

STEEL TRUST HAS NO TARIFF FEARS

Independents Say They Would Go Down With Foreigners Under Low Rates.

MANY INTERESTS HEARD

Singer Sewing Machine Company, With Great Plants Abroad, Described as Indifferent to Tariff Revision.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—A picture of the United States Steel Corporation crushing the independent tinplate manufacturers in the event tariff bars were let down for foreign products and a revelation of the complete indifference toward tariff revision shown by the Singer Sewing Machine Company, characterized by the independents as a trust, featured today's hearing of the metal schedule before the House committee on ways and means.

Steel Corporation Feared.

Independent tinplate interests were represented by F. R. Crawford of Pittsburgh, president of the McKeesport Tinplate Company. The United States Steel Corporation was not represented. Mr. Crawford offered a compromise suggestion of a tinplate tariff of 35 cents a ton and was sharply cross-examined. He explained that 98 per cent of tinplate is thin steel. He said if the tariff were cut so that foreign competitors of the steel corporation were let in, he feared that the corporation would retaliate by adjusting matters so as to crush foreign competition and that the independents would go down with the foreigners.

Tariff Used as Excuse.

"Do you think," Representative Palmer (Dem.), of Pennsylvania, asked, "that we are to be kept in a state of fear, or on the basis of the contrary history of the last 11 or 12 years?"

You might put a weapon in their hands to enable them to make a price to keep out foreign producers, with whom we might go down."

Mr. Palmer responded by asking if the witness thought there was danger in the present state of public mind, that the corporation would drive the independents out of business. The witness said that a tariff reduction in favor of foreign competitors might give the corporation an "excuse" to drive out competition, and that he wanted the tariff to keep that excuse away from the corporation.

He testified to his belief that the Steel Corporation has steel producing capacity today greater than Great Britain and Germany combined, and that with all that it represents the capacity of the steel producing capacity of this country; that it could defend its position even if the tariff were wiped out; that it felt secure and "can take care of itself" in legislation, no matter what may arise.

Ghost of Corporation Raised.

He said there was a shortage of steel today, and that the corporation was "at the helm." What he was afraid of, he said, was that the steel corporation would go out after the California market.

There goes the ghost of the corporation again," Representative Palmer said, scornfully.

"Do you think," Representative James (Dem.) asked, "that the steel corporation should be subsidized to the extent you advocate, to enable the independents to do business?"

"I don't regard it as a subsidy," replied W. W. Chase, secretary of the White Sewing Machine Company, said he understood the Singer Sewing Machine Company, with great plants abroad, was interested in subsidiary lines, forestry, mining and so on. The independents, he said, would like to know the inside business plans of what he called the so-called "trust."

Democratic "Covenant" Cited.

Joseph Auerbach, of New York, a Democrat, representing the metal ball-bearing interests, and protesting against disturbance of the present tariff on ball bearings, referred to the covenant of the Democratic party, in revising the tariff on a revenue basis, to consider the difference in the cost of production.

Representative Longworth, of Ohio (Rep.), asked where he found any mention of such a covenant in the Democratic platform or otherwise.

"I find it everywhere," Mr. Auerbach said, adding that he would cite utterances of the leaders.

Mr. Longworth read into the record a speech of Representative Harrison, of New York, a Democratic member, of the ways and means committee, which led Mr. Harrison to say he always believed that "the question of cost prices was more important than the cost of production."

Underwood Bill Criticized.

John A. Topping, president of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, of New York, bitterly opposed the general provisions of the Underwood bill, passed by the last Congress and used as a basis for the present revision of the tariff.

"The bill is objectionable on account of its inconsistency and ambiguity," Topping said. "Business must be protected from foreign competition; the bill is discriminatory and unfair and will disturb business because it favors one class against another."

Topping said that two standards would not be maintained and that the Underwood bill tended to work that evil.

"It is a popular move against the trusts," the witness said. "No products are made by trusts that are not made by thousands of smaller independent companies. Besides the bill would seriously impair the payroll of 499,000 iron and steel workers. The employees of the United States Steel Corporation are the best paid laborers in the country and this fact should convince the committee of the fairness of capital towards labor. Labor profits in proportion to capital."

Government Needs Prosperity.

"Has it occurred to you," Topping returned, "that the Government's interest is the people's interest and you can't have revenue unless you have prosperity? The bill shuts off prosperity; profits will be sacrificed, and when you

reach that, the last ditch, then labor will come in with its cry."
"Our purpose is not to make you sacrifice your profits," Underwood explained, "but many of the rates of the Payne law are prohibitive. There must be revenue and if you build up a Chinese wall and say nothing shall come in, then how can we expect to derive revenue through the tariff? The iron and steel schedule should bear its proportion."
Mr. Underwood said he was inclined to think the iron and steel people could take care of themselves.
Mr. Topping aroused members of the committee considerably by his bitter attacks on the Democratic tariff policy.
Not all the witnesses waiting to testify on the metal schedule having been heard when the committee adjourned at midnight, it was decided to postpone conclusion of the hearing on this

SALEM ATTORNEY APPOINTED DEPUTY PROSECUTOR FOR MARION COUNTY.



SALEM, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Walter E. Keyes, who has received the appointment from Gale S. Hill, of Albany, District Attorney, as deputy for Marion County, will hold one of the most responsible deputyships in the state. Marion County has jurisdiction for practically all state cases covering election and initiative and referendum contests as well as where all state officials and boards in their official capacity must be sued.
Mr. Keyes has been practicing in Salem for a number of years. He is a graduate of George Washington University at Washington, D. C., and is one of the instructors in the law school of Willamette College. He was for some time associated with John H. McNary, the retiring District Attorney, and also served as City Attorney here.

schedule until after the hearings on the other tariff schedules had been held.

MARCHERS PICK SPEAKERS

Montana Woman to Be Mouthpiece on Trip to Washington.

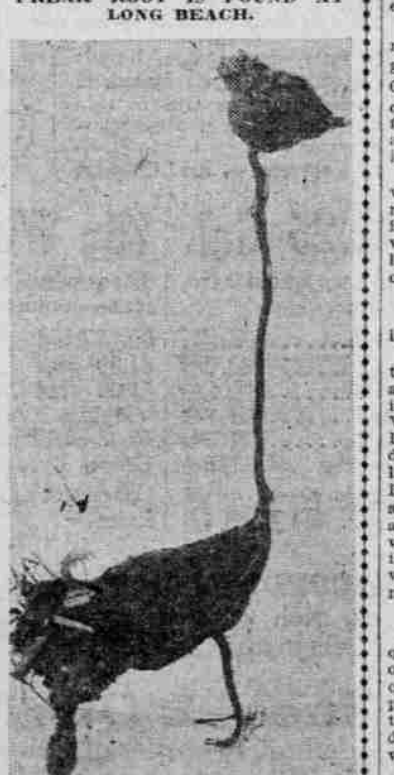
HELENA, Mont., Jan. 11.—Miss Jeanette Rankin, of Missoula, who has charge of the woman suffrage campaign in Montana during the session of the Legislature, announced her acceptance today of the invitation to be the official speaker of the suffragist army which will march from New York to Washington, preceding the inauguration of President-elect Wilson.
The invitation came from General Rosalie Jones, who will lead the marchers.

BILL CURBS 'LOAN SHARKS'

Senate Adopts Report and House Probably Will Approve.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The conference report on the long-pending bill regulating lending of money in the District of Columbia, known as the "loan shark bill," was adopted by the Senate today without discussion. The bill makes it a misdemeanor to charge more than 12 per cent annually.
Senator Curtis gave instances of charges amounting to 372 per cent. It is believed the House will accept the report.

FREAK ROOT IS FOUND AT LONG BEACH.



Picked up on the beach at Long Beach, Wash., is the strange root shown in the accompanying photograph. Dr. Thompson Corbeth of The Dalles, and Edwin Werlein, Jr., found the curiosity last Summer, and it has been in the possession of the latter ever since, causing considerable amusement when shown to friends. Almost to a degree does it resemble some quaint bird. Only one leg is missing to make it a fine quadruped with bushy tail and the weirdest of all back legs. Two knots form its eyes, a short branch which was broken off becomes its nose, and a little tuft of hair grows out at the back of the head. No one seems able to tell what root it is.

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Woman to Have Charge of Bureau of Child Labor, Popular Government, Cost of Living and Other Branches.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—"Straight out political organization throughout the United States" is to be the watchword of the Progressive National Committee for the next two years. So says a statement issued in New York at the close of a two-days' session of the executive committee.

"The first objective," says the statement, "is the organization of the Progressive party in every county and representative district throughout the country for nominating county tickets for the election of 1914 and making an effective Congressional campaign in that year."

The statement adds that provision was made for the perpetuation of various committees, including the legislative reference committee, which will endeavor to bring about State Legislatures "in the disintegration and coordination of Progressive measures."

Future Conferences Outlined. As to plans for Progressive meetings in the near future, the statement says: "A great conference of five states is to be held in St. Paul on January 24, at which the organization of the party in the States of Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota is to be presented and plans discussed for extending its work. At a later date a conference will be held in Iowa, at which representatives from all parts of the state will be present and work of organization in that state will be thoroughly discussed. A similar meeting will be held in Kansas, where the Progressives will be formally organized as a party."

Woman to Hold Bureau. Miss Frances A. Kellor, with headquarters in New York, will have charge of the committee on education, which comprises the bureau on child labor, popular government, social and industrial justice, cost of living and other divisions of the Progressive campaign work.

Permanent headquarters will be maintained here and O. K. Davis will continue as director of the publicity bureau. The organization work will be in charge of Walter Brown, of Ohio.

The committee provided for completing the work of the finance committee and Elton H. Hooker, chairman, announced the appointment of the following committee to assist him: George C. Priestly, Oklahoma; Charles S. Bird, Massachusetts; August Hecksher, New York; Charles Henry Davis, Massachusetts; H. D. English, Pennsylvania; George F. Porter, Illinois; and Arthur L. Garford, Ohio.

WAR'S RENEWAL PROBABLE

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plains the powers did not keep their word that even the war should not change the status quo in the Balkans, the powers were able to answer that the fault was Turkey's which for 24 years found no way to put into effect

article 22 of the Berlin treaty, concerning reforms in European Turkey.
The note practically amounts to nothing more than advice.
The Turkish delegation openly declares it knows the note will not be moved by the powers' note, and will answer with stronger refusals than heretofore.
The allies are becoming impatient with inaction. Some desire a more resolute attitude and remark that after the untimeliness of January 2, it is undignified to remain in London more than a week without making deeds follow words.

FRUIT LOSS MOUNTS

California Interests Out Total of \$35,000,000.

RAILROADS ALSO SUFFER

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Illinois Society to Meet.

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of 30,500 cars for the movement of the fruit crop.
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These are official figures compiled in the South by special railroad agents whose sole duty consisted of gathering data on the damage.
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The Southern Pacific losses on movements east of Chicago alone \$1,441,290. The reports declare that only a small portion of the fruit is free of frost, and that the damage to the young and matured trees will be found to be tremendous.
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the song "Illinois" will be rendered as a solo. The committee which has the programme in charge is as follows: John S. Rohrer, chairman, J. M. Jordan, Miss Glendora Stewart, Dr. Maude Tanner, Mrs. M. A. Foley. Refreshments, consisting of cider and gingerbread, will be served. No admittance will be charged and all former residents of Illinois are invited to attend.

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