

'GARY'S' DINNERS' GAY PRICE FIXING FEASTS OF TRUST

Stanley Committee Expert Reports That Rates on Raw Material and Products Manipulated at "Functions."

Facts About Steel Trust.
Stanley committee reports that: The United States Steel corporation operates in restraint of trade and controls 30 per cent of the country's steel trade. It manipulates through the "Gary dinners." Eliminates competition through control of raw material and interlocking control of companies. J. P. Morgan & Co. were given \$70,000,000 in profits for promoting the trust. In the first nine years of its existence the trust made aggregate profits of over \$1,000,000,000.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Feb. 22.—That the social functions known as "Gary dinners" control absolutely the prices in the steel industry and that the United States Steel corporation operates in restraint of trade through this price control and its domination of raw material, were the conclusions reported to the Stanley steel committee of the house today by Farquhar J. MacRae, the committee's expert accountant. MacRae's report was the result of a detailed examination of the books of the steel trust made while the records were under subpoena by the committee. In several particulars the report contradicts testimony given by officials of the trust before the committee.

Prices Fixed at Dinners.
The "Gary dinners," the report says, operate to maintain prices, and exclusive competition. The arrangement is designed and intended to operate, it continues, "and it does so operate, to steel rails, although it is claimed that the so called independent companies can cut prices without fear of penalty except the dishonor of declaring in favor of a named price and then selling at some other prices."

At the "Gary dinners" representatives of the steel corporation and independent concerns meet and agree "to reduce their production conformably to their estimate of the demand existing."

Justification Not Seen.
"It can be no justification of the co-operation of the participants in the 'Gary dinners' that no penalty attaches to a violation of the declarations mutually exchanged," the report commented, "because, perforce, the anti-trust act would prevent the enforcement of any penalty for reducing prices or exceeding one share of the business." The report draws the conclusion that the "Gary dinners" agreements in reality were just as binding on steel manufacturers as the pool agreements of the old days, which were legislated against in the Sherman act.

Enormous Profit Promoted.
A fabulous profit was made out of the formation of the steel trust by J. P. Morgan & Co., which framed the combination, the report says. The steel trust books show. A total of \$69,890,000 was paid for the trust, the report says. The syndicate that organized the trust, of this, \$62,500,000 was a promoter's profit, while the remaining \$6,390,000 was the profit on a bond conversion scheme. In the first nine years of its existence the corporation earned net, the report says, \$1,029,838,332, instead of \$950,000,211, as is set forth in the reports of the corporation officials. This amounts to a net profit of \$13 a ton on finished steel products.

Eighty per cent of the steel producing properties of the country are dominated by the corporation, the report says, although E. H. Gary and H. C. Frick told President Roosevelt when they absorbed the Tennessee Coal & Iron company in 1907, that the trust controlled and desired to control less than 60 per cent of the steel business. **Maximum Competition in Making Profits.**
Even in making its profits, the report charges, the steel corporation restrains competition by concentrating the greater part of its profits in its operation on raw materials and semi-finished products, while confining the finished products plants to a low profit. This operates, the report says, to keep the price of raw materials up, to the advantage of the corporation and the detriment of independent competitors.

The report shows in detail the dividends paid by the subsidiary companies of the steel trust during the first nine years of its existence. The total amount was \$753,134,388.53. The facts that the subsidiary companies, operating in raw material, made greater dividends than the finished products concerns was cited to show that the corporations kept the price of raw material

STEEL BARONS' HOST AT FAMOUS SPREADS



Judge Elbert H. Gary, head of the United States Steel corporation, whose "dinner" prices were manipulated.

up to the embarrassment of competitors.

Argument to Prove Monopoly.
A voluminous argument in 14 sections to prove the steel trust is a combination in restraint of trade was presented to the conclusions of the report.

"One hundred and eighty-one previously competing corporations were concentrated under the control of a single security company known as the United States Steel corporation," it says. Among these concerns the report sets forth, are owning and mining concerns, now restrained from competition in the sale of ore, railroads, combined to prevent competition, blast furnace plant, the combination of which eliminated competition in the sale of pig iron, coal and coke companies and other formerly competing concerns.

Acquired at Inflated Values.
The greater concerns in the iron and steel trade, the report says, were acquired at vastly inflated values, due to the superior effect given the merger by the elimination of the competition of these companies. "Other acquisitions were made in related lines of business," the report says, "for which no explanation appears except the visible consequence, the removal of such concerns from the independent field."

This was the case, according to the report, in the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron company. In discussing the corporation's control of ore the report asserts that in all 2,500,000,000 tons out of 4,462,940,000 tons of available ore in the country are under the control of the trust.

POLICE OFFICER MUST FACE ASSAULT CHARGE

(Special to The Journal.)
Grants Pass, Or., Feb. 22.—C. E. McLane assumed the position of acting chief of police yesterday. A complaint was filed in Judge Holman's court charging G. M. Rowley with assault with a dangerous weapon with attempt to kill, F. M. Wickman being the complaining witness. This case is the outgrowth of a raid by ex-Chief of Police Rowley and assistants, who raided the Wickman barn Saturday night and seized a barrel of liquor, at which time almost a riot ensued and S. F. Bixby, a photographer, was shot in the shoulder.

The preliminary hearing of Mr. Rowley will probably be held "tomorrow morning." It is said that District Attorney Mulkey will go to the bottom of affairs and attempt to bring to light all those who were doing indiscriminate shooting Saturday night while the police were searching for Wickman premises. The confirmation of Mr. McLane as chief of police will likely be made by the city council at the meeting Tuesday evening. During recent raids of "blind pigs" here about \$2000 worth of liquors were seized.

SERVICES ARE HELD OVER BODY OF FIFE

Simple Ceremony Given in St. George's Chapel; Formal Burial Comes Later.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Windsor, England, Feb. 22.—With King George, Queen Mary and other royals in attendance, simple funeral services for the Duke of Fife were held here today in St. George's chapel, after which the body was placed in the royal vault, whence it will be removed next fall for interment with full military honors at Mar Lodge, Scotland.

Owing to illness, the Queen Mother, Alexandra, and the Princess Victoria were unable to attend today's services. The ceremonies were almost devoid of display, although the fact that the dead duke had been lord high constable of England forced a certain amount of military show. All the pomp of a royal burial, however, will come at Bressay when a great military force will aid in the obsequies, while a full parade of the Highland Clans with pipes and tartans will also do honor to the dead chief.

PASCO COUNCIL IN ROW OVER WATER RIGHTS

(Special to The Journal.)
Pasco, Wash., Feb. 22.—The warmest session ever held by the city council was the meeting last night. The room was packed with friends and foes of the proposed purchase of a 500 acre water right from the Pasco Reclamation company for irrigation works. An injunction against the council proceedings to make the contract was served on the councilmen and mayor yesterday at the instance of Fred Brend. Following a number of heated arguments between the councilmen and the building committee, Charles Rankert, who spoke against the proposition, was roundly scored by Councilmen Kerfoot and Sylvester as opposing all municipal improvements which affect his property.

INDUSTRIAL PEACE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT MEET

(Special to The Journal.)
Washington, Feb. 22.—Advises received by the committee in charge of the local arrangements indicate that nearly all of the 48 states will be represented by delegates at the annual convention of the National Civic Federation to be held here next week. The live importance of the subjects scheduled for discussion and the prominence of many of the participants combine to give promise of the most notable meeting in the history of the organization. The initial session will be devoted to the consideration of ways and means to insure industrial peace and progress. Cardinal Gibbons will preside. President Taft will occupy the chair at the succeeding sessions, which will be given over to the consideration of such problems as are involved in the relations of the public to industrial pensions, compensation for accidents and the regulation of industrial corporations and public utilities.

ORENCO WANTS MAIL DIRECT FROM PORTLAND

(Special to The Journal.)
Orencia, Or., Feb. 22.—A movement has been made to get better mail facilities here. Since the town was established four years ago, mail has been coming through the Hillsboro post office, at first through the rural mail carrier, afterward through that office direct by a special pouch twice a day, a special carrier being employed for the purpose. The matter of getting mail direct through the Portland postoffice instead of the Hillsboro office has been taken up with Senator Chamberlain, who, in a letter, states that he had already taken up the matter with the postoffice authorities.

Old Army Officer Retires.
(Special to The Journal.)
Washington, Feb. 22.—After more than 40 years' service, Colonel Thaddeus W. Jones, until recently in command of the Tenth cavalry stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, was placed on the retired list today on his own application. Colonel Jones is from North Carolina and was graduated from West Point in 1872. During the Philippine insurrection he was lieutenant colonel of the Forty-eighth United States volunteer infantry. With this exception his entire service of 40 years was in the cavalry arm.

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FARMER CHARGED WITH BIG FRAUD

New Arrival From New York Arrested for \$25,000 Embezzlement.

(Special to The Journal.)
Milton, Or., Feb. 22.—A sensational arrest was made yesterday when Constable George Propeck of Freewater arrested a man going under the name of Henry G. Werner, for the alleged embezzlement of \$25,000 in New York state. Werner came here last fall and bought a fruit ranch up the Walla Walla river, paying \$5000 for it. He told the business men that he had made a fortune in the salmon business. Detectives had been placed on his trail and his picture was in the hands of the police at Pendleton. He received his mail at both Freewater and Milton, at each place under a different name. He was confronted with his picture by Constable Propeck and admitted he was the man wanted. He is 60 years of age and a woman said to be his wife was with him. He was taken to Pendleton by the constable and will await extradition proceedings.

Will Buy Wyoming Elk.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Everett, Wash., Feb. 22.—Thomas J. Kelly started for Yellowstone Park today with \$1000 of Snohomish county's money to purchase 60 elk from the government. The animals will be placed in Sultan basin.



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VALE MAKES GOOD SHOWING IN YEAR

Improvements Made Aggregate Fully \$250,000; More Planned.

Vale, Or., Feb. 22.—Improvements in Vale during the last year total more than \$250,000, showing that the city has experienced building activity seldom attained by the smaller towns of the state and which can only be surpassed by Vale's own record during the year 1911, as is already indicated with the location of Oregon Eastern railroad headquarters here and also through the reclaiming of 40,000 acres of land surrounding the city by the Bully creek irrigation project, whose construction is scheduled to commence in early spring.

The largest expenditure during the year 1911 on a single project in this city was that of \$110,000 for the installing of a gravity water system and sewer system whereby Vale is now supplied with the pure water of the Willow Springs, 13 miles south of town. Next in line is the erection of the \$27,000 high school building, a three story brick and cement structure of the latest type, containing eight recitation rooms, laboratories, gymnasium, library, auditorium seating 250 persons, principal's office and teachers' private rooms. The building is one of the most modern in the state, particular attention having been given to ventilation and heating systems. The Hartman railroad system comes

in for a big slice of the improvement work having spent \$40,000 in the local railroad yards—\$11,000 for building a passenger depot, \$15,000 for grading of yards, \$14,000 for erecting of freight depot, \$10,000 for installing of main line water tank, pump, well and engine. More than \$17,000 was spent in the erection of business blocks—the Rosewell-Hayne-Rose white pressed brick one story building, containing four modern stores, \$15,000; the Vale Trading company's brick store building, \$15,000; Vogue brick building, \$3000; city jail, brick, \$1000; Vale garage, \$3000. Three churches were erected, the Christian stone building, costing \$6000; the Episcopal Guild hall, \$1800; and St. Patrick's chapel of the Catholic denomination, \$3000.

In the residence district were erected

a number of residences and bungalows—T. T. Nelson, Frank Glann, George Eldredge, E. G. Wilson, L. J. Hadley and others providing new homes. **Street Improvements.**
Of the most appreciated improvements during the past year are the grading and graveling of the business streets, the putting in of several miles of cement sidewalks and street crossings, improving and beautifying of the two city parks on which were erected grandstands for baseball and football attractions, planting of trees, sinking of irrigation wells and erection of pumping houses, in all according to records showing an expenditure of \$7000 by the city.

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- 17042—Love Never Dies, From Little Boy Blue (Paulton-Barnes) Inez Barbour-Harry Anthony
- Dreamy Days (Ashford), tenor Reed Miller
- 17043—Bless Your Ever Lovin' Little Heart (Murphy-Marshall) Walter J. van Brunt
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- 88344—Dopo—Afterwards (Paola Tosti) Emma Eames
- 89054—Crucifix (Faure) Enrico Caruso-Marcel Journet
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2 PRETTY GIRLS STEAL BATH IN BARBERSHOP; THROW WATER AT POLICE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Fort Worth, Feb. 22.—Two pretty girls, who gave their names as Miss Kathryn Reid and Mrs. Jessie Hoover, must pay fines of \$10 each for stealing a bath in a barber shop here. They were arrested by Chief of Police Renfro and three officers when persons passing the shop telephoned that burglars were at work. The girls gained temporary respite by throwing water in the faces of the officers.

News Notes of Coquille, Or.

(Special to The Journal.)
Coquille, Or., Feb. 22.—A postal savings bank has been established at this place, opening for business Friday.

The Farmers' union has opened a grocery store here, confining trade to the members only. City Marshal John Hickam has resigned and Mayor Quick appointed Charles Everden to fill the vacancy, but the city council refused to confirm the appointment.

The new cooperative creamery being erected here by the Coquille Valley Creamery company, which company consists almost entirely of farmers, will be ready for operation March 1. This creamery will be equipped with the most modern machinery for butter making and expects to manufacture a large amount during the coming season. The product will be marketed in Portland.

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