

BATTLE TO RAGE AROUND BENZOATE

Wilson to Marshal Experts at Food Commissioners' Convention Today.

EMERY STANDS TO HIS GUNS

Opponents of Remsen Insist Harm Done by Preservative in Food, but Wilson Has Won Over Some of Committee.

DENVER, Aug. 25.—The contention of the Department of Agriculture that benzoate of soda, used as a preservative in thousands of food products, is not harmful to the public health will be defended here tomorrow by an array of chemical experts.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson was joined here today by Dr. Ira Remsen of Baltimore, Dr. Russell H. Chittenden of New Haven, Conn., Dr. John H. Long of Evanston, Ill., and Dr. C. H. Herter of New York, all members of the Remsen Referee Board which was created by ex-President Roosevelt to decide upon disputed points in the enforcement of the Federal pure food laws.

Anti-Benzoate Faction. On the other hand, in the association, which is composed of food commissioners and expert chemists from every state in the Union, there is a faction that insists that the experiments made by the Remsen board should not be accepted as conclusive, and that whether benzoate is harmful, when taken constantly in many foods in which it is used, is still an open question.

J. Q. Emery, food commissioner of Wisconsin and president of the association, has openly opposed Mr. Wilson and the Remsen board. He says that there is no need for any kind of chemical preservative in food products. After the Remsen board members speak, a special committee appointed by Mr. Emery is to give its opinion of the board's findings. It was reported tonight that some of the members of the committee have decided to accept Mr. Wilson's attitude.

Clean Handling of Food. Dr. E. F. Ladd, food commissioner of North Dakota and Dr. Barnard, food commissioner of Indiana, addressed the convention tonight. Dr. Barnard dwelt forcibly with the need of cleanliness in handling food. He said that food which is chemically pure, it may be sanitarily unfit for use. He suggested all manner of ways for bread, fruit, crackers and sugar to become contaminated in the store or wagon.

Wilson Will Tour West. After the convention adjourns, Secretary Wilson will make a month's tour through the West. The Secretary will spend ten days or two weeks in visiting by automobile forest reservations in Idaho. "I want to have a good look over these reservations," said the Secretary, "to see if some of the land is not fit for farming and whether it should be turned back to the Interior Department and then opened for settlement. I am just going to roam around through the West, without any definite plans, to see what improvement can be made by the Government for this great section of the country."

ALABAMA DRY AS DESERT Whole Code of Stringent Prohibition Laws Signed by Governor.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 25.—The whole code of the prohibition laws, passed by the legislature at the session which adjourned Tuesday night, was signed by the Governor today.

The laws prevent the use or distribution of liquors in clubs, make it unlawful for foreign corporations to break the temperance laws, provide for impeachment of Sheriffs who refuse to obey the laws, make it the duty of municipalities to fix and enforce prohibition laws like those of the Governor today. They prevent soft drink stands from using screens or storing liquors of any kind, and prevent gambling by prohibiting barred doors in any public place or the use therein of electric bells, dumb-waiters or other like machinery. By the Fuller bill all places under suspicion may be raided and liquors found in them destroyed.

SEND SQUADRON TO ORIENT Navy Department Orders Eight Cruisers on Pacific Voyage.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Another "peace" fleet is to be sent across the Pacific by Uncle Sam. It will comprise eight of the strongest and fastest cruisers in the naval force and will leave San Francisco a week from next Sunday. It will be equipped with its mission, which is declared to be friendly, more than five months.

The vessels which have been ordered to prepare for the journey are the fully armored cruisers Tennessee, California, South Dakota, Washington, West Virginia, Colorado, Maryland and Pennsylvania. According to the Navy Department's schedule of their 28,000-mile journey, after making several side trips to Chinese and Japanese ports, the whole squadron will reassemble at Yokohama and will sail home January 19, 1910.

STAB AMERICAN CONSUL Anti-Americans in Colombia Dig Knife Into McMaster.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 25.—Steamship passengers arriving from Colombia report the attempted assassination and serious wounding, by two Colombians, of William B. McMaster, of New York City, United States Vice-Consul at Cartagena. The attack was the outgrowth of an anti-American feeling there.

McMaster was at his home in Cartagena on the evening of July 24, when Lara Condoba, editor of an anti-American newspaper in Cartagena, accompanied by a friend, broke in on him. The two were armed with knives and revolvers. McMaster put up a brave defense, but was badly wounded in a dozen places and left for dead. A bullet grazed his forehead and he was "abbed

in the head and abdomen. It is hoped, despite the severity of his wounds, that McMaster will recover. His assailants were not arrested until the next day. They are both in prison. An official account of the outrage has been sent to the State Department at Washington, and it is understood that the United States Legation at Bogota has demanded satisfaction.

EARTH SHAKES AT SIENA

One Life Lost and Many Persons Injured in Italy.

SIENA, Italy, Aug. 25.—A heavy earthquake was felt throughout the Province of Siena at 10:25 this morning. Practically all the houses in San Lorenzo were destroyed or badly damaged. Many persons were injured. The quake was most severely felt within a radius of 20 miles from Siena.

Considerable damage was done at Buonconvento. Several houses collapsed and one person was killed. Several persons were injured at Monteroni. Siena itself escaped with a severe shaking. The people were badly frightened, however, and pushed out of their houses and wandered about in a state of semi-panic until assured the quakes were over.

Shocks in Several Cities.

ROME, Aug. 25.—Earthquakes were recorded this morning at Florence, Perugia and Grosseto, but no damage was done. A telegram from the prefect of Siena province says the damage there is less serious than was at first feared.

KERN DEFENDS BROADHEAD

Denies Oswald's Story of Paying Bribe Money.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 25.—Edward Kern, ex-Chief of Police of this city, went on the stand today in the trial of ex-Chief of Police Thomas H. Broadhead for bribery, and denied every statement made by Nick Oswald that would tend to incriminate Broadhead. Broadhead was a captain of police under Kern and succeeded him as chief. Oswald was the alleged "tenderloin" king at the time Broadhead was captain and has testified that he paid both Kern and Broadhead for protection. A number of police officers testified today in regard to orders issued by Kern and Broadhead for the closing of the disorderly places.

WILL APPEAL RATE CASE

Commerce Commission Not Satisfied With Federal Court Decision.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—It is regarded certain that the Interstate Commerce Commission will take an appeal to the United States Supreme Court in the case of the United States Circuit Court at Chicago in the Missouri River rate case.

Attorneys of the Commission have not yet received the complete opinion of the court, and until that has been examined carefully no determination as to the course of procedure will be outlined.

LOOKS FOR A NEW ROUTE

President Hill, of Great Northern, Inspects Montana Country.

KALISPELL, Mont., Aug. 25.—L. W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, tonight began a trip to the mountains of Montana, over the Cutbank Pass and down the Cutbank River on the other side of the range. It is believed that the trip is for the purpose of finding a new railroad route preferable to the present course.

BATTLESHIP AS TARGET

Severe Test Being Made of the Effect of Heavy Projectiles.

TOULON, Aug. 25.—The experiments in the effect of projectiles in which the battleship Jena is serving as a target are being continued. Today four projectiles from the cruiser La Touche Treville damaged the Jena seriously and some of the crewed animals on board were killed by gases from the shells.

Boom Company Sued.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—The Craeger Timber Company has filed suit in Superior Court against the Lewis River Boom & Log Company, Robert Duncan, Matt Conner and Al Barr. In the complaint it is alleged that the defendants took possession of 468 ft logs, containing 108,000 feet of timber, and valued at \$2384.

Mayor Arrested and Fined.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 25.—J. F. Mitts, Mayor of Canby, was arrested last week by City Recorder Knight for prohibiting riding bicycles on city sidewalks. Mayor Mitts pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$5 by City Recorder Knight. The excuse offered by the Mayor was that he was ignorant of the law on the subject.

Young Poolplayers Arrested.

VALE, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Three minors were arrested in the billiard parlors at Vale yesterday afternoon. Several months ago the city passed an ordinance prohibiting a minor from ever entering a billiard hall. They were fined \$5 each. An additional fine was placed on the proprietor for running his establishment after his license had expired.

Doctor Smashes Window.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—When turning off of Seventh street on to Main street this morning, Dr. Cass' auto struck the wet pavement and began to skid around, and before he could stop it, it had crossed the sidewalk and smashed into two plate-glass windows in Tim Donegan's store. The machine was slightly injured, but Dr. Cass escaped injury.

Cougar Brings \$15 Bounty.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—F. J. Cunningham, of Berlin, presented the skin of a cougar at the County Clerk's office today and received a \$10 state bounty and \$5 Linn County bounty. The animal was 8 feet 10 inches long and weighed about 20 pounds. It killed two of Cunningham's goats and he trailed it up and killed it six miles east of Berlin.

THE TEXAS WONDER

Cures all Kidney, Bladder and Rheumatism; sold by all druggists; for two months treatment by mail, for \$1.00. W. H. Hall, 225 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials.

Bedspreads Marseilles Patterns \$1.12 Each. Brilliant bargains are on tap Thursday in the Linen Section. Here's a lot of Bedspreads that every one who sees them will want. To buy means to obtain the most in quality for the very least in price. Good, heavy weight, hemmed ends (not fringed like illustration); extra special at this very low price, each... \$1.12 BLEACHED TABLE DAMASK, Richardson's make, extra weight; regular price \$1.25 the yard; special for Housekeepers' day at this remarkably low price, .89c 300 DOZEN SHEETS AT 52c AND 57c—Round thread sheets of good materials, made without seams in center; full size and good weight; two sizes featured at extra low prices for today only— Size 72x90 inches, special for Housekeepers' day .52c Size 81x90 inches, special for Housekeepers' day .57c P I L L O W C A S E S, an immense lot that were bought at a very low price, and as they were bought so they'll be sold. Now, housekeepers of Portland, take advantage, for, glad as we are to offer this splendid special, 'tis not likely that we can make another purchase so good. Supply your wants for many months to come. Lot 1—Special . . . 11c Lot 2—Special . . . 12 1/2c Lot 3—Special . . . 14c Lot 4—Special . . . 15c

\$5 Parasols at \$1.98 Each. There are Japanese parasols with bamboo frames and hand-embroidered Japanese silk covers, or a miscellaneous lot of silk parasols. Good assortment of handles, choice at, each... \$1.98

Third Floor House-furn Dept. Rogers' Teaspoons 90c. Set of six guaranteed spoons, special for Housekeepers' Day, the set... 90c DESSERT SPOONS, for the set of six... \$1.58 TABLE SPOONS, for the set of six... \$1.80 TABLE FORKS, for the set of six... \$1.80 TABLE KNIVES, for the set of six... \$1.69 KNIVES AND FORKS, set of six each, sp'l \$3.49 BERRY SPOONS, special, each, only... 85c COLD MEAT FORKS, special, each... 54c PICKLE FORKS, special sale price, each... 40c FERN DISHES, regularly worth \$1.90, special sale price for today, each... \$1.45 Regular \$2.75 values, special sale price, each \$2.15 VIOLET HOLDERS, regularly worth \$1.00, on special sale for today at, each... 79c WE ARE OPENING A NEW LINE OF CANDLE SHADES, MEDIUM OR LARGE SIZE, PAPER OR SILK SHADES. DON'T FAIL TO SEE THEM.

Thursday, Housekeepers' Day at Olds, Wortman & King. Everything in the Dept. is reduced to some extent and baby biographies are given free to every customer. This announcement alone would arouse enthusiasm even if we did not add this stirring lot of specials in baby things. Let the little folks share in the advantages that this ever alert store offers and save on the things you buy for them, as well as the things you buy for yourself. Qualities are always dependable, no matter how a price is quoted, we never do and never will offer poor merchandise. INFANTS' LONG SKIRTS, with bands or waists, made of good quality outing flannel, regular 40c value, on special sale at... 27c INFANTS' BEDFORD COORD COATS, long style, fancy braids, \$1.98 OUTING FLANNEL NIGHTGOWNS, values to 65c each, on special sale at, each... 48c WHITE CASHMERE WRAPPERS, daintily trimmed, values to \$2.75, special... \$1.98 INFANTS' SHOULDER SHAWLS, cashmere or flannel, with baby blue or pink stitching, special today, each... 68c Eiderdown Buggy Robes, \$1.97 pink or blue bands, sp'l... Baby Shoes—Every style and color, special, pair... 49c

Gray Blankets \$1.15 Pr. Summer weight blankets for Housekeepers' Day at very special prices. Come in sanitary gray, in plaid effects, in fawns or plain white. Nine grades in the lot and every one at a price that indicates remarkable savings. If you're feeling the chill of nights at the coast, we'll send you a pair of these on a mail order if you wish. Specify price and color and state whether we may substitute.

Regular \$1.50 blankets today at, pair \$1.15 Regular \$2.50 blankets today at, pair \$1.85 Regular \$2.75 blankets today at, pair \$2.10 Regular \$3.50 blankets today at, pair \$2.75 Regular \$3.75 blankets today at, pair \$2.95 Regular \$5.00 blankets today at, pair \$3.95 Regular \$5.50 blankets today at, pair \$4.35 Regular \$6.00 blankets today at, pair \$4.95 Regular \$8.50 blankets, pair, special... \$6.75 VERY LOW PRICES ON HAMMOCKS, LACE CURTAINS, ENAMELED BEDS AND MANY OTHER HOUSE NEEDS ON THE FOURTH FLOOR.

All Bathing Suits at Half. Every women's or children's bathing suit in our entire stock reduced in this decisive manner. Choose from an assortment that contains the best makes and by buying now save... 1/2

4-Piece Tea Sets \$6.50. Silverware in the best makes, guaranteed for wear, specially priced for today's selling. Four-piece tea sets, sugar, creamer, spooner and teapot, regular \$8.50 value, special at... \$6.50 \$12.00 values, special price today, the set \$9.50 \$15.50 value, special price today, the set \$12.25 \$18.00 value; special price today, the set \$14.75 DESSERT SUGAR AND CREAMER SET— Regular \$2.00 value, special sale price... \$1.55 Regular \$3.75 value, special sale price... \$2.95 COFFEE SETS, four pieces, regular \$12.65 value, special sale price, the set... \$9.98 Regular \$18.00 value, special price, the set \$14.00 CLOSING OUT ALL SUMMER GOODS, REFRIGERATORS, ICE-CREAM FREEZERS, WINDOW SCREENS, ETC., GREATLY REDUCED.

New Fall Suits Here in Greatest Abundance. Strikingly good styles in great variety, materials in wide assortment of weave and color. Prices that customers tell us are so low as to be a surprise to everyone who shops here and in addition remember that this is the acknowledged STYLE CENTER OF THE NORTHWEST. Come where you have large numbers to choose from. The new jersey suits are selling rapidly, if you wait till your size is sold, 'tis not likely you'll find in the entire city models in the same garments that you'll like as well as these. SPECIAL SALE OF HOUSE DRESSES, worth to \$15.00, at the remarkably low price of, each... \$3.98

Men's Summer Underwear Now 1/2. The prices of the underwear offered here at regular times run from 50c to \$2.50, so it is readily seen that the savings are from 25c to \$1.25. Two-piece and union suits are included in the lot and all are good qualities. There is a good assortment of sizes, therefore the man who neglects to stock up now is missing a bargain.

Portland's Best Shoe Sale Now On. When you may buy odd lots in women's oxfords worth to \$5.00 at \$1.00—any pair of women's oxfords worth to \$8.00 for \$3.39—boys' oxfords at half price. Any pair of girls' or misses' oxfords at 1/2 less. Women's white canvas oxfords, worth to \$4.00, at \$1.00, and all men's low shoes reduced—Now Is the Time to Buy.

STOP AUTOS' CARNAGE

WHOLESALE ARRESTS OF SPEED MANIACS IS ORDERED.

New Chicago Chief Determined to Make Streets Safe—May Put Bumps in Way.

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Reckless automobilists making Chicago's streets fields of carnage are to be stopped. Wholesale arrests of drivers of speeding cars are expected to follow the decision today of Colonel Leroy T. Steward, general superintendent of police, that he will devote the energies of the department to make the streets safe for other vehicles and for pedestrians. The task will be one of his first important ones in the new office.

The toll by juggernauts of pleasure in dead and injured has reached such an alarming extent that Colonel Steward believes as great a task confronts the police in making the streets safe from them as in protecting them from the holdup man and the thug. His determination to take action came as a result of a call on him by John J. Hanberg, Commissioner of Public Works.

If the police are unable to effect quick results, "bumps" or ridges will be erected in every block. Mitchell's Trade School Scheme. NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—John Mitchell, of the National Civic Federation, in discussing the plans to establish great industrial colleges in all populous sections of the country, says: "In a general way we plan to make the industrial educational systems of the various localities distinct from cultural education. We aim to take hold of the

children when they finish the primary schools at about the age of fourteen, and give them a four years' course in our schools. The subjects to be taught will depend upon the industrial circumstances of the locality."

ADVANCES RATE HEARINGS

Interstate Commission to Begin Sessions in West September 22.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—A change in the itinerary of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the Pacific Coast trip developed today. It had been expected that the work of the Commission would begin at Spokane, October 4. Commissioner Prouty, however, has assigned the first case for hearing at Salt Lake City on September 22. The case is that of the Commercial Club Traffic Bureau of Salt Lake against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway and other carriers. It involves freight rates on both westbound and eastbound traffic.

The rehearing of the case of Spokane against the Northern Pacific Railway and others, known as the Spokane rate case, is set for September 23. It is likely the advance in the dates of the hearing of these two cases will automatically advance the dates of hearing of the cases in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Reno.

Fish Trap Operator Fined.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—L. Magnusson, who has charge of one of the Columbia River Packers' Association's Baker's Bay fish traps, was found guilty in the Justice Court this afternoon on a charge of having his trap in condition to catch salmon on Sunday, July 4, in violation of the state fishing laws, and was fined \$50 and costs. Notice was given of appeal.

Falling Wall Crushes Laborers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—Two laborers were crushed to death by a caving wall in a building in course of erection at Eddy and Taylor streets. The mason men who John Ragan, whose family lives in Waktown, Wash., and William Harrison, who came to this city from Bakersfield, Cal.

WARM WELCOME GIVEN

J. J. HILL AND LORD STRATHCONA MEET AT WINNIPEG.

Great Empire Builders Speak at Reception Tendered Them by Commercial Club.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 25.—James J. Hill and Lord Strathcona, both pioneers in railroad development in the West, met at the Canadian Club here this afternoon. Fifteen hundred citizens had gathered to greet them. As the two men clasped hands the crowd broke into enthusiastic applause. After a few minutes' earnest conversation they partook of luncheon and later both delivered short addresses.

Lord Strathcona intended to meet Mr. Hill at the railway station, but failed to do so, as Mr. Hill's train came in from St. Paul ahead of time. "Don't be afraid you won't get people. There is no other place on the American continent where they can go. But don't try to get people who will have to be 'recivilized,'" said Mr. Hill, in speaking for the American settlers at the Canadian Club, where he and Lord Strathcona were the guests of honor at a dinner.

"It is a long and hard job to assimilate a foreign population," continued Mr. Hill. "Those who come from our Western states speak your language and know your institutions. I am very sure they will quite rapidly fall into your local municipal organization and as a rule you collect a judgment from them."

British Science Convention.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 25.—Six Hundred delegates are here from the United Kingdom,

the United States and Canada, attending the 7th annual convention of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. A large number of Americans are attending, including Professor Brown, of Yale, and Professor Campbell, of Leland-Stanford University.

PANDER IS GIVEN FREEDOM

Law Under Which He Is Convicted Is Held Unconstitutional.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The two-year sentence of Louis Hinderstein, convicted at Baltimore, Md., in October, 1908, on a charge of harboring and maintaining an alien girl for immoral purposes, was today commuted to exile at once. The action was based upon the recommendation of Attorney-General Wickersham, who was moved

by the decision of the Supreme Court, declaring unconstitutional section 3 of the immigration act of February 20, 1908, under which Hinderstein was convicted. The section of the act in question was declared unconstitutional because it interfered with the police laws of state and municipalities.

POPULATION FIGHTS FIRE

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 25.—A special from Neshoro says that 300 men, women and children are fighting a big fire on a marsh covering 200 acres. The fire started Tuesday. For trunks go to the Harris Trunk Co.

W. M. LADD, President.

E. COOKINGHAM, Vice-President. S. P. LOCKWOOD, Vice-Pres. and General Manager. Home Office, Lumber Exchange Bldg., Portland, Or.

T. B. WILCOX, Vice-President.

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