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## BIG FUND TO FIGHT UNIONS

MANUFACTURERS CALLED UPON TO RAISE \$1,500,000.

VAN CLEAVE SUBMITS REPORT

President of Association Says Its Principles Are Founded on Open Shop—Believed Committee Report Will Favor Tariff Revision.

New York, May 22.—The report of the committee on tariff and reciprocity, including the result of a poll of the members as to their views on tariff revision, will be made to the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States today. Much interest centers in what the committee has learned and its report is the subject of much speculation.

While the committee has carefully guarded its findings, it was stated with some show of authority that the poll had found 60 per cent of the 3,000 members of the association in favor of a revision of the Dingley tariff. This practically would be the reverse of the expression elicited by the Home Market club of Boston in a similar canvass.

President Van Cleave, in presenting his annual report, called for a fund of \$1,500,000, to be used in the next three years to combat what he termed industrial oppression. The principles of the association were, he said, founded on the open shop, opposition to the boycott and the dictation of labor unions, and the fund would be required to further these tenets. Subsequently a committee of thirty-five was named to devise means of raising the \$1,500,000.

## JOHN R. HEGEMAN INDICTED

Grand Jury Returns True Bill Against President of Metropolitan Life.

New York, May 22.—The special grand jury which has concerned itself with the conduct of the insurance business in New York county, has concluded its investigation of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, and returned ten indictments against the company's president, John R. Hegeman. Seven of the indictments charge forgery in the third degree, while the other three charge perjury. All are based on what have come to be known as "year end transactions." These consisted of certain changes in the company's books effected just prior to the submission of the annual report to the state insurance department, which, it is alleged, were designed to place the company in a more favorable light than the facts warranted. The grand jury will begin an inquiry into the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance society.

## JURY SECURED IN TEXAS OIL CASE

Evidence Introduced in Ouster Suit Against Waters-Pierce Company.

Austin, Tex., May 22.—A jury was secured in the case of the state of Texas against the Waters-Pierce Oil company, wherein this company is sought to be ousted under the anti-trust laws of the state. As a preliminary movement in the matter of introducing evidence the state had read in regular order the charters of the Standard Oil company of Ohio, as now existing, and the Waters-Pierce Oil company of Missouri of the year 1878. The present charter of the Standard Oil company was then submitted in connection with affidavits from Ida Tarbell. The defense objected to this evidence.

The jury in the case, unlike most juries in civil cases, is being kept in charge of the sheriff and is not allowed to communicate with any one.

## LUMPKIN HELD TO GRAND JURY

Charged With Sending Obscene Matter Through the Mails.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 22.—Former Judge William M. Lumpkin, a lawyer and wealthy citizen of Eldon, was brought here and arraigned before Commissioner Giesbreg on a charge of sending obscene matter through the mails. Judge Lumpkin entered a plea of guilty and was held in the sum of \$500 for the federal grand jury. He was desirous of reforming certain alleged dissolute women of Eldon and wrote them anonymous letters, advising them to change their mode of living and to leave the city. It was charged that some indecent language was used in the letters he wrote and his arrest resulted.

## OIL MISDEEDS BARED

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS.

Built Up Monopoly Through System of "Scandalous Railroad Discriminations" Allowed It and Pipe Lines. Tightening Its Grip for 35 Years.

Washington, May 20.—That the history and present operation of the Standard Oil interests "show throughout the past thirty-five years a substantial monopolization of the petroleum industry of the country, a deliberate destruction of competition and a consequent control of that industry by less than a dozen men, who have reaped enormous profits therefrom," largely through abuse of transportation facilities, is charged in a report just submitted to President Roosevelt by Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith. Part one of the report was made public and other parts will follow. Certain information acquired is withheld for the present, in accordance with instructions of the president, who feels that their publication might interfere with the prosecution of the government's suits pending against the Standard Oil company and its subsidiary companies. The report contains the net results of a study of the petroleum business during the year 1904. It is the first official statement of the operations and methods of the Standard Oil company, by which the report states, through "scandalous railway discriminations" and other unlawful devices they have secured and maintained an "exclusive domination of the petroleum industry."

It is stated that in 1904 the Standard and affiliated concerns "refined over 85 per cent of the crude oil run through refineries, produced more than 86 per cent of the country's total output of illuminating oil, and transported through pipe lines nearly nine-tenths of the crude oil of the older fields and 98 per cent of the crude oil of the mid-continent field."

The report points out the monopoly enjoyed by the company does not rest on the ownership of the source of the oil supply, which amounts to about only one-sixth of the total, but "that its growth and present power rests primarily on the control of the transportation facilities."

"After the railroad rebate was abandoned, the company," the report continues, "was able to establish a system of secret, or open discriminations of rates in its favor throughout practically the entire country. Having established its monopoly of the pipe line business, the company substantially refuses to act as a common carrier."

It is shown that the Standard controls not only the wholesale, but also the retail trade in oil. In conclusion, the report says it is apparent that the dominating position of the Standard Oil company in the oil industry has largely been secured by the abuse of transportation facilities, first, by flagrant discriminations obtained from railroads; second, by a refusal to operate its pipe line system so as to extend to independent interests the benefits to which they were both morally and legally entitled, while at the same time the Standard has prevented such independent interests from constructing lines of their own.

## EDWIN H. CONGER IS DEAD.

Former Minister to China Dies at His Home in Pasadena.

Pasadena, Cal., May 20.—E. H. Conger, former minister to China, died at his home here.

No hope for his recovery had been held out by the attending physicians for the last twenty-four hours. Daily for a week past Mr. Conger has grown weaker. The family was at the bedside when the end came. Chronic dysentery was the direct cause of death.

## LaFollette on Bear Hunt.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., May 20.—Senator Robert LaFollette of Wisconsin is here and will start on a bear hunt in the Muddy district today, with Jake Borah as guide. The Muddy is the famous bear country, into which Borah had intended to take President Roosevelt two years ago, but at the time the snow was too deep and the bears were still in their winter sleep. The senator will hunt about ten days.

## Telegraph Merger.

New York, May 20.—In significant absence even of an equivocal denial from either of the two companies involved, the report made public that the Western Union Telegraph company and the Postal Telegraph company had entered into a working agreement is generally accepted in commercial and financial circles as true.

## Demonstration at Perpignan.

Perpignan, France, May 20.—A giant demonstration, in which 180,000 persons took part, was held here for the purpose of urging the government to remedy the distress caused by the over-production of wines and the extensive sale of wines manufactured from grape refuse and sugar.

## Burlington Train Is Wrecked.

Bertrand, Neb., May 18.—An east-

bound passenger on the Burlington road jumped the track between Maywood and Curtis, seriously injuring Conductor Grissich and shaking up the passengers. The wreck is believed to have been due to bad track.

## Twenty Injured in Wreck.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., May 17.—Spreading rails wrecked the fast mail on the Rutland railroad four miles east of here and twenty persons were injured, six seriously.

## RUEF BEFORE GRAND JURY

Parkside Corporation Paid \$30,000 to Secure Street Railway Franchise.

San Francisco, May 18.—Abraham Ruef, in his second appearance before the grand jury, testified regarding the Parkside Traction company deal, by which, according to the line of attack laid down by the prosecution, the directorate of the Parkside corporation paid to Ruef the sum of \$30,000 to secure a street railway franchise to enhance enormously the value of the lots composing the Parkside real estate tract. The information in the possession of the prosecution is that of this sum \$1,000 was to be paid to each of the eighteen supervisors for voting the franchise, and that the remainder, \$29,000, was to be shared evenly by Ruef and Schmitz.

Among the directors and stockholders of the Parkside Traction company were W. H. Crocker, one of the foremost capitalists of San Francisco; Charles E. Green, manager of the vast Crocker estate; G. H. Umbren, a wealthy real estate man; Douglas Watson, the same; F. W. Tillman, a wholesale grocer; Wellington Gregg, an officer of the Crocker-Woolworth bank, and Joseph Green, capitalist, who was president of the corporation. All of these men were called before the grand jury.

Mayor Schmitz issued a statement saying that he had not resigned and had no intention of doing so. "As for Ruef's charges," he said, "I will say he has never paid me any bribe money and he knows it. If he says he paid bribe money to me he simply lies."

## METROPOLIS HONORS KUROKI

New Yorkers Entertain Japan's War Hero at Banquet.

New York, May 18.—The entertainment of the Japanese army and navy officers in New York reached its climax last night in a banquet in the grand ball room of the Hotel Astor, given by prominent citizens. The guests of honor were Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador to the United States; General Baron Kuroki and Vice Admiral Ijima of the Japanese navy. Included with them were the members of General Kuroki's party and officers of the Japanese cruisers Tsukuba and Chitose. Admiral George Dewey presided. There were a number of speakers at the banquet, including Oscar S. Strauss, secretary of commerce and labor, who represented the federal government.

This morning General Kuroki and his party are the guests of General Grant at Governor's island, the headquarters of the Department of the East, and, in addition to the island, will be shown such portion of the harbor defenses as the government feels at liberty to show.

## SHOT DOWN BY COSSACKS

Innocent Mill Hands Slain in Retaliation for Terrorist Attack.

Lodz, Russian Poland, May 18.—Sixty-eight officials and workmen of Kuttner's spinning mills were shot down by a patrol of Cossacks, because a band of terrorists attacked a mail wagon in the neighborhood, killing a Cossack and two postoffice officials. While the wagon was passing through Lonkova street the terrorists suddenly appeared from a side street, opened fire on the Cossack escort, seized \$1,000 from the wagon and escaped.

A moment later a patrol of Cossacks arrived on the scene and, infuriated by the fate of their comrades, rushed into the Kuttner factory, which was near the spot where the robbery occurred, and began firing indiscriminately, killing twenty-one and wounding forty-seven persons.

The greatest indignation prevails here, as it is claimed that the employes of the factory had nothing to do with the attack on the mail wagon.

## TWO PLOTS AGAINST CZAR

Contradictory Reports of Mysterious Doings at Palace.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—The failure of the government to issue a statement of the facts in the matter of the plot on the life of Emperor Nicholas, which came to light at Tsarskoe Selo two days ago, coupled with the ambiguous attitude of certain high officials, has served to increase the confusion of the public and given rise to a persistent expression of the theory that the government has to deal with a reactionary plot against the emperor, which contemplated the proclamation of a regency or dictatorship.

The constitutional democratic leaders avow that they are completely perplexed by the contradictory reports of the mysterious doings at the palace, and they are inclined to give precedence to the theory that the dis-

covery of a revolutionary plot at Tsarskoe Selo led to the supplementary discovery of a second and totally different conspiracy, in which the extreme reactionaries are involved.

## Governor of Hawaii Arrives.

San Francisco, May 18.—Governor Carter of Hawaii arrived here on the steamer Sierra. He will remain in the United States several weeks and will visit President Roosevelt at Washington. It is said he will endeavor to interest Andrew Carnegie in the establishment of a public library at Honolulu.

## Motor Car Racer Is Killed.

Dieppe, France, May 18.—Albert Clement, son of the well known automobile builder, was killed instantly during a run in preparation for the Auto club's grand prize, which is to be competed for July 2. Clement was thrown out of his automobile at a slight turn and sustained a fracture of the skull.

## TURKS CAPTURE STRONGHOLD

Bulgarians Lost Fifty Men and Good Position—Turks Kill Prisoners.

Berlin, May 22.—A dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Salonica, European Turkey, says that a detachment of Turkish troops succeeded in capturing the stronghold of the Bulgarian bands in the Yenidje lake region. The Bulgarians lost fifty men, due, it is alleged, to the fact that the Turks killed their prisoners. The Turkish loss was seven men killed. The Bulgarians are threatening to destroy all the Greek and Turkish villages in the Yenidje district.

## FIND SEEDS OF REVOLUTION.

Eight Thousand Rifles and Much Ammunition Seized at Tien Tsin.

Tien Tsin, China, May 22.—Eight thousand rifles, 300,000 rounds of ammunition and 8,000 bayonets intended for revolutionary purposes have been seized here by the imperial customs authorities. The shipment was imported by a European firm in conjunction with Chinese merchants. The greatest sensation has been caused in the native portion of the city by the seizure.

## Minister Gamboa Leaves Guatemala.

Mexico City, May 22.—According to advices received by the state department, Minister Gamboa left Guatemala City and boarded the gunboat Tampico, in the harbor of San Jose de Guatemala. A large party of friends accompanied him from the capital to the point of embarkation. The minister will arrive at the Salvadorean capital this afternoon.

## Revolution in Salvador.

New Orleans, May 22.—A cablegram from President Zelaya of Nicaragua stating that a revolution broke out in Salvador was received here by the Nicaraguan consul. The cable says that Prindence Alfara leads the revolution.

## Pat Crowe on Trial Again.

Council Bluffs, May 22.—Pat Crowe is on trial in the district court, charged with holding up and robbing the crews of two street cars at the east end of the bridge on the night of Sunday, July 2, 1905.

## CREIGH ELECTED COMMANDER.

Omaha Man Will Be at Head of Grand Army Forces for Year.

Fremont, Neb., May 18.—The Grand Army of the Republic elected the following officers: Department commander, T. A. Creigh of Omaha; senior vice commander, Eoi A. Barnes of Grand Island; junior vice commander, E. E. Lyle of Wahoo; medical director, S. B. Luttrell of Brock; chaplain, Rev. John Smith of Nebraska City.

The following officers of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were elected: President, Kate I. Dutton of McCook; senior vice commander, Lou Holcomb of Loup City; junior vice commander, Amanda B. Ross of Lincoln; chaplain, Mrs. J. F. Burns of Scribner; treasurer, Clara Lyons of Omaha.

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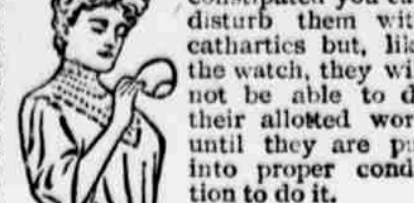
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