

TAFT DENOUNCES FRAUDS IN DRUGS

Arrests Certain Manufacturers. Special Message to Congress for Dangerous Deceit.

WANTS STATUTE STRENGTHENED. Would Amend Measure to Avoid Flood of Injurious Nostrums.

WEAKNESSES IN LAW INDICATED. Recent Decisions of Supreme Court Hint Out Defects.

SAYS ENFORCEMENT IS VIGOROUS. Executive Says Misbranding of Medicines as to Their Curative Qualities Should Be Prohibited.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—In a message presented in New York and transmitted through the White House today to Congress President Taft arraigned the manufacturers of what he denounced as "dangerous drug frauds," and urged Congress to amend at this season the pure food and drug law to strengthen that act in vital points of weakness recently pointed out by decisions of the United States supreme court.

President Taft believes that unless the law is amended forthwith the country will again be flooded by "injurious nostrums" and "cure alls," which were common before the pure food law first was enacted.

The president's message in part follows: "To the Senate and House of Representatives: Your attention is respectfully called to the necessity of passing at this season an amendment to the food and drug act of June 30, 1906, which will supplement existing law and prevent the shipment of interstate and foreign commerce and the manufacture and sale within the territories and the District of Columbia of worthless nostrums labeled with misstatements of fact as to their physiological action—misstatements false and misleading even in the knowledge of those who make them."

Defect in Law. The supreme court has held in a recent decision (United States against O. A. Johnson, Opinion May 26, 1911) that the food and drug act does not cover the knowing falsification of nostrums, or to curative effect of physiological action, and that inquiry under this salutary statute does not by its terms extend in any case to the inefficacy of medicine to work the cures claimed for them on the labels. It follows that without this act of punishment under the law, unscrupulous persons, knowing the medicines to have no curative or remedial value for the diseases for which they indicate them, may ship in interstate commerce poisons or substances possessing any slight physiological action and labeled as cures for diseases which, in the present state of science, are recognized as incurable.

Message to General Health. An evil which menaces the general health of the people, strikes at the life of the nation. There are none so credulous as sufferers from disease. The need is urgent for legislation which will prevent the sale of false hopes of speedy cures of serious ailments by misstatements of facts as to worthless mixtures in which the sick will rely, while their diseases progress unchecked.

At the time the food and drug act was passed, there were current in commerce literally thousands of dangerous frauds labeled as cures for epilepsy, sure cures for consumption and all lung diseases, cures for all kidney, liver and malarial troubles, cures for diabetes, cures for tumor and cancer, cures for all forms of heart disease, in fact, cures for all the ills known at the present day.

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Initiative Would Invite Chaos and Turmoil Without End

Secretary Nagel Makes Above Statement in Address at Brown University Commencement.

EVIDENCE, R. I., June 21.—Charles Nagel, secretary of commerce and labor, today made the recipient of the honorary degree of doctor of laws from Brown university.

"There can be no time for promising that this to have every man understand your government and to take his place somewhere in the column, be it in the ranks or at the head," said Secretary Nagel in his address, in which he discussed the proposed Arizona constitution and spoke of the bill for popular election of United States senators.

"The initiative sounds plausible," said Secretary Nagel. "The laudable suggestion is that legislative bodies do not respond to the actual demands of the people. I think it may be said with perfect safety that if there is a weakness in representative bodies today it is their too ready response to superficial popular demand."

More Irregularities in Day Picture Bill

Artist Says He Was Paid on March 29, 1904, and Voucher is Dated January 18, 1904.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Albert Rosenthal, the painter who created a sensation recently by testifying before the house state department expenditures committee that he received \$700 for a portrait of former Secretary Day, voucher for which was for \$2,450, appeared before the committee today to explain the discrepancy.

Mr. Michael, now consul general at Calcutta, may be called upon to explain the delay in paying the bills and tell what he knows about the voucher for the portrait. Mr. Rosenthal identified a statement of explanation attached to the portrait voucher, saying that he had written it for Mr. Denby, then chief clerk of the State department, in 1906, when the discrepancy between the amount authorized by the voucher and the amount paid was discovered.

Three Young Men of Parkston Drown

Death Comes to Them in Jim River at Milltown When They Get Into Deep Hole.

MITCHELL, S. D., June 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Three young men were drowned late this afternoon in the Jim river at Milltown, in Hutchinson county. Their names are Joseph, Adelman, Henry Zehnfennig and Frank Nye, who resided at Parkston. They were swimming at the dam near the big mill, and getting into a hole fifteen feet deep they were unable to swim out. The three went down as they tried to help each other.

LONG HAUL CASE ARGUED

Railroads Seek to Show that Higher Charge for Shorter Haul is All Right.

CHICAGO, June 21.—Attorneys for western railroads today argued before Henry Thurler, special examiner for the Interstate Commerce commission to show why they should not be allowed to maintain their present differences in freight rates for long and short hauls, wherein the long haul is cheaper. The rates involved are on grain, coal, lumber and live stock.

MOVEMENTS OF GREAT STEAMERS. The following are the movements of great steamers: NEW YORK, Arrived, 10:30. PHILADELPHIA, Arrived, 11:30. NEW YORK, Arrived, 12:30. NEW YORK, Arrived, 1:30.

DECISION AGAINST POWDER TRUST

Government Wins Its Suit to Dissolve Big Combination Dealing in Explosives.

OPINION BY JUDGE LANNING. Finding Handed Down at Wilmington, Del., Late in Afternoon.

COMBINATION MUST DISSOLVE. Twenty-Eight of Forty-Three Defendants Found Guilty.

OTHER FIFTEEN ARE INNOCENT. Part of Defendant Corporations Are Not Party to Combination in Restraint of Trade—Suit Filed Four Years Ago.

WILMINGTON, Del., June 21.—The federal government won its suit to dissolve the alleged powder trust in a decision handed down here late this afternoon by Judge Lanning in the United States circuit court for the district of Delaware.

HAVEMEYER DENIES TRUSTS. Son of Late Sugar Magnate Approves "Reasonable Combinations."

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Elaborating his defense on trusts and the combinations of sugar companies, Horace Havemeyer, son of the late H. O. Havemeyer, organizer of the so-called "sugar trust" today continued his testimony before the house sugar committee.

England is the cheapest place in the world in which sugar may be purchased, the witness said. "Why is that; because of free trade?" inquired Representative Fordney. "Well, I don't know—I haven't made a study of that," remarked the young millionaire.

Representative Mabry went through the list of refining companies taken into the "trust" in 1887 and asked Mr. Havemeyer to estimate the value of the original plants. The witness smilingly replied that at the time of the merger he was one year old and had no personal knowledge of the value; neither was he able to form accurate estimation from information lately acquired.

Mr. Warren told the committee that the Michigan Sugar Refining company, a beet sugar industry, operated six sugar factories Bay City, Peninsula, Aims, Saginaw Valley, Sebewang and Sanilac refineries. The stockholders of each refinery, he said, had turned their stock over to representatives of a committee of business men, who effected the organization of the new company. In August, 1906, he added, the firm was capitalized at \$25,500.

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England's King and Queen



TAFT AT YALE COMMENCEMENT

President Makes Short Address at Graduating Exercises.

OIL AND TOBACCO DECISIONS. Executive Says They Lay Down Line of Distinction, Not Difficult for Honest Men to Follow.

NEW HAVEN, June 21.—The 210th commencement was held at Yale university today when diplomas were awarded to 897 men who had completed courses. President William H. Taft joined the members of the corporation, of which he is a fellow. Among honorary degrees conferred were:

Master of Arts—Walter McClintock, known for his lectures on the Blackfoot Indians, into which tribe he has been adopted; Miss Mabel Boardman, of the National Red Cross society; Doctor of Letters—John Muir, naturalist of California.

Doctor of Laws—Joseph Rucker Lamar, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States; George Edgar Vincent, Yale, '85, president of the Minnesota university.

Handcuff Queen Had Bunch of Keys Concealed in Hands

Break of Tank on Stage Discomfited Woman of Mystery and Nearly Drowns Orchestra.

SAN MATEO, CAL., June 21.—Two thousand gallons of water, released by a break in a tank on the stage of a local theater last night nearly drowned the members of the orchestra, and discomfited a handcuffed queen who had been mystifying audiences by the apparently easy manner in which she freed herself from steel shackles.

Governor Miller Given Promotion

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., June 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Miller of the Battle Mountain sanitarium today received orders relieving him from command of that institution, the order to take effect on August 1. Governor Miller, who has been in command of the sanitarium for the last two years and five months, has been appointed inspector general and chief surgeon of all the national homes and sanitariums. He will be succeeded at the Battle Mountain sanitarium by Captain J. A. Mattison, first assistant surgeon of the Mount Branch sanitarium.

Taft Family Group at Silver Wedding



Standing, left to right—Robert Taft, Miss Herron (sister of Mrs. Taft), Horace B. Taft, Helen Taft, Henry W. Taft, Charles Taft, seated—Mrs. Charles Anderson (Mrs. Taft's sister), Mrs. Taft, The President, Aunt Della Torrey, Mrs. Henry W. Taft.

CORN CROP SURE TO BE A BUMPER

Railroad Reports Show the Best Prospect in Many Years in Nebraska.

CORN IS FREE FROM WEEDS. Hot Weather of Recent Date Just the Thing for It.

WINTER WHEAT DOING WELL. Eighty-Five Per Cent Crop on Four Million Acres.

OATS BAD IN SOME SECTIONS. Potatoes in Some Parts of the State Drying—Pastures Are Also in Need of More Rain to Save Them.

Raised in spirit by the heavy rains of last week, the Nebraska farmer today is taking big crops and the biggest harvest in history. Corn came through without a scratch and the damage to winter wheat and spring grains will be variable.

Burlington and Northwestern crop reports for the state for the last week show a good growth in the big 4,000,000 acre crop of winter wheat and indicate that in a week or ten days the farmers will begin harvesting. An 85 per cent crop is expected in the eastern part of the state within a radius of sixty miles of Omaha and from 50 to 75 per cent for 100 miles west of here.

Oats, barley, rye and other spring grains are reported wiped out on farms west of Lincoln, Ravenna and Grand Island. Small crops will be harvested in the eastern part of the state.

WHEAT HARVEST UNDER WAY

DRY, HOT WEATHER BRINGS IT TWO WEEKS AHEAD OF TIME. In CLAY CENTER, Neb., June 21.—(Special.)—The harvesting of wheat in this county is now in full blast. The harvest is at least two weeks earlier than ever known before owing to the dry weather which has prevailed in this county since spring. Wheat is reported to be fairly well filled, and it is estimated that it will average from twelve to fifteen bushels per acre. The oats crop is an entire failure. A rain would help it. The corn is looking fine, and will be able to stand this weather for at least two weeks. The pastures are dried up.

EDITORIAL CLUB IN SAN FRANCISCO HELD UP

THOUSAND DOLLARS TAKEN FROM FIVE MEN PLAYING CARDS EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—At the command of Sheriff James F. Haggerty, five members of the editorial club early this morning looked up to find themselves covered by revolvers in the hands of two masked men who stood in the doorway. "Cut out the comedy," said one of the players as he pressed his cards tight against his shirt front. "This is serious."

WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Mrs. Rose Bruckmann of Letcher, S. D., Dies from Poison Taken Several Days Ago.

Base Ball Tickets.

Round trip tickets to Lake Manawa. Quart bricks of Dalzell's ice cream. Boxes of O'Brien's Candy. All given away free to those who find their names in the want ads. Read the want ads every day, your name will appear sometime may be more than once. No puzzles to solve nor subscriptions to get—just read the want ads. Turn to the want ad pages—now.

The Weather

Table with columns for Hour and Deg. showing temperature forecasts for Omaha.

Comparative Local Record.

Table showing historical weather data for Omaha, including highest/lowest temperatures, precipitation, and wind speeds.