

THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN

President Outlines Plan for Regulation of Trusts

SQUARE BUSINESS WITH LAW

Explicit Defining of the Policy and Meaning of Existing Laws of First Importance—Antagonism Between Business and Government.

Washington, Jan. 20.—President Wilson delivered the following message today before a joint session of the two houses of congress:

"Gentlemen of the congress: In my report 'On the State of the Union,' which I had the privilege of reading to you on the last of December last, I ventured to reserve for discussion at a later date the subject of national legislation regarding very difficult and intricate matters of trusts and monopolies. The time now seems opportune to turn to that great question; not only because the urgency legislation, which absorbed your attention and the attention of the country in December, is now disposed of, but also because opinion appears to be clearing about us with singular rapidity in this other great field of action. In the matter of the currency act clearly and very happily after the much-debated act was passed. In respect to the monopolies which have multiplied about us and in regard to the various money acts which they have organized and maintained, it seems to be coming to a close and all but universal agreement in anticipation of our action. As if by the way of preparation, making the way easier to see and easier to set out upon with confidence and without confusion of counsel.

Business of Interpretation.

"Legislation has its atmosphere like everything else and the atmosphere of accommodation and mutual understanding which we now breathe with so much refreshment is matter of sincere congratulation. It ought to make our task very much less difficult and embarrassing than it has been. It has been obliged to continue to act amidst the atmosphere of suspicion and antagonism which has so long made it impossible to discuss such questions with dispassionate fairness. Constructive legislation, when successful, is always the embodiment of convincing experience and the mature public opinion which finally springs out of that experience. Legislation is a business of interpretation, not of origination; and it is now plain that the opinion is to which we must give effect in this matter. It is not respect to hasty opinion. It springs out of the experience of a whole generation. It has clarified itself by long contact and that itself for a long time, it has been a matter of long and honorable yielding to it and seeking to conform their actions to it.

"The great businesses which organized and financed monopoly and those who administered it in actual every-day transactions have year after year, until now, either denied its existence or justified it as necessary for the effective maintenance and development of the vast business production of the country in the modern circumstances of trade and manufacture and finance; but all the while opinion has made head against them. The average businessman is convinced that the ways of liberty are also the ways of peace and the ways of success as well; and at last the majority of opinion on the great scale have begun to yield their preference and purpose, perhaps their judgment also, in honorable surrender.

Will Not Hamper.

"What we are purposing to do, therefore, is happily not to hamper or interfere with business as enlightened business men prefer to do, or in any sense to put it under the hand. The antagonism between business and government is over. We are now about to give expression to the public judgment of America, to what we know to be the business conscience and honor of the land. The government and business men are ready to meet each other half way in a common effort to square business methods with both public opinion and the common informed men of the business world condemn the methods and processes and consequences of monopoly as we condemn them; and the public judgment of the vast majority of business men everywhere goes with them. We shall now give effect to that judgment. That is the strength of our position and the sure prophesy of what will ensue when our reasonable work is done.

"When serious contentions, when men unite in opinion and purpose, those who are to change their ways of business, joining with those who ask for the change. It is possible to effect it in the way in which prudent and thoughtful and patriotic men would wish to see it brought about, with as few, as slight, as easy and unobtrusive readjustments as possible in the circumstances, neither essential, nor disturbing, nor to be feared, and no parts readjusting either.

Forehanded.

Mrs. Kro—Do you ever go through your husband's pockets mornings before he goes to work?

Mrs. Wye—Catch me waiting till morning. I go through them before he goes out in the evening.

Eluding.

"I met your wife just now and she told me she had just bought a plaid check and she was wearing it."

"Well, I was the plaid and the check was there, all right."

Business Reasons.

"Jakes is a mean man, but he always contributes to Sunday school."

"Doesn't he know why? He is in the umbrella business."

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left in wholesome combination. Fortunately, no measure of sweeping or novel change is necessary. It will be independent of our objects, not to unsettle business or anywhere seriously to break its established courses. On the contrary, we desire the laws we are now about to enact to be the bulwarks and safeguards of industry against the forces that have disturbed it. What we have to do is to do in a new, firm, thoughtful moderation, without revolution of an untoward kind.

Private Monopoly Intolerable.

"We are all agreed that public monopoly in industry is intolerable, and our program is founded upon that conviction. It will be a comprehensive but not a sweeping program, and these are its terms, the changes which opinion deliberately suggests and for which business waits.

"It awaits with acquiescence in the first place for laws which will effectually prohibit and prevent the application of the powers of the directors of great corporations—banks and railroads, industrial, commercial and public service—both to the business of borrowing and those who lend practically one and the same, those who sell and those who buy, and to the trading with one another under different names and in different combinations, and those who affect to compete in the market with the products of some whole field of business. Sufficient time should be allowed, of course, in which to effect these changes, and to do so without inconvenience or confusion.

"Such a prohibition will work more than a mere negative. It will be a positive and constructive force which have arisen because, for example, the men who have been the directing spirits of the great business enterprises have usurped the place which belongs to independent industrial management to independent industrial management working in its behalf. It will bring respect to the rights of the public and of the individual, and it will bring respect to the business activities of the whole country.

Harm and Injustice Done.

"In the second place, business men, as well as those who direct public affairs, now recognize, as we do, that the great harm and injustice which has been done to many, if not all of the great railroad systems, has been done by those which they have been financed and their own distinctive interests subordinated to the interests of the men who have controlled them. The great business enterprises which those men wish to promote.

"The country is ready therefore to accept the principle, as a matter of approval, a law which will confer upon the interstate commerce commission the power to superintend and regulate the operations of the railroads which are hereafter to be supplied with the money they need to carry on their operations. The country for increased and improved facilities of transportation? We cannot do this until the country is without leaving the railroads exposed to many serious handicaps and hazards, and the prosperity of the railroads and the prosperity of the country are inseparably connected. Upon this question those who are chiefly responsible for the present methods and operation of the railroads have spoken very plainly and very earnestly, with a purpose, we ought to be quick to accept. It is a matter of a very important one, toward the necessary separation of the business of production from the business of transportation.

Definition Now Possible.

"Burely we are sufficiently familiar with the nature of the processes and methods of monopoly and of the many hurtful restraints of trade to make definition possible, at any rate up to the point where the law may be closed. These practices, being now abundantly disclosed, can be explicitly and item by item, forbidden by statute in such terms as will practically eliminate uncertainty, the law itself and the penalty being made equally plain to all.

"And the business men of the country desire something more than that the measure of legal process in which they are to be explicit and intelligible. They desire the law to be definite guidance and information which can be supplied by an administrative body, an interstate trade commission.

"The opinion of the country would readily approve of such a commission. It would be empowered to make terms with monopoly, or in any sort to assume control of the business of the government, made itself responsible for the facts by which both the public mind and the managers of great business undertakings should be guided, and as an instrumentality for doing

THE SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION

TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS.

COURT UPHOLDS LAW GOVERNING ASSESSMENT REVIEW.

Decision is of Great Importance as Every County in State May be Reviewed at Some Time or Other.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

Lansing, Mich.—The state tax commission has completed the tentative assessment for 1913 of all public service corporations valued on an ad valorem basis, and as compared to the final assessment of 1912 the valuations have been boosted \$3,289,715. The assessed valuation of all railroads is \$3,689,766.28 and the rate per \$1,000 for 1913 is placed at \$2,345,995.79, an increase of \$247,001.00 over last year. The total tax for 1913 is \$1,100,442.22, an increase of \$125,500.00 over last year.

The taxes for 1913 are divided as follows: street railways, \$1,270,645.73; school, \$1,867,592.92; road repair, \$1,824,466.59; highway improvement, \$1,060,442.22; county road, \$1,621,583.34; drain, \$194,812.37; city, \$1,245,000.21; village, \$1,778,900.10; rejected, \$2,012.43; excess, \$4,484.27. The total increase in taxes over last year is \$1,100,442.22.

The tentative assessment of all railroad property in the state is \$218,972,500, an increase of \$13,709,021.22 over last year. The assessed value of all railroads assessed \$650,000, an increase of \$50,000 over 1912. Express companies are assessed \$1,642,000, which is a decrease of \$23,000 over last year. Car loading companies are assessed at \$1,202,600, an increase of \$4,275 over last year. The tentative assessment of all public utility and telephone companies is \$25,641,100, an increase of \$1,180,700.

No change was made in the valuation of the Ann Arbor railroad which remains at \$1,600,000. The Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad is increased from \$4,100,000 to \$4,300,000. The Detroit & Mackinac remains at \$400,000, the same as last year, while the Detroit, Monroe & Toledo Shore Line is increased from \$1,800,000 to \$2,200,000. The Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad is increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. The Michigan Central is increased from \$5,350,000 to \$5,600,000. This is the new terminal at Detroit which was not on the rolls last year. The Washburn is increased from \$4,400,000. The Pere Marquette system is assessed at \$2,600,000, an increase from \$2,400,000. No change was made in the assessed valuation of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern which remains at \$11,800,000.

Holding Companies.

"We are agreed that holding companies should be prohibited, but what of the controlling private ownership of individuals or actually cooperative groups of individuals? Should the private owners of capital stock be suffered to be themselves in effect holding companies? We do not think so. The ownership of stocks of companies by any person who pleases to buy them is such quantity as he can afford, or in any way to control them. The ownership of stocks by anyone who pleases to buy them is such quantity as he can afford, or in any way to control them. The ownership of stocks by anyone who pleases to buy them is such quantity as he can afford, or in any way to control them.

"There is another matter in which imperative considerations of justice and public interest demand remedial action. Not only do many of the combinations effected or sought to be effected in the industrial world in the name of trusts, but also directly and seriously injure the individuals who are put out of business in one way or another by the many other and exterminating forces of combination. I hope that we shall agree in giving private individuals the claim to have been injured by the trusts, and the right to found their suits for redress upon the facts and judgments proved in the courts. The government should support their own initiative and the combinations complained of and sue its suit, and the government should support their own initiative and the combinations complained of and sue its suit, and the government should support their own initiative and the combinations complained of and sue its suit.

Individual Justice.

"It is not fair that the private litigant should be obliged to set up and establish again the facts which the government has proved. He cannot afford, he has not the power to make use of such processes of inquiry as the government has command of. Thus shall individual justice be done while the processes of business are carried on by the square with the general conscience.

"I have laid the case before you, no doubt as it lies in your own mind, as it lies in the mind of the country. What must every candid man say of the suggestions I have laid before you, and the plain and simple facts which I have reminded you? That there are new things for which the country is not prepared? No; but that they are old things which we have not the courage to undertake if we are to square our laws with the thought and desire of the country. Until these things are done, the government cannot be a government of the people, and the people cannot be a people of the government.

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the supervisors to act in accordance with their recommendations, and the writ was issued.

Justice Frank Kuhn said: "The argument is made that giving authority to the state tax commission to review the equalization made by the county board of supervisors is unconstitutional. It is not. It leads to the adoption of a paternalistic form of government and would destroy the constitutional principle of the state's self government in local affairs. Sound business might be advanced for an entire separation of state and local finances and thus make the state's self government a mere matter of purely local concern. However, as long as the system now in vogue is maintained, and it appears to be well established, the state is interested in all matters which involve in any way the raising of its revenues. The appellate body provided for in the act is a lawfully constituted and competent state agency and the authority delegated by the act should tend to prevent unjust and arbitrary action by the county board."

Justice McAulay wrote a dissenting opinion denying the writ, but his opinion was not supported by a majority of the court. Justice McAulay held that the court had rendered an opinion covering practically the same point when the constitutionality of the act was first questioned. In the previous decision the court declared the law unconstitutional. "That case received the most respectful consideration and a majority of this court decided that the law was unconstitutional because repugnant to the well settled principle of local self government," said Justice McAulay. "No new view except that the authority has been delegated to a state agency has been presented, and no new arguments or authorities are relied upon."

Common Carriers may Limit Liability on Shipments.

Common carriers may limit the liability on shipments provided the time limit in which claims may be presented is not unreasonable, according to a ruling of Attorney General Kuhn. The ruling is in regard to a bill of lading of the state railroad commission. Under uniform bills of lading the railroads operating in Michigan limit liability on ship to \$100.00 per package. The bill of lading of the state railroad commission that such a limit is unreasonable. This question is now before the interstate commerce commission.

Hold Scalp Trouble for Years

268 Harrison St., Elyria, Ohio.—"My case was a scalp trouble. I first noticed small bunches on my scalp which commenced to itch and would scratch them and in time they got larger, forming a scale of scab with a little pus, and chunks of hair would come out when I scratched them. It caused me to lose most of my hair. It became thin and dry and lifeless. I was troubled for over ten years. I used Cuticura Soap and Ointment was to wash my scalp twice a day with warm water and Cuticura Soap and rub on the Cuticura Ointment. I received benefit in a couple of weeks and was cured in two months." (Signed) P. J. Busher, Jan. 28, 1913.

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George F. Roesech, deputy fire marshal of New York, has written State Fire Marshal John W. Mitchell, Albany, offering congratulations on the victory won by this state in the Jewel theatre case. This case which was decided recently by the supreme court involved the right of the state to prohibit moving picture theaters on the second floor of a building. The decision of the supreme court in favor of the state was a victory for the state. The New York official wants a copy of the Michigan law and the decision of the court as similar litigation is under way in that state.

State taxes to the amount of \$509,000 to review the proctoring of general Fuller to enable the state to settle its debts and still have plenty of money in the treasury.

Wayne county received \$400,000 while \$100,000 was received from Kalamazoo. \$100,000 from Alpena. Auditor General Fuller is notifying the various state departments that there is plenty of money on hand now and all claims will be paid.

Civil service commission has announced the appointment of the departmental services at Washington as follows: Ann Arbor, March 11, April 15; Calumet, April 1; Detroit, April 15; Grand Rapids, March 25, April 15; Grand Rapids, March 11, March 20, April 15; Jackson, March 24; Kalamazoo, March 27; Lansing, March 11, March 20, April 15; Marquette, March 11, March 27; Saginaw, April 15; Port Huron, March 27; Saginaw, March 11, March 20, April 15; Traverse City, March 11, March 18; Traverse City, April 15.

Could Hardly Claim Credit.

"Minister—'So you've turned over a new leaf today. I'm indeed glad to see you at our prayer meeting last night.' 'So sandy (village) reproba—' 'Is that what I did? I didn't know I was a sinner until I left the pulpit—London Opinion.

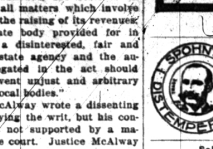
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A correspondent writes us of a Sunday school child who was asked, "What is the kind of man you are?" and replied promptly: "To glorify God and annoy him forever."

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