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GOVERNMENT TO SMASH OIL TRUST

CASE IN ST. LOUIS INTENDED TO DISSOLVE THE HUGE ROCKEFELLER MONOPOLY.

\$29,000,000 Fine Will Be Appealed and It Will Take Years for Settlement.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Department of Justice officials, while proud of the exploit of suing the Standard Oil the \$29,000,000, are disposed to make the point that the story has not been all told yet. The department, in fact, according to the intimations here, does not intend to stop until it has "dissolved the whole gigantic monopoly."

This action, they say, will be the only solution of the exactions of the monopoly. They are aware, they say, that the \$29,000,000 is a big sum, but if the case were to end there the fine might be paid and the robber concern still flourish.

As a matter of concrete fact the real issue against the Standard Oil Company was not involved in the case. The Standard cares little about the levying of this fine, because it probably will be years before it can be collected, even if it is collected at all. The case, of course, will be appealed, and in the nature of things judicial it will be a long time before a final settlement of it is reached.

In St. Louis, however, a case against the parent Standard Oil Company is pending which menaces the very existence of the gigantic concern. It is a proceeding brought by the Government under the Sherman anti-trust act to dissolve the oil trust, and if the Government should succeed the Standard Oil Company will be forced to relinquish its monopoly on the oil industry of the country.

Apparently the Department of Justice is red-hot after the Standard Oil concern.

Government officials who have studied the situation regard Judge Landis' action in ordering proceedings to be brought against the Chicago & Alton people in regard to the rebates granted by that road to the Standard Oil Company even more serious than the assessing of the \$29,000,000 fine against the Standard Oil. Under the law, the road granting rebates is equally guilty with the concern accepting them. Subsequently the same evidence on which the Standard was convicted will be used against the railroad.

Discharging Union Miners.

Cripple Creek, Col., Aug. 7.—The acquittal of William D. Haywood, Secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, has been followed by what appears to be an effort on the part of the mine owners and operators of Cripple Creek to renew the war upon all members of the Western Federation. Last night the union men working on the Thompson and Humphrey leases, were peremptorily discharged.

It is stated that the Granite will let out a number of Federation men today and that the other mines in the district will fall in line and drop such of the employes as are affiliated with the Federation.

An Island Disappears.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 7.—Captain Nelson of the Norwegian steamship Thyra has reported to the local hydrographic office that Lindsay Island, lying between Ladrones and Carolines, has disappeared. While bound for the Pacific Coast on his present trip he says he was in the locality where the island is marked on the maps for more than a day, and it could not be found. He also reports that another small island in Oriental waters has gone adrift. At least he found it in a different location from which it is shown in official publications. On the outward voyage from Portland the captain intends to make further observations.

Applies for Treatment for Shark Bite

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 7.—The sole member of the passenger list of the steamer Missourian, which arrived yesterday, is Lawrence Punda, who had been in the hospital at Salina Cruz since April 20th suffering from serious injuries inflicted by a shark. He was a fireman on the steamer Arizonan and was attacked by the monster while bathing and his right foot, hand and thigh were mangled. He is on his way to San Francisco to undergo an operation.

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SISTERS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Steps From Rapidly Moving Car and One Meets Death.

Long Beach, Cal., Aug. 7.—Mrs. A. L. Ferguson was killed and her sister, Miss Henrietta Shrake, seriously injured by falling from the same street car here last night. Intending to alight from the car, Miss Shrake had descended the steps when she lost her balance and fell to the street. Mrs. Ferguson, seeing her sister fall, stepped from the rapidly moving car and was thrown to the pavement, her head striking, causing a fracture of the skull. She died before she could reach the hospital. Miss Shrake was carried to her hotel suffering from severe bruises and contusions. Both women came to Redlands recently from Indianapolis, Indiana.

A PECULIAR SITUATION

HALF OF MAN CUT IN TWO BY A TRAIN IS HELD BY TWO DIFFERENT STATES.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 7.—One-half of a man's body held by the authorities of one State and the other half held by another State and each State refusing to give up the half it holds is a situation now existing in Mexico, which serves to magnify some of the incongruities of the laws of that country.

Miguel Martinez, a Mexican Central brakeman, went to sleep under one of the cars of his train while it was on a siding at Espiritus Santo, Zacatecas. The train started up and cut him squarely in two at the belt. Half of the body rolled to the side of the track and the other half, becoming tangled in the brakebeam, was carried to Salinas, San Luis Potosi. The authorities in each State took possession of half the body and each refuses to return the half it has over to the other. No official investigation can proceed without the whole corpse as the basis, hence the authorities are at sword points and the relatives of the dead man are unable to do anything.

Man Killed in Quarrel Over a Dog.

Willets, Cal., Aug. 7.—Yesterday afternoon John Butts shot and killed Tom Crowley on the latter's ranch four miles east of Laytonville. Butts and his son were hunting and had a quarrel with Crowley over a dog. Crowley hit Butts with a club and started to his house after his rifle and said he would kill Butts, but before he could do so Butts shot Crowley. Butts gave himself up and his examination will be held today.

Crowley had the reputation of being a very quarrelsome man and has been in a number of shooting scrapes.

Anti-Free Pass Law Enforced.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 7.—The Railroad Commission has issued a general order to the railroads of Texas, their officers and employes, that the penal provisions of the anti-free pass law will be enforced against all persons giving or receiving free transportation or free services except those expressly exempted. The commission also declares that prosecutions will be instituted in every county in the State through which a railroad runs or which an employe gives free transportation in violation of the act.

Anti-Clericalism Worries the Pope.

Rome, Aug. 7.—Persons who have seen the Pope lately say that he is suffering from mental anxiety caused by the outburst of anti-clericalism. Like almost every one else he knows that most of the charges made against the clericals, on which the movement is ostensibly based, are false, whilst others are shamefully exaggerated and the church is being made to suffer for the misdeeds of a few black sheep. Two of these His Holiness has publicly unfrocked. They were rectors of parish churches in Rome.

Attempt Made to Wreck Erie Train.

Hiram, O., Aug. 7.—An attempt was made last night to wreck the Pittsburg flyer on the Erie road.

Between this place and Garrettsville a trunk of a tree was dragged to the track and chained down. Section men discovered the obstruction and sent in an alarm. The flyer was stopped at Garrettsville and held there until the tree had been removed.

After MacLean's Captor.

Tangier, Aug. 7.—A column of troops for Alcazar is marching in the direction of Fahs to co-operate with the forces of Caid Bagdani, who is seeking to capture Haleb, the captor of General Sir Harry MacLean.

MINING CASE IN COURT

MEN ON TRIAL FOR MISREPRESENTING VALUE OF GOLD DEPOSITS IN MINE.

Denver, Col., Aug. 7.—Taking of testimony in the Lost Bullion Spanish Mines Company case, which began yesterday, was continued today. The Lost Bullion Spanish Mines Company has been in existence since October 4, 1906, when the promoters placed organization stock on the market. Their claims to the public were that a mine of fabulous richness near Silver City, N. M., which was worked by the Spanish under Cortez in 1600, had been sealed up by the Spaniards when they were driven away by the Indians, and had never been re-located until 1906. Interesting literature was sent all over the country by the promoters, and they are said to have reaped a harvest of fully \$80,000 from the working people of the country.

The men under indictment are C. L. Blackman, A. E. Keables, R. C. Hunt, Arthur Leyan, D. H. Lawrence, D. P. Pinkus and Edward S. Ebben of Denver and W. B. Cameron of Boulder and George S. and Lee Dubbers, formerly of Silver City, and now of Littleton.

The trial is expected to develop some sensational testimony.

Many Killed and Injured in Wreck.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 7.—The Titusville express, southbound on the Pennsylvania railroad, was wrecked near Kelly station, ten miles from Kittanning, Pa., yesterday, and at least six persons were killed and about eighteen injured.

Chinese Girls to Enter Vassar College

Shanghai, Aug. 7.—Several Chinese women students have sailed for the United States on board the steamer Minnesota. They are graduates of schools in China and are going to America to enter Vassar College.



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