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SPECIAL COUNSEL

Engaged for the Standard Oil Cases.

FRANK B. KELLOGG THE MAN

Also Assisting The Interstate Commerce Commission Against The Harriman Lines—Former Counsel For Steel Trust Now Fighting Trusts.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Frank B. Kellogg, special counsel for the government in the Standard Oil cases, and acting in a like capacity in the proceedings of the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Harriman lines, is a comparatively young man. Kellogg made a fortune and a reputation before he associated himself with the government in the crusade against corporations. He was the representative in the Northwest of the steel trust. Then he was fighting for the so-called trusts. Now he is arrayed against them.

The government authorities showed a good deal of shrewdness in enlisting the services of Mr. Kellogg in their attack upon the paper trust, the Standard Oil octopus and that huge combination of railroads at the head of which stands E. H. Harriman, of New York. Kellogg is an "inside" man. He knows a good deal about railroads, how they are financed, and how they are conducted in this age and generation. This knowledge has enabled him to so handle the Harriman inquiry as to elicit facts whose existence would never be known to the ordinary lawyer.

Kellogg has made his headquarters in St. Paul ever since he has been in the practice. He knew more or less about the merger of the Hill roads, and is probably fully advised of the manner in which two roads may be operated by a holding concern without the public knowing anything about it. Kellogg won the paper cases for the government. The Standard Oil Company has been indicted thousands of times as a result of the efforts of Kellogg and men associated with him.

It will soon be decided by the Interstate Commerce Commission as to whether or not the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific are competing roads within the meaning of the law.

If the information collected by the commission during the course of its investigation is forwarded to the Attorney General, and that official decides that the Harriman consolidation is operating in restraint of trade, a

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suit will be brought under the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust act.

Kellogg will be charged of it. Just at this time he is the "star" lawyer for the government.

Mr. Kellogg is a modest man and is not inclined to talk about his work for the government. "It would be improper for me to talk about the probable outcome of the Harriman case," he said. "The revelations speak for themselves. The proceedings of the Commission have been very interesting." That is all Mr. Kellogg could be induced to say on the subject.

He only smiled when asked if he thought the Harriman system would be prosecuted as a combination in restraint of trade.

Associated with Mr. Kellogg in the Harriman inquiry is C. A. Severance of St. Paul. He is a good lawyer. Severance has devoted himself largely to the traffic phase of the investigation, while Mr. Kellogg has paid special attention to the "high finance" of Harriman, Schiff, and others who are mixed up in the case.

HEARING CONCLUDED.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—After two days' argument the Interstate Commerce Commission today concluded the hearing and investigation of the transactions of E. H. Harriman in the Southern Pacific and Chicago and Alton securities and took the case under advisement.

GREEN BUG IN SOUTHWEST

CHICAGO, April 5.—Wheat advanced more than a cent a bushel, today, reports damage by green bug from all parts of southwest, most sensational dispatches received from Oklahoma and Missouri May wheat closed 77 1-8.

To Cure a Bad Habit.

A way to cure a bad habit is thus explained by the Rev. Samuel McComb in the New York World: If you have a habit you wish to get rid of put your mind upon it after going to bed. Resolve to discard that habit at the moment you are lapsing from semiconsciousness into complete unconsciousness. Repeat the operation several nights, several weeks if necessary, and cure will follow, provided that the day after the first night the experiment is started you obey the impulse that will come on you to avoid the accustomed habit.

ANTHONY COMSTOCK.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Anthony Comstock, made three raids, in which he seized 15,000 picture postals, which he claims are obscene. There were four arrests made.

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