

CARNEGIE AROUSES STANDPATTERS' IRE

Accepts Gary's Word About Trusts as Conclusive and Utters Epigrams.

HIGH PRAISE FOR SCHWAB

Retired Steel Magnate Exasperates High Tariff Men—Cost of Labor Less Than in Foreign Lands.

(Continued from First Page.) that the United States Steel Corporation can get along without a tariff on its products and that should be sufficient for the committee to take off the duty on steel and iron.

Caustic Comment on Gary. Praising the genius of Charles M. Schwab, Mr. Carnegie suggested that Congress should extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Schwab for his work in improving the methods of steelmaking in this country.

"I never met his equal," said Mr. Carnegie in speaking of Mr. Schwab, "and when we were partners we were a great team."

"That is very apparent," remarked Chairman Payne.

Speaking of the testimony of Judge Gary before the committee, Mr. Carnegie said:

"You should not place any real value on the testimony of interested parties. Judge Gary said that the United States Steel Corporation could stand for a reduction in the tariff on steel, but that the smaller steel manufacturers could not survive with lowered duties. That is like one of Aesop's fables. Judge Gary is like the monkey who desired the chestnuts, but wanted the cat to pull them out of the fire."

The crowded room frequently rang with peals of laughter at the quips of Mr. Carnegie, who seemed to be in splendid shape for the questions asked by Representatives Daltell and Payne.

Mr. Carnegie was not willing to meddle in politics.

"The more figures you get the more you will be befogged. I do not judge by figures given by interested parties," he said at another point in his testimony. "I judge by results."

Immense Profit of Trust.

The former steel magnate said that Judge Gary had issued an annual statement showing that the United States Steel Corporation has made a profit of \$180,000,000, which, he said, equaled a profit of \$150 a ton on all steel produced.

Mr. Carnegie availed direct replies to questions as to whether the cost of producing steel at the present time as given by Judge Gary and Mr. Schwab was correct. "Mr. Schwab's estimate of the present cost is based on entirely different ideas than his estimate on the cost in 1903," was all that Mr. Carnegie would say.

Replying to a question from Mr. Crocker, Mr. Carnegie declared that the removal of duty on steel would not necessarily affect the price, because Europe could not successfully compete with the American product. He also said that if the figures given by former witnesses were absolutely correct, steel stock could be sold far below par value.

Don't Trust Interested Opinion.

Mr. Carnegie spoke of the difficulties he experienced with directors ignorant of the steel business. "I gradually bought them out and got men like Schwab around me and we made the cheapest steel that has ever been made."

"You've been out of steel some time?" said Mr. Payne. "Can you tell us where you can get the figures on the present cost of making steel?"

"I don't know where I can get you the figures," was the answer.

"If a judge was interested in the case you would not respect his decision, would you?" he asked, referring to the steel manufacturers who have appeared before the committee. There was no reply to Mr. Carnegie's question.

"Silence in the courtroom," he laughingly remarked. "It is too bad I have to submit to this cross-examination in 40 years. He based his statement on the best expert opinion he could obtain, he said. He also said that England would be in the same condition in seven years."

The testimony of Judge Gary was frequently referred to in the questions asked particularly to a statement that the duty on steel could be taken off as far as the steel corporation is concerned, and Mr. Carnegie said the portion should be accepted by the committee. An argument was precipitated by this statement between Messrs. Payne and Daltell on one side, maintaining that Judge Gary did not say the duty could be removed on all steel products, and Mr. Crocker on the other hand, maintaining that Judge Gary's testimony was to that effect.

Trust Can Stand Free Trade.

"Judge Gary has summarized the facts for you," said Mr. Carnegie, "and I should depend upon them. He has told you that they do not need the duty, if the cost of steel rails has increased abroad as it has increased here, you will find Judge Gary's statement quite true and that he could stand free trade."

"Judge Gary has testified that the prices are high abroad," said the chairman.

"Then does that not show you have nothing to fear from free trade?" was the prompt rejoinder.

Mr. Carnegie was questioned at length regarding the cost of producing steel, but the witness declared that honest men easily could differ on that question. The steel business, he said, was a business by itself, and the cost to one man was a very different thing from the cost to another.

"When a gentleman of Judge Gary's character," he said, "comes to you and tells you he does not need a tariff, you ought to believe him."

He insisted in reply to questions by Mr. Bouzage that the railways were not pay-

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ing too much for steel rails. The steel rail makers, he thought, were making a fair profit.

"How about other steel products besides steel rails?" Mr. Bouzage inquired.

"I have not a word to say," Mr. Carnegie replied. "That's out of my province."

Gary's Tender Solitude.

Mr. Ford recited the testimony of Mr. Schwab and was interrupted by Mr. Carnegie with the remark that "he is a genius."

Breaking in upon a Scotch story which Mr. Carnegie related and in the course of which the witness mentioned the name of Mr. Gary, Mr. Ford asked if it were intended to characterize Mr. Gary as a "sleek article."

"His solicitude for his weaker brethren is sublime," said Mr. Carnegie, referring to Judge Gary's contention that the smaller steel manufacturers could not stand the abolition of the duty on steel.

Mr. Carnegie said the manufacturers of Wales could make a ton of tinplate a shade cheaper than it could be made here and that the cost of manufacturing steel is greater in Great Britain than here.

No Foreign Steel Imported.

It is a condition and not a theory that concerns the committee at this time," said Representative Longworth, in reply. "It is understood that the President-elect will call a special session of Congress for the purpose of enacting a tariff bill and we must prepare the facts for them to pass on. We have no time to send experts in Europe. What I want to know besides the testimony given by you and Judge Gary, who I don't think went as far as you stated, what reason have we for taking the duty off steel?"

Mr. Carnegie pointed out that practically no foreign-made steel is imported to this country.

Mr. Carnegie had planned to leave for New York on an afternoon train, but when Mr. Payne asked him if he desired to continue his testimony today or appear again tomorrow, he arranged to stay in Washington tonight.

"I consider it my duty as a citizen to come here a week if necessary," said Mr. Carnegie.

Ready to Answer Critic.

Mr. Carnegie concluded his testimony shortly before 4 o'clock and was about to leave when Alfred O. Crozier, of Wilmington, Del., asked permission to be heard. He also asked Mr. Carnegie to remain and hear his remarks, explaining that they would be in the nature of a criticism of the former steel king's views on the tariff. Mr. Carnegie waited a few minutes, and then left, saying he would like to get a copy of Mr. Crozier's remarks after they are printed.

"I shall read it with pleasure," he said, "and if the gentleman criticizes me I shall say, 'what do these gentlemen does not know better,' and if he is with me I shall probably say, 'what a wise young man he is!'"

Mr. Crozier addressed his remarks principally to the magazine article recently published over Mr. Carnegie's name, in which, he said, Mr. Carnegie dealt a severe blow at the entire protective system. He said that Mr. Carnegie had kindled wide doubt as to the wisdom, necessity and value of protection. Mr. Crozier maintained that Mr. Carnegie's proposition to take the duty off steel would have the effect of leaving the United States Steel Corporation forever in undisputed possession of the American field.

Shipping at San Pedro.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 21.—After discharging part of her cargo of lumber at Redondo, the steamer Coronado arrived from Gray's Harbor with the remainder of the cargo.

The steamer San Gabriel completed the discharge of 500,000 feet of lumber and cleared today for Umpqua River to re-load. The steamer Claremont arrived this morning, four days from Gray's Harbor, bringing 750,000 feet of lumber.

\$3000 FIRE AT CORBETT

SPARKS FROM ENGINE DESTROY FREIGHTHOUSE. Building Burns Before Water Can Be Secured From Ice-Covered Slough.

CORBETT, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special)—Sparks from the engine of eastbound train, No. 6, on the O. R. & N. tonight set fire to a freight-house beside the track and caused a fire resulting in \$3000 damage. Recently the railroad company moved its track in straightening the line, and this brought the passing trains considerably nearer the structure. Glowing coals from the stack of the engine fell upon the roof, and before water could be procured from the ice-covered wells or sloughs the structure was a total loss.

The agent, who lived in the building, saved some of his belongings, including a piano. Of the loss, \$100 is represented by the building itself, and \$2000 on the contents.

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Field Day Exercises Today at Vancouver Barracks.

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CHIEF OF SECRET SERVICE FREQUENT VISITOR AT WHITE HOUSE.

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THAW TO STAY IN ASYLUM

Court Denies Him Right to Testify at Pittsburg Hearing.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Harry Kendall Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White, who is confined in the State Hospital for the Criminal Insane at Matteawan, cannot be taken to Pittsburg to testify in the bankruptcy proceedings, according to a decision handed down today by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in this city. Whether the case will be taken to the United States Supreme Court is not known here.

ALBANY PEOPLE REJOICING

Are Riding on Electric Car in Home Town for First Time.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special)—An epoch of progress for Albany was marked today when the electric street-car system was placed in operation. The first trip of the car was made a memorable one. A big crowd of people, including most of the city officials, boarded the car and, cheering in honor of the event, rode on a trolley car through the streets of their home city for the first time.

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