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ON TRAIL OF OIL CO. Sharp Arraignment of Standard People

ILLEGAL METHODS ARE EXPOSED

Washington, Special.—The interstate commerce commission has sent to congress a report of the investigations made by it under the Tillman-Gilespie resolution approved March 7 last, concerning the relations of common carriers by rail to the production and distribution of oil. The report covers the distribution of petroleum and its products east of the Mississippi river and, incidentally, the Kansas and Texas fields. The report points out generally the methods by which the Standard Oil Company "has built up and perpetuated its monopoly and the relations of transportation agencies to that monopoly." It is asserted that "the ruin of its competitors has been a distinct part of the policy of the Standard Oil Company in the past, systematically and persistently pursued." Considerable of the ground covered has been gone into fully in the report on oil and its distribution, made public by the bureau of corporations.

Railroads Not Interested.
"No instance," the report says, "is found where any railroad company has been interested in oil lands or in petroleum production and only one instance is shown where officials of a railway company were interested in the production and sale of oil. This relates to certain officials of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern railroad having owned stock of the Argand Refining company, which was sold to the Standard Oil Company, and the lubricating contract which the road transferred to the Galena Oil Company, a Standard company.

The Standard Oil Company largely monopolizes the handling of petroleum from the mouth of the well until it is sold to the retailer, and sometimes to the consumer, and under ordinary circumstances its margin of profit is very large. Estimates made in the report show a profit on refined oil from the Sugar Creek refinery at Kansas City of from 5 to 8 cents per gallon. A much higher profit is indicated for gasoline. The sale of refined oil from the large Standard refinery at Whiting is correspondingly profitable.

Not Result of Economy.
"The evidence shows little basis for the contention that the enormous dividends of the Standard Oil Company are the legitimate result of its economies. Except for its pipe lines, the Standard has but little legitimate advantage over the independent refiners.

"The Standard buys advertising space in many newspapers which it fills, not with advertisements, but with reading matter prepared by agents kept for that purpose and paid for at advertising rates, as ordinary news. The assumption is that this literature furnishes many of the ideas touching the great benefits conferred upon the public by the Standard Oil Company.

Competitors Driven Out.
"The assertion is made that it is the practice of the Standard, wherever a competitor erects a storage tank to which the oil is transferred from the tank cars, to reduce the price of oil in that locality to such a point as to make the business unprofitable to such a competitor, while prices were maintained in other localities. There was much complaint that the railroads allowed the Standard to erect its tanks at convenient points on the railroad right of way and declined to accord this privilege to independent refiners. The commission says it is satisfied that such discrimination has been very generally practiced in the past.

Standard Severely Arraigned.
The report severely arraigns the Standard's methods of competition. On this point it says in part:
"The Standard has repeatedly, after becoming the owner of a competing company, continued to operate it under the old name, carrying the idea to the public that the company was still independent and competing with the Standard. It has used such purchase or independently organized companies to kill off competitors, by such companies reducing prices. The operation of such fake independent concerns has been one of its most effective means of destroying competition. The Standard had habitually reduced the price against its competitor in a particular locality, while maintaining its prices at other places. When competition was destroyed it restored or advanced former prices. The Standard has sold different grades of oil at different prices from the same barrel. It has paid employees of independent oil companies for information as to the business of those competitors, and has paid employees of industrial companies to secure the adoption of its oil in preference to that of its competitors. It has followed every barrel of independent oil to its destination. Its agents are instructed to secure customers at any sacrifice. It has tampered with the oil inspectors in different States. The laws of several States concerning the inspection of oil are singularly defective, and this has been turned to profit by the Standard.

The entire report severely arraigns the methods of the Standard company and shows by sworn testimony in the high-headed manner in which that corporation has robbed the people and defied the laws of the land.

50 KILLED IN EXPLOSION

The Stewart Mine, in Fayetteville, County, West Virginia, the scene of a horrible accident—About 200 Men in the Shaft: When the Explosion Occurred and Every Effort is Being Made to Reach the Entrapped Men—At Least 50 or 60 Dead and the Death List May Be Swelled to 85—The Scene About Mine a Pathetic One. The Mine in Operation for Over Three Years, But Has Never Been Fully Developed.

Charleston, W. Va., Special.—There is at least 50 or 60 persons dead as a result of an explosion in the Stewart mine near Fayetteville, in Fayette county Tuesday, according to the last reports received and it is expected that the number will reach 25 more.

The explosion was caused by dust in the mine. Every effort is being made to get to the men who are entombed but there is little hope that any of them are alive.

At the time of the explosion there were about 200 men in the shaft and there is grave apprehension that a great many of them were in the mine when the explosion occurred. A list of the dead is now being compiled and will include at least the number mentioned. Organized effort is being made to get to the men in the mine, and volunteers are plentiful. The scene about the mine is a pathetic one, men, women and children crying for their dead ones and imploring those on the ground to go to their rescue.

Location of the Mine.
The Stewart mine is a shaft 568 feet deep. The development is in the Sewall seam, which ranges in thickness from four to five feet. The mine is located on the White Oak Fuel Company's private line, connecting with the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad at Carlisle. It is located about four miles from Fayetteville and seven miles from Thurmon. The mine has been in operation for about 3 years or more, but has not been fully developed. The work of development has almost entirely been done in the double entry system. The permanent structures, such as head-frames and tipples, have been completed within the last year. The mine is owned by the Stewart Colliery Company.

Explosion of Amonia.
Chicago, Special.—Three men were killed and 16 others seriously injured as the result of the explosion of an ice machine filled with ammonia fumes in the power house of Armour & Co. at Forty-fourth street and Packer's avenue. Twenty men were working in the room when the head of a cylinder on the ice machine blew off filling the room with fumes. Three men were instantly killed and the other men are in a serious condition.

Killing in Danville, Va.
Danville, Va., Special.—John Cousins, a white man, about 35 years of age, was shot and instantly killed here by George L. Steilman, a carpenter. The killing occurred at the home of Steilman, while Cousins, it is alleged, was in the act of entering the room occupied by Mrs. Steilman and her children. Steilman said that he had had a difficulty with Cousins six months ago and that the latter swore vengeance. They met and drank together. Steilman says Cousins insisted on following him home despite his protests. When he commanded him to stay out of the house, Cousins, he declared, "drew at him twice with a pistol. Steilman then got a shotgun and emptied a load in his breast."

An Alabama Duel.
Montgomery, Ala., Special.—A special to The Advertiser from Elba, Ala., says that Richard Parker, an aged Confederate soldier, shot and instantly killed Arch Mixon, a young farmer, after a desperate shotgun duel in front of Parker's home. The men quarreled over business matters and Parker was put on notice to expect an armed conflict.

One Hundred Chinese Drown.
Hongkong, By Cable.—A terrific rain squall broke over Hongkong and in the space of ten minutes sank over 50 Chinese craft in the harbor, more than 100 natives being drowned. There were no casualties among the white population. Launches from the shore rescued many occupants of the swamped boats. The harbor was littered with the wreckage from the sunken junks. During the squall the river steamer Paul Bean broke adrift, but she was brought to anchor without sustaining any damage.

Plasterers Return to Work.
Richmond, Va., Special.—The striking plasterers, numbering 100, at the Jamestown exposition, have returned to work after two weeks idleness. Only one firm of contractors was affected by the strike, but this was a large one. The strikers only gained one of their demands, that of being off on the scaffold. The demand for an increase of wages from \$5 to \$6 a day was not granted them.

Diaz Warmly Received.
Mexico City, Special.—President Diaz and the party of invited guests, which left this city on Jan. 21 to witness the inaugural ceremonies of the Tehuantepec National railroad, arrived here Monday. The president passed along the gaily decorated streets through files of troops extended from the station to the national palace, a distance of one mile. The large crowds warmly greeted the chief executive.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS

What Our National Lawmakers Are Doing From Day to Day

Mr. Lever Warns Up.
Representative Lever, of South Carolina, stirred up a hornet's nest in the house when he offered to the agricultural appropriation bill an amendment appropriating \$3,000,000 for the purchase of the Appalachian and White Mountain forest reserves. He said twelve States were interested in the movement, and many Governors had personally solicited the Speaker of the house to permit the bill to come before the body on its merits; but through mysterious influences, he said, the Speaker was scintillating to hold the bill up and he wanted the country to know the facts about the measure.

Mr. Tawney objected to the personal attack on the Speaker, and said he would object to further consideration.

Wants People to Know It.
"Oh, it's not a personal attack on the Speaker," replied Mr. Lever. "It's an outspoken statement as to where the objection to the bill is. Personally I have profound regard for the Speaker, but he and some of his henchmen are blocking consideration of this bill and by the gods I propose that the people shall know it."

Mr. Tawney replied that he was not questioning the motives of the gentleman from South Carolina, but he was questioning the language used.

Mr. Lever tried to make it appear that the agricultural committee was unanimously in favor of the bill, but Mr. Haugen, of Iowa, with considerable warmth, replied that he had not voted in favor of the measure and he gave notice that he would vote against it if the bill should ever get before the House.

"You vote against four-fifths of the good propositions that come before this House," hotly replied Mr. Lever.

Mr. Wadsworth made a point of order against the amendment, which was sustained, but not until Mr. Lever had been heard.

To Abolish Pension Agencies.
The House voted to abolish all pension agencies throughout the country, 18 in number, and centralizing the payment of pensions in the city of Washington. This action was taken on the pension appropriation bill after spirited opposition on the part of those having pension agencies in their States.

By a vote of 68 to 114 an amendment offered by Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, restoring the number of agencies to 18 as at present, was defeated, and then an amendment offered by Mr. Gardner, of Michigan, consolidating all the agencies in one was adopted without division.

The pension appropriation bill carrying \$138,000,000 in round numbers was passed.

A message from the President was read relative to insurance, and at 2:30, out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Alger, of Michigan, the House adjourned.

A Brief Session.
The Senate was in session Saturday only for a little more than an hour, the early adjournment being taken to permit attendance on the funeral of the late Senator Alger. A few bills of minor importance were passed, but most of the time of the sitting was devoted to the further discussion of Senator Hale's resolution providing for an inquiry into the personal interest manifested by naval officers in the navy personnel bill. The resolution was ultimately referred to the committee on naval affairs.

The Child Labor Law.
Senator Beveridge occupied the attention of the Senate throughout the day with a continuation of his argument in behalf of his child labor bill. He had but reached the legal and constitutional phases of the question after speaking for more than four hours and he will continue. In taking the position that as to power, Congress could exercise its power to saw fit on inter-State commerce, Mr. Beveridge met a fusillade of questions by his colleagues and his progress in argument was slow. While he said the power to regulate was absolute, he maintained that the question of policy would always restrain any hurtful regulations.

Mr. Beveridge stated that three-fourths of the cotton factories of the South were opposing the bill, that the railroads of the South were opposing it and that the coal mine operators of the South were opposing it. He presented an illustrative map showing the location of the opposing industries, and said that in anticipation of this weighty opposition he should devote the major portion of his speech to setting forth evidence of the deplorable conditions he had pictured. This evidence, he said, was all sworn to and in the form of affidavits.

THAW JURY FILLED

Twelve Men Secured After Much Delay

INSANITY MAY BE THE PLEA

Length and Breadth of the Ground to Be Covered by Mr. Jerome in His Opening Address for the Prosecution Not Disclosed, but a Dramatic Recital is Expected

New York, Special.—The trial of Harry K. Thaw for the killing of Stanford White began last week and promises to run for a great length of time.

There was but a single vacant chair in the Thaw jury box when court adjourned and it is expected that District Attorney Jerome will begin his opening address to a completed jury. Then the defendant, his wife and the members of his family who are able to be in court, will listen to the story of the horrendous tragedy, told in all its dramatic detail and as impressively as possible, with the power of the prosecuting officer to portray it.

The length and breadth of the ground has not been disclosed. Just how far back he will take the history of the principles of the famous case no one but the attorney knows. He has not related the plan of his opening address to any one, though it has been intimated that the direct evidence of the prosecution will be of the most direct possible character, dealing only with the incident leading up to the killing and the story of the tragedy itself as seen by eye-witnesses. One or two witnesses may be heard on the alleged motive for the crime, but remains for the defense to do what testimony which they do with any relations which may have existed between Stanford White and Evelyn Nesbit prior to the slaying of the architect.

A Plea of Insanity.
The manner in which Thaw's attorneys continued to dwell from the subject of insanity in their examination of various witnesses seemed to indicate that a plea of insanity, which would be a defense, will eventually be offered. In developing the claim that Thaw was insane at the time of the crime, such details as they are able to present will influence the sympathy of the men who may be called upon to find him in the so-called lunatic asylum.

There is much speculation as to what course Mr. Jerome will take if Thaw's counsel should offer their plea of temporary insanity. He is prepared to combat their scientists, but there is a possibility that he may bring the proceedings to an abrupt halt and apply for the appointment of a commission to decide whether or not the defendant is insane at the present time. Or he may let the matter be fought out in open court, expert for expert. In that event the trial will drag out to a great length.

Suit Against the Thaws.
New York, Special.—Suit has been begun by Dr. Charles Dana, alienist called into the Thaw case when the defense was in the hands of Wm. K. O'Leary, against Harry Thaw and his mother, for \$1,000 for professional service, which he says he has been unable to collect. Dana's lawyer, who says the services consisted of consultation as an expert for the defense, and an examination of Thaw in the Tombs, will move to have the case called at an early date. Thaw's present lawyers contest the claim.

The Jury Completed.
The Thaw jury was completed at 4:37 p. m., by the acceptance of Bernard Grestman, 36 years old, married, from the jury, however, all talesman not yet examined have been ordered to report in court Monday morning.

The jury, as completed follows:
Folman, Deming B. Smith, 55, retired manufacturer, married.
No. 2, George Pfaff, 34, hardware, married.
No. 3, Charles H. Feicke, 45, shipping agent, married.
No. 4, Oscar A. Pink, 46, salesman, married.
No. 5, Henry C. Harney, 50, pianos, married.
No. 6, Harry C. Brearley, 35, advertising agent, married.
No. 7, Malcolm Fraser, 40, salesman, married.
No. 8, Charles D. Newton, 65, retired railway official, married.
No. 9, Wilbur S. Sisele, 60, manufacturer, married.
No. 10, John S. Dennee, 38, railway freight agent, married.
No. 11, Joseph B. Bolton, 57, clerk, married.
No. 12, Bernard Grestman, 36, manufacturer's agent, married.

Epworth League Meeting.
Bamberg, Special.—The date has been set for the annual meeting of the Epworth League as the second week in April, probably beginning on the 12th and continuing through Sunday, the 14th. The State convention meets at Bamberg this year and committees will be appointed in the near future to make arrangements for the entertainment of this host of young people. Rev. J. C. Roper is stated president. Prof. W. S. Roberts is at the head of the local circle.

Had the Stealing Habit.
Chesterfield, Special.—Isom Campbell, and old anti-bellum darkey from the Zoar section of this township died Saturday night from the effects of a gunshot wound received while in a white neighbor's potato hill. This is quite an interesting case as although highly respected by all the white people, he would steal but was always excused and would have been unharmed this time, but he was mistaken for some one else.

For Civic Beauty.
Summerville, Special.—The civic league of Summerville is the most aggressive organization in town. It has been the moving power that secured several measures for the betterment and beauty of the city among the pines. Friday evening under its auspices, local talent gave a play that consisted largely of old songs. The proceeds went to the clearing of the public school grounds. The ladies deserve the thanks of the whole community for what they have done.

PALMETTO AFFAIRS

Occurrences of Interest From All Over South Carolina

MANY ITEMS OF STATE NEWS

A Bath of Live Paragraphs Covering a Wide Range—What is Going On in Our State.

Charleston Truck Not Hurt by Cold.
Charleston, Special.—The cold weather of the past few days seems not to have done much, if any, damage to the crops of this section. The plants have not generally reached the point where they would be affected, except by very cold weather, and the fall of the temperature of the past few days seems not to have been serious enough to have done much, if any, hurt. On the contrary, it is stated by the truck people that the cold was very acceptable for the purpose of delaying the vegetation and making the crops safer later in the season when they are all above the ground and more liable to be nipped by frost. The warm weather of the winter has been threatening much damage to the truck people in prematurely developing the crops and continued cold weather will prove welcome for some time to come by the truck growers, simply that the maturing of the crops may be deferred.

Losses in Bamberg Fire.
Bamberg, Special.—A fire starting early in the morning destroyed property worth about \$15,000. Origin unknown. It began in the stables of S. Jennings. The Southern depot, Johnson's hotel and the mercantile establishment of J. D. Copeland were saved by hard work. Dr. J. J. Clerk had one horse burned. The losses with insurance are: S. W. Johnson, two out buildings, \$1,000, insurance \$250; J. S. Jennings livery stables and lot of feed \$3,000, insurance \$1,500; M. M. Smoak wheelwright and wagon establishment, \$3,000, insurance \$2,000; G. A. Jennings brick store \$2,000, insurance \$1,400; dispensary stock \$6,000, insurance \$1,400, most of the whiskey was saved; E. L. Price dispenser lost on personal property \$350, no insurance; J. D. Copeland, fertilizer house \$350, insurance \$500; J. J. Smoak livery and wagon establishment, \$3,000, insurance \$2,000, most of the whiskey was saved.

Rewards Aggregate \$1,050.
The reward of Governor Ansel of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who burned the house of Mr. L. E. Phillips on January 29, at Springfield, has been supplemented by a reward of \$700 offered by the town council of Springfield and an additional reward subscribed by private citizens of about \$250, which makes the total amount of rewards about \$1,050, while the citizens who subscribe to the reward fund say their amounts will be doubled if necessary. The several fires that have recently occurred at Springfield point in a measure to the work of an incendiary and in the destruction of the property of Mr. Phillips there can be no doubt that the fire was started by a fiendish hand.

Graniteville Depot Robbed.
Aiken, Special.—On Saturday night some party or parties entered the ticket office in the passenger depot at Graniteville, and robbed it of about \$100. It is supposed that some one with a key entered the place. The porter was suspected and at the request of parties concerned, he was searched by Chief Howard, but only about \$5 was found on him. The negro has keys to the depot, and on Sunday did not appear at the depot to meet the trains as usual, but no direct clue has been found against him.

New Firm For Union.
Union, Special.—Clarke Clothing Company is the name of a new firm that will start in business here March 1. It is composed of Capt. E. L. Clarke, who has been a resident of Union for 12 years, and having been in the clothing business all his life knows it thoroughly; Mr. J. A. Sawyer, a prominent attorney of this bar, and Mr. David C. Clarke, late of Gaffney, who is also familiar with the clothing business.

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Late News In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

The Prussian Diet began its sessions.

A decision was reached on the Panama canal contracts bids.

Debates on the Army Appropriation bill began in the House.

New York's building at the Jamestown exposition will cost \$37,500.

The birthday of Emperor William was celebrated in Berlin with unusual eclat.

R. E. Reynolds, of Chatham, near Danville, was killed in a duel with a policeman.

The total number of persons killed by the earthquake in Jamaica is placed by some persons at 2,000.

Dr. Charles Wilmot Townsend, of Staten Island, who was shot by a masked man, died of his injuries.

Secretary Root praises the Canadians and says he found officials and people of only friendly, but cordial.

Dealers in metal formed an organization and appealed to President Roosevelt to prevent the copper trust.

Rev. Dr. Alexander Gilchrist, secretary of the Home Mission board of the United Presbyterian church, is dead.

An explosion of safety devices, with the view of saving workmen's lives, is to begin Tuesday in New York.

The postal commission recommends an active new system of accounting, weighing and classification in the postal service.

The West Virginia legislature, it is reported, may investigate the mine explosion at Lorentz, in which 12 were killed.

Governor Swettenham, of Jamaica, is said to have placed his resignation into the hands of Lord Elgin, colonial secretary.

More than 30,000 persons took a last look at the body of Senator Alger as it lay in state in the Detroit city hall.

It is now said that the Thaw defense will be neither insanity nor the unwritten law, but that surprises are planned.

Elmer Barton, a mulatto charged with assaulting a white girl at Wrightsville, near York, Pa., narrowly escaped lynching.

Two more Thaw jurors were selected, but it begins to look as though the special panel of 200 talesmen may not be enough.

A young unidentified couple allowed an electric train at Newton Castle, near Camden, N. J., run them down, both being instantly killed.

Mrs. Isabella Beecher Hooker, sister of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher and the last of the children of Rev. Lyman Beecher, died of paralysis.

Quo warranto proceedings were brought by the Attorney-General of Minnesota to vacate the charter of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railroad, a-Hill line.

Rev. Dr. R. H. Bennett, president of Randolph-Macon College, charges that Virginia liquor interests are raising \$30,000 to be used to influence legislation.

The Omaha courts fined a dealer for selling reproductions of printings by Van Dyke, Rubens and Van der Werff, which were declared indecent.

Arguments were heard and decisions reserved by the Appellate division of the New York supreme court in the case of the Mutual Life Insurance Company against former President McCurdy for \$3,370,000.

The Pennsylvania railroad has appointed a chief forester to supervise the planting of seedlings so as to insure a future supply of crossties.

After a conference at the White House, it was officially announced that W. J. Oliver, of Knoxville, Tenn., would be awarded the Panama canal contract if he can furnish two competent partners and a backing of \$5,000,000.

President Roosevelt expects to send a Congress another message containing additional evidence against the discharged negro troops.

The American Institute's gold medal was presented in Washington to Sir Ashton Webb, architect to King Edward VII.

Seventy-two members of the third class of the Virginia Military Institute were sentenced to dismissal for the fireworks display on the roof of the academic building.

HE KNEW POP.
Teacher—Can you tell me anything about the frontier, Tommie?
Tommie—Yes'm. That's where pop sits when he goes to the theatre alone.—Yonkers Statesman.

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