



ATTACK PRESIDENT IN MERGER REPORT

PROSECUTION URGED IN TENNESSEE CO. CASE.

Senate Judiciary Committee Not Likely to Adopt Findings of Culberson.

Washington, Feb. 20.—There have been turmoil and contention throughout the day in the Senate Committee on Judiciary over the report prepared by Senator Culberson on the merger of the United States Steel Corporation and the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company.

It is not believed there is the slightest likelihood that this report will be fathered by the full committee to which the sub-committee must report. The friends of the administration are disposed to treat the matter as inconsequential.

The report of the sub-committee, which was adopted by a vote of 3 to 2, says that the President was not authorized to permit the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company.

In addition to the findings of law, the committee reported on many questions of fact connected with the merger. It was found that during the panicky days of November, 1907, the United States Steel Corporation purchased all the stock of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company.

The report quotes from the President's message, declaring the absorption was necessary, according to the representations to him by Judge E. H. Gary and H. C. Frick.

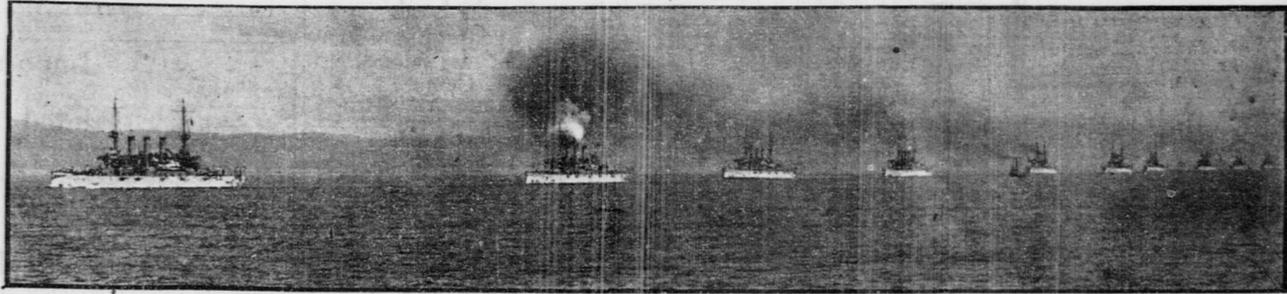
It is asserted by the committee that whatever might be the supposed emergency, no discretion was lodged in the President as to the enforcement of the law.

Camden, N. J., Feb. 20.—Rather than permit her fiancé to kiss her in the presence of his friends, Miss Andre Meyerhoff ran out of the house to-day, pursued by him and a number of friends, and was crushed beneath a trolley car.

To celebrate the arrival of his bride, who reached Philadelphia aboard the steamship Merion on Monday, Carl Francis Roland gave a dinner for a number of his friends at his home, No. 1404 Haddon avenue.

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THE ATLANTIC FLEET STEAMING IN SINGLE COLUMN FORMATION.



SWINDLE BY TELEPHONE

"SILENT" SMITH'S WIDOW RECEIVES FAKE APPEAL.

Man Whose Arrest She Caused Has Imposed Upon Many Prominent Women.

Mrs. James Henry Smith, the widow of "Silent" Smith, who is a guest at the Waldorf-Astoria, received a peculiar appeal by telephone yesterday to subscribe \$25 for the Newsboys' Home.

Acting on the advice of a detective, Mrs. Smith agreed to make the desired gift, and about 8 o'clock a Postal Telegraph messenger boy appeared at the hotel with a letter for Mrs. Smith.

Soon a man, who said he was Charles Doyle, a laborer, of No. 287 Fulton street, Brooklyn, called and received the letter. He was shadowed by detectives, who saw him hand it to another man outside the door of the telegraph office.

At Police Headquarters it was said that Mooney was the same man who played a similar trick on President-elect Taft's wife when she was in this city last year and got \$10 from her.

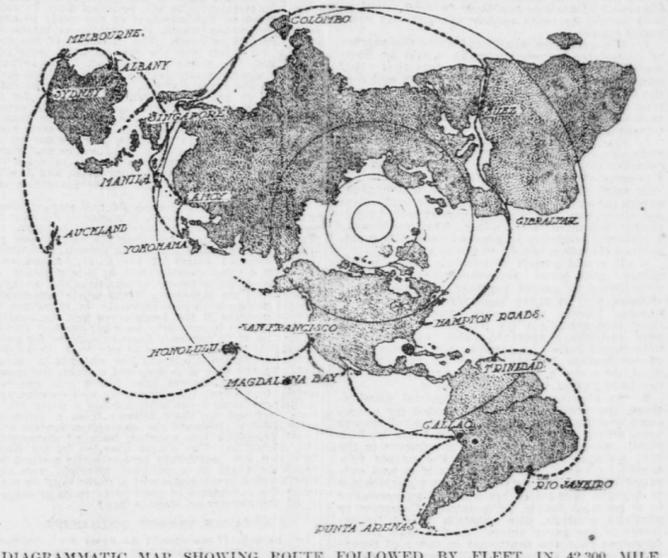
According to the records at Police Headquarters, Mooney was arrested on February 21, 1908, with a letter in his possession which showed that Mrs. H. W. Taft, Mrs. Seth Low, Mrs. James A. Burden, Mrs. Paul Cravath and Mrs. Foxhall Keene had turned over money to him.

WIDOW A SUICIDE. Shoots Herself After Return from Funeral—A Neighbor's Doubts.

A woman known as Mrs. Sadie Mayers shot herself last evening in her apartments, at No. 151 West 66th street. According to Miss Lucy Raymond, with whom she lived, Mrs. Mayers' husband died after returning from Denver, where he had gone in a vain attempt to be cured of consumption.

GIFT FROM A. A. HEALY. Brooklyn Institute Not to Pay for Eighty-three Sargent Water Colors.

Charles L. Harrington, supervisor of lectures and concerts at the Brooklyn Institute of Art and Sciences, said yesterday that John S. Sargent's eighty-three water colors, purchased for that institution at a cost of \$20,000, as told in yesterday's Tribune, were practically a gift from A. Augustus Healy, of No. 198 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, president of the institute.



DIAGRAMMATIC MAP SHOWING ROUTE FOLLOWED BY FLEET IN 42,300 MILE TRIP AROUND THE WORLD—DOTTED LINE INDICATES FLEET'S COURSE.

TWENTY LOST AT SEA. IN MR. TAFT'S CABINET.

Argentine Steamer Burns—Estimates of Dead Reach 200.

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 20.—The steamer Presidente Roca, running between Buenos Ayres and Southern ports, has been burned and sank off the east coast. Official advisors say that twenty lives were lost, and that 350 passengers and members of the crew were rescued.

WALL STREET VICTIM. Chemist, a City Lodger, Had Lost His Money in "Coppers."

One of the first men to apply for a night's lodging at the new Municipal Lodging House, No. 432 East 25th street, which was opened to men last night, was a man who described himself as C. Otto Schwab, fifty-four years old, and said he had lost a fortune in Wall Street during the panic eighteen months ago.

MINISTER'S SON STABBED. J. G. Baragwanath Attacked at Night on Columbia Campus.

A mysterious attack on John G. Baragwanath, son of the Rev. Dr. T. H. Baragwanath, of Washington Square Methodist Episcopal Church, in West 4th street, as he was crossing the campus at Columbia University late on Friday night, has aroused the students and faculty of the university.

ROADS TO PAY MILLIONS. Denver & Rio Grande and Missouri Pacific to Better Tracks.

Denver, Feb. 20.—It is announced that \$18,000,000 for the betterment of its tracks between Denver and Salt Lake City will be spent by the Denver & Rio Grande road between now and October.

ANTI-JAP. BILL HELD UP.

Hawaii Senate Tables Measure Stopping Foreign Fishing.

Honolulu, Feb. 20.—The Senate of the Territorial Legislature to-day tabled the bill prohibiting aliens from fishing in Hawaiian waters. The measure apparently was aimed against the Japanese.

CAN "CUT" ALL LECTURES. Absence No Longer Bars Columbia Men from Examinations.

There was joy among Columbia's undergraduates yesterday over a faculty announcement regarding the "cut" system. Students absent from 10 per cent or more of lectures have been barred from the examinations in that course.

TWO PERISH IN WATER. Son of New York Minister and Middletown Man Lose Lives.

Middletown, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Everett L. Lyons, Jr., sixteen years old, son of the Rev. Everett L. Lyons, a Methodist Episcopal clergyman connected with the Hadley Mission, in New York, met death in a peculiar manner at Monroe, Orange County, to-day.

FLEET AT HOME TO-DAY

ALL IN READINESS FOR PAGEANT TO-MORROW

Battleships and Consorts Approach Virginia Capes—Immense Crowds Gathering.

Table titled 'THE FLEET'S CRUISE 42,303 MILES.' listing routes and distances in miles. Total distance is 42,303 miles.

Fort Monroe, Va., Feb. 20.—When the saluting guns on the forward bridge of the armored cruiser North Carolina boomed thirteen times to-day in honor of the blue flag of Rear Admiral Sperry on the battleship Connecticut.

Wireless signals received from the North Carolina and her junior consort, the Montana, early to-day told of their approach to the main body of the fleet.

The fleet will lay to or manoeuvre off the capes to-morrow afternoon and evening, and will get under way on Monday morning in time to pass into home waters and begin filing by the Mayflower exactly at the hour indicated.

From Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Richmond and Norfolk large parties have arrived for "fleet week." Every room in the hotels is taken, and many persons were turned away to-day at the Chamberlin.

Admiral William H. Emery, who commanded one of the divisions of the fleet up to the time of his retirement at Manila last November, arrived to-day to witness the homecoming of the fleet and to provide for the transfer of his effects brought home on his old flagship, the Louisiana.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Carrying \$500,000 in gold pieces fresh from the government mint to pay the officers and men of the fleet, the gunboat Yankton, which completed its cruise around the world yesterday, left here to-day for Norfolk to rejoin the fleet.

NO MORE APPOINTMENTS BY PRESIDENT. Washington, Feb. 20.—President Roosevelt announced to-day that he would not make any more appointments during his term of office.

ONLY COMPLETE FLORIDA TRAIN. Carrying both club car and observation car is Sea-board Florida Ltd. Quickest train to St. Augustine, with through cars to Palm Beach, Miami, Knights Key. Inq. 1153 B way. Phone 5644 Mad.—Adv.

GOVERNOR'S VIEWS ON "DIRECT PRIMARIES"

COMES OUT IN FAVOR OF PARTY COMMITTEES.

Young Republican Club Plan Gets His Support—Mr. Woodruff Takes Issue with Him.

Governor Hughes, speaking last night at the dinner of the Brooklyn Young Republican Club, in the Academy of Music in that borough, came out in favor of a direct primary nominations bill embodying the features worked out by the committee of the Young Republican Club and a committee of the regular organization of Kings County.

From the same platform last night Timothy L. Woodruff, who in the past has in a general way advocated direct nominations, and this year had been careful to make no previous expression, gave an extended argument against direct nominations.

REASONABLE AND WORKABLE PLAN. "Saying he believed the fears of those who thought the lack of some nominations by an experienced authority would bring about evils were exaggerated, the Governor added: "But I also believe that in seeking a much needed improvement of our present system the aim should be to provide a reasonable and workable plan which will commend itself to the judgment of fair minded and conservative men, and that we should avoid jeopardizing an important reform by needlessly revolutionary methods."

The Governor said he believed in party organization, and wanted to see it strong and representative, and wanted direct primaries that the management of parties might be brought into closer accord with the spirit of our institutions.

On opening his speech the Governor made the declaration that the present convention system of nominating candidates was, in the main, a farce, and explained that the principle of direct nominations was that the members of the party were entitled to choose directly the party candidates for elective offices.

Outlining the main features of a bill such as he advocated, Governor Hughes said it would be easy to extend the excellent enactment law now in our cities to the entire state.

As already stated, the Governor outlined the constitution of party committees to make party nominations, members of the state committee to be directly elected from their respective districts.

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH. After referring to the advantages of direct primaries in a general way the Governor first took up the objections made against the reform, and continued as follows:

First—It is said that it is an interference with representative government. But we now have a travesty of representation, and the proposed plan cannot fail to make party candidates more representative.

AUGUSTA, FLORIDA, CUBA, SOUTH. 9:25 A. M. 2:10 P. M. and 9:25 P. M. Unexcelled service via Penn. & Atlantic Coast Line. Florida Information Bureau, B way, cor. 30th St.—Adv.