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### WASHINGTON NOTES

#### Congressman Bartholdt's Incident of French Reporters.

#### THE FIRST TROLLEY SLEEPER

Characteristic Story of Senator La Follette and the Colleague Who Threatened—Senator McKinley Starts Innovation on Electric Lines.

Washington, 28.—Newspaper men in Europe are not treated as men of ability, intelligence and in every way the equals of statesmen, as they are in this country, said Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri, the other day, in relating some of his experiences while a member of the recent International Conference of The Hague.

Mr. Bartholdt is the president of the American branch of the International Parliamentary union. Just after the conference at Brussels had adjourned, word came of the signing of the treaty of peace with Japan and Russia. The information came too late for the conference to take any official action but quite a number of the members were in the chamber where the sessions were held, when the cards of men representing five of the leading Parisian newspapers were carried into Mr. Bartholdt.

"Tell them to walk right in," said Mr. Bartholdt, accustomed to meet newspaper men as his equal in the committee room in the Capitol. "But it is not permitted that newspaper men shall come in here," meekly suggested the attendant. "Why not? How is that? We see representatives of the American press anywhere in the country," observed Mr. Bartholdt. The attendant simply shrugged his shoulders and remarked that it was against the rules.

Mr. Bartholdt went to the corridor to meet the reporters and throughout the halls he said he heard loud shouts of "Vive Roosevelt," and "Vive America," indicating the warm feeling of the newspaper men had for the party they knew our president and the American people had played in bringing about peace between the two powers. When Mr. Bartholdt was asked for an expression of opinion on the result of the efforts of Mr. Roosevelt, he said, in telling this story, that he forgot for a moment where he was; it was an unusual thing for European papers to interview public men for expressions of opinion, this being almost

distinctly an American newspaper method of treating the news of the day.

Wishing to say something complimentary to the French press, and yet quite innocuous, Mr. Bartholdt replied that "the Capital of the world had for that day at least, been transferred from Paris to Washington." This was a reference to Paris pleasing to the newspaper men, but the fact that the London papers might not agree with the implied compliment, did not lessen their gratefulness to Mr. Bartholdt in receiving them and giving an expression of his opinion. Mr. Bartholdt stated that he was amazed next day in Paris to find that the Paris press had so far patterned after American dailies as to run his very short interview in big type across the top of the front page.

An incident occurred in the senate recently that illustrated the characteristics of Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, the man whom the republicans have unnecessarily tried to haze because of his refusal to be amenable to party discipline. During the morning hour, when miscellaneous business was under consideration, a certain senator who is known to be very close to one of the large railroad interests of the country, moved over to the desk next to that of Mr. La Follette, and engaging him in conversation, remarked that if he (Mr. La Follette) pushed his bill limiting the hours of labor of railroad employees to the detriment of some of the measures in which the speaker was interested, no opportunity would be neglected to pursue the senator from Wisconsin so long as he remained in the senate.

Turning to this senator, whose name would be recognized all over the country, if it were printed, and talking in the same low conversational tone, Mr. La Follette used a number of words that would not look well in print, declaring that for sixteen years he had grown fat on that kind of talk, and the threats of the men who were the personal property of railroad corporations. If there was any pursuing to be done Senator La Follette said he would do a little of it himself, and intimated that when the opportunity arose he would expose the senator in debate. Subsequently this senator found it convenient to explain what he meant and to apologize, but Mr. La Follette declared he cared nothing for the apology and the explanation did not explain.

For weeks Mr. La Follette had been after Chairman Elkins of the interstate commerce committee to call a meeting to consider his bill relative to the fixing of railroad values in connection with the enforcement of the rate law. Mr. Elkins succeeded in avoiding Mr. La Follette, but the Wisconsin senator finally cornered the chairman one day in one of the corridors and exacted a promise that a meeting should be called. Mr. Elkins protesting that it was too late in the session to do anything. Accompanying the chairman to the committee room, Mr. La Follette saw the notices to members of the committee were written, and then set about notifying democratic members and a couple of friendly republicans of the importance of being present. The result was that a favorable report was ordered on the bill, but one of the republican members changed his vote and then moved a reconsideration. The bill will come up at a regular meeting of the committee this week and will be favorably reported. Mr. La Follette says there are enough votes in the senate to pass it.

The press dispatches announce that the first trolley sleeper ever run in the United States has been put on a line between Decatur, Illinois, and East St. Louis, by way of Springfield, the capital of Illinois. The man who is responsible for this innovation in electric railway travel is Congressman William B. McKinley, of Champaign, Illinois, district. Mr. McKinley is a man of great wealth and has made it largely through his genius in building electric lines and power plants and consolidating them into a system that has gradually extended in a network of tracks over all central and southern

Illinois. Mr. McKinley is one of the most unassuming men in Congress as well as one of the most popular. He is a warm friend of Speaker Cannon, whose district adjoins his own.

When the congressional campaign committee was reorganized last year Mr. McKinley was elected treasurer, and it was through his wide acquaintance with men of affairs throughout the country that the sinews of war were obtained with which to conduct the campaign for the Sixtieth congress. Discussing the feasibility of making trolley sleeper pay, Mr. McKinley one day said he would take a try at it just for the sake of the experiment. Orders were issued for the construction of two cars. They immediately became popular and the entire inter-urban system of central Illinois is now equipped with these new adjuncts to electric railway transportation.

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