

STEEL TRUST OFFICIALS ADMIT BOOKS BURNT

Full Confession of Truth of Charges Made by Assistant Sales Manager of Wire Trust who Confirms Statements Made by Clerk Yesterday.

All Evidence Concerning Pooling Negotiations Made Away With Upon President's Orders.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Full admission of the truth of charges that President Frank Baackes of the American Steel and Wire company had caused much damaging evidence against the trust to be burned as soon as the government began the steel trust probe, was made here today by George Cragin of Worcester, Mass., assistant sales manager for the wire trust.

Cragin, re-examined, contradicted his previous testimony, pleading ignorance and admitted that the story told to Special Examiner Brown yesterday by Harry Whitnew of Worcester was true. Cragin declared he received all evidence against the participants in the wire pool which was returned to the steel trust after Judge Archbald fined those participants at Worcester.

Subsequent to this, he said, President Baackes came to Worcester and asked if the evidence had been destroyed. Soon afterward, Cragin said, the documents were burned.

Cragin denied that President Farrell of the United States Steel corporation knew anything about the wire pool. He said he had the incriminating papers burned, believing they would never again be needed.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., May 9.—Finding of the body of Mrs. Louise Hansen floating in Fox lake today confirmed the fear that a boating party of seven perished in a storm on the lake last night.

The other bodies have not been found, and it is believed they became entangled in the rigging and sank with the boat.

MOB VIOLENCE AROUSE STRIKERS

POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 9.—With the bitter enmity of the foreign element here aroused against the state police as a result of yesterday's riot in which the police fired into a mob attempting to prevent repair men from entering the coal mines at the Pine Hill colliery, and with indications of wholesale purchases of firearms by the foreigners, fresh outbreaks of a serious nature were feared here today.

The foreigners are swearing vengeance for the death of Michael Malange, one of the rioters shot down by the police, who died this morning. Davis, a bystander who was watching the riot, is reported dying from a bullet fired by a policeman. Two others were shot during the riot.

Hardware dealers declare that their stock of revolvers and ammunition has been exhausted during the past two days and it is believed the purchasers are mostly of the hostile foreign element.

10 CENT VAUDEVILLE CIRCUIT PLANNED

LOS ANGELES, May 9.—Oliver Moroseo, Los Angeles theatrical manager, admitted today that he, with John Cort, who books more than 1,000 American theatres, is planning a stupendous 10 cent vaudeville project that will embrace practically every large city in the country. A lease on a Los Angeles site has been taken and plans begun for the erection of a building, according to Moroseo. He also stated that the venture will clash in no way with established vaudeville circuits.

WAPPENSTEIN LEARNING HOW TO PEEL POTATOES

WALLA WALLA, Wn., May 9.—Former Chief of Police Wappenstein of Seattle, serving a three year term for bribery, is learning to peel potatoes. He has been temporarily assigned today to the steward's department. Warden Reed is afraid to trust Wappenstein with the convicts working at manual labor, because many of them had been sent to the penitentiary by the ex-chief.

ARAB PATROL DRILL IN TODAY

LOS ANGELES, May 9.—Pageant and drill day of the 38th annual convocation of the Shriners was inaugurated by a "mission pageant" of 21 floats, monks, Indians and merry-makers, which traversed the business section of the city shortly before noon. The floats were reproductions on a lavish scale of all the larger California missions, even the geological characteristics of their communities being portrayed.

This afternoon the celebration was to shift to Santa Anita park, on the famous "Lucky" Baldwin rancho. Here the various Arab patrols of the various temples were to drill. Thirty bands were to be in attendance.

Following the drill of the patrols, one of the largest banquets ever served in southern California was to be spread in Shrine auditorium for the thousands of marchers and musicians after which the men were to march again tonight at the head of the final electrical pageant of the week.

\$400,000,000 BANK MERGER IN CANADA

TORONTO, Ont., May 9.—According to a story in the Toronto Globe, the merger of the Bank of Montreal and the Royal Bank of Canada will follow the absorption of the Traders' bank by the latter. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R. is mentioned as probable president of the combined banks, which will have a total capital of \$32,000,000 and assets of \$400,000,000.

EMPLOYMENT GRAFT SHUT OUT OF ARIZONA

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 9.—Governor Hunt today has approved and signed a bill passed by the Arizona legislature prohibiting exactions from workmen as the price of employment. The new law carefully defines the rates that may be legally charged for finding employment and provides punishment for its violation. The governor also signed a bill appropriating \$18,000 for "dry farming" experiments.

BANANA TRUST BUYS RAILROAD

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—Announcement is made here today of the sale of the Guatemala Central Railroad by its San Francisco owners, the Pacific Improvement company, to Minor Keith and his associates of the United Fruit company of New York. The price is withheld, but it will be several millions. The road will be delivered to its new owners next week.

The Guatemala road consists of 225 miles of road, valued at \$30,000 a mile, leading from San Jose at the sea up to the mountains to Guatemala City. It was built twenty-seven years ago by C. P. Huntington and his associates, and later became a valuable feeder for the Pacific Mail Steamship company.

SEVENTEEN MAIDENS TO WED PRISONERS

GENEVA, May 9.—Albert Stierli, a handsome young Swiss plumber, should have exciting times when he is released from jail next year, for seventeen young women have announced they are going to marry him. He is engaged to them all, and it was for defrauding each out of small sums that he was sentenced to jail. The 17 "fiancees" were all in court, where they announced they still wanted to marry the prisoner, and would wait until his release. Albert looked relieved as he was marched off to jail.

The plumbers' union of St. Paul, Minn., obtained an agreement from the master plumbers whereby the Saturday half-holiday will shortly be inaugurated.

MATCH WOLGAST WITH M'FARLAND

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—Acceptance of an offer by the Garden club of New York of \$15,000 for a ten round bout between Champion Ad Wolgast and Paeky McFarland early in June in New York was wired east today by Tom Jones, manager of Wolgast. The only conditions imposed by Jones are that McFarland make 133 pounds three hours before the contest, and that straight rules govern the fight.

It is feared this last condition may be a stumbling block, as the New York boxing commission flatly opposes straight rules, insisting on clean breaks. To stand off and box with Paeky would mean sure defeat for Wolgast, it is pointed out, as the champion's long suit is whanging away with one arm free. Efforts will be made to have the commission waive the rule in this case, but the promoters are not sanguine of success.

HOUSTON, Texas, May 9.—Splendidly decorated for the occasion, Houston today cordially welcomed the delegates to the annual convention of the Texas division of the Travelers' Protective association. The reception of the visitors and a preliminary meeting of the board of directors occupied the day.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at its next regular meeting on May 21, 1912, for a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than a gallon, at No. 32 North Front street, in said city for a period of six months. M. & E. J. ADAMS. 45*

CLOSING OUT SALE

We have several lines of goods that we are going to quit handling and are closing out regardless of cost.

- All Cut Glass ONE-THIRD OFF
- All Hand Painted China ONE-THIRD OFF
- All Gold Decorated Glass ONE-THIRD OFF
- \$2.50 to \$3.50 Jardinieres \$1.50

English Willow Ware Tomorrow 10c Each

About 400 pieces of the above English Semi-Porcelain Blue Willow Ware, special price for Friday and Saturday, each 10c

4000 yards Val., Torchon and Cluny Laces, Insertions, Beadings, etc., 8c, 10c and 12 1/2c values, choice, yard 5c

1000 yards Laces and Insertions, 5c values, tomorrow and Saturday, yard 1c

We are closing out all lines of ladies', misses' and boys' Underwear.

HUSSEY'S

H. N. MOE & CO. OPENING SALE

FRIDAY Summer Underwear and Hosiery SATURDAY

Women's and children's undergarments of every weight for Summer wear. Splendidly made and carefully finished garments of very well known makes

Women's 25c Vests at 17c

A splendid group of low neck sleeveless Vests of fine ribbed cotton. Regular and ex. sizes, sold everywhere at 25c. Special for two days only 17c

50c Union Suits for 39c

Women's fine ribbed and spring needle Union Suits in tight knee and lace trimmed umbrella styles, with low neck and sleeveless. Regular 50c grade. Special for Friday and Saturday only 39c

Men's \$1.25 Union Suit, 95c

Fine summer weight Egyptian cotton Union Suit, spring needle style, regular \$1.25 value. Special Friday and Saturday 95c

125 East Main Street.

75c Union Suits, 59c High Grade

Spring needle style, cuff knee, low neck sleeveless, regular and extra sizes, 75c. Special all sizes for Friday and Saturday 59c

19c Children's Hose for 12 1/2c

Made to wear with linen heel and toe, for boys and girls, black and tan. Special 12 1/2c
Infants 25c Hose, broken lines of lisle and silk lisle, fine ribbed collars, pink, light blue and black. Special 10c

Men's and ladies' Shoes, \$5.00 values, broken sizes and styles, every pair in the house your choice \$1.00

We have 200 pairs left to be closed out Friday and Saturday at only \$1.00 a pair

The Heart of Medford, Oregon

Women's 35c Lisle Hose, 25c

The best grade of medium priced Hose to be found, extra fine light weight, real lisle hose, full fashioned with double sole, high spliced heels and wide garter welt tops black, white and colors. 35c hose for 25c

75c Silk Boot Hose, 45c

Made with extra double lisle soles and heels, silk boot and lisle top light weight black and tan. Special 45c



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