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Corporation Publicity

When a paper like the Wall Street Journal speaks about matters financial, it may be believed that the view is a fair one not only to the corporations but to the people. In a recent issue it takes occasion to say the following things about publicity and corporations.

THIS NEWSPAPER BELIEVES THAT PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO HAVE ANY BUSINESS SECRETS AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATIONS ONLY SUCH SECRETS AS COULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC WITHOUT DAMAGING THEIR LEGITIMATE BUSINESS.—THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

And we hold to the same view, particularly about public service corporations. The public service corporation dealing as it does with the necessities of life, and being a form of specialization of function for the whole people in contradistinction to a single class, must have a greater duty to the whole people than any other business form.

When a company does business under a franchise it thereby admits from the inception that it is a servant of the people.

Therefore the public has every right to know the status of the company is. And this is true especially when the company is in the act of renewing its franchise, its contract, in raising its rates, or when certain things are asked of the public service corporation in its capacity of public servant. This is for the protection of the people and the protection of the corporation.

It usually happens, however, that the public service corporation is not anxious to show the condition of its books and usually does not do so unless it is forced to by law.

The only other times that it does so, as a rule, is when the public service corporation is actually being done an injustice or even threatened with it. Then the information comes out with a rush, showing that the company is going to lose money. Then that evidence appears in court along with an injunction or what not.

This rule has been so consistent in America that it is safe to say that when a corporation is reticent about its financial status, it is afraid that the facts will be learned.

Why should it be afraid?

Locally this has several applications. The one closest to hand is in the granting of a renewal of contract with the Water Works Company. No new contract should be entered into with the company without full and complete information about the financial status of that public service corporation.

A great and useful instrument of transportation is dedicated to the public service.

But William Gibbs McAdoo never made a plan nor penciled a design with greater accuracy than he displays in something else as important as all his tunneling, all his building, all his financing, in the ultimate bringing of his ideal to full fruition.

For he has formulated the one right doctrine of corporate duty, expediency and wisdom—a doctrine that, carried into execution, will mean bigger and bigger dividends for these tubes, more tunnels whenever and wherever he advises the digging, more capital at his command at any time he needs it. For he has the secret of gaining the greatest asset that any public service corporation can hope to possess. And he told that secret in these simple words to the cheering people at the City Hall in Jersey City:

We believe in "the public be pleased" policy as opposed to that of the "public be damned." We believe the railway is best which serves the people best; that recent treatment of the public evokes decent treatment from the public; that recognition by the corporation of the just rights of the people results in recognition by the people of the just rights of the corporation. A square deal for the people and a square deal for the corporation. The latter is as essential as the former, and they are not incompatible.—Philadelphia North American.

Items Gathered in From Far and Near

The Coming Boom.
From the Columbus Ohio State Journal.—The stock market continues to point the way to tremendous industrial prosperity. Already very high, security prices show a pronounced tendency to go higher with the practical completion of tariff legislation. In some conspicuous instances quotations are already far above what is warranted by present business conditions on dividend return. It may be sheer manipulation which has put them there, but none the less they show what the financial experts of the country think of the way things are tending. The stock market always keeps ahead of the realities. The steel industry reports steadily increasing activity. The output of the mills is still considerably below normal but each month records a substantial gain. Railroad earnings show consistent and in some cases remarkable advances. The general trade reports are all optimistic. If not as yet enthusiastic. The final disposition of the tariff agitation this week may increase the momentum a little but the great influence is the crop situation. When it is known with a reasonable degree of certainty that the country is to be blessed with bumper crops the big boom will be on.

New Law on Near-Butter.
From the New York World.—If the law which went yesterday into effect should work rigidly, oleomargarine will be driven from its last secret haunt in the state of New York. Restaurant and boarding-house keepers using the make-believe butter must confess their indulgence openly hereafter by legends on the walls, lines on the menu cards and stamps on the separate pats placed before customers. "Oleomargarine used here" joins itself to "Tel on parle Francais," "Hier wird Deutsch gesprochen" and other signs of convenience in a great city. This regulative act of the state completes the round of restrictive legislation begun by congress. Necessarily the national pure-food laws left an aperture in the hedge. It was provided that oleomargarine traveling about the country in the original packages should be labeled and should pay a special tax for being colored like butter. Dealers buying the stuff in

quantities knew what they were getting. But when the mock butter began to be cut up into portions for boarding-house and restaurant patrons the chances came for substitution and silence. These opportunities the new law cuts off.

Dollars and Ribbons.
From the New York World.—Those American dollars won by the Wrights in their government test will go well with the new ribbons they have just received from France as Chevaliers of the Legion of Honor.

Tropical Government.
From the Springfield Republican.—The rule in tropical republics seems to be for the president to ship the cash first and resign afterward.

Might Dig-Dig There.
From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.—Probably no truth in the report that the faunal naturalist will send his dig-dig antelopes to work in Panama.

Poor Married Men.
From the Cleveland Leader.—The women of Spokane held a "husband show." We are glad that husbands are getting a show at last.

TWINKLES
(BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.)
Abdul the Roasted.
"I wonder," said one Young Turk, "why they spared Abdul Hamid's life."
"Because," answered the other, "it is forbidden to speak ill of the departed, and in his case we couldn't afford any such obligation."

Unsubstantial.
"Don't you know that wine is a mocker?"
"Well," answered Col. Stilwell, "I hadn't thought of it in some time. But as a thirst-quencher I have always regarded it as a hollow mockery."

Seaside Sport.
It's a jolly old game you have oft played before
When bathing you go with hilarious din;
The sea nettle chases you out on the shore
And the merry mosquito will chase you back in.

Diverted Attention.
"Do you attend that college professor's lectures?"
"No," answered the student; "I find the things he says in printed interviews much more interesting."

MASONIC CALENDAR.
Saturday, August 7.—Loyal Chapter No. 49, O. E. S. Stated meeting.

Babies Defy Heat—Remedy FREE
The summer is a very trying time for children. The child that is not robust becomes weaker still from the wilting heat, while the full blooded baby breaks out with sores and pimples because its blood is overheated. Then it also has to contend with the germs in food, water and fruit—the annual summer dangers. If your child has any of the troubles due to summer weather, such as eruptions, itchy skin, worms, diarrhea, "summer complaint," etc., give it a dose of DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPIN tonight before putting it to bed. When the remedy acts, for it is a wonderful vegetable compound and in the opinion of thousands of mothers the best laxative tonic to be had, the child will quickly recover from its ailment. It will eat better and sleep better; it will want to play and not act peevish, and purgative waters, tablets and pills are too violent for children. DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPIN is not only pleasant to the taste, but it acts gently and without griping. A single bottle has often saved an entire family from serious sickness, for the basis of health is regular bowel movement and good digestion. A bottle of this remarkable cure can be had of any druggist at 50 cents or \$1. Thousands of families are never without it.

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CRUMPACKER IS OFF COMMITTEE

Cannon Dropped Representative from Ways and Means Committee.

A REBUKE FOR HIS WORK

NOT DESIRED BECAUSE HE STOOD CONSISTENTLY FOR PARTY PLEDGES CONCERNING TARIFF REVISION.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Speaker Cannon has announced the committees for the sixty-first congress. Representative Crumpacker's name was stricken from the ways and means committee and the Indiana man, who has stood consistently for tariff downward, will not participate in the framing of any more tariff bills as a member of the committee in which such measures originate.

The speaker allowed Mr. Crumpacker to remain at the head of the census committee and in the ranking position on the committee on insular affairs. Crumpacker had been a member of the ways and means committee more than a year. In the dying hours of the special session just before the committees were announced, the speaker handed down the following letter which he had received from Mr. Crumpacker and it was read from the clerk's desk:

"Washington, D. C., July 23, 1909.
"My Dear Sir—I hereby resign my position as a member of the Ways and Means committee to be effective at once.

"E. D. CRUMPACKER."

In the place on the ways and means committee occupied by Judge Crumpacker, the speaker appointed John W. Dwight of New York, the whip of the house and a faithful and tractable follower of the speaker.

Speaker's Indifference Shown.

Mr. Crumpacker's resignation from the ways and means committee caused somewhat of a sensation and he was plying with inquiries as to the meaning. The facts as learned from the Indiana member are as follows:

Two months ago he had a talk with the speaker in which he told Mr. Cannon that he would like to retain his membership on the ways and means committee and the chairmanship of the census committee and that he was not anxious to serve any longer on the committee on insular affairs.

He said further, that if the speaker in the distribution of committee favors found that it would not be desirable to retain him on both the census and ways and means committees, he would prefer to remain at the head of the census committee and give up the ways and means. The speaker did not indicate at that time what he would do.

WAS BIG CURIOSITY

Line of Caterpillars That Resembled Snake as It Crawled Along.

EXCITEMENT AT MILTON

Milton, Ind., Aug. 6.—A curiosity in the way of caterpillars was seen at James Coons' home yesterday. The caterpillars were probably a quarter of an inch long and were traveling single file in a long column and had the appearance of a snake. At the head they branched out and had the exact appearance of a double headed snake. As they traveled they formed curves like those of the snake which became more pronounced as they neared the end of the line. They were crawling near the doorstep outside the door and were first seen by Mrs. Coons, who called her husband, thinking it indeed a snake. Mr. Coons took a stick and divided them, and they would soon creep up and join the ranks again as though they were one solid line. He scalded them and when lengthened out, some were an inch long. Mr. Coons thinks they came from the ground.

"De man dat answers a gold brick circular," said Uncle Eben, "makes de old mistake. Instead o' tellin' Satan to git behind 'im, he thinks he kin git ahead o' Satan."

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