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SHARP CROSS-EXAMINATION OF STANDARD OIL CHIEF.

IMMENSE PROFITS SHOWN

Earnings of the Octopus in 1907 Were About \$30,000,000—Witness' Memory Concerning Rebates Is Not Good.

New York.—For over five hours Friday, John D. Rockefeller, chief of the defense in the government suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Company, faced an unceasing fire of questions from the federal counsel, Frank H. Kellogg, and when adjournment was taken until Monday the head of the oil combine was still being cross-examined on the details of the company in its early days accepted rebates to the disadvantage of its rivals.

Mr. Rockefeller's cross-examination probably will not be concluded until Tuesday, as Mr. Kellogg made it known that he would inquire into every detail of the company's business.

Enormous Earnings Shown.

The enormous earning power of the oil combination was sharply brought out in Friday's hearing when Mr. Rockefeller, after stating that the Standard had paid dividends amounting to \$40,000,000 in 1907, said it had earned as much more and that this was added to the company's surplus, which was stated by the government's counsel to be \$30,000,000. It was further stated by Mr. Kellogg that the company within the last eight years had earned nearly half a billion dollars.

The course of Mr. Rockefeller's testimony in the hands of government counsel ran not so smoothly as on Thursday when he told his story under the direction of friendly counsel, but the rapid fire interrogations of the prosecutor were always met with unshaken imperturbability and readiness to answer except when, as he explained:

"It is quite impossible for me to remember after 35 years. I do not recall."

Remembers Only One Rebate.

Mr. Rockefeller was questioned closely regarding rebates which the Standard was charged with receiving. But with the exception of the agreement with the Pennsylvania railroad, which Mr. Rockefeller explained, gave the Standard a rebate because it effected an equalization of oil shipments, he could not recall any other rebates, though he thought it was likely that he might have heard of it at the time.

The president of the Standard Oil Company when he learned that the government counsel would not be able to conclude the cross-examination by Saturday night, suggested an adjournment until Monday, which was agreed to by counsel.

Cross-Examined by Kellogg.

New York. With the telling of the story of the first score of years of the industrial development of the Standard Oil Company, the testimony of John D. Rockefeller, president of the oil combine, on direct examination in the federal suit to dissolve the Standard Company, was brought to an unexpected close Thursday afternoon.

The head of the Standard told of the processes and causes of the company's growth up to the trust agreement of 1882 and, after he identified the parties to that agreement, counsel for the defense announced that Mr. Rockefeller had concluded his direct testimony and requested an adjournment until Friday.

Friday found Mr. Rockefeller on the witness stand under the sharp fire of the cross-examination by Frank H. Kellogg, special assistant attorney general, prosecuting the case for the government. The examination by the government will be continued to the period from 1862 to 1882, except where the testimony has direct bearing on developments in the company's affairs in a later period.

New Revolution in May.

Port au Prince, Hayti.—Gen. Antoine Simon, commander of the south for 20 years, having refused to comply with the recent request of President Nord Alexis to come to Port au Prince and confer with the president on the political situation, has been declared a rebel.

The revolutionary movement appears to be serious, as Gen. Simon is in the possession of arms and ammunition. Communication with the south is interrupted.

Tries to Burn Mother Alive.

Muscatoine, Ia.—Eargard because his widowed mother would not give him money with which to pay his excessive gambling debts, George Dalton, aged 29, set fire to his house and his mother was barely rescued by neighbors. Dalton is being hunted with hounds and it is feared that he may be lynched.

Earth Shocks in Portugal.

Lisbon.—Earth shocks were experienced Sunday at Alhandra, Alentejo and Vilafranca, and, in some towns, were thrown into a panic, but there were no casualties. The walls of some of the houses were badly cracked.

San Juan Arch Unveiled.

Santiago, Cuba.—The dedication and unveiling of a memorial arch on San Juan hill in honor of the American, Cuban and Spanish soldiers who fell in battle in 1898 took place Sunday.

AWFUL BLAST FATAL TO 25

GAS EXPLOSION IN BROOKLYN TEARS UP A STREET.

One Woman, Five Children and About Nineteen Workmen Killed—Remarkable Escape of Four Laborers.

New York.—Twenty-five persons are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion of gas which tore up a great section of Gold street, Brooklyn, Friday. It is definitely known that 15 persons were buried under the hundreds of tons of earth and timber that were thrown into the air by the explosion, and ten more persons are reported as missing.

The exact number of dead cannot be determined yet, for those working to recover the entombed bodies must dig through 50 feet of dirt, rock and a tangle of pipes and timbers.

The explosion occurred in a 50-foot deep excavation that had been made in Gold street between York and Front streets where a water main was being laid. The gas main recently sprung a leak and in a manner not known a spark came in contact with escaping gas.

Immediately there was a terrific explosion that lifted the surface of the street for half a block in both directions and hurled dirt, paving stones and debris into the air.

Gold street was crowded with school children when the explosion occurred and that scores of children were not killed or injured was remarkable. A woman and three children were almost opposite the excavation when the earth crumbled under their feet and they were swept down into the hole under tons of wreckage. Two other children were on the opposite side of the street when the sidewalk caved in and they lost their lives.

Only four of the men working in the excavation escaped, and their escape was remarkable. These men were digging near the opening of a four-foot sewer and the force of the explosion blew them to the entrance of it. Arthur Strand was hurled farthest and he pulled the other men after him.

Water from the broken main began to pour into the sewer and the four men, in danger of being drowned, ran to the river where there was an outlet to the sewer.

MAYOR TOM JOHNSON BROKE UP

Fortune Is Gone and He Must Give Up His Mansion.

Cleveland, O.—Mayor Tom L. Johnson, who for years has been credited with possession of a very large fortune, Thursday announced that he had lost everything and would be compelled to



give up his beautiful home on Euclid avenue and move into smaller and less expensive quarters.

The mayor also stated that he would give up his automobiles and other luxuries because he could no longer afford to keep them.

His fortune was wrecked, he declared, by his devotion to the affairs of the estate of his dead brother Albert, who was heavily interested in traction properties in the east.

Destructive Forest Fires.

Evansville, Ind.—The forest fires in Dubois county, Indiana, that have been raging for the past four days, were started by several schoolboys, who burned a pile of leaves in the woods near the Kyana public school. The fires have spread over hundreds of acres of valuable timber lands and are still burning.

The drought in southern Indiana has prevailed for 174 days and is the worst in the recollection of the oldest inhabitants.

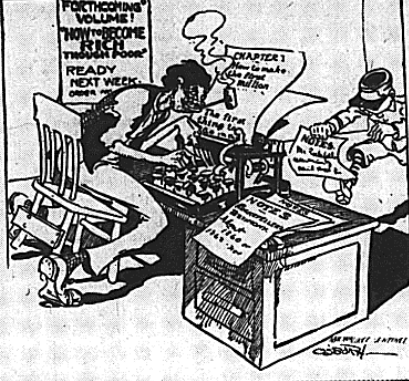
Bank in Missouri Robbed.

Sedalia, Mo.—The bank of Sweet Springs, at Sweet Springs, Saline county, was robbed of \$5,000 in currency at three o'clock Sunday morning by professional cracksmen who blew open the vault with dynamite.

Veteran Ohio Jurist Dies.

Chillicothe, Ohio—Judge Thaddeus A. Minshall, aged 75 years, an ex-justice of the supreme court of Ohio, died here Sunday. He was a champion of Ohio's rights and was Chillicothe's leading citizen.

LITERARY OPPORTUNITY.



CHILDREN CONTRACT PLAGUE

FOUR HAVE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN DANVILLE, PA.

Officials Believe Spread of Contagion Will Be Checked—Cattle Shipments Are Stopped.

Washington.—Alarming results following the outbreak of a contagious foot and mouth disease in New York and Pennsylvania, causing those states to be quarantined against interstate shipments of cattle, etc., were shown Friday in advice which reached Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, stating that four children in Danville, Pa., had contracted the disease.

A rigid investigation is in progress in Danville and elsewhere to determine whether others have become similarly affected. The officials believe that the spread of the contagion will be checked, although admitting that the situation is grave and will require energetic and concerted action by the state and federal authorities.

New York.—Cattle shipments to foreign ports from New York and Philadelphia were brought to an abrupt close Friday by the cattle quarantine established in this state and in Pennsylvania on account of the outbreak of the foot and mouth disease. The quarantine does not affect ports outside of New York and Philadelphia, except as to the two states mentioned by the ruling. Western cattle may still be shipped abroad from either Boston or Baltimore.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Business at the stock yards here was completely tied up when at a meeting of the East Buffalo Livestock association Friday night the members adopted a resolution calling on the railroads to cancel all orders for shipments of cattle or swine to or through Buffalo. The resolution was approved by the attending measure of quarantine used by Chief Melvin of Washington and Commissioner Pearson of the state department of agriculture. Two cases of foot and mouth disease were found Friday on a Niagara county farm and one infected herd in Erie county was destroyed.

London.—Confidence is expressed here that the energetic action of the American officials will stamp out the foot and mouth disease. Officials are not alarmed concerning the possibility of a beef shortage. In this connection John Burns, president of the local government board, called attention to the rapidly growing consumption in England of home-grown cattle.

Bryan Campaign Cost \$619,410.

Chicago.—The Democratic national committee received from the Bryan campaign \$619,410 during the recent presidential campaign, leaving a balance in hand of \$1,234,731. So reads a statement made public by the officers of the committee and the itemized statement will be filed for record in the office of the secretary of state of New York in compliance with the resolution adopted by the national committee last July. The statement includes a certificate of audit by Myron D. King, auditor of the national committee.

Vast Quantity of Whisky Burned.

Louisville, Ky.—Two warehouses of the T. C. Moore Distilling Company of Bardonia, in which were stored 150,000 barrels of whisky, were burned late Wednesday, entailing a loss to the government is \$750,000.

Hundred Girls Have Bad Fall.

Dayton, O.—A platform bearing over 100 girls employed at the Mercantile Corporation's plant in this city collapsed Friday afternoon, when the young women were being photographed. Fourteen were injured.

Sad Tragedy in New York.

New York.—Lying side by side on the floor of their apartment in the Bronx, the bodies of Charles A. Walters, an aged veteran of the civil war, and his daughter, Emma, 40 years old, were found Sunday. The room was filled with gas and all the corks of the gas stove were turned on. It is the story of the coroner that Miss Walters died first and that her death was due to heart disease. Later, the coroner thinks, the father entered and perished, holding the body of his daughter, committing suicide.

500 LIVES ARE IN DANGER.

Two Steamers in Serious Collision Near New York.

New York.—The lives of more than 500 persons were imperiled Sunday when the fruit steamer Admiral Dewey, bound from Jamaica, crashed into the steamer Mount Desert, outward bound from Bay Ridge for the fishing banks.

The Admiral Dewey, coming suddenly out of a fog bank, struck the Mount Desert amidships, opening a gash in the fishing vessel that extended from the upper deck to the water's edge.

There were 450 passengers, including 20 women and six children, on the Mount Desert and the Admiral Dewey carried 45 passengers. In addition there were the crews of the two steamers. Panic immediately followed the collision and it was due to the prompt action of Capt. Davidson of the Dewey that a catastrophe was averted, for the passengers on the fishing steamer began pulling over the guard rails of that vessel and leaped for the deck of the Admiral Dewey. Capt. Davidson kept the vessels together until all the passengers had got aboard his steamer.

BELL COMPANIES ENJOINED.

Mustn't Interfere with Business of Independent Concerns.

Cleveland, O.—United States Judge Taylor granted an injunction against the American Telephone & Telegraph Company (Bell long distance system) and the Central Union Telephone Company (Bell company operating in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois), restraining them from interfering with the business of the independent companies operating in those and adjoining states.

The injunction was granted upon the application of Clarence Brown, general counsel, and James S. Finley, president of the United States Telephone Company, which is the independent long distance telephone company operating in Ohio and Indiana, in a suit brought by that company.

BIG LABOR BODIES MEET.

Building Trades and Railroad Employees Convene at Denver.

Denver.—Two national labor bodies, adjuncts to the American Federation of Labor, convened here Monday. These two organizations, representing 1,000,000 men, are the building trades and railroad employees departments, the latter an organization of 500,000 men formed last year. The building trades department represents about 600,000 men, and the first session was called to order by President James Kirby of Chicago, a leader in the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

H. H. Perham, president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, called the railway employees together, and P. J. Flannery of Chicago, president of the International Freight Handlers, was the secretary.

Inmate Farmer Kills Nephew.

Danville, Ky.—Hugh Brant, a stock raiser, became suddenly insane Thursday and shot and killed his nephew, Frederick Garrison, aged 18 years. The boy, who received the lowest vote at his uncle's, the bullet lodging in a lower limb. The wound, it is believed, will prove fatal because of the amount of blood released from an insane asylum.

Injured During Initiation.

Lincoln, Neb.—Gov-elect A. C. Shalenger sustained a fractured leg while being initiated as a member of the Shriners Wednesday night.

Naval Officers Court-Martialed.

Manila.—A court-martial convened on the battleship Louisiana, Friday for the purpose of trying Lieut. Commander Jewell of the Louisiana and Lieut. Bowers of the Rhode Island on charges of personal misconduct during the visit of the fleet to Japan.

Forest Fires in Southern Illinois.

Evansville, Ind.—Information received from Evansville and Carmel, Ill., states that forest fires have been raging in southern Illinois and the damage has been serious.

THIRTY LIVES LOST

TWO TORNADOES SWEEP OVER WESTERN ARKANSAS.

PROPERTY LOSS IS GREAT

Many Towns Partly Laid in Ruins by the Furious Storms—Details Are Slow in Coming In.

Little Rock, Ark.—Two tornadoes, one north and the other south-bound, swept over west Arkansas Monday afternoon, destroying many lives and much property. All means of communication were destroyed and only a few districts visited by the tornado. From reports received at least thirty lives were lost. The property loss will reach hundreds of thousands of dollars.

One tornado started in the extreme southwestern part of the state and went north, following the second tier of counties from the western boundary line. The other started in the northwestern corner of the state and went east.

The counties through which the tornado passed are Lafayette, Columbia, Miller, Pike, Howard, Hempstead, Montgomery, Yell, Pope, Johnson, Franklin and Carroll.

According to advices received, the storm was at its height when it swept through Flintry, a German settlement on the Iron Mountain railroad between Knoxville and London. Late reports from Russellville, the next town to the east, which communication can be had, are that between twelve and twenty persons were killed and about thirty injured at that place. Five lives are also reported to have been lost ten miles from Mulberry, where one of the tornadoes did great damage.

The storms also visited Ozark, whence nothing has been heard yet; Lodi, near Texarkana, where three buildings were destroyed and a woman killed; Lewisville, in Lafayette county, where great damage was done to timber and fences, and several buildings destroyed; Blythe, where eight people were injured but not seriously, and a number of residences were wrecked; Palmox, where great damage is reported to have been done; Waverlyville, which town is reported to have been completely wrecked.

Some reports stated that nothing had been left in many districts; that homes, timber, buildings, fences and everything had been uprooted and blown to bits.

Reports from Port Smith state that it seemed that 25 lives are lost in towns outside of Piney and Mulberry. This dispatch declares the deaths in the town of Port Smith were complete. Four persons were killed, two fatally injured and eight missing at that place.

IMITATION DUEL IS FATAL.

One Lad Shot Dead by Another in Michigan.

Marquette, Mich.—While playing duet on a hunting gun, Robert Warren, 13 years old, of Marquette, was shot and killed by Robert Miller, 15 years old. At the coroner's inquest it developed that the boys played a duelling, pretending to shoot each other as a practical demonstration to younger companions of how affairs are conducted in the world of honor. They pulled the trigger of their guns, supposing the weapons to be empty. Miller's contained a shell, and Warren fell dead, shot through the heart.

CUTS OFF A WOMAN'S HEAD.

Shocking Murder Committed by Man at Carona, Kan.

Pittsburg, Kan.—Following a neighborhood quarrel at Carona, 20 miles south of here, Ezekiel Stradler, a carpenter aged 29 years, slashed the head of his neighbor, with a razor, cutting her head entirely off. The murdered woman was housekeeper for Stradler's cousin, who lived next door. Trouble started between Stradler's wife and Mrs. Butts, following an old neighborhood feud.

Missouri's Vote All For Taft.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Gov. Joseph W. Folk Monday afternoon decided that under the Missouri statute, all the electoral votes of the state should go to William H. Taft. This decision was made in spite of the fact that Branwood, the Bryan elector for the Sixteenth congressional district, received more votes than Kiel, the second Republican elector-at-large, who received the lowest vote on the Republican electoral ticket.

Capt. Patrick Henry Is Dead.

Clarksville, Tenn.—Capt. Patrick Henry, who spent much time in Washington for 20 years as the official representative of the levee board of Mississippi river, died at his home here early Monday. He was a collateral relative of Patrick Henry of the revolutionary period, and was 62 years old.

Priest Stricken at Mass.

Shenandoah, Pa.—Stricken with apoplexy after reading mass Monday, Rev. Henry F. O'Reilly, for the last year pastor of the Church of the Annunciation here, died within a few minutes. He was a native of Ireland and was 69 years old.

Harlan Revivits His Alma Mater.

Lexington, Ky.—An former member of the United States supreme court returned Monday to do honor to his alma mater, Transylvania university.



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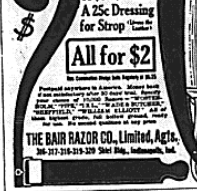
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