

BEEF COMBINE MUST ANSWER

MONTANA JOINS STATES PROSECUTING THE BIG PACKERS.

HAS FIXED PRICES UNLAWFULLY

Attorney General Galen Files Complaint in the Name of the State at Helena.

Five Members of So-Called Trust to Be Summoned to Answer to an Information Charging Them With Illegal Combination—Must Appear April 25.

BUTTE, April 18.—A Miner special from Helena states that Attorney General Galen today filed a complaint in the name of the state of Montana against the Cudahy Packing Company, Swift & Co., the Hammond Packing Company of Chicago, the Hammond Packing Company of Pueblo, Colo., and the Armour Packing Company. The attorney general will summon them to appear before the district court on April 25 to answer to an information charging the packing house companies with unlawfully combining for the purpose of fixing the price of certain articles of commerce.

UNITE TO HANDLE BANKRUPT. Credit Men Say Administration Charges Swallow Assets Under Present Plan.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Growing out of the opposition of the wholesale merchants of Chicago to the present bankruptcy law, the organization of a "co-operative adjustment association," which received its first impetus at a meeting of the Credit Men's Association. A resolution was adopted directing President McAdow to appoint a committee to investigate the matter and report at a later meeting.

This adjustment association is to be formed principally for the purpose of settling insolvent estates. In the language of those who urged the plan the formation of such an organization will go far toward doing away with the evils of bankruptcy proceedings, wherein nearly all the assets are swallowed up in the fees of attorneys, referees and trustees.

MEETING OF RAILROAD MOGULS. Great Northern and O. R. & N. Officials Discuss Matters of Joint Interest.

SEATTLE, April 20.—The meeting of the high officials of the Great Northern and the Oregon Railway & Navigation Companies was held in the office of J. D. Farrell, assistant to President Hill today, for the purpose of discussing matter of joint interest in Eastern Washington. President Hill was expected to be present, but he was called hurriedly to New York after making part of the journey to the coast. Traffic arrangements and invasion of new territory in Idaho by the Northern Pacific are said to have constituted the topics for discussion. The officials will meet again.

COULD NOT DISPOSE OF COAL. Olympia Gives Up Attempt to Sell Cargo and Returns With Load of Japs.

HONOLULU, April 20.—This afternoon the steamer Olympia sailed for Seattle, carrying 593 Japanese, who are reported under contract to work for the Great Northern railroad in Montana. The Olympia is also carrying back to Seattle a cargo of coal the local merchants refused to purchase.

PRESIDENT ENJOYS ROYAL SPORT. Kills Only One Bear, but Is Having Plenty of Good Recreation.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., April 20.—That President Roosevelt is enjoying a royal sport in his hunt for Rocky mountain grizzlies is attested by Secretary Loeb, who returned from the camp today, having spent a night with the party. While the only grizzly pulled down thus far is the bear shot by the president and a bobcat shot by Lambert, there has been plenty of recreation. Every day the dogs have followed trails that looked promising, showing that more bears will be found in the vicinity now being hunted. The camp will not be moved until Saturday. Then the party will locate on the west divide of the creek within twenty miles of its present location and four miles nearer Newcastle. The point toward which the party is working is Red Stone, where the camp will be broken on May 14. The private car "Rocket" will pick up the president there and he will spend the night at Glenwood Springs. The start home will be made May 15, with stops of one day each at Denver and Chicago. Secretary Loeb left Glenwood Springs for the president's camp yesterday morning with Elmer Chapman, the courier who brought out the first word from the camp.

JAPS' FORMAL PROTEST MADE

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR CALLS ON MINISTER DELCASSE.

DEMANDS STRICT NEUTRALITY

France Said to Have Given Assurances Sought to Allay Apprehensions.

London Aggs With Excitement Ament Threatened Complications—Foreign Office Seems Not Alarmed, But Watches Situation With Anxiety.

MUST GO 'ROUND

SHEEPMEN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CROSS UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION.

Government's Wards Refuse all Overtures Made by Breeders—One Hundred Thousand Head Will Have Seventy-Five Miles Longer Road.

PENDLETON, Or., April 19.—Sheep will not be permitted to cross the Umatilla reservation in going to the mountains this summer. Such was the result of a conference held yesterday at the agency between representative sheepmen and Indians of the reservation.

During past years the sheep of this portion of the country have been taken across the Indian lands and different amounts paid to the Indians in return for the damage done. However, the agency is now under more rigid government, and this year it was understood that trouble would be met with by sheepmen in getting across.

It was for the purpose of definitely settling the matter that the meeting was held yesterday. Sheepmen present at the council were J. E. Smith, William Slesher, Kenneth Warner, Joe Connolly, Bert Smith and J. H. Gwin, secretary of the National Livestock association. It is said that liberal offers were made by the sheepmen in return for being allowed to cross, and it even was proposed to employ an escort of Indians to accompany sheep across. However, all overtures were refused, and in view of the fact that there is no legal highway across the reserve, it appears that the sheep will have to be taken around. This will mean that about 100,000 head will have to be trailed seventy-five miles further in order to reach the mountains.

As a result of their failure the sheepmen are very indignant, and state that they will seek to have a law passed by congress making a public road over the land. However, such action would not relieve the situation until next year.

AGENTS ASK STATE TO ACT.

Want Amendment Made to Equitable Life Insurance Company's Charter.

NEW YORK, April 18.—After a session lasting nearly six hours today, aside from a short recess, the 200 and odd managing agents of the Equitable Life Assurance Society from all over the United States, adopted resolutions asking the New York legislature "to exercise its plenary power by enacting an amendment to the society's charter," this amendment to give the policy holders admission to the directorate of the society.

ADMITTED TO QUOTATIONS.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The stock exchange committee on unlisted securities decided today that the shares of the Northern Pacific railroad, about to be released by the Northern Securities Company, would be admitted to quotation in the unlisted department on April 24.

MARKET BREAKS

MARGINS IN NEARLY ALL CLASSES WERE WIPED OUT BY UNUSUAL DECLINE.

Very General Call for Collateral Goes Out—Northern Securities Situation and Attending Skepticism Aroused by Rumors of Its Dissolution.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The cloud of suspicion and distrust, which has been gathering over the stock market during the whole week, broke today with some violence. The decline was contested in the early stages, but it gathered force as it was extended. The quick exhaustion of the buying demand on the occasional rallies was sufficient evidence to the professional trader that the speculative position was still vulnerable. They returned to the attack accordingly again and again and on each successive slump, the weight of the offerings distended was greater. The market proved to be honeycombed with stop-loss orders, which had been greatly increased as confidence in the stability of the market was impaired. The amount of the decline was sufficient to wipe out some of the margins in the more substantial classes and, in all of the classes of speculative holdings, to impair the margin to such an extent as to lead to a very general call for additional collateral. The principal influence in the trading probably was the Northern Securities situation and the great skepticism which was aroused by a swarm of rumors centering about the dissolution of the company and the plants expected to grow out of it.

WANTS PARDON

GEORGE H. BARKER ASKS GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN TO RELEASE HIM JUNE 1.

Serving Five-Year Sentence in Penitentiary for Passing Saws Into Marion County Jail to Enable John Daly and Others to Escape.

George H. Barker, who is serving a five-year sentence in the penitentiary from this county, asks Governor Chamberlain to pardon him in order that he may be able to secure work during the coming harvest and earn sufficient money with which to return to his home in Detroit, Michigan. Barker was committed to the penitentiary from this county in June, 1902, upon the plea of guilty to the charge of passing a steel saw into the county jail for the purpose of aiding John Daly and others in making their escape. Governor Chamberlain is just in receipt of the petition from Barker and has had no opportunity to take official action upon it.

WORST SNOW STORM OF YEAR.

Western Nebraska Buried Beneath Deepening Drifts of Snow.

OMAHA, April 20.—A snowstorm and blizzard raged today over Western Nebraska. Several points report the heaviest snowfall of the year, with a strong wind which drove the snow in blinding sheets over the prairie. The temperature, however, was not severe.

FIGHT TEN ROUNDS TO DRAW.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich., April 20.—Gus Gardner of Saginaw and Charley Coffey of Brooklyn fought ten rounds to a draw here tonight.

WILL NOT QUIT

VICE PRESIDENT HYDE DECLINES TO RESIGN FROM HIS OFFICIAL POSITION.

In Reply to Committee Says He Regards Present Situation and Considers He Would Be Disgracing Memory of His Father if He Got Out.

WIFE DIES IN LOS ANGELES.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 20.—News was received here today of the death at Los Angeles of Mrs. Schumacher, wife of T. M. Schumacher, general traffic manager of the Oregon Short Line. The interment will be at Painesville, Ohio.

ACCUSED MEN ANSWER TODAY

MONTE AND WRIGHT MUST REPLY TO MURDER CHARGE.

WRIGHT PROTESTS INNOCENCE.

Officials Will Maintain Strong Guard to Prevent Possibility of Escape.

Prison Authorities Refuse to Give Up Monte to Sheriff, Both Desiring to Keep Jurisdiction Over Him—Wright May Attempt Alibi Game at Trial.

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CHARLES MONTE, WHO IS SERVING A SIX-YEAR TERM IN THE OREGON PENITENTIARY, WILL NOT BE TURNED OVER TO SHERIFF CULVER, AS THE PRISON OFFICIALS AND THE MARION COUNTY OFFICERS PROPOSE TO HOLD CONCURRENT JURISDICTION OVER THE CONVICT. THE SHERIFF WILL GO TO THE PENITENTIARY THIS AFTERNOON AND, ACCOMPANIED BY A PRISON GUARD, WILL BRING MONTE TO THE COURT HOUSE. AFTER THE PRISONER HAS BEEN ARRANGED UPON THE INDICTMENT HE WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PENITENTIARY, WHERE HE WILL REMAIN UNTIL THE CASE IS CALLED FOR TRIAL, PROBABLY DURING THE LATTER PART OF MAY. AT NO TIME WILL THE ACCUSED MAN BE GIVEN ENTIRELY INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE SHERIFF, AS HE IS COMPULSED UPON THE CHARGE BROUGHT AGAINST HIM BY THE MARION COUNTY OFFICERS. IF THE STATE FAILS TO PROVE HIM GUILTY HE WILL BE KEPT IN CONFINEMENT AT THE PENITENTIARY UNTIL THE UNEXPIRED THREE YEARS OF HIS SIX-YEAR TERM FOR BURGLARY HAVE BEEN SERVED.

As a matter of precaution extra guards will be stationed in and around the court house while Monte is being arraigned in court this afternoon, as neither Sheriff Culver nor the penitentiary authorities propose to take any chances with the convict.

PROTESTS HIS INNOCENCE.

It is presumed both men will enter pleas of not guilty, although it is said that Monte confessed to the part he took in the crime some time ago. Wright, however, protests his innocence and says he will be able to prove that he was in Seattle at the time Tracy and Merrill escaped from prison and had been there for some time prior to that date. Before he was brought to this city he denied seeing Tracy after the sensational break, but admitted calling at a house near Seattle one day just a few moments after Tracy had visited the place. He also said the officers at different times were just across the road from the desperate convict and remarked that they must have been blind or they surely would have seen him. These statements indicate that Wright kept in close touch with Tracy during the latter's flight from justice and will undoubtedly prove damaging to his defense.

RECORD CLIP AND PRICE.

LEWISTON, Mont., April 20.—Wool clips aggregating 300,000 pounds were sold to a Boston firm today at 23 cents per pound, the record for several years.

IT WILL SETTLE

CHINA AGREES TO PAY DEFICIT OWED POWERS DUE TO FALL IN PRICE OF SILVER.

After Two Years Mongolian Government Signs Agreement to Make up Shortage—Will Pay \$6,000,000 With Interest.

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Readjustment of Personnel is Planned by Northwestern Railroads—Supreme Court Has Forbidden Competing Lines to Have Same Directors.

NEW YORK, April 18.—General readjustment in the personnel of the northwestern railroad directorates concerned in the Northern Securities dissolution is soon to take place, according to The Times. This is understood to have been found necessary in order to comply with the decision of the supreme court, under which it is believed that one man cannot be a director in two parallel and competing railroad companies. The discovery upsets one of the working methods of the "community of interest" plan, in which practically the same board of directors controlled a large number of systems, and, while it is not believed that the decision will do away with this idea altogether, financiers say it will make the control of such boards of directors much more difficult.

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