

LOOKS INTO TRUSTS Work Done by Department of Commerce and Labor.

METCALF MAKES HIS REPORT

Federal Control of Insurance Rates, Trade Conditions at Home and Abroad, Immigration and Shipping Treated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—That investigation of the "trusts" is being carried on as shown by the annual report of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, which will be made public tomorrow.

For the purpose of ascertaining and presenting in available form the legal conditions under which corporate business is being carried on in the various states material obtained from 30 states has been compiled and tabulated in each of these states, with regard to all the more important corporations organized in the state and engaged in interstate or foreign commerce.

At the same time there has been collected the fullest possible information concerning the various systems of corporate taxation in use; wherever possible, there have been obtained statements, reports, or returns of the more important corporations; and, in addition, there has been obtained a complete list of the names of all corporations engaged in interstate commerce.

The compilation on a uniform outline of insurance laws has been undertaken and completed in ten states. The bureau has also been studying the status of insurance in the various states, and its agents have conferred with representatives of a large number of insurance companies, officers of boards of underwriters, and insurance agents, for the purpose of obtaining the best information possible upon both the legal and the business side of insurance.

Federal control of regulation of insurance raises the question whether insurance in any of its forms is interstate commerce. The decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States have established the legal proposition that fire, life and marine insurance, in the form presented to the court, are not interstate commerce.

Special Investigations. In the estimates I have included a provision for an appropriation to be expended under the immediate direction of the secretary for the investigation of trade conditions at home and abroad, with the object of promoting domestic and foreign commerce of the United States, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Domestic and Foreign Ports. ASTORIA, Dec. 11.—Arrived down at 2 A. M. and sailed at 1 P. M.—Steamer F. H. Kilburn, for San Francisco. Condition of the bar at 8 P. M. rough; wind southeast; weather cloudy, with rain.

Heavy Fire Loss at Rochester. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 11.—The Roby building, at Main West and Elizabeth, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is \$200,000. The building was valued at \$300,000. The Vanberg Silver Plate Company lost \$100,000, with an insurance of \$150,000. The Hayden Furniture Company lost \$50,000. Insured.

GRAVELATED EYELIDS. Murine Eye Remedy cures this and other eye troubles, makes weak eyes strong.

REFORMER IS HERE Jacob Riis Arrives to Lecture in Portland.

SAYS HE ADORES THE WEST

One-Time Police Reporter on New York Paper Says There is Plenty of Room to Live and Good Air to Breathe in Oregon.

There is a name written on the register of the Hotel Portland today which rings up and down in funny fashion, but which, deciphered, reads "Jacob A. Riis, New York." The author of "The Making of an American" and half a

dozen other books is here, and this evening will deliver a lecture on "The Battle With the Slum."

Mr. Riis is a gray-headed man, rapid of voice and with keen blue eyes which peer out at you through his glasses shrewdly. In conversation he is enthusiastic and gesticulates with all the freedom of the Spaniard, though in fact he is a native of Denmark and by habit a resident of New York.

Disasters at Sea. The number of lives lost from various causes during the fiscal year, as shown by the record of the Steamboat Inspection Service, 1892; but the number of accidents was fewer; the great loss of life being due principally to six disasters, namely, the stranding of the steamer South Portland, on Gray's Harbor, Oregon, on October 15, 1903, by which 13 lives were lost; the foundering of the steamer Discovery off the southeastern coast of Alaska, about September 1, 1903, with a loss of 20 lives; the foundering of the steamer Clallam in the Straits of San Juan de Fuca, on January 8, 1904, by which 50 lives were lost; the fire on board the steamer Quaker, on the coast of Oregon, on February 7, 1904, when the lives of 14, who embarked in the lifeboats, were lost by the staving and capsizing of the boat; the explosion of the boilers in the steamer Fred Wilson, at Louisville, Ky., on May 26, 1904, with a loss of 11 lives; and the burning of the steamer General Slocum in East River, New York, on June 15, 1904, by which 607 persons perished.

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THE NEW DEMOCRACY. Its Tendency to Be More Towards Socialism.

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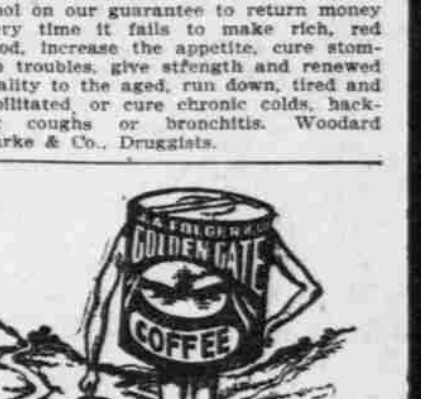
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