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STANDARD OIL TRUST TO BE INVESTIGATED

Federal Grand Jury Impaneled at Topeka Will Begin Inquiry Within the Next Two Weeks.

Kansas City, March 29.—The Journal today says: The Standard Oil Company is to undergo a grand jury investigation by the Federal Government, the same as the beef trust is now burdened with in Chicago. The oil trust investigation is to take place in Topeka, according to a government official here, and is to begin in a couple of weeks. Incidentally, the railroads are to be dragged in. A grand jury was drawn at Topeka a few days ago, ostensibly to look after the regular criminal business of the Kansas Federal Court. It will attend to that business, but its really big task is to investigate Standard Oil methods. Great secrecy is maintained in regard to the matter. The names of the federal grand jurors will not be given out. It has been the custom in the past to publish the list of grand jurors along with the official here, and a new rule has been laid down not to divulge the names of members of the jury. From the same source it is learned that Commissioner Garfield will aid in the grand jury investigation in Kansas.

ARE MAKING IT HOT FOR THE BEEF TRUST

Chicago, March 29.—Assistant Attorney-General Pagen announced today that the government had decided to place John E. Shields, an Armour employe, of Brooklyn, under heavy bond to appear as a witness at any of the trials growing out of the grand jury investigation of the beef trust. Shields furnished a bond of \$10,000 to appear at the July trials. Thomas J. Conners, general superintendent of Armour's, was arrested yesterday, charged with making overtures to Shields, who was brought here by the government as a witness. The newspaper men were today warned away from the vicinity of the grand jury under penalty of arrest.

FIRELESS, SMOKELESS, WATERLESS ENGINE

The Southern Pacific has had delivered to it the much-talked of locomotive that is expected to revolutionize the transportation system of the country. It is a power-house on wheels, but is fireless, smokeless and waterless. It needs no coal, no ash and throws no sparks or cinders. Its builders say, provided a clear track could be obtained, it could haul a 2,000-ton train from New York to San Francisco without a single stop. There would be no stops for fuel or water, for it carries fuel enough for a 3,000-mile run and needs no water for steam. The locomotive uses compressed air power, fuel oil power and electric power. It is an application of the Diesel type of engine to locomotive.

BOOTH-KELLY MILLS RESUME

ROSEBURG, March 28.—The arrival of a large supply of logs consequent upon the rise of the river, has started the big mills of the Booth-Kelly company to humming again. The big mill at Springfield resumed operations yesterday and both the Coburg and the Saginaw plants have been running in full blast. The Coburg mill started up the middle of last week. At least 350 men are employed in and about these big plants.

CONTENTS OF AN OLD INDIAN GRAVE

Mr. W. A. Carter, the Gold Hill merchant, has purchased an interesting collection of Indian relics from J. H. Ring of Saddle creek. Mr. Ring, while prospecting last week near his ranch, opened an Indian grave and beside the skeleton, found a gray blanket, a U. S. army coat with brass buttons, seventeen half dollar pieces of date 1837 to 1847. Three Mexican dollars of date 1840, all looking fresh and new on one side but discolored on the other, a great quantity of beads variegated in color and of all sizes, an old fashioned scalping knife and large tawny trap with a long chain wrapped around it. The coat and blanket were in fairly good state of preservation. Mr. Ring is now busily engaged in hunting for more Indian graves and accompanying relics. Mr. Carter intends to send the collection to the Lewis and Clark Fair for exhibition.

SIMON WILL DEFEND BINGER HERMANN

Portland, March 27.—Hon. Joseph Simon will appear for Congressman Hermann in the land fraud case. Mr. Simon is very confident that there is no case whatever against his client. Simon is not retained in any of the other cases.

SOLD BOMB THAT BLEW UP MAINE

New York, March 28.—Gessler Roseau, the dynamite awaiting sentence in the toms for sending a box of dynamite to the Cunard liner Umbria two years ago, today confessed that he sold infernal machines to the Cuban filibusters, one of which was used to destroy the battleship Maine in Havana harbor.

In the fall of 1897 he constructed machines at Jacksonville for the use of filibusters against the Spanish. The next spring the Maine was destroyed, and he was informed by one of the men to whom the machines were sold that he destroyed the Maine by mistake, thinking her a Spanish vessel, and when he discovered his mistake the Cuban killed himself. Roseau says that he is not an anarchist nor a nihilist. He attempted to destroy the statue of Frederick the Great because he did not want the statue of a king in this country. Gessler Roseau is also known as General Russell. He was convicted yesterday before Recorder Goff of having with malicious intent sent an infernal machine to the Cunard steamer Umbria, on March 9, 1903. The maximum penalty for the offense is five years imprisonment.

Roseau's defense was that the bomb placed on the steamer was harmless. He admitted that the mechanism was perfect and that the box contained 100 pounds of dynamite, but that the explosive power of the dynamite had been removed and that the mechanism had not been put in operation. He stated that the machine was placed on the steamer in an effort to demonstrate that it would be an easy effort to destroy an ocean liner. Roseau stated that he had followed the making of bombs for a number of years, and that he had always made enough money to go on with his experiments and work. He said that he had offered to supply the Boers with infernal machines during their war with England, but that they had refused the offer, stating that they did not care to fight that way. He states that he had found a ready market for his machines among the Russian nihilists, and had succeeded in shipping in a roundabout way a large quantity of bombs for smuggling into Russia across the Polish border. He claims to be the most expert bombmaker in the world, and to know more about the subject than any one else, having devoted a large portion of his life to the study of explosives.

FILIPINOS SET SAIL FOR PORTLAND FAIR

Portland, March 29.—Two hundred Igorottes, Moros, Negritoes and Visayans will leave the Philippine islands this week, arriving in Portland later part of April, where they will proceed immediately to the grounds of the Lewis and Clark Exposition. These natives will populate the Philippine village on the Government peninsula at the Exposition. Upon their arrival, the construction of the Philippine village will be started at once. A feature of this will be a city of houses built on poles over the surface of Guild's Lake. This is characteristic of the expedient resorted to by the natives to avoid reptiles and foes of similar kind. The city of pole-houses will be occupied by the Moros, who with the Igorottes stand lowest in the scale of civilization. Boiled dog will represent the principal sustenance of the Igorottes, who are considered to be epicures regarding this delicacy. The general supposition is that a hearty meal of boiled, fried or roasted canine adds fervor to the fighting prowess of Igorotte warriors. Accordingly, the dogfish is served only to the males, the fairer sex being denied the rare treat. Visitors to the Centennial, however, need have no fear of witnessing a blood-curdling combat, unless the Portland police should become obstreperous in the presence of the Igorottes, which would naturally result in a lively scene.

BEGIN CONSTRUCTING RAILROAD TO CRATER

Medford, Or., March 27.—At a meeting of directors and officers of the Medford & Crater Lake Railroad company the committee on subscriptions of stock reported that \$25,000 in stock had been subscribed, which was the amount of stock subscription asked by the company of the city and in the vicinity of Medford. Immediately upon the report of the committee, the contract for grading as far as Eagle Point was let and signed, Charles Ewing receiving the contract. The grading will begin at once. The contract was then let to Mr. Hooks for piling across Bear creek. All construction work will be crowded by the company in order to get as much of the road completed as possible before the winter season sets in. The new railroad will run from Medford to Crater lake when completed. It taps a very rich virgin tract of timber and opens for settlement a large tract of country. Sykes & Carroll have moved their plumbing shop from the old Flook building on Main street to No. 219 Jackson street, the building formerly occupied by F. E. Hands Oigar Store, and are prepared to handle anything in the plumbing and tinning line. Phone No. 261.

RUSSIA IS STAGGERED BY JAPAN'S DEMANDS

War Indemnity of \$800,000,000 to Be Asked—Amount a Bar to Peace Negotiations.

Roosevelt Acted First By Learning Japanese Terms and Sending Them to France—Russia Ready to Negotiate.

Paris, March 29.—Although official information is lacking, it is asserted in well-informed quarters, that Japan has permitted Russia to learn that the peace conditions will be severely rigorous, and will not be responsive to the recent sentimental plea to Japan's magnanimity. In particular, it is said, that Japan's indemnity figure is \$800,000,000, and that this stupendous sum has proved so staggering to Russian diplomacy that it is the chief cause why the peace preliminaries do not advance to a decisive stage. Roosevelt Takes First Steps. Washington, March 28.—The action of the Government, which is credited as being the initial step toward an arrangement for peace, was taken by President Roosevelt about February 15. Minister Takahira, the Japanese representative here, visited the White House and outlined to the President what would constitute a basis for peace negotiations. The President subsequently repeated these suggestions to M. Jusebrand, the French Ambassador, and he cabled them to his government at Paris, whence they were transmitted to St. Petersburg. The basis on which Minister Takahira discussed peace with President Roosevelt was the acknowledgement by Russia of Japanese interests in Manchuria, the joint international management of railroad lines in Manchuria and the transfer of Port Arthur to Japan. It is not known here what suggestions are advanced by Russia as preliminary to beginning peace negotiations. Japs Cut off Russians. London, March 29.—The Times' St. Peters correspondent telegraphs as follows: The entire absence of press and private telegrams from the front, together with a laconic message from Gen. Linievitch tonight dated at Harbin and saying: "No reports from the armies," evokes fears that communications have been cut and the Japanese have turned the Russians' flank.

THE PORTLAND EXPOSITION NEWS

"Hit the Trail" at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, opening in Portland, June 1. Captive balloons, airships and an aerodrome will prove very interesting features of the Lewis and Clark Exposition. A number of flying contests are being arranged. Hon. Carlos Coffigny, secretary of state of Cuba and a number of his distinguished countrymen have announced their intention of visiting the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Two hundred Igorottes, Moros, Negritoes and Visayans will sail from the Philippine islands this week for Portland, where they are to participate in the Lewis and Clark fair. A feature of the Government Fisheries exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition will be a miniature reproduction of the Columbia river, illustrating the various methods of catching and spawning salmon. Mrs. Eliza Warren, the oldest living white child who was with the famous Marcus Whitman expedition and a survivor of the Whitman massacre, will visit the Fair. Ventura county, Cal., famous for its marvelous production of beets, beans and United States senatorial aspirants, will make a thorough and distinctive exhibit in the California building at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Designs for the new passes, stockholder's tickets and commutation tickets for the Lewis and Clark Exposition have been received by the Director of Admissions. The drawings are elaborate and depict scenes closely associated with the history of the great Northwest. Miss Evelyn K. Clark, granddaughter of former Governor William Clark of Missouri and a lineal descendant of George Rogers Clark and Meriwether Lewis, will be a visitor at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Miss Clark is prominent in New York society circles. BIG QUARTZ MILL HAS STARTED UP. Cottage Grove, March 28.—Reports from Bohemia are to the effect that the Oregon Securities company has the mill in commission again, and is doing steady work. The entire number of stamps will not be dropping for some time, as it is the policy of the management to start 10, and add batteries of five as everything gets smooth and ore deliveries increase. Ore is had in both the east and west drifts of the Champion vein, and the reserve available here increases rapidly with each foot of work away from the crosscut. Special sales by Stearns & Chenoweth Oakland and Yoncalla, White and other sewing machines \$18.00 and up; water pipe; wire, plain and barbed; cut and wire nails; the only guaranteed blacksmith coal; two carloads Page woven wire fence, the only tempered wire fence for sale. n3 ft



PRINCE LOUIS OF BATTENBERG, WHO WILL VISIT AMERICA. It has been definitely decided that a squadron of fast cruisers under command of Prince Louis Alexander of Battenberg will visit the United States. It is possible that the Prince of Wales will accompany the fleet. Prince Louis married a granddaughter of Queen Victoria, was naturalized in England and entered the British navy. He is 51 years old.

ter of War Sakharoff, Vice-Admiral Avellan, head of the Russian Admiralty Department; Minister of Finance Kokovoff; Minister of Railroads Hinkoff; Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, Generals Grodekoff and Kamaroff, and several others. Every phase of the situation, military, naval, financial, transportation, Siberian and diplomatic, is being covered. The commission's report, which is expected to be completed in 10 days, will be prepared by Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholasievitch and Generals Grodekoff and Kamaroff for submission to the Emperor. Japan is Cautioned. Washington, March 29.—It is stated here that Japan has received an urgent warning from a neutral power to beware of all offers of mediation from any government, and to insist upon direct negotiations with St. Petersburg.

VERDICT IN THE REUTER MURDER.

Following is a copy of the report of the coroner's jury on the death of Jacob Reuter. The jury was called by Justice R. L. Stephens, of Oakland, acting as coroner. THE VERDICT. We, the jury empaneled to inquire into the death of Jacob Reuter, find from the evidence that the deceased came to his death by gunshot wounds inflicted on March 23, 1905, by person or persons unknown to this jury. GEO. W. STEPHENS, Foreman. A. A. SMITH, T. J. HANNA, A. B. SMITH, N. P. WERNAT, JOHN KRAFF, Dated March 25, 1905.

SCHOOL LAND RING WILL BE SMASHED

Salem, March 28.—The state school land frauds will be probed to the bottom. This is the present intention of District Attorney John McNary and he is backed up by Governor Chamberlain, State Land Agent West and Circuit Judge Burnett. The investigation will be thorough and not a stone will be left unturned to bring all guilty parties to justice. For several years there have been rumors of gigantic swindles being perpetrated in the state land department, involving many men well known in the state. Tales concerning the operations of the school land ring have been at various times whispered and told, and occasionally have found their way into the columns of the press, but they have been winked at until the present investigation was set on foot by the officers mentioned. Only a short time ago it came to light how S. A. D. Pater had hired several residents of this city to file on school land, paying them a small sum for their service, the claimants turning the land certificates over to Pater before completing their filings. This action of Pater aroused the state land department and the officers of the law and they determined to fully investigate the entire school land scam, which has been the subject of more or less comment for a number of years. The Marion county grand jury that sits April 3 will conduct the investigation and according to the statements made by parties on the inside, that body will find little trouble in returning a number of indictments against Pater and several others who assisted him in securing the land. When the enormity of the offense is realized, involving land worth hundreds of thousands of dollars and costing the common school funds of the state large sums in both principal and interest, the punishment that will be meted out to them will be swift and heavy. When circuit court meets next month the jury will take charge of the case under the direction of District Attorney McNary and another prominent attorney of this city, who is well versed in the transactions of the gang of operators. The prosecution is determined that each and every offender will be brought to justice and the developments will more than likely be of the most sensational nature.

ALBANY WOOLEN MILLS BURNED WEDNESDAY MORNING

Only Brick Shell and Boiler Room Standing—Loss About \$40,000 With Only \$20,000 Insurance—Great Loss to Albany.

Albany, Or., March 29.—The Albany Woolen Mills were burned at 8 o'clock this morning, and only the brick shell and boiler room are now standing. The machinery is ruined, but the stock and finished product in an adjoining warehouse were not reached by the fire. The flames started in the drying room and were carried by the main drive belt through the mill in a few seconds, spreading so rapidly that the operatives barely escaped with their lives. The loss is about \$40,000, with insurance of about \$20,000. The mill was owned by the Bannockburn Woolen Mill Co., of Portland.

JAPS SORTING RUSSIAN STORES

Gunshu Pass, Manchuria, March 28.—The Japanese are again moving forward and the Russian guard has fallen back from its position, about 13 miles north of Sipinghai (74 miles north of Tie Pass), to Chaomiaozi, which is situated 40 miles below Gunshu Pass. Practically complete reports show that the Russian army sacrificed general commissariat stores to the amount of \$1,250,000 and stores for an army corps amounting to \$500,000 held at Mukden, most of it being set on fire. The boots and uniforms among the stores, of which the whole army was in need, arrived from Europe four days before the Russian retreat from Mukden. General Kuropatkin ordered the removal of the stores, but his order was not executed. An investigation will be made to establish the responsibility. Crowds Rush to Invest. London, March 28.—When the prospectus of the Japanese war loan of \$150,000,000 was issued today the neighborhood of the issuing banks resembled the scenes witnessed on first nights at popular theaters. Long lines of people were struggling for admission, and special forces of police controlled the streams of eager investors. The interiors of the banks were filled with shouting crowds struggling to snatch prospectuses. Clearing the Battlefield. In the Field, March 28, 11 A. M. (Via Fusan)—The Japanese army near Mukden is clearing the battlefield, sorting the enormous quantities of stores and materials captured and attending to the prisoners. Engineers are rapidly repairing the railroad bridge across the Hun river, which was badly damaged by the Russians. Trains are now running to the Hun River. They will reach Mukden in a few days. The weather is very warm and the ground is thawing rapidly, making the movement of guns and transport wagons difficult. All curable diseases respond more readily to Oestipathic treatment than by any other known method.

MRS. CHADWICK GETS TEN YEARS

CLEVELAND, March 18.—Judge Robert W. Taylor in the United States district court yesterday sentenced Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick to 10 years imprisonment in the Ohio state penitentiary for conspiracy to wreck a national bank. Mrs. Chadwick was convicted on seven counts and sentenced upon six. Two of these counts received a sentence of one year each and four of them two years each. The motion of Mrs. Chadwick's attorneys for a new trial was denied. The defendant will not, however, go to prison as she will appeal to the federal court of appeals pending which a stay of sentence will be asked for. There are still six other indictments against Mrs. Chadwick but the cases will probably be dropped if the present trial and sentence are sustained by the court. Mrs. Chadwick took her sentence coolly and seemed resigned to any action that might be taken. The sentence was passed after long arguments had been made for a new trial on technical grounds. The application was denied. Mrs. Chadwick was convicted under the indictment of which she was charged with conspiracy with President Beckwith and Cashier Spear to certify her checks when she had no money in the Citizens' National bank of Oberlin, Ohio. By good behavior she can reduce her term of imprisonment to eight years and four months. When seen after sentence had been pronounced, Mrs. Chadwick replied to a question: "What more can the world want to know about me now?" One of the new observation cars soon to be put in use on the Southern Pacific arrived as far as Glendale last week on a tour of inspection. The news says that as these observation cars are 16 feet longer than the Pullman cars it was thought advisable to see how one of these cars would pass through the tunnels, some of which have curves. Everything worked according to previous calculations, and no doubt these new cars will be well patronized.

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