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NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Senatorial Investigation Shows Old Lobby Methods Are No Longer in Vogue.

Washington.—Lobbying in its crude form has disappeared so far as Washington is concerned. This is shown not only by the results thus far obtained in the senatorial investigation into President Wilson's charge that an "insidious" lobby has been blocking his tariff revision plans, but by facts which are common property in the national capital.

Representatives of corporations do not pass money to senators and members as they did in the "good old times." Stock investments for legislators in which the latter without the risks reaped the profits either in the form of checks from brokers or certificates of deposit also have been relegated to the past.

Senator Says President Lobbyist
An unexpected turn was given to the "lobby" investigation when Senator Townsend, of Michigan, republican declared on the stand that the influence wielded by President Wilson and the democratic secret caucus on the making of the tariff bill constituted the "nearest approach to undue influence on members of congress" that the investigating committee would be able to find.

Senator Townsend's statements in relation to President Wilson were not in the form of charges. He expressly said he did not charge the president with using improper methods, but he insisted that the charges that lobbies existed and the activity of the president in support of free wool and free sugar amounted to an "undue influence," even though he did not use the "big stick" of patronage.

Minnesota Wins State Rate Fight.
The power of the states to fix reasonable intrastate rates on interstate railroads until such time as congress shall choose to regulate these rates was upheld by the supreme court of the United States in the Minnesota freight and passenger rate cases.

At the same time the court laid down far-reaching principles governing the valuation of railroad property for rate-making purposes, and, according to these, held that the state of Minnesota would confiscate the property of the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad company by its maximum freight and 2-cent passenger fare law. It enjoined the state from enforcing these laws as to this road for the present. In the cases of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern, however, it held that the roads had failed to show that the rates were "unreasonable" or "confiscatory."

The decision, regarded as one of the most important ever announced by the court, had been under consideration for 14 months. Railroad commissions from eight states and the governors of all the states filed briefs in support of the state in the cases, recognizing that the principles involved affected them all.

Tariff Blow Aimed at Tobacco Trust
In accord with suggestions of Attorney General McReynolds, Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, introduced an anti-trust amendment to the Underwood tariff bill which would levy a special additional excise tax on a sliding or graduated scale on manufactures of cigars, tobacco, cigarettes and snuff. The amendment, coming from a democratic member, will receive thorough consideration from the finance committee.

The progressive excise tax proposed would not reach a manufacturer until he controlled about 25 per cent of the total production of the articles.

National Capital Brevities.
Nothing that can be construed as an ultimatum is contained in the Japanese rejoinder to Secretary Bryan's reply to the original protest against the enactment of anti-alien land holding laws, which was submitted by Ambassador Chinda to the state department. The Japanese note was long and its nature entirely argumentative.

It has become known at Washington that neither Standard Oil nor the tobacco trust has been actually dissolved to meet the requirements of the Sherman law, in the opinion of Attorney General McReynolds. Further action against these combinations is forecasted.

Representative Willis won an old-fashioned spelling bee conducted by the National Press club of Washington, after an evening of merriment in which the president and many other official folk engaged. Willis "spelled down" 15 Washington correspondents, seven senators and seven members of the house. Senator Poindexter was the "runner up."

Strong protests against the nomination of Rudolph Spreckels as ambassador to Germany are being made by German societies in this country. The administration has already approached the German government to ascertain whether Mr. Spreckels will be acceptable, and no formal reply has been received from the emperor.

SUIT TO DISSOLVE "KODAK TRUST"

Buffalo.—Dissolution of the so-called "Eastman Kodak Trust" was asked in a civil suit filed here by order of Attorney-General McReynolds. The federal government seeks the dissolution by receivership, if necessary, of the Eastman Kodak company of New Jersey, and the Eastman Kodak company of New York, which are charged with monopolizing the trade in photographic supplies.

It is the aim of the government to obtain a division of the assets and business of the two companies, controlling 72 per cent of the business in the United States, into such parts as will destroy the alleged monopoly and restore competition. The petition in equity asks for an injunction forbidding the fixing of resale prices of cameras, films and other patented photographic supplies.

This marks the attorney-general's first application of the recent decision of the United States supreme court denying patentees the right to fix resale prices of retailers.

The alleged monopoly has been accomplished, the petition declares, by the Eastman company's absorbing or acquiring control of a great number of competitors in the United States and foreign countries.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Club, 94c; bluestem, \$1.01; red Russian, 92c.
Hay—Timothy, \$15; alfalfa, \$13.
Butter—Creamery, 29c.
Eggs—Candled, 21c.
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Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c; Willamette valley, 15c.

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West bound.
No. 17 Oregon Wash Ltd 3:45 a m
No. 25 Huntington Pass 9:20 a m
No. 9 Fast Mail 6:15 p m
No. 27 Huntington Pass 6:33 p m
No. 5 Oregon Wash Express 7:50 p m
East bound.
No. 18 Oregon Wash Ltd 2:51 a m
No. 26 Boise passenger 8:50 a m
No. 10 Fast Mail 11:24 a m
No. 28 Boise passenger 3:50 p m
No. 6 Oregon Wash Express 4:40 p m
Vale train leaves at 9:30 a. m. returning at 3:30 p. m.

Local Market Report.

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Eggs, per dozen, 15c.
Butter, per pound, 30c.
Oats, per hundred, \$1.50
Wheat, per hundred, \$1.60.
Hay, per ton, \$5.
Potatoes, per hundred, 50.
Onions, per hundred, \$1.50.
Apples, per box, \$1.00, to \$1.50.
Chickens, dressed, per pound, 18c.
Pork, dressed, 9 to 10c.
Pork, live, 7 to 7½c.
Veal, 9 to 10c.
Beef 11c to 12c.

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