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SLANDER IS CHARGED

Latest Developments in the Spreckels Family Row.

DAMAGES ASKED FOR BY A SON

New Suit Mainly Brought to Clear Himself of the Charges Made by His Father.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—The row in the Spreckels family has reached a somewhat sensational stage. Young "Gus" Spreckels filed a complaint in the superior court this morning charging his father Claus Spreckels, with slander. This charge grows out of the suits recently begun by the two younger Spreckels brothers against their father and two older brothers to recover valuable stock in the Spreckels Hawaiian sugar business and Oceanic Steamship company.

The suit involving the Oceanic Steamship company was recently brought by Gus Spreckels, who inaugurated mandamus proceedings to compel the directors of the company to call an annual meeting. He alleged that by refusing to do so they were keeping him out of his representation on the board of directors.

After this suit was filed Claus Spreckels, in a newspaper interview, said some very rough things about his younger sons. He practically charged Gus with the embezzlement of \$250,000 in 1891, while managing the Spreckels sugar refinery in Philadelphia. The father also charged that the suit against the Oceanic Steamship Company was simply "a piece of blackmail," by which the younger brothers were trying to beat him out of \$2,000,000. The father also alleged that Gus had wasted his money, would soon be a bankrupt, and "would die in the gutter."

As a result of all this alleged defamation, young Spreckels complains that his reputation and business prospects have been damaged many thousand dollars. In his complaint he recites that he has actually been damaged to the extent of \$2,000,000, but that it is not money that he wants. He therefore sues for \$300 damages, a nominal sum, as his desire is simply to clear himself of the charges which his father has so publicly made against him.

Nicaragua Canal Commission to Begin Work at Once.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—It is expected the Nicaragua canal commission will start for Nicaragua within two weeks, as it is realized the time at its disposal is short when the work to be done is considered. Major Ludlow probably will be president of the commission by virtue of his brevet rank of colonel. He is in London on duty as a military attache of the American embassy and it is believed his thorough acquaintance with the British view of the canal project will be of value to the commission.

He will be instructed by cable to take the first steamer to the United States and come to Washington. The commission will organize an outline of its plans of operations, then go to New York, where a thorough examination will be made of the details for the survey of the canal, with the purpose of saving time and work in the field. Returning to Washington the commission will receive formal instructions from the secretary of state, then proceed to Mobile and sail on the United States steamer Montgomery for Greentown, at the eastern terminus of the canal.

The season will not be well suited to field work, as there is always an abundance of rain to be expected in the summer months, and the party will have to rough it principally on the east side, where swamp jungles are impassable on horseback and there are no roads. The canal company, however, is doing what

it can to facilitate the labors of the commission and has already sent orders to Greentown to put laborers at work chopping away the jungles from the canal route. It is believed that with average weather the commission can complete the route to Nicaragua in about two months, and be back in the United States ready to begin the compilation of its reports which must be ready by next November.

FURTHER DETAILS.

How the Rock Island Robbery Was Executed.

HENNESSY, Okla., April 4.—Two robbers boarded the engine as Rock Island train No. 1 was leaving Dover at 11:30 last night, and covering the engineer and fireman, commanding them to stop about 200 yards from the water-tank. The engineer, who was a little excited, went about a fourth of a mile before stopping. One of the robbers fired at him just missing him, and the ball went through the cab window.

Conductor James Mack, not having heard the shot, started to find out what was wrong, and was covered as he approached the engine and told to climb in the engine. They robbed him, and were then joined by the others, who had come up to the train.

A demand was made for Express Messenger Jones to open his door. This was refused, and a fusillade followed, in which the messenger was wounded in the wrist. He attempted to escape from the opposite side of the car, but was captured by the guard on that side and made to crawl under the train. An attempt was then made to open the safe, but nothing could be done.

Then the robbers proceeded to rob the passengers.

When the train arrived at Kingfisher, Sheriff Burch and United States Marshal Madsen were notified and carried to the scene of the hold-up by a special train. They found the trail about four miles west of Dover, where Cimarron river had been crossed, and are still following it. The robbers are supposed to be led by Dickey Eager, an outlaw, who has headquarters in the Cheyenne country. If the posse comes up with the robbers a fight will probably occur.

A. P. A.'s Now Control Police and Fire Departments.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The Sun's Lincoln, Neb., special says: "The legislature passed over the governor's veto, yesterday, a bill which places the Omaha police and fire departments in the hands of the American Protective Association, and which will result in the discharge of almost every Roman Catholic in either department. The administration of the affairs of the police and fire departments of Omaha is in the hands of the board of fire and police commissioners, of four members. These are appointed by the governor.

The legislature passed a measure placing the appointment of these men in the hands of the governor. The two latter are blatant members of the A. P. A. and can easily override the governor's wishes.

Governor Holcomb, on Monday, vetoed the bill and the veto came up for consideration yesterday afternoon. All the A. P. A. leaders in the state were on hand, and money was displayed constantly. The bill passed the house with two votes to spare and was rushed over to the senate and passed at 6:30 p. m., also, by the majority of two. It is rumored that Chief Seavey, of the Omaha police force, who is not a Catholic, will resign at once, and a thorough demoralization of the police force and fire department is imminent. All the leading Omaha business men have denounced the new law.

Train Robbers Again.

CHICAGO, April 4.—At the headquarters of the Rock Island road it is said that at 11:50 last night, 20 rods west of Dover, train No. 1 was held up by five mounted men, who ordered the baggage man to open the door of the baggage car. He refused, and the robbers fired twelve shots through the door, wounding

the baggageman in the wrist.

The robbers then broke down the door with a sledge, but did not get any plunder from the baggage car. They hurriedly proceeded through the smoker and one of the day coaches, securing about \$300 from the passengers, six revolvers and a number of watches and rings. Passengers in the sleepers were not disturbed.

The robbers were last seen from the train going west from Dover, all mounted, the leader being upon a mettlesome gray horse.

A posse has started from Kingfisher, the next station in pursuit of the bandits

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Mrs. Lease Was Ignored.

TOPEKA, April 4.—In the reorganization of the state board of charities today Mrs. Lease was entirely ignored by the majority of the members present. Senator Householder being under investigation and under suspension, left the republicans in the majority, and the man whom Mrs. Lease claims was wrongfully trying to get her seat on the board was made the permanent secretary, thereby throwing her out. She threatens to retaliate.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with neuralgia and rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawaba, O., had five large fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by Snipes & Kinerly.

Waiting For Relatives.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Charles and Henry Reed, brothers of the dead society leader, Mrs. Paran Stevens, have been telegraphed to in California, but no answer has been received from either of them. The body has been embalmed and will not be interred until the arrival of relatives.

A Household Treasure.

D. W. Fuller, of Canajoharie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it, if procurable. G. A. Dykeman Druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best cough remedy; that he has used it in his family for eight years, and it has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested. Trial bottle at Snipes-Kinerly's Drug Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

Expects Another Bond Issue.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Senator Lodge is in town. He says he does not believe there will be an extra session of congress should the supreme court fail to uphold the constitutionality of the income tax. He thinks any deficiency in the treasury would be provided for by some more "inimitable" bond issues.

J. A. Richardson, of Jefferson City, Mo., Chief Enrolling force 38th general assembly of Missouri, writes: I wish to testify to the merits of One Minute Cough Cure. When other so-called cures failed. I obtained almost instant relief and a speedy cure by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. Snipes-Kinerly Drug Co.

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