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LINES TIGHTEN ON BEEF TRUST

Judge Landis, in Charge of the Grand Jury, Opens the Fight in Chicago

SAYS HE STARTED THE HUNT

Declares That He Mentioned It to District Attorney on Jan. 20 and on Jan. 22 Washington "Functionaries" Told of Anti-Trust Plans.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—In one of the most remarkable charges ever delivered to a Federal Grand Jury, Judge Kenesaw M. Landis formally launched the inquiry that is to be made into the alleged combination among the big Chicago packing concerns in restraint of trade.

Excoriating the Department of Justice at Washington in sizzling language, and referring to certain of its members as "governmental functionaries," Judge Landis deplored the forecast published in the newspapers concerning the plans of federal officials to place the Beef Trust under a legal fire and seek the conviction of those believed to be responsible for an illegal combine.

Such disclosures on the part of federal legal officials and the press, he asserted, not only tend to obstruct the orderly administration of justice, but also inflict a wrong upon any individual whose conduct is under scrutiny.

A stir was created in the court room when Judge Landis informed the members of the Grand Jury that he had reached the conclusion some time ago to call the attention of that body to "alleged circumstances and conditions" connected with the fresh meat inquiry. He said he called the attention of District Attorney Edwin W. Sims on January 20 to his plan of advising the grand jurors to consider the subject, and that two days thereafter long despatches came from Washington informing the public that the Department of Justice was fully primed for an attack on the "Beef Barons" that probably would land some of them behind the bars.

TAFT TO WAR ON THE TRUSTS.

Start Made in a Crusade of Wide Extent.

Washington, Jan. 31.—With the beef trust already under fire and the Standard Oil and American Tobacco Company cases in the hands of the Supreme Court, it was made known on high authority that the Administration is planning a crusade of "trust busting" such as this country has never seen since the passage of the Sherman anti-trust law about twenty years ago.

President Taft, it was made known, is waiting only for the decision of the Supreme Court in the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases before he begins his campaign against the trusts.

CHILDREN FORCED TO WORK.

High Prices of Food Driving Them from Schools at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Jan. 31.—High prices of meat and other foods are forcing children out of the schools into the factory and workshop. This statement was made to-day by W. W. Williams, State Factory Inspector. His office is filled with children who desire to quit school and go to work. Each must have a certificate from the Factory Inspector before being allowed to do so.

When children leave school to work, Inspector Williams inquires the reason, and almost without exception the great number of applicants in the last ten days, he says, have given the cost of living as the reason.

The applications for child labor permits have almost doubled for the first half of January, as compared with the previous month.

A HOLD-UP FAILS.

Engineer Opens Throttle Wide and Saves \$15,000.

Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 31.—Four men, armed with Winchester, attempted to hold up Lex Coleman, paymaster of the Knox Creek Lumber Company, near Devon. Coleman had \$15,000 in cash with him and was aboard a yard engine. The engineer threw the throttle wide open and dashed by the bandits, amid a shower of bullets.

Anti-Treating Bill Before Legislature. Trenton, N. J., Jan. 26.—Assemblyman Heritage for Gloucester, introduced a bill prohibiting treating in saloons or taverns. Mr. Heritage holds that much drinking would be averted if every man were compelled to pay for his own liquor.

Nip and Tuck.

Self-confidence is half the battle, but the other half generally makes you lose it.—Puck.

PANAMA LIBEL SUIT QUASHED BY COURT

Judge Hough Holds That the Circuit Court Lacks Jurisdiction Under the Storey Act.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 1.—After a running fire of argument with De Lancy Nicoll for the defense and Assistant District Attorney Wise for the Government, Judge Hough in the United States Circuit Court, quashed the indictment against The Press Publishing Company, publishers of The New York World, charging criminal libel in connection with the promulgation of stories about the purchase by the United States from France of the Panama Canal Company. The stories intimated that by virtue of tips passed out by ex-President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Taft at the time the negotiations were undertaken, an American syndicate that included Douglas Robinson, Mr. Roosevelt's brother-in-law; Charles P. Taft, President Taft's brother, and William Nelson Cromwell made a profit of some \$35,500,000 out of the \$10,000,000 the Government paid for the French company.

As there were no individual complainants in the case, the Government relied upon a statute called "the Storey Act," passed by Congress in 1825, amended down to 1898, making any crime on Government territory punishable in the Federal courts under the laws of the State in which the Government concession in question was located. In this way alone was the publication in The World susceptible of prosecution by the Government in the absence of an individual complainant. This was the first attempt to enforce the statute since the Storey law was passed.

PARIS FLOOD COST \$200,000,000.

Hundreds of Thousands Are Destitute and Hungry.

Paris, France, Jan. 31.—Official estimates place the damage already done by the great flood in France at \$200,000,000. The Seine is still rising, public buildings and residences are in danger of collapse and hundreds of thousands are homeless and hungry.

The flood has invaded the entire labyrinth of underground Paris, including the great extent of the catacombs. Subterranean streams flow under the centre of the city, new areas are inundated, many streets have been converted into yellow canals, pavements have caved in and half the city is in darkness and without heat.

Gallopings orderlies are bearing instructions which can no longer be sent by telephone.

Transportation is completely paralyzed. Whole streets are roped off as unsafe.

The bridges still stand, but traffic has been closed over more than half of them.

The flood has not spared the rich in its visitations. It imperils some of the most fashionable districts.

The death rate also is growing at a frightful rate. Scarlet fever has appeared among the refugees at Ivry.

FARMER BEARS THE LOSS.

Packers Take None of the Reduction in Meat and Butter.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 31.—The meat boycott is hitting the farmer instead of the beef trust, and instead of the great corporation suffering it is making money out of the people by purchasing its live stock at lower prices and selling at the old prices. The same conditions prevail in the butter market, which is controlled by the packers and in which the reduction in prices is added on to the farmers.

At the South Omaha stock yards cattle, sheep and hogs are bringing less than ten days ago, but the wholesale price of fresh meats has not changed.

Omaha is the largest producer of butter in the world. When prices dropped six cents a pound to-day an announcement was sent to all dairymen that beginning to-morrow they will get a proportionately lower price for their cream, thus throwing all the loss on the farmers.

TRAIN TWICE KILLS ON TRIP.

Hits Woman at One Crossing and Auto Party at Another.

Mansfield, Ohio, Feb. 1.—Pennsylvania train No. 9, west bound, struck and instantly killed Mrs. Roy Covert, and fatally injured her husband, at a crossing near Loudonville. Proceeding further train struck an automobile on the outskirts of Crestline, a few miles away, and killed J. H. Sigler, sixty, and Charles Eichelberger, both of Hayesville. Curtis Doerrer, who was in the same automobile, had a shoulder crushed and a leg broken and received internal injuries.

The automobile, which ran from the rear of a freight directly in front of the express, was lifted high in the air.

Right.

A man may not resent an aspersion against himself, but he will defend the accuracy of his thermometer to his last breath.—Topeka Capital.

OFFERS A ROYALTY FOR ALASKA COAL

John E. Ballaine Says Government Would Get \$50,000,000 by Suggested Lease

A REVENUE OF \$8,000,000,000

Proposal Made in Opposition to Bill Practically Giving Lands Away—Fighting \$10 an Acre Lease Plan Which is Under Advisement.

Washington, Feb. 1.—A new factor appeared in the already excited situation over the Alaska coal lands, on the eve of the beginning of the Balminger-Pinchot investigation, which largely concerns that question. John E. Ballaine of Seattle, said to be the largest individual property owner in Alaska, has proposed to the Senate Committee on Territories, of which Senator Beveridge is Chairman, to pay the Government a royalty of 50 cents a ton on coal mines for the lease of 5,000 acres of some of the choicest coal lands in Alaska. Such a royalty would net to the Government, Mr. Ballaine says, as high as \$2,000,000 a hundred acres.

This proposal is made in opposition to another proposition embodied in a bill which has been prepared, but not yet introduced, designed to permit the sale or lease of such lands at \$10 an acre. It is said that the general features of this plan have the approval of officials high in the Administration and of influential members of both houses of Congress.

Mr. Ballaine offers to enter into a bond of \$1,000,000 with the Government for the performance of his part of the agreement which he proposes, and charges that "other interests" have now at work in Washington a lobby "headed by a former United States Senator" in support of the bill referred to above, under whose provisions the Government would extend an unconditional guarantee to a railroad or railroads which these interests purpose to build in Alaska, and would virtually donate to them at \$10 per acre one or more tracts of 5,000 acres each to be selected by them.

Mr. Ballaine quoted the United States Geological Survey as stating in one of its recent reports that there are 16,000,000,000 tons of coal in sight in the known coal areas of Alaska and probably at least as much again in regions yet unexplored, and he pointed out that the leasing of these areas on a royalty basis such as he was offering for an area of only 5,000 acres would ultimately bring to the Government a net revenue from that source exceeding \$3,000,000,000.

PLUCK AVERTED FLOOD.

How Austin, Pa., was Saved from Disaster Like That of Johnstown.

Austin, Pa., Jan. 31.—Heroic work by men of Austin has saved this town from a disaster similar to that which almost wiped out Johnstown twenty years ago.

A concrete dam, restraining a huge volume of water, showed signs of giving way yesterday, and three hundred families went to the hills where they remained all last night.

When the break was discovered, however, a large gang of workmen, assisted by many volunteers, set to work blasting one end of the breast of the dam. Others, at the risk of their lives, worked all night trying to reach a release valve at the bottom of the dam. They finally succeeded, and the water was gradually released until all danger was passed.

PREDICTS A WORSE PANIC.

Prof. Carver Thinks That the Food Problem Will Bring It.

Boston, Feb. 1.—Prof. Thomas Nelson Carver of Harvard, who predicted the panic of 1907, is quoted in a local newspaper as saying that the high prices of foodstuffs and the meat boycott are only the forerunners of a great financial panic which must come in a year or two.

"I will stake my reputation as an economist that in 1912 or 1913 this country will undergo one of the worst panics in its history," he went on. "The supply of foodstuffs in this country is becoming gradually, but surely less than the demands of the public, and in my mind in not many years the United States will of necessity be obliged to import a large quantity of its meat and other foodstuffs."

Looking Out for Grandma.

They are considerate youngsters in Nottingham, as most people know, says London Tit-Bits. A little boy whose grandmother had just died wrote the following letter, which he duly posted:

"Dear Angels—We have sent you grandma. Please give her a harp to play, as she is short winded and can't blow a trumpet."

WORLD NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Covering Minor Happenings From All Over the Globe

DOMESTIC.

In New York City, a burglar murdered Moses Gootman, a prosperous manufacturer, wounded his son Isaac, a lawyer, and escaped.

Joseph F. Shipp, ex-Sheriff of Chattanooga, Tenn., who has just been released from the federal jail in Washington for contempt of the United States Supreme Court, was enthusiastically received on his return to his home town.

The federal inquiry into the meat packing industry was formally begun in Chicago; it was apparent that it would be national in scope.

Thomas M. Osborne, of Buffalo, N. Y., resigned his \$15,000 position on the up-State Public Service Commission to devote all his time to organizing the Democratic League and strengthening the party in the State.

Ten of the largest milk retailing companies announced that eight cents a bottle would be their price for milk in future.

Innocent investors who lost heavily by the collapse in Hocking Coal and Iron are planning to sue the members of the pool, who they claim are responsible for their losses.

The United States Steel directors declared a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent, on the common stock with an extra dividend of 3-4 of 1 per cent.

Warner M. Van Norden, President of the Van Norden Trust Company, accused two women of the theft of \$28,000 from his pocket.

Herbert J. Dennison, a magician who has been in insane asylums, was arrested, in the belief he was the murderer of little Robert Lomas and Arthur Shibley.

President Cortelyou of the Consolidated Gas Company, of New York, in his annual report said the earnings were 3.73 per cent; that the expected increase in gas consumption from the 80-cent law has not taken place. The company may again appeal to the courts.

The Alexander Campbell Milk Company, of Brooklyn, reduced the price of milk to eight cents.

WASHINGTON.

The House Committee on Post Office and Post Roads seeks February 8 as the last day for magazine postage hearing.

Many of the ablest lawyers in the country take a hand in the test of the corporation tax law before the Federal Supreme Court.

Free imports under the Payne law have reached \$700,000,000, or more than half of all the imports.

President Taft, angry, sent Wade Ellis, assistant to the Attorney-General, to Chicago to push the Beef Trust inquiry.

President Taft is working to place prosperity on a sound basis, advocating national incorporation as a refuge for harassed trusts.

The fortifications appropriation bill was passed by the Senate and a measure creating a new national forest in Montana was considered.

President Taft issues a statement denying sensational stories of an impending, indiscriminate prosecution of important industries.

It was announced that President Taft is preparing a special message on the high cost of living.

Robert L. O'Brien, editor of the Boston Transcript, says it is plain the government's postal loss comes from magazine transmission and urges a complete departmental overhaul.

Washington reports a growing fear of the attitude of Mr. Taft and Attorney General Wickersham by the trusts.

FOREIGN.

Britons seem to be agreed that the elections settled two things—that the budget must pass and that the power of the peers must be limited.

The Seine continues to fall slowly, but conditions in Paris and the towns on the river below the capital have not improved; thousands of persons have been rescued and fed by troops and volunteers; many looters have been shot.

Lima, Peru, presented William J. Bryan with a gold medal and also gave Mrs. Bryan a medal studded with diamonds and rubies.

The United States Banking Company of Mexico City suspended.

The floods in Paris continued to rise at the rate of half an inch of water an hour, and no immediate relief is expected.

Lord Minto, in opening the Imperial Legislative Council of India, in Calcutta, warned the members that the preachings of the revolutionary press would not be allowed.

A special dispatch from London says it is now estimated that the Liberals will have a majority of 118, including Laborites and Nationalists, in the next House of Commons.

The food situation in France is becoming desperate, Premier Briand declares.

Immense Rosebush.

A rosebush in a garden at Freiburg, Germany, covers 99 square yards and bears 10,000 buds.