

LIGHT ON THE DEAL

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TESTIMONY GIVEN BY E. J. EDWARDS

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POLITICAL PULL OF THE CORPORATIONS

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WASHINGTON, May 24.—The senate bribery investigating committee today began the inquiry into the story connecting the sugar trust with tariff legislation. E. J. Edwards, the author of the "Holland" letter in the Philadelphia Press, was before the committee for several hours. Owing to the fact that the committee sat behind closed doors, and the additional fact that after emerging from the committee room Mr. Edwards was unwilling to discuss the proceedings, details of the inquiry cannot be had. It is known, however, that Mr. Edwards presented a written memorandum, giving some of the sources of the information contained in his letter and stating that he could not give his authority in his case, and why he could not. He declined to state his authority for the information contained in his letter to the effect that Secretary Carlisle had appeared before the tariff sub-committee, consisting of Senators Jones, Vest and Mills, before the original Senate bill was reported, and had insisted that sugar be given protection because of the party pledges made previous to election, or the statement that Mr. Carlisle had himself revised and written the sugar schedule. This schedule, as prepared by Mr. Carlisle, was in effect assistance and might be obtained. The fact could be definitely ascertained by summoning members of the finance committee.

Other testimony was given in authority for which Mr. Edwards declined to give those that \$500,000 was the amount contributed by the sugar trust to the demagogues which had been received by a member of the firm of Moore & Schley, who he said in his letters, were Senator Brice's brokers, had been in possession of the latest amendments which would raise the tariff bill before the time when Senator Voorhees still insisted on the floor of the senate that no amendments had been agreed to. It was his impression that a firm has had a representative in Washington who was the man to whom the amendments were handed. He could not recall this man's name, but he suggested that the name was comparatively easy matter for the committee to establish his identity.

With reference to the contribution of \$500,000 to the cabinet in the last presidential election, Mr. Edwards said that it would be a breach of faith to reveal the name of his authority. He also stated that with his information the money had not been contributed directly to the national committee, but had been given to other organizations, and that he understood the money would be used in ways to result to the benefit of the national campaign. Nor was his information positive as to the name of the donor, but he stated the contribution; it may have been made by or through individual members of the trust, with the understanding that in the case of the trust, the money would be given against damaging legislation. He pointed out in support of this information, a statement made by Governor Waller of Connecticut, before an investigating committee in that state, in which he said Governor Waller had stated that wealthy men, but few in number, had contributed to the party in that state. He also stated that he had in consultation with the wealthy democrats of New York prior to the election.

HELPED THE ANTI-SNAPPERS

Mr. Edwards said his first information as to the interest of the sugar trust in politics had come from his interview with Mr. Schriever in 1892. He said he had contributed \$10,000 to the cause of the anti-snappers in New York state, but he had thought very little of this until he read of it in a large newspaper in London of the year. His first intimation of Mr. Havemeyer's interest in tariff legislation had been received from an interview with that gentleman published in the New York Eagle as early as the 25th of last January, in which he had said the tariff bill would be looked after when it should reach the senate.

"We are not without influence in the senate," Mr. Havemeyer was represented to have said in an impudent tone.

Mr. Edwards also said that a weekly of which ex-Secretary Schurz is editor, had asserted the sugar trust was not without influence in the cabinet and in congress, and he said he had obtained the information about the reported meeting of Mr. Havemeyer with Senators Brice and Smith at the Arlington hotel in this city from newspaper publications.

With reference to the speculation of senators in sugar trust stock, he said it was a matter of common knowledge in New York that four or five senators had engaged in this speculation, but he said owing to the fact that their dealings came under the class known as privileges, puts and calls, there was no record of them, and the fact of these transactions would be difficult of proof. He suggested that Messrs. Havemeyer, John E. Bearles, ex-congressman Lafayette Corl Meyer, H. M. Terrell and Mr. Reed be summoned as men who would be able to throw light on the operations of the sugar trust.

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Mr. Edwards returned to the committee room after an absence of an hour, accompanied by Judge Ditteneber. After a brief conference the committee decided to postpone further consideration of the question of authority for his statements. At 12 o'clock tomorrow allow Judge Ditteneber to consult attorneys bearing upon the case.

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At this point the hour of 10:30 arrived. The resolution went over and the tariff bill was taken up. Mr. Hale of Maine led off with a sarcastic comment on Mr. Gorman's speech of yesterday, saying the senator from Maryland had said that the tariff would be a breach of faith to reveal the name of his authority.

Mr. Powers amendment to include other classes of goods was defeated. The following rates were adopted: Axes, 1 1/2 cents; anvils, 1 1/2 cents; blacksmiths' tools, 1 1/2 cents; boots, 1 1/2 cents; cast iron pipe, 6-10 cent; cast iron vessels, stove plates, etc., 8-10 cent; malleable castings, 9-10 cent; cast hollow iron pipes, 8-10 cent; cutlery, graded according to the value and averaging about 25 per cent; shotguns and rifles, 30 per cent.

At 6 o'clock the senate adjourned.

IN THE HOUSE

Amendment Striking Out Appropriation for Civil Service Commission Defeated.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—After clearing the table of routine business, at 12:30 o'clock the house went into committee of the whole to consider the legislative appropriation bill, and Mr. Harrison was called to the chair. The republicans were unopposed in their efforts to amend the pension paragraph so as to strike out the \$200,000 appropriation for special investigation of alleged frauds. Mr. Alderman of New Virginia then arose and struck out the provision for contingent expenses of the Civil Service commission, but was voted down.

An amendment from Kansas offered an amendment striking out the provision for assistant attorneys to defend the government against war claims, and it was defeated.

At 3:50 the committee of the whole completed the consideration of the bill and it was reported to the house. Separate votes were demanded on Mr. Hayes' amendment declaring that any report authorizing the docking of numbers' salaries for absence and on the amendment striking out the appropriations for the civil service. The Hayes striking amendment was defeated 190 to 127.

The amendment of Mr. Enloe of Tennessee, striking out the appropriation for the special investigation of alleged frauds, 80 to 158, amid republican applause. The legislative bill was then passed.

The committee on Indian Affairs reported to the house its bill providing for the reservation of land in Utah. The bill provides for the reservation of land in Utah. The bill provides for the reservation of land in Utah.

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AMERICAN OFFICERS HONORED.

Banquet Extended to the Officers of the Cruiser Chicago.

MOB ATTACKS THE SHERIFF

Raid on the Carbon Coal Shaft at LaSalle Results in Battle.

AUTHORITIES POWERLESS AT PRESENT

Governor Aligned Appealed to and Troops Ordered to Repair to the Scene of the Disturbance This Morning—Other Riots.

LA SALLE, Ill., May 24.—A mob of 1,000 coal strikers raided the shaft of the La Salle County Carbon Coal company here this evening in a conflict with the sheriff and his deputies. Five strikers, Sheriff Taylor and Deputy Sheriff Hoolihan and Dwyer were painfully wounded.

The situation is alarming and the governor has been telegraphed for aid. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 24.—Governor Aligned has been in communication all evening with county and municipal officers at Centralia, La Salle and other points where strikers were rioting during the day, and shortly after midnight decided that the troops must be called out.

Sheriff Taylor of La Salle county wired at 11 o'clock that the situation was very serious and that his force of deputies was unable to cope with the rioting, and that a mob surrounded the hotel in which he was lying wounded.

Sheriff Helm of Centralia sent a report similar in character. Orders are now being telegraphed for five companies of the Fourth infantry to report at Centralia and four companies of the Seventh to report at La Salle in the morning. Adjutant General Ordway was to go to La Salle and Assistant Adjutant General Boyle to Centralia.

TROUBLE AT CENTRALIA. CENTRALIA, Ill., May 24.—About 500 striking miners from Duquoin and St. Johns mines arrived in this city today on an Illinois Central freight train and proceeded to the Big Four mine operated by Pottinger & Davis in the northern limits of the city. They demolished considerable of the machinery and filled the shaft with about fifteen feet of debris, dump carts and other loose material about the mine. Every pane of glass in the window of the mine was broken. The total damage to the property is estimated at \$2,000. The Big Four mines have for the past three days been running with about 200 men, and they yesterday refused to come out at the request of the local committee. The Duquoin strikers boarded a freight train in this city and forced the engine back to Centralia. They had ordered Sheriff Helm notified at Salem that the men were coming and a special engine was sent to convey him here, but he did not accept it, so to prevent the destruction of the property.

The striking miners held a meeting and left the city for Olin, eight miles north of here, to shut down the mine there. The sheriff swore in about fifty deputies who were equipped with Winchester rifles from the armory here, and they proceeded with pistols and plenty of ammunition.

SANDOVAL, Ill., May 24.—The delegation of striking miners to Centralia, arrived here from Centralia today shortly after Sheriff Helm and 100 armed deputies came in on a special train. No violence was done, but the strikers declared they intended to keep the mine here as well as to stop the work. The strikers tried to persuade the sheriff to go with them to the mine, and urged the Olin miners not to work. The leader of the strikers offered to take his men with the sheriff and his deputies, but he was refused. The strikers then voted to go to Olin. A force of deputies was sworn in here.

MOBBED AT CRIPPLE CREEK. Two Nonunion Men Assaulted and Severely Injured in a Meeting Here.

CRIPPLE CREEK, May 24.—There is a very ugly feeling among the union miners over the report that the owners will attempt to reopen the gold mines within a few days with nonunion miners, protected by armed deputy sheriffs. The mood of the strikers was indicated today when John Thomas and Thomas H. Jones, two miners from the district mine, arrived in Altman on their way to Cripple Creek. They were suspected of being nonunion men, and notwithstanding their protests that they were not, they were surrounded by a mob, knocked down and several shots fired at them. Thomas and Jones took refuge in a boarding house, which was immediately entered by a dozen armed men who took them out and gave them a fearful beating. At last Thomas escaped and made his way into town. When he arrived here he was exhausted and had five bad scalp wounds and a depression of the skull. Jones is still missing and it is feared he is lying in some secluded place dead or seriously injured.

DENVER, May 24.—The Colorado Fuel and Iron company will attempt to prevent the reopening of the Colorado mines by marching south from Florence to interfere with the miners working at Walsenburg and other places in the Trinidad district. The company has secured an injunction against the invading miners, and the sheriff will meet them with mounted deputies at the Fuernero county line and forbid their entrance into that county. It was thought that he has a sufficient number of men to prevent the miners crossing the line if they show fight.

MISSOURI MINERS MARCHING. Leavenworth Seriously Disturbed Over Threats of Riot Tonight.

KANSAS CITY, May 24.—The Missouri miners enroute to Leavenworth to bring out the miners at that place passed through this city, paying their fares on the cable line, to Kansas City. They camped eight miles out of that city, where they were met by a delegation of Leavenworth citizens who warned them not to enter the city. There will be trouble if the miners persist in going through to Leavenworth.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., May 24.—Captain Ryan, the leader of the band of Missouri miners who intend to invade this city this evening, arrived here at noon to hold a conference with Mayor Dalton, thinking the citizens' committee did not mean what it said last night when the strikers' camp was visited near Kansas City, Kan. The mayor reiterated the warning then given, and the agitators must not enter the city. Ryan has concluded to have his men go into camp south of the city and then enter by ones and two tonight.

Excitement is general throughout the city, and if the bells sound the alarm 5,000 men will respond. The sheriff is swearing by the approach of the mob. In case they are in readiness. A large number of extra police have been appointed and await orders at headquarters.

Ryan states his men will not offer to resist force and consequently thinks there will be no bloodshed. Fully 700 of the 800 miners at work in three mines are dreadfully alarmed, and they are being urged to be beset by the agitators there, certainly will be serious consequences.

WEIR CITY, Kan., May 24.—The miners of the Weir mines held a mass meeting and concluded to continue work.

LEAVENWORTH, May 24.—At a conference with the mayor and citizens, Captain Ryan said he was willing to leave the Leavenworth miners alone. He and the sheriff are now driving south to meet the strikers and efforts will be made to turn the entire crowd back.

CHEROKEE, Kan., May 24.—At a mass meeting of miners at Daisy Hill, M. L. Walters advised the men to get out of town if they had already gained a point in the increase of wages. A vote resulted in favor of quitting, but those going out claim that Crawford county miners and Missourians outvoted them and, as a result, all the shafts are running with the exception of one or two where repairs are being made.

CONVENTION OF COAL OPERATORS. Call for a Conference to Devise Means of Settling Existing Difficulties.

COLUMBUS, Mo., May 24.—The Ohio coal operators met here today at 2 p. m. in Lyndon hall. The talk is that 60 cents will be offered. This is construed to mean that a compromise at 65 cents might be acceptable.

DANVILLE, Ill., May 24.—President Crawford gave the following circular today: To the Chief Operators of southern and central Illinois: Gentlemen—You are hereby notified that a convention of the coal operators of the central and southern coal fields of Illinois is to be held in Springfield, Ill., beginning at 2 o'clock p. m., Monday, May 29, 1894. President McBride of the United Mine Workers of America will preside at this convention, intending to enter into consultation with the operators of the central and southern coal fields of our state, for the purpose of devising means for settling the existing difficulties between the miners and operators may be amicably adjusted, to the end that the hosts of idle industries may be put to work, and a satisfactory adjustment of existing difficulties. You are cordially invited and earnestly requested to be present at this meeting.

J. H. CRAWFORD, State President Illinois and Member National Executive Board.

PREPARING FOR BATTLE.

Concentration of Deputies and Strikers at the Victor Mine.

DENVER, May 24.—About 125 deputies left this city tonight for Cripple Creek and about 100 more will leave before morning to assist the miners in that locality in resuming operations. The strikers expect to give them battle at the Victor mine about six miles from Cripple Creek, where the turbulent element has thrown up breastworks. About sixty deputy sheriffs, mounted and each armed with a Winchester rifle and a brace of revolvers, have left Cripple Creek for the Victor mine, ostensibly to protect railroad property, but undoubtedly to participate in the battle. The strikers are confronted by about 800 deputy sheriffs, all heavily armed.

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