

STEEL MOGULS BURN EVIDENCE

EMPLOYE OF STEEL TRUST CONFIDES SECRETS

PRESIDENT OF TRUST ORDERED EVIDENCE BURNED

Later Tries to Dictate How Employee Shall Testify Before the Grand Jury—Boiler Room Is Scene of Destruction of Incriminating Evidence Against American Steel Monopolies.

New York, May 8.—How officials of the steel trust, facing governmental prosecution on charges of restraint of trade, calmly ordered their subordinates to burn all evidence of law-breaking instantly the federal suit filed, were detailed here today before Referee Henry T. Brown by Harry Whitney, an official of the Worcester, Mass., plant of the American Steel and Wire company, a subsidiary of the steel trust. Whitney declared he had destroyed evidence by the direct order of Frank Baackes, president of the American Steel and Wire company.

He received Baackes' order immediately after the filing of the government's suit to dissolve the trust. Whitney declared that he had, by Baackes' orders, delivered the papers concerning all evidence against the Steel and Wire company in the office of George Cragin, its assistant sales manager, and had them shipped to the Worcester plant. He personally took them to the boiler room, and directed the fireman to burn them.

The government attorneys, former Secretary of War Dickinson, and Henry Colton, are much pleased at getting this testimony from Whitney as it shows how the trust deceived the government prosecution, and was prepared to prevent the facts from becoming known. They decided to call other trus; employees to show that action of Baackes' will stand alone where evil is possible when the trust officials destroyed such evidence as they could gather.

Whitney sprung another sensation when he followed up testimony about burning the evidence with the statement that President Baackes, of the American Steel and Wire company attempted to interfere in his testimony before the grand jury which voted an indictment against the trust. He said Baackes told him "If you can, in your testimony, avoid reference to the destroyed papers."

He said George Cragin, an assistant sales manager of the concern, and Baackes tried to tell him what to say in his testimony. Whitney's testimony was unshaken by cross examination.

Whitney said: "Baackes said to me: 'I suppose you remember your instructions regarding those papers.' I told him I remembered distinctly that he had told me to see they were burned. He said: 'I never told you any such thing.' I insisted that he did."

MORE INSTRUCTIONS.

Citizens Should Pile Rubbish Where It Can Be Burned if Possible.

The cleanup committee has asked today that all trash that will burn, be piled on vacant grounds if possible so that it can be burned on the premises if possible. Non-combustible articles will be hauled away if piled separately.

LOUIS HILL TO RESIGN.

Veteran Railroader Announces His Son to Quit Presidency.

New York, May 8.—James J. Hill today confirmed the report that Louis Hill, his son, will retire from the presidency of the Great Northern railroad in favor of C. R. Gray. J. B. Hill refused to discuss the report that he will resign the chairmanship of the Great Northern board of directors in favor of his son.

Wilson Carries Texas.

Dallas, Tex., May 8.—Practically complete returns in the state primaries give Wilson 337 to the state convention delegates, Harmon 124, and Clark 41. Wilson is thus assured of the Texas delegation of 40 to the national convention. Roosevelt has 80 delegates to the republican state convention and Taft has 39.

METH. DIST. CARRY FIGHT

WILL PROSECUTE MISSIONS IN CATHOLIC ZONE.

POOR MADE TO SUFFER

Claims Through Unanimous Resolution That Missions Must Spread.

Minneapolis, May 8.—Declaring "the Methodist Episcopal church recognizes it is its plain duty to prosecute missionary enterprises in Greek and Roman Catholic countries with increasing zeal," delegates to the quadrennial conference today unanimously adopted a resolution declaring that Roman Catholicism deprives the people of the bible, perverts many fundamental doctrines of christianity, and fosters superstition, which alienate the thinking classes, and impose heavy burdens on the poor.

MINERS FIGHT POLICE GUARDS

THREE HURT WHEN MEN AND WOMEN FIGHT.

Miners Put up Still Resistance When Repairers Commence Work

Pottsville, Pa., May 8.—Three men and one woman were shot today in a riot at the Pinehill colliery when the state police charged 2,000 men and women who opposed the repairing of the mines by non-union workers. A general fight ensued, the police firing into the crowd which dispersed after four were wounded.

The rioting which started when Superintendent Kaiser, surrounded by the police, escorted a number of firemen to the Pinehill plant to make repairs in the mines. Someone in the crowd struck a policeman on the head with a rock and a shower of missiles followed. Kaiser and the firemen then rushed through the crowd, the police covering their retreat. Several shots came from the mob and then the police fired into the air. The officers later repiled by firing pointblank into the crowd. Troops of the state police are now patrolling the district.

PRESSMEN STRIKE TO ENLARGE

Believed Will Become National in Character Before It Is Settled.

Chicago, May 8.—A meeting of the typographical union was held this afternoon to decide if it shall order a sympathetic strike against the Chicago newspapers. If the printers walk out, the mailers will quit also.

The streets are quieter today and afternoon papers promised the regular editions. Downtown news stands are still guarded by the police, but strike sympathizers poured kerosene on a pile of newspapers last night and a riot resulted in which Policeman Jennings fired three times into the crowd, but no one was injured.

General War Predicted.

War between the union and the Chicago papers is believed to be the opening gun in a nation-wide fight of the American Newspaper Publishers association for an "open shop." It is rumored that the association has appropriated \$150,000 to use in the Chicago publishers' fight.

Organized labor in Chicago is in sympathy with the strikers and unionists declare the stories of violence on the part of the strikers can be traced directly to trained sluggers who have been in the employ of the publishers in circulation fights for years. The unionists say the publishers have the entire police force at their backs, and declare that officers of the unions have been shadowed by plain clothes men even at their homes.

OFF FOR MEET TONIGHT

Three Athletes Will Compete at Eugene Meet Next Friday.

Millering, Davis and Roberts comprise a trio who, of the five La Grande men entitled to free trips to the scholastic meet at Eugene next Friday, leave tonight to participate in the big meet. Reynolds and Conkey who qualified for the meet will not attend, the former being too deeply engrossed with the high school annual of which he is business manager.

DYKES GIVE WAY TO MAD RIVER

CITIZENS TAKE REFUGE IN UPPER STORIES OF HOMES

CONGRESS DONATES RELIEF FUNDS TO THE NEEDY

Loss of Property in Flood Section Has Fifty Million With Likelihood of Increasing Several Times Over—Imperiled Fugitives Are Trapped in a Flood of Waters—No Immediate Relief from Given Assured.

New Orleans, May 8.—The levee at the junction of the Mississippi and Old rivers, five miles below Torras, broke today, making a crevasse 100 feet wide. Those already imperiled were today almost directly in the path of the rapid rush of water pouring through the gap in the levee. Residents fled to the upper stories of buildings and to trees.

Congress to the Rescue.

Washington, May 8.—Floods in the Mississippi valley have caused a \$50,000,000 loss already and probably will cause as much again, is the estimate made by government flood experts. The damage to cotton alone is stupendous. Congress has already appropriated \$2,250,000 relief and will probably add \$2,000,000.

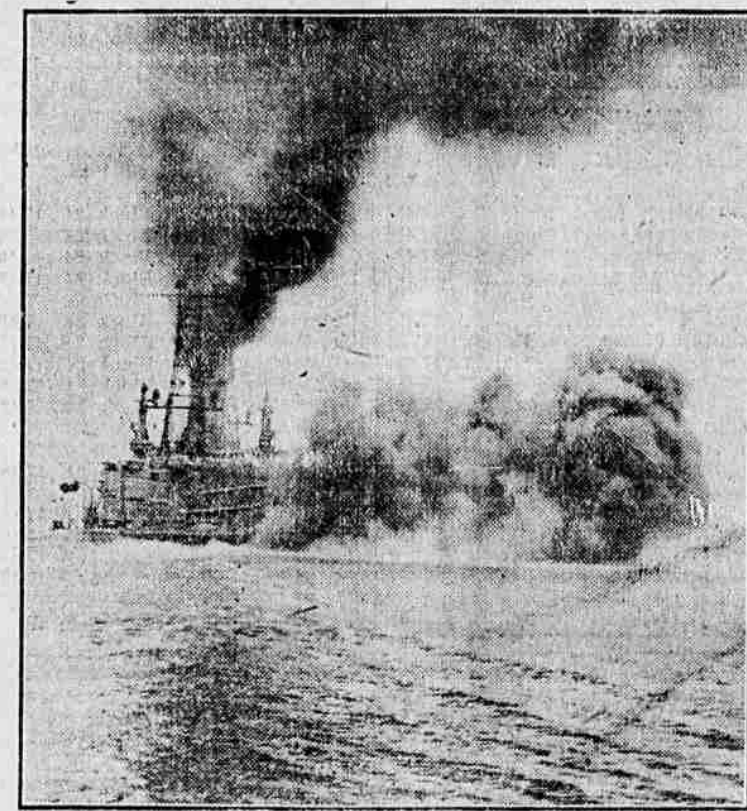
Public Hears Trial.

Washington, May 8.—The public was today admitted to the hearing of the charges against Judge Robert Archibald, of the commerce court before the house judiciary committee. Papers in the case submitted by Taft were examined in secret. Chairman Clayton stated that seven new witnesses will be called.

British Steamer Hits.

Washington, May 8.—Wireless reports reaching here are to the effect that the British steamer Indora from Liverpool, has stranded on the French reef on the Florida straits. The revenue cutters, Vamacraw, and Forward are rushing to her assistance.

Battleship Michigan, American Dreadnought, at Gun Practice



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LAST year the champion of the navy in target practice with big guns, the battleship Michigan this spring lost her laurels to the battleship Utah in the tests made off Hampton Roads. She has an imposing bulk, with her two huge sets of superimposed turrets fore and aft, her lofty "peach basket" steel masts supporting her fire control platforms and wireless apparatus, and is altogether a splendid specimen of the American Dreadnought type. She is of 16,000 tons displacement, carries in her main battery eight twelve-inch guns and cost about \$5,000,000. One of her twelve inchers throws an 850 pound projectile. Each shot requires 300 pounds of smokeless powder and costs about \$225. The Michigan won the red silk pennant "for battle efficiency" for the year 1911, defeating the former holder, the battleship Maryland. The photograph here reproduced shows the Michigan discharging a broadside in the target practice in which the Atlantic met recently engaged.

BLOODSHED IS RIOT'S FRUITS

SAN DIEGO I. W. W. FORCES WOULD KILL 'COP.'

RIOT CALL HURRIES VARIOUS SUPPORT TO THE AID

Three Held With Charges of Conspiracy to Murder Two Policemen—Unknown Assailant Fires on Policemen With Evident Intent to Kill Them—Citizens Promise to Clean up the Town.

San Diego, Cal., May 8.—Joe Mikolash, a Bohemian, is dying in the hospital, two policemen are seriously wounded, and more than 30 alleged I. W. W.'s or sympathizers are held under arrest as a result of a shooting affray which the police say was an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Policemen Stevens and Eddon. They say they were suddenly attacked by an unknown man, who fired on them with a revolver. They engaged in a fight, turning in a riot call. The police, militia, sailors and citizens responded. The police, aided by the citizens, are rounding up the I. W. W. and their sympathizers, and declare they will clean the town of them.

Later it is declared that several members of the I. W. W. found in the house, in front of which the shooting occurred, were not to be sent out of town, but are held charged with conspiracy to commit murder.

A search of a K street house where the fight took place resulted in finding three loaded revolvers and a rifle to which was attached a Maxim silencer. A. J. Van Bibber, secretary of the Cooks and Waiters union, is among the prisoners. The police refuse to give out the names of the other prisoners.

Shriners Select Dallas.

Los Angeles, May 8.—Dallas, Tex., was chosen today for the 1913 meeting of the imperial council of Shriners.

UNION WANTS ED KIVETTE

LA GRANDE YOUTH ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF SPEEDING.

UNION MEN COMPLAIN

Officers Say Auto Driver Disregard Speed Limits at Union.

Exceeding the speed limit as provided by state statute is the charge upon which Ed. Kivette, a youth of this city, was arrested last evening upon advice from officers in Union. It is charged that the young man was speeding up and down the streets of Union in a touring car and would pay no attention to the officers of the law. When arrested here Kivette was very abusive and the officer sent from Union to take charge of him received some curt lectures which finally resulted in drastic action on the part of the officer to make the young man safe. His case will doubtless come up before the grand jury.

LA GRANDERS IN WINNING FORM

FIRST GAME WON BY VISITORS AT BOISE.

Enormous Crowd Sees Stellar Performance on Boise Grounds.

CLOSE-UP TUESDAY IS FORETERED.

While no concerted action to feel the public pulse in the matter has been made unofficial reports, as it were, indicate that La Grande will close up tight as a drum Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 and allow the usual festival air at the opening of the ball season here. All the other towns of the league are doing it and La Grande fans aim not to be outdone in loyalty.

Boise, May 8.—(Spec.)—"Heck" McInnis, backed up with splendid support and boosted along with timely hitting, steered the La Grande craft in the Western Tri-State league to victory in the initial game here yesterday afternoon before 4,000 fans, the largest number that ever witnessed a game in Boise, it is said. Festivities that made the day a banner one, and a closed-up town for the afternoon preceded the stellar contest. Not alone content with pitching mid-season ball McInnis broke into the hit column twice in three times up. Eight scattering hits were ripped off McInnis' benders but peculiarly enough only three men had Heck's goat, Third Baseman Luttrell getting four of the eight.

James Bradley, Hugh Kellackey, the playing managers, Mayor Fritchman and Umpire Phil Kneil and many others constituted a group of baseball luminaries who supped at the same festal board yesterday evening. Enthusiasm for the Tri-State league was at a high pitch.

A little more luck, and Boise might have won the game. It was a pitching battle between Karr and McInnis. The visitors found Karr hard to hit, but he was not as steady at critical times as his opponent. McInnis has a spital ball that is a bad one, and Chet Luttrell was the only one of Kellackey's men who hit him consistently. The way Chet pounded that ball, however, was one of the features of the contest.

One of the prettiest plays was a long throw made by West when he caught Owens at second in the eighth. Harmon and Proe each has a magnificent running catch to his credit, and a double by Smith, Naughton and Donovan retired the visitors in the second.

Some of the Bright Spots. These are but a few of the brightest of a number of features that made it a contest worthy the celebration that preceded it and the crowd that watched it.

Karr gave Fitzgerald a walk in the first, but the three outs were easy, and he got no further.

When Boise went to bat, Luttrell

CANAL READY IN WEEK'S TIME

THREE MILES ARE ALL THAT REMAIN UN-DUG OF DITCH

BURN FLOOD WATERS IN DURING NEXT FEW DAYS

Formation of Arid Spot of Union County Assured When Contractors Find Splendid Soil, without Hardpan or Alkali, Underneath the Arid Surface—Promoters Are Greatly Pleased.

Trekking through barren land a considerable portion of the way and bisecting what is generally conceded to be the least productive soil of Union county, Contractor Hyatt and a big crew have constructed nearly eight miles of canal for the Grande Ronde Valley Irrigation company, leaving approximately three miles yet to construct before the project is complete. Water will be running in the canal before the 20th instant. A small crew of teams and men is completing the initial portion of the ditch but the main camp is located near the land known as the Al Roberts property about eight miles from La Grande and today the ditches are being dug through a section of land that has never been known to produce a profitable crop—however, a goodly portion of the right of way is flanked by productive land, without artificial moisture.

Splendid Soil Uncovered.

Contractor Hyatt declared last night that the best soil, the least hardpan and the greatest absence of alkali in several miles' construction was found under the tumbleweeds and catnip that covers a large area of arid land along the Cove road and of late years has not been profitable in its products to the owners, and the promoters join with President J. D. McKennon of the ditch company, in claiming that the discoveries of the contractor simply carry out their original deductions, namely, that the soil under the barren surface in this area was fertile and needed only water to make bountiful crops and golden verdure substitute the tumbleweed. Plows and scrapers failed to touch hardpan or find alkali in the particular arid surface, a fact that has encouraged the promoters immensely. Land with less fertile surface but properly watered by nature and otherwise in that section of the valley now teem with golden crops and the assertion is ventured that by a year or two these arid sections of the valley will be laden with splendid crops.

Ten Thousand Acres Covered.

The long ditch is by far the biggest irrigation venture of the valley and extreme haste is being brought to bear to get flood waters of the Grande Ronde into the canal as soon as possible. Ten thousands acres of land will be covered by this flood water in a few days—for the ditch is near completion, and of that vast acreage about 8,000 will be made to produce profit that now have been a burden to the owners and seldom if ever productive of remunerative crops. The artificial stream which will soon wind its way over the heart of the valley is intended and doubtless will transplant the tumbleweed and other insignia of desert foundation with waving grain and billowy alfalfa—every indication points to it.

started it off with a hit. He stole second while Harmon was at bat; but Shine couldn't locate McInnis and the side was retired.

In the second Forbes was walked, Teck fanned and Walters hit into a speedy double, Smith to Naughton to Donovan. The play brought the crowd to its feet and ended the session.

Smith banged out a safe one in the second. He started for the second sack at the first opportunity. The throw sent to catch him went wild, and he kept going. The recovery was slow and he scored on it.

How La Grande Makes Run.

Maher slammed one out in the fifth that Smith could not hold. McInnis hit put him on second, and he counted on Fitzgerald's well placed drive to right.

There was nothing more doing in the run column until the eighth. Owens started that session off with a long hit to left field. He tried to

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