

U. S. CONGRESS IS AT WORK

Trusts Hold the Center of the Stage so Far as the National Law Makers Are Concerned Discussion of the Nelson Amendment to Department of Commerce Bill.

Washington, Feb. 10.—At the opening of the session of the house today, Mr. Steele, of Indiana, called attention to the speech of Mr. Conroy, of Massachusetts, printed in the record this morning under the general leave to print granted on the anti-trust bill.

The speech dealt with the subject of Mr. Conroy's contested election case in Massachusetts and Mr. Steele claimed it was a violation of the order which confined remarks to be printed to the subject of the anti-trust bills. He asked that the speech be stricken from the record. As Mr. Conroy was absent, at the request of his friends, the matter went over.

Mr. Hepburn, chairman of the interstate commerce committee, called upon the conference report on the department of commerce bill.

Mr. Richardson, of Alabama, one of the conferees on the bill, to whom Mr. Hepburn yielded thirty minutes, explained his reason for declining to support the Nelson amendment including the bureau of corporations.

He said he did not believe that any Democrat could sustain himself by opposing everything aimed at the trusts because it was of Republican origin, but he did not believe the Nelson amendment was aimed at the trusts. He said it was a travesty on what it claimed to be. It was, he said, an "ultra diluted dose."

His purpose, he said, did not authorize the president to proceed against the trusts but simply to secure information upon which he could base recommendations.

This, he said, was a poor response to the bold threats which were heralded abroad that an extra session would be called unless effective legislation were enacted. It was "a pre-lex and a subterfuge."

He called attention to the language of the amendment, that information obtained by the bureau of corporations, "or so much thereof as the president shall direct, shall be made public."

IS ARTISTICALLY FRAMED. Was that the wanted publicity, he asked. He did not doubt the honesty of the present executive, he said, but supposed another man more friendly to trusts should be elected. Then what would the Nelson amendment amount to? He concluded with the statement that the amendment was artistically framed to defeat what the people wanted, proper regulation of the trusts.

Mr. Ball of Texas, who followed Mr. Richardson, ridiculed the program of the administration regarding anti-trust legislation. The administration, he said, was represented as anxious to secure the passage of the Nelson and Elkins bills and it was pretended that the Standard Oil Company was sending telegrams to prominent senators against their passage. He did not believe it.

"I do not believe," said he, "that John D. Rockefeller or any other trust magnate has raised a protest against the homeopathic dose in those bills. They are no more harmful to trusts than would be Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup."

Mr. Mann of Illinois declared the Nelson amendment would give to the bureau of corporations greater power to investigate the affairs of trusts than was sought to be conferred by any bill presented to congress.

Mr. Adamson of Georgia said that while he realized the Nelson amendment was a "delusion and a snare, thinner than thin air," yet, as notice had been served that it was the only chance on the program of the trust hunters it would receive his vote.

The previous vote was then ordered and the roll was called on the adoption of the conference report.

The report was adopted, 251 to 140. Those voting in the negative were—Hall of Texas, De Armond of Missouri, Fleming of Georgia, Lester of Georgia, Little of Arkansas, Reid of Arkansas, Robertson of Louisiana, Shankleford of Missouri, and Vandiver of Missouri, Democrats; and Littlefield of Maine, Republican.

CIVIL APPROPRIATION BILL. The house then went into committee of the whole and entered upon the consideration of the sundry civil

appropriation bill. Mr. Cannon explained its provisions. It carried, he said, \$78,017,929, being \$8,878,432 less than accounted for, by \$14,464,393 for river and harbors and \$3,000,000 recommended for the relief of distress of the people in the Philippines.

Mr. Cannon explained at considerable length the necessity for a big office building near the capitol and connected with it by a subway to be erected for the accommodation of members. He said the designs had been prepared for a three-story building to contain 400 rooms, which would cost, building and site, about \$3,800,000.

The appropriations committee, he said, were practically agreed that such a building should be built. No provision had been placed in the bill because it would be subject to a point of order. When he stated that, notwithstanding this fact, he proposed to move the insertion in the bill, the announcement was greeted with great applause.

IN THE SENATE. Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—When the Senate met today a bill was passed increasing the limit of cost of a public building at Evanston, Wyoming, to \$179,008.

A house bill was passed permitting the town of Montrose, Colo., to enter 150 acres of land for reservoir and water purposes.

A senate bill was passed extending for a period of three years the time for making proof and payment for all lands taken under the desert land laws by the members of the cooperative colony.

The Rawlins resolution, regarding the courts martial cases in the Philippines was referred to the committee on the Philippines by a yeas and nays vote of 36 to 23.

Mr. McComas gave notice that he would call up the eight-hour bill on Thursday next.

Mr. Quay said he was in sympathy with the effort to secure the speedy passage of the bill, but he would interpose the statehood bill to antagonize it until a day is fixed for a vote on that bill.

The conference report on the bill to provide for the holding of terms of courts in Utah was agreed to.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill was then taken up.

CABINET MEETING. Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—President Roosevelt and his cabinet were in session for nearly an hour and a half today, but at the conclusion of the meeting it was stated that while some matters of importance were under consideration, no decision regarding them had been reached.

Both the president and the members of the cabinet expressed themselves as reasonably well satisfied with the situation in congress as to anti-trust legislation. It is said that they are assured now that practically such legislation as is desired is in a fair way of enactment.

Secretary Root brought again to the attention of the cabinet the necessity for legislation regarding the currency of the Philippine Islands. He presented dispatches from Governor Taft urging the enactment of remedial financial legislation and the efforts to obtain this legislation from congress were discussed. As viewed by the administration the necessity for both financial and other remedial legislation for the Philippines is very urgent. Indeed, if something of the kind is not accomplished soon, there is apprehension that another rebellion may develop.

Consideration also was given to the status of the Venezuelan question. It is the belief of the president and the cabinet that Minister Bowen will conclude with the representatives of the allies satisfactory protocols within a few days. Satisfaction was expressed that the points in controversy were to be submitted to The Hague tribunal. The president took up with individual members of the cabinet some routine matters, but it is said the consideration developed nothing of great consequence. NO CONCLUSION REACHED. Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—The

bill introduced in the senate yesterday authorizing the treasury to receive other securities than United States bonds from national banks, was under consideration by the senate committee on finance today, but the committee adjourned until tomorrow "without reaching a conclusion. Members of the committee express the opinion that the bill will be favorably reported tomorrow.

FORMALLY INSTALLED. Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—Francis B. Loomis today was formally installed in office as assistant secretary of state. It has been arranged that the incoming assistant secretary shall take up the important diplomatic work of the state department at once, in conjunction with a portion of the consular business.

ROOT WON'T RESIGN. Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—"There is no foundation for the story," declared Secretary Root today, referring to the publication of a rumor in New York that he would resign his position in the cabinet after the adjournment of congress, and resume his law practice in New York.

OMNIBUS CLAIMS BILL. Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—Senator Warren, from the committee on claims, today reported an omnibus claims bill. It carries a total direct appropriation of \$900,000.

Anarchist Convicted. Brussels, Feb. 10.—Gennario Rubino, the Italian anarchist, who has been on trial here since February 6, charged with attempting to assassinate King Leopold, November 15, by firing three shots at the king, while he was returning from the cathedral after attending a Te Deum mass in memory of the late Queen Henriette, was found guilty today and was sentenced to imprisonment for life at penal servitude.

When the trial of Rubino was resumed today counsel for the defense appealed to the jury to act in a manner similar to that of the jury which tried Spido (who attempted to assassinate the then Prince of Wales, now King Edward), at Brussels in 1900, and "listening only to the voice of the social death, acquit the accused."

MISSING.—If there is any one who knows the whereabouts of P. Chris Peterson please notify Mrs. S. Peterson, 12 Schuyler avenue, Kankakee, Illinois, U.S.A.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bowser

THE BABY'S EYETEETH.

As Mr. Bowser was ready to sit down after dinner the other evening he took a small, red covered book from his pocket and was soon so intently interested in its contents that Mrs. Bowser's curiosity was excited and she looked up and asked:

"What is it, Mr. Bowser—something new?"

"Mrs. Bowser," he replied, dropping the book on his knee and looking at her over his spectacles, "you are a mother."

"Yes," with a glance at baby Bowser, sleeping as soundly as a young wolf.

"You are a mother, and yet what do you know about your child?"

"I know everything about him."

"You do, eh? I expected just such an answer. Has Orlando cut all his teeth yet?"

"Of course he has!"

"Of course he has or he hasn't! Have you run your finger into his mouth? Have you opened his jaws? Have you done anything but guess that he has cut all his teeth? Do you know for a fact that his eyeteeth have come?"

"Why, he's old enough and must have cut them, of course," she answered in some confusion.

"That's exactly why I bought this book," he said, as he tapped it with his finger. "It is a family medical book, mostly devoted to the bringing up of children. Here are two pages devoted to eyeteeth. Their cutting is the perilous season of babyhood. Do you know, Mrs. Bowser—"

"What?"

"Do you know," he continued, as he rose up and stood over young Bowser and shook his finger at her, "whether this child has passed the peril or is now only entering upon it?"

"Why, he's all right, Mr. Bowser. He's one of the healthiest children in this neighborhood. What are you going to do?"

"Feel for his eyeteeth. If he's got 'em, it's all right; if he hasn't, I want to be prepared for the worst. I don't want to be awakened suddenly at midnight to find my only child

dying. Hold his head while I pry his jaws open."

"You let him alone, Mr. Bowser!" she exclaimed, as she got between him and young Bowser. "I guess I can bring up this child without any old medical almanac to refer to!"

"Old medical almanac!" he repeated. "Here is a family medical guide, written by one of the smartest women in America, and whether you believe in it or not, I do! Look at that child!"

"What's the matter?"

"Both legs drawn up and his right hand clinched!"

"Most every child sleeps that way when tired," she replied, as she gently straightened the little fat limbs and replaced the covers.

"Hear him moan! The book says, 'When a child draws up its limbs and moans, be prepared to treat him for a nervous chill, brought on by over-excitement or pain.'"

"But he doesn't moan. He's just sighing in his sleep. We all do that."

"There go his legs again, and he's flopping over on his back and got his arm above his head!" shouted Mr. Bowser, as he waved the book and danced around.

"That's no sign he's ailing. You are talking so loud that he's become restless. The idea of your throwing away your money on a book like that and then coming home to raise a row about nothing!"

"How about worms, Mrs. Bowser, be demanded after glaring at her a moment. "Tiffs book says, 'A flushed face—"

"I don't care what the book says!" she interrupted.

"You don't, eh? It's nothing to you whether the deadly worm is doing its silent, insidious work in the anatomy of our child or is far away! According to this book, a flushed face, bad breath, clinched hands, legs drawn up and—"

"But he hasn't got worms. You needn't worry in the least, Mr. Bowser."

"Do you know you are talking to that child's father?"

"Of course."

"And that I probably love him a thousand times more than you do? Mrs. Bowser, I want a peep at that child's eyes. The book says that if he's fifty the whites of his eyes will be streaked."

"But he isn't fifty, and if you try to look at his eyes you'll wake him up."

"And I'll see about those eyeteeth at the same time. Do you know whether he is tongue-tied or not?"

"Of course not."

"But you don't know for certain. He may be 'lop shouldered, knee sprung, pigeon toed or color blind, and you would not have observed it. It isn't one mother in twenty who ever finds out these things for herself. I propose to give this child a thorough going over right here and now. I'll begin with the eyes and then work down. You see—"

And of course Mr. Bowser poked his finger in young Bowser's eye as a beginning to the general inspection. He didn't mean to, of course, but he did it just the same, and the action was followed by a yell which was heard across the street. The yell was followed by a display of flying

heels and hands, and Mr. Bowser caught up his offspring and began to dance about and pat him on the back and make use of soothing expressions.

A three-year-old youngster with his right eye almost poked out is bound to raise a row about it. Mrs. Bowser tried to get possession of him, but Mr. Bowser persisted in dancing around and yelling, "Shoo, shoo, shoo!" till he backed up to the baby carriage and fell over it and came down with a yell and a crash which set the doorbell ringing. He didn't know when young Bowser shrieked in his ear, fastened both hands in his hair and braced both feet against the paternal chin. Mrs. Bowser had the indignant and frightened child when the father kicked the slivers and splinters and ruins aside and got up. He looked for his family guide, but

it was blazing cheerfully in the grate. He struck a pose to say something to Mrs. Bowser, but she wouldn't look up. He therefore walked off to the library and banged the door after him, and she saw no more of him till midnight. Then he came creeping up to the family bedroom and ripped his collar off, twisted his necktie over his head and growled to himself:

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