"WIRE TRUST" IS UNDER SCRUTINY

Nine Indictments Returned by Federal Grand Jury in New York.

ILLEGAL POOLS CHARGED

Son-in-Law of J. Pierpont Morgan Is Among Defendants in Government's Atack Upon Alleged Restraint of Trade.

NEW YORK, June 30.—Nine indictments charging restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law were returned by a Federal grand jury here Thursday afternoon against as many associations and a long list of individuals comprising the so-called "wire trust" affiliated with the steel industry.

Prominent among the defendants are Herbert L. Satterlee, a son-in-law of J. Pierpont Morgan; William P. Palmer, president of the American Steel & Wire Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, and Frank J. Gould, of New York, president of the Old Dominion Iron & Nail Works Company.

"What this suit charges," District Attorney Wise said, "is a trade agreement in restraint of trade."

The Government does not seek to establish a physical or financial merger of the properties or interests indicted, but a series of pools to maintain prices and apportion territory in elimination of competition.

Thus the suit appears as a further sign of the Government's determination to deal rigorously with restrictive trade agreements.

There is no indication that evidence gathered by the bureau of corporations in its investigation of the steel corporation played any part in the indictments.

Only two of the subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corporation are mentioned—namely, the American Steel & Wire Company and the Trenton Iron Company. The American Steel & Wire Company, however, is mentioned in the indictments against seven of the associations. In the indictments against the Telephone Cable Association and the Fine Magnet Wire Association it is not mentioned.

Prominent Men Named.

The most prominent individuals and firms mentioned are as follows:

Frank J. Gould, president of the Old Dominion Iron & Nail Works of Virginia; Herbert L. Satterlee, Habershaw Wire Company; William P. Palmer, president of the American Steel & Wire Company; Charles F. Booker, vice-president Ansonia Brass & Copper Company, and a member of the Republican National committee from Connecticut; Henry G. Stoddard, president of the Trenton Iron Company; Erskine Hewitt, vice-president of the Trenton Iron Company; Frank N. Phillips, president of the American Electrical Works, and Ferdinand W. Roebling, of the John A. Roebling Sons & Company; Philip H. W. Smith, second vice-president of the Standard Underground Cable Company, Pittsburg, Pa., Oakland, Cal., and Perth Amboy, N. J.

Among the associations indicted are:

Lead Encased Rubber Cable Association, William P. Palmer and others.

Wire Rope Manufacturers' Association, Edwin E. Jackson, Jr., and others.

Fine Magnet Wire Association, Ferdinand W. Roebling and others.

Underground Power Cable Association, Philip H. W. Smith and others.

Telephone Cable Association, Frank N. Phillips and others.

Rubber Covered Wire Association, William P. Palmer and others.

The general charges in all the indictments are the same.

Organization Is Outlined.

It is set forth that the various associations organized under the association names had each elected a supervisor. An arbitrary rating was determined, it is charged, by the ratio of output for an agreed time; each member was obligated to pay $5000 or less into a fund called "the general deposit," and in case any member failed to abide by the regulations his deposit was forfeited.

Raw materials were bought, it is alleged, in one indictment "at arbitrary and non-competitive prices to be agreed upon by said defendants, being prices lower than those for which the respective corporations would be enabled to participate said raw materials, but for the unlawful conspiracy herein described."

In the indictment against the Rare Copper Wire Association it is charged that the corporations forming the association produced 95 per cent of the entire bare copper wire consumed in the United States and that they had absolute control of the price.

Electric Company Named.

Among the companies named as members of the Rubber Covered Wire Association is the General Electric Company of Schenectady, N. Y.

Upon conviction, each of the defendants is liable to not more than a year's imprisonment or a fine of $5000, or both.

In the indictments neither the American Steel & Wire Company nor the John A. Roebling Sons Company, also known as the Trenton Iron Works, are designated as belonging to the United States Steel Corporation.

When W. P. Palmer, head of the American Steel & Wire Company, was informed of his indictment, he said:

"This is all new to me. I have nothing to say."

At the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., Thomas W. Lamont, one of the members of that firm, said he had no knowledge of the associations mentioned in the indictment. Frank J. Gould and Edwin E. Jackson, Jr., supervisor of all the associations mentioned in the indictments, are now in Europe.

KING ATTENDS SERVICE

Royal Procession to Thanksgiving Ceremonies Witnessed by Crowds.

LONDON, June 30.—King George and Queen Mary, accompanied by the Prince of Wales and Princess Mary, made still another progress through the capital Thursday. Although the procession lacked the ceremonial and military display of last week, popular interest was undiminished, and from Buckingham Palace to the city and back through Northeast London great crowds lined the route and enthusiastically cheered their majesties.

The object of today's progress was to attend the coronation thanksgiving service at St. Paul's and afterward to lunch with the Lord Mayor and the corporation at Guild Hall.

The procession of carriages with the members of the royal family and the chief officers of state and their ladies was accompanied by the usual picturesque escort. The route was lined by 15,000 troops, each regiment with its band.

The service at the cathedral was short but impressive, and was attended by a congregation representing every interest and every branch of the service of the empire, Ambassadors, including Ambassador Reid, and distinguished visitors.

As on all royal visits to the city, the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs met the King at Temple Bar and preceded him to St. Paul's, thence to the Guild Hall, and after luncheon thence to the city boundary. Upwards of 500 guests sat down to the luncheon, which was served in the lavish style for which the coronation is famous.

"GYM" TO STAY OPEN

Y. M. C. A. CLASSES TO CONTINUE DURING SUMMER.

Attendance Showing Popularity of Work, Plans to Close Changed. Swimmers to Vie.

Gymnasium work at the Portland Young Men's Christian Association will be maintained throughout the Summer, according to an announcement made by Physical Director Grilley yesterday. It had been intended to close the classes May 27, but the attendance kept up so well that the plans were changed and now it has been decided to keep the gymnasium open during the hot weather period.

Two groups of men are now pursuing gymnasium work, a much smaller number, of course, than in Winter. The attendance at the Noon Business Men's Class, which meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, is increasing rather than decreasing. The young men's class that meets Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights, is also maintaining its popularity.

Mr. Grilley has just compiled interesting statistics that show the attendance at gymnasium classes is greater during March than during any other month. Until making the actual comparison, it was his opinion that more men took gymnasium work in December than at any other time. The figures gathered by Mr. Grilley also show big advancement in attendance during 1911, as compared with 1910. The figures follow:

1910—January, 3410; February, 3472; March, 5676; April, 2911; May, 2269; June, 1050. 1911—January, 3820; February, 4396; March, 4402; April, 3277; May, 2988; June (to 25th), 1035.

The physical department has just announced a series of swimming tests, to begin tomorrow, for which medals are to be awarded by the Y. M. C. A. international committee. The four classes and the tests to be met in each to obtain a medal follow:

Beginner—Swim 50 feet.

Swimmer—Swim 50 yards; swim 50 feet on back; dive well.

Leader—Teach beginner to swim; bring objects from water; swim 100 yards; swim 50 yards on back.

Lifesaver—Bring 50-pound sack of sand from bottom of tank; swim 100 yards on back; swim 100 yards; demonstrate five methods of release on land and two methods of release in water; tow a person's weight 10 yards; demonstrate Scharfer's method of resuscitation.

OSTDIEK TO TAKE BRIDE

Captain of Spokane Team Will Marry Mabel Bender, of Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 30.—(Special.)—Harry Osdiek, captain of the Spokane ball team, after playing at the game of love for two years, has knocked a home run, and within a few weeks will enter the "Benedict League," with Mabel Bender, a well-known and popular Spokane girl of the younger social set, as his playing partner.

The engagement was confirmed today after rumor had repeatedly "tipped it off" and just as repeatedly had been called "out" by the principals.

The wedding will take place early in July and the bride may accompany Mr. Osdiek on the next trip to the Coast.

Miss Bender, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bender, 1411 Fourth avenue, is one of the best-known of the athletically inclined girls of the city. She is a graduate of the 1907 class of South Central High School, where she was a member of the basketball team and other athletic organizations. She has won laurels both in high school and grade school athletics.

RATE DECISION DELAYED

Spokane Cases Not Likely to Be Decided Until September.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 30.—The decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the Spokane rate case and all allied cases affecting rates to and from inter-mountain and Pacific Coast points, which was to have been announced before the Commission adjourns for the Summer on Saturday, probably will be delayed until September.

Commissioner Prouty, who is preparing the opinion in this case, has gone to Vermont, and information received today is that he will not return to Washington until Fall. Unless he forwards his opinion, which is not looked for by the Commission, there will be no announcement for three months.

Albany Pastor Goes to Silverton.

ALBANY, Or., June 30. — (Special.)—Rev. I. G. Knight, who has been serving for several months as pastor of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in this city, has accepted the pastorate of the church of that denomination at Silverton and will take up his new work at once.

Girl Found Dead in Bed.

Grace D. Whittaker, 21, was found dead in her bed at 120 Willamette Boulevard, yesterday, and a post-mortem examination will be held to determine the cause of death. The girl was the daughter of Ben Whittaker, a tinsmith, in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company, and worked at the Meier & Frank store.

A Thirst Somewhere.

London Tit-Bits.

"What a very affecting piece, my dear," remarked the husband, as they returned from the suburban theater the other night. "I suppose there wasn't a dry eye in the house."

"I observed, however," said the wife, "that there seemed to be the usual number of dry throats."

The diamond polishing and cutting industry of Amsterdam gives employment to more than 10,000 persons.

WAY SMOOTH FOR ARBITRATION PACT

Only Differences in Phraseology Remain Open in New Oratory.

FRANCE IS READY TO ACT

Constitutional Power of Senate Carefully Safeguarded—Administration Fails to Find Any Objectors.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—All formalities necessary to final conclusion of the general arbitration treaty between America and Great Britain could be completed within four hours, assuming that diplomatic negotiations were working smoothly, according to official declaration.

The differences between the two countries now relate merely to phraseology and can be adjusted readily. The British Ambassador has full power to sign the treaty and the Administration so far has failed to find any signs of objection to the compact on the part of the Senate.

It is said that, notwithstanding an impression to the contrary, the treaty conserves to the utmost the constitutional powers of the Senate in treaty-making and that every question to be submitted to arbitration must first receive the approval of the Senate. But it is pointed out that the very negotiation of the treaty will almost certainly have the effect of lessening the number of issues to be arbitrated.

This is explained by the fact that through the creation of a commission of inquiry, composed of disinterested members of The Hague Tribunal, most of the issues that may arise between the two governments can be settled satisfactorily by the adoption of the findings of that commission and without the necessity of proceeding to arbitration.

Unofficial advices indicate that the French government is virtually ready to enter into treaty relations with America on the basis of Secretary Knox' proposal and it is hoped that action may be had in that direction soon after Ambassador Jusserand, who is now on his way across the Atlantic, arrives in Paris and has had an opportunity to confer with the Foreign Office officials.

Nothing definite has been heard from Germany since the Knox proposal was handed to Ambassador Bernstorff upon his application. Holland also has been furnished with a copy of the projected treaty and other nations are showing marked interest in the subject.

An interesting feature of the projected treaty is the provision for the reference of issues to a tribunal, which is so framed as to forecast the creation of the permanent court of arbitration toward which the Administration is working steadily.

MAJESTIC FILMS APPEAL

Musical Part of Programme Also Pleases Theater Patrons.

Another adventure of "Foolshead" and a laughable end to a triangular love affair in which the third man in the field wins the lady, sets the pace for the comedy this week at the Majestic Theater, which offers, beginning yesterday, one of the best bills seen for some time. "Foolshead" this time is jealous and the various adventures which follow his unlucky path in the effort to prove to himself that his lady is fickle, furnish a laughable film.

"Canned" drama, as shown by a film called "Sixtus the Fifth," depicting the times of the Pope Sixtus, approaches something better than the ordinary run of films. It is well staged, well acted and the costuming of the actors is something which requires special praise as being in perfect keeping with the times. The story told is of the persecution of an Italian knight after he has parodied Sixtus and the trick by which the wife of the knight rescues him. The hard lot of immigrants is the subject of another drama, well handled.

Musical numbers are well worth hearing and the bill is kept at a high standard. The singing by Madame Othick of "My Hero" from "The Chocolate Soldier" and harp playing, are features of the bill. The organ furnishes orchestral accompaniment of special merit in the dramatic films.

ISLANDS ARE UNSANITARY

General Points Out Defects in Hawaii to Honolulu Commercial Club.

HONOLULU, June 28.—(Special.)—"From a military point of view many parts of the islands are unsanitary and must be corrected before troops can be moved here and concentrated in barracks."

Such, in brief, is the startling statement made by General Macomb, commanding the District of Hawaii. Continuing, the General points out the fact that vast commercial possibilities will result from the formation of a great park, created from the tidelands, as warships would be brought here more frequently, knowing that there would be room for drilling their crews.

It was in an address before the local Commercial Club that the General made the statements and the people of the city have not finished talking of them yet. General Macomb clearly presented the future of the city and the islands and laid before the club the facts concerning the meaning of the military developments here. He declared that it was planned to make of the Island of Cahu (on which Honolulu is situated), one of the strongest military bases under the American flag.

THE SORROWS OF A POET

English Rhymester Suffers From Newspaper Compositor's Errors.

London Tit-Bits.

An editor was sitting in his office one day when a man entered whose brow was clothed with thunder. Finally seizing a chair, he slammed his hat on the table, hurled his umbrella on the floor and sat down.

"Are you the editor?" he asked.

"Yes."

"Can you read writing?"

"Of course."

"Read that, then," he said, thrusting at the editor an envelope with an inscription on it.

"B—," said the editor, trying to spell it.

"That's not a 'B,' it's an 'S,'" said the man.

"'S!' Oh, yes, I see. Well, it looks like 'Soles for Dinner,' or 'Souls for Sinners,'" said the editor.

"No, sir," replied the man; "nothing of the sort. That's my name—Samuel Bruner. I knew you couldn't read. I called to see about that poem of mine you printed the other day, entitled 'The Surcease of Sorrow.'"

"I don't remember it," said the editor.

"Of course you don't, because it went into the paper under the villainous title of 'Smearcase Tomorrow.'"

"A blunder of the compositor, I suppose."

"Yes, sir; and that is what I am here to see you about. The way in which that poem was mutilated was simply scandalous. I haven't slept a night since. It exposed me to derision. People think me a fool. (The editor coughed.) Let me show you. The first line, when I wrote it, read in this way: 'Lying by a weeping willow, underneath a gentle slope.' That is beautiful and poetic. Now, how did your vile sheet represent it to the public? 'Lying to a weeping widow, induced her to elope.' 'Weeping widow,' mind you! A widow! Oh, thunder and lightning! This is too much!"

"It's hard, sir—very hard," said the editor.

"Then take the fifth verse. In the original manuscript it said, plain as daylight, 'Take away the jingling money; it is only glittering dross!' In its printed form you make me say, 'Take away the tingling honey; put some flies in for the boss.' By George! I feel like attacking somebody with your fire shovel! But oh, look at the sixth verse. I wrote 'I am weary of the tossing of the ocean as it heaves.' When I opened your paper and saw the lines transformed into 'I'm wearing out my trousers till they are open at the knees,' I thought that was taking it an inch too far. I fancy I have a right to murder that compositor. Where is he?"

"He is out just now," said the editor, "Come in tomorrow."

"I will," said the poet, "and I will come armed."

AID PROMISED TO JEWS

SENATE COMMITTEE ACTING IN RUSSIAN QUESTION.

Secretary of State Considering Issue Raised by Exclusion From Czar's Domain.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Action in the near future regarding the exclusion of Jewish-American citizens from Russia was promised yesterday by Chairman Cullom, of the enate foreign relations committee.

Answering a criticism of the committee made on the floor by Senator Culberson, who charged "inactivity and inattention," Senator Cullom said that conferences were already being held between the committee and the Secretary of State.

FUR-BUYERS NOT EXCLUDED

St. Petersburg Sends Order to Authorities at Tyumen.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 30.—The American Embassy has made no representations to the Russian government regarding American Jews who are buyers at the fur fair at Tyumen, but orders have been sent to the Tyumen authorities not to exclude Jews from the fair pending the decision of the central government.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg on June 27 said that the Ministry of Trade was negotiating with the Ministry of the Interior with a view to a temporary suspension of the order of the Governor of Tobolsk, Siberia, prohibiting Jews from attending the fur fair at Tyumen. The dispatch added that Premier Stolypin recognized that the Governor had acted within the law, but pointed out that the law was virtually a dead letter.

ST. LOUIS BARGE LINE

Edward E. Green's Trip From New Orleans With 1400 Tons.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

"Well, that was one of the most satisfactory trips that I have ever had on the river," remarked sun-burned Captain Jack McCaffery, of the towboat Mariner, after his stetamer had cut loose from the Mississippi Valley Transportation Company's new steel barge, the Edward E. Green, which it had brought from New Orleans.

"Jack" has spent practically all of his 42 years on the Mississippi or its tributaries. When he was just able to walk he started to take trips with his father, John McCaffery, who was one of the oldest captains on the upper river.

"We left New Orleans on the afternoon of June 1," he said, "and have taken 15 days to complete 1253 miles. Not counting the stops, we came the full distance at an average speed of four and one-half miles an hour.

When asked if he thought the plan of running a regular line of these barges was feasible and would be a successful proposition, he said:

"I can only speak of it from the point of navigation. There certainly was not a hitch in this trip from start to finish.

"With the cargo of 1400 tons of sugar that we had on board the barge, it draws eight feet, and below Cairo we did not even need to stick to the channel. At Cairo we were told that we had better lighten the load by a couple of hundred tons, as the channel above was narrower and the usual June rise had not come. We came on, though, without taking off a pound and did not hmave a bit of trouble at any point."

Four stops were made to take fuel—Baton Rouge, Vicksburg, Greenville and Cairo. More than 800 tons of coal were consumed.

Has Crossed Ocean 170 Times.

Philadelphia Public Ledger.

When Captain Paul Meyer, master of the North German Lloyd liner Koln, docked his vessel at the Baltimore & Ohio terminal, at Snyder avenue, he completed 85 round trips across the Atlantic Ocean. Captain Meyer made his last 12 trips in the Koln and has been in the service of the North German Lloyd Company since going to sea as a boy. He has covered more than 500,000 miles at sea and declares that he felt fit enough to add another half million to his record.

Some Large Party.

Chicago Post.

Hollis Cooley, of New York, who weighs 350 pounds, found himself stuck in a small town for the night unless he could bring about the halting of a limited train. So he wired thus:

"Conductor No. 7—Stop at Red Bridge for a large party."

And it worked, too.

A Necessary Precaution.

The Music Trades.

State's Attorney (to prospective juror)—Have you formed any opinion on this case?

Mr. Henpeck—No, sir. I don't think my wife has read anything about it yet.

BRAKEMAN IS SLAIN

Albina Bartender Is Held on Charge of Murder.

SHOTS FOLLOW QUARREL.

Hugh Scullion Is Killed in Dew Drop Inn—Robert M. Harris Is Accused of Crime—None Witness Tragedy.

Hugh Scullion, aged 34, a brakeman and extra conductor on the O.-W. R. & N., was shot and killed in the Dew Drop Inn saloon at Russell and Borthwick streets at 8:30 o'clock Thursday night. Robert M. Harris, bartender, better known as "Scotty," is held at the police station, charged with the murder.

So far as known there were no witnesses to the shooting, patrons of the saloon fleeing when Harris, according to two witnesses, got a revolver at the front of the bar and started for Scullion, with whom he was quarreling. Three shots were fired at Scullion, two going wild and penetrating the rear wall. Scullion started to run out the back door and was shot through the side, the ball passing through the right arm and entering the body. It struck the body between the ribs, and, boring its way through, passed underneath the heart and lodged under the skin on the left side.

Scullion staggered to the rear door and fell face foremost on the walk leading to the back door.

Bartender Denies Shooting.

Mrs. S. Goodwin, living at 526 Borthwick street, directly across the street from the rear of the saloon, heard three shots fired and saw Scullion reel out of the back door and fall. She hailed C. G. Dark and told him a man had been shot. Dark also heard the shooting and ran to the rear of the saloon. He was a friend of Scullion and recognized him at a glance. Dark immediately ran to Russell street and notified Patrolman Annundson, a block away.

Annundson was joined soon by Detective Coleman, who lives near the place. A hasty investigation resulted in Harris, the bartender, being arrested and handcuffed. Harris protested, and said the shooting was done while he was in a rear room.

Leander Chambers, a shoemaker, living at 517 Albina avenue, was eating a sandwich at the end of the bar when the quarrel started. He said Scullion broke a glass while Harris was in a back room. When Harris returned, Chambers said, he took Scullion to task and Scullion offered to pay for the glass.

Blows Are Struck.

Chambers said Harris struck Scullion and Scullion returned the blow. Harris then got the revolver and Chambers ran out of the saloon and narrowly escaped being hit by a flying bullet.

A. Donaldson, living in an apartment-house across Borthwick street from the saloon, entered the place just as the quarrel started and said he saw Harris get the revolver. Others in the saloon fled at sight of the weapon.

Little is known about Scullion except that he worked on the O.-W. R. & N. out of Portland for two years and had many friends among railroad men. He was a member of the Kansas City lodge of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Coroner has telegraphed the secretary of that lodge for information concerning his relatives. It is said that Scullion had a brother and sister living in Kansas City.

Harris is married and lives on Knott street, between Kerby and Commerce streets. He has had trouble with the police before and was regarded in Albina as a dangerous man when he lost his temper.

Captain Moore, in charge of a squad of detectives and patrolmen, searched the premises for the revolver with which the shooting was done, but it was not found. Pete Moore, proprietor of the saloon, said a revolver was kept at the front of the bar, but it was not found.

Harris' shirt was bloody and it was taken from him at the police station to be held as evidence. Harris' explanation of the blood on his shirt was:

"A man is apt to get bloody in Albina at any time."

He maintained that he was in a rear room at the time of the shooting and knew nothing about it.

WOMAN SAVED FROM RIVER

Rescued and Rescuer Pulled Out of Willamette Last Night.

Barely escaping death in the Willamette River at the foot of Twenty-fourth street when the bank on which she was sitting gave way, Mrs. Anna Stevenson, aged 30, living at 480 Union avenue, was rescued late last night by Kenneth L. Webb, an attendant at St. Vincent's Hospital, who was passing by and heard her cries for help.

When Webb was swimming to the bank with the woman he could not gain a foothold and slipped back and both rescuer and rescued would have been drowned but for the assistance of Bert Adams, who rescued the two.

Mrs. Stevenson was cared for at St. Vincent's Hospital and after two hours' rest left the hospital apparently none the worse for her experience.

A World Navy Parade.

Popular Mechanics.

The greatest naval pageant in the history of the world will be the most spectacular feature of the ceremonies incident to the opening of the Panama Canal. The President has been authorized by Congress to invite all foreign powers to participate in a great naval parade, which will insure not only representation of every navy in large numbers, but each country will send its largest and best ships. The fleets will assemble in Hampton Roads and proceed up the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River to Washington, D. C., where a formal call will be made upon the President of the United States. On their return the President will review the fleets from his yacht, which will be stationed at the Virginia Capes; then this vast armada will sail southward and pass through the Panama Canal as part of the official opening programme. By no means the least interesting part of the announcement is the continued cruise of the combined fleets to San Francisco, during the Panama Canal Opening Exposition. This will furnish an attraction which no international exposition has ever had, and will enable thousands of people who cannot get to the Atlantic Coast, to enjoy the inspiring sight of the greatest assemblage of fighting ships ever brought together in the history of the world.

Saving for a Stormy Day.

Washington, D. C., Herald.

"I suppose you hate to see your daughter marry?" said the young man.

"Yes, I do," admitted the father. "Her mother has made it a point to be mighty sweet tempered while this courtship was going on."

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GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY

ISLAND IS TO BE SAVED

MOST DESOLATE PLACE IN THE WORLD WILL BE RECLAIMED.

Through Carelessness Entire Vegetation of Tract Is Destroyed. Newell Is Impressed.

HONOLULU, June 28.—(Special.)—The Island of Kahoolawe, declared by Government experts to be "the most extreme case of desolation in the world," is to be recovered with earth by the Government of the Hawaiian territory, according to Governor Frear.

"The island has been a most remarkable case," asserts the Governor. "It is said to have formerly supported 5000 head of sheep and 1000 head of cattle. Through over-stocking and carelessness not only has the vegetation been destroyed but even the soil of the island has been blown out to sea. The soil used to be from eight to ten feet deep all over the island. Most of it has been blown away and it is now right down to red hard-pan.

"Director Newell, of the United States Reclamation Service, who has seen as much as most men of arid and waste lands, asserts that the island is the most pitiful case of desolation following upon carelessness as he has ever seen. My idea is to have it recovered with soil and vegetation at once."

The island has been held by many different people in the last half century, with the present lessee, E. P. Low, probably the shortest tenant of them all and, according to Governor Frear, practically all the damage was done when Low took possession of the land.

The desolation of the island was caused by the animals put there to graze destroying the vegetation and allowing the winds to get at the light soil and blow it into the ocean.

PLACING LEO ON FILM

It's No Easy Job to Hunt Lions for Motion Pictures.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

Armed with a big game rifle and supported by fellow sportsmen equally well protected, the quest for man-eating lions is a sufficiently exciting pastime. Equipped only with a 70-pound cinematograph camera, tripod, films and its attendant gear, the risks are vastly greater. Add a dose of malarial fever, and you have a summary of the conditions experienced by Cherry Kearton, who has reproduced a lion hunt.

Already famous for his cinematograph and still photographs of birds and animals in their natural surroundings, he conceived the idea of tracking and filming the lion in his native haunts. Early last year he returned to Africa, and fitted out an expedition for the purpose. Together with 18 Masai—a hunting tribe who hunt lions with spears, and will not allow a rifle to accompany them—and six Somali horsemen, the party set out for the man-eater's country.

In native lion hunting the horsemen ride out before dawn and cut off the lions before they can return to their lairs. They are then rounded up by the spearmen, who dodge and twist like eels in their endeavors to avoid the ugly rushes of the infuriated beasts. Spears are planted in the animal at every opportunity, and after a long fight, in which some of the spearsmen generally get seriously injured, the lion is killed.

The dangers in following up a charging animal in such circumstances, with the necessity of planting a heavy camera and tripod in position, focusing the picture, and then steadily turning the handle exposing the film, may be appreciated. Four lions in all were killed on the trip, and owing to fever, Mr. Kearton was carried on his bed to the fight on every occasion, guarded only by two spearsmen. His method of photographing was to get at right angles to the spot from which the animal was expected to bolt, and trust to his luck.

"Sometimes," he said, "I got within 30 yards, and the lion would jump up with a terrible roar, and, with mouth open, charge to within 15 yards of me, stop, look for a moment, and then charge back at the spearmen. It is a palpitating affair of moments."

It was in these pauses of the charge that the best photographs were obtained, and all the time while he was turning the handle of the camera it was touch and go whether every moment might not be his last.

One time a lion and lioness were found in the bush.

"The lioness charged out on the far side," said Mr. Kearton, "but the lion remained some little time, taking cover in a dried up river bed covered with bushes, where we lost him. A friend who was with me suggested that we should try and bolt him with my small terrier, which had proved itself the best lion dog in Africa. This dog was bought at a London dogs' home for a few shillings, and had given a fine exhibition of its bravery when we lassoed a lion on a previous occasion. dash into the bush. A few seconds later terrific roars shook the air, and intermingled could be heard the yapping of the dog.

"A few seconds later the lion bolted, with the little cockney terrier hanging fast on to his tail. By native custom the honor of the kill and the skin belong to the man who cuts off the black tip of the lion's tail. After the death of this animal, the chief and spearmen held a consultation, when it was decided that both belonged to the bravest dog they had ever seen, and so, on behalf of my terrier, the skin was given into my keeping."

HAWAIIAN SCOUTS, IS PLAN

Army Officers in Honolulu Are Enthusiastic Over Scheme.

HONOLULU, June 18.—(Special.)—One of the most recent plans of the Army officers to increase the efficiency of the service is to create a corps of Hawaiian Scouts. Officers now stationed here, who had an opportunity to observe the conduct of the non-commissioned men of the territorial National Guard at the recent encompment, declare that these men are ideal for that work.

Major Duncan, who has been attached to the Philippine Scouts is the one to first advance the idea and General Macomb, commanding officer of the local post, referred to the matter in recent addresses in public and the matter will be taken up to the War Department.

Highest Form of Animal Life.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"What is the highest form of animal life?" asked the teacher of a nature study class.

One little girl put up her hand and timidly answered, "The hyena."

The teacher could not repress a smile, but a little boy at the end of the row was risibly affected to such an extent that he threatened to go into convulsions.

"Well, Thomas, that was a funny answer," the teacher said, reprovingly, "but there is no occasion for all this merriment. You may tell us yourself. What is the highest form of animal life?"

"The giraffe," answered Thomas promptly.

France's Slippered Soldiers.

Harper s'Weekly.

The term "a warrior in dressing gown and slippers" used to be deemed one of opprobrium, but it can no longer be so, at least in France, where the Ministry of War has equipped the French cavalry with felt slippers as a part of the field kit. Perhaps the dressing gown will come later. The French war office has, it is said, proved by experiment that nothing rests the soldiers so quickly after a hard drill as to take off their boots and go about in loose slippers.

A Baptist in Russia.

Philadelphia Times.

Among the delegates to the Baptist conference is one who came under a $5000 bond, which will be forfeited if he fails to return home. He is Rev. F. Kostromin, a Russian Baptist preacher. His religious activity in Russia has been marked by his arrest on 32 occasions, and before he could set out for Philadelphia he had to furnish bond that he would not remain away. Although he is 65 years old, Rev. Mr. Kostromin is hale and hearty. He said he suffered many persecutions and once was suspended by his thumbs over night.

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