



## WANT STEEL CORPORATION TO MAKE AFFAIRS PUBLIC

### Gary Argues in Favor of Government Control

### TARIFF IS PROTECTION

### Declares a Reduction in the Duty on Certain Steel Products Would Cheapen Labor

### HAS A STRONG ARGUMENT

### Gary's Testimony Showed That Tariff is Needed as Protection For the Independent Manufacturer More Than For the Steel Corporation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—"If you protect our competitors, you will leave us above protection and I believe the United States Steel Corporation should make public its affairs and submit to government control," was remarkable declaration of Judge Gary at today's hearing.

"This is radical," he added, "but remember that I am not speaking for the steel corporation in saying this."

Judge Gary, like Schwab, gave much information and submitted at a severe cross-examination. His testimony showed that the tariff is needed as protection for independent manufacturers more than for the steel corporation. He declared a reduction in duty on certain steel products would compel the steel companies to reduce the cost of labor. He said the competitors of the steel corporation needed protection, but that the corporation could take care of itself.

"Suppose this committee were to wipe out the steel duty entirely, would the United States Steel Company still survive?" inquired Champ Clark.

"I cannot say," replied Gary, "but I am of the impression that if we did we would have a monopoly of the market in this country. I don't think we could make a reasonable and fair profit if tariff were put on that basis."

The most difficult problem presenting itself to the house on ways and means committee in connection with tariff revision is that the determining an equitable rate on the duty for steel schedule. The publishing of the views of Carnegie in regard to the steel industry and tariff, and the testimony of Schwab and other steel magnates has not given the committee sufficient information as to the actual conditions which would result

from a reduction of the tariff, nor has it offered any data which would indicate what rate duty would protect American labor and the small independent steel companies, as well as the larger plant. E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, was a witness before the committee today. Several members hope to get from him information which they believe necessary to determine proper tariff on steel.

## GET STRONG TESTIMONY AGAINST HAINS

### STATE GAINS DECIDED FAVOR IN EVIDENCE DISCLOSED YESTERDAY.

### ADJOURNS UNTIL MONDAY

Two Witnesses Testify That Interval Between First Shot Fired by Captain Hains and Others Came in Rapid Succession.

FLUSHING, Dec. 18.—The trial of Thornton J. Hains was adjourned tonight until Monday after a day in which the state developed the strongest testimony so far adduced. Two witnesses, Herbert L. Funke and Arthur Andrews, eye-witnesses, swore there was an interval between the first shot fired by Captain Hains at Annis and others that they came in fairly rapid succession. Both declared that Thornton pointed his revolver at those on the boat after the first shot and before the succeeding shots were fired. Exhaustive cross-examinations on this point gave material to the prosecution's case, but failed to shake the testimony. Andrews stated that following the first shot he saw the defendant point a revolver at the witness's father.

### APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED

AUGUSTA, Dec. 18.—Taft tonight announced the appointment of Senator Philander C. Knox as secretary of state in his cabinet. Knox has accepted.

While in Washington last week Taft told several close advisers if he could fill to his entire satisfaction the positions of secretary of state, secretary of the navy, and attorney-general, he would not be at all disturbed by the difficulty of getting suitable appointees for the remaining positions. It is generally believed that a Washington or Ohio man will be secretary of the treasury.

No name except that of Judge Richard A. Ballinger, of Seattle, former commissioner-general of the land office, is heard in connection with the secretaryship of the interior department, and it is thought he has an excellent show.

The position of secretary of commerce and labor was not mentioned to any extent but it is thought possible that Straus will be continued in that post for a time at least.

The secretary of the agricultural department is practically conceded to James Wilson, of Iowa, will be continued for a year or more.

The appointment of Frank H. Hitchcock as postmaster-general, is already announced.

### BULLET KILLS HIM.

Storekeeper Near Trinidad, Cal., is Found Dead.

EUREKA, Dec. 18.—A report from Trinidad, which reached here last night stating that mystery surrounds the death of Oscar Chapman, who under the direction of the public administrator has been running the general store in that region. Chapman's body was found a day or two ago in a gulch back of the store, a rifle bullet having caused his death. The region is isolated and wild, being principally inhabited by Indians, and the generally accepted theory is that the storekeeper was murdered, as no reason for suicide can be discovered. Chapman, whose home was at Arcata, was being sued by his wife, but it is not thought that this led him to take his own life. His accounts are in perfect shape and he has made regular reports to the administrator. Last Thanksgiving two men were mysteriously killed at Glendale, near the scene of Chapman's death and it is believed that they may have been killed by the man who committed these murders.

### CONTRACT AWARDED.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 18.—W. W. Forrester, contractor, of New Westminster, was today awarded by the provincial government the contract for constructing the public improvements at Prince Rupert. The contract price is about \$200,000.

## CASTRO WOULD PATCH PRESENT TROUBLE

### THINKS VENEZUELA AND FRANCE QUESTION CAN BE ARBITRATED.

### HAS IMPORTANT CONFERENCE

Castro is Apparently Desirous of Effecting a Satisfactory Agreement Between the Two Powers—Diplomats Communicate His Statement.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—There is an evident desire on the part of Castro to effect an arrangement for the outstanding difficulties between Venezuela and France. He authorized a diplomat today to make the following statement: "I believe it would be an easy thing to bring about a renewal of the relations between Venezuela and France by submitting the question to arbitration." Castro had a lengthy conference with a prominent representative of the German foreign office. The subject of the matter of the interview is not known.

### BANQUET FLEET OFFICERS.

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Dec. 18.—The Chamber of Commerce and the Planters' Association tonight gave a banquet in honor of the officers of the American fleet.

### RESIGNATION IS DENIED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The report that Root is soon to resign from the cabinet, on account of an injured knee, is authoritatively denied.

## TWO SUSPECTS ARRESTED

### Of the O. R. & N. Train Robbery Last Night.

### BIG REWARD OFFERED

### Railroad Will Give \$15,000 for Capture of Any of the Highwaymen

### MEN HELD UNIDENTIFIED

A Search in the Vicinity of the Hold-up Brings to Light Long Black Overcoat, Two Bottles of Nitro-Glycerine and Other Articles.

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—The chief developments today in the O. R. & N. train near this city last night, is the arrest of two suspects in this city, offering by the O. R. & N. Co. of a reward of \$1500 for the arrest of each of the robbers and the discovery that at least two of the robbers are experienced trainmen, as indicated by their familiarity with the operation of trains and the ready manner in which they showed one of the train brakemen how to uncouple the cars. The men arrested give the names of Ervin Winn and Walter Gritner. They are 22 and 24 years old, respectively, and had in their possession when arrested a revolver and over a hundred rounds of ammunition, a bottle supposed to contain poison, miscellaneous assortment of skeleton keys, a brooch and a belt buckle. S. V. Vanderhof, a tramp, was arrested last night, and who claimed to be able to identify the robbers could not identify the suspects as belonging to the hold-up gang. They are being held under suspicion.

### NO NEW DISCOVERY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Dr. Alonzo C. Tenney says that eucalyptus trees are a safeguard against annoyance by mosquitoes when placed near human habitations. He has suggested in an address that some of these trees be planted in the proposed park belt in Chicago.

### MANY SEAGULLS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Following a fishing boat on board of which hundreds of fish were being cleaned, a flock of gulls estimated at 5000 birds clouded the sky off the Battery late yesterday. The gulls struggled and fought in the water for choice morsels of food until the bay had the appearance of being covered with weird animated whitecaps. Fishermen and landsmen alike paused to watch the spectacle and old-timers said the flock was the largest ever seen in the harbor.

### TOOK THEIR TIME.

Burglars Leisurely Ransack an Empty New York Home.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A case where a residence was completely ransacked by leisurely burglars during the absence of a family in Europe has just come to the attention of the police. Even carpets and furniture were carted away by the thieves, not to mention bric-a-brac and other minor articles. Twelve trunks full of rare old faces which had been in the family four generations were broken open and looted. The booty obtained all told is valued at \$19,000. The residence in question is that of Miss Elizabeth B. Estes, in Brooklyn. The house is situated in one of the most popular sections of the city and is passed by several car lines. Miss Estes, who will return the latter part of this month, has not been advised of her loss.

### 1000 PER DAY CAPACITY.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 18.—The North Fork Logging Company started its mill recently and it is now turning out 1000 ties a day, most of which will be shipped to California. The mill is located on Lewis River, at Yale, and adjacent to the site the company owns 285,000,000 feet of standing timber, most of which is yellow fir.

The company has started the building of a seven-mile logging railroad, and on it will operate an engine to take the logs to the river, where they will be rafted and towed to mills in Portland and other places. A large crew, which is now starting the construction work, will be increased to 200 men, and the road is to be ready for use by the opening of spring.

### CAPTAIN EXONERATED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Captain E. A. Johnson, master of the ferry steamer Berkeley, which collided with the pier and the company's Oakland wharf during the heavy fog a few days ago, one passenger being killed and several injured, was held guiltless of all blame for the accident by a decision of the steamboat inspectors handed down today.

## YOUTH KILLED IN A BOXING MATCH

### JAMES CURRAN, AGED 18, DIES FROM A BLOW BY BENJAMIN BARNET, AGED 17.

### BEING HELD FOR KILLING

Fatal Result of Boxing Bout Between Two Boys at the Broadway Athletic Club at Philadelphia—Seconds Also Arrested.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—James Curran, aged 18, was killed in a boxing bout with Benjamin Barnet, aged 17, at the Broadway Athletic Club tonight. Barnet was arrested with Bert D. Race and John Haggerty, seconds for Curran. Barnet's seconds escaped.

### SAD LITTLE STORY.

How a Chicago Baby Spent Her Christmas Presents.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—For weeks little Margaret O'Leary, aged 4 1/2 years had been saving her pennies to buy her father a Christmas present. She had denied herself candy and even visits to a 5-cent theatre. She has presented the long-dreamed-of Christmas gift, but in a manner not dreamed of. It is a wreath of flowers and is placed on a casket.

The wreath encircles letters formed out of blossoms, which spells these words: "Papa's last Christmas present." Her father met death at a railroad crossing.

## MANY MANILA SOLDIERS STRICKEN WITH POISON BEVERAGE

### MYRIADS-OF SINGERS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Poets are swamping the Municipal Saffrage Club of Chicago with letters, packages and bundles of verse. The outbreak is the result of an offer of Mrs. L. B. Bishop of \$100 for the best verse setting forth the nature of the club, to be sung to old-time tunes. Up to today there have been received more than 750 compositions.

## HUSBAND AND WIFE BUTCHERED IN BED

### WICENT FLORCZIK AND WIFE FOUND DEAD AT THEIR HOME.

### MANS BROTHER SUSPECTED

Alexander Florczik, a Brother of the Murdered Man, is Being Held Pending Investigation—Bodies Are Horribly Dealt With.

### WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 18.—

Wicent Florczik, a Polish morocco worker, and his wife, were butchered by an unknown assassin in their home today. The lifeless bodies were found in separate beds by Alexander Florczik, aged 18, a brother to the murdered man and a lodger in the house who is detained pending an investigation. Alexander told the police that when he went home last night he was unable to obtain admittance. He returned to the house this morning and was shocked at finding the bodies. An infant was in a crib between the beds occupied by the parents. The victims were hacked in the face with a hatchet. It is thought to be revenge on the part of the unknown criminal.

### TAFT TO WATCH PANAMA.

AUGUSTA, Dec. 18.—Discussing the forthcoming visit to Panama, Taft today made it plain that his purpose to keep himself posted throughout his administration regarding the engineering features of the work on the Isthmus as well as the administration features. It is his intention to visit Panama each year during his term.

### WANT MORE MONEY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The request for the urgency deficiency appropriation of \$5,454,600 to carry on the canal at the present rate received by the house today from the secretary of war.

## WILBUR WRIGHT GETS NEW RECORD

### American Aeroplanist Attains Height of 360 Feet Winning Sarthe, Aero Prize

PARIS, Dec. 18.—In addition to establishing a new record for heavier than air machine remaining in the air one hour, 53 minutes and 59 seconds, Wilbur Wright, the American aeroplanist achieved another record late today attaining a height of 360 feet in a strong wind winning the Sarthe Club's prize for height. During the flight at a height 90 feet a strong gust gave the machine an alarming backward set but Wright soon righted the craft and continued his upward flight, circling the field again and again. The Aero Club tonight gave a banquet in Wright's honor.

### OLD VETERAN SUCCUMBS.

SEATTLE, Dec. 18.—Captain J. W. Combs, a veteran of the Shiloh and Donelson Indian wars, died at his home in Ballard today, aged 75 years. He leaves a widow and six children.

## NIGHT RIDER CASE MAKING PROGRESS

### Testimony Covering Details of the Murder of Captain Ranker are Uncovered

UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 18.—The state made material progress in the first day's testimony in the night rider trial. Testimony covering details of the murder of Captain Ranker were presented. The prisoners, unkempt, scowling and silent, pay but little attention to the proceedings. Only once did they display interest. One witness who had been sworn in to the band against this will testify only in part on oath that all he remembered was that the band would

kill him if he revealed anything. At this time the prisoners grinned. Ed Powell, another witness, testified that he recognized Garrett Johnson and Ray Ransom as the members who dragged him from his bed and forced him to accompany them to the Walnut Log Hotel from which Ranker and Taylor were taken. Powell testified before the coroner that he failed to recognize the riders but swore he did so because he feared for his life.