



U. S. PLACES 'O. K.' ON 'STEEL TRUST'

Supreme Court Upholds Combine by 4-3 Vote.

FIGHT OF NINE YEARS WON

Federal Action Against 20 Millionaires Barred.

MINORITY OPPOSES STEP

Dissenting Opinion Charges "Open and Continued Violation of Sherman Anti-Trust Law."

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Convicted that for the present their labors to break the peace treaty deadlock are a waste of time, senate leaders moved today to get the treaty out of the way of pressing legislation and to let issues raised by the ratification fight go into the political campaign.

Under the plan, compromise negotiations on the reservation to article 19 are to be dropped, re-adoption of the republican reservation programme of last session is to be completed as a formality, and then a final vote is to be taken to ratify the treaty into the campaign.

Some senators predicted tonight a final vote, which it is conceded will occur within three days. Among most leaders, however, the prediction was that the smouldering debate would take at least most of the week to burn itself out.

The decision to hasten action was reached when republican leaders, convinced that the democrats would block ratification unless the article 19 reservation was modified, determined to insist that the reservation be taken into the ratification program without change. In this reaffirmation they acceded to a demand by republican irreconcilables, who had intimated that they might adopt methods of their own to wreck the republican programme.

The coup of the irreconcilables, in thus bringing the treaty fight to a truce was a virtual repetition of the move by which several weeks ago they ended the bipartisan compromise negotiations by bringing pressure to bear on republican leaders when an agreement seemed imminent. Holding the balance of power, the irreconcilables were to be counted on by republicans to adopt any of the proposed reservations, and in addition, they are understood to have pointed out that if their counsels were disregarded they could take the treaty over into the campaign.

The senate took no action on the treaty today, the session being adjourned because of the death of Senator Bankhead.

Two Justices Take no Part. Justices McReynolds and Brandeis took no part, the former having been attorney-general during the litigation and the latter having expressed opinions on it before appointment to the bench.

Primarily the decree officially brands the corporation as a "good" combination with its legality established.

Further, the court held that preponderance in industry of corporate combinations is not alone sufficient cause for their dissolution.

The public interest, as well as factoring judicial interpretation or application of the Sherman law, analogous of its famous "rule of reason" in the Standard Oil and tobacco "trust" cases by declaring public interest must be considered in applying the law.

Minority Urge Dissolution. The public interest, it was held, would not be served and might be injured by dissolving the steel concern.

Dissolution of the corporation and its principal subsidiaries was urged in the dissenting opinion. The minority declared that the anti-trust law was violated; that there has been "open, notorious and continued violation" of its provisions and that approval of illegally born combinations would practically annul the Sherman law by judicial decree.

Agreeing that mere size of a corporation, providing its general interests are not inhibited, the minority vigorously disapproved the new Sherman law ruling, requiring judicial consideration of the public interest. Such a conclusion, they declared, "necessarily results in a practical nullification of the act itself."

Corporation Wins Victory. The decision was a complete victory for the corporation and its 180 subsidiaries, said to compose the world's greatest industrial combination, with assets of more than \$2,000,000,000. It also dismissed proceedings against a score of individual millionaire defendants, including Chairman Elbert H. Gary of the steel corporation, Charles M. Schwab, John D. Rockefeller, the late J. P. Morgan, Andrew Carnegie, Henry C. Frick and others. Against these the government had asked injunctions against illegal acts.

Also the decree marked utter rout for the government in its suit, which was begun in 1911 in the New Jersey federal court and which has been one of the longest, most voluminous and most costly proceedings in supreme court annals.

Case Argued Twice Before. The case, records of which fill a small room, was twice argued in the high court, in March, 1917, and again last October. A truce, suspending action during the war, was agreed upon in 1918.

Although today's decree leaves the government free to bring new proceedings for specific and present practices deemed in conflict with the anti-trust law, department of justice officials declared no thought had been given to future action.

Competition Is Favored. In its appeal, the government contended that to sustain dismissal of its suit by the New Jersey court would result in licensing enormous corporations which fell just short of complete monopoly and would place the court's stamp of approval on development of industry by combination instead of competition.

To sustain its decree that the steel concern is a "good" combination, the majority found it controls about half of the American iron and steel trade, including mines, mills, railroads, ships and ore fields. Monopoly, the opinion declared, has not been achieved, its power over prices, the majority also declared, is unequal to its proportionate production.

Good conduct of the corporation was

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Judge Neterer Passes on Charges of Fraud in Connection With Shipbuilding.

FILM MEN TO GET WHAT THEY WANT

Mayor Plans to Revise Censorship Ordinance.

EARLY PASSAGE IS EXPECTED

Suggestions From All Interested Are Requested.

BOARD OF THREE DESIRED

City Executive Holds Present Ordinance Not Workable, Having Too Many Provisions.

SEATTLE, March 1.—Five officials of the Grays Harbor Motorship corporation of Aberdeen, Wash., in federal court here today, accepted arraignment and entered pleas of not guilty to indictments charging them with having fraudulently claimed \$5000 from the government for advance delivery of a hull intended for the United States shipping board.

Officials of the company named in the indictments were Bruno C. Shortt, Monty Ward, A. S. Hoonan, Captain W. A. Magee and A. B. Hunt. Their acceptance of arraignment came as a surprise, as they had previously notified the court they would enter demurrers and move to quash the indictments.

Federal Judge Jeremiah Neterer today heard arguments on demurrers and motions to quash indictments against C. N. Soaborn, Phillips Morrison and H. P. Ostrander, officers of the Seaborn Shipyards company of Tacoma, Wash., charging them with having conspired to fraud the government of \$54,000 through false claims for additional expenditures on hulls, under construction for the shipping board. Judge Neterer did not announce his decision.

An indictment against Captain John F. Blain, ex-commander Pacific district manager of the shipping board, in which he was charged with accepting secret commissions from the Stewart Davit & Equipment company, New York, while shipping board representative here, was ordered dismissed. Judge Neterer took the matter of dismissing two other indictments against Captain Blain under advisement.

GEDDES IS ENVOY TO U. S.

Britain Favored by Wilson Is Appointed Ambassador.

LONDON, March 1.—Appointment of Sir Auckland Geddes as British ambassador to the United States was officially announced today. The ambassador will leave for America in about a month.

The high cost of living at Washington has been an obstacle to finding a suitable man willing to serve. The salary will be raised, according to reports.

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WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 1.—Eleven bodies had been recovered late tonight from a building in the Chinese quarter which caught fire earlier in the evening. The bodies were those of ten men and one woman. The woman came from Pasco today.

The fire started from firecrackers accidentally dropped by an aged Chinaman who was helping to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Five bodies were found in one room. The fire was confined to the second story of the building. There were numerous exits, but the victims were caught like rats in a trap, each will be continued tomorrow for additional bodies.

Mayor Talks of New Plan.

A protest went to the board against the exhibition of the film, four members of the board voted to take, three members voting to condemn and two to pass it. Mayor Baker, who is not a member, favored the majority action. The case was finally taken into court.

"I am going to accept at face value the statements of the motion picture people that they want censorship," said the mayor yesterday, "and am going to act on their suggestion that a new board, consisting of three members, be created."

"In making this announcement, I cannot too strongly emphasize the fact that the present censorship of motion pictures and that I want it to be of such a kind as to guard the morals of the city, especially of the youthful element. Another thing that should be as fully understood is that my action is not to have reflected on the board who have given the motion picture people the right to be on the board