



WILL INCREASE CAPITAL STOCK

Standard Oil Official States Company Will Adjust Itself to Assets.

MODEL COMPANY HEREAFTER

Vice-President Denies Such a Libel on Its System of Doing Things, However, and the Lawyers Get Busy With Lies For the Courts.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—A representative of the Standard Oil Company said today:

"The statement that a conference of the Standard Oil interests had been called for the purpose of changing the name of the company and effecting a re-organization in general is without foundation. We can do nothing as long as the company is under investigation.

"I can say however, that as soon as the Standard Oil Company has freed itself of the labyrinth of litigation now involving it, there will be a re-organization. The capital stock will be increased to an amount more in harmony with the value of its assets, say to \$400,000,000 or \$500,000,000. We also purpose to issue periodical statements of the earnings, operations, etc.

"We propose to give the government everything in the way of information that is called for, which is all we can do. If we are guilty of certain infractions of the law, then practically all the other corporations are guilty of the same offenses and should be treated accordingly. But we are confident we will win out."

Later in the day, after the above interview had been published, John D. Archibald, vice-president of the company, said the statement to the effect that the Standard Oil is about to confer as to changing its name, extending the corporation, etc., is unauthorized and untrue.

The line of defense of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, to the allegations made by the federal government, in its suit against the company, was indicated in the oil hearing today, when W. H. Tilford, treasurer of the company was cross examined on the stand by John E. Milburn, chief counsel of the defendants.

Milburn's interrogatories were designed to show the oil fight in Colorado between the Standard and independent companies, was begun by the independent companies cutting prices, and that no trouble was made for the independent companies except those which arose from natural causes.

Tilford explained that the reason why the supply of crude oil had been cut down to 16 by the independents in the Pittsburgh field just before the agreement was made with the Standard, was because the oil supply in that district was diminishing. Milburn developed that the oil firm of Scholfield, Schurmer & Teagle, of Cleveland, an independent company, was not forced into the Standard's control but had been taken over after many suggestions from the officers of the Scholfield Schurmer Company.

Questions that adduced this testimony and others put to this witness, showed the defendants intend to meet the government on every point raised in a long bill of complaint.

CENTRAL AMERICA AGREES.

Coming Peace Conference Favored by Ministers in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—It is understood that all of the Central American ministers in Washington have received from the respective governments plenipotentiary powers in the matter of arranging for the proposed peace conference that is to be held in Washington for the purpose of settling all differences between the Central American states. Owing to the fact, however, that this is Mexican Day at the Jamestown Exposition and several of those interested in the conference are in Norfolk, it was impossible to hold a meeting of the diplomats today.

It is probable that a formal conference will take place tomorrow, and it is hoped that within a few days a protocol will be signed.

GRAND JURY VALID.

Oliver's Bunch, Judge Says, Had Full Authority.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.—The state supreme court late today rendered a decision upholding the validity of the so-called Oliver grand jury. On this decision depended the rate of the indictments found subsequent to last March. An attack was made on the grand jury by William M. Abbott of the United Railways, Frank G. Drum, John Martin and Eugene de Sabia of the San Francisco Gas & Electric Co., and other defendants, to test the validity of the indictments charging them with bribery. They contended that in February last the names of the new grand jury were drawn and while the Oliver grand jury had not been discharged its powers lapsed with the first steps taken to empanel its successor. Justice McFarland filed a dissenting opinion.

PORTO RICO FIGHTS VARIOLOID.

Wholesale Vaccination Ordered—No More Smallpox Deaths.

SAN PUAN, Sept. 23.—The prevalence of varioloid in the island determined Governor Post to recommend compulsory vaccination. The executive council adopted the proposal, and will order 600,000 vaccine points. The work will begin in the Guyana district, which is the most affected.

Since vaccination took place under the military regime in 1900 not a death from smallpox has been recorded. Before then there were many deaths from the disease yearly.

ARMSTRONGS GIVE \$5,000,000.

English Firm Interested With Vickers in Gun Foundry in Japan.

TOKIO, Sept. 23.—It is announced that the Armstrong-Whitworth Co. will contribute \$5,000,000 to the works that Vickers Son & Maxim and the Armstrong Company are establishing at Muroran, Hokkaido Island.

DEFIES STATE LAW

United States Judge Issues Injunction Against it.

TIES UP MINNESOTA RATE LAW

State Officials Will Violate Injunction, Habeas Corpus Proceedings Will be Instituted and Whole Affair Taken to United States Supreme Court.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 23.—Judge Lochren, of the United States Court, today issued an injunction that absolutely ties up the Minnesota commodity rate law, pending a final decree or until the court's decision is overruled on an appeal by the state.

The order restrains the defendants, including the attorney-general and shipper, who were made parties to the action and all other persons, from instituting any proceedings for violation of the said act and from demanding that any of the rates contained in the act be given them.

It is reported today that the state officials are planning to violate the injunction in such a manner that habeas corpus proceedings will have to be instituted, in which even the case will at once be appealed to the United States supreme court and the whole matter determined.

NURSE AND JEWELS MISSING.

Property of Patients Valued at \$1,500 Disappears From Sanitarium.

BRIDGEPORT, Sept. 23.—The police of this city have been requested by Dr. D. W. McFarland of New York, proprietor of a private sanitarium at Green Farms, to make a search for a young and attractive nurse who disappeared a few days ago with jewelry and wearing apparel belonging to patients and valued at \$1,500.

The name of the nurse is being withheld. It is claimed that she was the most popular nurse in the house and that Dr. McFarland's family made much of her and trusted her fully.

SENATOR BORAH UP FOR TRIAL

On Threshold of Career He is on Trial for Defrauding the Government.

STEUNENBERG WAS INDICTED

Juror in Haywood Trial on Borah Jury, Whom he Last Saw Upholding United States Law—John Doe Alias Senator Borah.

BOISE, Sept. 23.—William E. Borah, at the threshold of his career in the United States Senate, having been elected to take his seat at the coming session of congress, was placed on trial today before Judge Edward Whitson in the federal court, charged with conspiring to defraud the United States government out of title to many thousands of acres of timber land in Boise county.

Indicted with Borah are 12 other persons, while it is claimed the conspiracy extended to 108 residents of Southern Idaho, who acted as entry men in taking out timber claims which were subsequently turned over to the Barber Lumber Company, a corporation which employed Borah as attorney, cloaked under the title of John Doe. The attorneys for the government disclosed in open court the fact that former Governor Steunenberg was included in the indictment and is alleged to have had a leading part in the so-called conspiracy.

The announcement came as surprise to the community at large. Several of the talesmen examined today declared they had never heard it even intimated that Steunenberg had in any way been connected with the land frauds investigation. Little or no progress was made at the morning session of the court, but during the afternoon the government attorneys temporarily passed 12 men into the jury box. All these are subject to further examination by the prosecution and to complete examination by counsel for the defense.

An odd angle is given to the case by fact that one of the men passed into the jury box today is Thomas B. Gess, a local real estate dealer, who served as foreman of the Haywood jury, in which case Borah served as state prosecutor. Several of the jurors temporarily accepted claimed acquaintance with Borah and one openly declared he held the defendant in high esteem. He felt however he could deal out justice to him.

Three proposed jurors who declared their belief in Borah's innocence and were promptly challenged by the government and excused. District Attorney Ruick conducted the juror examination and questioned the jurors closely as to any feeling of prejudice against him for his active part in securing the indictment of Borah and whether they believed he had acted from personal motives or in good faith as a public prosecutor.



WHEN TAFT VISITS THE CZAR. The Czar—Great Harryorchardsky! With such a bulwark as this no terrorist could ever see me!

ed he had acted from personal motives or in good faith as a public prosecutor. Nearly all said they had given the matter little thought. They also declared they would not permit their reverence for Governor Steunenberg's memory to interfere with the rendering of a just verdict in case of an trial.

CHINESE REBELS STUBBORN.

Armed With Modern Smuggled Weapons They Invest Ling Shuan.

HONGKONG, Sept. 23.—Imperial troops and insurgents have had a stubborn engagement which lasted 12 hours at the city of Ling Shuan, in the prefecture of Yun Chow, on the southern border of the province of Shansi and about 350 miles southwest of Peking.

The insurgents, who were armed with modern weapons, severed the telegraph connections. The imperial reinforcements had to make a march of 69 miles, but finally reached and relieved the city.

Gunboats are patrolling the coast to prevent arms to be smuggled in for the insurgents, a business that had flourished for some time before the government took preventive measures.

KANN PICTURES FOR AMERICA.

Finest Private Collection Being Broken Up, Best Works Coming Here.

BERLIN, Sept. 23.—Dr. Wilhelm Bode in a magazine article, declares that the best pictures in the collection of old masters left by the late Rudolph Kann, of Paris, have been purchased by Americans, including J. Peirpont Morgan, Mrs. Huntington, P. A. B. Widener and Mr. Altman.

According to Dr. Bode, the collection is the most important and the choicest now in private ownership, not only because of its quality, but also on account of its excellent preservation and the beauty of the frames.

M. Kann, in the last hours of his life anxiously deliberated as to what he would do with the pictures. He meant to affix a codicil to his will directing their fate, but died. The collection thus will go to America, which was the last thing M. Kann desired, as he meant to will the oldest and the French works to the Louvre; the works of the Dutch masters to the Berlin gallery, and the English and late Italian works to his native city, Frankfurt-on-the-Main.

MODERNISTS YIELD.

Surrender of Two Italian Leaders Collapse to Liberalism.

ROME, Sept. 23.—Surrendering without a blow in defense of modernism, Abbes Murri and Ardigo, the two leaders of the Italian tendency towards extreme liberalism in the Catholic church, published a declaration today approving the pope's encyclical on which the modernist doctrines are denounced in unmeasured terms. The two abbes capitulation is accepted by both lay and clerical circles as marking modernism's utter collapse all over Italy, where the movement has hitherto been the strongest. That Italy's failure to resist the pope's commands will mean similar weakening among Catholics liberals throughout the entire world is generally believed inevitable.

STEAMER TELLUS IS BROKEN UP

Dumps Four Thousand Tons of Coal on North Spit at Grays Harbor.

CLAIMSHEWASOUT OF COURSE

Captain Werlich Positive That Buoys Were Not to Blame—Vessel Appears to Have Been at Least Eight Miles From Course She Sought.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Sept. 23.—The Norwegian steamer Tellus, coal laden from Nainaimo for Portland, which went ashore on the North Spit, at the entrance to Grays Harbor Sunday forenoon broke in two at 7 o'clock Monday and with her cargo will be a total loss.

Three mates, three engineers and the steward, who remained on the wreck, were taken off by the tug Cudahy, which stood by during the night. Captain Berg, with a force of 30 longshoremen, arrived at the wreck about 9 o'clock yesterday morning, but seeing there was no hope of saving the vessel or any part of her cargo, returned to Hoquiam with his crew.

The tug Traveler, with Second Mate Nelson, of the Tellus, is standing by the wreck. Captain Berg believes the Tellus will go to pieces entirely within a few days. The Tellus carried nearly 4000 tons of coal, valued at \$20,000, for the Independent Coal & Ice Company of Portland.

The cargo and the ship were both insured. The crew will be paid off and sent to their homes tomorrow. Captain Berg will employ a legal representative tomorrow to look after the insurance. He is breaking up rapidly and apparently will not last long.

That the Norwegian steamship Tellus, which went aground and was wrecked at the entrance to Grays Harbor Saturday, while bound for Nainaimo, B. C., for the Columbia River, was from 6 to 10 miles out of her course, is the opinion of competent marine authorities of Portland.

A chart of the North Pacific Coast in the office of Captain P. J. Werlich, inspector of the Thirteenth Lighthouse district, shows that if a vessel proceeds in a direct line from the Straits of Ruca to the mouth of the Columbia River she will not touch within about eight miles of Grays Harbor. To make a quick passage ships invariably take this course. Consequently, how the Tellus happened to reach the fatal spot, where she now lies a wreck, is inexplicable to those familiar with that part of the coast.

Learning that those in charge of the lighthouse district had been accused of permitting buoys and other aids to navigation going adrift without taking steps to replace them, Captain Werlich showed by correspondence and other records that nothing had been amiss with the aids at the entrance to Grays Harbor since May 21.

VERDICT IS \$15,000,000.

Dominion Coal Company Must Pay Steel Company for Breach of Contract.

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 23.—Justice Longley of the supreme court of Nova Scotia today awarded the Dominion Iron & Steel Company judgment against the Dominion Coal Company for \$15,000,000 as damages for breach of contract in not supplying coal suitable for metallurgical purposes. Justice Longley in concluding a lengthy judgment, says:

"Between November 1 and 9 the coal company furnished large quantities of coal not reasonably free of stone and shale and incapable of operating an iron and steel plant, and while they are mining plenty of coal fit for such purposes, they failed to furnish a sufficient quantity of such coal to meet the requirements of the contract. The company has thereby committed a breach of the contract, and is responsible to the steel company for all the loss and damages which resulted from this breach.

"I think the contract is still in operation, and, in my judgment, the best, indeed the only true, remedy in this case is the issuing of a decree requiring the company to perform the terms of the agreement."

BURGLARS SEARCH 18 HOMES.

One Night's Work in Flushing Nets Robbers Only \$250.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Burglars pried open a window of the home of John F. Crawford at State Street and Parsons avenue, Flushing, L. I., early yesterday morning and carried away table ware valued at \$250. The police were notified also by a dozen other persons in the town that windows of their homes had been forced open and several trinkets taken.

When detectives investigated they learned that in all 18 houses had been entered but very little property taken. One woman said that she saw two men and a boy sneaking through the yard of her house and scared them away. It is believed that the same gang committed all the burglaries.

The total amount of the losses reported doesn't exceed \$250.

WANT AMERICAN GIRL.

Protests Against Use of Urofile of Irish Waitress.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 23.—The Independent Order of Americans, in annual state council here, adopted a protest against the proposed placing of the face of Miss Mary Cunningham upon the United States gold coins, and has authorized the state controller to forward a protest to Washington. Victor B. Boyer, state counselor of the Order of Americans, will personally protest to Secretary Cortelyou.

Miss Cunningham was a waitress in a Cornish, Vermont, eating house when discovered by the late Augustus St. Gaudens, the sculptor, who elected her as a model for a design he had been commissioned to execute for the government. The Independent Americans of Pennsylvania admit her rare beauty but object to having her profile appear on the United States coins because she was born in Ireland. They say there are plenty of American-born girls to choose from.

PEACE IS DECLARED

France and Morocco Bury the Hatchet.

MOORS UNINTERESTED IN WAR

The Prophet Failed to Make 'Em Victorious and They Will Now Throw Away Spears and Arrows For Modern Guns.

An official dispatch received from General Druce, confirms unofficial advice that the Moors made fresh overtures for peace, but the French government announced it is impossible after previous experience with hostile natives that hostilities will be suspended, pending the result of negotiations.

PARIS, Sept. 23, 10 A. M.—Peace has been declared in Morocco. Delegates from three important tribes have accepted French peace overtures and will see that the terms of the agreement are carried out. Hostilities are now at an end.

SLUSH!

OYSTER BAY, Sept. 23.—Stuyvesant Fish came to Oyster Bay today and was escorted with Secretary Loeb in the executive offices for an hour. He declined to be interviewed. The secretary said has given him a message to the President but he declined to divulge the purport.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN TREATY.

John Bull and Cossack Bamboozle Each Other.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 23.—The Anglo-Russian treaty was ratified here today. The convention regulates interests in both countries in Tibet, Afghanistan and Persia. Russia maintains her position in North Persia and Great Britain in the south. Neither country is to seek advantages in Tibet or Afghanistan, which might be disadvantageous to the other.