

NEW COMPANY FORMED TO FIGHT STANDARD OIL

Financiers Closely Watch for First Move in What is Thought Will Be Great Financial Battle—English Members Put Up \$5,000,000 Cash

LONDON, July 16.—Financiers of Europe, as well as of America, are today awaiting the first move in an expected contest between the Standard Oil company and a powerful syndicate of American and English capitalists, backed by \$20,000,000.

It is said the syndicate will be represented in America by Samuel Untermyer. The English members, it is said, already have put up \$5,000,000 in cash with which to begin operations.

Plans of the syndicate are yet only tentative, but it is announced that the \$5,000,000 is now on its way to the United States to secure options on every oil-producing tract in Oklahoma. The Standard will be attacked in other territory, it is said, and no expense spared to break its grip on the oil trade of the world.

Kansas City Firm Falls.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 16.—The Jones Bros. Mercantile company went into the hands of a receiver today. The concern was one of the largest in Kansas City.

FIERCE FOREST FIRES RAGING AT CHEHALIS

HOQUIAM, Wash., July 16.—One of the worst forest fires in Chehalis county so far this year is burning southeast of Hoquiam today. It threatened destruction of several logging camps, including the Coates Logging company and the A. J. West Logging company.

The fire which started yesterday has burned over a large area of logged-off lands. The camps are directly in the path of the oncoming flames.

Six hundred men battled with the blaze last night and attempted to stop its progress by backfiring.

Should the flames reach the logging camps a loss of a quarter of a million dollars would be sustained.

FREE IRELAND FROM BRITAIN

Hibernians Declare Aim and Object of Organization Is to Overthrow King George's Rule in the Emerald Isle.

PORTLAND, Or., July 16.—Declaring that the object of the Hibernians is to unite all Irish societies into one great unit with the ultimate purpose of freeing Ireland from English rule, President Matthew Cummings of the Ancient Order of Hibernians began the work today of completing arrangements for the national convention which convenes in Portland on Tuesday.

In outlining the work of the Hibernians, Cummings criticized Roosevelt, saying that he "advised English to adopt a policy of cruelty." In his famous Guild Hall in London speech, Cummings asserted that the Irish do not recognize George V as their king.

"World wide Hibernianism is the object of this year's convention. We seek an affiliation between Irish-American organizations, namely Clan-na-Gael, United Irish league and Ancient Order of Hibernians, so that by the power of united influence we may more effectively awaken Irish spirit, and enlist all of Irish blood in the world wide campaign to free Ireland from English fetters.

"We do not recognize George V as king of Ireland. Nor will the Irish ever recognize him as such. English rule is the ruin, the bane of Ireland. It has delayed national development and scattered the Irish people. Home rule in Ireland means realizing freedom's ideal.

"Roosevelt in his Guild Hall speech advised England to adopt a policy of cruelty. England's policy has always been cruel, and for Roosevelt to so advise them was unwise, unpopular and unpatriotic.

"As American citizens of Irish blood we repudiate and condemn such sentiments. It is imperialism of the most brutal kind. Ireland has suffered for eight centuries from the very policies that Roosevelt now recommends."

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STEVENSON THREATENED

Washington Town Endangered by Furious Forest Fire Which is Causing Destruction in National Forest.

PORTLAND, Or., July 16.—The town of Stevenson, Wash., is threatened by a furious forest fire which is causing destruction through the Columbia national forest, according to information received in Portland today.

The fire is said to be beyond the control of the forest rangers, who have been fighting it for four days.

The blaze originated near camp 4 of the Wind River Lumber company. Thursday it was believed the fire was under control. A south wind, however, caused the flames to break out afresh. Fanned by the breeze, the fire soon was beyond control and was racing through the timber. People camping in the mountains are being warned by rangers to leave the forest, owing to the danger.

According to dispatches received here, there is a strong likelihood that several logging camps of the Wind River Lumber company will be consumed.

Forest Supervisor H. O. Stabler, aided by 75 loggers and a number of other volunteers, is combating the advance of the fire.

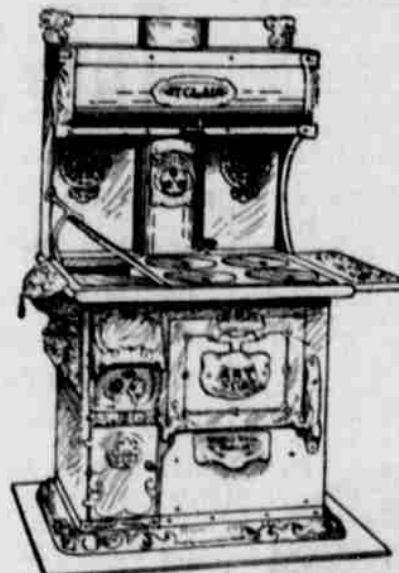
JACK JOHNSON WANTED IN GERMANY

BERLIN, July 16.—Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the world, is not wanted in Berlin, nor anywhere in Germany, for that matter, so far as a majority of its citizens is concerned. If the citizens have their way the colored champion will not appear in kaiserland as an attraction.

Decrying what the committee terms the deplorable actions of the few negroes in Berlin since the fight, the members of the committee are preparing to appeal to the authorities to prevent Johnson from giving exhibitions here. In its appeal Johnson is called the "braggart Ethiopian," whose appearance, it is charged, "might result in sensationalism in Germany."

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