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WICKERSHAM MAKES REPORT

United States Attorney General Tells of Prosecution of Powerful Trusts.

STORY OF WHOLE YEAR IS TOLD TO CONGRESS

Railroads, Customs, Internal Revenue, Public Lands, Bucket Shops Swindling Schemes, Smuggling Chinese, White Slave Traffic and Enforcement of Interstate Commerce Laws Are Some of the Problems Tackled.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Prosecution of some of the most powerful trusts and railroads in the country, frauds in the customs, internal revenue, public lands and half dozen other kinds, smuggling of Chinese, white slave traffic, and enforcement of the interstate commerce laws are some of the problems covered in the annual report of Attorney General Wickersham submitted to congress today.

In telling the story of the year the attorney general begins with his experience in the fight against lawless trusts. He had hoped to get decisions in the cases against the Standard Oil company and the tobacco trusts. These were argued and submitted to the supreme court of the United States but because of the illness of Justice Moody and the death of Justice Brewer they will be reargued next month.

Indictments were procured, he says, in Savannah, Georgia, against the big meat packing concerns, in Chicago against ten of the beef barons and in Boston against five packing companies alleged to have entered into a conspiracy to control the meat trade of New England.

The Paper Board association was fined \$57,000. The Imperial Window Glass company was fined \$10,000, and the combination broken up and abandoned. In Chicago indictments have been returned against companies and individuals in the paving brick trust.

The taking of evidence in the case of the "bath tub trust" has been nearly completed and that concern will soon face the tribunal of justice.

Suits are pending against the Chicago Butter and Egg Board, Great Lakes towing monopoly, powder trust the St. Louis Terminal Railroad association and various other combinations.

Five of the leading men in cotton speculation were indicted on the charge of establishing a cotton "corner" and raising prices in such an extent that many mills were forced to close.

The attorney general reviewed the extent and importance of the work arising from resisting attacks upon and procuring the enforcement of the interstate commerce laws.

An injunction obtained by the department of justice last May prevented a general increase of freight rates in the west from going into effect.

The department is fighting to sustain in court several laws passed for the benefit of railroad employees which

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FARM HAND ACCUSED OF MURDERING FOUR

Kansas City, Dec. 12.—John Fagler a farm hand was arrested today on suspicion of being connected with the murder of four persons on the Barnhart farm near here where bodies were found Saturday. His finger prints constitute the most important clue. The bodies of three victims, George Barnhart, Thomas Morgan, farm hands and John Graves, of Grain Valley, Missouri, were found in the barn side by side. The body of Mrs. Emaline Barnhart was found in the house. The inquest will be held Wednesday. A pickhandle, blood covered, was found in the barn today. Robbery and revenge are believed to be motives.

PRESIDENT NAMES COMMERCE COURT

JUDGE HUNT IS ONLY WESTERN MAN

Martin Knapp of Interstate Commerce Commission, Transferred to Higher Post—Court Reads, Knapp, Archibald, Hunt, Garfield and Mack.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—President Taft today nominated Martin Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission and Judge Julian Mack, of Illinois, for members of the newly created commerce court. C. C. McChord of Kentucky, and B. H. Meyer, Wisconsin, will be appointed to fill vacancies left by them on the commission.

Robert W. Archibald, the United States judge of the central district of Pennsylvania, and now judge of the customs appeal, and William Hunt, of Montana, judge of the court of customs appeals, are also nominated for the commerce court, making the bench of the court read: Knapp, Archibald, Hunt, Carland, Mack.

FROG-LEG INDUSTRY PROVIDES EMPLOYMENT

According to estimates which are reliable, though not official, the frog-leg industry is worth to the Province of Quebec at least \$100,000 annually. During 1909 the Montreal market disposed of over \$200,000 worth of frog legs, of which probably more than 50 per cent were produced in this province. The local market prices averaged 40 cents per pound.

There are numerous rivulets and marshes in this province in which frogs abound, and during the proper season many boys and men earn a fair livelihood catching frogs. Most of the shipments from this consular district go to Boston and New York, usually in small quantities.

TAMMANY HALL BURNED BOSSES' PICTURES SAVED

New York, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Tammany Hall, the historic center of political activity of New York, was heavily damaged by fire today. It broke out on the top story, where the flames were confined on account of strenuous work of the department. The top floor was gutted, but the paintings of the various bosses were saved, and piled on the streets.

LOYAL BRAZILIAN TROOPS NOW IN FULL CONTROL

London, Dec. 12.—Loyal Brazilian troops are in full possession of Combra Island, the scene of Saturday's mutiny, according to advices received here by Brazilian minister. Nearly five hundred mutineers are arrested. Dispatches state that 150 mutineers were killed in Saturday night's bombardment of the island forts.

EXPOSE FOR SEN. ALDRICH

New York World Shows He Owns Many Shares of Stock in Rubber Trust.

PROVES CHARGES MADE BY SENATOR BRISTOW

Reporter Purchases One Share of Stock and Demands View of Stock Books Which is Granted—Aldrich Had Previously Denied Pecuniary Interest in Rubber Trust.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Nelson W. Aldrich, senior senator from Rhode Island, owns 340 shares United States Rubber company stock, which is likewise known as the rubber trust, according to the New York World. The story is based on an examination of the books of the rubber company by a World reporter who purchased one share of rubber stock so he might be able to see the books. Although protesting against allowing this, Secretary Norris showed the book. At the top of the page was the name of Aldrich showing he owned 340 shares of preferred stock. The date opposite the entry was July 18, 1910. Norris says Aldrich owned stock some time before but that was the date the entry was transferred from an old ledger. The names of four other Aldriches were found. The investigation of the books was made following the answer of Aldrich to charges of Senator Bristow that Aldrich profited directly by the increases of the rubber schedules in the recently adopted Payne-Aldrich tariff bill. Aldrich said neither he nor his family had any pecuniary interest in whether the duty on rubber were 50 or 300 per cent.

COMPTROLLER SAYS FINANCIAL CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVED

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The people of this country support 22,222 banks with assets at \$29,682,578,177, according to the annual report, submitted today by the comptroller of the currency. Financial conditions have improved slightly during the year. Building and loan associations are growing in popularity.

LOS ANGELES PREPARING FOR AVIATION MEET

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 12.—Workmen today began the erection of hangars on the Dominguez aviation field where the Los Angeles municipal aviation meet is to be held, beginning Dec. 24th. Prominent bird men are now being negotiated with.

FESTIVE BURGLARS VERY PROMISCUOUS

It behooves the people of Pendleton to lock their doors and windows at night and take other precautions, for the records of Saturday night show there are burglars abroad. So far as known, these nefarious gentlemen plied their practice at three different places on that night. In two of the places they were successful in securing a little booty but in the third place their instruments were not effective in gaining an entrance.

Attorney R. E. Johnson is the loser of an old suit of clothes and a cheap watch by the deceptions of the house robbers, but he is not mourning as he intended to give the suit away and the watch was only a dollar one which was replacing his own which is in the jewelry shop for repairs. The miscreant walked boldly into the house sometime during the night, procured the suit and went away without disturbing anything else in the house.

THRESHERMEN HERE FOR FALL SESSION

Still another convention of a state organization is to be held in Pendleton and the reputation of this place as a convention city further sustained. Through the efforts of E. L. Smith, local agent for the Holt combined harvester, and the invitation of President W. L. Thompson of the Pendleton Commercial association, the State Threshermen's association, which held its biennial convention in La Grande Friday and Saturday has pledged itself to give this city its next fall meeting.

Although Mr. Smith was the only representative of Umatilla county at La Grande, so ably did he present the claims of Pendleton for the fall convention, that the committee of which W. N. Gellatly, sheriff of Benton county was chairman, unanimously decided to present this city with the plume. Mr. Smith says he found the Round-up of great advantage to him in swinging the deal. There was great interest manifest in Pendleton's wild west show, he said, and when he urged that the convention be held here during Round-up week, the delegates grew very enthusiastic and were unanimous in their desire to take advantage of the opportunity to witness the frontier exhibition. Mr. Smith estimates that the decision will mean 250 additional visitors to the city during the fair and Round-up week.

Mr. Smith is loud in his praises of the La Grande business men and people for the entertainment which they provided for the threshermen during their two days' stay in that city. Nothing was left undone, he said, for their comfort and enjoyment.

There were only about 85 delegates in attendance, he said, but those 85 men represented approximately \$6,000,000 of investment. The principal discussions of the meeting were over the best methods of farming, the best varieties of wheat for different sections, methods of securing reliable statistics of the grain grown in Oregon, and good roads.

WHITE MADE CHIEF JUSTICE

President Names Democrat in Preference to Hughes at Solicitation of Advisers.

FIRST TIME SUCH ACTION EVER TAKEN

Willis Vandervent and Joseph Lamar Named As Associate Justices—New Chief Justice Served in Confederate Army—Was Named by Cleveland in 1894—Senate Has Confirmed Appointment.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Justice Edward White of the supreme court of the United States was today nominated to be chief justice. A few minutes afterward congress confirmed the president's nomination. Judge Willis Vandervent of the eighth circuit court of the United States and Judge Joseph Lamar of Georgia, formerly of the Georgia supreme court, are nominated for associate justice. President Taft decided to appoint White as chief justice instead of Hughes after a long conference with Wickersham.

White is a democrat. This is the first time in history a president has nominated a man to such a position of the opposite political faith. Judge Lamar, likewise a democrat, was named by Cleveland. The makeup of the supreme court now is: Edward White, chief justice; John Marshall Harlan, Joseph McKenna, Oliver Wendell Holmes, William Day, Charles Hughes, Willis Van Deventer, Joseph Lamar. White has been on the supreme bench since 1894. He was appointed by Cleveland. He served in the confederate army. It is known Taft favored Hughes for the position but members of the cabinet presented objections from a number of attorneys and congressmen, so he changed his mind.

SEATTLE OFFICIALS ARE AFTER OPIUM SMUGGLERS

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 12.—A thorough search is being made of the liner Minnesota, just arrived from the Orient, for contraband opium. The officials have found over \$10,000 worth of the drug. It is believed an organized band of smugglers is working.

WALLA WALLA HAS POPULATION OF 19,361

Washington, Dec. 12.—The census bureau announces the population of Centralia, Washington, as 7311; Hoquiam, 8171; Olympia, the capital, 6996; Walla Walla, 19,364; Aberdeen, 13,660; Bellingham, 24,298.

According to semi-official returns forwarded by Consul Alfred J. Fleming of Yarmouth, the lumber cut in the Province of Nova Scotia for 1909 was 285,504,278 feet.

Adversity just naturally despises a victim that yawns in his teeth!

FERNIE DEAD NOW NUMBER FORTY-FIVE

Fernie, B. C., ec. 12.—The number of dead in the Bellevue mine is 45. Thirty five miners and ten members of the rescue party were entombed Saturday night. The last body was removed today. The mine officials say all missing are accounted for. Hundreds of men have arrived here to aid in the rescue. The dead are mostly Italians and Slavs. It is believed several of the injured will die. Twenty-one dead were found in the lower levels of the mine last night by the rescue party of fifteen men who were themselves rescued in a weak condition. Over eighty men searched through the gas laden chambers last night.

OREGON SURE OF NEW CONGRESSMAN

SPEAKER CANNON WOULD RAISE REPRESENTATION

Under Plan Proposed Washington Will Get Two New Representatives;—Oregon, Idaho and Montana One Each—Many States to Lose Congressmen.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The census won't increase the members of the house of representatives if the plan favored by Speaker Cannon is put through. He proposes to increase the ratio of representation to 225,222 for each congressman instead of the present ratio, 194,182. Washington would gain two congressmen, if such apportionment were made, while Idaho, Oregon and Montana will be among the states gaining one.

In the congressmen apportionments New York, California and Oklahoma also gain two congressmen under this plan, while Utah, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Texas, procure one each. Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, will lose two; Illinois, Kansas, Wisconsin, Maine, Maryland, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia would lose one.

INSURGENTS WILL BACK SAN FRANCISCO'S CLADS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—A personal man to man canvass shows San Francisco will receive the solid support of the insurgent members of the house of representatives for the award of the world's fair in 1915, according to Governor-elect Johnson of California, who is leaving for New York today. Johnson has been here with a party of California fair boosters.

BOX CAR THIEVES ARRESTED BY CHIEF OF POLICE GURDANE

Once again has the police force of this city succeeded in running to earth boxcar thieves, and as a result D. C. Clayton, alias D. C. Padden and his paramour, who gives the name of Dorothy Clayton, are languishing behind the bars, while a third person implicated in the affair will probably be apprehended before many hours.

Last Thursday morning Agent T. F. O'Brien of the O. R. & N. company, discovered that a boxcar containing a shipment of merchandise consigned to La Grande had been broken into and among other articles four dozen bottles of whisky and fourteen shirts were stolen. On that same evening a number of the employes about the railroad yards, including Clayton, who was a switchman, became intoxicated and on the following morning all were discharged.

The officers were notified of the robbery and have been working quietly on the case ever since. Last night Chief of Police Gurdane and Night Officer Kearney, in making their rounds stopped in at the Oriental House, one of the establishments of ill-fame on Cottonwood street, and noticed that the women of that place were nearly all more or less under the influence of liquor. Becoming suspicious, they finally procured one of the bottles out of which the women were imbibing and found that the label corresponded

to that of the whisky stolen from the car. They immediately instituted a search, and in one of the rooms, discovered the Clayton man and the Clayton woman, and in their possession several bottles of the stolen goods. A subsequent investigation revealed the missing shirts in the trunk of the woman. Both were arrested and taken to jail.

Clayton or Padden is a man of about thirty years of age and had only been employed by the O. R. & N. company about ten days prior to his dismissal for drunkenness. He claims to have been employed in Pasco before coming to this city.

Although it is known that he has been living with the Clayton woman since coming here, and that the two also lived together in Tacoma where the man was arrested for beating the woman, and despite the fact that their letters and other possessions were together in the same trunk, both of the arrested persons deny that they are or have been connected with each other in any way.

They both deny, also, that they are guilty of looting the boxcar, but as they were caught with the goods on them, the officers believe they have a clear case.

It is understood that a third person was also implicated in the affair and is known to the local officers.

OLYMPIA IS STORM VICTIM

With 106 People Aboard Passenger Steamer Goes on Reef.

WIRELESS MESSAGE SAYS PASSENGERS SAFE

Answering Calls for Aid Revenue Cutter Donaldson and Other Boats Hasten to Rescue—Olympian Went Aground During Gale at Midnight.

Passengers Rescued.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 12.—Local officials of the Alaska Steamship company this afternoon received word that 103 passengers and crew aboard the Olympian are rescued and being taken to Valdez. The vessel will be a total loss.

Vancouver, B. C., ec. 12.—A wireless message picked up here says the passengers on the Olympian are safe. The message was received at 9:30 this morning.

Valdez, Dec. 12.—The U. S. revenue cutter Donaldson, with two tugs, has started from Valdez to aid the Olympian and will probably reach here this afternoon.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 12.—At 9:30 this morning no report had been received from Cordova as to the fate of 106 persons aboard the wrecked steamer Olympian which is being pounded to pieces on a reef on Bligh's Island, Prince William sound. The steamer struck Saturday night during a gale. According to last words heard from Operator Hays aboard the steamer, the gale continues, the waves are breaking high over the vessel and life boats are ready to launch but won't be used until as a last resort.

It is believed the steamers June, which left Valdez and the steamer Dora, which left Seward, to aid, have arrived. The Olympian carried 52 passengers and a crew of 54.

The Olympian left here December 6th, arriving at Cordova Saturday and leaving Saturday night for Valdez. She struck near midnight as shortly afterward the naval wireless station at Cordova picked up faint calls for assistance. The Olympian carried 26 passengers who had sailed previously for Alaska on the steamship Northwest which ran aground in False bay, San Juan Island, December 1.

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CHICKENS GALORE ARE HERE FOR ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW

With scores of chickens in all colors, shapes and sizes arriving on every train from every direction, Pendleton has suddenly become the poultry center of the northwest.

Judge Gimlin of Taylorville, Ill., who is to place the awards, arrived last evening. The coops are all up in the show room. Many of the birds have already been weighed and cooped and all will be in readiness by the time the doors open to the public tomorrow afternoon.

From present indications the competition in many lines will be the strongest ever seen at a show in the northwest. Especially will this be true in the White Wyandotte and Barred Rock classes.

Fanciers of game birds will also have something upon which to feast

their eyes for a number of the fighting birds have already arrived in the show room and more are due to come tonight.

Prize winning chickens from the Portland and Seattle shows which were held last week arrived this morning and will form a leading part of the big show. Some of these are said to be the best chickens ever shown on the coast. The fact that they won in the two larger cities does not mean that they are sure to win here, however, for some of them will be in much faster company than they have yet seen this season.

The first concert of the show will be given tomorrow evening, commencing at 8 o'clock and lasting until 10 o'clock. The doors will open tomorrow afternoon at 2 p. m. and again each evening at 7:30.