

IMPARTIAL NEWS METHOD DESCRIBED

Associated Press Manager Is Heard and Complete Record Is Produced.

MATTER USED ON MERIT

Senators Interested in Explanation of How Non-Partisan Character of News-Gathering Body Is Preserved.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—The Senate committee in pursuit of the "lobby" today heard Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, testify concerning the assertions in the correspondence of Clarence C. Hamlin as to publicity beet sugar men had sought to obtain through the Associated Press. Mr. Stone, who appeared at his own request, produced practically complete records of correspondence on the subject and the committee manifested interest in the explanation by the witness of the attitude of neutrality maintained toward all interests by the news organization.

"The rule is absolute," said Mr. Stone, "that no publicity agent can give us anything. We will not accept anything from them."

Records Are Presented.

Mr. Stone presented all his letters and records bearing on the demands of the beet sugar interests for publicity through the news association. He testified that October 12, 1911, John Arbuckle, a sugar refiner, when leaving for Europe, had given out a statement favoring free raw sugar. That statement was carried by the Associated Press, he said. On October 15 a short statement which was given out by Clarence C. Hamlin at Colorado Springs, answering the Arbuckle statement, also was carried by the Associated Press. The Arbuckle statement, he said, was about 1000 words, the Hamlin statement about 150 words.

Mr. Hamlin then wrote Mr. Stone asking that the beet sugar interests be given as good treatment as the sugar refiners.

Mr. Hamlin's letter was: "I am writing you as chairman of the United States Beet Sugar Industry, an organization which includes practically all of the beet sugar interests of this country, and if anything further is necessary to give that to which I have to say credit, I would refer you to any of the papers in Denver, as well as to Senator Guggenheim and Senators Clark and Warren, of Wyoming. Also to Chester S. Morey, of Denver, president of the Great Western Sugar Company, the largest beet sugar producer in the United States."

Non-Partisan Character Conceded.

"Publicity is the last thing I wish to seek personally, but in justice to the great industry which I represent I feel justified in taking up with you in person a matter which to us is of the gravest importance. On October 12 John A. Arbuckle, of Arbuckle Brothers, gave out a statement which was printed in full in every Associated Press newspaper in the United States concerning the sugar situation. The matters contained in this statement were of such great importance and some of the misrepresentations so gross that I did not feel that these statements should go unchallenged.

"I took the matter up with the local representatives of the Associated Press, who followed it through the ordinary channels and was assured that the Associated Press would handle 650 words representing the beet-sugar men's position on these questions.

"I understand the Associated Press is in no sense partisan, and aims to be wholly fair to all of the great interests of the country, and all that the beet interests ask is that they receive the same treatment at the hands of your association as is accorded to certain farmers in New York.

"We certainly have no desire to burden the Associated Press with matter put out for the purpose of 'boosting' our industry, but when attacked, feel that we should be given as much publicity as is given to our opponents.

Very truly yours, C. C. HAMLIN."

Desire Is to Be Impartial.

In answer to Hamlin's letter, Mr. Stone wrote October 22, 1911: "I can well understand how you feel in regard to the matter. It is certainly my desire that the Associated Press shall be just and impartial in the treatment of every matter reported by it.

"The Arbuckle statement was carried, not because it was a statement of a sugar refiner, but because of its bearing on the general cost of living, which, as you know, has been the subject of keen interest in the United States. With the advance in the price of sugar, coffee and other necessities, necessarily has been much feeling on the general subject.

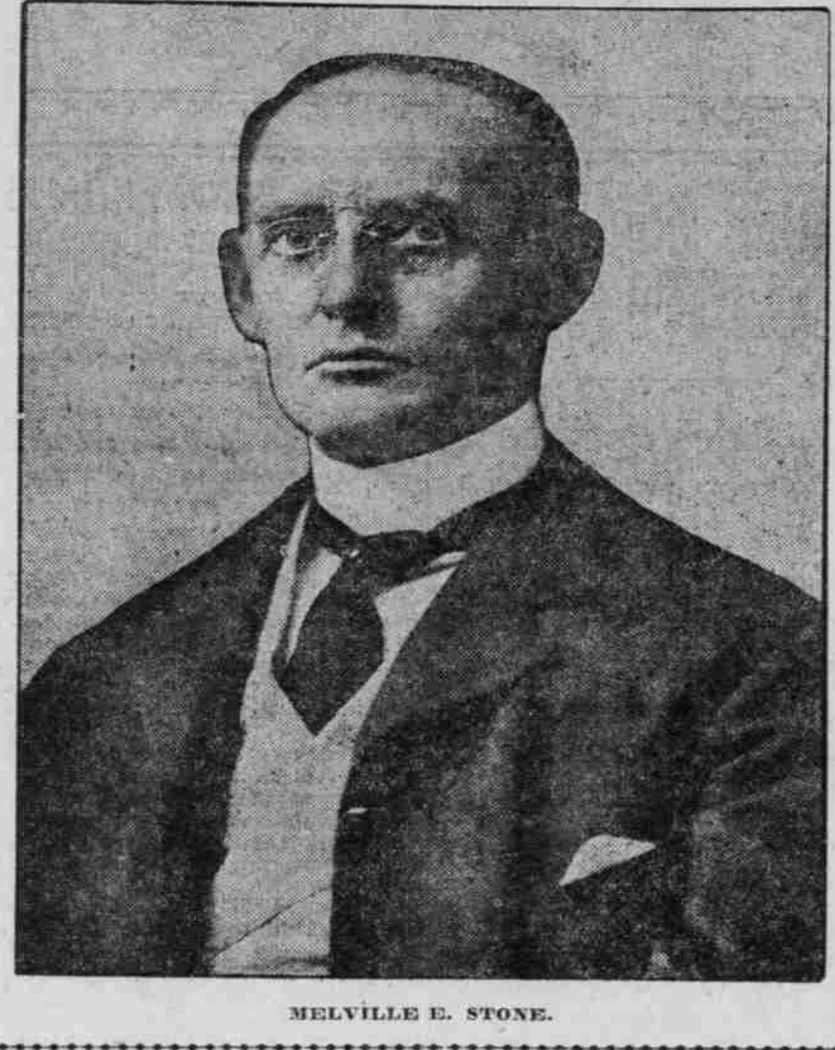
"When your statement in answer to Mr. Arbuckle was presented, it happened to be a very busy day and night. The President of the United States was at San Francisco, the plans for Justice Harlan's funeral were on, the McNamara trial was before the country, the world's series of baseball games was in progress, a critical situation in China existed, and there was an acute political situation in Mexico. All of these things crowded our one wire running from Kansas City to San Francisco, and I suppose our Denver office was forced to abbreviate your statement. I am writing to the chief of our office there asking him for an explanation regarding the matter; but I can well anticipate that this is what he would say.

"I fancy the matter will come up before Congress, and then I trust we shall be able to give you as good a hearing as those who are contending on the other side. Sincerely yours, 'MELVILLE E. STONE."

Wires Crowned: Story Condensed.

Mr. Stone gave the committee a copy of the letter he wrote to C. D. Haggerty, in charge of the Denver office of the Associated Press, October 23. It asked for information as to the handling of the Hamlin statement and concluded: "Personally I am inclined to discourage carrying long statements of a controversial nature, but inasmuch as we carried Arbuckle's statement rather fully, our judgment is that we might have handled a little more of Hamlin's provided it was prepared as briefly as our story here indicates."

GENERAL MANAGER OF ASSOCIATED PRESS, WHO EXPLAINS NEUTRALITY OF NEWS GATHERERS IN RELATIONS WITH PUBLIC AFFAIRS.



MELVILLE E. STONE.

wire from Colorado Springs, but that owing to the crowded condition of the Associated Press wires only 200 words had been sent East and 61 words were cut out of the dispatch at relay points before it reached New York.

Mr. Hamlin then wrote to Mr. Stone, October 27, 1911: "Permit me to thank you for your kind favor of the 23d instant and to express my appreciation of your position in the matter. I can readily understand how the situation arose and, of course, know the Associated Press desires to do full justice to all interests with entire impartiality. There is to be a meeting of the beet sugar interests in Chicago on November 15, which will give a statement which probably will be issued concerning this industry and the reasons for the present high prices of sugar. I trust it will be such a one as your association will be able to handle."

News Merit Governed. Mr. Stone wrote to John P. Gavit, then superintendent of the central division of the Associated Press, at Chicago:

"There is to be a meeting of the beet sugar interests in Chicago on November 15 at which time a statement probably will be issued concerning the industry and the reasons given for the present high prices of sugar. On October 15 we carried from New York a statement from John Arbuckle on this subject and the reasons given for the present high prices of sugar. On October 15 we carried from New York a statement from John Arbuckle on this subject and the reasons given for the present high prices of sugar. On October 15 we carried from New York a statement from John Arbuckle on this subject and the reasons given for the present high prices of sugar."

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RIGHT TO SUSPEND TARIFF BESTOWED

Senators Would Give President Power to Retaliate Against Nations.

REFORMS STRICKEN OUT

Clauses to Which Foreign Nations Objected Eliminated—All Except Income Tax Clause Ready for Caucus.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—An amendment to the Underwood tariff bill adopted today by the majority members of the Senate finance committee would give the President of the United States authority to suspend certain rates in the proposed law and to proclaim special rates against nations which discriminate against products of the United States.

The amendment is appended to the clause giving the President authority to negotiate reciprocity agreements with other nations and in some respects resembles the maximum and minimum clause of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law eliminated in the House bill.

Articles to Be Specified.

In substance the amendment would provide that when any nation discriminates against the products of the United States or imposes restrictions on United States exports, or in the opinion of the President, does not reciprocity in trade relations, the President may suspend rates and put in effect other rates.

Only specified articles, it is understood, are to be included under the terms of this amendment, and the rates are specified also. Among the articles included in the list on which the President might suspend rates are fish, wheat, wheat-flour, coffee, tea, earthenware, wines and malt liquors, silk dress goods, tea, gloves, jewelry, sugar and molasses. The duties prescribed vary as to the different articles.

Rates Definitely Fixed.

"Fish, it is reported, will be dutiable at 1 cent a pound, wheat at 10 cents a bushel, flour at 45 cents a barrel, coffee and tea a few cents a pound.

On other items the penalty would be a doubled rate, while on sugars, which probably never would be affected, the rate would be only a fraction of a cent a pound. The amendment is subject to ratification of the Democratic Senatorial caucus, which will begin work on the bill tomorrow.

Members adding this amendment to the majority members stripped the administrative provisions of the Underwood bill of many of its new features, including the inquisitorial clause, which gave American agents the right to examine foreigners' books in cases of disputed import valuations. They also struck out the provision requiring registration bureaus for commission agents and agents in American consulates, the provision to give the Secretary of the Treasury the right to determine the existence or non-existence of a foreign market; the anti-dumping clause, which provided excess duties on imports undersold in this country, and the 5 per cent tariff discount on imports in American vessels.

Foreign Protests Forestalled. Having thus denuded the administrative section of its proposed reforms, the committee inserted an amendment providing for the appointment of a commission to be composed of members of the Senate finance and the House ways and means committee to make a thorough study of the whole tariff administration question and report recommendations for its readjustment. The action of the committee strikes from the bill all the provisions which aroused protests from foreign nations.

The committee declined to approve the amendment which would give the Secretary of the Treasury authority to proclaim values of imports irrespective of foreign markets, a scheme designed primarily to protect the Government against loss of revenue under an ad valorem tariff through undervaluations. This the committee thought not practical. It adopted, however, a suggestion from the same sources making it unlawful to take up cases in the Customs Court on a contingent fee basis.

Print Paper Changed Again. After reopening consideration of the print paper schedule today, the committee voted to reconsider its former action and struck out its amendment adding the countervailing provisions of the Canadian reciprocity law. As the bill goes to the caucus the Underwood provision remains undisturbed, print paper valued at not more than 2 1/2 cents a pound going on the unrestricted free list.

The committee now has disposed of all the schedules and administrative features of the bill and tomorrow will turn them over to the caucus. It worked until a late hour tonight on the income tax, which will be reported to the caucus as soon as possible.

SOCIALISTS FINED \$500. Preacher One of Those Arrested for Addressing Street Meeting.

KANSAS CITY, June 19.—Rev. Thomas E. Green, pastor of the Bethany Congregational Church, St. Louis, and S. E. Davidson and Thomas B. Sullivan, of Kansas City, members of the Socialist party, were fined \$500 each in Municipal court here today on charges of blocking the street while speaking at a curb Socialist meeting last night.

The police had ordered that no street meetings which might incite labor element to violence be held during the progress of labor troubles between contractors and building laborers.

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Flour Decreases Slightly

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Puget Sound during the last eleven months exported 5,387,735 bushels of wheat valued at \$4,534,581, an increase from 3,380,157 bushels valued at \$2,730,143 for the same months last year. Flour exports from Portland for the past eleven months amounted to 530,704 barrels, valued at \$2,102,824, as against 622,788 barrels, valued at \$2,745,004, for the same months last year.

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Wilson Pardons Sick Smuggler. SAN FRANCISCO, June 19.—President Wilson pardoned today Charles S. May, a carpenter who was serving a county jail sentence of a year for smuggling opium. May had two months more to serve. The pardon was granted on the recommendation of United States District Attorney John L. McNab and Prison Physician Hall. May is a sufferer from tuberculosis.

BOYS MAY GET JOBS

Minimum Wage Law Will Hurt Girls, Says Employers.

WOMEN WANT \$8 A WEEK

Heads of Kansas City Firms Say If Legislature Acts, Inefficient Girls Will Be Replaced by Persons Able to Earn More.

KANSAS CITY, June 19.—That the creation of a law by the legislature establishing a minimum wage for women and girls in the state would prove a detriment to working girls generally was held by 14 representatives of as many institutions employing large numbers of girls, at the final session of the hearing before the Senate wage commission here today. It was argued by these employers that the inefficient girls who could not earn the amount that the legislature might stipulate as the minimum wage would be thrown out of work.

Witnesses admitted, however, that such a law would tend to raise the general standard of girl employees.

85-a-Week Girls Expensive. "If a girl is worth \$10 or \$15 a week, I would rather pay her that than I would to pay her \$5 a week," said Robert Truit, manager of the National Biscuit Company. "The 85-a-week girl is expensive in the long run."

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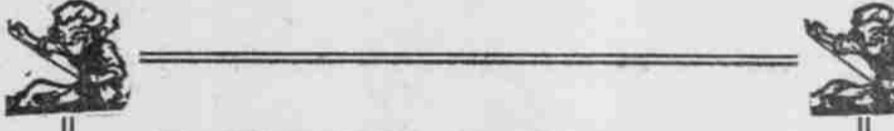
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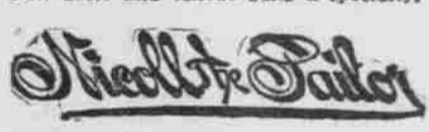
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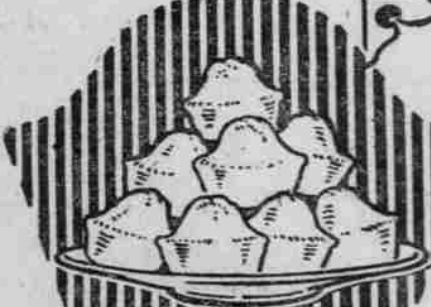
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