

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.

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. Over that amount he would be taxed in a sliding scale on tobacco 1 cent a pound for the first 1,000,000 pounds per quarter; 2 cents a pound for the second 1,000,000 pounds and so on up to 6 cents a pound.

Republicans May Resent Crowding

In decreasing that the tariff bill shall be rushed through the senate with all possible speed, the democratic leaders in the upper branch of congress have mapped out a good deal of trouble for themselves and their colleagues. For if the democratic leadership undertakes to rush the republican minority the minority will retaliate and make as much trouble for the majority as possible, and in the senate a determined minority can make an unlimited amount of trouble.

At this early date it can be set down for a fact that if the democrats attempt to crowd republican senators during the tariff debate, the republicans will find means of delaying the consideration of the bill which even the democratic majority cannot checkmate. The senate rules are such that the minority is powerful, if it is determined to carry out some fixed policy.

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 Polindexter 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.

WILLIAM M. WOOD



William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen company, who was acquitted of the charge of placing dynamite to injure strikers.

Brief News of the Week

The initiative and referendum amendment was beaten in the Illinois state senate, after being passed by the house.

The Southern Pacific has applied to the California railroad commission for authority to issue \$30,000,000 in notes—the largest issue ever applied for in that state.

British customs officials seized 500 rifles of Italian manufacture at Belfast, Ireland. The government fears that many rifles have reached the hands of the Ulstermen, and that a bloody outbreak is likely should home rule be proclaimed in Ireland.

Dunkards must refrain from the use of tobacco in any form, according to the decree of the international conference of their church, session at Warsaw, Ind. Seattle, Wash., was selected as the meeting place of the next conference.

In session at Kansas City, the National Lumber Manufacturers' association adopted resolutions favoring a permanent tariff commission, and urged congress to expedite the pending tariff legislation.

Prominent Japanese at Tokio are using every effort to quiet the agitation there for a boycott against the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Leading bankers and merchants favor sending to San Francisco the finest possible exhibit.

The secretary of state of Arizona has received petitions bearing a sufficient number of signatures to force an initiative vote upon the abolition of capital punishment in that state.

Saturday will be the 136th anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the national emblem of the United States of America. In accordance with a custom that has become general throughout the country in late years, the day will be observed as Flag day by the public schools, patriotic societies and various other organizations.

People in the News

Mrs. Elmira Meenes, 22 years old, is dead at Chico, Cal., of blood poisoning, caused by a playful scratch on her lip made by her baby.

Edward Morris, the meat packer, has replaced J. Ogden Armour as the largest individual owner of Chicago bank stocks, with holdings of \$3,796,000.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, submitted to an operation at Washington for the removal of a mastoid abscess, and his speedy recovery is predicted.

Damages against Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst and her two daughters and Pethrick Lawrence and Mrs. Take were awarded London merchants by a jury as the result of a suffragette window smashing campaign.

Without the support of a single daily paper in Los Angeles, Henry H. Rose was elected mayor of that city by a majority of 8026 votes over John W. Shenk. Rose is a police judge, and ran as an independent candidate.

Dr. E. J. Sweet, head of the vivisection department of the University of Pennsylvania, was arrested on a charge of cruelty to dogs used in connection with university experiments. The society for the prevention of cruelty to animals cause his arrest.

Lee Cage, an iron moulder, has confessed at Columbus, O., that he killed Detective John J. Reardon at Steubenville in 1916. Cage had previously been tried for the murder of Reardon and acquitted, and another trial on the same charge is barred under Ohio law.

Dilatory and expensive methods and failure to look after the interest of settlers on government lands were a few of the accusations made against F. H. Newell, head of the federal reclamation service, by L. W. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railroad, at completion of a trip through central and eastern Oregon and parts of Idaho.

MANY INDICTED FOR WAGE CONSPIRACY

19 Mineworkers Officials Accused of Part in Restricting Coal Competition.

Charleston, W. Va.—President White and 18 other officials of the United Mine Workers of America, were indicted in the federal court here on a charge of violating the Sherman anti-trust law. It is alleged the defendants conspired with the coal operators of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois to raise wages in the West Virginia coal fields so as to prevent its competition with the other four states in the western market.

The indictments charged that the 19 men affiliated with the United Mine Workers of America did in Kanawha county, West Virginia, and within the jurisdiction of the federal district court, engage in a combination and conspiracy unlawfully in restraint of trade and commerce in the several states; the offense is said to have started September 1, 1912, and continued since.

It is charged that the indicted men have been agents and members of "an unincorporated voluntary organization of individuals as a labor union known as the United Mineworkers of America, having many thousands of members, who conspired, by regulating wages, to control the price at which the coal mined in the state of West Virginia could compete with coal mined in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois."

CONSERVATION NOT FAVORED

Western Executives Favor Liberal Land Policy.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—When the national conference of governors meets in Colorado Springs next August it will be asked by the western governors to go on record against the conservation policy pursued by the last three national administrations.

This was made certain when the western conference officers, at its closing session declared for a more liberal administration of the public lands by the national government.

Denver Commission Takes Office.

Denver.—After a week of wrangling during which personal violence and bloodshed were once threatened, commission form government is an established fact in Denver. Commissioner of Social Welfare James M. Perkins is mayor and the other four city commissioners in charge of the departments of property, finance, safety and improvements are in office unmolested.

Stefansson Prepares for Arctic Trip.

Victoria.—Vilhjalmar Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, has arrived at Equimuit and taken charge of the work of preparing the expedition which he will lead into the Arctic this summer for scientific research under the auspices of the Canadian government.

WOOD ACQUITTED IN DYNAMITE TRIAL

Boston.—After deliberating over night the jury acquitted President William M. Wood, of the American Woolen company, of the charge of conspiracy to injure the textile strikers at Lawrence by "planting" dynamite. A disagreement in the case of Frederick E. Atteaux was reported. Dennis J. Collins, who turned state's evidence, was found guilty on two counts and not guilty on the other four counts of the indictment.

Immediately when the verdict was announced, Attorney Henry F. Hurlburt, counsel for Wood, asked the court to direct an investigation of the published statement that an attempt had been made to influence Morris Shuman, one of the jurors. Before the court made its charge, Shuman was questioned by Judge John C. Crosby, District Attorney Pelletier and counsel for the defense regarding a statement which he was said to have made recently to the district attorney.

SUBMIT STRICT 8-HOUR LAW

Portland Organization Would Limit Working Day for Women.

Salem, Or.—A copy of a proposed law regulating the number of hours women shall work, which it is desired to have initiated at the special election in November, provided for by the Day bill, was submitted to Secretary of State Olcott by Dr. Marie D. Equi, president of the Eight Hour League of Portland.

The proposed law is one of the most stringent in its provisions ever submitted to the secretary of state's office. Although the Day bill does not provide for the initiating of measures at the special election, it has been reported that W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City, may try to compel Mr. Olcott to have initiative measures placed on the ballot.

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LIMITED TRAINS EAST

The train leaving Bend 6:45 a. m., Redmond 7:24 a. m., Terrebonne 7:36 a. m., Culver 8:09 a. m., Metolius 8:30 a. m., Madras 8:40 a. m., Maupin 10:48 a. m., makes direct connection at Fallbridge with limited train east via Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway.

Train schedules and other details will be furnished on request. Baggage checked and sleeping car accommodations arranged through destination if desired.

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