ATKINS TESTIFIES TARIFF CUT WOULD CLIP SUGAR PRICE

Acting President of the Sugar Trust Says Reduction in Duty Would Save Country $52,000,000 Each Year.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, June 13.—Edward Atkins, acting president of the American Refining company, resumed the stand today before the house committee investigating the sugar industry.

He testified that the total sugar bill of the American people amounted to $368,000,000, annually. If the duty on raw sugar were removed, he asserted, this sum could be reduced $52,000,000. Afterwards, he qualified this statement, saying that the removal of the duty would cripple the American beet sugar interests and probably destroy the cane sugar industry. He advocated a partial reduction in the duty on raw sugar, cheapening its cost and protecting American producers simultaneously.

The statement added that the trust was interested in 33 of the 63 beet sugar factories in America. The committee decided that the investigation shall include inquiry into the transactions whereby the trust secured control of the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining company. James M. Beck, counsel for the sugar interests protested, but Chairman Hardwick of the committee overruled him.

ALABAMA COAL AND IRON INTERESTS MERGE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Birmingham, Ala., June 13.—A consolidation of coal, steel and iron interests in Alabama has been formed through the merger of the Alabama Coal and Iron company and the Southern Iron and Steel company under the name of the Alabama Consolidated Coal, Iron and Steel company.

The new concern controls considerably more than half of the industry in the state.

MORGAN'S GIFT MAY BRING HIM DECORATION

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Paris, June 13.—In recognition of his courtesy to the French government for his gift to the Louvre museum of the famous painting, "Chef De St. Martin," which was stolen from a church in southern France, it is reported today, J. Pierpont Morgan may be made a knight of the Legion of Honor. Whether he will accept the decoration is not known. After the theft of the picture and its purchase by the American money king, considerable agitation arose against its being allowed to leave the country.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAFTS ON JUNE 19

Washington, June 13.—The silver anniversary of the wedding of President and Mrs. Taft, occurring June 19, is to be the occasion of one of the most brilliant social events in the history of Washington society. Several thousand invitations were sent out today.

Was Washington a Dane?

London, June 13.—That George Washington's ancestors used to tell it to the Danes is the belief of Dr. Solloway, who is studying the Washington family tree. He says it goes back to the Danes of the tenth century.

Sixty Years Married, Dallas Pair Celebrates

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Grant, who, since 1851, have not been separated more than three weeks at once.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Dallas, Or., June 13.—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Grant of this city celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary yesterday. Sunday afternoon about 50 members of the Baptist church called on Mr. and Mrs. Grant as a surprise.

Mr. Grant was born in Lafayette county, Missouri, in 1830. He worked on the farm with his father till he was nearly 21, when he moved to Davis county, Missouri. Mrs. Grant, formerly Miss Josephine Williams, was born in Ray county, Missouri, in 1836, and with her parents moved to Davis county when she was quite small. They were married in Davis county June 12, 1851, and on May 1, 1852, started for Oregon, which they reached October 24, of the same year.

Mr Grant took up a homestead of 360 acres in Polk county, and they lived on it until six years ago, when they moved to Falls City, and shortly after to Dallas. During the 60 years they have been married Mr. and Mrs. Grant have not been away from one another longer than three weeks at one time. They are both enjoying good health. They have nine children, three of whom are still living. J. M. Grant, sheriff of Polk county and D. J. and B. M. Grant, both business men of Dallas.

Proctor Knott Ill.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Lebanon, Ky., June 13.—Former Congressman Proctor Knott, whose famous speech on the northwest, in which he put Duluth on the map, referring to it as "The Queen City of the Unsalted Seas," and established him as the first humorist in congress, is in a critical condition from paralysis and pulmonary troubles.

Two-Year-Old Drinks Acid.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Kansas City, Mo., June 13.—Little Lawrence Robbins, 2, is reported out of danger today after drinking the contents of an ounce bottle of carbolic acid. The bottle had been left within reach, and the child obtained it in the absence of the nurse.

IN "A PARISIAN ROMANCE"

John Sainpolis.

This is the final week of stock in Portland for the season, and John Sainpolis and the Baker company are giving superb performances of Richard Mansfield's famous old play, "A Parisian Romance."

The role of the cruel and heartless Baron Cheyrial, which Mr. Sainpolis is depicting, is the one in which the great Mansfield first sprang into national fame in New York. The realistic death scene of the third act is one of the finest bits of acting Mr. Sainpolis has ever done here.

Following the stock season, the Baker will open next Saturday afternoon with summer vaudeville and photo plays.

T. C. ELLIOTT, DR. CROPP, RIVALS FOR MAYORALTY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., June 13.—By a majority of 265 votes, T. C. Elliott yesterday won the Republican nomination for mayor over V. H. Rogers. The victory of Elliott is significant in that he was supposed to represent the anti-commission government element, while Rodgers was supported by those who favor the commission government.

Voting was light, only 2598 out of the 3812 registered going to the polls. It was the first election in which Walla Walla women have voted and few availed themselves of the opportunity. The Democrats had but 93 votes, there being no contest on their ticket.

Republicans nominated with contest were Mike Davis, chief of police; J. W. Brooks, city attorney; H. H. Crampton, street commissioner; John D. Ankeny, councilman first ward. In the third ward Byron Lutcher and B. M. Huntington tied, each securing 301 votes.

J. F. Cropp is the Democratic nominee for mayor.

The city election will be held July 10 at which time there will be a vote on commission government.

Destruction in Path.

Richmond, Va., June 13.—The cyclonic storm which swept the lower end of the Virginia peninsula left today a path of destruction and cost an unknown number of lives. The dead are estimated at from 15 to 18. No bodies have yet been recovered. At Newport News many houses were unroofed, trees and poles were leveled and shipping disabled.

10 FOOT RIVER CHANNEL TO COQUILLE EXPECTED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Coquille, Or., June 13.—Dredging the shoals on Coquille river is being commenced and when the work is completed there is to be a 10 foot channel at low tide from the mouth of the river to this place, a distance of 25 miles. When this work is done the sawmills at this place will be able to ship their lumber directly out of Coquille river.

Box Factory at Coquille.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Coquille, Or., June 13.—A box factory will be erected at this place in connection with the new sawmill being built by the Coquille Mill company. Men are now placing the machinery and expect to have the mill in operation in about two months.

An implement has been invented for slicing a boiled egg evenly, a more difficult task than generally is supposed.