



COCKRELL SEVERELY REPRIMANDS KANSAS STANDARD OIL OFFICIALS

G. W. Mayer Manager of Kansas Standard Oil Concern Refuses to Answer Questions of the Inter-State Commerce Commission

STANDARD OIL WITNESS LIES TO EVERY QUERY

VETERAN SENATOR COCKRELL BECOMES EXASPERATED AT THE REFUSAL OF MAYER TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM AND USES STRONG LANGUAGE TO TRUST'S HIRING, WHO CRINGES AT WORDS.

KANSAS CITY, March 13.—Francis M. Cockrell of the Inter-State Commerce Commission severely reprimanded G. W. Mayer the Kansas City manager of the Standard Oil Company today during the investigation of the alleged methods of the railroads and the Standard Oil in discriminating against independent oil men hereabouts. The lawyers for the Commission and for the independent owners have been trying hard to get an admission from Mayer of the connection between the Standard Oil, the Union Tank Line, the Republic Oil, and Waters-Pierce Oil companies. To all questions Mayer answered "I don't know," although he has been manager of the Standard Oil for twenty-eight years. At the close of the testimony Cockrell asked:

"Tell this commission are the Republic Oil Company and the Waters-Pierce Oil Company part of the Standard Oil Company?"

"I don't know, sir."

"What is your best impression about it?"

"I have none."

"Don't you feel and know in your heart that they are all part and part of the same company?"

"I don't know."

"Don't you feel in your heart it is so?"

"I don't know, sir."

Then the veteran Senator slapped the desk with his fist and said severely:

"I am sick and tired of this effort of the Standard Oil to conceal this fact when every man and woman and child knows it is so! Now, everybody wants the truth told here and why don't you tell it! Every tub ought to stand on its own bottom and you folks ought not to dodge this question further."

Several witnesses testified to the discrimination by the railroads against the independent producers.

COUNTESS APPEARS

The Wife of Boni de Castellane Comes Into Court.

Petitions For Absolute Divorce and Wants Care of Three Children—Judge Summons Couple in Effort to Reconcile Them.

PARIS, March 13.—Countess Boni de Castellane, accompanied by Edmond Kelly, her lawyer, today appeared before Judge Ditté, president of the Civil Tribunal of the Seine, and asked for permission to amend the proceedings in her application for a separation from her husband by divorce. The application asked for separate domicile and custody of the children pending a legal procedure.

Judge Ditté, before finally deciding, complied with the formality of requesting the husband and wife to appear together for the joint interrogating of them concerning the possibility of a reconciliation. The latter will fulfill the legal requirements, but it is not expected to yield favorable results, as the parties are fully determined to terminate their union. Their joint appearance before the court will occur in four or five days, and immediately thereafter an amended bill will be filed and a writ will be served on the same grounds as previously, the only change being a petition that the bonds of matrimony be dissolved.

TRIED TO POISON WIFE.

ALBANY, Ore., March 13.—Elmer Wagstaff, a resident of this town, today was arrested at Seio on information filed by the district attorney charging him with the attempted poisoning of his wife. It is stated, according to the evidence in the hands of the district attorney, that Wagstaff placed the poison in his wife's tea. When the tea was analyzed, it is alleged, a large quantity of arsenic and broken glass was found. Wagstaff was committed to jail in default of \$500 bail. Wagstaff bears an excellent reputation.

HOUSE GRINDS.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The house today devoted itself to a general debate on the appropriations in the legislative appropriation bill. Questions eliminating aged clerks from government employ, five alcohol for the arts, the restriction of Japanese immigration and a defense of New York city in relation to the class of foreigners who make that city their home, were discussed during the consideration of the bill.

NEW FRENCH MINISTRY TO PURSUE SAME POLICY

PARIS, March 13.—President Fallières today signed the decree nominating the new ministers. A general statement of the policy will be made in the Chamber of Deputies tomorrow afternoon. The Cabinet at that time will express a determination to continue the

foreign policy of M. Rouvier relative to foreign affairs, which has been repeatedly approved by the Chamber. It is understood one of M. Bourgeois first acts will be a reiteration of the instructions hitherto sent to M. Revoil at Algiers regarding France's attitude on the Moroccan question.

CONREID ACQUITTED.

Did Not Violate Sunday Law in Giving Concert.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Heinrich Conreid, director of the Metropolitan Opera House, was acquitted today of a charge of violating the law regarding Sunday theatrical performance. He was arrested recently for giving Sunday concerts at the Metropolitan Opera House, his arrest being made as a test case. Verdi's "Requiem Mass" was the production on which the charge was based.

DELIVERS SPEECH.

JACKSON, March 13.—Judge Alton B. Parker delivered a speech on "Democracy" before the joint session of the Mississippi legislature today at the Century Theatre.

FAVORS STATUS QUO OFFICERS RESIGN

France Prefers Former Situation Than to Abdicate.

Should Germany Maintain Her Claim For Inspector of Police Commanding at Casa Blanca, France Can Only Veto Proposition

PARIS, March 14.—With reference to the Franco-German controversy over the Moroccan reforms, the Temps this morning says: "Should Germany maintain her claim for an inspector of police commanding at Casa Blanca, France can only oppose her veto to the humiliating proposition. Germany's insistence on the exclusion of Casa Blanca from the Franco-Spanish mandate is only attributable to a desire to obtain a part of Morocco. To the trap thus laid France prefers the status quo, which will be better than an abdication. With the accord of Great Britain and Spain, at Fez, France has a thousand means of defending the status quo against German aims. France has already conceded much and is now only struggling for the minimum of her rights and the preservation of her dignity."

REPORTED FAVORABLY.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Senator Piles today favorably reported from the committee on territories, the bill providing for the regulation of the practice of medicine, surgery and dentistry in Alaska.

RACING ALLOWED SENATE IS AT WORK

Coast Steamers Are Charged With Racing.

United States Inspectors Arrest Chief Engineer Dunham of the Steamer Roanoke on Charge of Having Wedged and Loaded Valve

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—Having been informed that racing is permitted on certain lines of coast steamers on the northern runs, the United States inspectors made an investigation which resulted in a complaint being filed today with the United States district attorney against Azariah Dunham, chief engineer of the steamer Roanoke. He is accused of having wedged and loaded the safety valve on a recent trip between San Francisco and Portland.

PROTESTS ACTION.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Corporal Tanner, commander in chief of the G. A. R., has written a letter to chairman Tawney of the House Committee on appropriations, protesting the action of Tawney's committee in recommending the enactment of a law reducing the compensation of government clerks when they attain the age of 65. Tanner writes particularly in behalf of his comrades of the Civil War many of whom are now employed in the government service, who would be seriously affected by the proposed reduction.

TRAINS EAST LONG DELAYED.

Both O. R. & N. and Northern Pacific Had Trouble

WALLULA, Wash., March 13.—The heavy winds of yesterday and the day before brought the worst sand storm in the Columbia Basin in years.

O. R. & N. trains were thirty hours late. No. 3, Sunday, came as far as Page and returned to Spokane. Two engines were ditched on the Northern Pacific between Wallula and Pasco.

All the men available were shoveling sand, but it accumulated about as fast as it could be removed.

RUSSIAN REGIMENTAL OFFICERS SHOW MUTINOUS SPIRIT.

Ugly Reports of Another Railroad Strike in Moscow Are Being Circulated, and Government Authorities Are Taking Precautions.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 13.—It is reported the officers of a guards regiment upon receiving orders to go to the Baltic provinces and participate in the "pacifications" met and resigned in a body. The name of the regiment is not given, and the rumor is not confirmed tonight. Ugly reports of another railroad strike in Moscow are current. The government is taking exceptional precautions.

CAMPUS SCENE OF RUIN.

Forest Grove Fire Debris is Being Cleared Away.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, March 13.—The eastern section of the university's campus was a scene of ruin this morning, but most of the debris was collected and the furniture stored in the basement of Marsh Hall by noon. A building will be rented and the boarding hall continued as soon as possible. An effort will be made soon to raise money to provide a home for the girls of the university. They have been given temporary quarters by the townspeople and faculty.

SENATE IS AT WORK

Disposes of Several Quite Important Measures Yesterday.

One Bill Provides for the Punishment of Government Officials Who Divulge Secret Information of Government Crop Reports.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Before taking up the rate bill the Senate today passed several bills of importance, one of the most important being for the punishment of government officials, who divulge prematurely secret information of the government bureaus such as crop reports. Simmons made the speech of the day on the railroad rate question. He announced his support of the measure as it came from the House, but would not oppose reasonable modifications.

SOCIALISTS DENOUNCE THE IDAHO AUTHORITIES

New York Socialists Hold Meeting and Protest Against Prosecution of Murderers of Steunenberg Suscribe Money to Aid Arrested Officials.

INFLAMMATORY SPEECHES MADE BY LEADERS

EX-MAYOR CHASE, OF HAVERHILL, MASS., PROTESTS AGAINST WHAT HE TERMED THE "RAILROADING" OF MOYER, HAYWOOD, AND PETTIBONE—"MOTHER" JONES CHAMPION OF PENNSYLVANIA MINERS SPEAKS.

NEW YORK, March 13.—A mass meeting was held at the Grand Central Palace by the Socialist Labor party and attended by an audience which filled the hall. The meeting was a protest against the imprisonment of certain of the Western Federation of Labor Miners in connection with the Steunenberg murder. Ex-Mayor Chase of Haverhill, Mass., protested against what he termed the "Railroading" of Moyer, Haywood, and Pettibone.

"Mother" Jones, champion of the Pennsylvania Miners also was present and spoke.

The speaker following Chase dwelt on the high character of the accused men.

Morris Hillquit asserted the methods introduced by Governor Peabody in Colorado were worse, if possible, than those which made Russia famous throughout the world. Conviction in the present case, he asserted, would never follow.

A resolution denouncing the arrest of the Federation officials was adopted. A collection for the imprisoned men was taken.

HUNDREDS OF FUNERALS.

Company's Latest Figures Place Number of Victims of Explosion at 1212.

PARIS, March 13.—Hundreds of funerals are being held today in the town surrounding Courriere, where the mine disaster Saturday resulted in the loss of over 1000 lives. Snow has fallen, but lines of mourners fill every road. In many cases the mourners carried caskets where hearses were not obtainable.

At Billin-Montigny, a rough altar was erected in the open air, and funeral services were conducted over 60 bodies. Another and similar ceremony occurred at Merrieourt over the unidentified dead. The company's latest figures show that there were 1212 victims of the explosion.

Mining Director Meyer, of Herine, Prussia, with his rescue corps of Westphalians, recovered 26 more bodies this morning. The heroic efforts of the Germans are exciting admiration and praise.

VOLCANIC ERUPTION.

Three Samoan Towns Wiped Out By Eruption of Volcano.

HONOLULU, March 13.—The officers of the steamer Sierra, which has arrived here from Sydney, N. S. W., via Samoa, report that the eruption of the volcano on the Island of Savaii, one of the Samoan group, continues on a large scale. Three villages have been completely destroyed, including Malaeola, where was located the finest cocoa plantation on the island. The residences of A. King and C. Barley have been reduced to ruins and are a total loss. The lava from the mountain is flowing into the ocean in a stream three-quarters of a mile wide and 20 feet deep, at the rate of 20 feet an hour. At night a solid wall of molten lava five miles long may

be seen reaching far out into the sea. For some distance ahead the sea water is broiling and the surf breaks over the fiery stream. The government recently chartered the steamer Maori to remove women and children from the zone of danger.

HAMBURG FLOODED

Blizzard Drives Sea Into Harbor Flooding Country.

Fierce Storm Forces Water From the Ocean Into Hamburg Harbor Inundating Country Drives Shipping on the Shore.

HAMBURG, March 13.—A blizzard is blowing the water into the harbor, flooding houses and driving vessels ashore. The country down the river is flooded, and land batteries are continuously firing alarm guns, as the landmarks are invisible on account of the snow storm. Emperor William has given up his proposed trip to Heligoland on board the battleship Kaiser Wilhelm II.

Several minor shipping disasters have been reported.

HOYT VISITS ALBANY.

ALBANY, Ore., March 13.—Ralph W. Hoyt of Portland spent yesterday in this city, looking after his campaign for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer.

MONTANA IN THE GRASP OF TERRIBLE BLIZZARD

BUTTE, March 13.—Butte and the State generally was visited today and last night by one of the severest storms in years. The thermometer dropped to 22 degrees below zero and the cold was accompanied by a stiff wind. The height of the storm was in the central and

Southern parts of the state, a heavy snowstorm accompanying the intense cold. The traffic on the railroads is badly demoralized and all trains are running several hours late. The stock interests are suffering severely and the loss will be considerable. The wave tonight appears to be breaking.