STANDARD OIL DECISION IS WIDELY CONDEMNED

Outside of New York city, the great majority of the newspapers of the country are outspoken in their condemnation of the reversal of Judge Landis' decision in the famous Standard Oil case. While many of them concede that the conclusions of the court of appeals may be, in the main, technically correct, strong exception is taken to the strictures passed upon the trial judge.

The following editorial, published in the Chicago Post on the day following the decision, is typical of the comments by influential papers of the middle west:

"The Standard Oil company has won a technical victory. Its guilt was established beyond question, but the decision of Judge Landis has been reversed by the court of appeals on the strength of three errors in procedure. Technicalities always are sure of their day in court. The people are tired of technicalities that defeat the ends of justice.

"The finding of the judges of the appeals court doubtless is based on the laws as they are. But laymen cannot understand why quibbles over language or forms of process should let the guilty escape. If the laws are at fault they should be changed.

"Everybody, lawyer and layman, knows that Mr. Rockefeller's corporation secured rate concessions in knowledge of the law and in defiance of it. It has escaped the penalty for the present and very probably for the future, as far as the offense in hand is concerned. The country can not congratulate itself on the outcome.

Fine the Only Penalty.

"The only penalty that could be inflicted on the defendant company was a fine. The offenses were committed before the law with its imprisonment clause was in force. President Roosevelt has insisted from the outset of his crusade against criminal corporations that the only effective means of stopping their depredations is to send the guilty chief officials to prison. Some day happily this may be done, but it won't be done until technicality loopholes, for which the able corporation lawyers are so diligent in their search, are stopped up.

"If the Landis fine had been allowed to stand the Standard Oil company probably would have found a way to make the consumer pay it. This was an expected result and entirely in keeping with the corporation's methods, but whether the victory was costly to the people or not it still would have been a victory, for it would have shown that an organization hedged in with money was not beyond the reach of the law.

"It is said that the enactment of recent legislation has put an end to the rebate evil. It may be that successful and easy evasion of punishment in the present case through legal technicalities will give the part offenders courage to offend again. The thing is disheartening but not hopeless. It's a long lane that has no turning."

Case for Supreme Court.

The Chicago News, widely recognized as an independent and outspoken paper, said:

"Very pertinent is the comment of Attorney-General Bonaparte on the decision of the United States circuit court of appeals in the case of the Standard Oil company of Indiana. As he says, a suit of such importance should go to the supreme court for final decision. It is disgraceful that congress has denied the pleas of various attorney-generals that the government be given authority to appeal in criminal cases of this sort. The reversal of the Standard Oil case by the court of appeals must be accepted by the government as a true finding under the law because the men who controlled the action of congress have evaded the duty of broadening the existing statute governing appeals.

"One important result at least will come from this decision. The popular demand that the responsible officials of corporations found guilty of engaging in conspiracies in restraint of trade be punished with terms of imprisonment will become so strong that congress will have to enact further laws to give effect to it, if existing law does not suffice. Large fines punish stockholders and creditors. Let the men in control of corporations which break the law go to the penitentiary."

Defeat of Government.

On the other hand, the New York papers, with the exception of the World and the Press, viewed with ill-concealed satisfaction the crushing defeat sustained by the government in its prosecution of Standard Oil. Following are extracts from their editorials:

World—"If by a change of incorporation from Ohio to New Jersey, or Illinois to Indiana, the Standard Oil company can appear 'as a virgin offender,' why should not any habitual burglar escape a sentence as an old offender merely by changing his name or taking an alias? The language of the reversing opinion, saying that Judge Landis' sentence of the Standard Oil company was 'an abuse of judicial discretion, because the man who happens to be the judge is above the law,' will be quoted thousands of times by the enemies of the courts. It is unfortunate the most harsh condemnation of a judge by his higher associates should have been for his attempt adequately to punish the Standard Oil company."

Press—"The outcome of the attempt to collect this huge fine matters very little. As Judge Landis has pointed out, as Governor Hughes has so lucidly demonstrated, a fine levied upon a monopoly in an indispensable commodity is equal to a license for the monopoly to do business. The fine is paid by the corporation, but the money to pay it with is exacted from the consumers of the product monopolized. The judgment of the court of appeals, which calls for careful scrutiny and cool reading, cannot alter the public conviction that the offenders behind the Standard Oil corporation in its rebate crimes deserve to be in the penitentiary, and will be sent there when the law is enforced by those who take oaths to administer it."

Reversal Is Rebuke.

Times—"Better evidence of the wisdom of setting up courts of appeal was never furnished than in the case of the great Standard Oil fine, where the United States circuit court of appeals has now reversed Judge Landis and ordered a new trial. If it may ever be assumed that reversal is rebuke, that assumption may be made in this instance, and with peculiar warrant, for with quite unusual plainness of speech the court of appeals, in its unanimous opinion, declares that the law is laid down by Judge Landis' 'strange doctrine in Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence,' and, if it be law, 'it is because the man who happens to be the judge is above the law.'"

Post—"The reversal of the decision against the Standard Oil company, which carried Judge Landis' exemplary punitive fine of $29,240,000, will come as a surprise to the public. It is fortunate, from a public standpoint, that the appellate bench is unanimous. A dissenting opinion might have served as a firebrand. Many will argue anew on the one hand that the fine was a spectacular play to the gallery; others must regret that gigantic corporations can ever count on the law's delays or technicalities to shield them against the penalty of violating troublesome statutes. The reversal, indeed, lets loose a swarm of interesting conjectures. Will Mr. Roosevelt read the judges a lesson in public? What effect will the event have on the pending canvass? There is one thing which needs further explanation, however."

Tribune—"The court's rulings that the number of offenses was arbitrarily multiplied and that the judge cannot fit his penalty to the supposed resources of remote persons not before him as defendants preclude the possibility of any similar sensational fine in case a retrial results in a verdict of guilty. The first verdict was obtained, according to the present ruling, by withholding from the jury material evidence in favor of the defense. If that evidence had been admitted there is doubt in the court's mind whether a verdict of guilty could have been reached. It is a fact to be regarded with satisfaction that this decision is by a unanimous bench."

Mail—"This decision, unanimously arrived at, will be generally accepted as responsive to the facts of the case and the common sense of the situation. Standard Oil is not a popular corporation and has itself to blame for it; but the record of that trial and the figures of that fine could not stand without constituting a threat against all incorporated industry, that something less than its rights would be granted it in court and something more than its reserts meted out to it in the way of punishment. 'The fine' was a factor, and no small one, in the progressive uncertainty in the American business world that culminated in the crash of last October."

Herald—"To those who followed the arguments upon the appeal it is not much a matter of surprise that the United States circuit court of appeals should have reversed Jurgo Landis in his decision assessing a punitive fine of $29,240,000 against the Standard Oil company of Indiana on the rebate cases. That the decision of the appellate bench is unanimous in this is a matter for congratulation. It rather will bear out the public verdict in the first instance, which was that, however unpopular the Standard Oil company may be and whatever its offense, Judge Landis in the amount of the exemplary fine had been unduly severe. The Standard Oil company is entitled to simple justice, as is every corporate or individual, no more, no less."

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THE LION CLOTHIERS

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CORPORAL IS HUNTED FOR BRUTAL MURDER

Slayer of Ira Nessinger Supposed to Be Member of U. S. Infantry.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Spokane, Wash., July 27.—The authorities are today unable to find any trace of Corporal Barker, company D, Third Infantry, suspected of murdering and robbing Ira Nessinger at Medical Lake. Barker was seen with Nessinger all day Saturday but all trace of him has been lost since. The military authorities are also seeking him. The coroner is holding an inquest at Medical Lake. Nessinger's head was beaten and he was robbed of $75 and a watch.

The body was found by fishermen, lying near the trail leading to Clear Lake. A two-foot length of gaspipe, covered with blood, was found by the body. The body had been tossed to one side of the trail. The dead man's pockets had been rifled and his clothes torn into strips by the murderer, whose efforts to rob Nessinger apparently met with resistance. Nessinger's stiff hat, crushed in from behind, the rim torn off and blood-soaked, was found near the scene, indicating that the first blow was struck from behind.

GIRL DIES IN AGONY AFTER VACCINATION

Blood Poisoning Caused by Infection From Virus or Wound, Says Doctor.

Newark, N. J., July 27.—Lillian Veasey, 14 years old, died yesterday from blood poisoning, resulting, in the opinion of Dr. Robert C. Ribbans, the attending physician, from vaccination.

Three weeks ago the girl went to the city dispensary, conducted by the board of health, and was vaccinated, along with 300 other children. The vaccine "took," and her arm became sore and swollen.

Last Monday the pain became so intense that she went back to the dispensary and informed the physician in charge. It is said the doctor told Lillian she need have no fear of the consequences. The next day the arm had swollen still more.

Lillian then went to Dr. Ribbans, who found that blood poisoning had set in. He said the complication was due either to the use of infected vaccine or from the infection of the wound after vaccination. The child suffered intense pain.

BUTTERED POTATO TO SAVE MILLIONS

Murphy's, Pa., July 27.—John Slavin, who lives over near the foot of the mountain, came into town yesterday and reported that the potato crop would be enormous. The plants were not bothered much by the bugs, and there was just enough rain to develop the tubers without making them rot.

Mr. Slavin hopes to give the world a unique article in the potato line this summer. He does not speak much about it, since he wants to surprise the public, but enough information has been dropped to give a fair idea of his experiments.

This well-known and thoroughly thoroughly truthful farmer has crossed the white potato with the butter bean, to the end that he can produce a buttered potato. He figures out that with such a vegetable on the market there will be a saving in the United States each year of more than $8,000,000. He has obtained government statistics which prove that this amount is spent annually in buttering the boiled and roasted potatoes and in making the mashed article.

Mr. Slavin had first thought of using the butter beet, but it did not have the rich yellow color of the butter bean.

AGITATION STARTED FOR CLEAR LAKE DAM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Klamath Falls, Or., July 27.—Some of the land holders of the upper project or Bonanza section of the federal reclamation project, have drawn up a petition that their lands be released from the contracts with the reclamation service for government water. The case will be made a test one. It owes its agitation to the refusal of Chief Director Newell of the service to reconsider the bids on the Clear Lake dam.

The required 80 per cent of the lands are not as yet signed up, to which Mr. Newell assigns his reason for nonacceptance of the bids. The land owners say they have 75 per cent signed, which is all that is possible at this time.

It is not thought that the question will be carried to the extreme limit by the land owners, as the disposition of the service has been to meet all reasonable demands and the need of water is too imperative for them to refuse government irrigation.

HIGHBALL PLANT'S PRODUCT IS SMALL

Rising Sun, Pa., July 27.—Very little rye is being grown in this section of Pennsylvania. The demand for rye bread is steadily decreasing, and there are not many other uses to which the cereal can be put. With the development of several other varieties of rye, some sale can be found for the crop.

There are various varieties of rye which are now being tried out. One ingenious person believes that it will be possible to raise rye highballs. The climate is considered suitable for the purpose, since there is ample rainfall and plenty of water is needed.

This nature faker has taken the lemon tree, the rye plant, the soda bush and he has so blended and brought out their own individual characteristics that he confidently believes he can produce the rye highball.

In a way he has made some progress, but he is not satisfied because the highballs are undersized. He is now endeavoring to increase their growth to regulation size. There is no doubt that should he succeed he will have a very profitable plant which will find a ready [illegible] in Georgia and other dry states.

LEWIS COUNTY FAIR COMMITTEE ORGANIZES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

[illegible] Wash., July 27.—Yesterday [illegible] the Lewis county committee [illegible] to handle the matter of a [illegible] at the fair to be held [illegible] Seattle, met in this city [illegible] by selecting [illegible] George [illegible] of Chehalis, as chairman [illegible] a member of the state [illegible] of the Lewis and Clark fair [illegible] of Chehalis, was made [illegible] Albers of this city was [illegible] one of the field men to [illegible] exhibits, and F. A. Deesler [illegible] county fruit inspector, has [illegible] a like position. In connection with its regular work the committee is considering a plan for a general [illegible] campaign, which will [illegible] the bringing of settlers to Lewis county.

McCarren's Appeal Comes Up.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, July 27.—The justices of the [illegible] of the supreme [illegible] began a special sitting [illegible] an appeal by the [illegible] organization [illegible] of Justice Kelly in the matter of the appointment of election [illegible].

[illegible] particularly to [illegible] factional fight in [illegible] decision of the court [illegible] far reaching as it will [illegible] of whether the state [illegible] a political party has the power to set aside the recorded results of primary elections.

Chinese Boycott Reaches Africa.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, [illegible].—The far reaching effect of the Chinese boycott against everything Japanese was evidenced today with the sailing of the steamer Shawmut, carrying a capacity cargo to the orient, consisting for the most part of shipments made by local Chinese firms. Under ordinary conditions practically all of these shipments would have gone on the steamer Iyo, which sailed more than a week ago, but the determination of the Chinese to boycott the Japanese line caused the Iyo to sail without a single Chinese passenger and with practically no consignments of freight from the Chinese merchants.

DECLARED YEGGMAN FIRED UPON HIM

Death holds the secret of the shooting of Frank Linch, who was found shot through the side on a lonely hill in South Portland Saturday afternoon. Linch died in the Good Samaritan hospital yesterday, having been unconscious since Saturday evening.

[illegible] last statement [illegible] to those around him by the wounded man was that he had been held up on the railroad and shot by yeggmen. The police do not believe this, however, and an inquest will probably be held tomorrow.

While he was conscious Linch made several conflicting statements as to how he met his death. His vest was badly powder burned and the coat was not, which helps substantiate the police theory that the dead man shot himself. He was an Austrian 25 years old and came to Portland from Oroville, [illegible]. He had $[illegible] in his pockets when he was found.

ASK FOR MONEY TO RECLAIM WET LAND

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Memphis, Tenn., July 27.—An effort will be made to get a large proportion of the government fund of [illegible] for the reclamation of wet lands in the Mississippi valley by the Mississippi Valley Drainage and Good Roads association, which began its annual meeting here today with delegates from Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. If the [illegible] succeeds in its effort to bring about a big national undertaking [illegible] of acres of land which now is worthless will be rendered valuable. In the last year the government has made surveys of the lands and estimates of the work have been prepared.

Funeral of Silas Dickerson.

Forest Grove, [illegible], July [illegible].—The funeral of Silas Dickerson, who died at his home in Cornelius July [illegible], was held today with burial in the Cornelius cemetery.

Mr. Dickerson was a veteran of the Civil war, and was born 76 years ago at Athens, Ohio. He came to Cornelius 13 years ago. A wife and the following children survive: Mrs. M. Glanis, Carlton; Mrs. E. P. Eddings, Portland; Ed Dickerson, Nevada; Rollie Dickerson, Seattle; Ritty, Murray, Zilda and Charley Dickerson, Cornelius; Mrs. Jesse Patton, Cornelius.

HOFBRAU AND LOUVRE CLOSED

Police Close Doors of Restaurants Until Places Comply With Law.

Two more restaurants with rooms connecting with the bars were closed yesterday on police orders. They were the Louvre and the Hofbrau, the new restaurant recently opened in the old Commercial club quarters at Sixth and Alder streets. Only the north room of the Louvre was closed while the Hofbrau shut down entirely, locking the doors until this morning. Last Sunday the Quelle was compelled to stop serving guests in the room in which the bar is located.

Although the order was issued to apply only to rooms connected directly with the bar, the owners of the Hofbrau took no chances of prosecution and closed down both rooms. It is claimed that no intoxicating drinks were served in the Hofbrau yesterday and that the bar was screened off from the rest of the room. Despite this precaution the police ordered that no one should be served in the place until it has been altered in such a manner as to comply with the law.

Chief Gritzmacher said this morning that the Hofbrau could easily be remodeled so as to bring its rooms within the provision of the statutes but until such changes were made the owners would have to observe the laws along with the rest. Chief Gritzmacher said that unless the lines were drawn strictly every saloon in town would be installing a few tables and serving meals in order to transform their places into restaurants and thus evade the law.

Gritzmacher did not say whether there would be additional closures next Sunday but intimated that no place would be allowed to serve their patrons where the room connected with the bar.

PROTESTS BOB UP AGAINST LOOP PLAN

Efforts of Company to Give Better Service Meet With Opposition.

Protests against the proposed extension of the Eleventh and Thirteenth street trolley lines to form a loop are being circulated by some of the residents along the lines that would be affected by the change, and as yet the street railroad officials have not determined whether or not to unite the Eleventh and Thirteenth street lines.

By doing so they assert they could make a six-minute service, whereas now on the Montgomery street line it is 10 minutes or longer. It would be necessary to run the cars only in one direction, aand the company is not sure whether this would prove a hardship or not. General Manager Fuller says the company would not save anything by making the loop, as it would take just as many cars and crews.

In case the loop is determined upon, the Montgomery street line, which now runs over Eleventh street, will be extended several blocks farther south, will then turn and go west to Thirteenth street, and run back along Thirteenth to Washington. It would probably go down Washington as far as Third, and over Third to Morrison, where the trip would commence again.

Some of the people living near Sixteenth and Montgomery object to the change and say that they have had streetcar service so long that they do not see why they should have to go without it now.

OLD TIME FIDDLERS TO FIDDLE AGAIN

Did you formerly fiddle while the young folks danced back in the days of forty-nine? If you did there is a reunion in store for you.

Some of the old-time fiddlers of Multnomah and Washington counties have been growing lonesome for the sound of the old melodies and have been dreaming of a pioneer fiddlers reunion. Accordingly they have appealed to the management of the Oaks and an effort is now being made to bring all of the old music-makers together for a reunion at an early date. It is intended to get the name of every one of the old-time wielders of the bow resident in Multnomah and Washington counties if possible and make arrangements to bring them together in a short time for a reunion.

The ladies seem to have captured the heart of the management of the Oaks, for it is announced that today and every Monday hereafter is Ladies' day, when all women will be admitted free into the amusement resort. Tuesday is also now known as Souvenir Plate day, when every lady will be given a souvenir plate upon her entrance to the grounds between noon and 7 o'clock.

SMUGGLING CHARGES ARE STRENGTHENED

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Diego, Cal., July 27.—Charges of implication in a Chinese smuggling plot, made by Andrew B. Nelson, a sailor now in a hospital at Los Angeles, against Captain L. B. Iverson, alias O. Eilsen, a skipper of the schooner Lou, were strengthened today when Julius Erickson, a member of Iverson's crew, arrived here and told a story substantially the same as that related to the authorities by the wounded sailor. Iverson, who is in jail, denies he is guilty of any wrong doing, and alleges there was a plot on the part of Nelson and Erickson to get him into trouble.

MAP MAKERS MEET TO DRAW LINES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Geneva, Switzerland, July 27.—The two weeks' session of the International Geographical congress began here today with most every important nation represented. Hundreds of papers will be read by experts and students from all parts of the world. These papers are the chief feature of the meeting and from them will be collected the latest information for the use of compilers of geographies and map makers.

WATER SPOUTS HIGH IN PORTLAND HARBOR

A waterspout nearly 20 feet high formed in the harbor at the foot of Washington street at 1:30 this afternoon. The wind was blowing a stiff breeze up the river and a whirlpool picked up a column of water just astern of the steamer Columbia as she was pulling out of the dock. It traveled directly across the river, collapsing near the center of the channel. No small boats were in the path of the spout and no damage was done by it.

EDWARD MAKES PEACE APPEAL

Seventeenth International Congress Opened With Address by England's King

(United Press Leased Wire.)

London, July 27.—King Edward opened the seventeenth international peace conference here today with a strong appeal for peace. His majesty said that he was glad that his efforts to bring about peace between nations were bearing fruit. Representatives from every civilized country on the globe were in attendance when the congress opened today at Caxton hall.

The congress will remain in session a week, addresses by distinguished diplomats from Europe and the United States comprising the program of the sessions.

Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, who is in charge of the Washington branch of the congress, has succeeded in having America well represented at the congress.

HILL INVITED TO BIG CELEBRATION

Invitations to the great industrial celebration to mark the completion of the north bank road into Portland will be sent out today by the chamber of commerce to some of the executive heads of the roads interested, including James J. Hill and Louis W. Hill of the Great Northern, and Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific. It is hoped that these officials will be present and speak upon the occasion of this celebration. President C. F. Swigert of the chamber of commerce has been informed that the road will be completed the latter part of August, although the date has not yet been determined.

FARMERS SAVE PART OF CROP

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Antioch, Cal., July 27.—With untiring energy the farmers of Jersey island, in the lower San Joaquin river, today succeeded in practically closing a break over 800 feet wide in the levees of the island and pumps are at work taking out the water so that some of the rich crop of beans, celery, potatoes and garden truck can be saved.

The island was inundated at 2 o'clock Sunday morning when the high tide undermined the dirt from the piling that supported the levees in front of the Jersey land hotel on the south side of the island. The island contains 3,900 acres of immensely rich land and the crop is valued at $250,000. It is thought that some of it can be saved.

MINNIE E. KELTON IS TOTAL LOSS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., July 27.—During a strong ebb tide last night the stranded steam schooner Minnie E. Kelton was raised from the mud bank, with three barges, and drifted into Clatsop spit, near No. 8 buoy, where the Kelton sank and the barges drifted outside the bar, where they were picked up by the tug Tatoosh and towed to Astoria. The Kelton is a total loss.

The Duty of Cheerfulness.

From The Outlook.

We are coming to understand the tremendous influence of one mind over another, and of the mind over the body, and to see what possibilities are opening up through a more intelligent use of the mind. This knowledge brings with it an unescapable obligation. If it is a man's duty to call in a physician when he is ill, and use every endeavor to make himself whole, it is equally his duty to reinvigorate his body through the use of his mind, and to be, so far as possible, his own physician, or at least to cooperate with his physician. And not only is it a man's duty to cure himself; it is also his duty to reinvigorate society and dissipate the fogs of the world by his serenity, cheerfulness and courage. Pessimism is a form of disease. It is a miasm which enervates, discourages, and lowers the vitality, precisely as hope and courage invigorate, reinspire and evoke gallantry of spirit. If the facts of life were a great deal blacker than they are, and human conditions a great deal harder, it would still be the duty of men to crush despair under their feet and to infuse into the air of the time courage, hope and faith.

This is, perhaps, the highest form of help a man can render to his fellows, because it helps them to help themselves. It is far better to put courage into a despondent man than to place money in his hand; to send a man back into the fight because he wants to go, through the reinvigoration of his spirit, than to take him home and make him comfortable. It is far better that a man should give his life heroically than that he should save it pusillanimously. In this time especially, when so many vital problems are to be solved, so many hard conditions confront serious men and women, when wider knowledge has produced a clearer and deeper consciousness of the sorrow of life, every man and woman ought to carry a brave spirit and make a generous contribution of good cheer to the fund of common feeling. It is no time for the despondent and the despairing. No matter what the danger is, or how black the outlook, despondency and despair have no part to play. Society has no more dangerous enemy in such a time as this than the pessimist who robs it of hope and weakens it when it needs all its strength.

Undismayed.

He came up smilin'—used to say
He made his fortune that-a-away;
He had hard luck a-plenty, too,
But settled down an' fought her through.
An' every time he got a jolt
He jist took on a tighter holt,
Slipped back some when he tried to climb
But came up smilin' every time.

He came up smilin'—used to git
His share o' knocks, but he had grit,
An' if they hurt, he didn't set
Around th' grocery store an' fret.
He jist grabbed Fortune by th' hair
An' hung on till he got his share,
He had th' grit in him to stay
An' come up smilin' every day.

He jist gripped hard an' all alone
Like a set bull-pup with a bone
An' if he got shook loose, why then
He got up an' grabbed holt again;
He didn't have no time, he 'd say,
To bother about yesterday,
An' when there was a prize to win
He came up smilin' an' pitched in.

He came up smilin'—good fer him!
He had th' grit, an' pluck, an' vim,
So he's on Easy street, an' durned
If I don't think his luck is earned!
No matter if he lost sometimes,
He's got the stuff in him that climbs,
An' when his chance was mighty slim,
He came up smilin'—good fer him.

—J. W. Foley in New York Times.

Measuring Lightning.

At a recent convention of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers at Atlantic City it was stated that the power of lightning bolts had been measured up to 600,000 volts.

WHOLE HERD WILL COME TO PORTLAND

Results of Elks Advertising in Texas Already Felt.

Portland's souvenirs at the Elk's convention in Dallas will result in thousands of visitors to the west coming to Portland next summer, according to John Whicher of Sacramento, deputy state superintendent of printing for California. Mr. Whicher registered from the San Luis Obispo lodge of Elks at the Elks' club today and said he had come to Portland just because he had seen one of the souvenirs.

"The souvenirs showing views of Portland and of the Rose Festival were the most attractive gifts of the convention," said Mr. Whicher. "They brought me here and they will bring a great many others. I venture to say that there will be thousands of Elks and their wives visit Portland just because they have seen those pictures."

The Rose Festival association has already commenced to advertise next season's festival and is sending out booklets containing photographs of the festival taken last June, and other beautiful and interesting places in and about Portland. The books are in the form of souvenir folding cards and show views from both the allegorical and historical and the Spirit of the Golden West parades. They will be sent to the hotels over the country and to the railroad offices at all the larger cities and summer resorts.

WHEN ARRESTED SAID HE WOULDN'T APPEAR

Lord Kerr Makes Good His Assertions—Ball Money Forfeited.

Alexander Hewitt Kerr, lord of Kingsball, Royshall and Benthe manors, estates in the county of Suffolk, England, he recently acquired, did not respond when his name was called in the municipal court this morning. "A. H. Kerr," shouted William Henry Harrison Patrick Edward James Whitcomb Riley, bailiff of the court, the policeman with the longest name on record, but there was no answer. Mr. Kerr said, when arrested Saturday evening, that as he would leave for England today to take possession of his new estates he would be compelled to forfeit the $10 bail demanded when taken into custody for leaving his motorcar in the street without a warning light thereon, and true to his word did not put in an appearance at court.

THIEVES PULL OFF CARRIE NATION ACT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Klamath Falls, Or., July 27.—The grocery store of Shallock & Daggett was burglarized early Saturday morning. While only a small amount of money was secured, a valuable cash register was smashed in the endeavor to open it.

Entrance was made at a side window, and nothing in the store was disturbed but the cash register, which was carried out into the street and demolished with an ax. It contained but $5 in change and over $2 was found on the ground.

Three local men are now under arrest, J. B. Melton, a former saloonman; Mit Hale, a bartender, and Clarence Lynch, a bootblack. They were caught at Dorris and are now held awaiting examination. All were under the influence of liquor when arrested.

REGATTA FEATURE AT QUEBEC TODAY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Quebec, July 27.—The main feature of today's program of the tercentenary celebration is the regatta in the river harbor before the town, which is crowded with gaily decked pleasure craft. There will be a grand naval display tonight, participated in by the warships which gathered here for the celebration.

For Universal Peace.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

London, July 27.—Advocates of the adoption of the principles of peace and arbitration throughout the world have assembled in London from many quarters of the globe to take part in the proceedings of the seventeenth annual meeting of the International Peace congress, which has its formal opening in Caxton hall tomorrow morning. For several months plans have been in progress to make the congress more notable, if possible, than any that has been held in the past. The American Peace society has sent a large and distinguished delegation to the congress.

"There are many prominent delegates here from the continental countries and many of these were present today at a preliminary conference of those who desire to promote peace on the ground of Christian teaching. The continental societies are composed mainly of those who advocate peace on utilitarian and humanitarian grounds.

The general subject of discussion at the conference today was "Christianity and International Peace, the Practical Work of the Churches." The bishop of Hereford occupied the chair at the morning session and one of the speakers was Dr. Francis H. Riley of Boston.

The Bank Roll.

"You took your vacation early."

"Yes," said the young man pensively, "I'm on my way home."

"Thinking of the girl you left behind?"

"No; of the wad."

WASHINGTON IS FOR COMMONER

Conference of County Members of State Central Committee Held at Tacoma.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Wash., July 27.—Twenty-five of the 37 county members of the Democratic state central committee attended a conference at the Tacoma hotel in this city today at which Democratic optimism was on tap for the first time since the memorable campaign of 1896. Avowed and receptive candidates were present for gubernatorial honors and they said they believed they could win the day. Canvassers who have been out over the state report a great uprising of the plain people for the Nebraska commoner and the meeting this morning was full of oratory and enthusiasm.

Everybody was enthusiastic and it is evident that the magic of Bryan's name is to be employed as the campaign slogan to arouse the voters to the aid of the party.

State Chairman George P. Wright of Tacoma called the meeting to order with the assembly room of the hotel packed. The only business before the morning session was accepting the resignation of Tom Vance of Olympia as a candidate for presidential elector and Robert E. Turnstall of Cowlitz county was elected to the vacancy on recommendation of the Thurston county delegation.

Six prospective gubernatorial candidates were heard from, John Pattison of Colfax county; Col. W. H. Dunphy, national committeeman; John Splawn, North Yakima; M. M. Goodman, Seattle; William Blackman, Spokane; W. H. Kneeland, Olympia, are all spoken of as gubernatorial timber and all entertained the crowd.

The real work of the conference will be done this afternoon, when a plan of organization is to be mapped out and some means considered for raising the sinews of war.

ADLER INCREASES LEGAL PROTECTORS

Accused of Extortion, Tries to Make Dicker With Court on Sentence.

Adolph Adler, who is held for trial in September in the circuit court on the charge of attempting to extort $500 from Sig Sichel by means of threatening letters, is increasing his legal staff and evidently intends to fight the case before a jury. A few days ago Jay H. Upton appeared for him, and today Harry Yankwich was entered as an attorney of record.

Adler was taken before Judge Bronaugh a few days ago under the belief that he was ready to plead guilty. But when the crucial moment came he tried to drive a bargain with the court as to the penalty he should receive. He was willing to plead guilty if promised a sentence of one year, but Judge Bronaugh would make no promise in advance and told Adler that if he pleaded guilty he would have to accept whatever sentence the court considers just. Adler then decided he would not plead guilty.

CORN CROP'S "POPS" LIKE REAL BATTLE

Acorn, Pa., July 27.—Warm weather and rains during the last week have given impetus to the growing corn, and the stalks are shooting up so fast that the noise keeps the whole neighborhood awake at nights.

It is a well known fact that when corn grows it gives off snapping reports, so that under ordinary conditions a person passing a cornfield may be frightened by the noises. The faster the corn grows the louder and more frequent are the explosions.

Abraham Sells, who owns the largest farm in this vicinity, has one field of 110 acres of meadow land devoted entirely to corn. This field is located close to the village, and when the corn commenced to grow fast the neighbors complained of the noise.

Now that the stalks are making their best growth and are pushing upward at the rate of five inches a day, the racket is almost deafening. Several sick persons have been removed from the neighborhood, and scores of other persons, who have not had any rest for almost a week, are haggard and exhausted.

Mr. Wells has been advised to place mufflers on the stalks, but the job is so great that it is a physical impossibility. He thinks the trouble will end in a few days.

DAKOTA LAWYER COMMITS SUICIDE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Lead, S. D., July 27.—Thomas L. Edlon, formerly city attorney of Lead and one of the most prominent lawyers of the Black Hills, blew out his brains today, after brooding a long time over ill health. He was prosecuting attorney of Sheridan county, Neb., before coming here, and was a man of high standing.

PARIS AND NEW YORK BY WIRELESS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Paris, July 27.—The ministers of war and marine have begun the construction of a central wireless station in Paris that will carry the strong electric waves from one place to another underground.

It is stated by the French scientists that the waves of electricity will be so strong that communication can be established to New York.

LITTLE ITALY MOURNS FOR LITTLE MIKE, DEAD AFTER WEEK OF AGONY

Little Italy out at the base of the hills in South Portland is in mourning today—Little Mike is dead.

Mike Amate was injured while at play at the corner of Third and Sheridan streets a week ago last Saturday. His parents live at 666 Sixth street. The father works for the gas company. Little Mike was 7 years old.

In company with his brothers and sisters and other children of the neighborhood—there are about 600 of them living in Little Italy—Mike went to Third and Sheridan streets to play. A lot of men with teams were making an excavation.

Little Mike was fond of crawling up on the back ends of wagons and in so doing on one of them he was caught between a wheel and the wagon box. His head was badly lacerated and he was injured internally.

With difficulty the boy was removed from the position in which he had been caught. Then the news that a child had been hurt spread about the Italian district just like bad news always spreads. Mothers came from everywhere. Among them was Mike's mother. Then she carried her boy home.

A surgeon was called. He nodded his head doubtfully. A big, white ambulance came along finally, and Little Mike was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital.

For more than a week Little Mike held onto life and there were hopes of his recovery. Frequently his mother visited him. Mike recognized her at times. Then he would pass into unconsciousness.

This morning Little Mike died.

The funeral will be held tomorrow from Little Mike's former home at 666 Sixth street.

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