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HOT SHOT BY ROOSEVELT AT TRUSTS

President Sends Special Message Regarding Employers Liability Law to Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—A special message from the president to congress on the subject of the employers' liability act and on injunctions in labor cases was presented in the senate a few minutes after 12 o'clock today. But a handful of senators were present. The vice-president at once handed the message to the assistant secretary of the senate, who immediately began its reading. Printed copies were distributed to the senators present. Many of them appeared to satisfy themselves concerning the nature of the message by scanning the printed document. Only a few followed the reading carefully until its conclusion.

At its conclusion, and when the striking passages were read, many senators looked around the chamber and exchanged smiles. Tillman was especially pleased by the reading of the message. In the house it was listened to with intense interest by members, of whom there was an unusually large number in attendance.

Cheered by Democrats.
Senator Davis moved that 10,000 copies be printed as public documents. "It is the best Democratic doctrine I ever heard emanating from a Republican source." His motion was agreed to without argument.

During the reading in the house members were heard audibly to exclaim, "It is most unusual; this is red hot." At its conclusion, members without regard to party loudly applauded and cheered, thumped desks and gave other evidence of their approval. After a moment's silence the applause broke out again, several members, including Democrats, arising from their seats and clapping their hands.

The message was as follows:
"To the Senate and House of Representatives: The recent decision of the supreme court in regard to the employers' liability act, the experience of the interstate commerce commission and of the department of justice in enforcing the interstate commerce and anti-trust laws, and the gravely significant attitude toward the law and its administration recently adopted by certain heads of great corporations, render it desirable that there should be additional legislation as regards certain of the relations between labor and capital and between the great corporations and the public.

Would Re-enact Law.
"The supreme court has decided the employers' liability law to be unconstitutional because its terms apply to employees engaged wholly in interstate commerce as well as to employees engaged in interstate commerce. By a substantial majority the court holds that the congress has power to deal with the question insofar as interstate commerce is concerned. As regards the employers' liability law, I advocate its immediate re-enactment, limiting its scope so that it shall apply only to the class of cases as to which the court says it can constitutionally apply, but strengthening its provisions within this scope. Interstate employment being thus covered by an adequate law, the field of interstate employment will be left to the action of the several states. With this clear definition of responsibility, the states will undoubtedly give the performance to their duty within their field of consideration, the importance of the subject demands.

"I also very urgently advise that a comprehensive act be passed providing for compensation by the government by all employees injured in the government service. Under the present law an injured workman in the employ of the government has to remedy, and the entire burden of the accident falls on the helpless man, his wife and his young children. This is an outrage. This is a matter of honor to the nation that there should not be an our statute books provisions to meet and partially atone for great misfortune when it comes upon a man through no fault of his own, while faithfully serving the public.

Abuse of Injunctions.
"I again call your attention to the need of some action in connection with the abuse of injunctions in labor cases.

FINE LEMONS ARE GROWN IN VALLEY

Mild and Pleasant Climate Produces Citrus as Well as Deciduous Fruit.

The mild and pleasant climate of Rogue River valley will raise lemons as well as apples. As the lemon is more delicate than the orange, there is little doubt but that oranges can be successfully raised, though neither have been tried on a commercial basis.

Polk Hall of Griffin creek has the honor of being the first Rogue River valley orchardist to raise lemons on his ranch. Mr. Hall shows a fine sample of lemons raised on a 2-year-old tree. The tree is but two and one-half feet high, but produced five lemons, three of which are very large, weighing 20 ounces each. The other two are larger than the ordinary sized lemon.

This lemon tree has had no greater care than other trees in Mr. Hall's orchard, and was planted as an experiment.

As regards the rights and wrongs of labor and capital, from blacklisting to boycotting, the whole subject is covered in admirable fashion by the report of the anthracite coal strike commission, which report should serve as a chart for the guidance of both legislative and executive officers.

"It is all wrong to use the injunction to prevent the entirely proper and legitimate action of labor organizations in their struggle for industrial betterment, or under the guise of protecting property rights unwarrantably to invade the fundamental rights of the individual.

On Recent Panic.
"I do not for a moment believe that the actions of this administration have brought on business distress, so far as this is due to local and not to world-wide causes, and to the actions of any particular individuals, it is due to the speculative folly and flagrant dishonesty of a few men of great wealth, who seek to shield themselves from the effects of their own wrongdoing by ascribing its results to the actions of those who have sought to put a stop to the wrongdoing.

But if it were true that to cut out rottenness from the body politic meant a momentary check to an unhealthy seeming prosperity, I could not for one moment hesitate to put the knife to corruption. On behalf of all our people, on behalf no less of the honest man of means than the honest man who earns each day's livelihood by that day's sweat of his brow, it is necessary to insist upon honesty in business and politics alike, in all walks of life, in big things and little things; upon just and fair dealing as between man and man.

Striving for the Right.
Those who demand this are striving for the right in the spirit of Abraham Lincoln, when he said: "Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray that this mighty scourge may speedily pass away, yet if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman of 250 years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drop drawn with the sword, as was said 3000 years ago, so still it must be said, 'the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in."

In the work we, of this generation are in, there is, thanks to the almighty, no danger of bloodshed and no use for the sword, but there is grave need of those stern qualities shown alike by the men of the north and now of the south in the dark days when each valiantly battled for the light as it was given each to see the right. Their spirit should be our spirit as we strive to bring nearer the day when greed and trickery and cunning shall be trampled under foot by those who fight for the righteousness that exalts the nation. (Signed.) THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

The White House, Jan. 31, 1908.

AFTER AMPLE WATER SUPPLY FOR MEDFORD

Council Makes Initial Move For Securing Pure Water For City From Mountains.

The new city council Thursday night tackled in earnest the water problem, appointed and empowered a committee to arrange for bringing an adequate supply of pure water into the city, voted for the immediate construction of a city distributing system and ordered advertisements for bids for \$40,000 municipal water bonds to pay for the same, and for bids for the excavation and laying of water mains. A committee was also appointed to view street paving in other cities and arrange for the immediate paving of Seventh street.

All members of the new council and the mayor were present for the first time under the new regime. Petitions for several miles of sidewalk grades on numerous streets were referred to the city engineer.

Committee Appointed.
Mayor Reddy made a brief talk upon the water problem and the urgency of immediate action toward bringing water into the city. Councilman Merrick moved and Councilman Wortman seconded the following motion, which was unanimously passed:

"That the mayor appoint a committee of three, with full power to act in the matter of investigating and arranging for the installation of a water system for the city of Medford."

The mayor appointed Messrs. Merrick, Wortman and Eifert. The plan of King's Addition was ordered accepted. It was moved by Hafer and seconded by Trowbridge that the city recorder be instructed to order the pipe for the city distributing system, as per the estimates made by Engineer Kelsey. The motion carried.

It was moved by Eifert and seconded by Trowbridge, and unanimously carried, that the city recorder be instructed to advertise for bids for the sale of \$40,000 5 per cent ten-year water bonds on February 18, 1908.

For Street Paving.
It was moved by Hafer and seconded by Olwell that the mayor appoint a committee of two to go to Portland and investigate the different kinds and cost of paving, and report to the city council what they deem is the paving for Medford for Seventh street, and expenses to be paid by the city. Messrs. Trowbridge and Dr. Page were appointed.

Moved by Hafer and seconded by Olwell that the city recorder be instructed to advertise for bids on the excavation and laying of water pipe along Seventh street from the plant to the schoolhouse, according to Engineer Kelsey's plans and specifications, bids to be received until February 18, 1908.

New Committees Named.
The mayor appointed the following committees:

Finance—Trowbridge, Olwell and Hafer.
Light and water—Eifert, Merrick and Wortman.
Street, sewer and drain—Olwell, Merrick and Trowbridge.
Building committee—Eifert, Olwell and Trowbridge.
Health—Reddy, Eifert and Wortman.

IDLE MEN ENLISTING WITH BOYS IN KAHKI

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Several thousand men, it is estimated, have been turned away from the United States army recruiting stations in this city since it began receiving enlistments two months ago. Every recruiting station is so rapidly enlisting men for the army that the former recruits are increased 300 per cent.

At no time since the war has such a rush to recruiting stations been so great, and many are accepted, the officers in charge of the stations declaring it would be possible to accept twice the number of men (some enlisted) if minor defects were overlooked. The majority of the men who are entering the army after weeks of idleness include former cashiers, clerks and mechanics.

C. M. Pletcher left on the southbound train for Ashland to spend the day with old acquaintances.

OFFICIALS TO KEEP OFFICE FULL TERM

Mayor Reddy States That Old Appointees Hold Over--Were Named for Two Years

Chief of Police Turpin, Street Commissioner Higgins and others of the mayor's old appointees will hold over another year, declares Mayor Reddy.

"I was elected mayor for a two years' term," states the mayor, "and I made my appointments for the ensuing two years. The mayor is not called upon to reappoint each year, his appointments, under the charter, holding for his term. Therefore, I will send in no appointments."

A large number of spectators were on hand at last night's council meeting, expecting to see a clash over expected appointments, and were disappointed when none were forthcoming. Some of the councilmen are said to be opposed to Chief of Police Turpin, and would welcome a chance to oppose him, though a majority favor his retention.

NEW YORK WOMEN PLAN IMMENSE STREET PARADE

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—New York women who are interested in obtaining for themselves the right to vote are planning a monster street parade in order to show their strength. The recent visit of representatives of the "Militant Suffragists" of England has created renewed interest among the advocates of equal suffrage in New York, and several open-air meetings have been held in Madison Square garden, at which women have spoken in support of their cause. At a general meeting to be held arrangements will be made for the parade, which is in contemplation. It is hoped to have a very large turnout of women to parade through the principal streets, bearing banners announcing their principles in the hope that this may be the means of interesting more women in the campaign and showing men that the women are determined in their efforts to secure equality before the law.

Red Men's Big Show.

Rehearsals for the Red Men's big musical show to be given at the Medford Opera House Monday eve., February 3, are going on daily and the people of Medford will have just cause to feel proud of their schoolgirls, as Miss Dare says she has never handled school children who possess the talent these little girls do. The show could be put on tonight without a single hitch. Carpenters are busy building the garden wall for the "Babes of Toyland" act, and a more complete scene has never been seen on the local stage.

The older members who constitute the Florodora Girls have their songs and dances perfect, and when costumed for those numbers will rival the originals. Miss Dare is in fine voice herself and everything points to an entertainment long to be remembered by those who attend.

NOTICE ISSUED TO REGISTERS AND RECEIVERS

The following notice has been received from Commissioner Ballinger:

"Office of the Commissioner, Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Washington, Jan. 21, 1908.—Registers and Receivers, United States Land Office, Centerville.—There has been indelicately circulated by way of newspaper advertisements and otherwise, over the name of E. P. Balfe, statements to the effect that Congressman Tawney, after a conference with the commissioner of the general land office, advised his son that persons living on the Oregon & California railroad lands would, without doubt, be able to secure the lands. Those advertisements are untrue and misleading. The tendency of such advertisements is to impose upon innocent and unsuspecting persons. You will please give no wide publicity as possible to the statements above set forth.

Very respectfully,
"E. P. BALINGER,
Commissioner."

W. H. Hudson of the Automobile Garage, Jan. 29, for several days on a business trip to Northern California.

THAW'S FATE NOW RESTS WITH JURY

Retires Before Noon to Consider Case--Court's Charges Regarding Insanity.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Today for the second time the fate of Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, passed into the hands of his peers. The jurors retired at 11:40 o'clock, after listening to the charge of Justice Dowling, who sought to impress upon them that the burden of proof of the insanity of the defendant rested upon the prosecution throughout the trial, and declared that if from all evidence in the case the jurors entertained a reasonable doubt of his sanity the defendant was entitled to the benefit of that doubt.

At the same time he pointed out the provisions of the statute, which provides that the only persons exculpated from criminal responsibility are those who suffer from such a defect of reason, as either not to know the nature or the quality of their act, or not to know the act is wrong. The reading of the charge took 40 minutes. Thaw listened intently. The jury requested all the exhibits in the case.

"If your verdict should be not guilty," the court said, "under the specifications of the defendant's plea as to insanity, you will add a clause on the ground of the defendant's insanity at the time of the commission of the acts charged in the indictment. In any other verdict you render, you will specify the degree."

SEVERAL SALES MADE OF PROPERTY IN CITY

The Rogue River Land company reports the following sales:

Clarence Ends to Bessie Sheppard, property in South Medford; consideration, \$1500.
Henry C. Mackey to Warner & Wortman, house and lots in North Medford; consideration, \$1800.
Rev. G. L. Hall has purchased the Hill property in North Medford; consideration, \$1850.
Al Sturgis has sold to W. T. York property in South Medford; consideration, \$3000.

Redmen Attention!

There will be class initiation at Red Men's Hall, Saturday evening, February 1. All members are requested to be present, as there will be important business transacted. The members of the degree team are requested to all be present also.

LADIES WORKING HARD FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Greater Medford club held its regular monthly meeting Monday, January 27. There was a large attendance and much enthusiasm prevailed, and a determination to start the library as soon as the new city hall is ready for occupancy. People in every walk of life are benefited by a good library, and it will be a lasting monument to the generosity and progressiveness of Medford people. Good schools, public libraries and churches are always an incentive to newcomers to locate in a town.

The committee appointed to solicit library funds from the business men reported very good success, but a more thorough canvass of the town will be made until the necessary amount is collected. The library will be a great benefit to the young people, and will aid the aid of the school teachers, quite an amount can be collected by asking each child to contribute a small sum.

Each club member is asked to call 600-85. Many have already responded and those that have not, including new members, are asked to bring it to the next meeting, the last Monday of the month.

Among the new members are Messrs. Carter, Miles, Kent, Webb, Baker, Page, Miller, Gerry and Palm.

J. E. Hutchison, of the Baker-Hutchison firm, left Thursday for San Francisco on business for the firm. He will purchase stock for the enlarged store. The storeroom adjoining the present store will also be occupied.

SAYS HENEY IS MALICIOUS SLANDERER

Fulton Denies Charges Made Against Him by Prosecutor--Says Can Prove Him a Liar.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Senator Fulton tonight, when shown a telegraphic summary of Francis J. Heney's attack upon him in Portland, made the following reply:

"It is not possible, of course, and I shall not attempt, without a fuller statement than you give me, to answer fully or in detail Heney's charge. It is proper to suggest, however, that the diameter of his slanders substantiates my statements heretofore published—that he is actuated solely by malice. I denounced him before as a malicious liar; his answer proves the assertion and justifies the language.

"The charge that I paid Smith any sum at any time for Mitchell or any person is, of course, untrue. I never have engaged, and would not engage, in any such business. The contrary will hardly be deemed satisfactorily established by one who professes and confesses that he deliberately robbed the old man out of \$1500 by false pretenses. With such cattle as Smith and the Rev. Mr. Barkley, it is impossible for me to have any controversy. True, they are fit witnesses for Heney."

Mr. Fulton says he can disprove the charge that he agreed to support Hall to secure immunity from Brownell. He asserts that he never was Hammond's attorney. He concludes by stating that when he receives a full report of Heney's charges, "I will answer in such way that no one will doubt either the falsity of his statements, the maliciousness of his purpose, or the integrity of my conduct. Baffled in every attempt to involve me in some violation of law, in order to justify his malicious and unprovoked attacks on my character, he has descended to the sower and dug up old, stale and filthy slanders, hoping therewith to cover his ignominious retreat. They will not suffice."

Chamberlain Confirms Smith.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—Governor Chamberlain confirms statements made to him by Senator Fulton as to the money transaction the latter had with Smith in the alleged legislative hold-up, when Mitchell was a candidate. He said:

"Fulton made his statements to me entirely voluntarily, and there was no pretense of secrecy and I furnished no confidential information to the federal authorities. The information I gave was in the line of my public duty relating to a matter that was called to my attention by Fulton and in pursuance of an effort to get at the facts of the matter.

"I made the investigation at the time to protect myself against appointing an unfit man and am clearly of the opinion that it was an attempt on the part of the Mitchell managers to bribe a man, although Smith claimed to be acting in concert with others in boarding the hoodling him in his den from what he claimed was a good motive—to ascertain if money was actually being used."

LOWNSDALE TALKS OF GOOD APPLE PACKING

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 31.—Millard O. Lownsdale of Lafayette delivered an address to the applegrowers of this section. He confined himself to an actual demonstration of the proper method to which to pack commercial apples. A large and enthusiastic audience heard his discourse on the value of up-to-date methods in apple-growing. Thirteen boxes of apples were packed and prepared for the market in the most approved manner.

Mr. Lownsdale advised that all old orchards be overhauled and placed in first class condition. He advised that these trees be cut down to within about two feet of the ground, and, after a year, setting grafts into the stumps. This would make a productive orchard within a very short time, he said. The yellow Newtown pippin was the apple most favored by this expert for winter growing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bates of White Sulphur, Wash., are new arrivals in Medford.