

GIGANTIC COPPER TRUST LAUNCHES

One Corporation to Control Production and Supply of the World.

New York, Dec. 11.—The first step toward the organization of a gigantic corporation to control the production and sale of all the electrolytic copper in the United States, and the sale of practically all in the world, was announced today.

This step was taken, it is said, only after an understanding had been reached with the administration of Washington that no suit would be begun against them under the Sherman anti-trust law.

Negotiations in connection with the great merger have been under way for many weeks. George W. Perkins and J. P. Morgan himself have taken active part in them. Following the announcement of the decision dissolving the Standard Oil trust emissaries were sent to Washington. One of these was Charles F. Brooker, president of the American Brass company, a politician as well as a business man, and a member of the Republican national committee. According to reports in Wall street he placed the situation before the president and practically obtained his promise that the administration would do nothing against the new combination if it was a "good trust" and not a "bad" one.

Conservate Mineral Resources.

One of the principal arguments made, it was said, that the new organization would have a tendency to conserve the mineral resources of the country in that it would restrain over-production of copper. This, it is said, impressed the Washington authorities greatly.

The first move toward the great merger was taken at a secret meeting late on Friday. It was held at the headquarters of the Guggenheim properties. In this the Utah Consolidated Copper company is to be the holding company. This concern is to take in the Nevada Consolidated, which already has taken over the Cumberland Ely. It will also take in the Boston Consolidated.

Guggenheims Included.

The Nevada Consolidated is to be taken on a basis of about \$45 a share. Boston Consolidated is to be taken on a basis of two and one-half to one. Later it is expected that the more numerous and the Gardfield smelter of the American Smelting & Refining company will be absorbed.

The Guggenheim properties included in the combine have a production of 150,000,000 pounds of copper per year, with an earnings of about \$10,000,000 a year net.

At a meeting to be held Monday the directors of the Utah will formally ratify the plan for the consolidation.

The chief factors in the gigantic combination are to be the Standard Oil interests, which control the Amalgamated Copper and other properties, the Guggenheims and the Phelps-Dodge people.

NOBLES ELECT W. H. GALVANI

Prominent Mason Chosen Potentate at Annual Meeting.



W. H. Galvani.

W. H. Galvani was elected potentate of Al Kader Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at the annual meeting held last evening in the Masonic hall. Mr. Galvani has been identified with Masonic bodies for a number of years and is chief engineer of the Oregon Electric Railway company.

The office of potentate is the highest Masonic honor, the order being made up exclusively of Knights Templar and Scottish Rite thirty-second degree Masons, and Mr. Galvani succeeds L. G. Clarke, who held the office during the past year.

A. Thurlow was elected chief rabbi; William C. Bristol, assistant rabbi; D. G. Tomassin, high priest and prophet; H. Beckwith, oriental guide; W. A. Cleland, treasurer, and B. G. Whitehouse, recorder. All other officers and committees are appointive and will be announced by the potentate later.

Representatives to the Imperial council, which will meet next April at New Orleans, are John Annand, William C. Bristol, H. W. Scott and J. E. Werlein.

The annual reports of the officers of the last year show Al Kader temple to be in a very prosperous condition. It is also the largest temple in the north-western division. Its membership consists of the most prominent Masons throughout the state of Oregon.

STANDARD OIL PUT UNDER BAN

Secretary Dickinson Shuts Octopus From Government Contracts.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 11.—The Standard Oil and certain subsidiary companies were placed under the ban today by Secretary Dickinson. Orders were issued to all branches of the war department directing that no contracts were to be made with them.

This action was taken by the secretary on the ground that if a corporation had been adjudged an illegal combination or trust by a court of law, it was not proper for the government to enter into contracts with the offenders. Similar action was taken some time ago by him with regard to the tobacco trust.

The present order includes not only supplies for the various branches of the department, but for the Panama canal as well.

SUSPECT ARRESTED IN MURDER CASE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lebeau, S. D., Dec. 11.—"Bud" Stephenson, 33 years old, was arrested tonight following the murder of David G. MacKenzie, familiarly known as "Dodge," son of Murdo MacKenzie of Trinidad, Colo., one of the wealthiest cattlemen in the country. Stephenson was once employed on the Matador ranch, of which MacKenzie was manager. He recently came to Lebeau, and made his living by doing odd jobs of work about town.

WOMAN IN BATHTUB MYSTERY



Mrs. Cecy W. M. Snead, the mystery of whose death in a bathtub in a house in East Orange, N. J., remains unsolved. This picture is from a drawing by Artist Parley of the New York American. The police have decided that the suicide's note was a forgery and believe there is no question but what the woman was murdered. They are most anxious to find Mrs. Martin, the mother of Mrs. Snead, but all efforts to locate her have been without avail.

WHERE WILL JEFF AND NEGRO FIGHT?

Tex Rickard of Nevada Declares Fight Will Go to Salt Lake City.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Boston, Dec. 11.—Jeffries and Johnson will fight in Salt Lake City. Francisco will be the last choice. I put it up to have the fight on my range, and it's going to be held on my range, if the Utah authorities do not interfere. If they do, I am going to have my way. Somewhat hot under the collar when shown a statement by Jack Gleason, in San Francisco, that the fight would go to the Golden Gate city, Tex Rickard of Nevada, now in Boston, unbosomed himself tonight.

"Gleason says the fight is surely going to Frisco," Rickard was informed. Salt Lake the Place.

"Is it?" was the retort. "Well, I say it's going to Salt Lake, and take it from me, Salt Lake will be the place. Of course, if there should be interference by the Utah people, the fight might ultimately go to San Francisco, but there will be no interference. Salt Lake is a good town, and the big merchants there want the fight as an advertisement. I've been assured there will be no trouble.

"You see, it isn't remarkable that Gleason wants the fight in San Francisco. He's a Frisco man, and sure he'll boost his home town. But I've got the say-so and I say Salt Lake.

"Even if there should be any trouble and Salt Lake be cut out, there are other towns in the northwest. When I put up the money I made sure that I could pull off the fight in Idaho, Utah or Nevada. Ely in Nevada, and she's sure second choice."

LET WOMEN VOTE, SAYS PRESIDENT

David Starr Jordan Declares Unequivocally for Equal Suffrage.

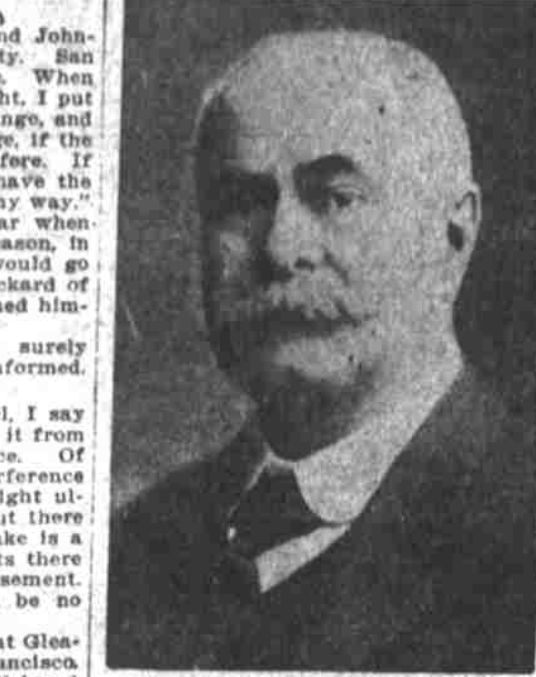
(Hearst News Service.) San Francisco, Dec. 11.—In an address before the students and faculty of Mills college today President David Starr Jordan, of Stanford university, declared unequivocally for woman suffrage.

"I believe in equal suffrage of men and women, not as a right to either, which is a minor matter and which may be capable of varied interpretation, but as a means of education for men and women alike, and I am sure that the day of equal suffrage will be nearer when women make plain the use they would make of their votes. If they just vote, as most men do, vote for the party ticket or for the men who will divide spoils with them and their associates, there is no object in adding to the overloaded ballot."

The occasion was the retirement of Mrs. Susan Lincoln Mills, widow of the founder of Mills college, and the installation of Dr. Luella Clay Carson as her successor.

WHEELWRIGHT IS HONORED AGAIN

Arlington Club Elects Prominent Business Man President.



William D. Wheelwright.

William D. Wheelwright, who has twice before served as the president of the Arlington club in years past, was again honored by the organization last night when, at the annual meeting he was elected to serve as president for the coming year. The other officers and directors of the club for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: First vice president, Edward Cookingham; second vice president, Walter J. Burns; secretary, Clarence B. Sewell; treasurer, Guy W. Talbot; directors, Philip Buehner, J. N. Coghlan, Russell Hawkins, C. Hunt Lewis and Oscar Huber.

The annual meeting which resulted in the election of the incoming officers and the retirement of those who had served for the past year was made notable by the happy addresses of the different members of the club were served with a good dinner prepared in the manner of their service. He was assisted ably in his work by J. H. Lehner, the steward, and John Shields, the head waiter.

PIERCE TO FORM NEW OIL COMBINE

Standard Official Says Independent Company Is Planned in Texas.

(United Press Leased Wire.) St. Louis, Dec. 11.—H. Clay Pierce, the oil magnate, just acquitted of charges of perjury and false swearing at Austin, Texas, in connection with the Waters-Pierce oil company litigation there, has returned to St. Louis.

S. W. Fordyce, president of the Houston Oil company, who bought the physical property of the Waters-Pierce company in Texas at a receiver's sale, at the state, came with Pierce.

He declared a new company would be formed to operate the old Waters-Pierce property and that it would be different from any other company in Texas and would be affiliated with no other company.

Pierce, it is understood, will be heavily interested in this new company. At the Waters-Pierce offices here it is denied that any other chairman of the board of directors, will retire from that concern.

OLD PEOPLE SHOULD KEEP UP TO DATE

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—"Keep in touch with the times," the newspapers and magazine to maintain interest in the topics and doings of the day," was the advice of the Rev. Dr. George W. Babcock, pastor of Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal church, Fifty-second and Park streets, to his congregation.

Talking at his theme "Grow Old," Dr. Babcock addressed his remarks principally to elder members, "Some of the advantages of old age," he said, "are the benefit of experience—in medicine, law, business and religion. In every church where there are a number of the elderly persons they stand as examples for the younger generation. Old age is also credited with the advantage of past usefulness. In a life well spent old age is an honor.

"In order to grow old gracefully, don't dwell on the glories of the past, but stick to the present. So long as the old people keep in touch with the world's achievements—flying machines and all other developments of modern progress—their presence and association is acceptable to all who know them."

HARVARD WANTS TO HAVE CAVALRY TROOP

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 11.—If the petition signed by more than 150 members of the Harvard law school, requesting the sanction of the military authorities, Harvard is to have a dashing cavalry troop.

The state military authorities are said to be favorably inclined toward the formation of the new troop so much so that arrangements have already been made by the prospective cavalrymen for mounted and foot drill in a leading riding academy.

Among those foremost in the formation of the new troop are H. B. Platte of Brooklyn; William Hubbard of this city; Lindsey Churchill, of Boston, and W. G. Reelick of Claremont, Cal. Roger Sherman Hoar, president of the Harvard Democratic club, is the leading candidate for bugler of the troop.

100,000 Fire at Buffalo.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 11.—The plant of the Varsity Water company was damaged by fire to the extent of \$100,000 tonight.

Raines May Recover.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Camanadagan, N. Y., Dec. 11.—State Senator John Raines' condition remains unchanged. Reports from the Memorial hospital say the patient is holding his own, and all the medical men here expect that he will recover.

TECHNICAL FLAW FREES RIPLINGER

Former Comptroller of City of Seattle Is Acquitted of Embezzlement Charge.

(Hearst News Service.) Seattle, Dec. 11.—Following his return and voluntary surrender several months ago from Honduras, whither he took refuge, long defying extradition, John Riplinger, former comptroller of the city of Seattle, was tonight acquitted of the charge of embezzlement. Though it was alleged that he had appropriated some \$70,000 municipal funds, the specific charge against him was the embezzlement of \$4000. The jury was out but 10 minutes.

PERSIA TO PLEDGE HER CROWN JEWELS

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.) Teheran, Dec. 11.—Nothing definite is known regarding the intentions of the rebels who have captured Ardabil, but the Shahsevers are the most numerous and most warlike of the Persian tribes, and have often fought on equal terms with Russian forces, any concerted action on their part must have serious consequences. Troops have been dispatched by the government both from Tabriz and Teheran, but part of those prepared are still delayed, presumably by lack of funds. Even when all have been sent, the heterogeneous nature of the expedition, the variety of the commanders and the inferior fighting quality of some of the men hardly suggest that the measures taken will be adequate to deal with a movement which, though its present character can not be determined may prove to be a rising against the government.

Meanwhile the cabinet and the parliamentary deputies assembled at Teheran have agreed, in extraordinary council, to pledge the crown jewels against a loan. The valuation, however, presents a difficulty, and the large sum required is not yet forthcoming. It is significant of the feeling against incurring foreign indebtedness with concomitant control that at this moment of apparent crisis, no application has been made to the powers for assistance, though Russia and Great Britain are both presumably willing to help on reasonable terms.

AFGHANISTAN NOW BEING REARMED

Calcutta, Dec. 11.—The army of Afghanistan is trying to induce the rebels to take up land on the area watered by the new Balaunar canal. Civil and military officers whose pensions are too small to enable them to meet the daily expenses are given plots free of cost and exempted from land revenue for three years.

Gun running to the Meharan coast is reported to have begun again, and it is believed that at least one consignment of arms has already been successfully landed. With a view to encouraging the general rearmament of the people of Afghanistan, orders have been issued by the Kabul dewan regulating the price of rifles and ammunition in the markets. Excessively high rates are not to be charged. The traffic in arms is not to be without its risks. A party of Afghan Khat traders, who had netted very large sums by carrying rifles of various makes from the Meharan coast to Kabul, were attacked by robbers on their return journey to their villages. Eight of their number are said to have been killed, and all the cash proceeds of their ventures were stolen.

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HIGH BRAHMIN SAYS THERE IS CASTE HERE

New York, Dec. 11.—"In order to come to America I was forced to measure off 50 miles of dusty roads with my prostrate body. That was because I was of high caste in India, and caste is the thing that prevents the progress of India."

This was the statement by Tishl Shukla, a Brahmin of high caste who worked his way through Harvard.

"Of course I did not expect to find caste in the United States because I had heard it was a free country.

"In India a man is forced to sweep or to carry water, or to cook, or to do some special work of his caste. Brahmins—men of caste—are not supposed to work for a living. They must die first. But in your country I found distinct caste lines. I have received lady tuition to work my way through Harvard."

"It's hard to find something to do for money," said a schoolmate of mine at Harvard.

"I know," I answered, "I found a job taking care of a furnace today, I said."

"He laughed at me. I got more funnaces to attend. Although I made \$10 a week from them, and whenever it was cleaned off, sidewalks and made as much as \$2 in an afternoon."

"Yet there were many students who suffered for lack of funds because their idea of their position—in India we do what we can do, and in America we do manual work."

"Down in Wall street I see many young men in old clothes, tattered and worn. They are men who have lost their money. But they will not go to work. They think their position in life ranks above them. That is American caste. Progress to twentieth century life is absolutely necessary, but one from the old world is constrained to question whether the penalties of progress do not overbalance her advantages."

JOURNALISM TO BE TAUGHT IN U. OF W.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—The University of Wisconsin is completing a plan for including in its curriculum a course of journalism to be classified in the same rank as the law and medicine departments of the institution.

The first practical advance toward this point is noted in the November issue of the alumni magazine of the university, which contains various articles said to be acceptable to newspapers and magazines, pertaining to recent scientific discoveries, personal news of the students and faculty, and several semi-literary stories. These articles were prepared by various students of the university, under direction of Professor Louis P. Lochner, who is acting as editor of this department.

Dr. A. J. Ochsner, president of the alumni, with the cooperation of the faculty and Professor Lochner, intends to develop the journalistic course until it shall teach details of preparing news, printing the newspaper and providing arrangements for advertising and business management.

Hearst Dinner Guest.

(Hearst News Service.) New York, Dec. 11.—William Randolph Hearst will be the guest of more than 100 of New York's most representative citizens next Tuesday at the dinner in his honor at the Hotel Astor.

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AIM GUNS AT STEEL TRUST

American Federation of Labor Prepares for Latest Sally.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Pittsburgh, Dec. 11.—Preparations for the training of the guns of the American Federation of Labor against the United States Steel corporation and other supporters of the open shop at the council of union labor leaders here Monday are complete, and President Gompers arrived late today ready to direct the maneuvers.

The prediction made by local labor men that the council would probably strike its first blow at the corporation through taking a hand in the strike of the tinplate workers at Aetna Standard mill, at Bridgeport, Ohio, was partially borne out when Gompers left Pittsburgh soon after his arrival without making known where he was bound for. The inference is that the Federation's president has gone to the Ohio plant and will spend tomorrow there investigating conditions.

THEATRE FIRE DOES DAMAGE AT NIAGARA FALLS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Fire broke out at 12:15 o'clock this morning in the International theatre, on Falls street. A stiff wind was blowing and the flames were fanned by it. The fire spread so rapidly that the structure was soon destroyed. Loss \$100,000.

The theatre was used last night and the audience had just left when the fire broke out.

PRIVATE EXAM OF COOK'S PROOFS

(Hearst News Service.) Copenhagen, Dec. 11.—The committee of six appointed to examine Dr. Cook's papers held an informal meeting today at the observatory, which is an unpretentious structure on the outskirts of the Capital, but it will not begin its actual work until next week. It is intended that the sessions shall be entirely private.

Falconio Makes Denial.

(Hearst News Service.) Washington, Dec. 11.—Manager Falconio, apostolic delegate to the United States today denied the report cable from Rome that steps had been taken by the Pope looking toward negotiations for the establishment of an American legation at the Vatican.

Bold Holdup.

York Pa., Dec. 11.—Returning from a bank where he had secured \$2000 to meet his weekly payroll, C. C. Trimmer, a prominent manufacturer, was assaulted and robbed by two men in the central part of the city. The police have no clue.

PERSONALS.

Dr. F. S. Byrnes, former mayor of Spokane, Wash., is a guest at the Hotel Oregon.

E. W. Houghston, a prominent architect of Seattle, Wash., is registered at the Hotel Oregon.

SLED HITS HOLE; FIVE GO DOWN

Treacherous Ice Costs Lives of 2 Brothers and 3 Sisters in Ohio.

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.) Kent, O., Dec. 11.—A hole in the ice and a sled floating in the black waters bore mute evidence this afternoon of a drowning accident on the Cuyahoga river in which five persons went to their death. Of a family of seven the mother and her young babe only survive.

The dead: Frank Cormonie, aged 38. Florence Cormonie, aged 9. Helen Cormonie, aged 7. Mabel Cormonie, aged 4. Russell Cormonie, aged 22.

Shortly after noon today Frank Cormonie, accompanied by his three daughters and his brother, went to the river a quarter of a mile distant from their home to give the little one a sled ride on the river. When Henry Cabdt, a neighbor, went to the Cormonie home this afternoon he found the mother distraught over the long absence of the party. Cabdt went to the river and made a search, resulting in finding the hole in the ice and the sled floating in the water.

ALLEGED LEPER RIDES AS FREIGHT

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 11.—John R. Early, the alleged leper who was sent to a hospital by the Washington authorities some six months ago, is again in New York, having arrived in a B. & O. freight car, for the use of which he paid \$78 today. Dr. L. C. Duncan Hulkey, the skin specialist, who has taken up Early's case, would not reveal his whereabouts, but announced that Early would appear at a meeting of the New York Medical society Sunday night and would be examined by skin doctors who have not already examined him.

THAW WOULD HAVE CHANGE OF ASYLUMS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Nyack, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Attorney Horshel today applied to Judge Tompkins for an order to have Harry E. Thaw transferred to some asylum other than Matteawan, where he is now confined.

In his petition Horshel alleges that the order of Judge Mills committing Thaw and allowing him certain privileges has been violated.

Blackmaffer Goes to Prison.

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.) Denver, Col., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Allan Reed, recently convicted of assault with intent to blackmail Mrs. Genevieve Phelps, divorced wife of a Pittsburg millionaire, out of \$100,000, was today sentenced to not less than one year and more than 18 years in the penitentiary. She will be subject to parole at the end of one year.

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(United Press Leased Wire.) Riverdale, Cal., Dec. 11.—More than 300 members of the L. W. W. are camped in "The Jungles" near here ready to trek northward. The recent arrests at Spokane of labor agitators have dampened their ardor.

DYNAMITE RAZES EDITOR'S HOME

St. Louis Star Man and Family Escape Death When Explosion Occurs.

(United Press Leased Wire.) St. Louis, Dec. 11.—Dynamite tonight wrecked the home of Harry B. Wandell, city editor of the St. Louis Star. The house was damaged to the extent of \$1000. Wandell was sleeping in the house, but he was not injured, and other members of his family, also escaped. Wandell says he is a contributor to the Censor, a magazine whose offices were dynamited earlier in the evening. He says he has received no threatening letters.

Some weeks ago Wandell was slugged by a man as he was entering his office. No trace of the identity of the man who placed the explosive has been found. The police believe there is a plot against the editors of the Censor.

"GOLD BRICK" SELLER TRAPPED BY JEWELER

New York, Dec. 11.—The police have called a halt on a "percentage gold brick" swindle that is said to have cost New York jewelers \$15,000 in the last few weeks. Two men are under arrest—E. Felix Rodriguez and Clarence Serkis. They were taken in the act of trying to sell three gold bricks to Edward Hirschel at his jewelry store, 218 Seventh avenue.

In the lengthy annals of the "gold brick game," jewelers have not often figured as victims. That is where the "percentage" nature comes in. Rodriguez would first sell genuine gold bricks and nuggets at a little under market price. He would then tell the jeweler of a friend who was coming to town who wished to sell his gold quickly and get away. This friend was Serkis, who brought bars which were three-quarters gold and one-quarter silver, representing a handsome profit.

The pair were trying to sell these bars for \$450. Jeweler Hirschel was suspicious, and said he would go into a back room and make a test. The men fled, but ran into the arms of Policeman Beck.

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