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## ANTITRUST LEGISLATION

Standard Oil Company Attempts  
to Corrupt Congress and  
So Far Is Foiled.

URGENT MESSAGES ARE SENT

Authoritatively Stated That Un-  
less Favorable Action Is  
Taken Extra Session  
Will Be Called.

Washington, Feb. 7.—It can be stated on authority that unless anti-trust legislation is at least reasonably satisfactory to the administration, as enacted by the present congress, President Roosevelt will, on the fifth of March, call an extraordinary session of the 58th session. The president himself has told members of congress of his desires and his determination in this regard. It is understood that the announcement was direct and unqualified.

It is further stated that the determination of the president was reached only after a careful consideration of the strenuous efforts being made to defeat any anti-trust legislation by congress. These efforts have covered a wide range. They were characterized today by one prominent republican leader, to quote him directly and the "most remarkable which I have ever personally known during my public life."

These efforts culminated during the past 26 hours, it is now declared, and contained indirect appeals from the Standard Oil company through its president, John D. Rockefeller, to members of the senate not to enact any anti-trust legislation at this time.

Six United States senators have received telegrams signed, "John D. Rockefeller," urging that no anti-trust legislation be enacted. It has been impossible to obtain a copy of these dispatches, which it can be said, are practically identical. Substantially they read as follows:

We are opposed to anti-trust legislation. Our counsel, Mr. —, will see you. It must be stopped.

As stated these telegrams (and it must be clear that only the substance and not the exact wording is here given) were signed, "John D. Rockefeller."

Yesterday morning one of the counsel for the Standard Oil company arrived here and called immediately on members of the senate. Scarcely had he made known his business when he was informed, curtly, that his presence was undesirable and he left with the intimation that he would return to New York. During the afternoon, information concerning the receipt of a message leaked out and became the subject of some quick cloak room discussion at the senate.

The news also reached the house. Then it became known that this was not the first time the Standard Oil company had endeavored to finance legislation in congress at this session. Attorneys for the company had opposed vigorously an enactment of the measures submitted by Attorney-General Knox to a sub-committee of the house judiciary committee.

legislation formed the subject of some animated conferences. Indeed, the subject is likely to be developed in some detail in congress. One of the recipients of telegrams signed by John D. Rockefeller said:

"No such formidable weapon has ever been put into the hands of one man by another in an executive contest as was put into my hands by the sender of that telegram. If necessary, I will rise in my place in the senate and read it. Then we will see whether any votes are to be recorded against legislation at which these efforts are being directed."

ANTI-TRUST BILL PASSED.

Measure Received Unanimous Vote in Lower House of Congress.

Washington, Feb. 7.—By unanimous vote, 245 to 9, the house today passed the anti-trust bill. For three hours the democrats offered a series of amendments designed to place "teeth in the bill" but they were either ruled out of order or voted down by a strict party vote.

TOBACCO HOUSE IS ABSORBED BY BRITISH AMERICAN CO.

Mathews & Sons Do an Immense Business in Rehandling and Sold Out for \$2,000,000.

Louisville, Feb. 7.—The Courier-Journal this morning says:

The enormous plant of W. S. Mathews & Sons of this city, the largest re-handling tobacco establishment in the world, has been absorbed by the British-American Tobacco company, the English adjunct of the American Tobacco company. John V. Mathews, the head of the Mathews plant, will leave today for New York to complete the final details of the deal, which is the biggest of the kind for some time. All the main terms have been agreed upon, the purchase price being in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000.

For many years Mathews & Sons have done the bulk of re-handling, their business extending through many countries. Negotiations have been in progress for over a year between the firm here and the tobacco company which controls the British-American company. It was only a few weeks ago, however, that the negotiations which led directly to the present deal were begun.

The New Orleans re-handling plant, the largest under the control of the American Tobacco company at the present time, will be transferred here and will be merged with the Mathews plant. Other business of a similar nature also will be transferred to Louisville.

The new owners of the plant will incorporate, the capital stock being placed at about \$2,000,000.

HISTORIC ROUTE WILL BE RETRACED BY LOUBET.

President of France Will Land at New Orleans and Travel Up the Mississippi River.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—According to the Chronicle's New Orleans correspondent, the French colony there has received word that President Loubet of France will come to that city about June 15, 1904, on board a French man of war, enroute to the St. Louis fair. The idea is to retrace the steps of the historic French discoverers and to ascend the Mississippi river as they did in years gone by.

It is planned that after visiting the world's fair, M. Loubet will cross the continent on a special train, where he will be received at New York. There he will board a United States cruiser and be taken back to France.

DIED OF HEART DISEASE.

Admiral Wildes Expected Death and Arranged All His Business.

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—Rear Admiral Frank Wildes of the United States navy died suddenly on board the steamer China yesterday morning. He was enroute home from China on sick leave. On the voyage the admiral had told his fellow officers that he soon expected death and a day or two before the end came he arranged with Lieutenant Andrews to take charge of all his effects and care for his remains. He had been a sufferer from heart disease for a long time and he felt the attack coming on. He was dressing Friday morning when he was suddenly seized and died in five minutes.

RETURN TO THEIR SHACKS.

Saginaw Bay Is Again Covered With Substantial Ice.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Two nights of cold weather has put the ice on Saginaw bay in good condition, and many of the shanty fishermen who were driven in all directions by the recent terrible storm are returning to their shacks, says a dispatch to the Record-Herald from Bay City, Mich. The leader of a searching party says that if any of the men died in the storm the fact will not be known until the ice goes out.

## ALLIANCE IS DISCOVERED

It Has Just Leaked Out That Germany and Italy Have Secret Understanding.

WAS TO ACCORD IMPARTIALITY

Foreign Embassies at Washington Have Received Protocols Which Advise Going to The Hague.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Disclosures of the secret alliance between Germany and Italy constituted the most important development in the Venezuelan situation tonight. The fact has been made known to the British ambassador and it will put all the negotiators more closely on their guard in the drafting of a protocol which they hope to submit to Minister Bowen during the next few days.

Washington Feb. 7.—The German-Italian alliance was old news to Bowen the fact having leaked out in Caracas before he left. Generally speaking, the alliance is intended to secure to Italy the same treatment in allies' settlement with Venezuela as that received by Great Britain and Germany.

Bowen has made it plain both to the British ambassador and to the German minister that he cannot affix his signature to any protocols they may present him which are not substantially of the same character as that to be submitted by the Italian ambassador.

All three of the first set of protocols to be signed which will contain conditions precedent to the raising of the blockade and provisions for referring the question of preferential treatment to The Hague for a decision, have been received at the Italian, British and German embassies. Their contents are not known to Bowen nor have the allies' representatives been acquainted as yet with the details of each others' conversation. Several important conferences have occurred throughout the day at the British embassy in an effort to reach an agreement upon a protocol.

'TIS A PITY.

English Press Deplores Differences Between the Two Countries.

New York, Feb. 7.—Referring to the arbitration of the Venezuelan difficulty the Westminster Gazette says, according to the Tribune's London correspondent, it is a pity a serious quarrel between the two great English-speaking powers cannot be amicably settled, and then remarks:

"If, as seems likely, the United States extends the scope of her diplomacy, the ministers will find themselves increasingly hampered by the power which the constitution gives the senate."

The Daily Telegraph says:

"If the question of preferential claims is referred to The Hague tribunal and a decision is given in favor of equality of treatment, England will accept the judgment with subdued delight, but the principle must definitely and authoritatively included among the recognized rules of international law where-in at present it has no place known to jurists."

TRAIN SIGNALS WORKED.

Special Trains Go Over Same Ground Where Wreck Occurred.

Plainfield, N. J., Feb. 7.—A practical illustration of the workings of the signals on the division of the Central railroad of New Jersey on which the wreck occurred near Westfield recently was given last night when two special trains were run over the line. The first represented the wrecked local train, and the second, in which were the jury and officials of the inquiry, representing the Philadelphia express.

Signals were displayed and torpedoes exploded in reproduction of the precautions taken on the night of the disaster. The workings of the signals were personally explained to the jury by Vice-President Beiler of the Central railroad of New Jersey.

SISTER OF MRS. CLARK.

Mrs. Frank E. Shaw of Butte, Mont., Is Dead.

Denver, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Frank E. Shaw of Butte, Mont., is dead at St. Luke's

hospital in this city from the effects of an operation. Mrs. Shaw was a sister of the late Mrs. W. A. Clark, Jr., who died at Butte recently. Among the relatives who watched at the bedside of Mrs. Shaw during her illness was W. A. Clark, Jr., the son of Senator W. A. Clark of Montana.

The remains will be taken to Butte on Sunday next.

WILL STOP SMUGGLING.

Collector of Customs in Washington Confering with Treasury Officials.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Senator Foster today presented to the president, Clarence Ide, collector of customs of the Puget sound district. Ide is in Washington in conference with treasury officials regarding the smuggling of opium and illegal entry into the United States of Chinese. It has been determined, as a result of the conferences, that radical measures shall be taken to put a stop to both practices, which are particularly flagrant in Ide's district.

SHERIFF WITHERS DIES.

Criminal Horse Thief Still at Large—His Wife Arraigned.

Eugene, Ore., Feb. 7.—Sheriff Withers died at Hale today at 11:22 a. m. The body was brought to Eugene. Elliot Lyons, the horse thief, who shot Withers to effect his escape is still at large. Lyons' wife was brought in, arraigned and jailed.

Deputy Fred Flak has been sworn in as sheriff.

REFUSES PRINCESS' REQUEST.

Asks to See Her Sick Child, But Is Not Allowed to Do So.

Geneva, Feb. 7.—The lawyers of the former crown princess of Saxony today received a telegram from Dresden definitely refusing the princess' request to be allowed to see her sick child under any circumstances.

SPRINTER ELECTED TRAINER.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—By an unanimous vote of the athletic council of the Iowa State college, B. J. Jeffers, once the world's champion sprinter, has been elected as track team trainer for the coming season. Jeffers is now in Baltimore and will take charge of the work here March 1.

## GREAT ARMY IS PROPOSED

Sultan of Turkey Will Make Demonstration of Quarter of Million Men.

INTENTION IS TO OVERAWE

Russia and Austria Will Present a Firm Note to the Porte—Array of Troops Will Cause Massacres.

Paris, Feb. 7.—Official advices have been received here confirming the report that the sultan of Turkey has ordered the immediate mobilization of 250,000 troops for a military demonstration in Macedonia. The steps taken are regarded with apprehension by the French officials as being likely to involve complications between Turkey and Russia and Austria.

It is said that the Russian and Austrian governments have agreed on a firm note to the sultan, which will be presented within the next few days, insisting on administrative and official reforms in Macedonia. Although France will not be a party to the note, she will approve it.

It is considered that the sultan's mobilization of such an army is clearly an effort to forestall the presentation of this note. The mobilization of so many troops is regarded here as unwise and dangerous, especially as it is said that the soldiers who are to be brought to Macedonia from Asiatic Turkey are semi-barbarous levies, and are hostile to Christians, which will tend to inaugurate another series of massacres.

It is understood the powers are exchanging views as to the course to be pursued towards the mobilization of Turkish troops.

DANGER IS OVER.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 7.—Officials of the Reading railroad announce tonight that all danger of a fuel famine this winter is over.

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