

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

AFTER LUMBER (HUST.)

RIGHTS IN DANGER.

Government Extends Inquiry to Every Product Section.

Washington, April 26.—The investigation of the lumber trust is now in full swing. It is reported by the bureau of corporations as the most comprehensive and far-reaching of any yet undertaken. The information obtained will be used by the department of justice in prosecuting the trust. If such action is warranted.

A preliminary inquiry regarding prices has already been conducted. Special agents are now being sent to all the principal districts where lumber is produced to ascertain local conditions to production and the percentage of competition. Every section of the country will be visited by these agents.

Data now collected show the steady and uniform advance in prices for all kinds of lumber during the past ten years. There was a remarkable increase of cost prices in 1906. The figures collected show that the diminishing supply of timber is not alone responsible for the great advance in prices.

Commissioner Smith will make a special effort to ascertain why lumber prices were so sharply advanced in 1906. It is believed to have been the result of combination control in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Canal Zone's Health Record.

Washington, April 26.—Health conditions on the canal zone are about as good now as they were will be, according to a report from Colonel Gorgas, chief sanitary officer, for the month of March, just received at the office of the Isthmian Canal commission. Since last August the number of sick among the employees has steadily declined until it is now 19.40 men per 1,000, as against 33.75 in August. Among 4,600 Americans, while, employed there were only two deaths from disease during March.

Tail Back at Work.

Washington, April 26.—Secretary Taft yesterday resumed his routine duties at the War department. The fact that it was cabinet day made it necessary for him to cut short the time allowed to callers. It is doubtful if in his Washington experience the secretary has had to deal with more newspaper men than he saw during the day. They were mainly desirous to learn just what the secretary intended to do in answer to the challenge which Senator Foraker had issued in regard to the conduct in Ohio.

Immigration Commission Meets.

Washington, April 24.—The commission appointed in pursuance of the action of the last session of congress to investigate conditions in connection with the subject of immigration met today. It is expected that a preliminary investigation of the ports of New York and Boston will be made, and afterward either the full committee or a subcommittee will go abroad to extend the inquiry in the foreign countries from which most of the immigrants come.

Bank's Bonds Are Exempt.

Washington, April 24.—Deciding several cases brought to it by savings banks in New York, the supreme court of the United States has today decided that government bonds in which the capital stock of such banks is invested are exempt from taxation. The test opinion delivered by Justice Moody reversed the ruling of the Iowa court. The chief justice and Justices Harlan and Peckham dissented from the decision.

No Hope of Agreement.

Washington, April 26.—The Central American controversy is no nearer settlement today than it was yesterday, according to a dispatch received today at the state department from Philip Brown, the American charge at Guatemala, cabling from La Union, Salvador. Mr. Brown stated that the deadlock was still on. He held out no hope of an early agreement.

How Roads May Be Made.

Washington, April 27.—Senators Fulton and Bonner are asking for the assignment of Samuel C. Lancaster, government road expert, to Oregon. Washington and Idaho for one year as instructor in modern road building. Samuel Hill, of the Washington Good Roads association, is here, interested in the project.

Roosevelt Going to Oyster Bay.

Washington, April 24.—President Roosevelt will leave Washington for his summer home at Oyster Bay on June 2. This is much earlier than has been his practice heretofore, but he feels that the public business is in such shape that he can leave. The president is to make two speeches on "Georgic Day" at the Jamestown exposition on June 10.

San Domingo Favors Treaty.

Washington, April 26.—Minister Dawson, at San Domingo, cables that yesterday the treaty with the United States was favorably reported to the senate. The consideration was intrusted to three senators, two of whom filed a report in its favor, and the third a report in opposition.

Stevens Talks With Roosevelt.

Washington, April 23.—John F. Stevens, formerly chief engineer and chairman of the Isthmian Canal commission, talked with the president today about conditions on the isthmus. He said it will take between six and seven years to complete the canal.

GOVERNOR TO INVESTIGATE.

Illinois Kept in View of Conditions.

Chicago, April 26.—Sensational revelations of the horrors of county inmate asylums, including the chaining of young girls, forcing patients to sleep in coffin-like boxes and subjecting women to indescribable indignities, have aroused such indignation that Governor Deussen announces he will call a special session of the legislature if the present session does not appropriate sufficient funds to place the inmate patients in charge of the state.

Bonus of the Revolving Conditions That Are Set Forth in the Report to the Governor.

That steel handbars, barred cells, cages, padlocks and other chains are in use, girls 20 years old being found in steel cages with their ankles chained. That inmate women in many institutions have illegitimate and illegitimate children.

That in most institutions there are no facilities for bathing, and in some of the places the patients have not had baths for 18 years. In others bathing is optional. In still others there is but one bath tub, and that used optionally by both sexes.

That a majority of the county institutions are vermin ridden, have no ventilation, use filthy bedclothes, are cold and damp, the patients illly clad and the houses fire traps.

That in a number of places the inmates are permitted to mingle without restraint, old men being found caring for young girls.

That some of the houses are "not fit for human habitation."

That boxes are used for sleeping quarters, some of the patients being padlocked in boxes little bigger than cages, in 84 institutions there is no separation of the inmates from the patients.

That primitive toilet facilities exist, with shocking sanitary conditions.

DECLINES TO BE RUSHED.

California Supreme Court to Hear Rust's Case in Order.

San Francisco, April 26.—Abraham Rust's application for release on bail from the custody of Elihu B. Dyer, by writ of habeas corpus, will not be decided at today's conference of the supreme court, according to a statement to the Associated Press by Chief Justice Beatty, who said:

"The impression seems to have gone abroad that there is great urgency for an immediate decision in this matter. There is no urgency. The matter should be well as it is. We do not view it as taking precedence over other matters already filed, and it will not be determined until reached in due course. There are many other pressing and important matters engaging the court at present."

Demerits to the nine indictments for bribery which confront Louis Glass, vice president of the Pacific States Telephone company, were submitted today in Judge Lawrence's court by Attorney T. C. Coogan. Glass was present.

After the reading of one of the demerits, the case was by agreement postponed until next Tuesday.

MAY PROSECUTE THIEVES.

Pennsylvania Capitol Commission Has Evidence of Much Graft.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 26.—As a result of the investigation by the legislative commission into the expenditures of \$9,000,000 for furnishing and decorating the new state capitol, it is probable that criminal proceedings will be instituted by the state against certain persons who have provisionally digressed in the construction. The commission has been investigating the charges of extravagance, overcharges, duplications in payments of bills and fraud for nearly two months and has yet to take the testimony of many important persons who have knowledge of the subject under investigation. Among those to be examined is ex-Governor Pennington.

Whether civil suits can be brought has not been determined, but members of the commission are convinced that it has been demonstrated that criminal action can be brought.

Tropical War Ends.

San Salvador, April 26.—A treaty of peace between Salvador and Nicaragua was signed last night by ministers representing each country at Amoyah. The terms of the treaty are honorable to both countries. The conditions proposed by Salvador were accepted, but the demands made by President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, for preparation for Salvador's part in the recent war between Nicaragua and Honduras and that there be a free interchange of commodities between Nicaragua and Salvador were rejected.

Bonilla Is Still Warlike.

Coahuila, Mexico, April 26.—Ex-President Manuel Bonilla, of Honduras, arrived here last night direct from his own country via Salina Cruz. He declares he will swell from the arrival of a steamer from the south which will bring a friend and then back to his own country to take up arms. He takes a pessimistic view of the conditions and outlook in Central America.

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