

TARIFFS BLAMED FOR HIGH SUGAR

Claus A. Spreckels Says, Too, Trust Aided in Advancing Prices.

TROUBLES ARE RELATED

Big Refiner Declares That Factories Were Mysteriously Damaged Before Peace Was Made With Havemeyer.

NEW YORK, July 22.—Testifying today before the House committee investigating the Sugar Trust, Claus A. Spreckels, son of the late Claus Spreckels, of California, and president of the Federal Sugar Refining Company of Yonkers, declared himself of the opinion that the removal of or a big reduction in the tariff on sugar would decrease the price of refined sugar in this country two cents a pound.

Without a tariff, he said, the cane and beet sugar refineries could compete with the world and that it would be the best thing possible for Louisiana. Mr. Spreckels read into the record an official statement showing that since the Sugar Trust was formed the price of refined sugar had materially increased.

Troubles Are Related.

Interesting, too, was Mr. Spreckels' testimony regarding the way between the Havemeyer-Spreckels interests of the American Refining Company and his father, and the trouble that he has had since his opposition to the American company.

In Philadelphia, before the trust got control of the Spreckels plant, he said, the machinery was damaged by people throwing things in it. This trouble ended when Havemeyer got control.

"In Yonkers we have had much trouble. Mysterious persons have frequently at night drained our liquid sugar out of the vats into the sewers," he said. "On another occasion they put a dead rat in each barrel of a big shipment of sugar that was about to go out. I suspected certain employees of doing this and discharged them without pay. I wanted them to sue, but they were afraid to."

American Company Suspected.

"Of course, I don't know that the American company had anything to do with any of this, but they were the only ones who would be interested in our not marketing the sugar," Mr. Spreckels also testified that he had been unable to purchase sugars in Louisiana, although he had offered more than the American.

Speaking of the benefit Louisiana would get from a tariff cut, Mr. Spreckels said:

"The planters down there are antiquated, use ancient methods and machinery and are not scientific farmers. The reduction in the tariff would wake them up and modernize them like it did Hawaii."

Books to Be Produced.

"Best sugar can be made for less than three cents a pound and the sugar grown in the American Sugar Refining Company offices I think they will find the records of the beet sugar companies, which will show the cost of best sugar."

The company's attorneys promised to produce the record.

The California refiners, said Spreckels, get their raw sugar from the Hawaiian Islands. He said that without a tariff the production of sugar would be vastly increased, that the jam and jelly industry could be taken away from England and the chocolate production of this country could be vastly increased.

Wits Are Matched.

When Representative Hinds undertook to question Mr. Spreckels, the examination became a matching of wits between the adherents of the high protective tariff and the low or "approximate free trade" tariff. Spreckels held for the low tariff, particularly as it relates to sugar and other food necessities.

Telling of the end of the war between Havemeyer and Claus Spreckels, a fierce contest lasting from 1887 to 1891, Mr. Spreckels said:

"After much parleying, John E. Seales, secretary and treasurer of the American company went to California to negotiate with my father. The result was that the Western Refining Company was formed, embracing the Havemeyer and Spreckels interests in \$5,000,000 corporation. The American took \$2,250,000 in the capital stock and I delivered it to H. O. Havemeyer, Theodore E. Havemeyer, John Seales in New York. They told me they were the purchasers and not the American. They paid me half cash and half in short-time notes, which they later paid."

Stock Sold to American.

"Six months later the Havemeyer and Seales, with my father, sold the total capital stock of the Western Company to the American for \$10,000,000 in preferred stock. Of this, my father received \$5,000,000 and the Havemeyer and Seales got the same for their interest, for which they had paid my father \$2,250,000.

"They also, by the settlement of the war, acquired a 45 per cent interest in the \$5,000,000 Spreckels Philadelphia plant. Any quarrel with them started when they wanted to limit the output of the Philadelphia plant. Their idea was to reduce the amount of production and thus force up the price. My plan was to increase the output and decrease the price."

Spreckels told how he was kept from purchasing Hawaiian sugar for his Yonkers refinery.

LEADER OF TORIES, MAN WHO MAY SUCCEED HIM IF HE IS DEPOSED BY HIS PARTY, AND CHANCELLOR.



ABOVE, ARTHUR J. BALFOUR—BELOW, AT LEFT, DAVID LLOYD GEORGE, CHANCELLOR OF EXCHEQUER; AT RIGHT, ALSTON CHAMBERLAIN, OPPONENT OF BALFOUR FOR LEADERSHIP.

TORIES ARE ANGRY

Leaders Busy Trying to Restrain Extremists.

BALFOUR IS IN DISFAVOR

Extremists May Be Pressing Issue in Hope of Ending Leadership.

Insurance Bill Makes Ministerial Life Burden.

Lloyd-George Under Strain.

Lloyd-George remained up until 5 o'clock the other morning and began work again after three hours sleep, and his friends again are anxious lest he break his health a second time.

Yellow Journalism has a splendid time this week in denouncing Germany and proclaiming the German possession of the harbor at Agadir, Morocco, as a great menace to the English sea power and the alleged German demand for a portion of the Congo as intended to give Germany supremacy over a large portion of Africa.

Sober people do not share these wild apprehensions, but undoubtedly there is considerable uneasiness and the situation is perilous and critical.

The tropical weather is now the most potent factor in London life. Everybody is too exhausted to work. The season is hurrying fast to its close and the prospect is that soon only the politicians will be left within London.

One of the constant mysteries of those outside of public life is the obstinacy with which politicians continue to carry on a fight which they know and everybody knows is hopeless.

This is not without reason, for the chapter of accidents which is at the bottom of the mind of every politician.

This is not without reason, for the chapter of accidents is always playing strange freaks in political life. A situation may be changed in a day, in an hour, in a moment, and even the most powerful cause and the strongest administration may go down on the very evening of the day when it appeared able to conquer the fate.

This is perhaps the reason why the members of the House of Lords have continued their fight against the veto bill with such apparently blind and stupid obstinacy. Ninth after ninth they have prepared and carried amendments to the veto bill, in spite of their

knowledge of the fact that these amendments have not the slightest chance of being accepted.

HAYTIAN STATE CRUMBLES

Warship Necessary at Capital, Says Port Au Prince Minister.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—The Government of President Simon is fast falling before the uninterrupted march of the revolutionary movement in Hayti, according to a cablegram today from American Minister Furniss, speaking for the entire diplomatic corps of Port au Prince, the capital.

With the crumbling of the administration almost in sight, Mr. Furniss advised the State Department that all the representatives of foreign powers in Hayti believed the presence of a foreign warship at Port au Prince absolutely necessary.

The American gunboat Patrol, now at the Haytian capital, will leave today to ascertain the situation at Gonaives, controlled by the rebels and where much American money is invested.

ALIENS LIKE POSTAL BANKS

Ten Additional First-Class Offices Named as Depositors.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Ten first-class postoffices in addition to the four already designated were named today by Postmaster-General Hitchcock as postal savings banks. Among them is Butte, Mont.

Prior to June 30, more than 15,000 persons had opened postal savings accounts in 406 offices. Mr. Hitchcock says that at Bedford, Ind., all of the depositors during the first three days of business were foreign born and 50 per cent of the depositors during the first month's business at Miami, Fla., were other than native Americans.

TOGA IRKS CHAMBERLAIN

self a candidate for re-election. But so long as he feels like retiring from the Senate at the close of his term he is not likely to become an active candidate for the Vice-Presidential nomination.

Of course Senator Chamberlain also knows that the next Presidential campaign is to be a hot one, and that the two conventions will pick the strongest possible tickets, or try to. They will name men whose mere nomination will add strength to the ticket, and this being the case, they will go to the bigger state for their candidates, and particularly will they select a Vice-Presidential candidate if the head of the ticket is chosen from a smaller state, as might be the case if Governor Wilson should be nominated from New Jersey.

The Chamberlain Vice-Presidential boom is not destined to get far.

Astoria Gets Torpedo Fleet Only.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Senators Chamberlain and Bourne have failed to persuade the Navy Department to send a battleship to Astoria for the Centennial celebration. The department advised them today, however, that the torpedo fleet would be sent in time to participate in the opening exercises and remain throughout the celebration, as previously planned.

MUCKRAKERS AT SWINDLER'S POINTS

Controller Bay Incident Has Split Ranks; Inquiry Becomes Fiasco.

SECRETARY IS UPBRAIDED

Some Alleged Conservationists Browbeating Fisher for His Frank Declaration That He Saw Nothing Wrong in Claims.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 22.—The Controller Bay investigation has apparently "blown up." The committee has adjourned the subject to the call of Chairman Graham. All the principal witnesses, including "Dick" Ryan, Ashmun Brown and Miss Abbott, have been discharged, with the understanding that they "may be recalled later, and the muckrakers who are investigating the case are authorized for the statement that the committee will not resume hearings "before October."

They also assert that when the committee meets again it will treat the Controller Bay affair as a mere incident to a greater and broader investigation that was originally intended, one which they advertise as being "loaded with more dynamite than the Cunningham case." These muckrakers are also authority for the statement that Miss Abbott never will be called as a witness in the Controller Bay case.

Brandels Privately Paid.

It was learned from Chairman Graham today that Attorney Brandels, who is to act as counsel for the committee when it reassembles, is not to be paid by Congress, but is to derive his compensation from "outside parties." Their identity Graham would not disclose. A Washington dispatch to the New York Tribune, discussing the collapse of the Controller Bay fiasco, says:

"There are a couple of reasons and a feigned one for the cessation of activity and the explosion of the fake. "Despite the secrecy with which President Taft has endeavored to guard his answer to the Controller Bay charges, supplying information called for in the Poindexter resolution, it is apparent that the House committee obtained information of the concealment of the President's refutation of the alleged Controller Bay grab. The committee suddenly developed an aggravated case of 'cold feet.'"

"Those who have watched the desperate efforts of the committee to bolster up the 'fake' to Dick's foot-prints can best explain the explosion. The incentive for the sudden abandonment of the investigation doubtless is Secretary Fisher's general but effective hint that the department stands ready to prosecute for perjury any witness who swears falsely in an inquiry. It has been apparent for days that the committee could not substantiate under oath the reckless charge made.

Graham Meets His Match.

"Still another reason for abandonment is the appointment of Representative Burke to the committee, in which, Keen and alert statesman Senator Graham, found more than his match. "Of course, the growing indisposition of Miss M. F. Abbott, the 'star witness,' and the refusal of the committee to make, embarrassed the committee and prompted its Democratic manipulators to halt proceedings for a while."

ALLEGED FAKE SALE HALTS

Tacoma Store Proprietor Arrested for Working "Death Gag."

TACOMA, July 22.—Accused of obtaining money under false pretenses by promoting a fake administrator's sale following the imaginary death of a fictitious owner, John Doe Moore, manager of a Pacific-avenue clothing store, was arrested today.

During the past few days a huge bunch of crepe hung from the front door of the store in memory of a Mr. McGuire, the supposed deceased owner. In the front window was placed a large sign announcing an administrator's sale at 9 o'clock when a big crowd collected. The place was formerly known as the Heinemann store and is now owned by John Danz, of Seattle, according to the complaint. A few days ago this announcement appeared on the door:

"Owing to the death of Mr. McGuire, this store will be closed for a few days. When the alleged Mr. McGuire became the reputed owner of the store a few weeks ago, a fake interview with him appeared in the local press to the effect that he liked Tacoma. Later it was reported he had died and a notice of his death is said to have appeared in a Seattle paper. The store was packed today and the proprietor, Attorney Burneiser threatened to arrest every employee if it was not closed immediately. The warrant was issued by Judge Baird, of the Northwest Mercantile Association, had complained to Barmester that the administrator's sale was a fraud.

BANKERS DELAY PLEADING

Phillips Declares He Expects Fair Trial at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 22.—(Special.)—The day for the formal arraignment of Hugh C. Phillips, ex-president of the Commercial Bank of Vancouver, and Gilbert W. Daniels, ex-cashier, has not been set. The defendants asking a few days in which to enter a plea. Both are charged on two counts of accepting money for deposit when the bank was insolvent.

It is understood that both will plead not guilty, in which event they will be held to the Superior Court to answer the charges on Oct. 1. The arraignment begins about the 20th of the month. In the meantime the defendants are released on bonds of \$10,000 each, furnished by friends, and approved by Judge McMaster, of the Superior Court. Mr. Phillips said that he believes he can get a fair trial in this country. He has not yet secured his attorneys.

Heat Slightly Hurts Wheat.

SHERIDAN, Or., July 22.—(Special.)—Last week was the hottest that this city and section have known for more than 20 years. The highest recorded temperature here was 100 degrees in the shade. A small amount of wheat was damaged by heat, but aside from this, nothing is known to have suffered.

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FAULT IS TWO-FOLD

Roosevelt Believes Alaska Should Be Developed.

Blame Placed on Great Capitalists Defiant of Laws and Congressmen Who Will Not Enact Reasonable Rules.

NEW YORK, July 22.—Blame for retarded progress in Alaska is divided between "great capitalists" and Congressmen who refuse to enact laws to enable reasonable development, by Colonel Roosevelt in an article in the Outlook, issued today. The Colonel says the "great capitalists" in question "wished to develop Alaska by making enormous fortunes for themselves outside of and in defiance of laws," and that the offending members of Congress "under pretense of hostility to the corporations, decline to permit the passage of legislation which will enable them to do their work honestly and to develop the coal fields with a fair profit to themselves while doing justice to others."

Referring specifically to the Controller Bay case, Mr. Roosevelt says: "In this expedient, I wish also to call attention to the essential fact as regards the Controller Bay situation. Controller Bay, under actual conditions, offers the only chance, or at any rate, very much the best chance for a free outlet from the great Bering River confields. It was the imperative duty of the Government service to keep this outlet free and not to dispose of it to any individual or individuals. The

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"Whether there was or was not impropriety in the way in which the elimination was brought about, or whether or not there was impropriety in the action which resulted in the instant filing of claims by Mr. Ryan and others, does not go to the root of the matter.

"The root of the matter is that no such elimination should have been made by the Interior Department. The public interest demanded that this land should be kept under public control, and that to prevent monopoly its use should be permitted only under such conditions as the public need required.

"Remember always, that such action would not have hindered development; it would have enabled any honest corporation to come in and do its part in developing the country without fear of being crowded out by some other corporation which, through unwise Government action, might obtain a monopolistic right.

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Hay Crop Particularly Good.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., July 22.—(Special.)—A. F. Hitt, traveling crop inspector for the United States Department of Agriculture, was a visitor in the city today. He says that the crops in the three Northwest states were the best in the United States and that the hay crop of this section was particularly good. Hay in other sections of the country has fallen off 20 per cent, he said.

Season in Alaska Late.

ASTORIA, Or., July 22.—(Special.)—Letters were received today from the salmon canneries at Nushagak River, Bristol Bay, Alaska, under date of June 25. They report every one well at all the plants, but say the season has been late and the ice did not leave the river until about the middle of June. The red salmon were just beginning to come in, but the indications were favorable for a successful season.

California Man Drowns.

ASTORIA, Or., July 22.—(Special.)—E. Hamlin, an employe at the Columbia River Packers Association's sealing ground on Daddemona sands, was drowned there today while bathing. The body was recovered within a few minutes. Hamlin was about 25 years of age. His home was in Marysville, Cal.

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