

SECRETS SACRED.

But Steel Trust Concedes to House Probers.

STANLEY DEMANDS ALL BOOKS

President Farrell of United States Steel Corporation Would Create Board to Give Publicity to Corporation Affairs With Power to Forbid Unreasonable Price Making.

Washington, Jan. 23.—A threat that the special committee of the house would force the United States Steel corporation, if necessary, to yield certain records bearing on the cost of producing iron and steel products was the feature of Chairman Stanley's examination of James J. Farrell, president of the corporation, who appeared as a witness before the steel investigating committee.

Mr. Stanley's threat came at the conclusion of a long wrangle over the cost sheets of the steel corporation. President Farrell repeatedly insisted that he had no objection to the submission of such records for the perusal of the committee, but that he did object to the general publication of what he characterized as "trade secrets."

"We will get these records," declared Chairman Stanley to Mr. Farrell, "if there is any power left in the government to attain such an end."

Like all the witnesses of the steel corporation who have appeared in this inquiry, President Farrell was led into the field of speculation and conjecture and was finally invited to give his views as to what laws had been passed to correct alleged evils in corporate management.

The upshot of the proceedings was an agreement that the steel corporation would submit to the committee compilations showing general average costs and that the committee statistician should have access, if he so desired, to the original records from which these compilations were made.

President Farrell took issue with other corporation officials who have appeared as to the kind of laws that should be passed to regulate corporations. He disagreed with the view of Judge Gary, Andrew Carnegie and others that the government should fix the prices for industrial concerns. He said the exercise of such a power would prove impracticable. Mr. Farrell recommended the creation of a board that would give publicity to the affairs of corporations and suggested that such a board should have the power of forfeiture if it were shown that an industrial corporation sold at unreasonably high rates.

ONE WAY TO CURB TRUST.

Commissioner of Corporations Makes Report on Steel Prices.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The segregation of the United States Steel corporation's great railway holdings from the corporation itself is the radical recommendation thrown out by Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, in the second installment of his report to the president on the steel industry of the country.

The report contains material of a more vital bearing on the dissolution suit undertaken by the government against the steel trust than the report which Mr. Smith made public several months ago. This second report deals with the costs of production. In it the commissioner of corporations holds that the United States Steel corporation is making a decidedly excessive profit on its ore deposits. The profits on ore, Mr. Smith charges, have not been based on competitive conditions, but have been established by agreement among the large interests holding the ore properties. These excessive prices, the commissioner adds, have put the iron and steel market of the country on an "inflated cost and price basis, to the probable disadvantage of the consumer."

"This situation," says Commissioner Smith, "clearly raises the question whether the interests of the public may not require the segregation of those railroad properties from the steel corporation. It might be argued that such a segregation would simply mean that the control of these railroads would remain in the hands of the interests who dominate the policy of the steel corporation. Such segregation, however, at least would prevent the transfer of the profits from these railroads to the treasury of the steel corporation. It would thus stop what is unquestionably an evil, and that is the imposition of high rates upon competitors' shipments, which puts them at a great disadvantage, while at the same time forcing them, by reason of this very fact, to contribute unduly to the profits of the steel corporation on transportation. If the connection between these railroads and the steel corporation were dissolved there would be no inducement to the steel corporation as such to make unreasonable rates. On the contrary, there would be an inducement to keep these rates at a reasonable level. Under this arrangement, moreover, the iron and steel making concerns using these railroads would be substantially on an equal basis so far as transportation is concerned."

Weather Probabilities.
Cloudy on the coast; local rains or snow in the interior today; Wednesday fair.

DR. HARVEY W. WILEY.

Exonerated on Conspiracy Charge by House Probers.



Washington, Jan. 23.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley is held "not guilty" of conspiracy to evade the law in a report filed with the house by the committee which conducted an investigation last August into the charges upon which President Taft was asked to dismiss him.

The Wiley investigation arose from the charges made in the agricultural department that Dr. Wiley, Dr. W. D. Bigelow and Dr. L. E. Kebler, all of the bureau of chemistry, had secretly arranged with Dr. Rusby so that the latter need work only eight days in the year for an annual salary of \$1,000. This was declared to be a deliberate evasion of the established limit of \$9 per diem.

WOULD RECALL JUDGES.

La Follette Opposes "Legislation by Supreme Court."

New York, Jan. 23.—Senator Robert M. La Follette, the progressive Republican candidate for the nomination for the presidency, made his maiden speech in New York as the guest of the Insurgents' club at Carnegie hall.

He delighted an audience, which seemed to comprise many Socialists, by declaring that the recall of judges, which he advocated, should apply to the supreme court of the United States as well as to other courts.

He did not make this as an admission. He boomed it out in reply to a question from the gallery and said that when the federal supreme court "attempted to read into the Sherman law words that congress itself had refused to put into the law the supreme court there departed from its province as a court and attempted legislation." He said that it was to protect the courts against such transgressing of bounds that the recall of the judges was designed.

"I would see the judiciary kept so clean," the senator continued, "that never a breath of suspicion could be cast upon it. Deny the people the right to apply the recall to the judiciary and you confirm their suspicions against the judiciary."

KNOX KEEPS STATE SECRETS.

Refuses to Tell What He Did With \$20,000 Fund.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Secretary of State Knox appeared before the house committee on expenditures in the state department, in which Representative Hamlin of Missouri is chairman, and refused all information concerning the expenditure of \$20,000 appropriated by congress for the Lake Champlain centennial celebration in 1910.

This fund was expended under the direction of the state department. Mr. Knox based his refusal on the executive order issued by President Taft last summer, when the committee was probing the Bay portrait mystery. This order prohibits officials of the state department from giving information to anybody about expenditures certified by the secretary of state as "secret."

CENSURE FRENCH OFFICIAL.

President of Chamber of Deputies and Greek in Near Fight.

Constantinople, Jan. 23.—Before the closing of the chamber of deputies the president, who became angry at the interruptions of a Greek, Bussios, during the reading of the conscript law, threatened to throw him out of the chamber. Bussios threatened to retaliate if any such action was taken against him.

The dispute was settled before anything happened, but the opposition passed a vote of censure on the president for his actions.

MRS. ELMA L. WILSON DIES.

Mother of Ambassador to Mexico Stricken With Paralysis Last Fall.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Elma Lane Wilson, mother of Henry Lane Wilson, ambassador to Mexico, and John J. Wilson, former United States senator from the state of Washington, is dead at her home here at the age of eighty-one.

Mrs. Wilson was stricken with paralysis last fall, since which time she has been confined to her bed.

WILL VISIT TAFT.

Duke of Connaught to Pay Respects to President.

GOES TO CAPITAL THURSDAY.

Governor General of Canada Finds New York of Today Radically Different From City He Saw Nearly Fifty Years Ago When as Prince Arthur He Visited America.

New York, Jan. 23.—Revisiting New York after nearly half a century, the Duke of Connaught, Canada's governor general and the uncle of England's king, finds the city changed amazingly since. As young Prince Arthur he was shown about by William Butler Duncan. No sightseer ever accepted impressions more eagerly than the duke. He mingled with the throngs in Fifth avenue, taking a long walk accompanied only by his aid-de-camp.

His stay in this country will include, after all, a visit to President Taft on Thursday. The announcement of the change of plans was made somewhat unexpectedly, after the duke had ascertained that the president would be in the White House next Thursday afternoon and that the visit would not upset any of the president's arrangements.

The governor general was solicitous as to that. At the time he accepted Ambassador Reid's invitation to come here informally the duke had in mind also the possibility of a call on the president of the United States, but, being familiar with the unelastic programs of chief executives and having in mind especially President Taft's frequent absences from Washington, the duke did not desire to tie the president to the White House if the president had made other arrangements for any particular day.

On arriving he learned from Ambassador Reid, however, that the president would be free to receive him on Thursday and that the president had expressed an earnest wish that he find it convenient to extend his visit to Washington. So Colonel H. C. Lowther, the Duke of Connaught's military secretary, arranged the details, acting through Courtenay W. Bennett, the British consul general. At the same time the colonial office in London was notified that the governor general would call on the president.

Accompanied by Colonel Lowther, the duke will leave New York on Thursday for Washington. The British ambassador, James Bryce, will be the duke's host at dinner that evening. The duke and Colonel Lowther will leave Washington for New York on the midnight train. The visit to the president lengthens by one day the duke's stay in this country. He will start for Ottawa Friday evening.

Those acting for the duke in arranging the visit to the president dismissed as absurd any comment that the change of plan was caused by any feeling in Washington that the duke should not leave the United States without calling on the president, or that there had been a suggestion from London that a call on the president would be advisable. The reason was simply as stated—that the duke learned that the president would not be inconvenienced in the slightest degree.

DON'T FEAR BOYCOTTERS.

Price of Butter Still High Despite Efforts of Mrs. Heath.

New York, Jan. 23.—The projected mass meeting of the butter boycotters, under the direction of Mrs. Julian Heath's League of Housewives, has not as yet appreciably terrorized local dealers. The price of butter has not dropped, and retail grocers smile and shrug their shoulders when the boycott is mentioned.

Mrs. Heath has received more than 300 letters from persons who pledged themselves to eat dry bread until butter cheapens.

"These people who think they can defy an organized movement of New York women will see what they will see," she said. "We wouldn't have a bit of trouble disciplining them if the farmers within a radius of fifty miles were only more enterprising."

WILLIAM W. SHERMAN DIES.

Father of Lady Camoys Had Been Ill Several Months.

New York, Jan. 23.—William Watts Sherman, whose daughter, Miss Mildred Sherman, became the bride of Lord Camoys last November and who had been ill several months, is dead at his home on Fifth avenue.

His family, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gillespie, Mrs. Norrie Sellar and Mrs. Harold Brown were at the bedside.

TALE OF THE WEATHER.

Observations of the United States weather bureau taken at 8 p. m. yesterday follow:

	Temp.	Weather.
New York	37	Cloudy
Albany	28	Cloudy
Atlantic City	36	Clear
Boston	36	Cloudy
Buffalo	24	Cloudy
Chicago	36	Cloudy
St. Louis	52	Clear
New Orleans	54	Cloudy
Washington	46	Clear

DR. RUPERT BLUE.

New Surgeon General of Public Health and Marine Hospitals.



AVIATOR PAGE KILLED.

Falls to Death Before Crowd at Los Angeles Meet.

Los Angeles, Jan. 23.—Aviator Ruth-erford Page fell from a height of 150 feet and was fatally injured at Dominguez field.

Page landed within a few hundred feet of the hangars in full sight of the horror stricken spectators in the stand. He was taken to the field hospital, but died just as he arrived there. Page was twenty-five years of age. He was given his pilot's license at Dayton, O., less than a month ago.

Page had left his hangar to ascend for an altitude flight. He had ascended but 300 feet when it became evident that he had lost control of his machine. Suddenly the craft turned turtle. At an elevation of 150 feet it seemed to stop and hover, then it shot down to the ground at a sickening speed.

MORE EXPLOSION EVIDENCE.

Federal Grand Jury Hears Woman Who Boarded Dynamiters.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Alla Hawkins, at whose house the dynamiters who wrecked the Von Spreckelson buildings in this city boarded for several days, and Ernest Basey, the walking delegate of the ironworkers who was in frequent conference with the dynamiters, were before the federal jury. Patrick Fitzpatrick, a former member of the ironworkers and living here, but who has been away for more than a year, was another witness whose presence excited much interest.

According to Mrs. Hawkins' story, he left her house on the night of the Von Spreckelson explosion in company with three strangers in an automobile. Returning, she says, he told her she would hear a big noise that night.

According to John Halfman, a saloonkeeper, Basey is the man who paid the rent and made all arrangements for two strangers, who kept in seclusion above the saloon for three weeks prior to the explosion. Halfman was one of the witnesses before the grand jury.

See that misty blue gray haze?

Notice we have shorter days?

See the carpets on the line?

Hear the chestnut vendor's whine?

See the red leaves on the vine?

See the busy moving van?

Hear the hot tamale man?

Feel in need of some good pill?

See the lights of vaudeville?

Notice oysters on the bill?

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