

GAS LOBBY SHOWS TEETH IN SENATE

The Interests Affected Have Headquarters in New York City.

(Palladium Special)

Indianapolis, Feb. 16.—The corporation lobby is showing its teeth in the senate. Members of that body who have dared to vote their convictions upon bills which the lobby did not like have been warned their bills will not be killed, unless they reversed their attitude upon certain measures.

The screws were turned several notches Wednesday, after the senate had by a bare constitutional majority passed Senator White's bill regulating the franchises of gas and lighting companies. The passage of the bill was the last work done by the senate Tuesday, and early Wednesday the lobby was on the floor of the senate. Carl Wood and Henry Marshall did most of the lobbying. The interests affected have their headquarters in New York City and they own and operate a string of gas and lighting plants in Indiana.

The White bill applies to fifth class cities and provides that where in such cities the gas or lighting companies have a perpetual franchise that is unrestricted as to rates and services the local authorities may amend the franchise by fixing a time for its expiration and also by fixing a maximum rate. The bill protects the companies by giving them the right to go into court and contest the reasonableness of the restrictions imposed upon them.

Several members of the senate who voted for the bill were approached and asked to move for its reconsideration. All refused, and some of them were threatened with the defeat of all bills in which they were personally interested unless they changed front. Senator Hauck who fought the bill in its passage, also took an active part in trying to get the bill reconsidered, although he made no threats against the bills of any senator.

The lobby has also taken to heart the passage of the Grube referendum bill and "pet" measures of members who voted for it have been marked for slaughter. The word has gone out among the close corporation crowd that the "evening up" process must begin and some of the independent thinking senators must be disciplined. This feeling was partially accountable for the bitterness that entered into the opposition to Shively's recall bill. Senator Carleton's seventy-five cent gas bill for Evansville is out of the running because of his attitude against the corporation clique, an Senator Gavit's Hammond court bill has been given the "kibosh" by the inner circle because of his voting for the Grube referendum and because of his support of the White gas bill. Other senators have been given a "quench" that they need not apply for assistance in getting their bills through.

There may be a sequel to the story however, for some of the senators under the corporation ban are getting "peed" and they may make some pointed and personal observations on the floor of the senate calculated to give the corporation lobby an uncomfortable feeling and make them less prominent in the legislative halls.

RICHMOND BYERS IS STILL MISSING

Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 16.—Dr. L. S. Byers, of Seelyville, Ind., has returned home from Ola, Okla., where he had gone in response to a telegram from J. L. McElroy, which stated that a boy held there was the missing Richmond Byers, son of the doctor, who was kidnapped May 29, 1904. Dr. Byers returned sadly disappointed. The lad was not his son.

The Oklahoma boy said he was kidnapped from his home somewhere in Indiana, and first taken to the hills of eastern Kentucky. Richmond Byers was five years old when he disappeared. Dr. Byers has again published broadcast the two distinctive marks of identification of the boy—a nick in his left ear and a crossed left eye.

TRUSTEES FOR BILL

Which Will Extend Their Terms Two Years.

UNITED STATES TO HAVE FIRST PLACE

Says South American Diplomat at the Pan American Trade Conference.

Washington, February 16.—Enthusiasm of the delegates to the Pan-American Commercial Conference was aroused Wednesday by the reading of a letter from Señor Don Francisco Borda, Minister to the United States from Colombia, in which he said the United States by the completion of the Panama Canal would become the "mistress of the strategic center of the world and the foremost nation of the globe."

Señor Borda was present while his letter was read, but made no speech. Many practical suggestions were offered by a score of speakers during the day's session of the conference. The merchants were advised to discontinue sending Spanish catalogues to Brazil, where Portuguese is spoken; to send only able salesmen to South American points, and above all to pack their goods well.

Just before adjournment the conference sent a message of congratulation to Senator Root, of New York, on attaining his sixty-sixth birthday, and expressed its gratitude for Mr. Root's work on behalf of Pan-American unity. Free tolls for American ships passing through the Panama Canal, or if necessary, a rate low enough to give American vessels a distinct advantage over foreign craft, were pointed out in speeches as of great moment to the future of trade between North and South America.

The especial relationship of the Panama Canal to the commerce of the world was the chief topic scheduled for discussion at the session of the Pan-American Commercial Conference. Description of the Pan-American field was continued, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, which were not taken up in Tuesday's program, remaining for Wednesday.

Among those who spoke were Charles M. Pepper, trade expert of the Bureau of Trade Relations; Bernard Baker of Baltimore; Wilbur J. Carr, Director of the Consular Service; F. W. Goding, United States Consul at Montevideo, Uruguay, and Francis B. Loomer, formerly Assistant Secretary of State.

FOURTEEN MILLION CATHOLICS IN U. S.

(American News Service)

Rome, Feb. 16.—The United States has 14,618,761 Roman Catholics, according to the official catholic directory just compiled. Indiana has 233,978; Kentucky, 147,607; New York state, 2,758,171.

SOUP FOR THE KIDS

Noon Day Lunch Feature for Local School.

To accommodate the students at the Garfield School who are accustomed to eat their noon-day lunch in the school building, arrangements are being made for the serving of soup and crackers for the nominal price of five cents. If it is found later that more can be added for the price it will be done. Supplies have been ordered and it is hoped to start the plan with in a short time.

It is an entirely new venture in the Richmond schools and something which has never been attempted before in this section of the country. It was originated by the Garfield school authorities to help out the cold lunches of the children.

The soup will be prepared in the kitchen of the school, and served in one of the rooms. A competent cook will be secured.

The plan is backed financially by Mrs. Mary T. R. Fouke and Mrs. Caroline B. Reeves who have gone guaranty in case a deficit is incurred. This is not regarded as likely.

VLADIVOSTOK NOW GETS THE PLAGUE

(American News Service)

Peek, Feb. 16.—The bubonic plague has been discovered in the Russian barracks at Vladivostok, according to report received from there today. Conditions in Northern Manchuria are slightly improved owing to a lessening of the virulence of the plague germs although there is no perceptible falling off in the number of new cases.

SENATE PASSED 9 R. R. MEASURES

(American News Service)

Indianapolis, Feb. 15.—The senate today passed nine railroad bills introduced by Senators Proctor and Nettieville. They were bunched.

FINED FOR ASSAULT.

John H. White, negro, was fined \$5 and costs for assault and battery on William Jones, also a negro, in police court this morning. Jones and White had a fight at Sixth and Main streets Tuesday night. William Hillard and Martin Consella were fined for drunk.

Ralston Breakfast Food

A 15¢ box makes 50 delicious breakfasts.

CONDITION OF POPE IS MUCH IMPROVED

(American News Service)

Rome, Feb. 16.—The physicians at noon posted this bulletin: "The Pope's symptoms are no longer grave; the fever has lessened, the throat inflammation increased. Rapid recovery is expected."

"I've Made 43 Millionaires"

Andrew Carnegie Remarks

New York, Feb. 16.—The young women employed by the Leslie-Judge company listened to a short talk by Andrew Carnegie. Mr. Carnegie visited the offices to thank John A. Siecher for the support which he had given to the peace movement. Concerning any eligible millionaires who might come around with matrimonial intentions, Mr. Carnegie said:

"Don't refuse a man simply because he is a millionaire. But I would rather be born poor than a millionaire, and I have had some experience in both directions. I have made forty-two or forty-three millionaires in my time, but I want to say that the only right a man has to wealth lies in his acquiring it by some useful labor. The great trouble with the wealth of to-day is that the sons of millionaires do not realize this very great necessity of being useful to the community."

Contrasting toll with the advantage of being born rich, Mr. Carnegie said: "The wives of most millionaires are not happy. They have too many luxuries and have no mental resources to fall back upon. Some of my partners have been unjustly criticized for what was not their fault, but the fault of their wives."

Mr. Carnegie then told the young women that he was very glad to see them so happy in their work. "Work that one is not glad to do," he asserted, "never amounts to anything. Smile all the time."

"I like to think of a story that was told me by Mr. Schwab. It was while they were having a little trouble down at Homestead, and the boys had ducked an old German in the river because he wouldn't leave the pumps. His name was Hans. Mr. Schwab met him, wet, bedraggled and looking the picture of distress."

"Mr. Schwab asked what was the matter. 'Oh, I got thrown in the river.'

Natural Talent.

"The teacher informs me that Mary Anderson Wombat has considerable dramatic talent."

"That's what. Why, that girl can't recite the multiplication table without making the most elegant gestures."

—Washington Herald.

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ROCKEFELLER SENDS WOMAN TO EUROPE

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Feb. 16.—Mrs. Emma Spellman Jones, for more than fifty years a resident of Ft. Wayne, but who moved to Chicago a year ago, has sailed for Holland to look after her interests in an estate there which has just been settled after litigation of many years. It is said the estate is valued at \$500,000.

The trip of Mrs. Jones is financed by John D. Rockefeller, the oil magnate, whose wife is an aunt of Mrs. Jones. The Rockefellers promptly gave financial assistance to Mrs. Jones when she submitted the situation to them. Mrs. Jones is the daughter of the Rev. R. D. Spellman, a pioneer Methodist clergyman, who was well known over Indiana.

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Here is told how to make a home-made syrup of cough syrup cheaply to stop a cough in five minutes. It is the best relief quickly and certainly. It is an effective cure, by its tonic laxative action and dramatic properties, which only relieve and then aggravate by their consolating effects.

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Empty it into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with a home-made syrup composed of one part of water and a half part of a half pint of boiling water. When the syrup is cool add it to the mentho-laxene.

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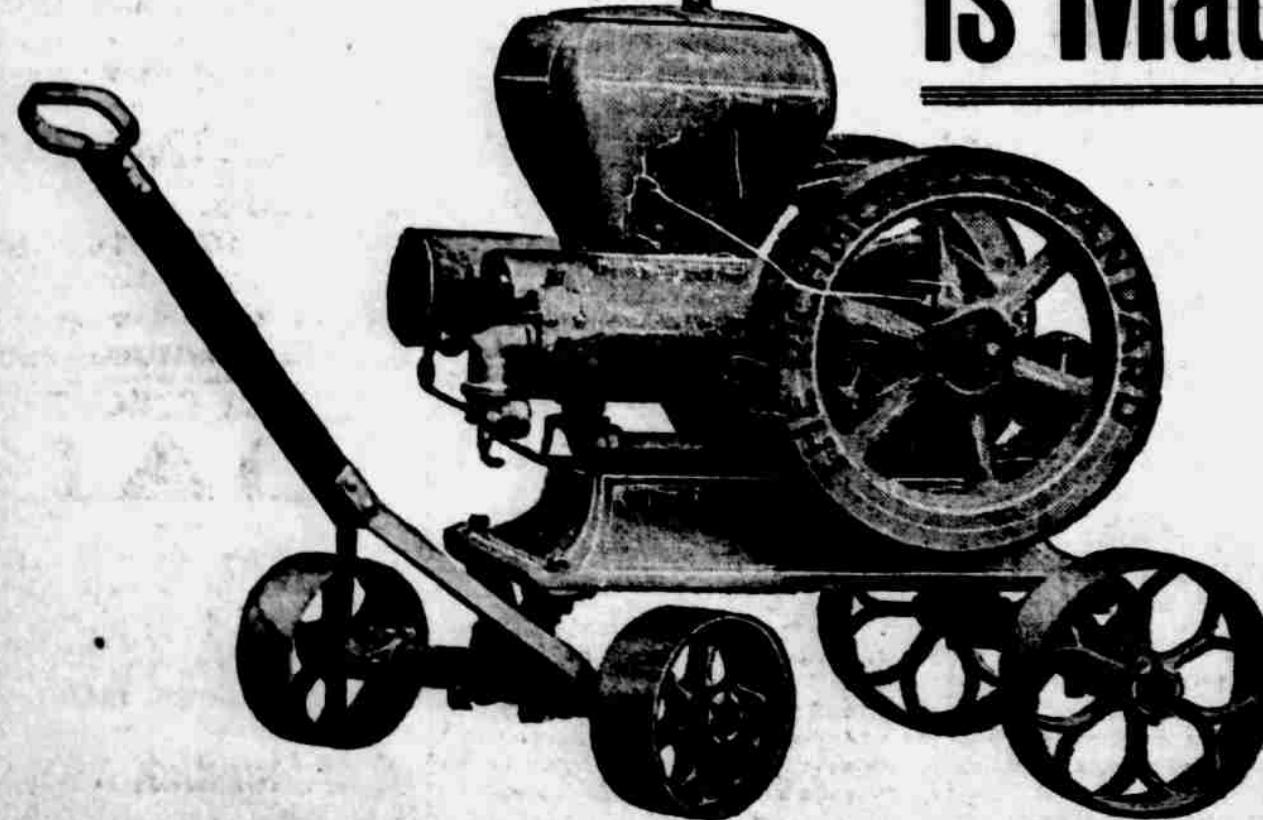
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