

TRUST IN CRACKERS

Pacific Coast Companies Form Huge Combine.

TO BE IN FULL CONTROL

Pacific Coast and Standard Biscuit Companies Alleged to Be Included in Deal—Local Managers Deny the Report.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Soon after the first of the year a cracker trust will be in full swing on the Pacific Coast, with the object of controlling the trade, elevating and maintaining the prices on cracker products, eliminating as far as possible trade discounts and "protecting" the market against outside interference.

This is to be brought about through the formation of a new company having for its head James Dunn, one of the oldest cracker men on the Coast, which will absorb the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company, that concern retiring from the field of California. Bishop & Co., of Los Angeles, will act independently, but will maintain prices.

Will Buy Blocks of Stock. The Standard Biscuit Company will probably run as it is now running, but it is understood that Mr. Jacob, its principal stockholder and manager, has agreed to purchase a \$50,000 block of stock in the company just formed to take over the Pacific Biscuit Company plant, which means that there will be no actual opposition from that source. It is also understood that the management of the Mutual Biscuit Company will be brought into the fold, and the Dunn Cracker Company in Oakland will close its doors. At present the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company maintains manufacturing plants at Sacramento and Los Angeles, but they will be closed when this deal is completed.

The American Biscuit Company was undisturbed until 1905, when it was bought out by the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company. About three years prior to this transaction an attempt had been made to form a cracker trust, taking all the plants on the Coast, including those at Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Portland, Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles. This proved a failure at the time, as far as San Francisco and other California cities were concerned, but was successful in the Northwest. Later its effect was felt locally by the sale, in 1905, of the American Biscuit Company to the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company.

Indebtedness Is \$500,000.

It is asserted that the present indebtedness of the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company is in the neighborhood of \$500,000, which was secured recently from a prominent Eastern life insurance company.

On account of opposition which is now in the field in the shape of the Standard Biscuit Company, Mutual Biscuit Company, Bishop & Co., of Los Angeles, Dunn Cracker Company and the Sacramento Cracker Company Herman Wittenberg, who has been and is at present the general manager of the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company, has made advances to James Dunn to take hold of the present plant with the idea of relieving the burden.

From all appearances, the change will be brought about by the first of the year. To avert another cracker war and to make the venture a paying one, the other companies may be brought into line either by a division of territory or of an interest in the new company.

"IS WITHOUT FOUNDATION"

Wittenberg Denies Story of Cracker Trust.

Managers of two of the principal cracker and biscuit companies in this city last night emphatically denied that they had joined in the reported combine of these manufacturing interests on the Pacific Coast. Herman Wittenberg, vice-president and general manager of the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company, and Harry M. Hansen, manager of the Standard Biscuit Company, denounced the story as groundless so far as their firms were concerned. Andrew L. Green, sales agent for the National Biscuit Company, and Jesse Walrath, manager of the Western Baking Company, could not be located last night.

"I know nothing of the reported combination of cracker manufacturers on the Pacific Coast," said Mr. Wittenberg. "The report is positively without foundation so far as our firm is concerned. The same people that own the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company also own the American Biscuit Company of San Francisco, the largest cracker manufacturing plant in the West, and if the Pacific Coast Cracker Trust had been formed, as reported, I think it is entirely probable that we would know something about it. The report evidently is without any foundation."

"It is all news to me," said Mr. Hansen. "Our company is strictly an independent concern and intends to remain as such. At no time have we been solicited to unite with any combination, neither have we any desire to become identified with any such trust."

EQUALS WORLD'S RECORD

Glorio at 12 to 1 Wins Six-Furlong Race in 1:11 1-5.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—Glorio, making his first appearance of the season, won the Sierra Vista handicap, six furlongs, at Santa Anita Park, today, and in doing so ran the distance in 1:11 1-5, which equals the world's record, made by Nimbus, carrying 109 pounds, at Empire City track, New York, this year. Rosegal and Colloquy ran head and head to the stretch, where Rosegal began to stop. Here Glorio closed sharply and, catching Colloquy tiring in the last few strides, won under a sharp drive by a neck. He was quoted at 12 to 1 in the betting.

Stanley Fay showed great improvement over his recent races and won the Monrovia handicap in 1:51 3-5 for the mile and an eighth. Fay was an 8 to 1 shot and after following the pace to the stretch, moved up to the lead and won to a drive by three-quarters of a length.

Six and one-half furlongs, selling—Prince Ahmed won, Netting second, 8371 third; time, 1:18 4-5. Six furlongs, 2-year-olds, purse—Joe Madden won, Friend Harry second, Home Crest third; time, 1:11 4-5. Six furlongs, Sierra Vista Handicap—Glorio won, Colloquy second, Center Shot third; time, 1:11 1-5. Mile and one-eighth, Monrovia Handicap, \$1500 added—Stanley Fay won, Vox Populi second, Magazine third; time, 1:51 3-5. Mile, selling—Ben Trovato won, Fret-

tion second, Alma Dufur third; time, 1:37 2-5. Seven furlongs, purse—Ethon won, Casar second, Dandelion third; time, 1:24.

OREGON WILL RETAIN FORBES

Athletic Council Makes Offer to Popular Varsity Coach.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—At the regular quarterly meeting of the athletic council last night a resolution was adopted authorizing the football management to secure the services of Coach Robert W. Forbes for next season. Forbes is now in the East, but will return to his home at Ballard, Wash., about January 1. It is currently reported that he will locate in Oregon soon after his return and that he will be associated with a large lumber concern.

Forbes gave general satisfaction, not only as a football coach, but because of his good influence and good sportsmanship. He is one of the most popular coaches that ever trained the Oregon team, and there is a general demand for his services for next year. It is said that Forbes has received flattering offers to coach Eastern teams, but as he has expressed a desire to coach here again next season, he will not accept Oregon's offer.

SUES JOE GANS FOR \$5000

Pugilist's Auto Ride Results in a Damage Case.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—Joe Gans, the well-known colored pugilist and proprietor of the Goldfield Hotel, was made the defendant in a suit for \$5000 damages instituted in the Supreme Court by Ida Fields. Edgar Myers, manager of the Goldfield Hotel, was also made a defendant in the action.

The complaint claims that Gans and Myers were dashing past the Baltimore & Ohio station in an automobile, and that just as she was coming out of the station the automobile crashed into the lamp post. She saw the lamp post snapped, and in falling a piece of it struck her, inflicting permanent injuries, for which she wishes Gans held responsible.

Gift Makes Verweibe Professional.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 12.—Ernest F. Verweibe, the star fullback of the Harvard team has unintentionally entered the professional field. Verweibe had been tendered a reception by the townspeople of Somerville, where he lives, and had been presented with a watch and gold football charm. Fifty dollars more had been collected by enthusiastic neighbors than were needed for the jewelry, so the purse of \$50 in gold was presented to Verweibe along with the watch. He accepted it and the matter was taken up by the Harvard Athletic Association.

Arthur Duffy, when world's champion sprinter, accepted a purse of \$50 from the place last evening, by which the Harvard team has not yet commented to do so. It is likely that the resolution will be the same as that of the House providing for the appointment of a select committee of five to consider the whole subject.

It is evident that the House does not intend to take any hasty action in re-buking the President. The committee appointed yesterday, of which Perkins of New York is chairman, is expected to come together on Monday. The understanding is, however, that no report will be made until the latter part of the week. The members of the select committee are determined to present their

McMinnville 33; Pacific 6.

MUMFORDVILLE, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The basketball team of McMinnville College defeated the team of Pacific College in a clean game at this place last evening, by a score of 32 to 5. The lineup was: Pacific College—Hammer, Smith, forwards; Hadlock, center; Mills (captain), Lewis, guards.

McMinnville College—R. S. McKee, Foster, forwards; C. F. McKee, center; Chivers Miller, first half; McCallie, Richardson, second half, guards.

The score was 19 to 2 at the end of the first half. Before the first team game the second teams of each college played a practice game, McMinnville winning by a score of 6 to 2.

Billiard Match Arranged.

George Kennedy, one of the best-known billiardists on the Pacific Coast, is coming to Portland in a few days to prepare for his match with Champion "Chick" Wright, the Denver expert who holds the title of Western billiard champion. Kennedy has been the star billiard player of Los Angeles for three years, and intends to locate in Portland. His match with Wright has been arranged by Walter McCredie.

Newberg 45; Dayton 8.

NEWBERG, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The local High School opened the basketball season here tonight by defeating the Dayton High School 45 to 8. Larkin, center for Newberg, threw 16 goals.

Railroad Boosts for Goldendale.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—C. W. Mott and Max Bass, general immigration agents of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern, and Mr. Noble, general advertising agent of the Northern Pacific, will visit Klickitat County next week to meet the members of the Klickitat Development League and make arrangements for the publicity campaign of the county for the coming year.

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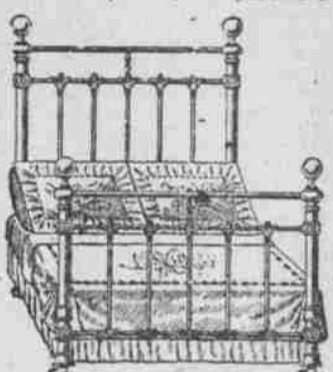
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NO HASTE TO BEGIN FRAY

SENATE WANTS REPUBLICAN TO ATTACK ROOSEVELT.

Try to Give Secret Service Quarrel Non-partisan Aspect—House Committee Hangs Back.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Action to be taken by the Senate in asserting its displeasure because of President Roosevelt's message in regard to the Secret Service has not been outlined with any definiteness. It has been understood a resolution would be offered by some Democratic Senator providing for an investigation by the committee on appropriations. It was argued that, as a Republican introduced a resolution in the House, the selection of a Republican for the same purpose in the Senate would give a non-partisan flavor to the course being pursued.

Conferees today developed that a number of leaders believe the action should be taken by a Republican, and it was suggested that Senator Burrows would be the proper person to offer the resolution. Burrows has not yet consented to do so. It is likely that the resolution will be the same as that of the House providing for the appointment of a select committee of five to consider the whole subject.

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ESCAPES AT COURT'S DOOR

Accused Embezzler Suddenly Slips Off Handcuffs and Flees.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Charles F. Rust, who was arrested two months ago in Grand Rapids, Mich., and brought here to answer a charge of embezzlement, escaped from custody today at the very door of Judge Dunn's courtroom and has not yet been recaptured.

Handcuffed to another prisoner and with 11 more in the prison van, he is known to have reached the entrance of the building in which court was being held. Suddenly the handcuff swung loosely on the wrist of William Smith, his fellow prisoner, and Rust was

among the missing. The police are mystified.

Rust is accused of embezzling \$4000 with the aid of two other men from Catherine Libby and several members of her family, who gave them the money to bet on the Emeryville races. The three men disappeared and Rust was only taken after a long chase across the continent.

Lamp Explodes, Girl Burned.

MONTESANO, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Yesterday evening while Miss Hazel Douglas was preparing the evening

meal at the home of Professor E. Wheeler, a coal oil lamp in some way exploded and she was very severely burned about her body by the blazing oil. Her clothing was nearly consumed and Dr. Pitt, who was summoned, pronounced the injury was very serious. The damage to the house was slight.

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