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INTERSTATE TRADE COMMISSION BILL

SENATE COMMITTEE DETERMINED TO GET ACTION ON ITS FRAMING

MAIN LEGISLATION

Consideration of all Amendments Limiting Size of Corporations Dropped

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 20.—Determined to get a decisive action on framing an interstate trade commission bill as the keystone of the administration's anti-trust legislative program, the senate committee on interstate commerce today decided to complete its revised draft of the measure within a few days. The finished draft, it was stated, will be submitted to President Wilson and Attorney General McReynolds, before the committee reports it to the senate, and conferences also will be held with members of the house sub-committee, which is working on the same task.

Today the committee is understood to have dropped consideration of all amendments which would limit the size of corporations that would come under the jurisdiction of the proposed commission. The president and attorney general, it was understood, had suggested that it would be difficult to frame any such exemption in terms of dollars or capitalization, and that proposed amendments to leave without the jurisdiction of a trade commission, firms under \$2,500,000 or \$5,000,000 would be impracticable.

Many members of the committee have held a similar view of the situation. It is proposed, however, to work out some plan whereby small corporations may be relieved of undue publicity in the equatorial processes of the board.

An amendment to the bill which would insure all actions of the commission being conducted by due process of law, will be approved by the committee tomorrow to complete its work if possible.

When this bill has been disposed of, the senate committee will confer with the house judiciary committee on the suggested legislation to supplement the Sherman law, with a view to revising tentative bills so that they will not in any way conflict with the anti-trust law, nor impair or complicate that statute.

Thomas B. Paton, of the American Bankers' Association, proposes before the house judiciary committee modifications of the bill to prohibit interlocking directorates, so that directors of banks might be permitted to serve in any number of banks, no two of which are located in the same city.

ANOTHER CASE OF KENTUCKY FEUD

Finding, Bank Ablass Farmer Ranks Out to Scene and is Instantly Killed

(By Associated Press.)

Barbourville, Ky., Feb. 20.—Arouse early today by a fire that was destroying his barn, Henry Fultz, a farmer living near here, rushed out of his home accompanied by his family, only to be met with a volley of bullets that killed Fultz instantly and injured several of the others. The motive for the shooting is unknown.

MRS. ROBERT STEVENSON.

Santa Barbara, Calif., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, wife of the famous novelist, died of apoplexy at her home in Monterey yesterday.

Doings of the Day in The State Legislature

Special Correspondence.

Columbia, Feb. 20.—The senate passed this morning, debating the Ziegler bill, but took no action on it. Lengthy debates on the Ziegler bill is regarded as a form of filibuster to keep the Erie two cents passenger rate bill from being put to a vote.

Despite a determined effort to defeat or delay the passage of the McCown bill allowing the commissioner of agriculture, sheriffs and rural policemen to accept passes on railroads the measure was passed to third reading today by the house after the motion to strike out the existing roads had been lost by a vote of 43 to 44. The house amended the bill by striking out rural policemen and providing that the sheriffs should not receive their passes unless in the actual discharge of their duties.

The McCown bill was opposed chiefly on the ground that the railroad companies would not give the sheriffs passes unless they got "value received" for them and if they did not get value received it would be a

PROTECTION IS DEMANDED

(By Associated Press.)

At a meeting held at El Paso, Tex., last night, addressed by and attended by a tremendous crowd, resolutions were adopted concluding as follows:

"Resolved, that this message be sent to the President of the United States, the British Ambassador at Washington and to our United States senators, with the request that it be read into the congressional record, and we appeal to them and to all our representatives of congress to adopt a resolution to compel the state department to transmit to Congress its record pertaining to the outrages committed against Americans and foreigners in Mexico and to take such action as will give our people the protection guaranteed them under the constitutional right and to maintain the honor and prestige of our country in the eyes of the world.

We appeal to you to make the facts known to the American people and to see that our citizens who are living in Mexico and have invested their money there in good faith are given the protection that is justly due them."

THREE TOWNS FILE PROTEST

Anderson and Spartanburg Gathered at Greenville Last Night to Consider Highway

It is necessary if there is to be any hope of preventing the "Capital to Capital" automobile highway passing by the three Piedmont towns, it was decided to hold a conference regarding this matter with the Greenville Chamber of Commerce last night. The call was sent out to Spartanburg and Anderson and both towns had representatives on hand when the meeting was called to order at nine o'clock last night. Porter A. Whaley, secretary of the Anderson Chamber of Commerce, was present to act for the city of Anderson.

The cities of Columbia, Augusta and Alken seem to have entered a combine to bring the route by their towns and thereby "pass up" the three Piedmont towns—Anderson, Spartanburg and Greenville.

Although no definite statement was forthcoming last night from the representatives present at the meeting, it is understood that action will be taken and every possible effort put forth to try to get the route for this section via the three best towns in the state.

LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 20.—G. F. Touchard and Dr. William Hosenbaum today won their places in the final round of the national indoor lawn tennis championship stories. Touchard, the playing-through champion, defeated B. M. Phillips, while Dr. Hosenbaum won from A. M. Lovinson.

In the doubles Touchard and W. B. Crawford secured the final round by defeating Phillips and J. M. Stinacher.

The semi-finals in the doubles will be played tomorrow. Alexander and Fell getting into action.

MEXICAN REBELS EXECUTE PROMINENT BRITISH SUBJECT

Charged With Threatening the Life of General Villa Wm. S. Benton is Court-Martialled and Executed—May Mean War

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 20.—A storm of indignation today broke along the border when it became known that William S. Benton, a British subject and wealthy landholder in Mexico, who disappeared Tuesday, had been executed by rebels in Juarez, after he had made protest to Gen. Francisco Villa about alleged deprivations of the constitutionalists.

A mass meeting was held tonight and resolutions adopted censuring the state department at Washington for its alleged suppression of the consular report of the Benton case and calling on Congress to demand from the department of state a full record of alleged crimes and outrages against foreigners in Mexico.

The meeting came as the climax of a day of excitement caused by news of the death of Benton. The meeting was first called for Cleveland square, but Mayor Kelly, in a letter to George Curry, former governor of New Mexico, asked him to rent a hall, as he regarded an open meeting as dangerous. The mayor said he would suppress any attempt to hold a meeting in the open. This was granted and the crowd was turned from Cleveland square to the building.

Former Governor George Curry, of New Mexico, was to be the principal speaker. He was named a committee of one at an impromptu indignation meeting in the lobby of the Hotel Sheldon, headquarters of foreigners driven out of Mexico, to investigate the killing of Benton, but his inquiries developed nothing not previously published. Mr. Curry first went to Thomas D. Edwards, United States consul at Juarez.

Consul interviewed.

"Mr. Consul," he said, "the people of El Paso and foreign refugees from the revolution are very anxious to know the cause of the murder of William Benton. They have been unable to learn details of the crime and have asked me to seek information. Any light you can shed on the subject will be appreciated."

"I have telegraphed the secretary of state that Benton's death had been officially reported to me," replied the consul. "Such other details I have forwarded to Washington by Gen. Villa said he did not care to talk of the case to the press or public, but gave me the information for Mrs. Benton, the widow, and the state department. They are at liberty to talk, but I promised the general I would remain quiet."

Asked as to his use of the phrase "officially reported dead," and if he personally thought the official report by Villa might have been misleading, the consul said that inasmuch as the rebels have been sending Chihuahua prisoners to Juarez, and Juarez prisoners to Chihuahua, he had a faint hope that Villa might, for his own reasons, have misled him.

Mr. Edwards made his inquiry of Villa yesterday on receipt of instructions from Secretary Bryan, who made the request at the instance of the British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice.

"Mr. Edwards," Villa is reported as saying, "Mr. Benton is dead. You are an official of the American government and I give you this as officially your due. I have made denials to other inquiries, as this is not a matter for the public. It is for the information of the widow and of the state department."

What else passed between them, Mr. Edwards would not say.

The consul telegraphed the bare announcement to Washington last night and the news reached El Paso through a press dispatch when Secretary Bryan made the information public.

May Only be Impersonated.

Generally it was believed that Villa, who had known Benton for years, was trying solitary confinement as a corrective to Benton's well-known disposition to speak his mind frankly without regard to consequences. Edwards waited until after his last hope flickered away with the departure of the train this morning before informing Mrs. Benton that her husband was dead. She is a Mexican and, while highly educated, understands the English language imperfectly. The consul spoke in his own tongue and the result was that, while he was telling his tragic story, the widow, because of a nervous breakdown, gathered only the purport of the tale—that her husband was dead.

Just what occurred between Villa and his visitor last Saturday never may be known. It was learned that Benton wished permission to bring to the United States 400 head of cattle on his ranch Los Remedios, in Western Chihuahua.

His cousin, part owner of Los Remedios, thought the request would be refused, although other foreigners have been successfully treated when making similar favors. Charles Qualey, of New York and Mexico, a friend now here among the other refugees,

advised Benton of the probable result.

"Villa probably will grant your request, but he'll give you a lecture and you must not resent the lecture. If you do you may get into trouble," Qualey said.

"If he lectures me, I'll lecture back," Benton replied. "I have never made a political move in Mexico and if he accuses me of it, I have some accusations of my own to make."

Request is Not Granted.

Benton made the request, and his friends never saw him alive afterwards. As Mrs. Benton gathered the story from Consul Edwards, Villa declined to grant the permit, saying: "Mr. Benton, you never have been a friend of ours, and I don't want those catties taken out of the country. We can use them ourselves." At this point it is assumed that the quarrel started.

The many persons who knew Benton well in Chihuahua and along the border, assert that he never owned a revolver and did not have one with him when he went to Juarez. Villa on Wednesday night, talking to a reporter, asserted that he had Benton's six-shooter.

"What do you think of a man who would come here and threaten me?" exclaimed the rebel general. A Mexican bystander replied:

"He ought to be shot."

It was twenty-four hours after the execution had taken place.

Villa did not tell the American consul that Benton was court-martialled, but official Juarez today was busy with assertions that Benton's last request was that he be court-martialled.

Edwards last night asked Villa for the body to be brought to the side of the river, but the request was denied.

"Then as a favor to me and the widow, will you have the grave marked?" asked the consul. This Villa promised.

3 KILLED BY TRAIN BANDITS

Passengers Who Resisted Were Battered—Occurred Near Canadian Boundary

(By Associated Press.)

Bellingham, Wash., Feb. 20.—Three passengers on a Great Northern passenger train bound for Vancouver, B. C., tonight resisted three bandits and were shot dead.

Thomas B. Wadsworth of Vancouver, a Canadian Pacific conductor, E. L. Lee of Bremerton, Wash., and M. B. McElhines, a traveling salesman of Vancouver, were the men killed.

The bandits boarded the train at Burlington, and rode in the smoking car until they were ready to act. They then tied handkerchiefs about their faces and entered the day coach with drawn revolvers.

Most of the passengers confronted by the bandits threw up their hands but four men attempted to resist. Three of these were killed almost instantly.

The robber fighting the three men stepped back and quickly fired. Lee was not killed outright and tried to crawl behind the rear seat. The bandit kept firing and five or six shots entered Lee's back.

The robber who killed the men, turned back to the front of the coach. As he passed along, several women held their purses out in the aisles. He gathered up several and ran. The bandits left the train together as it came to a stop from a signal given by the conductor who had heard the shooting from another coach.

On account of the wildness of the surroundings country, little hope is held out for the capture of the outlaws.

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SENATE BACKS UP WILSON

In His Foreign Policy

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 20.—By defeating amendments to general arbitration treaties pending renewal with Great Britain, Japan and six other nations, the senate Friday took the first decisive step in the policy of the administration to lift the United States from what officials here characterized as "its isolated position" in foreign relations.

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Sweden, Portugal and Switzerland. Champions of arbitration as an international principle and leaders in the democratic ranks expressed gratification at the result, and many of them saw in it an indication that the desire of the president for repeal of the Panama canal tolls provision would be met without difficulty. That this will be the most important foreign issue to occupy the attention of congress, there is no doubt.

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INCREASED FREIGHT RATES

Washington, Feb. 20.—A proposed advance varying from three to twenty five cents a hundred pounds in the transcontinental freight rate on furniture in carloads from North Carolina and Virginia points today was suspended by the interstate commerce commission until Jan. 20, pending investigation.

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(By Associated Press.)

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 20.—Officers working on the case expected to capture within a few hours the train robbers who last night held up a fast train on the Queen & Crescent, and robbed the mail car of a large sum. It is believed the men are in Birmingham and that they came directly from the scene of the robbery to this city. It is known that they left the terminal station here last night at 7 o'clock in a taxicab and that two men got out of the automobile near Trussville, Ala., not far from the place where the robbery was later committed.

While the amount of money secured will not be known until formal report is made to the treasury department, one of the clerks in an unguarded moment today expressed the belief that the loss will not be less than \$100,000.

It is believed the bandits are members of a gang which had made Birmingham its headquarters for the last two years and committed robberies in the south during that time in which the losses will aggregate nearly half a million dollars.

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