

## Littlefield, the Trust Hunter

An Off Ox That Has to be Reckoned With.

Washington—"Straight as the pine, knotty as the spruce, wholesome as the balsam and clean as the birch." This is a description by one of his admiring constituents "way down in Maine" of Congressman Charles E. Littlefield, who has swung into prominence through the announcement that he is to enter the legislature lists as administration champion in the contest with the trusts.

This hunter and challenger of the "octopus," as Jerry Simpson and the latter's old associates were wont to term combinations of capital, is a characteristic product of the Pine Tree State. He has helped to keep his native state prominent in the public mind as have others of her celebrated sons like Blaine and Dingley and Frye and Miliken and Boutelle and a goodly company of dead and gone statesmen. He has done it in his own way, without the fault of imitation and by presenting new phases of the rugged New England character. Those who know him well would hesitate to call him a demagogue, although some of his performances have been almost as bizarre as those of men in Congress and other public positions who are usually thought of as belonging to that class.

Mr. Littlefield stands six feet and over in his stocking feet. He carries no superfluous flesh, like his friend, ex-Speaker Reed, and is as quick and supple as a forest guide or a down east sailor man. He has been in Congress only three years, yet his figure is as familiar and he is as much of a public celebrity as many men who have sat in the house for a decade. The fact that he succeeded the late Sir Charles Dingley, author of the present tariff law, gave Mr. Littlefield a prominence from the first day he assumed his congressional duties.

### DRESSES TO SUIT HIS COMFORT.

Mr. Littlefield does not practice any eccentricities or oddities of dress that would attract attention to him, yet he is indifferent to personal appearance. He dresses to suit his own comfort, his own convenience, but he does not avoid the dress prescribed by custom and good breeding, and is seen in immaculate linen and evening dress, or with silk hat and frock coat when such garments are expected or required. The picture that dwells in the eye of his associates and those who have watched him daily in the house of representatives, however, is that of a carelessly clad man. When delivering his most famous speech of the last session his attire was suggestive more of the latter than in his Sunday clothes, or a tuxedo, and on an outing, then a statesman in the greatest form on earth.

He wore a loose fitting sack coat and trousers that hung about his hips and wrinkled from the knees to his shoe tops. The responsibility of keeping these rather garments in their proper place hung upon a black leather belt that was kept around his waist line by the projection of his hip bones. The duty which this strip of leather performed recalled the wondrous belly band of another great statesman from Maine—as the Tom Reed sack was as famous in the Fifty-first Congress as Mr. Reed's rules. A negligee shirt of a color and texture reminiscent of the "hickory" shirt of boyhood days on the farm, a turn down collar and a limp wash tie completed the costume of the orator who led the fight against the leaders of the house and won a victory that shook the prestige of Speaker Henderson and his coterie of counselors.

Mr. Littlefield has his own style of oratory, which is a feature of his fingered stenographers who must record the proceedings of the house. He speaks rapidly and almost without pause. He utters a sentence in a rasping monotone and ends the last word with either a rising or falling inflection. This seems to give him rest and he dashes into a new sentence almost without stop. His voice is rather harsh,

but the distinctness with which he utters his words and the beautiful diction he employs makes his delivery interesting, if not pleasant. He has few gestures and his face is immobile. His face would be characterized as hard were it not lighted up by a pair of good humored gray eyes. He has a square set jaw, firm chin, thin lips, and tightly closed mouth. His features are as clean lined as thought carved from granite.

### "AN OFF OX," THE PRESIDENT SAID.

Congressman Littlefield is just 51 years of age and bears the impress of one who has fought through his half century of existence. He is a fighter by nature and training. It is this strenuous element in his character that has recommended him to President Roosevelt. It was not until Littlefield dealt the administration a solar plexus blow in the Cuban reciprocity fight that the president's attention was thoroughly riveted on the man from Maine. It was then that President Roosevelt remarked to a friend: "That man Littlefield, why, he is an off ox, but an off ox must be reckoned with."

Up in the second district of Maine they tell you a good deal about Charles E. Littlefield and the way he has fought against adverse circumstances and men until he has compelled success. He was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth, although the name Littlefield is scattered all along the rock bound coast of his native state. He did not have time to go through college, but, having obtained a common school education, he took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar at the age of 25. He had a first natural love for politics and entered public life as a member of the Maine legislature and was chosen speaker of the house while serving his second term in the body. As attorney general of Maine for four years, from 1889 to 1893, Mr. Littlefield achieved his first national reputation by fighting railroad corporations that are so powerful in his state. It was then that he developed a taste for "octopus hunting" that is now making him a national figure. He compelled payment from the railroads of large sums by the way of taxes that had been remitted for years.

Mr. Littlefield's record in Congress shows that he is not an indiscriminate fighter of trusts and does not follow the Irish maxim of "when you see a combination, hit it," with regard to these combinations. The second set speech he made in the house of representatives was on this very subject of the restraint of combinations and at that time he advocated an amendment to the constitution which would confer greater power on Congress to deal with corporations.

### HIS ANTI-TRUST BILLS.

The pertinacity which has brought a comfortable measure of success to Mr. Littlefield in his public career probably accounts for his continued efforts against what he regards as injurious combinations of capital. He began in his first term of Congress and although nothing was accomplished he showed up on the first day of an first session of the present Congress with two bills relating to this subject. One was to amend the present anti-trust law declaring every contract or combination in the form of a trust, or otherwise "in restraint of trade," to be illegal, and the other requiring all corporations engaged in interstate commerce to make reports to the secretary of the treasury showing their exact financial condition. This embodied President Roosevelt's idea of "publicity." Again last March he introduced another bill modifying the one regarding publicity.

Owing to his recent admission to the committee on judiciary, he is seventh in rank on that body. Being away down at the foot of the queue, however, did not prevent this aggressive down east-er from worrying the chairman of the committee and his Republican associ-

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ates on the trust question. Day after day and week after week he prodded them. He told them that if they did not take up the question and make some sort of a report to the house he would go out on the stump in his own district and state and tell the people of Maine just how matters stood in Congress.

He did not succeed in convincing Chairman Day and the controlling powers of the house that trust legislation should be considered, but he did manage to bring himself into the full glare of publicity and this attracted the attention of the president.

### DOES HE REPRESENT ROOSEVELT?

There is a divergence of opinion as to whether Mr. Littlefield actually has been asked by the president to enter the arena against the trust as his special champion, but in any event it is safe to predict that the Maine congressman will be in the forefront of the fight when Congress takes up the subject.

Mr. Littlefield's advent in Congress made the cold shivers run down the backs of some of the old time managers and the controlling powers of the house. The first shock they received was in the Brigham Roberts case when Littlefield exhibited a spirit of independence that was not altogether pleasing to the sticklers for party discipline. It had been supposed that such an admirer of Thomas B. Reed as Mr. Littlefield is known to would be ready to submit to party discipline, since Mr. Reed's great triumph had been achieved by the exercise of that discipline. But Mr. Littlefield declared when appointed on the committee to investigate the "Mormons" right to a seat that he would not be content to follow the lead of the majority. Against his Republican colleagues on the committee he took the ground that Roberts should first be seated and then expelled. He was defeated in this, but his light gave him a reputation and his speech in discussion of the constitutionality of the case is still regarded as a model argument.

### HAS OFTEN "FLEW THE COOP."

Again, in the vernacular of the streets, Mr. Littlefield "flew the coop" on the Porto Rican question. He took the stand that Porto Rico was domestic territory and that there could be no tariff imposed on commerce between the island and the United States. Again he made a strong speech and at that time was accorded the position of leader of "the insurgents," as the Republicans were called who differed with the administration on the question of Porto Rican policy. This was another losing fight for Littlefield, but he was not daunted and has come up smiling on several occasions when a spirit of independence swept over the Republican side of the house.

His colleagues accord him the uncommon credit of influencing votes and the decision of the house by a simple speech. When the Cuban reciprocity bill was before the house a few months ago, Mr. Littlefield, again independent, espoused the cause of the best sugar men. At the time and since it was asserted that his speech advocating the abolition of the differential duty on refined sugar carried that amendment. It was bitterly fought by the old leaders of the house and its adoption was admittedly the worst defeat the house leadership had ever sustained. Once before Littlefield, by one of his whirlwind speeches, overturned the plans of the leaders and that was in advocating an amendment to the army bill absolutely abolishing the canteen. His speech on that occasion attracted widespread attention and won loud plaudits from the temperance forces.

It was natural for him to oppose the canteen and the selling of liquor. He is a hearty supporter of the Maine liquor law and took occasion in his canteen speech to eulogize his state statute. He is a teetotaler himself, and in his 51 years of life has never tasted intoxicants, nor does he know the taste of tobacco. He has none of the minor vices, unless it be a tendency at times to express himself in emphatic and picturesque language that is not always printable.

Mr. Littlefield is fond of outdoor exercise; he is an ardent lover of a hand-some, high bred horse. At his home in Rockland, Me., he keeps a fine stable. Every spare moment he is on the road holding the reins over one of his favorites. In Washington he is one of the set of horseback riders that has developed since President Roosevelt became chairman of the organization. Mr. Littlefield, however, was not inspired by the president's example, as he always was an enthusiastic horseman. The similarity of taste for horse flesh has been an additional bond of comradeship between the two men. Littlefield does not care for the more strenuous feats of horsemanship which the president practices, but is usually content with a straight ride over a country road at a good round pace. When in attendance on his duties in Washington the congressman makes one of a colony of New England statesmen at a family hotel, but in his Maine home he enjoys the typical old fashioned New England life.

### RE-ELECTION TAKEN FOR GRANTED.

The estimation in which his neighbors hold the man will probably be evidenced on Sept. 8 when the state election is to be held and congressmen chosen for the Fifty-seventh Congress.

One of his constituents, in answer to a criticism of Mr. Littlefield's independent course, declared the other day: "Yes, Charles gets off on his own, but it is from conviction. Our people have about decided to let him do as he pleases in Congress and we shall send him back as long as he wants to go. He is making a big reputation in national affairs and we are rather proud of him."

Members of the house of both parties are anticipating rare sport if Littlefield is given an opportunity to tackle the trusts. Whenever he takes the floor for a set speech he is sure of a big audience. He is nimble-witted and ready to meet all comers. No one would think of describing the tall, gaunt and rather angular down easter as a "plumed knight" or with Lemuel Fly Quigg's celebrated lapsus linguae as

"a gladiator, booted and spurred," he stands more like a wiry wrestler refusing no challenge. Personally he is a great friend of the solemn-voiced DeArmond of Missouri, but in debate he does not hesitate to go after the latter's hide and his admirers believe that more than once he has metaphorically hung it upon the fence. The favorite weapon of both these men is sarcasm, but that of Littlefield is like a rapier, while DeArmond's resembles a meat ax. In playing for political position on the trust question it is anticipated these two men will have many an encounter.—Kansas City Star.

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