



STANDARD OIL ON STAND

State of Missouri Versus the Oil Trust.

COMBINE IS ALLEGED

Missouri Will Try to Oust Oil Company From Operating in the State.

ANTI-TRUST LAW VIOLATED

State of Missouri Will Attempt to Show That Three Companies in the State Pooled Their Interest and Formed a Holdup Combine.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The taking of testimony in the two suits brought by the State of Missouri to oust the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the Water-Pierce Oil Company and the Republic Oil Company from Missouri and to prevent the carrying out of an alleged pooling agreement among the companies mentioned, was begun here today before Frederick W. Sanborn, special commissioner appointed by Governor Folk. Herbert Shadley, attorney-general for Missouri, who conducted the State's case, attempted to show that the Water-Pierce and Republic companies were in reality subsidiary concerns of the Standard Oil Company. During today's hearing there were a number of lively tilts between the opposing lawyers, one resulting in a demand by the attorneys for the defendants companies that the testimony be taken down verbatim in longhand. This tedious method of recording testimony was permitted in the examination of two witnesses today. E. L. Bedford, receiver for the Standard Oil Company, refused absolutely to answer questions involving the Standard Oil Company's affairs. A. V. Jockel, the former book-keeper of the Standard Oil Company, who said he had transferred to the Water-Pierce Oil Company of Oklahoma City without resigning from the Standard, said he was instructed to say that the Water-Pierce Company was independent, but declared that the Water-Pierce barrels were filled with oil from the Standard barrels. Attorney-General Hadley said he would report the recalcitrant witnesses to the Supreme Court and allow that tribunal to deal with them. The hearing will proceed tomorrow.

Rush C. Lake, assistant attorney-general of Missouri, who came in advance of his chief, when seen at the Waldorf last night, said:

"It is our purpose to set the wheels in motion promptly and proceed expeditiously. The hearing in New York is by no means the beginning of our

work. We began taking testimony in Missouri four or five months ago and have already secured testimony showing the division of territory and trade in Missouri between the Standard and the Water-Pierce Oil Company. We expect to secure cumulative evidence on that point and also to show that the Republic Oil Company which poses as the Independent Company, was organized by clerks in the office of the Standard Oil Company at 26 Broadway, and was backed by the money of this Standard.

"The case is based upon the charge that the defendant corporations are federated for the purpose of shutting out competition and controlling the prices, in violation of the anti-trust law of Missouri. The penalty of violation is forfeiture of charter or license to do business in the State.

"The Water-Pierce Company is a Missouri corporation, and the success of the State's case will mean the loss of charters, while the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, which does business west of the Ohio and the Republic Oil Company, being foreign corporations, would lose their licenses."

BIG FIRE.

Kansas City's Retail Business Section Swept By Fire.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 5.—The entire downtown retail district was threatened tonight by a fire which started in the rear of the three-story brick building of the Columbus Buggy Company, destroying this and the adjoining buildings occupied by the Kimball Piano Company and the Hettinger Brothers Manufacturing Company, and badly damaging the National Bank of Commerce. The loss is \$350,000.

SEEKING CLEMENCY

Petition the Governor to Save Patrick's Life.

LAWYER CONDEMNED TO DIE

He Has Been Convicted of the Murder of William Marsh Rice and Sentenced to be Executed on January 22—Governor Higgins May Act Later.

ALBANY, Jan. 5.—Governor Higgins received today the petition for the exercise of executive clemency in the case of Albert T. Patrick, the New York lawyer confined in Sing Sing prison under sentence to die the week beginning January 22, for the murder of Million William Marsh Rice. The petition is signed by nearly a hundred well known persons, including Grover Cleveland, John G. Carlisle, and a large number of prominent members of the New York City bar, Mark Twain, Allan Hamilton, the well-known alienist, Dr. August Flint, head of the Bellevue Medical School and many other physicians and chemists of standing, Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, Rev. Dr. Madison C. Peters, David Belasco, and Robert Erskin Ely, director of the League for Political Education.

Governor Higgins said tonight that he did not know when he would act on the matter.

DIABOLICAL DEEDS DONE BY COSSACKS

HORRIBLE ATROCITIES OF RUSSIAN SOLDIERS

Jewish Refugees Landing in New York Tell of Deeds Beyond Description—Men Women and Children Torn Limb from Limb.

BODIES OF BABIES ARE TOSSED ON SOLDIERS BAYONETS

Horrors Are Described Which Are Almost Beyond Belief—One Refugee said He Saw a Woman Slashed Open From Throat to Abdomen and Then Russian Soldiers Stuffed Her Body With Feathers—Women Kill Their Children Rather Than Have Them Murdered.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (special).—Reports of how the dead were mutilated, terrify the living in Russia were brought today by Russian refugees, 700 of whom arrived on the steamer Pennsylvania. One woman told of having seen a young married woman kill her child rather than let Cossacks murder it.

Another refugee related how in the town of Nova Moscow, five drunken soldiers marched through the streets carrying arms, and a dead baby with a bayonet run through the body displayed on the end of each gun.

Liever Landominsko, a dry goods merchant, who had \$10,000 which he had saved in the flight, said it was a common thing to see men strung up feet first lying dead along the route of the railroad.

Hirsch Luschmiski, with his wife and two children was another refugee. He was a lumber merchant. "The civilized world will never know the extent of the shocking outrages constantly inflicted on women of our faith," said he.

"I saw a Russian town attacked on October 18th and 300 Jews put to death. Women were thrown out of windows, men beaten over the head with rifle butts, and bayonets run through the children.

"I saw the body of a Russian boy about 11 years of age, lying dead on the road, on his breast was a label, which read, 'This is the way to kill them off young.'

"In the streets I saw two and three-

year-old children torn limb from limb by the insane ruffians, inspired by the deed by the police themselves, who thus hoped to take the minds of the Russian populace from the real revolution that is spreading throughout the empire. I saw one woman slashed open from throat to abdomen and saw the fiends stuff feathers from a pillow into her body."

Several refugees came as first-class passengers. They had an aggregate of about \$100,000, and jewels in money belts.

Situation Serious.

ST. PETERSBURG, Saturday morning, Jan. 6.—The Associated Press has been permitted to inspect a report prepared for the emperor regarding the situation in the Baltic provinces. The report declares that though the open revolt has been crushed in parts of the provinces and though the local authorities who were deposed by the revolutionists, are resuming the reins of government under the protection of troops, the situation is still a very serious one. In the districts of Dorpat and Pernau, in northwestern Livonia, the troops are unable to move except in heavy forces.

Advices received by the government report the capture of an important arsenal for revolutionists at Temernik in Southern Russia, in which was found rifles, bombs, and explosives and also a small field piece. Another arsenal caught fire and an explosion followed resulting in the killing of twelve persons and the wounding of nine others.

N. P. R. R. BUYS A. & C. R. R.

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—It is learned on good authority that the Northern Pacific Railroad Company will purchase the Astoria and Columbia River Railway for four million dollars. The Astoria and Columbia River is owned principally by A. B. Hammond of San Francisco. It is generally understood the road pays six per cent on four million dollars of valuation.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

President and Secretaries Root, Taft and Bonaparte and Moody Confer.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—An important conference which covered a wide range of discussion on the internal management of the war and navy department was held in the White House tonight. It was participated in by Secretaries Root, Taft and Bonaparte and Attorney-General Moody. Proposed changes in the navy personnel bill affecting the promotion of officers which are now before Congress was mentioned during the evening's discussion. From the length of the conference it is believed matters affecting the Philippines, Panama, San Domingo, the general board of the navy and the general staff of the army, also may have been brought up.

SURVEYING LINE.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul to Begin Construction Work in April.

SPOKANE, Jan. 5.—An Ellensburg special to the Spokesman Review says: Upon reliable authority it is learned here that a definite line between Pasco and Ellensburg has been selected by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, and that Snoqualmie pass has been decided upon; that the main line will not touch North Yakima; and that the construction work will commence on this line in April. One of the ten surveying corps which are working upon the western extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, is camped near Ellensburg. This party has run a line from Pasco to Ellensburg. By a survey, the distance is less than 100 miles, while that of the Northern Pacific between these points is 127 miles.

ATROCIOUS BUTCHERY.

For Revenge Man Kills Three-Year-Old Child, Cutting Body Into Bits.

HONOLULU, Jan. 5.—Simon Wharton was found dead in a cane field at Waiakala on the Island of Oahu. He was murdered in an atrocious manner. His legs, arms, and head were severed from the body, the tongue cut off, and eyes gouged out. The internal organs were found several feet apart. The murderer buried the remains six inches under the ground. A laborer named Samuel Johnson, boarding with the parents of the child was arrested. He made a confession. His motive was revenge against the boy's mother, because she had refused to give him liquor.

NO SIGNIFICANCE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—In reference to the movements of Rear Admiral Sigbee's cruiser squadron, it was stated at the navy department that the plans for a cruise were projected long before there was the slightest suspicion in official minds here that Moroccan affairs would assume such shape as to threaten the peace of Europe.

REPORT DISCREDITED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—C. F. Sweeney, vice-president and the principal stockholder in the Seattle Brewing and Malting Company, discredits the reported merger of the Northern breweries. He says, however, that just before leaving Seattle, he gave an option on his stock in the company named to Andrew Hemrich.

TALK OF LYNCHING

Residents of Tillamook are in an Angry Mood.

HEMBREE HELD FOR MURDER

Arraigned for Killing Wife and Daughter, Whose Charred Remains Were Found in the Ruins of the Hembree Home, a Few Days Ago.

TILLAMOOK, Jan. 5.—A. J. Hembree was arraigned on the charge of murdering his wife and daughter whose charred bodies were found in the ruins of the Hembree house at Sand Lake a few days ago. Hembree waived his preliminary examination, and the case will go to the circuit court. The evidence against Hembree is circumstantial.

There is considerable feeling in the southern part of the county and threats of a lynching are openly made. His neighbors are all the more excited over the matter because they think they have reason to believe the burning was prevented, it becoming known he had maltreated his daughter while she was attending the academy in Tillamook last spring. It has been decided for this reason to incarcerate Hembree in the Yamhill county jail at McMinnville until his trial.

"CHAMP CLARK DEMOCRACY"

Clark of Missouri Entertains the House.

HE RIDICULES SHAW

Says Secretary of Treasury is Logical Republican Presidential Candidate.

FAVORS PHILIPPINE TRAFFIC

Representative from Missouri Ascribes Future Greatness of Republican Leaders to "Stand Pat" Policy—Is Interrupted, Many Times by Opponents.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—"Champ Clark Democracy" which was expounded to the delight and entertainment of the house for three hours today by Clark, of Missouri, constituted the feature of the debate on the Philippine tariff bill. Clark's speech took a wide range. He labelled his political beliefs as above, in answer to the question as to what kind of a Democrat he really was. He talked that the Philippines favored the pending bill, and discussed the general tariff question and in particular the German tariff situation. He reviewed Bryan's record on silver, and paid his respects in characteristic oratory to the Republican leaders. He ascribed the future greatness to what he termed the "stand pat" disciples and declared one of these was Secretary Shaw, whose record as Secretary of the Treasury included, he said, the classifying of frog's legs as poultry and ponies as "household articles" for the collection of revenue, was the logical Republican presidential possibility, unless his mantle should fall on "The gray and grizzled spake, Uncle Jon Cannon." Clark addressed many of his positive assertions directly at the Republican members. He was interrupted many times, the interruptions generally resulted in responses that delighted both sides.

The fight against the bill opened the interest in the beet sugar industry by Fordney of Michigan. He recalled the Republican membership to its pledges on the "stand pat" tariff plank of the party.

The house committee on interstate foreign commerce decided to defy the Senate in connection with all light-house matters and similar bills which must be passed on by the committee. It has been the practice of the house to frame these measures in such a way that when the sum of money is not specified, but does not exceed a certain amount, it is to be used for a particular improvement.

ARRESTED FOR HOLDING UP SALOON IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—Charged with murder in the first degree for shooting the aged Thomas Flemmings in the hold-up of the bar-room in the Centennial Hotel in North Portland on the night of December 13th last, "Tattoo" Kelley, and "Hiney" Rossman are under arrest, the former is in this city, and Rossman is in Tacoma. Kelley and Rossman tally well with the descriptions of the men who held up the Centennial barroom and murdered Flemmings who attempted to capture the

robbers as they left the place with about \$125 in cash which they took from the till after lining up a dozen or more men who were in the place. Another man who was in the bar room was shot in the arm. Rossman, who is believed to have been implicated a year ago in a series of robberies in Tacoma was arrested in that city Friday afternoon. Kelley was arrested at the depot in this city Friday afternoon just as he was about to leave for the north. Both men have police records. ♦♦

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION NOT BEFORE WEDNESDAY

BOISE, Jan. 5.—Fred Miller, of the Spokane law firm of Robertson, Rosenhau and Miller did not arrive in Caldwell today as expected, to defend Harry Orchard alias Thomas Hogan, on the charge of murdering Frank Steunenberg. It said he left the train at Walla Walla and it was supposed he would arrive here tomorrow morning. County Attorney Vanduyne states it will be impracticable to hold the preliminary examination before Wednesday.

Deputy District Attorney Gillette of Cripple Creek, Colo., today filed an information in the district court charging Harry Orchard with the murder of J. W. Hartsock, one of the fourteen men killed in the Independence Depot explosion of June 9, 1904. The information is based on the affidavit made by Sheriff Edward Bell. Orchard is under arrest at Caldwell, Idaho, charged with the assassination of former Governor Frank Steunenberg.