

OIL PRICES WILL NOT COME DOWN

Consumer Gains Nothing by Trust's Fate.

GOVERNMENT ALONE CAN HELP

Laws Fixing Prices Are Only Means of Reduction.

POWER RESTS IN CONGRESS

Senator Borah Predicts That Subsidiary Standard Corporations Will Not Compete—Cost of Living Problem Unsolved.

BY HARRY J. BROWN. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 25.—The dissolution of the Standard Oil Company by the United States Supreme Court will not, in the judgment of some of the ablest lawyers in Congress, bring any direct benefit to the ultimate consumer by reducing the price at which oil will be sold by the retail dealer.

"Trust-busting" has always been popular and the public has lived in the hope that when the big trusts were dissolved, they themselves would reap great benefits. But this is not the opinion held by many of the Congressional lawyers who have made a thorough study of this question from both the legal and economic standpoint.

"The price of trust-made articles will not be reduced, in my judgment," said Borah, "until the Federal Government assumes the duty of fixing prices, unless, as some have advocated, we go into Government ownership. The mere dissolving of a corporation like the Standard Oil Company will not reduce the cost of oil to the consumer.

Let Government Fix Prices.

To my way of thinking, the Government must undertake to fix prices if the ultimate consumer is to benefit. If he is to purchase trust-made articles at a reasonable figure, and if the profits of the corporation are to be held down to a fair return upon the investment, there is no doubt that the Government can constitutionally fix prices of all articles entering into interstate commerce, and when it does so it practically regulates prices all over the United States.

"Theoretically, of course, competition could be restored by dissolving all the corporations operating in restraint of trade, but practically that cannot be done, for as I have said, the component parts of the big corporations, when made separate and distinct entities would not engage in active competition and moreover, such competition would not have a tendency to reduce prices as much as is popularly believed.

Borah pointed out that overhead charges are less in a big corporation than when that corporation is divided into many individual corporations, each with its own officers and organization. For instance, it is cheaper to operate a big corporation with a president drawing a salary of \$50,000 a year, than to operate four smaller corporations with presidents each drawing \$25,000 a year, and so on through the whole complement of officers. The ultimate consumer always pays the salaries of the officials and all other running expenses of a corporation, and therefore the minor oil companies, which now compose the Standard Oil Company, will when operated independently, have a larger expense account in the aggregate than the one corporation has today.

Cost of Living Can Be Solved.

Borah is of the opinion that a Federal incorporation law might very well embody a section authorizing the United States Government to fix prices of all goods entering into interstate commerce. He would like to see such a law passed, for he believes that therein lies the solution of the problem of high cost of living. When the Federal Government can fix prices, it can force the corporations to operate economically, to sell at a fair profit and yet make a reasonable profit. This would guarantee protection to the investors in corporations, would guarantee reasonable prices to the consumer.

SOCIETY ENJOYS FISTIC PROWESS

WOLGAST AND DOUGHERTY FIGHT BEFORE WOMEN.

Home of Rich San Francisco Couple Is Scene—Women Scream and Gasp as Blows Land.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—(Special.)—San Francisco society folk have built a ring in a palatial home and have bidden prizefighters frankly of the proletariat to fight to a finish for the delectation of their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fredericks, wealthy opera stars and owners of one of the most magnificent villas in San Francisco, last night entertained a score of guests at a dinner, which was followed by a rind battle, a bout which Jack London would call primordial, with the fighters grimly in earnest and the women at the ringside gasping with the delicate horror of it all.

The gladiators who contributed their brawn and knowledge of the fistie art were Ad Wolgast, the world's champion lightweight pug and Hebe Dougherty, who, though but 19 years of age, is hailed by the experts as a "comer."

In the Fredericks home at 24 Presidio terrace, the gymnasium adjoining the billiard-room was stripped of its luxurious Turkish rug and covered with a ring mat, which served as a foothold where Wolgast and Dougherty, with handsome, lightly tanned women and owners of one of the most magnificent villas in San Francisco, last night entertained a score of guests at a dinner, which was followed by a rind battle, a bout which Jack London would call primordial, with the fighters grimly in earnest and the women at the ringside gasping with the delicate horror of it all.

POET APPEARS IN COURT

Le Gallienne Accused in Divorce Suit of Having Affinity.

NEW YORK, May 25.—(Special.)—After hearing part of the testimony in the case of Mrs. Julie N. Le Gallienne against her husband, Richard Le Gallienne, poet and essayist, for divorce, Justice Gerard in the Supreme Court today adjourned the proceedings to enable L. E. Mahan, counsel for Mrs. Le Gallienne, to procure evidence of additional witnesses.

Le Gallienne was in court to answer to a subpoena obtained by Lawyer Mahan. The poet declared he had no intention of defending the suit and would not have appeared had he not been subpoenaed.

Mrs. Le Gallienne is living abroad and her testimony was taken by deposition. She charges that Le Gallienne acted improperly in this city on December 2, 1909, with a young woman unknown to her. It developed, according to the testimony of a detective, that Le Gallienne registered at a hotel with a young woman under the name of Fagan Wasteneys, the principal character in his novel, "Love Letters of the King."

NEAR-NUDE ATHLETES HIT

Seattle Lawyer Scores Scant Costumes at University.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, May 25.—(Special.)—F. D. Hughes, a well-known Seattle attorney, and liberal patron of athletics at the University of Washington Daily, the official school publication, protesting against the abbreviated wearing apparel of college athletes, especially those of crew and track. In his letter denouncing the lack of apparel Mr. Hughes says:

"If some of the contestants appeared downtown in their costumes they would certainly be thrown into jail without ball. The athletic governors of the university should insist that each and every competitor in each event be clothed from knee to shoulder in apparel not transparent, but of such texture as to fulfill the requirements of common decency.

INDIAN AVENGERS ABROAD

Bucks on Warpath Because Fellow Reds Were Killed for Murders.

RENO, Nev., May 25.—Eighteen Shoshone bucks, led by the eldest, are in Little High Rock Canyon, in northern Washoe County, to avenge the killing of the Indian band that murdered four Washoe County stockmen last February.

Deputy Constable Sitt Butler of Gerlach, advised all prospectors today to keep away from the canyon. The Indians are well armed, have extra horses, no squaws, and no children. They are subsisting on beef and food pilloped from the stockmen. Four bucks, two squaws and two pa-pooes, led by the Indian Mike, were killed at Kelley's Creek, February 26, while retreating after being shot by the State Police for the killing of the four stockmen.

BLETHERS HAVE RIVALS ARRESTED

"Post-Intelligencer" Chiefs Accused.

CRIMINAL LIBEL IS ALLEGED

Colonel Files Civil Suit Asking \$100,000 Balm.

TURN AMUSES SEATTLE

Ex-U. S. Senator Wilson, Editor and Manager of Opposing Paper, Charged With Maligning Father and Son.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—Developments piled thick and fast in the anti-graft crusade of Seattle today. Standing out prominently in the new sensations was the arrest of Ernestus Brainerd, editor of the Post-Intelligencer; John L. Wilson, ex-United States Senator and president of the Post-Intelligencer Company, and William W. Chapin, his son-in-law, for criminal libel.

But the anti-climax of the evening was yet to come. The host, who has just returned from Honolulu, did a hula-hula in native costume. It was then the pug's turn to sit up and take notice.

Editorial Ire Reciprocal.

As Colonel Blithen writes editorials with a pen dipped in nitric acid and has not spared the Post-Intelligencer, the suit caused amusement. Blithen's comments on Ernestus Brainerd, editor of the Post-Intelligencer, and Brainerd's characterizations of Blithen, have furnished entertainment to Seattle for many years. Popular decision has been the men have been well matched as flingers of editorial stink-pot. It is safe to say that the libel case will never come to trial and was filed to afford relief to Colonel Blithen's bursting emotions.

The arrests were anything but sensational. Sheriff Hodge this afternoon took the warrants, went to the Post-Intelligencer office, notified Brainerd he was under arrest for criminal libel and told him he was released on his own recognizance.

Sheriff Hodge was polite and Brainerd thanked him for his courtesy and afterwards jested with friends over the ridiculousness of the situation, in view of the fact that he and Blithen had been exchanging thunderbolts for so many years.

Two Taken in Peace.

Ex-Senator Wilson and Chapin, manager of his paper, were at lunch when (Continued on Page 5.)

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M'CARTHY WIELDS "AX" ON SEYMOUR

Mayor's Charges Cause Chief's Suspension.

'OPEN TOWN' EXECUTIVE'S CRY

San Francisco Police Board Is Asked to Throw Away 'Lid.'

CARE-FREE RESORTS, AIM

Deposed Department Head Accused of Permitting Gambling—He Will Fight for Job—His Policy Held Unfair by Boss.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—(Special.)—Chief of Police John Seymour was suspended this afternoon by the Police Commission following the reading of charges made against his administration of police affairs by Mayor McCarthy.

In one of the most sensational letters ever written by McCarthy, the Mayor practically ordered the Police Commission to turn San Francisco into a "wide-open" town.

Captain of Detectives Wall was appointed Acting Chief, and the charges against Seymour were set for trial Tuesday, May 31.

Commissioner Spiro voted against suspending Seymour and Mayor McCarthy took charge of the official programme. According to the Mayor in his letter to the Police Commission, he wants gambling in Chinatown, dancing in the cafes, the tenderloin reopened, beach resorts reopened and liquor served to other districts.

Seymour's attorneys secured an injunction in Superior Judge Seawell's court late today, restraining the Mayor from dismissing the Chief of Police until after the argument on the injunction, which is set for June 5. The plea for the injunction sets forth that the charges against Seymour are without foundation and that there is no ground in law for his proposed dismissal.

Charges Are Read. Secretary Kelly, of the Commission, recited the charges against Seymour. Under the head of unofficer-like conduct, it was charged that Seymour had permitted the open operation of a number of gambling houses in the business district of the city. In this connection the charges asserted that Seymour was the friend and confidant of Frank Daroux, who is said to have been the chief owner of the gambling establishments.

The chief was also charged with having caused disension in the police department by bringing unfounded charges against leading officers.

McCarthy made a strong plea in his letter for the votes of the liquor interests, and it was apparent from the whole tenor of his letter that he thinks if he throws San Francisco "wide open," he will be re-elected.

CHICAGO SMOTHERS IN NEW HOT WAVE

TEMPERATURE OF 94 BREAKS MAY RECORDS OF DECADE.

Forecasters See No Relief for City in Sight—Middle and Southern States Also Suffering.

CHICAGO, May 25.—(Special.)—Chicago, which had a severe dose of unusually hot weather last week and a then brief respite following heavy rains, today sweltered under a new heat record of 94, which was attained at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

At midnight the temperature had fallen 11 degrees, but forecasters said there was no rain or other permanent relief in sight.

Today's temperature is the highest point reached during May for a decade. The previous mark for the year was set just a week ago, when 93 was reached.

Major Hershby, who has charge of the Weather Bureau here during the absence of Professor Cox, said the only hope is when the storm area, now covering the Northwest, begins to move towards the Great Lakes. The sudden change today caught the public unawares. The morning had been temperate, but at noon the mercury began to sizzle, and the rise from then until 3 o'clock was rapid.

Along the Atlantic Coast there were fitful rains and cold weather. In the region between Chicago and New York unusual heat conditions prevailed. In the West and Southwest. The recent heavy rains, which were fairly general, replenished wells and revived pastures so that the country at large is better equipped to withstand severe hot weather.

WIDOW WINS BIG VERDICT

Jury Awards \$20,000 for Death of Railroad Engineer.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—A jury in the Federal Court today awarded to Mrs. Nellie Perkins, widow of H. C. Perkins, an engineer, who met death while on duty, \$20,000 damages against the Northern Pacific Railroad. Mrs. Perkins sued for \$75,000.

Perkins was killed March 23, 1908, in an extraordinary accident. The train was a few miles out of Troy, Idaho, on the Palouse branch, when the fireman, who had been stooping over stoking the furnace, was startled to find his engineer missing from the cab. The train was stopped and when it was backed a short distance to a bridge which had just been crossed, Perkins' body was found lying on the bridge.

The conclusion was reached that in leaning from his cab window to inspect the brakes Perkins had struck his head on a timber of the bridge truss. The widow contended that the railroad was at fault in building too narrow a bridge.

COX WILL RETAIN PLACE

Chief to Resume Active Duty as Head of Police.

Mayor Simon last night denied published statements that he would displace Chief of Police Cox with a new man. The Chief's resignation, which was presented at the time of his indictment by the county grand jury, was never accepted, and he has been the actual head of the department since the time when he is ready to go to work again, he will take command.

MEXICO ACCLAIMS PASSING OF DIAZ

President Resigns and Populace Rejoice.

WHOLE CITY IN EXCESS OF JOY

Rebel Commander Heads All Troops in Capital.

EULOGY ON DIAZ DELIVERED

One Deputy Makes Eloquent Speech Recalling Fallen President's Services to Country, Then Bells Ring and Cannon Roar.

MEXICO CITY, May 25.—President Porfirio Diaz is dead! Long live Ciudadan Diaz!

President Diaz, in a letter read by the President of the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon, resigned the Presidency of the republic of Mexico, and at 4:54 o'clock the acceptance of the resignation by the Deputies was announced.

Everyone had expected an uproar and demonstration when the announcement should be made, but within the chamber the words announcing the event were followed by silence.

In the streets, however, black with people, every road leading to the hall being blocked, news that Diaz was at last no more the President was the signal for wild shouting and manifestations. There was no violence or destruction of property.

Only Two Deputies Dissent.

On the motion to accept the President's resignation 167 deputies voted aye, while two of them did not express themselves. They were Benito Juarez, a descendant of President Benito Juarez, and Conopocion Del Valle. As Juarez and Conopocion were called, other Legislators arose and bowed their affirmation.

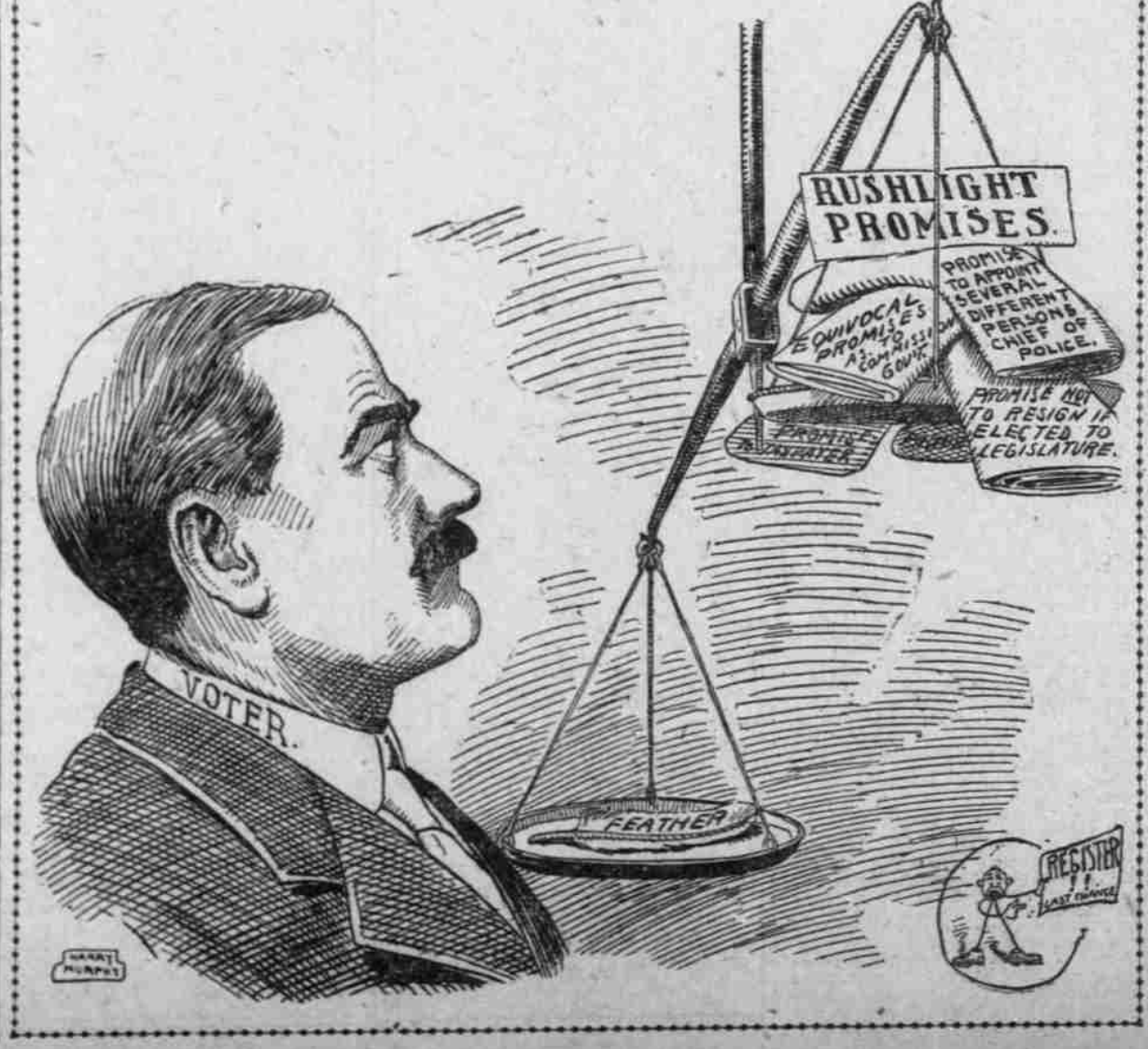
In similar fashion the resignation of Vice-President Corral was unanimously accepted, and similarly Francisco de la Barra, ex-Ambassador to Washington, was chosen Provisional President. The latter will take the oath of office at noon tomorrow, in the yellow parlor of the National palace.

Rebel Troops Control City.

Of scarcely less interest in the popular mind was the practical assumption of military control of the federal district by Alfredo Robles Dominguez, Madero's personal representative. Personally, Dominguez commands only a small body of local rebels, but the federal garrison is under orders to make no move whatsoever without securing his approval.

Senator Dominguez stated he can bring 5000 organized rebel troops into the city within three hours. Their baggage and horses are aboard trains furnished by the government at Cuernavaca, Pachuca and Tlalampant. He stated that they will remain at their present stations unless they should be needed in this city to control the situation.

DON'T WEIGH MUCH!



2 UNTIED WHERE UNITED

Woman Divorced by Same Judge Who Performed Ceremony.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—Sobbing and broken-hearted, Thomas Bell left the office of Judge Brants, of the Superior Court today, divorced from Mrs. Gladys Bell, whom he married in that same office, before the same judge, four years ago.

"Four years ago I left your office a happy man, Judge," said Bell. "Today I am broken-hearted. We would have had no trouble had it not been for outsiders."

CROP OUTLOOK EXCELLENT

West Side Valley Grain Yield Will Be Large, Is Report.

MINNIEVILLE, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Crop conditions in this section seldom at this season show a more promising outlook than at the present time. The acreage of wheat and oats throughout the county is much larger than it has been in previous years, owing to the favorable weather for sowing both Fall and Spring grain, and the late seasonable rains presage a full maturity.