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Tobacco Trust Flayed By G. W. Wickersham

United States Supreme Court is Told that Giant Monopoly is a Criminal Outlaw.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—In a printed brief of 268 pages, Attorney-General George W. Wickersham and his special assistant, J. C. McReynolds, presented to the Supreme Court of the United States the case of the Government in the famous Tobacco Trust cases, which will be argued in that court.

The cases were tried in the United States Circuit Court in New York City. After dismissing the petition as to foreign tobacco companies and some of the subordinate American companies, that court adjudged the others to be parties to an unlawful conspiracy and enjoined them from continuing their operations and from engaging in interstate commerce. The Attorney-General takes the position that those findings were not broad enough, and he asks the Supreme Court to extend them so as to take in the foreign companies and some individuals who were relieved from the operation of the verdict.

It is declared that "the defendants have persistently exercised threats, have practised wicked and unfair methods and used their great power in oppressive ways." Further, it is asserted that they have been actuated by a fixed purpose to destroy competition and obtain monopolies. "Competitors have gradually disappeared, and the combination, now strongly entrenched, unduly restricts the business of those in the trade and prevents others from entering."

Coming to specific instances relative to the operations of the trust, it is declared that substantially all established jobbers in New England were induced to throw out independent products, as were those of Philadelphia, New York City and many other specified places. It is asserted that independent jobbing in New York City was destroyed by the organization of the Metropolitan Tobacco Company, which was given an exclusive agency for the sale of the trust goods.

It is also asserted that "bushwhacking methods were resorted to in the use of union labels, and the method in this proceeding is denounced as 'inhuman' and one inflicting by a civilized conscience. Indeed, it is declared that 'the record contains much evidence and a vast deal of correspondence concerning the operations of these bushwhacking companies which disclose amazing depravity and show with clearness how these sinister agencies were effectively utilized.'"

The Attorney-General seems inclined to the view that a receiver should be appointed for the business of the parties to the combination.

CIRCUS PATRONS' SAD NEWS

Ten Thousand Dollars Worth of Peanuts Burned in Virginia Hamlet.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 4.—More than \$10,000 worth of peanuts were destroyed, all but one of the twenty-six business places and all but twenty-one of the homes in the hamlet of Holland, twelve miles from Suffolk, were burned. Half of the town's two hundred inhabitants are homeless.

The fire started in a store which had been closed for the night. The town's crude fire apparatus was practically worthless in fighting the flames. The total loss is placed at \$115,000.

Big Gain in Canada's Crops.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—The market value of the field crops of Canada this year is estimated by the census and statistic office in a bulletin issued at \$522,422,190, an increase of about 23 per cent. over last year's harvest. The total acreage under crop this year is given as 20,065,556, as compared with 27,505,663, acres, last year.

Judge Found Dead in Bed.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., Jan. 4.—Martin Bell, resident judge of the Blair County courts, was found dead in bed at his home here. Death was caused by a heart affection. Judge Bell was 52 years old. He served two terms as District Attorney and was first elected judge in 1893. He leaves a widow and six children.

COPENHAGEN'S REVENGE

University May Turn Over Cook's Maps and Papers to Criminal Museum.

London, Jan. 3.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail says that Dr. Cook's records, maps and other polar material are still in possession of the university.

It is reported, however, that they will soon be removed to the criminal museum at police headquarters.

Jack Davis' Guard Dies.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—The Rev. John William Kaye, who was the personal guard of Jefferson Davis when the latter was confined in Fort Monroe, died here, aged sixty-four.

PAPER TRUST FACES PROSECUTION

Evidence of Combination to Fix Prices is Filed with United States District Attorney

CONSPIRACY TO RESTRAIN TRADE

Government Fights Print Paper Trust—Starts Thorough Inquiry—Statements and Contracts Cited to Show That the Trust Restricts Its Output.

New York, Jan. 4.—Charges of a far reaching conspiracy among newspaper paper manufacturers to stifle competition and operate under an agreement in restraint of trade have been laid before United States District Attorney Wise, and a sweeping investigation has been begun. A mass of evidence has been put in the hands of the Federal authorities, by the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, purporting to show that the alleged conspiracy has made it impossible to maintain an open market or public quotations of paper prices, that paper makers refuse to sell paper for spot cash, f. o. b. mill, and that they gather mill reports of daily production and daily sales of the paper mills throughout the country.

In the mass of evidence turned over to Mr. Wise it is shown that a series of advances in the prices of paper were made by different groups of the American Paper and Pulp Association following meetings of the members, at which price agreements are supposed to have been made. Attorney General Wickersham has authorized the Federal investigation under way here.

Herman Ridder, President of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, invited the attention of Attorney-General Wickersham on Dec. 25 statements made at a banquet of paper dealers in New York City, wherein it was claimed by a representative of the International Paper Company that the President of the American Paper and Pulp Association, A. C. Hastings, was advising paper mills what paper prices should be. The Attorney-General referred the matter to United States District Attorney Wise of New York, who asked for specifications.

As a result of that request John Norris, Chairman of the Committee on Paper of the Publishers' Association, has submitted detailed data upon which the suit will be based.

MORSE OFF TO CELL

Former Ice King Starts 15 Year Sentence at Atlanta.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Charles W. Morse, who three years ago was called the Ice King, who controlled a chain of banks with deposits reaching nearly \$100,000,000, whose private fortune was estimated at \$2,000,000, and who was master of a fleet of between eighty and ninety ocean going ships, left for Tomba between three United States marshals on his way to Atlanta to serve a prison term of fifteen years.

Except his wife and his two sons not a single friend was at the city prison to bid him good bye. No heroes, no display of sentiment marked his quiet departure. Just before the train drew out his two boys, whom he had asked not to accompany him that far, went into his stateroom for a last hand grasp. Tears welled to his eyes then and he could not speak. He shook hands with the young men in silence and then made a sign for them to go away.

Before he started for prison Morse showed that the failure of his efforts to win his liberty had not taken all the fight out of him. He criticized the courts for their treatment of him and, in his own mind, planned by what he considered the thing of spies to look after a "run drinking" jury.

MOTHER SEES SONS DROWN

Succeeds in Saving Boys' Cousin in St. Lawrence River.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Three boys, who were coasting on one sled down a long hill at Prescott, broke through the thin ice of the St. Lawrence River, and two of them were drowned.

The mother of the drowned boys, Harry and Frank Easter, witnessed the accident, and succeeded in saving Gerald Easter, a cousin, who clung to the ice.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, it is said on good authority, will resign before February 1, to engage in private business.

MONTREAL STRICKEN BY EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID

Five Persons Out of Every Thousand Ill—Hospitals Overcrowded and Nurses Are Needed.

Montreal, Canada, Jan. 4.—Although accurate figures are not obtainable, it is estimated that five persons out of every one thousand in the city of Montreal are ill from typhoid fever. Thirty-one new cases were reported to the Health Department today. Two deaths occurred, bringing the total for the month up to forty-three. Estimates of the number of cases in the city, based upon canvasses of practicing physicians, range from 2,500 to 4,500.

Accommodations at all the hospitals which handle contagious diseases were exhausted long ago and a movement is on foot to have the city open temporary hospitals if nurses can be secured.

Blame for the epidemic is placed upon the city water supply. The intakes for the city service and a private water company are located in the St. Lawrence River. Outbreaks of the disease are yearly occurrences.

HIGH FOOD PRICES TO STAY

We Will Soon Cease to Be an Exporting Nation, Champ Clark Says.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The present high prices for farm products have come to stay; the rural population is staying out; the next census, if it shows the unincorporated villages and towns, will show between 50 and 65 per cent. of population living in towns," said Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, minority leader in the House. "At the present rate in twenty years the United States will cease to be an exporting nation for agricultural products, except cotton."

"One of the principal causes of the high prices of farm products is the world movement of people toward the towns and cities. While a few people in towns and cities have gardens and raise chickens and occasionally pigs, practically the entire farm and city population are non-producers of anything to eat, but are consumers only. For the first time next year Argentina beat us in exporting corn and Argentina and Brazil are now planning to urge the frozen-meat trade from us. Until we adopt the intensive system of agriculture we have almost reached our limit of agricultural output."

BOYCOTT ON TRUSTS

League Organized to Curtail Advances in Cost of Foodstuffs.

Washington, Jan. 4.—To curb the exactions of the trusts which deal in foodstuffs, and if necessary to institute a National boycott on articles of food which the public believes are too high in price, steps were taken at the residence of Dr. E. L. Schurz to organize the National Anti-Trust League. Prominent citizens of Washington and members of Congress were present, and enough was done toward the formation of an organization National in scope, to insure its progress.

It was agreed that the organization should be non-political, that it should be presided over by a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and its movements directed by an advisory council of seven.

Women will be taken into membership on equal terms with the men and will have equal voice in the campaign. The women, being the householders of the country, the success of the plan recognized to be that their assistance was vital to success.

SNY HE TOOK \$40,000

Employee of a Pittsburg German Bank Arrested.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 3.—Charged with the embezzlement of \$40,000 from the banking house which was employed him for eighteen years, Charles Veverka, individual bookkeeper for the Workingman's Savings and Trust Company of the North Side, was held under \$20,000 bail. Veverka was arrested in the bank on a warrant obtained by a bonding company. He refused to make a statement.

The Workingman's Savings and Trust Company is patronized by thirty Germans.

TAFT VISITS LURTON

Ignores Precedent by Calling at Judge's Hotel.

Washington, Jan. 4.—President Taft took away the breath of those who have maintained that the days of Jeffersonian simplicity have long departed and that the administration is taking on all the characteristics of a European court, when he paid a call on Judge Horace H. Lurton, the newly appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. It is an unwritten law that new officials shall first pay their call of respect at the White House.

GRAFT IS SPIRIT OF AGE, SAYS JUSTICE

At Least 40 Per Cent., Says Judge Howard, Criticizing Ashokan Condemnation System

REDUCES COMPENSATION \$2,200

Declares the "Whole Project of the Condemnation of Land in the Ashokan Valley is Characterized by Waste, Disorder and Confusion."

Troy, N. Y., Jan. 4.—"The age of patriotism has yielded to the age of commercialism. Uppercrust in the human mind to-day is not the Stars and Stripes, but the dollar-mark."

Such is the assertion of Supreme Court Justice Wesley O. Howard of Troy, in an opinion fixing the compensation of the members of a commission of three appointed by him to appraise damages to property along highroads resulting from the construction of the Ashokan reservoir in Ulster county to yield a water supply for New York city. Justice Howard reduces the compensation of the commissioners from \$5,000 each to \$2,800, and remarks that "if expedition and integrity instead of slothfulness and rapacity were the law of the Ashokan Valley no fault would be found with the daily wages paid."

"While the commissions furnish avenues for the reckless escape of many dollars, there are other channels of leakage and waste fully as appalling," says Justice Howard. "It is greatly to be regretted that no public enterprise can be projected and consummated without this appalling loss called 'graft.' Graft is not necessarily an illegal expenditure of money, but it is that unnecessary, wasteful use which characterizes the construction of every public venture. At least 40 per cent. of all the money appropriated for public use is lost in graft. All things could be possible if this frightful loss could be stopped—roads, canals, bridges, asylums and hospitals—all these could be built out of graft, could it only be saved."

"If I were asked if I do not seek to charge any particular individual with responsibility for the direct public attention to any such source. Indeed, I do not believe that any particular individual or class of individuals is responsible. Graft is a product of our times and institutions. It is the people who are responsible, for by prescription they seem to have lost, or to believe that they have lost, their title to integrity. They expect graft, and even spoil and booty, to justify their resources whenever any great undertaking is ventured by them and they look with complacency and toleration and indifference at ravages upon their property."

"Graft is as much an element to be reckoned with in computing the cost of a public structure as is cement or lumber. It has come to be a matter of course. The rake-off—a loss recognized by all who make estimates of cost in such cases, figure out what a private corporation like a railroad can construct a public undertaking for, and 40 per cent. of the cost of the enterprise. A public structure built honestly would be a freak."

Justice Howard asserts that the "whole project of the condemnation of land in the Ashokan Valley is characterized by waste, disorder and confusion. There is no system and no plan for doing anything. Nobody seems to be in charge of the matter, and the result is an endless muddle and mix-up."

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wholesale Prices of Farm Products Quoted for the Week.

MILK—Per quart, 4 1/2c.
BUTTER—Western, extra, 37@38c.; State dairy, 29@29c.
CREAM—State, Fair to choice, 32@37 1/2@38c.
EGGS—State, Fair to choice, 32@37c.; do, western firsts, 26@31c.
APPLES—Baldwin, per bbl., \$2.25@3.75.
DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, per lb., 12@20c.; Cocks, per lb., 12 1/2@13c.; Squabs, per dozen, \$1.50@4.25.
HAY—Prime, per 100 lbs., \$1.00.
STRAW—Long Run, per 100 lbs., 75@85c.
POTATOES—State, per bbl., \$1.50@1.75.
ONIONS—White, per crate, 27@50c.
FLOUR—Spring patents, \$5.50@6.00; Sifting patents, \$5.40@5.70.
WHEAT—No. 2, red, \$1.27 1/2@1.27 3/4; No. 1, Northern Duluth, \$1.24 1/2.
COAL—No. 2, 62@71c.
OATS—Natural, white, 48@51c.; Chip, per 2 white, 49@53c.
BEEFES—City Dressed, 8@11 1/4c.
CALVES—City Dressed, 11@16c.
SHEEP—Per 100 lbs., \$3.50@5.15.
LAMBS—Per 100 lbs., \$7.50@9.00.
HOGS—Live, per 100 lbs., \$8.00@8.75; Country Dressed, per lb., 19 1/2@22c.