

# STEAMSHIP COMPANY DUPED BY HARRIMAN TO DO HIS BIDDING

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—That Edward H. Harriman has achieved a strategical victory in persuading the American-Hawaiian steamship company into entering an agreement to raise rates on eastern bound California commodities is the opinion of the leading merchants of the city today.

While there is no way of obtaining official confirmation of the rumor it is believed in business circles the steamship line committed hari-kari when it was inveigled into a traffic agreement with the trans-continental railroads. They view the voluntary raise as suicidal and believe that the ocean transportation company has sacrificed its long held independence.

The rates will be raised on the day the advanced rates of the trans-

continental lines go into effect, according to Albert M. Sutton, general freight agent, of the Hawaiian-American company. They will correspond with the railroads' announced ten per cent increase but as yet will effect only California shippers and products. What action will be taken by the railroads in other Pacific coast states will be developed later.

The reaching of a traffic agreement, however, by the two companies is looked upon by railroad men as an indirect announcement that the Southern Pacific dominates the American-Hawaiian line. The advance of rates, at present regarded as equitable and for the best interests of ocean freight lines, is regarded by shippers as a complete surrender to the Harriman interests.

# DOCTOR'S STATEMENT SHOWS MME. STENHEIL PREMEDITATED MURDER

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Paris, Dec. 30.—A statement made by Dr. Archeray, family physician of the Steinhells, to the police today is considered one of the most important yet unearthed by the authorities.  
Dr. Archeray is alleged to have said that he called at the studio of Adolph Steinhell on the day before the murder of the artist and his mother-in-law, Madame Japy.

Madame Steinhell and her mother expected to leave Paris that day, it is alleged, for a visit to Bellevue. Dr. Archeray says that Madame Steinhell insisted that her mother was ill, but that he could find no sign of sickness.  
The trip, however, was abandoned, and this is believed by the police to be an indication that the murder was premeditated.

# ARCHBOLD ABLE TO PRODUCE ONLY WHAT BENEFITS STANDARD

New York, Dec. 3.—John D. Archbold, resuming the witness stand today, entered the last stages of his cross-examination at the hands of Frank B. Kellogg in the government suit to dissolve the oil trust.  
The witness produced memoranda purporting to show the gradual increase of the capital of the Standard of California. He said that the Standard purchased the Pacific Coast Oil Company in 1900 for \$761,000. The capital stock of the concern then was \$1,000,000, he said. In 1902 it was increased to \$3,000,000; in 1903 it was raised to \$6,000,000 and later in the same year increased to

\$16,000,000, with the privilege of increasing it to \$25,000,000.  
Kellogg then asked him about the affairs of the California concern, and inquired particularly about a contract with the Barnsdale Oil Company, which Kellogg said showed a loan of \$775,000 to the head of that concern.  
Archbold said he had made a search and had been unable to find a copy of such a contract. The inquisitor then asserted that the original contract is in the hands of a Pittsburg bank, and could be obtained and produced if necessary. He then asked Archbold to produce the original.

# WINS IN BATTLE WITH ICY WAVES

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Chicago, Dec. 3.—Edward Skirling, a 19-year-old lighthouse keeper on the Racine, Wis., reef, is lying ill in a hospital in this city, slowly recovering from a 9-hours' battle for his life against an icy gale on Lake Michigan, in a disabled launch. Only by a mere chance was his predicament discovered, and he was saved just, when worn with exhaustion and frozen stiff, he was ready to give up the struggle.

Skirling was making the trip from shore with the mail when the accident happened which put his launch out of commission. The tiny craft was instantly helpless in the grip of the waves and the wind, and, although almost within a stone's throw of the lighthouse, he had the misery of seeing his light fade away from him as he was swept back on the lake. For nine hours Skirling worked like a mad man bailing the launch to keep it afloat. It was morning before his plight was seen and rescuers were sent to aid him in reaching shore. The lad's clothing was frozen to his body, and had to be cut off.

# Special Glassware Sale

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We have a few damaged domes, beautiful designs, 25c. Also some damaged shades for 5c.

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# GIVE OPINIONS ON THE TRUSTS

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, Dec. 3.—The Merchants' association at its annual banquet at the Fairmont last night listened to a discussion of the trusts by three men, each of whom, in his particular sphere, is an authority on his subject. The most interesting speech of the evening was made by Attorney Charles S. Wheeler who spoke on the topic, "What Combinations Are Lawful under the Sherman and Cartwright Acts," and said in part:

"It is often the case that such large gatherings as this can be divided in two great divisions, the one containing the violators of the Sherman act and the other the violators of the Cartwright law. Now, our laws have been made, and I propose if the laws are on the statute books, whether they accord with my views or not, to obey them. We have had enough of law breaking.

"There is something better than dollars and cents. Let us postpone getting our dollars by violations of the statutes. Give me back my cottage and the ten-cent grocery, with the liberty of every man to compete equally for the right to sustain himself and his family. I would rather see 10,000 Americans working out their own destiny than ten trust magnates working out the destinies of 10,000 men. There may be more dollars to be made out of the other system, but then there are more dollars to be made in a kingdom than in a republic."

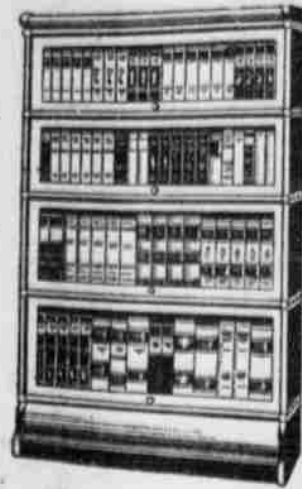
Wheeler's address followed a speech made by Frank L. Brown, in behalf of the retention of the trust idea. He believed that the day of vast co-operative organizations had come to stay and that, despite present evils in the system, the trust movement would extend. Just as actual war has given all of good that it can to this country, so, said he, industrial warfare had given this nation all the benefits possible. "A perfected system of co-operation," he asserted, "is the hope of the future."

United States District Attorney Robert T. Devlin talked on the attitude of the government toward the trusts, describing the series of prosecution which had been inaugurated in the enforcement of federal laws.

**Treasury Statement.**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—The treasury statement today shows: Receipts, \$1,796,666. Expenditures, \$2,570,000.

# Christmas Gifts

Are easily chosen from our thoroughly adequate stock. A friendly feeling finds no fitter expression than in a beautiful piece of furniture. It is the part of wisdom to select your gifts now while our lines of merchandise are practically unbroken and our sales people can give you more careful attention than during the busy Christmas week. We will cheerfully set aside your presents for later delivery.



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# DETECTIVE THINKS HE SAW BIGGY

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Reno, Nev., Dec. 3.—That he saw a man closely resembling the missing Chief of Police of San Francisco, William J. Biggy, sitting in the smoking car of a train at Sparks on Tuesday night is the remarkable statement made today by John S. Russell, who says that he was formerly a private detective in San Francisco. The authorities at Reno, Winnemucca and Elko have been notified and the train has been searched but nobody answering Biggy's description has been found.

# "AFFINITY AND EMBEZZLER CAUGHT

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 3.—Accused of embezzling the funds of the United States Express Company and eloping with another man's wife, T. C. Lowe, alias T. C. Rankin, is under arrest here today. Lowe admits that he is short in his accounts, but told the police that he believes his family would get him out of his scrape.

The name of the woman with whom Lowe eloped is concealed by the police, who say that she has promised to reform and return to her husband and baby in New York.  
Lowe and his "affinity" were eating dinner in a down-town cafe last night when the officers arrested the alleged embezzler. He had but \$9.25 in his pocket at the time, and explained that he had lost the balance of his money playing the races.

While he admits that he is short in his accounts at the branch office of the express company, at 94th street and Seventh avenue, New York, Lowe denies that he stole a traveler's money order book upon which \$15,000 could be drawn.

Lowe is but 26 years of age, but is alleged to have been in trouble once before on a similar charge. Lowe's parents are said to live at Binghamton, N. Y.

# TRIED TO BUY GRAFT PROSECUTION PLANS

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, Dec.—John Lawler, a detective on the staff of Secret Service Agent William J. Burns, appeared before the grand jury yesterday and is said by a graft prosecution organ to have divulged the details of a trap, laid by Burns and

# FEARED RETURN TO BULGARIA

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Spokane, Wash., Dec. 3.—That he would be sent back to Bulgaria, where he broke jail 12 months ago, drove Kneal Domin, a political exile, to end his life in the cell in the jail here, by means of heavy shoeing, with what he had himself.

This information, contained in a letter written by him to the police, before he consulted with his lawyer, has just been made public.

In fact, the police know nothing about Domin's past. He simply being held to insure his appearance in court against two accused of robbing him. He thought, however, that the Bulgarian government had caused his arrest and ended his life Tuesday, rather than return to his native land.

# Who's the Town Booster? Why, Here He Is!



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