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CREATION OF STEEL PLATE TRUST SHOWN

Evidence Shows That Eleven of Largest Manufacturers Secretly United to Limit Output and Raise Prices to Consumers in 1900.

BUSINESS OF COUNTRY PRORATED AMONG MEMBERS

Printer Testifies to Printing Agreement Which is Afterwards Destroyed for Fear Prosecution.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24.—Evidence that eleven of the largest steel manufacturers in the country had entered into a pooling agreement in 1900, thus forming a steel plate association, was presented before the Stanley commission of the house, which is investigating the steel trust, today. The agreement was dated November 9, 1900, and the committee believes its provisions are still being enforced.

The companies signing the agreement were:

The Carnegie Steel Company, the Jones and Laughlin Company, Limited; The Illinois Steel Company, the Crucible Steel Company of America, the Otis Steel Company, the Tidewater Steel Company, the Lukenas Iron and Steel Company, Worth Brothers, the Central Iron and Steel Company, the American Steel and Wire Company and the Glasgow Iron Company.

The agreement states that the combination was formed "for our mutual interests and to enable us to pay liberal wages to our workmen." It sets for the exact share of each of the companies in the steel plate business, the Carnegie Company being accorded 46.25 per cent of the total output of the combine.

According to the agreement, if any company sold more than its share of steel plates the offender would be compelled to pay 35-100 of one cent for every pound of its excess sales into the coffers of the association. To ensure observance of the agreement, each of the companies paid in \$1,000 for each per cent of its allotment of the total production.

F. B. Kaufman, a Coatesville, Pa., printer, who printed the agreement between the steel companies, testified.

"After President Houston of the Lukenas Iron and Steel Company had the agreement printed, his secretary came to my shop and destroyed all the proofs and copies we could find. He said the president of the Illinois Steel Company said that Houston had been mistaken in having the agreement printed and the Illinois men were afraid they go to jail if the agreement were discovered. Later my brother told he had a copy of the agreement."

LILLIAN GRAHAM HAS DISAPPEARED

Press Agent of Girl Who Shot Millionaire Stokes Worried Over Her Whereabouts—Much Speculation Regarding Her Indulged In.

NEW YORK, July 24.—Much speculation is indulged in here today over the alleged disappearance of Lillian Graham, one of the girls who shot Millionaire Stokes, from the Cathedral Plaza apartment, where she has been living with her sister, Mrs. Singleton, and Ethel Conrad.

Charles Lawrence, a friend of the girl, says she came to his house, saying she had quarrelled with Miss Conrad over a dress, and that she is still domiciled with him.

WANTS REAL AMERICAN.



MISS BILLIE BURKE ON BOARD THE AMERIKA.

The above snapshot of Billy Burke, the well known actress, was taken in New York just before she sailed for Europe on the steamship America.

FILLED SUGAR WITH FILTH

Spreckels Details Fight Waged Upon Him by Trust—Subjected to Annoyances of All Kinds—Arbuckle to Tell Story of His Fight.

NEW YORK, July 24.—On the stand today before the Hardwick sugar investigating committee of the house, which is probing the operations of the sugar trust, Claus A. Spreckels today gave full details of how the trust tampered with his employees and did everything in the power of its controllers to discredit him in business and financial circles.

Spreckels said that for more than a year the product of his refinery was filled with filth by men who worked for him while in the pay of the sugar trust, and that short weight packages were distributed from this refinery so that his credit with the trade might be undermined.

A sub-committee of the investigating body went to New Paltz, N. Y., today to get John Arbuckle's story of his fight with the sugar trust. This trip was taken as the result of a statement by Spreckels, who said on Saturday that the Arbuckles had been active in attempts to induce independent refiners to aid the trust in limiting production and boosting prices.

England Hysterical Over Morocco. LONDON, July 24.—All England is hysterical today over the Moroccan situation, and there were wild rumors that Germany and France had actually declared war. Another rumor says that a German fleet has been seen off the eastern British coast, while still another report is that the Kaiser is expected to sever diplomatic relations with England.

HUGE HAY CROPS IN OREGON THIS YEAR

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Ore.—July 22.—"The farmers of Oregon are harvesting the largest hay crop in the history of the state," said Dr. James Withycombe, director of the experiment station at the Oregon Agricultural College, discussing the present harvest.

"The total hay crop of Oregon last year represented 900,000 tons, but this year it will reach 1,140,000 tons. The Western Oregon crop is fifty per cent larger than it was last year, and the Eastern Oregon crop about ten per cent larger. The difference in percentage is mostly due to the fact that in Eastern Oregon the crop is grown on irrigated or sub-irrigated land, while that in Western Oregon is grown under natural conditions, and the season has been favorable for hay, as well as for other farm crops."

DALTON GIVEN 8 YEAR TERM STATES PRISON

Former County Assessor of Alameda County, California, Sentenced for Soliciting and Receiving Bribe From Spring Valley Water Co.

WILL NOT APPEAL BUT SERVE TIME AT ONCE

Takes Fate Calmly, Showing Little Emotion—Was County Assessor For Sixteen Years.

OAKLAND, Cal., July 24.—Former County Assessor Henry P. Dalton, convicted of having solicited and received a \$5000 bribe from the Spring Valley Water company, was sentenced today to a term of eight years in the penitentiary. His attorneys announced that he would not appeal.

Henry P. Dalton was for 16 years assessor of Alameda county. Superior Judge Everett Brown's sentence of eight years in San Quentin was imposed upon Dalton, following the dismissal of the petition for a new trial made this morning by Dalton's attorney. When sentence was pronounced there were no relatives of the accused man present except his brother, Frank N. Dalton.

Dalton took his fate calmly, showing little emotion. A plea for leniency was made by Charles H. Fairall, who conducted the fight for the defense, on the ground that Dalton, because of his high standing in the community has already suffered much hand keenly felt his disgrace and notoriety which the exposure had brought upon him.

It was generally understood that Dalton would accept the verdict. He is allowed five days in which to arrange his personal affairs and will then begin his sentence. Judge Brown, replying to Fairall's plea, said he felt it his duty to make an example of the case because of the prominence of the defendant.

GODDESS OF LIBERTY GROWING OLD FAST

NEW YORK, July 24.—An examination of the statue of liberty, just completed, shows that the goddess is getting old. About fifty small holes have appeared in the bronze plates of which the monument is built.

Lieutenant Jones, the statue's chief caretaker, stated today that she is good for 100 years more at least, just as she is and that he does not see why replacement of defective plates cannot prolong her life indefinitely. The statue of liberty was unveiled in 1886.

AUTOMOBILE TAX FOR CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK IS PROTESTED BY MEDFORD COMMERCIAL CLUB

The following petition has been sent to Washington protesting the tax of \$1.00 placed upon automobiles in Crater lake national park:

To the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, Washington, District of Columbia. We, the undersigned, your petitioners, respectfully request that the order heretofore issued from your department by the Honorable R. A. Ballinger, whereby persons passing through the Crater Lake park in automobiles or other vehicles are required to pay a tax of one dollar (\$1.00) for such privilege, be annulled and set aside. We respectfully state that the citizens living in this immediate vicinity subscribed and have expended about twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to aid in the building of a road to said Crater Lake park and to make it practicable for automobile travel. We further beg leave to say that for forty (40) years there has been a public road leading through said park from Jack-

Namesake Called Liar By Attorney General Wickersham



AUGUSTUS O. STANLEY

HOWLED DOWN IN COMMONS

Premier Asquith Hooted When He Attempts to Explain Ministry's Stand—Drowned Out by Shouts of Traitor—First Time Event Happened.

LONDON, July 24.—For the first time in the history of England, a premier was today howled down when he officially attempted to explain the government's course on the veto bill on the floor of the house of commons.

For half an hour Premier Asquith tried to explain the stand of his ministry on the veto bill, but all his utterances were drowned out by shouts of "traitor" which were kept up by the conservatives.

The speaker of the house was unable to preserve order and Asquith tried out, finally made a brief and inaudible statement and sat down. When BaBifour arose the liberals howled wildly. Balfour said he regretted he had been unable to hear the premier's speech and declared the debate the most disorderly in the history of parliament.

Speaker Lowther finally obtained partial quiet in the commons by reminding the conservatives that the liberals would be sure to howl down Balfour's reply in revenge for the tumult against Asquith.

When he could be heard Premier Asquith said that if the veto bill were not passed by the lords the liberals would be compelled to invoke the king's aid in creating a sufficient number of liberal peers to make a majority.

Scarcely had Balfour started speaking than the uproar was renewed and the speaker realizing that all attempts to restore order were useless, adjourned the house until tomorrow.

CONTROLLER BAY INJURY POSTPONED A FORTNIGHT

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24.—The investigation into the Controller bay land filings, begun by the house committee on expenditures in the interior department, will be postponed several weeks because Louis D. Brandeis, who agreed to appear as attorney, cannot now undertake the work.



GEORGE W. WICKERSHAM

SHIELDS TRUSTS FROM INQUIRY

Chairman Stanley of Steel Trust Investigation Committee Accuses Attorney General of Going Out of His Way to Protect the Interests.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24.—"I am getting tired of the department of justice and will go ahead and investigate myself."

Following his personal expose of the fact that most of the big steel concerns of the country are in a hard and fast combine to limit production and keep up prices, Chairman Stanley of the house investigating committee which is probing the steel trust, today uttered the quoted sharp criticism of Attorney General Wickersham and the department of justice in answer to the query of a member of the committee as to why he did not get aid from Wickersham's forces, Congressman Stanley virtually declared that Wickersham shielded "the interests" and then made the remark quoted.

Stanley's outburst came as the result of the testimony of a printer who told of having prepared an agreement between the steel kings which bound them in a hard and fast "trust."

CIRCLES PIKES PEAK TO WIN HIS BRIDE

COLORADO SPRINGS, Cal., July 24.—Aviator Parmelee, one of the Wright flyers, is elated today over having secured the wedding promise of his sweetheart, Miss "Sweets" May, of Dayton, Ohio, if he encircles Pike's Peak in an aeroplane within 100 feet of the summit. Parmelee will make the attempt the first week in August. If successful, Miss May promised to marry Parmelee on his return to Dayton.



JAMES WICKERSHAM

OFFERS LIFE TO SAVE LOVER

Beulah Binford Sends Message to Beattie That She Will Confess to Having Committed Murder if It Would Help Him.

RICHMOND, Va., July 24.—"Tell Harry that rather than see him convicted I will confess that I killed his wife myself" was the message Beulah Binford sent from her cell here today to Henry Clay Beattie, junior, accused of having murdered his young wife in order that he might resume relations with the Binford girl.

"I do not care what they do to me," Miss Binford continued, "Life is not worth living now. I guess I am just as well right here since Harry must stay in jail. He sent me a message last night asking me not to forget him. I could not if I wanted to."

The Binford girl, who is held as a material witness against Beattie, is near collapse. Beattie, the alleged slayer, continues cold and indifferent.

"I have nothing to fear," he said today.

SUE FOR ROAD SUBSCRIPTIONS

Medford Commercial Club Asks Judgment Against M. H. Payne for Crater Lake Highway Subscription Which He Refuses to Pay.

The first of a series of suits to be brought by the Medford Commercial club through Colvig & Reames, against delinquent subscribers to the Crater Lake highway fund was filed Saturday in the circuit court at Jacksonville, against M. H. Payne, who lives on Rogue river a few miles below Pumice hill, who subscribed \$200 toward building the highway and then refused to pay a cent. Only a few of the subscribers have refused to pay, the majority keeping their pledges. Suits will be instituted against all these delinquents, as the club raised the money to complete this section of highway by depositing these subscriptions with the banks, the latter, with Colonel Ray, advancing the needed coin.

The complaint reads in part as follows: "That the plaintiff in the month of March, 1910, was contemplating and proceeding to build and construct a highway or road from Medford, Or., to Crater lake in Klamath county of said state, which said highway was intended to be for use of the general public when traveling to and from said points by wagons, automobiles or otherwise; and the building and completion of said highway was deemed and considered by the plaintiff, and all persons who subscribed or aided in the construction thereof, to be of material benefit to the general public of said Jackson county, Or., and particularly to the citizens of Medford therein.

"That the above named defendant is a resident of Medford, Or., and he and many others requested the plaintiff to undertake and complete the building of said highway from Med-

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WICKERSHAM SAYS CHARGES FALSEHOODS

Lie is Passed by Attorney General of United States Who Accuses Alaska Delegate to Congress of Testifying Falsely Before Committee.

ACCUSED OF SHIELDING PERJURERS FROM JUSTICE

Temporary Adjournment Forced by Disorder of Principals—Little Progress in Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—A heated clash between Attorney General George W. Wickersham and Delegate James Wickersham of Alaska today forced a temporary adjournment of the judiciary committee. While the attorney general was testifying the Alaska delegate said:

"I can confirm my charges. "Well, confirm them; make good," snapped the cabinet officer.

"I will," was the Alaskan's reply. "I say your testimony and charges are falsehoods," blazed the attorney general and the committee adjourned to still the rising tumult.

Complete denial of the charges of Delegate James Wickersham of Alaska that his department had refused to investigate the alleged "grab" of Controller Bay by Morgan and Guggenheim interests was made today before the house judiciary committee by Attorney General Wickersham.

The attorney general read a letter from the Alaska delegate which charged that the department of justice had "shielded perjurers from justice and permitted grossly incompetent officials to continue in office under the protection of the department, while competent and fearless officials were short-lived and always died officially as soon as they ran up against the interests."

Wickersham flatly denied that the bids for coal in Alaska requested by the war department were not competitive.

EIGHT INCHES OR RAIN FALLS IN NEBRASKA

LINCOLN, Neb., July 24.—Beatrice a town 40 miles south of here, is isolated today by floods resulting from washouts in the Blue River Valley. More than eight inches of rain fell there within a few hours and the Blue River today is more than two miles wide at some points. The damage to crops is estimated at \$1,000,000.

HINES WANTED TAFT TO KNOW

Chicago Lumberman Took Means to Have Lorimer Know Who Elected Him to Senate—Boutell's Letter is Read.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24.—Edward Hines, the Chicago millionaire lumber man who claims credit for the election of Senator Lorimer and who is accused of having compassed the feat by collecting a \$100,000 "slush fund" was again before the senate investigating committee today.

Going over the fight to elect a successor to Senator Hopkins, Hines said that two or three weeks before the election he saw Congressman Boutell, who agreed to induce Lorimer to run. Boutell also volunteered to see President Taft on the subject and did so.

Hines produced an unsigned letter in Boutell's writing which had been enclosed with a signed letter from Boutell to Hines. The unsigned letter read:

"I would like to have Lorimer know who was the only man to go to the president in his behalf and bring away 'the goods.'"