

CLOSE DIVISION ON STEEL MERGER

Committee's View of Roosevelt's Action Depends on Two Senators.

WILL TAKE VOTE MONDAY

Foraker and Clark of Arkansas Are Only Members in Doubt—Republicans Contend Action During the Panic Is Excusable.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Upon Foraker, of Ohio, and Clark, of Arkansas, depends whether the judiciary committee of the Senate will declare the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company by the United States Steel Corporation to have been in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and whether President Roosevelt had a right to sanction the merger.

How Members Will Vote.

Kittredge, Culberson and Overman, who signed the majority report, declare the vote of the committee will be at least 7 to 4 for its adoption. The statement is contradicted by Clark of Wyoming, and Dillingham, minority of the subcommittee, and by Knox, who is working to uphold the President's course. Other members do not profess to know how Clark, of Arkansas, and Foraker will vote. Known to be for the report are Messrs. Nelson and Kittredge, Republicans, and Bacon, Culberson, Overman and Rayner, Democrats. Against it are Clark, of Wyoming, Depew, Dillingham, Knox and Fulton, all Republicans.

At the suggestion of Overman the report was modified to declare that the deal "appears to the committee" to be a violation of the law.

Views of Roosevelt's Friends.

It was contended by a number of Republican senators who opposed the report that the action of the President should not be analyzed now in a judicial manner, unless the subject were treated as an act performed during the stress of business panic.

The minority of the subcommittee filed a statement asserting that the committee had exceeded its functions under the resolution by introducing evidence which had not been before the President when he sanctioned the merger, and that the committee had judged the case upon the new evidence, which the President had not the opportunity to consider.

GRAIN GRADES AND FORESTS

McCumber for Government Grading—Hepburn Hides His Hobby.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The agricultural appropriation bill at the meeting of the Senate today was the subject of a speech by North Dakota, spoke on the right to fix standards for grain and declared present practices make impossible the sale of Western grain at the prices to which it is really entitled. He argued in favor of legislation authorizing the grading by the Federal Government of grain entering into interstate commerce.

The fixing of definite grades of grain was on motion of Aldrich stricken from the paragraph, which, as finally adopted, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture "to investigate the handling, grading and transportation of grain and to study factors entering into the usual operations conducted therewith."

Hayburn, of Idaho, opposed increasing the appropriation for the Forestry Service as proposed by the committee on agriculture. He vigorously attacked the Forestry Service, urged giving to the people the right to locate on any public land. He declared that each year additional funds were demanded for the service, with the promise that next year it would be self-sustaining.

RUSH MAIL SUBSIDY BILL

House Committee Will Report and House Pass Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Interest in the House debate on the salary increase interfered twice today with the meeting of the House committee on postoffices and post-roads to consider the Senate ocean mail subsidy bill. A meeting will be held at 10:30 A. M. tomorrow and it is believed that the bill will then be reported.

COMMITTEE STILL WRANGLES

Statehood Bill Delayed by Land-Grant Clause a Little Longer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—By a strict party vote the Senate committee on territories today declined to strike out of the New Mexico and Arizona statehood bill the provisions relating to land grants, which are the basis of opposition to the measure. Another meeting of the committee will be held Saturday. Some of the Democratic senators favor making a motion that the Senate to discharge the committee until action is taken to report the measure either favorably or adversely.

DISAGREE ON HETCH-HETCHY

Senate Committee Holds Over Water Scheme for Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Senate committee on public lands failed today to reach an agreement on the bill granting to the City of San Francisco the use of the Hetch-Hetchy and the Lake Eleanor Valleys as reservoir sites and decided to let the whole subject go over until next session.

Name Oregon Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The President has appointed the following Oregon Postmasters: Guy E. Tex, Central Point; William C. Underwood, Oakland.

Negroes Talk Liquor.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 24.—The Southern Negro Anti-Saloon Congress opened here today. Many able speakers of the negro race are present.

Extradition With France.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—An extradition treaty with France was ordered favorably reported today from the Senate committee on foreign relations.

TO TAKE CENSUS OF JAPS

California to Count Yellow Men and Then Talk Exclusion.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 24.—The Senate today passed the bill providing for a census of Japanese in the state, to determine whether or not California should ask for a general Asiatic exclusion act. The bill already has passed the Assembly and will be signed by the Governor at once. It empowers the State Labor Commissioner to take the census.

BARB ALIENS FROM RANGES

Nevada Solons Pass Bill Directed Against All Foreigners.

CARSON, Nev., Feb. 24.—The Senate of the Nevada Legislature passed today an anti-alien bill which had already been adopted by the assembly. It is in the form of a joint concurrent resolution providing that all aliens and foreigners shall be excluded from Federal and state grazing lands. It concludes as follows:

DECLINED PLACE IN CABINET.

Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—One of the men most frequently mentioned for Secretary of the Treasury in the Taft Cabinet is ex-Governor Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio, but Mr. Taft himself is authority for the statement that Mr. Herrick asked not to be considered in the matter as long ago as December.

Withdraws Jap Resolution.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 24.—Senator A. Cambiotti today withdrew his resolutions asking the Federal Government to change the exclusion act so as to include all Asiatics, including Japanese. This action was taken because a Senate committee had prepared similar resolutions.

STEEL TRUST CUTS PRICES

Reductions Range From \$4 to \$10 a Ton.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—New quotations given to various steel consumers by the United States Steel Corporation today were \$1.50 per hundred pounds for shapes and plates \$1.20 for bars. This represents a reduction of \$6 a ton for steel shapes and \$4 a ton for steel bars. It is reported also that the corporation reduced pipe about \$10 a ton.

Steel War Affects London.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The effect of the slump on the New York Stock Exchange occasioned by the steel rate war and the adverse Supreme Court decision in the New York Central Railway rebating case was shown on the Stock Exchange early today. The value of American rails was marked down from one to five points, but it soon became evident that the market considered the decline overdone and covering operations from New York, the Continent and local sources caused a smart recovery.

HOW OFTEN DID IT OFFEND?

Size of Standard's Fine Hinges on Legal Question.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—While the Federal grand jury commission was today securing a new panel of veniremen from which to select a jury for the retrial of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana for acceptance of rebates, Judge Anderson listened to argument as to what shall form the basis of each offense charged.

Lawyers to Debate.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 24.—The first international college debate to be held between Washington University and the College of Law at Victoria, B. C., has been arranged. The question has not yet been selected, but the debaters on each side have been chosen and the date set for April 23. Another team to meet the Portland, Or., Law School, April 2, was chosen.

Drowns in Coos River.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Andrew Ericson, aged 22, was accidentally drowned in Coos River late last night while working on a raft of logs. Coroner Lewis received the body today and will hold an inquest.

O. W. & K. Improved and Standard Sewing Machines --- Ladies' Home Journal Patterns --- Royal Worcester Corsets

Olds, Wortman & King Thursday Is Our Housekeepers' Day

And Portland's best and brightest store comes forward with unordinary offerings in every day home needs, bargains of the sort that will be appreciated. Goods that you must buy at any cost for everything is well underpriced and splendid varieties are featured for this sale.

Save on the Chinaware and Cut Glass

Decorated German China 1/2 Price Sale of Decorated Dinner Sets

A special on decorated German China in good patterns in open stock. The following articles are to be had, and when the saving is a full one-half, it behooves economists to take quick advantage of this remarkable special offering. Tea pots, sugar and creamer, 75c. Bread and Butter Plates, regularly \$1.25 for set of 6, Thursday. 63c. Chocolate pots, worth \$3.00, at \$1.50. Pie Plates, worth \$1.25 dozen. 63c. 10c Salt and Pepper Shakers, at .5c. Spoon Trays, worth 40c each, sp 1.20c.

Silver Plated Sugar and Creamer at Less Spoons at Low Prices

Regularly \$3.00 the set, special Thursday, only \$1.95. Bon Bon Dishes, \$1.75 value, on sale at, each, only \$1.20. Bread Trays, \$2.25 val. \$1.80. 4-piece Tea Sets, \$7.50 value, on sale at only, the set. \$6.50. Teaspoons, very neat, set of 6, on special sale for only \$68c. Table Spoons, set of 6. \$1.35. Dessert Spoons, set of 6 \$1.25. Table Knives, set of 6. \$1.35. Table Forks, set of 6. \$1.35.

\$2.75 Curtains \$1.68 Pair

This is a Thursday Housekeepers' Day special in our fourth floor home fitting shops. One hundred pairs of fine white, ruffled swiss curtains at more than one-third less than you would usually pay. They are nicely finished, daintily ruffled, good material and good size; regularly worth \$2.75 the pair, today's special price, only \$1.68.

COUCH COVERS of heavy tapestry; Bagdad stripe effects and fringed all round; full size, fine materials, worth \$3.50 each, today they are on sale for, each, \$1.95

We pay special attention to curtain shade and drapery work, and have a thoroughly trained force to execute your ideas. Estimates cheerfully furnished on shade and drapery work.

Very Clever Waists

The new bodices are beautiful indeed, and every well-dressed woman in Portland will surely supply herself generously. Among the latest waist arrivals are: Crepe de chine waists, in smart tailored effects—net waists with underlay yoke of fancy Persian braid and insertion of wide file band, decorated with soutache braid—waists of messaline in all colors, tailored models—net waists in lace trimmed and embroidered effects—messaline with elaborate decorations done in soutache braid.

"Gold Dust" Washing Powder 17c

This famous, well-known washing powder, full size package, regularly sold at 25c, on special sale in our Notion Aisle for Housekeepers' Day at the very low price of only 17c.

Radiant Paraffine Wax Candles, or Electric Light Candles, six for 10c

Photo or Library Paste, in tubes, large size, 10c value, on sale at 6c. Toilet Paper, 100-sheet rolls, 10c value, four for 25c. Heavy Linen Finish Thread, black or white, 100-yard spools, 5c value, 3 for 10c. Safety Pins, nickel plated, with guarded spring, 8c card, all sizes, on sale for 5c.

DOUBLE SHARE GIVEN STATES

Dixon Proposes They Get 50 Per Cent of Forest Revenue. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 24.—Senator Dixon today proposed an amendment to the agricultural bill providing that 50 instead of 25 per cent of forest reserve receipts be paid to the states from which such revenues are derived. Indications are that the amendment will be adopted by the Senate.

War Department Urges Purchase of Elliott Farm at Vancouver.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—The Secretary of War today sent to Congress an urgent recommendation that an appropriation be made this session for the purchase of the Elliott farm, near Vancouver, B. C., for a rifle range. The option on this property will expire March 18. If no purchase is then made the price will be advanced \$250. A new range is absolutely necessary, in the opinion of Army officers, as settlement in the neighborhood of the present range makes its further use dangerous.

COOLNESS TOWARD FULTON GROWS FROM YOUNG EPISODE.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—No reference was made during the executive session of the Senate today to the nomination of John C. Young as Postmaster of Portland. Ever since it became known, however, that Fulton intended to fight Mr. Young, there has been increasing coolness between the Oregon senators, which culminated today in Bourne's snubbing Fulton as he passed the latter on the floor of the Senate.

MAKE PORTLAND HIS HOME

Fulton Will Move From Astoria When Congress Adjourns. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Senator Fulton intends to make Portland his home. He today made an announcement to this effect. Soon after the adjournment of Congress he will go to Astoria to close up

Committee Would Compensate on Finished Lumbermen Object.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The ways and means committee of the House has not yet voted upon the lumber tariff, but these in touch declares the committee now favors reduction of the duty on rough lumber to 21 per thousand feet and to fix the tariff on high-grade lumber at compensatory figures yet to be worked out. Western representatives are urging the committee to retain the duty of 22 on rough lumber and, if necessary to obtain this concession, would agree to removal of the duty on high grades. They assert



75c Baskets Only 19c

A basket sale today in the Art Department, a clean-up of odd lots in work baskets, baby clothes hamper, waste paper baskets, etc. There is a wide choice of patterns and of qualities; regular prices run from 40c to \$22.00 each. Take advantage. Lot 1: Waste Paper Baskets, work baskets on stands and baby clothes hamper, divided into three lots, as follows: Reg. 40c to 75c at 19c. Reg. 80c to \$1.50, 49c. \$1.65 to \$4, \$1.29. Lot 2: Trimmed or Untrimmed Work Baskets, on stands, very neat, \$5 to \$22 values, today at 1/2.

Baby Week And the Best One as Yet!

Bargains for the most important member of the household. Unusual savings to be had by taking advantage of a sale which has become of decided importance to Portland mothers. Everything in infants' wear reduced, and these specials besides.

Infants' Short Dresses and Long Slips, made of lawn and fine nainsook, trimmed with lace or embroidery; regular values to \$1.00, choice. 29c. Values up to \$1.50, choice. 62c. Values to \$2.50, choice. \$1.19. Values to \$4.00, choice. \$1.78. Baby Flannel Wrappers, made Kimono style, trimmed with folds of silk. Come in dainty baby blue or pink; values to \$2.50 each. \$1.38. Baby Pinning Blankets, of all wool flannel, made with band or in Gertrude style, values to \$1.25, choice. 89c. Infants' Knit Cotton Bands, regularly worth 25c each, for this sale, each. 17c. Infants' Knit Booties and Pique Slippers, few slightly soiled, values up to \$2.25, special price. 87c. Infants' Short Dresses, very dainty trimmed with lace and embroidery, made of fine nainsook or lawn; values to \$4.00; on sale Thursday at this low price. \$1.98. Short Dresses, of cambric, values up to 60c, choice. 29c. Baby Skirts of muslin, trimmed with embroidery, long or short, vals. to 60c, at 19c. Baby Crochet Saques, white trimmed with colors, regular values up to \$3.50, on sale this week at... ONE-THIRD LESS. Babies' Long or Short Flannel Skirts, plain hems, waistbands attached. Values to 50c, special... 27c. Values to 80c, special... 49c. Values to \$1.25, at... 87c. Values to \$1.75, at... 98c. Values to \$2.00, at... \$1.19. Values to \$2.50, at... \$1.47.

EILERS TENTH ANNIVERSARY PIANO SALE

To fittingly celebrate our tenth anniversary, we give you receipt for twice amount of first payment on any piano in our stock, up to and including one-eighth of selling price of instrument. In addition to this, pianos have been marked far below regular price. Finest of new pianos reduced to \$165, \$182, \$210, \$240, \$272, \$307, \$389, etc., etc. If you have any use at all for a fine piano, do not delay investigating this money-saving, record-breaking Piano sale and celebration.

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