

# ONLY PACKED JURY

## Senate Committee on Rail Roads and Other Witnesses

agreed that there will be session of congress. It is that there is no general report which will be the senate committee charged duty of investigating the situation. In order that they appreciate the situation from dispatches printed in republican newspapers are

from a dispatch from Wallman, Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald.

railways made no secret of that they have captured the committee on interstate com will be able to secure a re- the autumn mainly favorable side of the contention.

senate committee closed its today and announced that no sses would be heard. An session was held, but no con- arrived at save that the for- of a report and of a bill will red until the autumn. The on the committee feel that e worked hard enough during ng and that they are entitled e rest.

railroad attorneys who have eful attention to the sessions committee, and who know as e the members themselves as the committee stands, express e whatever as to the outcome. el perfectly sure the report of mtee will be a final triumph railroads. By this they do not e committee will report against ion whatever by congress. In- at is not the railroad wish. The is to make a pretense of doing ng, but to make jolly sure that ng, if it be embalmed in law, o the railroads no harm. At et of stop-mouth legislation, really effects nothing of impor- and yet shuts off agitation, the attorneys and their many in the senate are recognized

that the senate committee has

finished its hearings, it is important the people should understand just why those sittings of the committee were held, and the methods pursued in this supposedly impartial investigation. The hearings were proposed in the first place as a railway scheme of delay and as a campaign of education. The resolution providing for the sittings was prepared by the attorney of an eastern railway company and introduced in the senate by Mr. Kean of New Jersey, who is nothing more nor less than a railway lawyer temporarily occupying a seat in the upper branch. This is not saying that Mr. Kean is a bad fellow. He moves according to his lights and training. All his associations have been with corporations, and he thinks he is doing right in looking after their interests. He is not by any means the only man in the senate who represents both a sovereign and a corporation which owns that state. In pointing out these facts it is not necessary to throw any bricks at the individuals themselves. They are within their rights, as politics goes. But the facts should be known, nevertheless.

Throughout the long series of hearings now brought to a close the railroad attorneys have been in pretty complete control of the committee. They have run the whole show.

"If any one had entertained doubts as to the sympathies of a majority of the committeemen it would have been necessary only to attend a few meetings of the committee to have those doubts removed once for all. Every railroad man who has appeared before the committee has been treated as if he were one of the lords of creation, and generally he was. Nothing was too good for him. No awkward questions were asked. He was not subjected to a rigid cross-examination. His path lay through pleasant groves, lined with flowers.

"But the man who appeared for the people's side of the contention was treated in quite another manner. After the politeness had been properly expended he found himself under fire. In fact, he was almost an object of suspicion. It seemed to be the principal aim in life of a majority of the members of the committee to expose his ignorance of practical railroading. A concerted effort was made to show that he was nothing but a wild-eyed dreamer, a theorist, a demagogue, who must go to pieces when confronted with the cold logic of facts and figures. And after a half dozen eminent senators, well versed in their art and long practiced, had picked and pulled at the witness to their heart's content, they would turn to one another with a smile of satisfaction, as much as to say, 'Another one gone by the board. Didn't

we do him up in fine shape?' "The truth is, the committee was with them from the first. It is what may be called a packed jury. The friends of the railways have made it their business to see to it in the past that a majority of the members of this highly important committee were friendly to the corporations. It was their business to do this, and it was not anyone's business to counteract them."

Extracts from a dispatch to the Chicago Tribune by John Callan O'Laughlin, its Washington correspondent:

"No more flagrant disregard-of the wishes of the people has been shown by a congressional committee than that displayed by the senate committee on interstate commerce in connection with the railroad rate question. The committee concluded its hearings this afternoon after an exhausting session lasting five weeks, and will adjourn tomorrow without making the slightest attempt to formulate a report of any kind.

"The truth of the matter is that the committee deliberately tangled itself

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up in a net, skillfully woven by the railroad officials and agents, for no other purpose than to defeat the will of the president and of the people. Not all the members have favored the program.

"Senator Cullom and Senator Dilliver stand out as notable exceptions. But the shameful way in which Senator Elkins, Senator Kean and Senator Foraker endeavored to bilk the country, the first named by 'packing' the witness stand with men controlling railroads or in their pay, and the others by asking questions apparently designed to draw out statements favorable to the railroads to discredit the effort to show a need of rate regulation, is a shining reflection upon the states they were elected to represent.

"Any one familiar with railroad conditions in the United States, who makes an analysis of the witnesses who have testified before the committee, segregates them promptly into these classes:

"Railroad agents, officials or attorneys.

"Business men, either middlemen or having their industries located at terminals.

"Interstate commerce commissioners and a few experts and shippers whose evidence literally was swamped under the testimony of the preceding classes.

"From the outset of the 'inquiry' the evident purpose of Chairman Elkins has been to further the efforts of the railroads to befuddle the people. Railroad agent followed railroad agent, and the scandal of it finally reached a point where the members of the committee went to the chairman and told him that if any impression were to be made upon the country he would have to change his tactics and 'sandwich in' witnesses who were not known to have connection with railroads and who might even support the president's views.

"The railroads took the tip and men claiming to represent the interests and the communities affected by railroad rates were haled before the committee and led by questions put to them by Elkins, often at the instance of ex-Senator Faulkner, an attorney for the railroads, to give utterance to opinions which made one wonder why the charge of rebate or unjust dis-

crimination ever was brought against these guardians of the public's welfare."

### After the War, What?

The realignment of Europe possible—or probable as a result of the Japanese triumph—is indicated by the foregathering of the czar with the kaiser, which is viewed with uneasiness by all the chancelleries of Europe. With Russia being beaten to her knees the kaiser long ago improved the opportunity to create friendly relations with Russia, which put that power so much at ease that she could withdraw her legions from the German frontier. With continued disaster in the east and at the same time the development of most friendly relations between France and England—Russia's inveterate enemy—the German emperor seized the chance to pick a quarrel with France over the remote Moroccan situation, not so much, probably, for any interest Germany had in it, as for the purpose of menacing France into a closer approach to England, or a more open acknowledgment of that approach with the effect of further weakening the bond between France and Russia. Now, if he shall be able to convince the czar that "Coulou's friend not short," he will have drawn Russia to his side, will have isolated France, except for her English support, which is always an uncertain quantity—since England by reason of her "streak of silver sea" cannot be dragged any further into a quarrel than she chooses to go—and will have made his own country the dominant factor in Europe. His recent approach to Sweden is to the same end in guarding against a fire in the rear.

Only one thing further is needed to set all Europe in a turmoil greater than it has known since the days of the Grimes, and that is the death of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary, an event that has been feared at any time and that has been feared of late as imminent. With the warring elements of his empire freed from the influence of his personality, the fear or expectation of years has been that they would "resolve themselves apart" in a literal sense, and that the pan-American element would revolt and form a union with the German empire, and so the Teutonic people would indeed be

come the backbone of Europe, stretching from the Baltic to the Adriatic, clasping hands in friendship with Russia, the future would then be one that every part of the world would be vitally interested in. This hasty view shows what may easily happen as a result of the Russo-Japanese war.—Indianapolis News.

### Lived Two Hours and Twenty Minutes With His Heart Out.

"With a knife wound an inch wide and four and one-half inches deep penetrating the wall and into the left auricle of the heart, William McBoo, a negro laborer about 30 years old, lived two hours and twenty minutes. Dr. C. M. Stemen, surgeon for Bethany hospital, and Dr. D. Smith, assistant police surgeon, attended the negro. "There is only one other case on record where a man's heart was penetrated and he lived as long as the McBoo negro," said Dr. Stemen this morning. "Even in that case an auricle of the heart was not penetrated. In the case last night a butcher knife was thrust into the negro's heart and into the left auricle, making a wound an inch wide. The stabbing occurred at 8:20 o'clock. The negro was taken to Bethany hospital at 9 o'clock, where we took several stitches in the heart and stopped the hemorrhage. During the greater part of that time he was conscious. At each beat of the heart blood poured out, eventually causing death from loss of blood."

"The negro was under the influence of liquor at the time of the cutting," said Dr. Smith, "and probably that had something to do with the vitality shown."

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