

Germany is for peace and also it is going to keep its powder dry. An old brain in a young head is better than a young brain in an old head.

It is true that money does not bring happiness. The car gets \$21,000,000 a year.

Music may do some good. While a boy is whistling he can't be smoking cigarettes.

How can old fog practitioners say that the young doctor is wholly incompetent after they have seen his lovely whiskers?

Winston Churchill receives a royalty of 30 cents per volume, and already his receipts from one book are said to have been \$150,000.

Germany is not going to favor disarmament. It is afraid the second-hand man wouldn't give it much of anything for its guns.

Why doesn't some multimillionaire give Commander Peary that more trifling of \$60,000 and get him started for the north pole without delay?

Very likely it is true that many young doctors do not know much, but nature works as a leveler against them as it does to assist the old practitioners.

By mistake, a man who meant to varnish his front door used maple syrup. Fortunately, though, it does not appear that he used varnish on his backwash cakes.

Tom Lawson is said to have made \$150,000 the other day by not buying a copper mine. We refrain from buying copper mines over a lunatic who has it year without gaining anything by it.

Hudson Maxim announces that he has completed an invention which will render armor plate useless. This ought to help some more toward the establishment of universal peace.

Kipling may not have been trying to make the poet laureate look like a plugged 30-cent piece, but that was a sort of by-product of Rudyard's latest effort.

A Boston woman wrote 225 words a minute for 15 minutes on her typewriter. No doubt that if it had been necessary she could have talked them at the same speed for as long a time.

A New Orleans man doesn't want the negroes to benefit by the Rhodes scholarships. The simplest way to prevent that would be for the white boys to beat the negro boys in the examinations.

A correspondent writes to a London paper "to protest emphatically against the careless and selfish persons who walk about crowded thoroughfares with their umbrellas carried in a dangerous way." What's the use?

Queen Alexandra is but one of the many royal ladies who bear the name of "Alex." Her two nieces, Princess Alexandra of Hesse, who is now the widow of the Grand Duke Sergei of Russia, and the present zarina of Russia are both known as "Alex."

Fifty or more mirrors have been returned from the government printing office so the women employes won't be everlastingly primping. This diabolical move, however, will fall to arrest the involuntary straying of the gilt-white in a feel of the marcel wave or the pomp.

Hansford D. Buckman of Worcester, Mass., recently appointed naval adviser to the sultan of Turkey, is now in command of the fleet which guards the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, with the rank of admiral. His first experience as a sailor was gained on a great lake, where he was a cabin boy. Now, at 40, he is an admiral.

The 600 elderly old ladies of a Quins community who have organized a crusade against excessive dancing and have forwarded a petition to the cantonal officials pointing out that numerous balls, dances and other demoralizing entertainments were given last year, and the young people devoted too much time to pleasure, might lose their labor if somebody should dub them publicly the Spqr Queens association.

Vermont has 14 living ex-governors, ranging in age from 34 years down to half a century. The list of course headed by Frederick Holbrook of Brattleboro, the war governor, and then comes ex-Congressman John W. Stewart, Senator Redfield Proctor, John L. Barslow, Samuel E. Ormsby, P. D. Hingham, Carroll S. Page, U. A. Woodbury, Josiah Grover, Edward C. Smith, William W. Stickney, John G. McCullough and Charles J. Bell.

A leading favorite in the literary circles of Washington is the widow of Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, the celebrated Brooklyn preacher. Since the death of her husband Mr. Talmage has spent much of her time in the capital. She writes for magazines and newspapers, and never writes, but always under a nom de plume.

The English ribbon trade is said to be now in a more flourishing condition than it has been in many years owing to the huge demands the dress makers and milliners are making upon the output of the manufacturers.

BOAT BURNS; FIVE DIE

STEAMER NAOMI TAKES FIRE IN MIDLAKE.

ONE PASSENGER VICTIM

Four Coal Passers Penned in by Flames Below Deck - Captain Last to Leave Vessel - Loss is \$225,000.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Four coal passers perished and one passenger, J. M. Rhodes of Detroit, was burned fatally when the Crosby line steamer Naoml, formerly of the Wisconsin, was destroyed by fire in the middle of Lake Michigan. Rhodes died in a hospital here. Fifty passengers and all the crew except the four coal passers, which were in small boats by the freighter Kerr, the steamer Stratford and the Naoml's sister ship, the Kansas, which was on route from Milwaukee to Grand Haven, were saved. Loss will be \$225,000.

The loss on the Naoml, which is in command of Capt. Thomas Trill, is estimated at \$225,000. The fire started in the kitchen, between decks and spread so rapidly that the whole ship was a seething furnace before the crew could get the fire apparatus working.

Fire swept the whole length of the ship and the upper works burned like tinder. It is considered miraculous that the passengers all escaped. Many were taken off in their night clothes, while only one was more than partially clad.

The fire was not discovered by any of the Naoml's crew, but was seen first by the lookout on the steamer Kerr, in the opposite direction from Milwaukee to Grand Haven. The Kansas made directly for the Naoml and meanwhile the passengers of the ill-fated boat were crowded into the lifeboats.

Capt. Trill was the last man to leave the steamer alive and his clothing was almost burned off him. The four coal passers who perished were below in the bunk and are believed to have been penned there by the flames. They are thought to have shipped from Milwaukee.

It is said by the passengers that the screams of the men trapped in the hold were heard, but that it was impossible to reach them.

Charred Bodies Found. Grand Haven, Mich.—The burned bodies of the four missing coal passers were found in the forecastle of the Naoml when the hull was boarded here. They were not able to make their way to the ballast tank.

TO INSPECT CANAL ROUTE. President Roosevelt Will Journey Down Mississippi River.

Washington.—President Roosevelt has accepted the invitations from the governors of a number of states to make a trip down the Mississippi river from some point in middle Illinois or Iowa. He has fixed the time for the journey immediately after the dedication of the McKinley monument at Canton, O., Sept. 30.

The executive will be the guest of the Lakes to the Gulf Deep Waterway association on the voyage, which he will make in the Grand Duke, being met personally with the importance of the work in the inland waterway commission has in hand.

The president was urged by the governors of Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin, and to each of the governors he has written a letter indicating his purpose to join the party.

Irish Reject Proposed Bill. Dublin.—The largest, most representative and most harmonious convention which ever assembled in Ireland, and which was called by the Irish government had to offer in fulfillment of its campaign promises. This action killed the plan for a limited Irish council, which was all the liberal government had to offer in fulfillment of its campaign promises.

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OIL COMBINE 'IS FLOYED

SMITH REPORT SCORES THE STANDARD COMPANY.

Calls Railroad Discrimination and "Other Unlawful Devices" Basis of Petroleum Monopoly.

Washington.—That the history and present operation of the Standard Oil interests throughout the past 35 years a substantial monopolization of the petroleum industry of the country, a deliberate destruction of competition and a consequent control of that industry by less than a dozen men, who have reaped enormous profits therefrom, largely through abuse of transportation facilities, is charged in a report just submitted to President Roosevelt by Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith.

It is shown that the Standard controls not only the whole sale, but also the retail trade in oil.

It is the first official statement of the operations and methods of the Standard Oil company, by which, the report states, through "scandalous railway discriminations," and other unlawful devices, they have secured and maintained an "exclusive domination of the petroleum industry."

The report shows that the great magnitude of the Standard Oil monopoly has been attained through unfair and predatory practices, involving the extermination or crippling of rivals and the preventing of the rise of new ones through the use of various devices and oppressive methods. It establishes that the policy of the corporation has been "a deliberate destruction of competition" and "a consequent control of the industry by less than a dozen men, who reaped enormous profits therefrom."

In conclusion, the report says it is apparent that the dominating position of the Standard Oil company in the oil industry has largely been secured by the abuse of transportation facilities, first, by flagrant discriminations between rivals, and secondly, by a refusal to operate its pipe line system so as to extend to independent interests the benefits to which they were both morally and legally entitled.

The same attitude the Standard has prevented such independent interests from constructing lines of their own.

SPANISH PRINCE IS BAPTIZED. Ceremony for Heir to the Throne is Performed in Madrid.

Madrid.—The baptism of the heir to the Spanish throne, Prince Alfonso of the Asturias, who was born May 19, occurred in the private chapel of the palace here at noon Saturday.

The ceremonial at the baptism was even more imposing than that connected with the first presentation of the royal child. The chapel of the palace had been richly decorated for the occasion. The ceremony of giving the names to the royal child, Alfonso Poi Cristiano Eduardo Francisco Guillelmo, was performed by the archbishop of Toledo, who was only of short duration, and after the usual prayers the procession proceeded and returned to the royal apartments, the child being held by his majesty.

London, May 20.—A thanksgiving service for the birth of the heir to the Spanish throne was held in St. James' Roman Catholic church in Spain's place last night, the twenty-first anniversary of the birth of King Alfonso. The service was brilliantly attended. Among those present were representatives of the British royal family and members of the diplomatic corps, including Ambassador Whiteley Reid.

JUDGE ENJOINS PICKETING. Sweeping Decision Against Unions Rendered at Milwaukee.

Milwaukee.—A sweeping decision against picketing was rendered Monday by Judge A. L. Sanborn, of the United States district court in the case of the All-Chalmers company against the striking union molders. The strike began about a year ago and last fall Judge Quarles issued a temporary injunction restraining the unions from interfering with non-union workmen and with business of the company. Later Judge Sanborn convicted several union men for contempt in violating the injunction, and suspended sentence as to the greater number of them for 30 days. Now he makes the injunction permanent and so sweeping in its provisions that concerted picketing will be practically impossible.

Mrs. Gould Sues For Divorce. New York.—Differences of long standing between Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gould culminated Saturday in the filing of a summons and complaint in suit begun by Mrs. Gould in the supreme court for a limited divorce. Mrs. Gould seeks a decree of separation on the ground of abandonment, and does not make any sensational allegations in her complaint. It is probable that the main legal contest will be on the question of alimony.

Cold Wave in New England. Boston.—The third cold wave during May spread over New England Monday night, sending the temperature to about 40 above zero in this section. The weather bureau prophets held out no hope of warmer weather until after sunrise Wednesday.

Harmful Frost in Kentucky. Lexington.—Heavy frosts fell over the eastern half of Kentucky, about completing the killing of fruit.

WHAT! AGAIN!



JUDGE FINES DESK TRUST

COMBINE PUNISHED FOR CRUSHING COMPETITION.

Sum of \$28,000 Assessed by Landis at Chicago for Alleged Violation of Law.

Chicago.—Fines aggregating \$28,000 for the alleged violation of a law that trust were used by Judge K. M. Landis in the United States district court here Monday, when Frederick A. Holbrook and 13 church and school furniture companies were punished for stifling competition. The court action was a bomb in the government anti-trust crusade and brought consternation to the trust officials. It is believed to forecast similar vigorous methods upon the part of the government toward other trusts and trade combinations.

Holbrook, who was indicted as the moving spirit of the furniture trust, was fined \$5,000, the maximum penalty. The American Seating company, which were the principal corporations in the combine, were fined \$2,000 each, while the other nine companies were given fines from \$500 to \$2,000.

In imposing the fines Judge Landis scored the officials of the furniture trust for the methods they used and declared the legal punishment is inadequate. He delivered a scathing denunciation of the trade conspiracy by which, it is said, the price for furniture was manipulated by the trust prices for furniture to the extent of thousands of dollars annually.

The American Seating company and the A. H. Andrews company are Chicago corporations, and were the largest companies in the combine. Through the conspiracy, operated as the furniture trust for furniture was maintained, straw bids were made to insure distribution of the business and the profits were divided among the corporations in the combine. Holbrook was the agent of the combine, and was indicted by the government as the chief conspirator. Pleas of poverty by the smaller corporations resulted in leniency by the judge.

Judge Landis imposed the fines after hearing the pleas of guilty of the companies and testimony of some of the principal officials. The U. S. Staff Reporter of Chicago has filed a denunciation to the indictment and is the only company which will fight the case in court.

Women Choose Officers. Columbus, O.—The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian church elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Darwin R. James, now on a tour around the world. Vice presidents, Mrs. W. J. Darby, Indiana; Mrs. J. B. Kendall, Indiana; Mrs. M. E. Boyd, New York; Mrs. E. R. Pomeroy, Minnesota, and Mrs. S. Pingry, New Jersey. Secretary of the board, Mrs. Ella Alexander Boole, Treasurer, Mrs. S. T. Lachon. Field secretary, Mrs. Flora D. Palmer, Miss Julia Frazer and Miss Edith Hughes. Reports submitted showed an advance in every department of the work during the last year.

O'Brien to Get New Post. Washington.—It was announced at the state department that Thomas J. O'Brien of Michigan, United States minister to Copenhagen, will become ambassador to Japan in September. O'Brien has received here by Wright of Tennessee, who has given notice to the department that it wishes to leave the service at that time.

Revolution in Salvador. New Orleans.—A cablegram from President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, stating that a revolution Tuesday broke out in Salvador, has received here by the Nicaragua consul. The cable said that Prudencio Alfara leads the revolution.

Ensign British Dies. Washington.—The navy department received a dispatch from Commander Tappan of the Cruiser Tacoma, saying that Ensign A. T. Drabbin, who was shot Sunday, is dead.

Superman Wins Brooklyn Handicap. New York.—Superman, the three-year-old colt of James R. Keene's stable, won the Brooklyn handicap Monday, covering the distance of one mile and a quarter in 2:09, beating Beacon Light, who was second, by a length. Nealon took third money.

Buffalo Freight Handlers Out. Buffalo, N. Y.—Nearly 2,000 freight handlers on the docks here quit work Monday, demanding an increase of wages from 17 1/2 to 20 cents an hour.

FIENDS WRECK TRAIN

PACIFIC COAST FLYER MEETS DISASTER NEAR LOS ANGELES.

ONE KILLED; MANY HURT

Flapplates Connecting Rails Are Removed as Tracks Pulled Apart with Wires—\$10,000 Reward Offered.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A fiendish train wrecking plot was perpetrated near here Wednesday that resulted in the death of one man and the injury of 22 persons, four of whom are dying.

Train No. 20, one of the Southern Pacific's coast line flyers, due here at nine o'clock Tuesday night, was hurled from the track on a trestle at West Glendale, ten miles north of here, at 12:30 a. m. Wednesday by the deliberate work of murderous train wreckers. Seven cars plumed off the trestle, while the train was making 40 miles an hour, falling 16 feet to the bottom of a gulch.

In this Pacific general offices in the city notices were posted offering \$10,000 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the wreck. The officials announced that they had no clew whatever.

In accomplishing the wreck of the train, which was the "Coast Line Limited," a devilish ingenuity was exercised. At a point on a trestle over the Anacapa bridge the flange plates and bolts of two connecting rails on the south-bound track had been removed, and in the apertures whence the bolts were taken strands of heavy wire were fastened to the end of each rail.

From the appearance of the track after the wreck it was evident that some person hidden on a hillside close to the trestle had pulled the wire as the train approached and spread the rails outward toward the edge of the trestle.

END TEMPERANCE FIGHT. Presbyterians Adopt Resolutions Approving Anti-Saloon League.

Columbus, O.—Following two hours of exciting debate, which, at times became acrimonious and verged upon personalities, the Presbyterian general assembly Wednesday at the close of one of the liveliest sessions in its history adopted without a dissenting vote resolutions declaring as its policy that the permanent committee on temperance should not embark upon or interfere in political work and endorsing the American Anti-Saloon League as a "safe, sane and effective organization in the great cause of temperance."

Illinois G. A. R. Met. Decatur, Ill.—Six thousand visitors were in Decatur on account of the meeting of the department of Illinois of the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated organizations. The business sessions Wednesday were chiefly occupied with reports of officers. In the afternoon a parade was held, with 15,000 participants, many bands and drum corps in line, 4,000 men in all. Col. A. C. Matthews, of Pittsfield, was elected department commander without opposition. Quincy was chosen as the next meeting place. Mrs. Anna B. Tuck, of Plymouth, was elected department commander of the Woman's Relief Corps and W. C. Creighton, of Champaign, was elected commander of the Sons of Veterans.

Must Pay Legal Rates. Commerce Board Rules That Car Carrier Cannot Favor Another.

Washington.—An important circular issued by the interstate commerce commission, contains an administrative ruling which is of special interest both to the railroads and to the shipping public. In it the commission expresses the opinion that "under the law a carrier or a person or corporation operating a railroad or other transportation line cannot, as shipper or owner of the line of another carrier, be given any preference in the application of tariff rates on interstate shipments."

"In other words, one carrier supplying its fuel material or other supplies over the line of another carrier must pay the legal tariff rates applicable to the same commodities shipped by an individual. The commission suggests that there may be some instances, such as the movement of needed fuel, in which in order to keep the trains or boats moving, such tariff should be given preference in movement without creating unjust or unwarranted discrimination."

It is said that probably is not a railroad in the country that has to pay the regular tariff on any of its supplies from the initial point to the point of destination.

Panama Official to Resign. Washington.—David W. Ross, general purchasing agent of the Panama canal commission, will resign shortly to become president of a large manufacturing concern in Chicago. Although he has not formally presented his resignation, he has let it be known that he desires to relinquish his position with the canal commission. Mr. Ross has not fixed upon the time for leaving the government service, but will leave it at the convenience of the commission.

Lutherans in Session. Sunbury, Pa.—The forty-third annual convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church of the United States convened in Zion Lutheran church Wednesday night. All the incoming trains brought crowds of delegates and visitors and the various committees were very busy in their respective places of entertainment.

Wheat Passes \$1.05. Chicago.—Amid the wildest scene yet presented on the Chicago Board of Trade at its opening Wednesday December wheat took the biggest jump in its history. It advanced to \$1.05, or 5 1/2 cents over the dollar mark at the very opening of the pit. The panic in the pit was almost terrifying to witnesses, and the orders from all the thousands and the prices of wheat for July and September, as well as for December, kept above the one dollar mark. No May wheat was sold.