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Whatever may be the cause, there is a noticeable change in Watson's demeanor about the senate. He appears slightly troubled, considerably more so than before he made his memorable speech attacking the men who had investigated the packers. He has none of that jaunty air in his marches about the senate floor. He is not talking so much, not holding his customary jolly little conversations with other members.

Preparatory to the committee's hearing of facts, the case can be summed up as follows:

Watson attacked employees of the Federal Trade Commission who investigated the activities of the big meat packers. He charged them with being "reds," "socialists" and "bohemians," and with having aided in movements to overthrow the government.

The senate is investigating the packers to see whether governmental control is necessary. Federal grand juries are preparing to investigate the packers in Chicago.

Senator Harris, of Georgia, contended that Watson's attack was a great stroke in behalf of the packers and an equally great blow at the fight on the high cost of living.

Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, inquired whether Watson had obtained his information as to the political affiliations of the commission's employees from the packers and the Indiana senator replied that he had not, and added he had not seen any of the packers' numerous lobby in Washington.

Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, boss of the senate, rushed to Watson's assistance during the latter's cross-examination by Senators Kenyon and Harris.

The Federal Trade Commission rejoined that it was depending on the men Watson attacked to present damaging evidence to the grand jury in the investigation of the packers at Chicago.

The commission charged that its employees had been beset by packers' agents, and that when these tactics failed, the same employees became the objects of packer denunciation.

The commission charged that Watson's activities as a lobbyist in 1909 were known, and made public two telegrams which, the commission claimed, showed Watson's relations to the big packers.

The telegrams were from a large Chicago packer to an agent in Washington. The agent was directed to see Watson and obtain information from him as to the status of packer legislation then in the Interstate Commerce committee of the senate, of which Watson was a member. Watson later admitted he had seen the agent.

Though Watson contends he does not know the packers and has no interest in them or in their case, the facts indicate that the packers chose him from a number of senators on the committee. The chairman of the committee to which an inquiry would under usual circumstances be directed, was apparently not sought by the packers to give the information.

Watson replied to the commission, defending himself, saying every charge that he was a paid lobbyist had resulted in his vindication because he was elected to the senate by his people in Indiana after these accusations were made.

By way of further defense for himself, Watson pointed out that the man who made the lobbyist charges against him (the famous Mulhall), had died a pauper in Chicago. That Mulhall had died "unsung and unhonored and without friends and was buried in a potter's field" was Watson's statement. He waxed humorous over the sad fate of Mulhall. He caused a laugh among his friends on the Republican side when he said Mulhall had gone to his reward and it was not for him to say where he had gone.

Watson's friends in the senate ask that the commission state whether it used public funds in printing its report on Watson's attack on the commission's employees. Watson's attack is printed with public funds through the Congressional Record.

At this point the case has been temporarily adjourned.

CAR WILL NOT START

Low grade gas and leaky valves is a combination that makes starting difficult. There is a remedy at the Standard Auto Repair shop, 101st, between Chicago and Washington, Ed Cyr, Phone Red 0107, 10-15-19

NAVY WILL PAY FOR USABLE IDEAS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The navy will pay a cash reward for usable ideas or suggestions submitted by civilian employees or persons in the navy. A regulation to carry out the act of congress authorizing such payments has been issued by the methods adopted by industrial establishments. The naval inventions office will supply forms on request for the submission of suggestions.

The act states that "reward is to be paid when, due to a suggestion or series of suggestions, there results an improvement or economy in naval material, process of plant or naval material."

The department wants employees and civilians to help in the work of the navy. It is now emerging a new era of suggestions, with his gift for thinking through problems to the heart of a problem.

Unfortunately there are too many even in the United States, who think that the world is to be won by quitting work.

It is another large class of people seem to think that the world is to be won by talk.

Everybody of every class would buckle down and do a real work six days a week for a while, the whole situation would be changed. Increased production would make the necessities of life fall more plentiful that prices fall automatically.

Over, honest, hard work, steady, exhausting, would of itself

Job Printing, The Observer, Main 27

SATURDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

Three Christmas "Shards" "Two Night Entertainment" to be given on Saturday night, Nov. 15, at 8 o'clock. Admission, \$1.00 for two people either night. 25 cents for children under 15 years. Both entertainments begin promptly at 8 o'clock. Tickets secure your tickets and come early.

The following is the program for Saturday night:

Opening—J. W. H. & N. orchestra

Reading—"The Wheels of Time," Mrs. R. H. Coker

Revelous by O. W. B. & N. orchestra

Character song—"Coming from the River," Virginia Ritchie

Vocal solo—"Mr. Dick Lindsay," Nemo Minstrels, Male quartet

Reading, Selected—Miss Naomi Williamson

In P. Play—"The Old Maid's Tea Party" on after 8 p.m.

Five minutes town tidbits

BAKER PUT LID ON L. W. W.

Armed with a new city ordinance

In Enacted by the city commission Wednesday night, the local officials will no longer be hampered in their efforts

to keep Baker purged of L. W. W. activities according to the purpose of the new ordinance

which makes illegal the mere presence of a person in the city

as a member of an inflammatory literature

and in accordance with the attempt to spread far as possible propaganda. A fine of \$100, or 60 days in jail, or both, are the penalties

being levied. The ordinance is an attempt to the effect that it is unlawful to

advocate or suggest any violence in the city

and the possession of literature of this nature that suggests such means is

considered as prima facie evidence of the crime. The commission declared

that inasmuch as the welfare of the

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CALL FOR CITY WARRANTS

Notice is hereby given that all warrants issued by the Federal Court of the city of La Grande, Oregon, and entered on file No. 1219, or prior thereto, are now called for payment and interest on said warrants ceases from this date, November 13, 1919.

EMMA M. FOWLER,

Treasurer City of La Grande, Ore.

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