000, amount, \$220,180.56; releases \$59, amount, \$268,309.94.

Congressman Robinson of Madison, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is rapidly recovering, although still confined to his home.

R. G. Wright, for ten years proprietor of a drug store at Table Rock, has sold his business to F. M. Colwell of Seward city, and will go elsewhere.

The elaborate experiments at the State agricultural college at Ames demonstrate that the soft corn is as valuable for feeding purposes as the normal grain.

Governor Mickey has appointed Mayor Moore of Omaha a colonel on his personal staff. Mayor Moore served under Governor Savage in a similar capacity.

The second regiment band of Beatrice has been selected by Adjutant General Colby to play at the inauguration of Governor-elect Mickey at Lincoln, January 8.

The following shows the record of mortgages filed and released in Gage county during the past year: Mortgages filed, 618; amount, \$314,124; released, 754; amount, \$308,806.

C. A. Baxter, the aged colored man who was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for the murder of his baby grand at Grand Island, but who claimed that he was innocent, was set free.

Twelve families of Gyrlas have gone into winter quarters near Beatrice. They are having their large living rooms repaired and painted and getting ready for the road in the spring.

S. A. Teal, for thirty years master mechanic of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, with headquarters at Missouri Valley, has resigned and will be succeeded by Edward W. Pratt.

Sheriff John M. Kresder of Dodge county has resigned, in order to assume the duties of deputy collector of internal revenue. Deputy Sheriff Arthur Bauman has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Eight companies have been organized recently in Dawes county for the purpose of boring for oil, and filings have been made on sixty-four placer oil mining claims in Beaver creek valley, about ten miles northwest of Chadron.

M. L. Rawlings of Wymore now has a force of over seventy-five men at work cutting ice on Indian creek. The ice averages from ten to twelve inches in thickness. At present they are working on a contract for the B. & M., which calls for 200 carloads.

Union Pacific engine 1715, attached to an extra freight train, left the rails while going on a sidetrack at the west end of the yards at Elkhorn. The wrecking crane came out from Omaha and put it back on the track. The engine received but small damage.

The women of the Helen Gould club met in open session at the home of Mrs. Fozzard, one of its members, in Rising City, New Year's eve. An interesting program was listened to, one of the principal features of which was a paper prepared and read by J. A. Reichenback on the subject of "Labor Unions."

Mrs. Charles Coburn, residing at Beatrice, attempted suicide by swallowing a quantity of morphine. A physician was summoned when it was discovered that she had swallowed the drug and succeeded in resuscitating her by the use of a stomach pump. It is alleged that Mrs. Coburn had trouble with her husband the forepart of the week, which resulted in his leaving her.

## THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

CATTLE.—Receipts of cattle were moderate again this morning, so that the market took on more life than has been seen here in some little time. Buyers were all out early and practically everything on the market was disposed of by the middle of the forenoon.

About the usual proportion of the receipts consisted of beef steers, and the market was a little stronger. As high as \$1.00 was paid for cattle of pretty fair quality, but the most of the offerings were not very good. The better grades in a good many cases sold \$0.10 higher, and the commoner kinds could also be quoted stronger than yesterday.

The cow market was especially active, and the cattle changed hands very freely. Anything at all desirable sold generally a dime higher. Canners and cutters were in great demand, so that the better grades of cows, so that the pens were cleared in good season. It looked as though the light offerings of the last week or two days had gone packers a chance to clean up the stocks they had on hand, and that they were again getting anxious for fresh supplies.

Bulls, veal calves and stags all sold at stronger prices, as high as \$1.15 being paid for calves, which is the highest price in some little time. Buyers were here in some little time. Buyers were all out early and practically everything on the market was disposed of by the middle of the forenoon.

HEEP.—There was a light supply of sheep here this morning, so that, although rather meager reports from other points were received, the market here held generally about steady with yesterday. There was more or less unevenness to the trade, owing to the great in price yesterday, and besides that the quality of the offerings was rather inferior. Most everything, though, that did go for killers sold without much trouble. Western wethers of fair quality sold as high as \$3.00 and a little bunch of natives brought \$2.50. There was no news on sale good enough to sell for more than \$2.75 and prime lambs were lacking.

The feeder situation was unchanged. The few odd bunches that arrived sold at just about steady prices. Quotations: Choice western lambs, \$1.00; fair to good lambs, \$0.90; choice native lambs, \$1.20; fair to good native lambs, \$1.00; choice yearlings, \$1.00; fair to good yearlings, \$0.90; choice wethers, \$2.00; fair to good, \$1.80; choice ewes, \$1.80; fair to good, \$1.60; choice ewes, \$1.50; fair to good, \$1.30; choice ewes, \$1.20; fair to good, \$1.00.

HOGS.—There was not a heavy Tuesday's supply of hogs here this morning, and, as packers all had to have a few hogs, the market opened a big notch higher, or \$0.10 higher. It was evident, though, that packers did not like to pay the price, as they were slow about bidding the full strength of the market, so that the morning was well advanced before the bulk of the offerings was disposed of. The bulk of the lightweights sold from \$1.25 to \$1.50, with some sales as low as \$1.15. The better weights sold largely around \$1.25 to \$1.40, and some prime hogs sold from \$1.60 to \$1.80.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK MARKET. CATTLE.—Receipts, 4,000 head natives, 500 head Texas, all native; corn fed, steady; best cows and heifers steady; strong; export and dressed beef steers, \$0.90; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$0.95; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.00; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.05; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.10; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.15; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.20; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.25; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.30; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.35; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.40; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.45; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.50; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.55; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.60; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.65; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.70; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.75; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.80; 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