

STEEL MAGNATE INVOLVES MR. TAFT, ET AL.

COMMERCIAL LABOR BUREAU HAD "INSIDE" LIGHT ON STEEL TRUST BOOKS.

TAFT INDIRECTLY BLAMED

Gary, Had of Board of Directors of Steel Trust, Surprises Senate Investigating Committee With Infamation That Taft or Commerce and Labor Department Had Suppressed Trust Report.

Washington, June 1.—The President Taft or the department of commerce and labor, has suppressed an exhaustive report on the United States steel corporation, of its methods and operations was intimated by E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the steel corporation at today's session of the house committee investigating the trust.

Gary said, "The bureau of corporations for six years have been examining our books, and records."

"What," shouted Chairman Stanley, "You mean to say the bureau has been looking into your business from the inside for the last five years?"

"Certainly," replied Gary, "it cost us several hundred thousand to aid the government."

Gary was the first witness and admitted the subsidiary companies were controlled independently. Then he said if they acted contrary he usually changed the management.

As to directly whether President Taft has a copy of the report Gary said:

"I have no knowledge whether the matter were furnished to the president or not. I have information to the effect that the report will be furnished to the president within the next few months. I don't know whether any partial reports have been made to him."

"The committee, in response to a request, permitted R. V. Lindaberry to appear as counsel for the United States steel corporation during the hearings."

BRYAN'S FIGHT AN AID

UNDERWOOD CONFIDENT OF PASSING WOOL TARIFF.

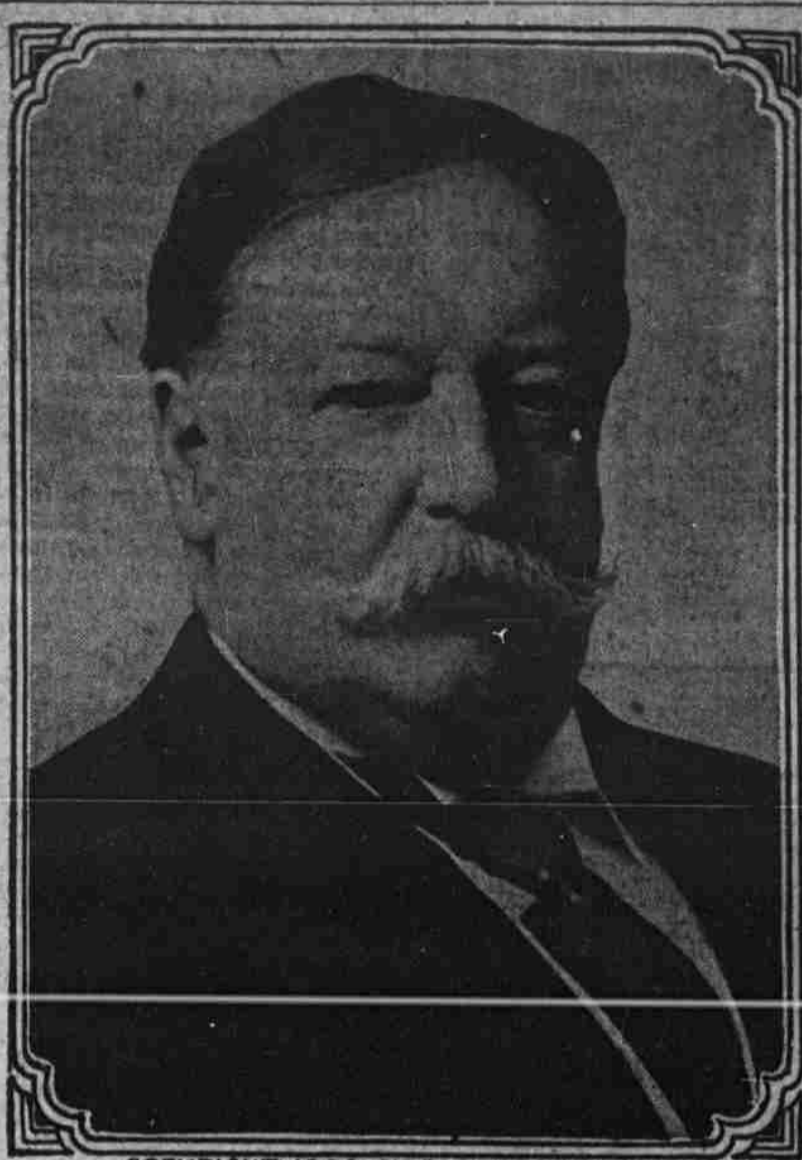
Fifty Per Cent Reduction Made Possible by Opposition From Bryan.

Washington, June 1.—The democrats went into caucus at noon today to struggle with the problem of revising the wool schedule. Chairman Underwood predicted that the bill to be prepared by his committee reducing the tariff 50 per cent would be adopted by a two thirds vote. He declared Bryan's opposition to the measure helped it. Bryans' followers want free wool.

PRYCE STILL ABSENT.

Juntas in Southern California Disagree Over Future Plans.

San Diego, June 1.—General Pryce, the rebel commander, had not returned to Tia Juana today. It is generally believed he has determined not to return. The local junta and the Los Angeles junta are disagreed over the campaign plans. Los Angeles wants the rebels to march on to Ensenada. For the present, the forces are idle.



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WILLIAM H. TAFT, TWENTY-SEVENTH PRESIDENT.

The president is indirectly accused by a prominent steel trust magnate with having allowed an exhaustive report on the trust to be suppressed. The accuser would not make specific charges to this effect.

BUSINESS MEN ARE GOING TO UNION EN MASSE FRIDAY TO ATTEND SHOW

year and on the whole of a better grade.

HORSE SHOW DATA.

- La Grande will close up shop and store to attend show.
- La Grande band to accompany the visitors.
- Train leaves at 8 o'clock, returning at convenient hour.
- Horse show opened today with every exhibit stall taken.
- All business men, practically, will close, making almost complete tie-up of business tomorrow.

Everything is in readiness for the departure from this city tomorrow of the special train which will carry La Grande visitor to Union.

Practically every store will close all day so that clerks and proprietors alike can attend the event.

UNION MEN FILE SUITS.

Several Millions in Damage Money Will Be Asked For at Once.

Los Angeles, June 1.—Suits aggregating \$7,000,000 in damages are being prepared by union labor attorneys against Mayor Alexander, Chief of Police Sebastine and Captain of Police Haupt, Police Judge Chambers, the city prosecutor and the directors of the Llewellyn iron works, the Baker iron works, the Lacy Manufacturing company and others having to do with the arrest of 35 union men charged with conspiracy of picketing.

The suit will ask \$25,000 damages for each man arrested.

TACOMA CENSUS PADDEES UNDER ARREST AND OTHERS INDICTED

Tacoma, June 1.—Four men, Chas. Jaeger, Alphonse Carbone, C. J. Foley, and Fred Allen were arrested today on indictments by the grand jury charging them with padding the census returns. They were released on \$1,500 bonds. Several others will be arrested this afternoon. Of 36 indictments, 26 are in connection with the alleged irregularities in the census returns. Investigation of the alleged padding at Seattle, Everett, and Bellingham, will be made later.

Celebration to Be Private.

Rome, June 1.—Owing to the state of the pope's health there will be no public celebrations tomorrow of the 76th birthday of his holiness.

BLOODY BATTLE FOUGHT NEAR CULICAN

DIAZ GOVERNOR REFUSES TO ABDICATE TO MADERO GOV. ERROR—FIGHT.

BOTH SIDES LOSE HEAVILY

Madero Sends Orders to Maintain the Peace in Sinaloa Capital—Rebels Are Victorious in Fight When Last Train Left—Many Armed Men Surround Chihuahua and Order Must Be Preserved There.

Nogales, June 1.—Two thousand insurgents and a large force of federals engaged in a battle at Culicán, the capital of Sinaloa, according to advices received here today. Many are reported killed on both sides.

When the last train left the rebels virtually had captured the city and the federals were making a last stand at a church.

The trouble started when the Diaz governor, Redo, refused to surrender his office to the provisional governor Bonilla, who is backed by Madero. Bonilla was leading the rebels, Trouble Near Chihuahua.

El Paso, June 1.—There are about 5,000 federals and 8,000 rebels outside of Chihuahua city. Madero immediately telegraphed General Villa to preserve order. The Chihuahua legislature, Madero said, understood the situation and tomorrow will depose the governor and elevate Gonzales, Madero's candidate.

MISS ROBERTS, SELL-FLOTO EQUESTRIAN.



The Harem garment is shown here to good advantage, just as Miss Roberts wore it today. The wearer is of the opinion that that particular style of garment has come to stay.

HAREM GOWN IS SEEN HERE

CLEVER RIDER WITH CIRCUS DISPLAYS GOWN.

Claims It Will Be Generally Adopted as a Woman's Apparel.

Harem skirts have hit La Grande. The garment, an extreme type of it, over which much ado has been made, was worn today by Miss Roberts, a clever rider with the Sells-Floto circus and attracted a great deal of attention with it.

Miss Roberts happens to be one of the principal riders of the Sells-Floto circus and her escort, Jerry Clayton, holds a position as one of the clowns of the same aggregation. The gown worn by Miss Roberts was made by Madame Curtis of Los Angeles and represents an expenditure of \$200.00.

"It gives me greater freedom of movement, is more comfortable than the old style, and, besides, I like it better," she said today.

"Do you think it will ever become the regular thing?" was asked.

"Oh, yes; it will be adopted. Not right away, perhaps, but before a great while. You didn't think the hobbie skirt would go when it came out, but look at it now."

"It certainly shows up the bow-legged girls," mused the pencil shaver.

"Yes, that's true. But I think the harem skirt is heter; it certainly isn't inmodest."

Ministers after commenting on the gown are very much in favor of its adoption as they say that it would enable the female members of congregations to get to church quicker after the last bell had rung than they can in the present hobbled skirt.

Miss Roberts will wear the skirt to night.

Development Leagues Meets.

Chehalis, Wash., June 1.—The Southwestern Development League met here today for the fifth quarterly session. It lasts three days. Many delegates and representatives from the coast cities are attending. Trade and commerce are subjects for today's discussions.

PIONEER DRUG DEALER DIES

JASPER STEVENS PASSES AWAY AT HIS PORTLAND HOME.

Wealthy Pioneer of Cove, Late of Portland Dies This Morning.

Jasper G. Stevens, formerly postmaster and capitalist at Cove where he spent many years of his life, but recently living at Portland, and who was a cousin of Jap H. Stevens of this city, died this morning at Portland. This information was received here this morning by Mr. Stevens. The funeral will be held at Cove, the old home of the deceased.

Mr. Stevens received his early education at Eugene when the state university was founded. After receiving his degree there he spent six years at the druggists' business at Eugene and then came to Cove and settled there, opening a drug store for himself. He was soon made postmaster and except for one year when J. Russell held the office, occupied that post year after year, at the same time building up his fortune at his drug store and general merchandise lines. It was only recently that he moved to Portland.

Mr. Stevens was married to Miss Minnie G. Shaw at Sedalia, Mo., in 1889 and two children were born to them, Willie and Jean.

Mr. Stevens was born in Yamhill county, July 1st, 1857.

Among the several banks in Eastern Oregon in which Mr. Stevens was interested is the Union bank of which he was vice president. His total capital is not publicly announced but is conceded to be substantial.

G. N. MORTGAGE FOR 6 MILLION NEGOTIATED

HILL DENIES RUMORED MERGER OF GREAT NORTHERN WITH BURLINGTON SYSTEM.

HUGE MORTGAGE EXPLAINED

HILL Affirms He Is Going to Quit the Game Soon and Wants to Leave His Road in Good Financial Condition to Carry Out Policies of Extension and Repairs—"No Mystery About Deal"—HILL.

St. Paul, June 1.—A blanket mortgage for \$600,000,000 has been placed by James J. Hill and his associates of the Great Northern. This is regarded by many as the first step in the gigantic railway merger by which Hill will control the Northern Pacific and the Burlington systems. Hill, when interviewed today, denied that he was planning such a merger which he twice attempted unsuccessfully to carry out.

"I'm getting old and will quit the game soon," said he. "I want to leave the road in good shape financially, so that necessary improvements and extensions can be made. There's no mystery about it."

Hill ridiculed the story that the Great Northern was to absorb the Burlington and would soon cut loose from joint control of the Burlington with the Northern Pacific. He also denied he was planning to extend the Great Northern into California.

Explaining the reasons for the mortgage Hill said \$400,000,000 had been used from the road's earnings and it was planned to spend \$270,000,000 for improvements in the next 50 years.

FINEST DEPOT IN WORLD OPENS

TOTAL COST OF \$25,000,000 FOR CHICAGO DEPOT.

Building and Grounds Make It the Costliest Depot Ever Built.

Chicago, June 1.—The new Chicago station of the Chicago and Northwestern railway, one of the largest, most costly and most magnificent railroad passenger terminals in the world, was opened to traffic today. Costing nearly \$25,000,000 and with a right of way area of 37 acres, it is regarded as a marvel in the way of modern railway station construction.

The new station is located on west Madison street, convenient to the business and hotel sections, and affords facilities far superior in every way to the old station north of the river.

The main building is a four-story structure of the early Italian renaissance style of architecture, with a lofty Doric portico at the entrance, supported by a colonnade of six granite columns. Immediately back of this colonnade is the great vaulted vestibule, 132 feet wide, 22 feet deep and 40 feet high.

The main waiting room, which is the principal architectural feature of the station, is treated as a great Roman atrium, with a barrel vault roof. The total area of the building is 69,709 square feet, sufficient to handle more than 250,000 passengers daily.

The entire station throughout has marble doors and walls. The train shed is of sufficient length to accommodate the longest train.