

BRIDGE COMPANY OFFICIAL HEARD

Ex-President Roberts Denies Intent to Monopolize Nation's Industry.

COMBINATION IS DEFENDED

Witness Tells How J. P. Morgan Secured Control Without Knowledge of Directors of Officers of Organization.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Percival J. Roberts, Jr., director of the United States Steel Corporation, a member of its finance committee and defendant in the Government's suit to dissolve the corporation under the Sherman anti-trust act, testified before the hearing yesterday.

Mr. Roberts, president of the bridge company which it was taken over by the Steel Corporation in 1901, denied that the company was originally organized to monopolize the industry. He said at that time (1900) the company's output amounted to only 25 per cent of the entire output of the country, that this had fallen to 22 per cent a year ago and that the company now owned about 25 plants, against 25 independent plants.

Combination for Business. Though admitting some of the original combinations were competitors, they were combined, he said, solely for the purpose of doing a larger business. That the Steel Corporation's executive committee had under consideration shortly after its organization a proposition to foster a combination of several small bridge companies outside the American Bridge Company which would work to the advantage of the American Bridge Company, inasmuch as the American Bridge Company could deal with one competitor instead of several, was revealed by the minutes of an executive committee meeting, which were read by Attorney Dickinson, of the Government counsel.

MILITIA OFFICERS RETICENT

Governor's Move Taken as Hint to Cease Discussions in Hanks.

Officers of the Oregon Naval Militia are reticent about expressing themselves relative to the announcement of Governor West that the organization would be abolished if it did not within 30 days justify its existence. They explain that any manner of criticism upon an official action of their commander-in-chief would be against military discipline.

It is quietly intimated by some that the threat of Governor West was more than anything else, and the hint it seems is already being taken to heart to prevent the carrying out of the threat. Others deny that dissatisfaction exists within the militia, or that it is not efficient, and point to a promise made by Governor West for the future when he was at Astoria during the Centennial as proof of harmony with his present position.

"At that time Governor West complimented the men upon the showing they were making," said Ensign J. A. Beckwith, signal officer, last night. "He said that he was thoroughly satisfied with the organization, and made particularly favorable comparisons between them and the members of regular naval vessels that were lying in the same harbor. He told them that he would place the entire \$25,000 appropriation made by the Legislature at their disposal."

"We have been increasing in efficiency," said one of the men who was working energetically, and taking much interest in the organization. "We have been practicing three times a week regularly, practicing a large part of our equipment, and have been constantly adding new men, until we have reached the limit of the organization. I am at a loss to see why they need be called upon to justify our existence further than we have already done."

Last Tuesday at the regular drills, 42 new men were enlisted and a new division was created. This gives the militia one engineer's division and two deck divisions. Arrangements are also in progress to go on a cruise on the United States Cruiser Maryland. Two weeks ago the Navy Department decided to take this cruiser here for a cruise to make places between July 15 and 25. Captain Endicott, inspector in the light-house district of Oregon last year, now in command of the Maryland, who took considerable interest in promoting the organization of the Oregon Naval Militia, was coming to take command during the cruise.

be a reorganization of the Naval Militia," said General Finzer. "There has been a disposition on the part of one or two officers to disregard the recommendations of the Board. There is no need of having a military organization unless military discipline is enforced."

SCHOOL FETES JUNE 18

GRADUATION EXERCISES TO BE HELD ON THAT DATE.

Following Day Trade Classes Will Receive Diplomas; Board Announces Summer Work.

The Board of Education, at a meeting Tuesday night, fixed June 18 as the time for graduating exercises of the public schools, and June 19 as the time for the graduating exercises of the School of Trades. The latter exercises will be held at the Lincoln High School. A trade exhibit was authorized at an expense not to exceed \$100. The public schools will reopen September 18 and close June 24, 1913.

It was decided also to hold vacation schools in elementary branches in the Ladd and Holladay buildings. A vacation high school will be maintained in the Lincoln High School, with 10 teachers. Last year 250 pupils attended the vacation school, and at the vacation elementary school.

A school of trades is to be maintained during the Summer, with the following departments: Machine shop, electrical construction, plumbing, wood working, mechanical drawing, cooking, millinery and sewing. In the first five departments the teachers are employed for 12 months, and in the others the teachers will be employed at \$125 a month.

Manual training shops will be kept open at Hawthorne, Ladd, Holladay, Thompson, Couch, Sellwood, Failing, Stevens, Elliott and Sunnyside schools. All vacation schools will open July 1 and remain open for six weeks.

Robert Krohn, supervisor of physical training in the public schools, has selected 37 girls from various schools to lead the children's parade on the afternoon of June 14, during the Rose Festival. Six rehearsals at the Armory will be held, and the parade will be held on the afternoon of June 14, at 2:30 in the afternoon of these days. Mr. Krohn will be given a man and woman assistant to conduct gymnasium work at each of the Washington and Lincoln High Schools, and a man and a woman to divide their time between Jefferson High School and grammar schools.

WASCO TALKS RECALL

TAXPAYERS MOVE AGAINST JUDGE AND COUNTY BOARD.

Special Election Will Be Petitioned For; Attorneys Engaged and Funds Raised for Campaign.

DUFUR, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—A movement was put under way here today to call a special election for the recall of A. E. Lake, County Judge, and C. H. Stoughton and H. C. Cooper, County Commissioners.

The movement was taken by the Taxpayers' League of the county, which was attended by 25 voters, including nearly every precinct in Wasco County. The committee has engaged Attorney H. J. Parkison, of Portland, and J. W. Allen, of The Dalles, to attend to the legal matters connected with the recall and to work on the case.

At the meeting addresses in favor of the recall were made by Henry Boltin, president of the league, T. W. Heath, chairman of the committee, having the matter in charge, and Frank Seufert, of The Dalles. Mayor Woods, of The Dalles, introduced the remarks of Mr. Seufert.

DEAD MADE TO LIVE

Russian Revives Animals Frozen to Death.

BLOOD IS TURNED TO ICE

Biologist Believes He Will Make Possible Shipping Cattle in State of "Anabiosis" in the Near Future.

SOFIA, May 11.—(Special.)—Alexander Bachmeteff, Russian professor of biology here, declares he has discovered a method of restoring refrigerated animals to life. He has produced a condition which he calls anabiosis, death but not irretrievable decay.

When this sensational discovery develops it may be possible, he thinks, especially to freeze animals "to death" for the purposes of preservation, yet to restore them to life at will. Professor Bachmeteff's discovery is vouched for by Dr. A. Kikina, who has lately returned to Moscow from Sofia. Bachmeteff has himself been transferred to Moscow University and will shortly give a full account of his discovery.

Bats Are Revived. The farthest Bachmeteff has so far got is to freeze healthy bats, keep them for a time with their blood turned to ice and then revive them. The bat is a mammal and physiologically allied to the higher animals. For that reason Bachmeteff hopes to succeed with other mammals. On this basis the day may come when refrigerated cattle will be sent, not as carcasses across the ocean, but as animals in a state of "anabiosis" to be re-animated on new pastures in the land of their destination.

Bachmeteff's first experiments were with refrigerated butterflies. The butterflies were enclosed in a vessel containing air at a temperature of minus 22 degrees Cent. In the vessel was an instrument for signalling when the butterfly's body temperature fell to minus 19. The body fluids were then turned to ice and the butterflies in the ordinary sense were dead. When treated by a system, of which Bachmeteff has not yet revealed the details, they came to life again. If the body temperature was allowed to fall more than 10 degrees below freezing point the experiments failed. The greatest success was attained when the temperature fell to about minus 4 1/2 degrees.

Sleep Is Essential. From insects Bachmeteff proceeded to warm-blooded animals. The bat was chosen as most likely, because, like insects, it has an inconstant blood temperature. Two hundred bats were frozen to death and kept frozen for more or less time, and then revived. Only in a few cases did the experiment fail.

He has not yet proved that animals such as sheep or goats can be refrigerated and revived. He reasons that the animals must first be given a tendency to winter sleep and implicitly and also to a certain amount of injecting small quantities of carbolic acid into the blood.

"Anabiosis" is, however, not the same thing as hibernation. In hibernation the body temperature is always far above zero. Bachmeteff's refrigerated animals are genuinely dead and are allowed to remain as dead as an Alpine traveler who has lain frozen all night. Nevertheless, this he is effecting on certain principles the dead returns to life.

Bachmeteff, who is a venerable, white-bearded man, has great respect for a biologist and all Slavonic countries. He is a good teacher and author of many text books.

Hermann, of the Douglas County metropolitan at the Imperial Hotel yesterday, discussing the recent successful three days' strawberry festival in that city. "At the same time Providence was most gracious and gave us three of the finest days I ever saw in Oregon."

Although we made what was thought adequate provision, we were taxed to our utmost capacity in entertaining our Portland visitors and the several hundred Shriners who passed a few hours in our city on each of the three days. At the same time, the State Grange held its annual session and the medical practitioners were assembled in their annual convention. As a consequence it was an occasion of unusual activity for us."

BISHOP ROPER ABSENT

REV. C. W. ROBINSON DELIVERS OPENING SERMON. Church, He Says, Is Engaged in More Important Work Than That of Philanthropy.

Because Bishop John C. Roper, of Columbia Diocese, has found it impossible to attend the United Clericus, which met in Trinity Episcopal Chapel Tuesday night, Rev. C. W. Robinson, of Kootenay, B. C., will give a paper on "The Church and the Immigrant." At 1:45 this afternoon Rev. J. N. Barry, will speak on "Episcopacy in Oregon." Young women of the various Episcopal parishes welcomed the visiting clergymen as they arrived yesterday, presenting each with a bouquet of flowers.

The place of Bishop Roper at the Imperial Hotel banquet, Thursday night, will be filled by Lord Bishop J. A. U. de Penalar, of New Westminster, B. C.

TITANIC SURVIVORS HERE

Family of James R. Watt Arrives in Portland.

Mrs. James R. Watt, arrived in Portland Tuesday with her daughter, Bertha. Both women are survivors of the Titanic disaster. The family is visiting D. G. Duncan, at 189 East Fourth street. Mr. Watt came to Portland recently from Scotland and when he had secured a position sent for his wife and daughter.

Mr. Watt said last night the survivors found a new use for life belts. "If we hadn't worn them," she remarked, "we would all have had pneumonia, and I don't think I could hardly be believed, but it is a fact that the night of the accident the sea was as smooth as the Columbia River was when we saw it yesterday. There were only 40 in our boat. It would easily have held 70. But the passengers were put in without care and the weight was not well balanced. It was an hour after we left the Titanic before we found our rudder. I got down on my hands and knees and crawled under the seats and ultimately found it. I discovered two young men, whom I afterwards found were stewards of the Titanic, under the seats. They had hidden away in the boat after the crash."

HAILEY BANKER IS GUILTY

Ex-Cashier Sentenced to Indeterminate Term in Prison.

BOISE, Idaho, May 22.—(Special.)—Arthur B. Curtis, ex-cashier of the defunct State Bank of Idaho, was convicted for making false reports to the State Bank Examiner on the conditions of the bank prior to its failure. Tuesday was sentenced to an indeterminate term in prison, not less than six months nor more than ten years in the Idaho State Penitentiary. He has filed an appeal to the Supreme Court.

WAR FOOTING INCREASED

Reichstag Passes Bill for Larger German Army and Navy.

BERLIN, May 22.—The Reichstag yesterday passed the third reading of the bill increasing the German army and navy. The navy bill provides for an extra battle squadron, for which three additional battleships and two cruisers are to be constructed before 1920. The estimated additional cost is \$24,250,000 this year, \$21,750,000 next year and \$25,500,000 yearly thereafter.

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