

STEAMSHIP POOLS MAY BE ENJOINED

Government to Begin Suit, Alleging Conspiracy to Restrain Trade.

5 INDICTMENTS REPORTED

Immigrant Traffic and Freight Affected—All Are Foreign Concerns—American Ships Underbid, Is Alleged.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Suit in equity under the Sherman anti-trust law is to be instituted by the Department of Justice against what is known as the European steamship pool on the contention that it is an arrangement in restraint of trade.

The fact that the vessels owned by the steamship companies forming the pool, or several of them, touch at American ports is the basis for proceedings under the Sherman law.

All the steamship companies involved in the proposed proceedings are foreign concerns.

A Federal grand jury investigation at New York, it is said, developed that the pooling arrangement embraced the transportation of both freight and passengers. On the American side of the Atlantic it was charged that the agreement had its ramifications in rebating by railroads.

Operations Are Widespread. The investigation is said to have developed a case embracing the whole service of the immigration traffic from every country in Europe. The operations of the pool also, it was charged, seriously interfered with the work of American steamers lying at American ports awaiting cargoes, the foreigners underbidding them and getting the traffic.

While the Government cannot bring suit to dissolve a foreign corporation, it may institute proceedings affecting its operations as practiced on American territory and can secure an injunction to stop illegal acts.

When the Government first started an inquiry last Autumn into charges of violations of the Sherman law by the pool the case involved a few steamship lines and railroad companies in the United States having their Eastern terminals in New York City.

Three Pools Disclosed. As the investigation progressed its scope broadened considerably, with the result that the operations of three great steamship pools are being looked into. Five indictments were found, according to report, including the resident officers of one of the lines under investigation.

The Government first heard of an alleged agreement with the railroads in this country to the West; the trade was supposed to be confined to sail from the northern ports of Europe. Later it was ascertained that immigrants, as well as merchandise of nearly all kinds, were handled the same way.

JAPANESE MAY GO FREE

Punishment of Attempt to Bribe Soldier Puzzles Officials.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The War Department is studying the Philippine law to determine whether there is good ground for trying to punish the two Japanese who were arrested in Cavite charged with attempting to bribe an American soldier to supply them with plans of the fortifications of Manila harbor.

The officials have satisfied themselves that the United States law does not cover the case, but they are by no means sure that the Philippine law, which is a composite of American laws and the ancient code, may not suffice.

General Duvall, commanding the Philippine division, has made another report to the department regarding the incident, substantially on the lines of the press dispatches, but it is still inconclusive and he has been instructed to obtain an opinion from the legal officers of the Philippine government.

MAN SEES LEG CUT OFF

Patient Watches Own Operation, Experiencing No Pain.

BUTTE, Mont., March 31.—(Special.)—Through the employment of stovain, which was injected into his spinal column, Joseph Henworth, aged 72, miner, watched Drs. Witherspoon and Klatzer at the Murray hospital last night amputate his leg.

Henworth showed an utter lack of emotion during the operation, experiencing no pain whatever, and other than a sickly smile at a joke or two of the surgeons, gave no evidence that he appreciated the gravity of the situation.

Dry gangrene had set in, and because of the advanced age of the patient, the use of ordinary anesthetics was deemed inadvisable. According to the surgeons, the operation was a complete success. It is very likely Henworth will have to submit to the amputation of his other leg for a similar affection.

BILL FALLS ON DEPUTY

Suspects Released, Have No Money to Pay for Feeding Horse.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 31.—(Special.)—Max Shankel and H. Gold were arrested in Oregon today, charged with stealing a stack of oats in Washington Wednesday and later released for lack of evidence.

The men had a horse which Deputy Sheriff Walters placed in Henry's stable. When the men were released they asked Walters to pay for keeping the horse in the barn and he refused. The men had no money, so Walters finally guaranteed the bill.

PUBLIC SENDS IN LINEN

Needs of St. Vincent's, However, Not Yet Supplied.

single or in sets of the following dimensions: Sheets, 6 feet by 6 feet; pillow-slips, 42 inch goods, three feet including hem; towels, 40 or 36 inches, no fringe; bath towels, 40 inches; table napkins, 24 by 24 inches, or with colored border, 18 by 18 inches; bedspreads, 72 feet by 84 feet. Sheeting for surgical use 64 inches wide. Contributions, large or small, of money or furnishings, may be sent to the following ladies:

- Central committee—Mrs. F. J. Cronin, president; Miss E. W. Campion, secretary; Mrs. J. J. Cronin, treasurer. Cathedral parish—Mrs. M. Zan, Mrs. John Barrett, Mrs. F. J. Cronin, Mrs. W. J. Elvira, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Raleigh Scott, Mrs. J. E. Cronan, Mrs. John Manning, Mrs. W. E. Trudonema, Mrs. Katharine Dain, Mrs. T. J. Patterson, Mrs. P. H. Flynn, Miss W. R. Burke, Miss Springer, Mrs. W. Jessop. St. Patrick's parish—Mrs. W. J. Blake, Mrs. E. H. Clay, Miss Conroy, Mrs. Durkin. St. Lawrence parish—Mrs. Frank Kiernan. Holy Cross parish—Mrs. W. G. Steele, Mrs. D. B. Gahner, Mrs. J. P. McCarthy. St. Clement's parish—Mrs. J. T. Murphy. Sacred Heart parish—Mrs. E. Krelich, Mrs. D. J. McCall. St. Stephen's parish—Mrs. J. W. Kelly, Mrs. N. J. Drey. St. Andrew's parish—Mrs. A. Kirk, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Kopart, Mrs. Howard. Holy Cross parish—Mrs. F. M. Barrett. St. Joseph's parish—Mrs. Joseph Webber, Mrs. Schwartzback, Mrs. Eder. Holy Rosary parish—Mrs. James Laidlaw, Mrs. Savvie, Mrs. John Maginnis, Mrs. C. Maginnis, Mrs. J. H. Henschel. St. Francis parish—Mrs. T. J. McNamee, Mrs. Walter Shnott, Mrs. E. S. Routledge, Mrs. T. Cliffe. Immaculate Heart parish—Mrs. William Bailey, Mrs. Thomas Shea, Mrs. Joseph Noonan.

'CHANGEADOPTS REFORM

NEW YORK STOCK MART PUTS FOOT ON FIASCO.

Resolutions Aim to Curb Speculation By Employes and Force Brokers to Reform.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Recent occurrences on the New York Stock Exchange, notably the collapse of the Hoeking pool, caused the governors to adopt a number of new rules yesterday, effective April 4.

The first act forth: "Taking or carrying of a speculative account or the making of a speculative transaction, in which the clerk of the exchange or a member of the exchange or of a bank, trust company, banker, insurance company or moneyed corporation is directly or indirectly interested, unless the written consent of the employer has been obtained, shall be deemed an act detrimental to the interest and welfare of the exchange."

Another resolution is: "Every member of the exchange is required to use due diligence to learn the essential facts relative to every account accepted by himself or by his clerks or representatives and also relating to the possible use of a name for the account other than that of the party interested."

A third resolution sets forth the recognized quotations on stocks "shall be public bids and offers on lots of 100 shares." Buyers of stocks are compelled to buy any or all of small lots offered at the head of a bid for a larger lot, up to the price offered for a larger lot. In other words, the governors decided to prevent a broker purchasing a stated amount of stock, while smaller lots offered at a lower figure.

The so-called specialist on the exchange is limited in his activities by another resolution and other safeguards and reforms are contemplated. The general belief is that the stock exchange is drawing a lesson from fiascos of late and is "reforming."

GOMPERS GETS PROMISE

INDIANA GOVERNOR TO INVESTIGATE "STEEL TRUST."

Prosecution Will Follow if Labor's Charges Against Conduct of Gary Plant Are Sustained.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 31.—Governor Marshall yesterday promised Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, that he would consider carefully the evidence submitted that the United States Steel Corporation was violating the laws of Indiana, and, if he found it sufficient, would direct a prosecution of the company.

A brief will be filed with the Governor by E. G. Ballard, of Gary, Ind., attorney for the union of Iron, Steel & Tinworkers, arguing that the steel company, which has declared an "open shop," is operating its plants in Indiana in violation of the laws governing corporations and that it is an illegal "trust."

P. J. McArdle, National president of the Iron, Steel & Tinworkers' Union, was advised by the governor that the police authorities at Elwood, where Mr. McArdle declared, striking tinworkers are intimidated by strikebreakers from other states upon whom police power has been conferred by the local authorities at the solicitation of the "steel trust."

VICTORIA PROBES GRAFT

Vice and Water Works Under Inquiry by Royal Commission.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 31.—(Special.)—Judge Lampan as a royal commissioner today opened a formal investigation into police methods here, which local newspapers have declared to be out-Tammany Tammany.

The women proprietors of numerous tenderloin resorts testified that they paid nothing directly for police protection, but their rents ran from \$200 to \$500 monthly for premises normally worth less than \$25. They are compelled to rent in certain localities, where all the property-owners are Chinese, and it is alleged that these Chinese, in reality represent the police commissioners and officials who have been reaping fortunes from the underworld.

Stella Carroll, proprietress of the largest resort in the quarter, declared that Alice Seymour and Jennie Moreans were permitted to remain undisturbed in the residence section by paying for the privilege.

The government tonight decided to order a royal commission also to inquire into water works and municipal affairs in general.

LONDON, March 31.—A special dispatch from Vienna says that the Austrian petroleum refineries and firms selling petroleum in tank cars will be obliged henceforth to procure government licenses.

It is understood this is a step in the direction of establishing a monopoly of the oil trade, as the Austrian petroleum industry is unable to compete with the Standard Oil Company,

ANOTHER SENATOR IS UNDER SHADOW

Insurance Inquiry Throws Light on Goodell's Action in Forming Company.

M'CALL AND BUCKLEY IN IT

Charter Rushed Through Legislature Giving Unlimited Power and Stock Subscribed by Lobbyist, Judge, Senator.

NEW YORK, March 31.—A new name came into the fire insurance investigation yesterday and another striking example was developed of the speed with which legislation went through the mills at Albany, when the wheels were well greased.

Superintendent Hotchkiss gave out last night the percentage and birth of the American Bond & Mortgage Guaranteed Company, which later became the International Banking & Trust Company, on 100 shares of Goodell's plan.

William H. Buckley, formerly legislative agent for fire insurance companies at Albany, was able to borrow \$15,000 from the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of Brooklyn.

The parent company, the American Bond & Mortgage Company, was promoted by Stewart Browne, a private banker of New York City, and was incorporated in 1899 by five inconspicuous persons of whom little is known save that one of them was a clerk in the office of Edward McCall, brother of the late president of the New York Life Insurance Company, and now a judge of the Supreme Court. The five incorporators were Daniel E. Lynch, Esquire, O'Beale, John Farrell, William S. Waddy and John H. McCrahan.

Senator Sold Stock "Quick." The bill of incorporation was introduced into the Legislature by Senator L. F. Goodell, who represented Orange-County from 1890 to 1906. The books of the company showed Goodell received 100 shares from Stewart Browne and they are recorded as paid for in full.

Goodell said over the telephone last night: "I remember I had 100 shares. I got rid of them very quick."

He said he could not recall why he introduced the bill, nor did he remember the charter.

"I suppose," he said, "that some of my friends from New York or Port Jarvis must have asked me to."

The charter was an extraordinary document. It conferred on the company power to do almost anything from storing a pawnshop to establishing a drug warehouse.

The bill was introduced by Goodell and it went into the committee on rules, stayed there one day, was reported out favorably and advanced at a dizzy pace. Its progress in the assembly was equally rapid and smooth and in the closing days of the session the bill became a law.

McCall and Buckley Got Stock. Goodell was not the only one to whom shares were given. William H. Buckley was allotted 100 shares, as was Justice McCall, then a practicing lawyer. The company's books also show on May 15, 1899, McCall received \$2000 and on June 1, 1899, \$10,000, for legal fees, making a total of \$12,000, equal to the par value of his 100 shares, which, according to the records, he paid for, as did Buckley, whose name was pending tonight the sums had not been paid Justice McCall after the company was incorporated for legal services.

It is thought that the further course of the investigation is to be merely the thrashing out of old straw was dispelled by the announcement from the office of Superintendent Hotchkiss last night that he has sent out a request to the presidents of 40 odd American fire insurance companies and to the American managers of foreign companies to produce records that show in any way what sums they have paid to legislative agents and to what agents these sums went.

OREGON DEAL CONFIRMED

Eastern Capitalists, Close to Hill, Admit Land Purchase.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 31.—President Vinol cures chronic coughs, colds and bronchitis. After other remedies fail.

"I have been troubled with a chronic cold and bronchitis for a long time and have tried many remedies without finding relief. Through the kind suggestion of a friend I tried Vinol, and after taking four bottles, am entirely cured." A. H. Wilde, 733-8th Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

S. McDonald, 147 W. Congress St. Paul, Minn., writes: "I contracted a severe cold last winter and thought I would never get rid of it. I tried Vinol as a last resort, and it has completely cured me."

Vinol combines two world-famed tonics, the healing, medicinal properties of cod liver oil and tonic iron, deliciously palatable and agreeable to the weakest stomach. For this reason, Vinol is unexcelled as a strength-builder for old people, delicate children, weak and run-down persons, after sickness and for Chronic Coughs, Colds and Bronchitis.

WOODARD-CLARKE & CO., DRUGGISTS, PORTLAND.

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A Great Special Line for Young Men

Young Men and their clothes desires are a particular hobby with us. We like the young college and high school chaps who blow in here in their breezy way; who want breezy styles and colors, ultra fashions and extreme models, such as older men sometimes laugh at. Let 'em laugh; we'll put you young men in right; we've got the clothes for it. High athletic shoulders, concave hips, long lapels and peg trousers. Our new Hart Schaffner & Marx dip front suit will please a lot of you. We'll show you some snappy overcoats, too.

\$20.00 to \$30.00 Other Good Makes at \$12.50 to \$20.00

Sam'l Rosenblatt & Co. Corner Third and Morrison Streets

O. R. Robertson, of the Northwest Colonization Company, the only available official connected with the giant Central Oregon land deal, admits the purchase, but refuses information regarding the intentions of the purchasers. He said he had just returned from the West and was going back immediately, but denied the impending conference with President Louis W. Hill, of the Great Northern.

Great After-Easter Suit Sale

5000 Pieces New Neckwear Regular 50-Cent Values Special 25 cts. We Make a Specialty of Suits for Stout Women, Odd Sizes 37 to 51—Requiring No Alterations.

1500 Women's and Misses' Suits and One-Piece Dresses in a Most Sensational Sale

Some at Actually Half Price and at the Very Beginning of the Spring Season. Prices Unequaled \$35.00 Tailored Suits at \$14.95

Plain and striped serges and mixtures; navy and Alice blue, tan, gray, mode, reseda, black and white checks, etc., excellent semi-fitting models, with shapely single-breasted coats, bringing out every graceful line of the figure. Attractive Spring-like touches in the collars and \$14.95 cuffs. Plaited skirts in smartest styles; vals. to \$35, at \$14.95

1-Piece Cloth Dresses \$18.50 and \$20.00 Styles \$9.95

Fine all-wool serges in navy, green, wine, brown and black. Russian blouse and straight-front effects. Misses' sizes, 14 to 18. Women's sizes, 34 to 44. Actual values \$15.00. One of the greatest values in sale at \$9.95

\$2.50 Waists Only 98c

Pure Linen Waists—every thread—some trimmed with Herre bands, Cluny insertions and embroidered net medallions. Waists as beautiful and fine as you have ever seen in all your experience at \$2.50; a tremendous purchase, including all sizes from 34 to 44; on sale 98c Friday and Saturday at \$1.98

4-BIG VALUES--4

For After-Easter Buyers, Friday and Saturday 200 Trimmed and Dressy Street Hats, in all the late shapes and trimmings. Best value in the city, special \$4.44 200 Tailored and Dress Hats For street and afternoon wear, in Milan, Chips and Azure, artistically trimmed, special \$6.44 100 Dress and Tailored Hats In Milan, Leghorn, Tagal and hand-made Braid \$8.44 A BIG ASSORTMENT OF STRICTLY DRESS AND EVENING HATS, including many of our important models and copies of our most expensive patterns; extra val. \$10.44



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Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railroad authorities yesterday denied any interest in the purchase. These investors and financiers have, however, in the past been closely associated with the efforts of the Hill line to purchase rights of way for projected railroads.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like Premiums received, Interest on investments, Total income, etc.

The Columbian National Life Insurance Company

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