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LEXOW AND HIS WITNESSES AWAY. So There Was No Session of the Trust Committee. DELAY WITH SUBPENAS. Officers of the Wholesale Grocers' Association Are Wanted to Testify.

WHAT MEMBERS HAVE TO SAY. Evidence Already Taken Is Satisfactory to Some, While Others Say the Witnesses Were Elusive.

There was no session of the Lexow Trust Investigating Committee yesterday. This was due to the fact that the officials of the Wholesale Grocers' Association, who were expected to testify, were not served with the subpoenas until a few minutes before the members of the committee had assembled, and had asked and received permission to defer their appearance until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

This action, together with the absence of Senator Lexow, occasioned some surprise among those who were in attendance. But the chairman's absence was explained by his colleagues in this manner: He knew it would be a difficult matter to serve the officers of the Grocers' Association so they might be on hand in time, and as he was not feeling well, he arranged with his fellow-committeemen on Friday night that he would not make the journey to the City Hall, until he was notified that the witnesses were in attendance. It was impossible to get these men in time, and, as none of the other persons subpoenaed was present, the chairman was communicated with and the adjournment was the result.

The hour for the beginning of the session had been fixed for 10:15 o'clock, and at that time the Aldermanic Chamber was crowded. The members of the committee chatted for half an hour, and then Assemblyman Bedell called in turn James R. Smith, James H. Quinn, and John Brown. No reply came, and then the Assemblyman announced that, owing to the absence of the witnesses, no session would be held. It was then learned that the Mr. Smith to whom Assemblyman Bedell referred was the president of the Wholesale Grocers' Association of New York City. This Assemblyman was in error when he gave his name as James R. It is G. Waldo, and he is in business at Forty-sixth street and Eighth avenue.

He and the other officers of the association who were subpoenaed were wanted for this reason: It has been testified to by the Sugar Trust men and those in the soda syndicate that the agreement known as the factors' agreement, by which the goods of the combines' goods had themselves to sell at certain rates to be fixed by the trusts, and, in other cases, not to sell the goods of competing concerns at smaller prices—was desired by the sellers, nearly all of whom are members of the Wholesale Grocers' Association. In fact, they insisted on the agreement, saying the system would protect their business and enable them to get higher profits, and the grocers, so they representatives declared, do not want to maintain the system. It was to ascertain the truth as to this, and, incidentally, to see what the grocers themselves were practically a trust, that the men were summoned by the committee.

Related Witness Turns Up. As the lawmakers were leaving the room one of the men who had been subpoenaed made his appearance, and he was instructed to be on hand next Tuesday. The names of Mr. Duke and Mr. Brown were called simply to learn if they were present, although it was not expected they were. They are, the president and vice-president, respectively, of the Tobacco Trust, and they were subpoenaed some days ago. They responded to the summons, but as the committee was not ready to take up the subject of tobacco, they were excused, the understanding being they should be notified when they were wanted.

Senator McCarran and Assemblyman Barry, the Democrats on the committee, held a conference yesterday morning, after which the Senator was asked if he and Mr. Barry would agree to the recommendations of the committee. "If the majority accept our recommendations," he said, "there will be only one report, if not, and the opinions of the others do not agree with our views, there will be a minority report."

not expected this subject will occupy the whole day, and then either the Tobacco Trust, or the committee will be called. Assemblyman Warner said yesterday it was likely the Tobacco Trust would come first. "It is reported," he said, "that the most vicious and high-handed of them all. It is said its members openly speculate in its stocks, and one of them is a member of the Stock Exchange. If this is so, there is no doubt the investigation will be very interesting."

Members of the Legislative Investigating Committee gave expression yesterday to their opinions of the work so far as they have gone, and the idea of having a State Commission to keep an eye on trusts.

Bedell Site as a Judge. Assemblyman Louis Bedell of Goshen, Orange County, who represents the Second District of Orange for the Republicans, said: "I have tried to look at this matter as if I were a judge on the bench. In spite of certain laws these combinations of capital are the bulwark of the State, and we must take care that we do not make any law that will drive them out of it. On the other hand, we must see that they do not get laws made for their benefit, and that they have power to make the burdens of people harder than they now are. It is a great question to be decided—what ought to be done."

Senator McCarran Is Careful. Senator Patrick H. McCarran, Democrat, of the Seventh District, Brooklyn, said: "I do not wish to be understood as saying anything that would look like forecasting the judgment of the committee. It is a matter of fact that I had paid in this State since 1881. So it will be understood we could hardly go back to the beginning of the world. The officers of the Sugar Trust found in contempt. It would be a good thing to have a State commission to regulate trusts. I should want to know what the powers of the committee are, and the powers for the creation of such a legislative trust."

A Voice from Wall Street. Assemblyman Thomas J. Barry, Democrat, of the Second District, may be said to represent Wall Street; not because he is a plutocrat, but because the banking centre of the continent chances to be in his district. "I can't say much about this investigation yet, for like Senator McCarran, I am a minority member of the committee. As I don't know the willing witnesses don't know a thing we want to know, and the men who do not have the facts at their backs, and will not say a word unless we drag it out of them. So it is very hard to get at the facts we want concerning the trusts. I am not in favor of a State commission. The commission would be in existence for a year and a half. I'll change that if you please. They would have them fast within six months."

Warner Speaks Plainly. Assemblyman Henry E. Warner (Rep.), of Tonawanda, Niagara County, who represents the First Niagara District, said: "Our work has shown that these combinations of capital, and the trusts, are simply trusts against the people—complexities of the most kind, and designed to every interest of trade and competition. We cannot get at the real state of affairs through the witnesses, for they are all in the hands of the trusts. We have to read between the lines of their evidence, more or less to see just what devilry is being done. The committee is more serious than the public is aware of. I don't know how many lines of industry are being broken up. I understand that the wholesale grocers have one that hasn't been heard of hitherto."

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CASTLE TO THE JOURNAL. Continued from Thirty-ninth Page. of the rifles was found to be loaded. He was to get \$5,000 for killing me. The plan had been developed in the Cretan Military.

Wounded Ten Times in a Year. Having come through all these perils unscathed, I am led to believe that there is no fear from assassins than from bullets in battle. In the last year I have been present in 121 engagements, more or less.

MUSTN'T PRAY TOO LOUDLY. Magistrate Crane Gives Warning to Ferent Salvationists. Several people who live on West Thirtieth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, were in the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday to complain that the members of the Salvation Army are too earnest in the expression of their religious fervor. The Salvation Army's headquarters front on Fourteenth street, but the auditorium where the big meetings are held is on the rear of it. The people of Thirtieth street said these meetings are frequent and fervent and that singing and playing murder their sleep. Commander Booth-Tucker was represented in court by his lawyer, Madison Ferris.

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MANY GO WITH M'KINLEY. Party That Starts for Washington on March 1 Will Contain a Host of the Mayor's Friends. Canton, Feb. 20.—President-elect McKinley will leave Canton for Washington a week from next Monday. A special train of Pullman cars and the famous private car No. 38 will carry the Presidential party. In the private car will be Major McKinley, his wife, aged mother and sister, Miss Ellen McKinley.

Will Europe Coerce Us? Continued from Thirty-ninth Page. the foreign war ships would intervene at the first sign of an attack on the part of the insurgents.

Favor Salisbury's Plan. Paris, Feb. 20.—The Matin says it has good authority for asserting that the powers will accept Lord Salisbury's proposals to grant autonomy to Crete, though Germany alone may oppose such a course.

Quick Action Required. Vienna, Feb. 20.—The Neue Wiener Tagblatt, in an article on the Cretan situation, says "If the powers do not speedily agree upon some effective plan of restoring order in Crete, it will be impossible to prevent the Porte from asserting the right of Turkey to deal with Greece with an iron hand."

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Olney Is Indignant. Secretary Olney is indignant that Consul General Lee's protest should be ignored. He instructed Mr. Rockhill to immediately make the above reply, after which Mr. Olney went over to the White House and informed President Cleveland of the situation.

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CASS REALTY CORPORATION, NO. 209 EAST 23D STREET, NEW YORK. February 17, 1897. MR. H. S. SHULTZ, 213 Seventh Avenue, N. Y. Dear Sir: We have your second letter, and in answer would say this institution is established solely for the purpose of making money for its members, and for nothing else. We make no claim whatever as "reformers" or "philanthropists" or as "benefactors" of the human race. Our phenomenal success has been due to the fact that we have concentrated our efforts on the single point of making large profits out of the money entrusted to us by the public. By closely following this policy we have paid regularly ten consecutive dividends at six per cent to our investors, and have accumulated a surplus of undivided profits approaching \$100,000 during the past three years. Our sole investment is in high-class, carefully-selected, rent-bearing, choice REAL-estate, situated in the heart of New York City—confined strictly to Manhattan Island. 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