

ASK CHANGE IN LAWS

National Civic Federation Suggests Anti-Trust Legislation.

FAVORS AGREEMENT ON RATES

Would Allow Uniform Charges Under Effective Supervision.

NATIONAL CONTROL OF COMMERCE

Federal License or Incorporation for Interstate Traffic Companies.

COMMISSION TO DRAFT LAWS

Nonpartisan Body Similar to Organization in Germany to Suggest Changes in Interest of All Concerned.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—Today's sessions of the National Civic Federation were given over to five-minute talks by business men, who discussed the various topics introduced by the various speakers during the last three days.

The committee on resolutions presented its report as follows: "After twenty years of federal legislation, as interpreted by the courts, directed against the evils of trusts and combination and against railroad rebates, beginning with the interstate commerce act of 1887 and the anti-trust act of 1890, a general and just conviction exists that the opportunities gained in enforcing these acts and others succeeding them, demonstrates the necessity of legislation which shall render more sure the benefits already gained and better meet the changed conditions which have arisen during a long epoch of active progress, both in the enforcement of state law and in the removal of grave abuses in the management of railroads and corporations. These changes now demanded are:

"First—Immediate legislation is required, following the recommendation of President Roosevelt and the Interstate Commerce Commission, permitting agreements between railroad corporations on reasonable freight and passenger rates, subject in all respects to the approval, supervision and action of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"Second—The enforcement of the Sherman act and the proceedings under it during the administrations of Presidents Harrison, Cleveland, McKinley and Roosevelt have accomplished the moral sense of the American people and in asserting the supremacy and majesty of the law, thus effectually refuting the impression that great wealth and large corporations were too powerful for the impartial execution of law. This great advance has rendered more secure property rights, resting, they must, under a popular government, on universal respect for and obedience to the law. But now that this work is accomplished, it has revealed the necessity for legislation which shall maintain all that the Sherman act has achieved and to secure and safeguard interests it was never intended to protect.

"As the next step in executing the determination of the American people to secure in all industrial and commercial relations justice and equality of opportunity for all, with full sympathy and loyal support for every effort to enforce the laws in the past, we urge upon congress without delay to pass legislation providing for a nonpartisan commission in which the interests of capital, of labor and of the general public shall be represented.

This commission, like a similar commission in Germany in 1896, should be composed of representatives of all the various subjects of business and industrial combinations, and report such proposals as to the formation, capitalization, management and regulation of corporations (so far as the same may be subject to federal jurisdiction) as shall preserve individual initiative, competition and the free enterprise system, and also shall consider the relation of the public interest to the purchase by one corporation of the franchise or corporate stock of another.

"On no one of these subjects must what has been gained be sacrificed until something better appear for enactment. On each question there shall be no compromise between good men. On all it asks a national, non-partisan commission to be appointed next winter to consider the question and report at the second session of the approaching congress for such action as the national legislature, in the light of this full investigation, may enact.

"Supervision of Corporations. "Third—The examination, inspection and supervision of great producing and manufacturing corporations, already begun by the department of commerce and labor and accepted by these corporations, should be enlarged by legislation to include through the appropriate bureaus of the department of commerce and labor, complete publicity in the capitalization, accounts, operations, transportation charges paid, and selling prices of all such producing and manufacturing corporations, whose operations are large enough to have a monopolistic influence. This should be determined and decided by some rule and classification to be devised by the commission already proposed.

"Fourth—The conflicts between the state and federal authorities raised in many states over railroad rates, being now under adjudication and under way to final and ultimate decision by the federal supreme court, this conference deems the expression of any opinion on these issues unfitting, and confidently leaves this great issue to a tribunal which for 118 years has successfully preserved the balance between an irascible union and irreconcilable states defining the supreme and national powers of the one, and protecting the sovereign and individual powers of the other."

The resolutions were adopted as read, and the convention adjourned also dissolved.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Saturday, October 26, 1907.

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THE WEATHER. Forecast till 7 p. m. Saturday: Partly cloudy and probably showers Saturday, warmer Saturday. Sunday: Partly cloudy and probably showers Saturday, warmer.

FOR IOWA—Generally fair, east; probably showers in west part Saturday. Temperature at Omaha yesterday: High, 64; low, 48.

DOMESTIC. A number of smaller financial institutions suspended payment in New York and other cities. The suspension of the First National bank of Brooklyn was announced and the Union Trust company of Providence. The brokers are assisted by a continuation of the pool furnished by money men.

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PRATT CASE IS UP AGAIN

New Petitions Filed by Mrs. Pratt in Her Suit for Divorce.

The Pratt divorce case shifted again into the limelight yesterday afternoon, when Mrs. Julia Montgomery Pratt filed two petitions in district court setting forth her double cause of action, in conformity with the recent order of Judge Kennedy.

This order held the first petition bad because in it Mrs. Pratt applied for the court to sign certain transfers of property made after the ante-nuptial agreement was signed by her and her husband. The court held that these two causes must be set forth in separate petitions. The attorneys for the defendant, failing to present a written order in this effect for the court to sign, Attorney Vinson and Brone, for Mrs. Pratt, presented the order yesterday afternoon and had it signed. The defendant is ordered to answer the new petitions by November 15.

In the divorce petition Mrs. Pratt makes the same charge against Colonel Pratt she made in her first petition. She says she subjected her to many petty annoyances, failed to pay her necessary bills, used liquor to excess, paid a large sum of money to a woman named Sabina Zweifel to prevent a scandal and treated her cruelly.

In her petition relating to the property she says Colonel Pratt after the signing of the ante-nuptial agreement and before their marriage transferred practically all of his property in order to defraud her of her rights under the agreement. The marriage took place June 12, 1898, when Colonel Pratt was 38 years old and she was 25. The ante-nuptial agreement was signed June 12 and provided she should have a house worth \$15,000 within two years after the marriage and \$50,000 after the death of Colonel Pratt. She says Colonel Pratt had about \$200,000 worth of property, but the day before the wedding he gave her transferred his Douglas county property to his children, retaining a life interest, and his Wyoming property, estimated to be worth \$125,000, to Marshall Field, the Chicago merchant, in trust. After the death of Field the trusteeship, she says, was transferred to the children. She says Colonel Pratt has lost about \$100,000 on the board of trade and now has so little property in his own name she could not realize on the \$50,000 guaranteed her in the ante-nuptial agreement. She wants Colonel Pratt, Harry B. Magee and Marshall Field to be held liable for the property transferred as fraudulent.

KANSAS TO SUPPORT TAFT

Senator Long Makes Prediction After Having an Interview with President.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Kansas will send a solid delegation to the next republican convention pledged to vote for the nomination for the presidency of Secretary Taft. Kansas believes the president meant exactly what he said three years ago, when he remarked that under no circumstances would he again be a candidate for that office.

This was the statement of Senator Long of Kansas on leaving the White House today, after an interview with President Roosevelt.

Canadian to Speak at Banquet. KANSAS CITY, Oct. 25.—Robert P. Buchanan, speaker of the Canadian House of Commons, who is to be the guest here tonight at the dinner of the Kildee and Fork club arrived here this morning.

LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION

Voters Who Fail to Register Can Cast No Ballot.

IMPORTANT ELECTION TO CITY

Clerk Butler Will Require Registration Officers to Be Prompt with Their Books at Eight O'clock.

Today is the last day for registration and unless voters register they will not be permitted to vote in the election. This election is the most important to the city of Omaha that has taken place in many years. Aside from the election of city officers, which may or may not be of importance to the individual voter, the present election is of importance to the city in that it will determine the amount of city taxes for the next year. The city clerk, Butler, has taken pains to emphasize the importance of this election to the city. He has taken pains to emphasize the importance of this election to the city. He has taken pains to emphasize the importance of this election to the city.

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ALTON PARKER IS CAUSTIC

Remarks of W. J. Bryan Cause New York Man to Give Interview.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Alton B. Parker said today that he had seen W. J. Bryan's statement in Schenck's yesterday that when in congress Mr. Bryan advocated a law to protect depositors from exactly such conditions as occurred in New York during the last few days. Commenting thereon, he said:

"How glorious it is to be a heaven-born financial genius. What a pity congress neglected to pass the wonderful advantages of such a law. Had they done so, we would not have needed yesterday the patriotism of J. Pierpont Morgan that prompted him to throw \$7,000,000 into the mailstrom at a critical moment; the \$5,000,000 of the government; the \$100,000 of Rockefeller and the money and strenuous labor of public spirited and earnest bankers and business men who strove mightily to save business generally, and therefore every citizen, from ultimate injury."

"I am sorry that he did not mention the title of the bill. In the absence of specifications, there will be those who will think that its title may have been '16 1/2'."

Tenderets Learn Few Things. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—The recent seizure by a representative of the government of a number of head of cattle, which had been purchased by a "tenderet" head in the county of the Rosebud reservation, in Gregory county, from some Indians belonging to the Rosebud reservation, was an eye-opener for many of the recent arrivals in South Dakota, who were not aware that it was against the rules of the Indian department for Indians to sell stock which had been issued to them by the government. Several thousand people from eastern states have taken homesteads in the ceded portion of the Rosebud reservation, and in the vast region between the Missouri river and the Black Hills in western South Dakota, in proximity to some of the big Indian reservations of the state, and they will profit by the experience of the Gregory county homesteaders, who purchased Indian cattle and then had them seized by a representative of the government.

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POPE AIDING THE SUFFERERS

Sends Funds to Clergy of Calabria to Assist in Carrying for Parishes.

ROME, Oct. 25.—Little additional news was received this morning from the districts of Calabria, which were devastated by earthquake shocks on October 23. The bad weather continues in the south and it is feared that many persons are likely to lose their lives as the result of exposure. Many of the homeless people have erected tents or are living under other temporary coverings. A few fresh shocks were experienced yesterday, but no further damage has been reported. The pope has sent supplies of money to the clergy of Calabria for the relief of the suffering parishes and has ordered that the churches be kept open day and night for the use of the homeless. The government has forwarded \$20,000 for use in the relief work and has taken every other step possible to help the sufferers.

LUSITANIA AGAIN ON DECK Turbine Cauder Breaks Eastbound Transatlantic Record Second Time.

QUEENSTOWN, Oct. 25.—The Lusitania arrived here at 9:30 this evening, breaking the eastward record of the day, four hours and nineteen minutes, held by itself. Its passage this time was four days, twenty-two hours and forty-six minutes.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 25.—The new Cunarder Mauretania, now the finest and longest ship afloat, it is five feet longer than its sister ship, the Lusitania, arrived here after having cruised around the coast of Scotland from Wallsend-on-Tyne, where it was built. Its builder and officials expect that it will surpass the Lusitania in speed.

The Mauretania sailed from twenty-one to twenty-two knots from the Tyne to the Mersey. Only three-fourths of the engine power was employed. The Mauretania will probably sail on her maiden trip to New York toward the end of November.

FINE FOR MICHIGAN CENTRAL

Canadian Judge Fines Road \$25,000 for Shipping Dynamite as Powder.

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 25.—Justice Riddell today imposed a fine of \$25,000 on the Michigan Central railway for the explosion of a car of dynamite in western Ontario, which resulted in the killing of two men and serious injury to about forty others. The dynamite was shipped as powder.

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PLAQUE FOUND AT SEATTLE

Suspicious Cases Believed to Be the Dreaded Disease.

GOVERNMENT SURGEON IN CHARGE

Started from Infection Received in Oriental Quarter—Prompt Measures Will Be Taken by Authorities.

SEATTLE, Oct. 25.—Surgeon General Wyman's wife to Governor Mead received yesterday morning the information that Dr. Cofer of the United States public health and marine hospital service would take charge of the bubonic plague situation on Puget sound. Dr. Cofer has had experience with the disease in Honolulu. The surgeon general intimated that the department would apply all the professional services, but that the expense for labor and material would have to be borne by the local authorities. In reply a telegram signed by Governor Mead and William Hickman Moore, mayor of Seattle, was sent to Washington saying:

The state of Washington and the city of Seattle are pleased to have the United States public health and marine hospital service with all the men, money and material necessary for the immediate suppression and eradication of bubonic plague within its boundaries.

The death of a white woman, Agnes Osborne, under circumstances that point to bubonic plague, is being investigated by her brother who is a city patrolman in the oriental district. She became ill October 5 and died October 13. A sister Lydia M. Osborne became ill and the same day Charles O. Eddy, the undertaker's assistant, who laid out the brother was also overcome. Eddy died on the 18th and the sister on the 19th. On October 23 a second sister, Agnes became ill and she died yesterday. The chain of fatalities came to the ears of the Associated Press and the board of health yesterday afternoon made laboratory tests, which point to bubonic plague as the cause of death in the last instance, although the doctors give only a provisional diagnosis.

UTE UPRISING IS CONFIRMED Rumor that Sergeant Baker, in Charge of Rangers, Had Been Killed.

STURGIS, S. D., Oct. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The report is confirmed here that the Ute Indian agent has called for troops. Sergeant Baker, in charge of rangers, is reported killed. The rumor is not believed here. The Indians are said to be scattered. Information from Fort Meade states that four troops of the Second cavalry from Fort Des Moines have been ordered by rail with the Eighth cavalry at Fort Robinson. All available troops at Fort Meade are waiting orders to move. The troops will probably move tomorrow. Second Lieutenant Griffith may command the troops in the last named post in an overland march. The Indians are 150 miles here.

There are no new developments tonight on the Ute Indian trouble. There are a number of reports of discovery of property by Indians, but nothing authentic. The troops at Fort Meade are in readiness to move at a moment's notice if orders come to move. The troops of the Eighth cavalry at Fort Robinson probably will come here by rail and join the troops at Fort Meade, excepting the two companies of the Second cavalry, which are sure to have a bad effect. I think the trouble is due to the state's sovereignty. The power of the state is too great. They are too independent. The sending of the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific is not good diplomacy.

MILWAUKEE SAFE IS LOST United States Express Company Loses Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 25.—Investigation by the United States express company reported last night from the railway depot office of the United States express company in this city, shows that the money was probably taken by an employee who was thoroughly familiar with the surroundings and with the means of making away with the plunder.

The thief apparently had knowledge of the combination of a large safe in the office. None of the employees is missing and the question of locating the guilt has not yet been located. Thomas McDonald, superintendent of the company, said: "I am not in possession of facts which would warrant any arrests."

CAR SHORTAGE NOT LIKELY

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane Holds Conference with Chief Executive.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane conferred with President Roosevelt at the request of the latter today regarding the car shortage situation in the northwest. The president was assured that no present alarm need be felt on account of the lack of coal in the northwest, as the railroads had been shipping coal to that section during the summer. That there is a car shortage is apparent, but no immediate crisis is anticipated because of that fact. The crops are being moved, but slower than is desirable.

EIGHT HOURS IS FULL DAY

Lockmasters on Ohio Rivers Instructed to Stop Laboring at Four O'clock.

MARIETTA, O., Oct. 25.—Orders issued by Major J. G. Warren of Cincinnati, engineer in charge of the Ohio, Big Sandy and Muskingum rivers, have been served on the lockmasters in the Muskingum river instructing them to work but eight hours a day, thus enforcing the government eight-hour law. Boats arriving at the lock after 4 o'clock in the afternoon must wait till the next morning for lockage.

STEAMER PAMPICO ABANDONED

British Vessel Bound for Baltimore to Rotterdam Left by Its Crew.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 25.—A cablegram from London to the Maritime exchange today says that the British steamer Pampico, from Baltimore for Rotterdam was abandoned in the Atlantic, about latitude 22° 20' N. and longitude 72° 20' W. The crew were saved.

SPECIAL ATTORNEY GENERAL

Tracy C. Becker of Buffalo Will Review Southern Pacific Land Fraud Case.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—It is announced that Tracy C. Becker, an attorney of Buffalo, N. Y., will be appointed special attorney general to review the Southern Pacific land fraud case in California and Oregon.

LINCOLN WOMAN FIRST WIFE

William B. Miller of Seattle in Trouble Because of Marriage in the West.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 25.—William B. Miller, manager of the Wall street dock, was arrested last night on a charge of bigamy. Miller was married to Miss Marie Gaidick in North Yakima, September 30. It is alleged that he has a wife living in Lincoln, Neb., who was formerly Miss Anna Kennedy. When arrested he claimed he had been divorced from his first wife, but this is denied by her relatives who reside here.

BOLD ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY

Two Men Seize Nine Thousand Dollars in Philadelphia Sub-treasury.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 25.—One of the boldest attempts at robbery in this city in a long time occurred today, when two men tried to get away with \$9,000, which the men had seized from the bank runner in the United States sub-treasury. Both were arrested and all the money was recovered.

The two men had been hanging around the sub-treasury for several days and were being watched by bank detectives and sub-treasury watchmen. About 11 o'clock this morning P. J. Cronin, a runner for the Franklin National bank, was handed several large bunches of money by a saying teller in the sub-treasury. He placed \$4,000 in a satchel and walked to a bench nearby with the remainder, amounting to \$5,000 in \$100 bills. He laid the money on the bench intending to open the satchel and place it with the other money. At the same time the man in the front of the satchel, who was standing in front of one of the sub-treasury watchmen, reading a newspaper, obstructed the view of the watchman. Then the other grabbed the \$5,000 lying on the bench and started out the front door. The bank runner instantly gave chase, raising an alarm as he did so. The man in the front of the satchel, who was standing in front of one of the sub-treasury watchmen, reading a newspaper, obstructed the view of the watchman. Then the other grabbed the \$5,000 lying on the bench and started out the front door. The bank runner instantly gave chase, raising an alarm as he did so.

Several financial institutions closed their doors today, but business went on without effect in the larger financial circles. It is believed that the institutions were solvent and that only inability to obtain ready cash had caused them to suspend payment and expressed hope that the suspension would be only temporary.

The Trust Company of America and the Lincoln Trust company have withstood the day and closed at the usual hour. Much calmer tone apparent. A much calmer tone was apparent in business circles this morning. The success of the relief measures undertaken yesterday by J. P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller and prominent financiers, together with the serenity with which the officials of the Trust Company of America met the run of depositors on that institution, gave great encouragement to bankers and business men generally that no further trouble was to be feared. The success of the relief measures, together with the fact that J. P. Morgan is believed to have given permanent support to brokers who were in need of support. Last night passed without any of the series of conferences of bankers with each other and with Secretary Cortelyou which were held until the afternoon of yesterday, when Secretary Cortelyou accepted for an informal meeting at Mr. Morgan's house. Secretary Cortelyou attended the dinner of the Graduate club, of which he is vice president, and made an address in which, after discussing at some length the objects of the club and its affairs, he made a reference to financial matters. The secretary said:

"We are having a trying experience, but with all its embarrassments I find my faith in the general stability of business strengthened by the examples I have seen of high courage and splendid devotion to the public welfare shown by many men of great influence in the commercial and industrial life of this city. Weak places have been strengthened, but what is better, those of evil influence have been scourged from their position, and the determination to carry this work forward will have a far-reaching influence in restoring public confidence."

Harlem Bank Suspended. Announcement was made this morning that the United States Exchange bank, a small institution located in the Harlem district of the city, would not open today. The bank has only a little more than \$50,000 on deposit, and the announcement that it would not open for business was entirely without effect. There were lines of depositors waiting this morning in front of the Trust Company of America and at the banking office of the Lincoln Trust company.

Some of those in line at the Trust Company of America had been there all night. At the head of the line was a woman, who declined to leave her place even when the men next in line proposed to restore it to her this morning. She suffered considerably from the cold light air, and several of the men, touched by her plight, went to a nearby restaurant at 3 o'clock in the morning and got some bread and coffee for her.

First advices from London today were very encouraging. American stocks there opening at prices from one to four points higher. The Lincoln Trust company resumed payment to its depositors as usual this morning. The stock market opened irregularly. A sharp reaction followed the opening gains. The fall in prices did not extend far below last night's level before a steady tendency developed. The first prices recorded here, while well above the closing of last night, did not approach the high prices established in the London market before operations began here for stocks with an international market. For instance, St. Paul, which had risen 1/4 in London over the New York closing, opened here unchanged, and then declined nearly 2 points. American Smelting started higher, Union Pacific 2 and Canadian Pacific and Baltimore & Ohio 1/2 to 1/4. This showing was covered into losses running from a fraction to a point in some cases within a few minutes.

Cortelyou Remains Confident. Secretary Cortelyou was at the sub-treasury today. The secretary said: "There is nothing to say on the situation now, except to reaffirm my former expressions of belief that matters are steadily improving."

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