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OIL TRUST BARRED

MISSOURI SUPREME COURT REN-DERS SWEEPING OPINION.

Waters-Pierce Co. May Continue in Business If by January 15 It Has Taken Steps to Operate as an Independent and Paid \$50,000 Fine.

Declaring that the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the Republic Oil Company of Ohio and the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of Missouri, had conspired and combined to monopolize the oil business in that state, the supreme court of Missouri Wednesday issued a decree ousting all three from the commonwealth and fining them \$50,000 each.

The decree against the Waters-Pierce company is tempered by the proviso that it may continue in business if by January 15, 1909, it can show to the court that it has taken steps to operate as an independent concern and has satisfied the judgment against it. The other companies are given until March 1, 1909, to wind up their affairs in the state.

The Republic Oil company, according to a statement filed with the secretary of state last June, has ceased to do business in Missouri, having sold its interests March 1, 1907.

The decision, which was unanimous on the part of the seven judges, is so sweeping that Attorney General Hadley and Gov. Folk hall it as the end of the illegal commercial combinations in Missouri, and the former asserts that, in conjunction with the decision of the supreme court of the United States in the tobacco trust case, it will affect similar suits in other

Attorney General Hadley, who has prosecuted the Missouri case since its inception in March, 1905, will become governor in less than a month, and then will be charged with the enforcement of the decree issued Wednesday The attorney general followed up the promulgation by the court with a statement in which he asserted that attempts had been made to compromise the suit.

MANY HURT IN A RIOT.

Factions in Church Have a Serious Clash Near Pittsburg.

gregation in Homestead, a suburb of Pittsburg, Tuesday night engaged in a riot in which four persons were seriously hurt and several hundred Slavs were slightly injured. Twenty-five of the participants have been arrested and are in jail and warrants are being prepared for many other participants in the melee. After the Homestead riot had been quelled the rioters went to Municipal hall, where they destroy ed the interior of St. Michael's Slavonic parochial school, home of the new priest, Rev. M. C. Flagensky, whose life they vainly sought. The trouble was over the removal of furniture from St. Michael's Slavonic Roman Catholic church to the parochial school at Municipal hall, a nearby borough,

LABOR CHIEFS FOUND GUILTY.

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison Are Sentenced.

The famous contempt cases of the Buck Stove and Range company against President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, was decided Wednesday by Justice Wright, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, adversely to the federation officials. Gompers was sentences to twelve months' imprisonment, Mitchell to nine months and Morrison to six months. The case grew out of the alleged boycott of the company's products and the putting of that company on the unfair list, and the federation's alleged violation of Judge Gould's recent mandamus, and has attracted wide attention.

Consumption Death Rate High. According to a bulletin by the state in Illinois during the first half of the present year, 3,786 were from tuberculosis. From only one other cause were there more deaths, 4,117 from pneumonia. The rate of death is 11.19 per cent of each 1,000 of population

Alderman "Bathhouse John" Cough in, accused of assaulting Lyman Atwell, a newspaper photographer the

night of the First ward democratic ball, was found not guilty Wednesday at Chicago by a jury. Sioux City Live Stock Market. Wednesday's quotations on the

Sloux City live stock market follow: Top beeves, \$.65. Top hogs, \$5.55. Baby Fell Five Stories,

After falling five stories down an elevator shaft and alighting on a cement floor, the 2-year-old baby of Cash Michum, a railroad agent, of St. Joseph, Wednesday, escaped with nothing more than a few scratches.

Five Injured in Wreck. A local passenger train on the Chi cago and Eastern Illinois railway collided with a freight train at Chaffe. Mo., Wednesday night. Five persons GOMEZ NOW RULER.

Establihees a New Government in Herald Square Building is Damaged by Venezuela.

government in Venezuela. He has replaced the old ministry with a new body of men who represent various in the country's political history. Not only has Jose de Jesus Paul been displaced from the counsels of the nation, but Dr. Haldo, who is now traveling in Castro's suite, also has been remyoed from his official position as minister of education. Gen. Diego Ferren, the minister of war, has been superseded by Gen. Redulo Olivares, who took a prominent part in crushing the revolutionists six years ago.

Secret advices from Caracas, where the strictest conscript is being observed, indicate that the whole of Venezuela has been in a ferment ever since President Castro sailed, and that the crisis was reached a few days ago when it became necessary for Acting President Gomez to take decisive

The revolutionary factions played a prominent part in the demonstrations against the absent president. These were temporarily checked by a show of force, and later the revolutionary influence that threatened to sweep the country was overcome in a measure by promises that could not be held

Aquiles Strube has been appointed governor of Caracus by Acting President Gomez.

AID FOR THE INAUGURATION.

About \$63,000 Already Subscribed for the Ceromnies. The Washington, D. C., newspapers

from day to day are printing the names of the patriotic contributors to the inauguration fund. Monday they reported \$63,000 pledged. By March 4 they hope the fund will exceed \$100,-600, which will permit the city to break all records for inauguration

Incidentally it may be added that all the gifts are not pure charity. It is believed that a modicum of the bread now cast upon the waters will return in the revenues of the first week in March.

DOCTOR PLAYS MARTYR.

Former Sloux Cityan Himself.

dist hospital at Philadelphia, has inoculated himself, an assistant physician and two women nurses with antityphoid serum as an experiment, the first of the kind to be made in this country.

Dr. Shoemaker has just announced that the reactions in all four cases were satisfactory, the fever and pain lasting four days. The city authorities have great hopes of warding off by general vaccination, as is done if case of yellow fever.

Beat His Wife to Death.

Chas. Holmes, a railway clerk, was arrested Monday at Chicago charged with beating his wife to death. A young son of the couple says Holmes old his wife not to answer a telephone call. When she insisted on doing so his father beat her with his fists. She fell against a window sill, fractured her skull and died.

Mothers Awful Crime.

The American wife of George Ah-Wong, a Chinese restauranter, said to be the daughter of reputable Chicago parents, early Monday at Plano, Ill., gave her four children wood alcohol and stabbed one little girl to death. After drinking some of the poison the woman threw herself under a train.

Thaw Not to Get Onting

Harry K. Thaw, now confined in the state hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan, N. Y., cannot be taken to Pittsburg to testify in the bankruptcy proceedings, according to a decision handed down by the United States court of appeals.

Root Signs Another Treaty.

Secretary Root Monday signed a treaty with Minister Mejia, of Salvador, providing for the arbitration of disputed questions which may arise with that country. It follows the line of similar conventions negotiated with various countries.

Jury Unable to Agree.

The jury in the case of the state against James H. Parrish, of Owensboro, Ky., a banker, charged with receiving deposits when his bank, the Owensboro Savings Bank and Trust company, was insolvent, Monday disagreed and was discharged.

Big Christmas Mail.

More than 1,000,000 letters and parsels, aggregating in weight 250 tons. passed through the Chicago postoffice Monday.

Works of Art Are Costly. Mrs. Emily Crane Charbourne Monlay at Chicago, obtained possession of the art treasures seized last summer by the government by paying into court \$82,411. in addition to the \$70,-409 previously paid by her for duties and penalties on the property. The goods, which were originally the property of Mrs. "Jack" Gardner, of Boston, were imported by Mrs. Chadvaluation of \$8,000,

FIRE RUINS THEATER.

Flames,

Vice President J. Vicente Gomez, to whom Gen. G. Cipdiano Castro handed over the presidency on his departure for Europe, has established a new ten minutes before the close of the performance of "The Three Twins," and before it was brought under control had done considerable damage to factions in the state, and who have the building and had driven the actor figured prominently in various ways and chorus into the streets in their scant costumes and had caused considerable commotion among the crowds on Broadway. There was no panic, and no one was Injured, the audience remaining in ignorance of the fire until most of them had passed into the streets. The fire caught from an electric sign on the front of the theater building and spread to the executive offices, which are opposite the second gallery of the auditorium.

It was just ten minutes before the time of the performance to end when two women came down from the second gallery and reported to the theater attaches that there was smoke in the upper part of the building. Treasurer Lyon quickly went behind the curtain and explained the situation to the actors and told them to cut the play short. This was done and the curtain was lowered without any announcement to the audience. The big crowd shuffled slowly out, not knowing that a fire was being fought in the upper gallery. Most of them soon reached the streets, but some remained behind, waiting for their wraps to be taken from the coat rooms. As the flames began to gain headway the alarm spread among the actors and chorus, and many of the young women left the building by the stage entrance and went out into the storm without giving thought to their scant and unconventional attire. With the temperature hovering around the 20s and a flerce wind driving the falling snow into their faces the chorus girls beat a borough hotel, where they were made

comfortable. An alarm quickly brought the fire departments, and water was turned upon the flames. About \$60,000 damage had been done to the front part of the theater building and to the gallery of the auditorium. A saloon and cigar store next door were practically

BIG SCANDALL IN PITTSBURG.

Jrafting in High Places Has Been Un

covered. Following the sensational arrests at Pittsburg, Pa., Monday night of seven councilmen and two bankers or charges of alleged corruption in conducting the public affairs of that city. it was intimated Tuesday that even more startling developments will transpire at an early date. Meantime the people of Pittsburg are surprised almost beyond description at the sudto the best information obtainable it is possible the municipal scandal of San Francisco will be insignificant when compared to the alleged grafting here.

The arrests made were at the in stance of the Voters' league, a civic reform organization.

Alleged facts in establishing deposi tories for the funds of the city were enumerated in the complaints, and it is said a number of persons occupying official positions in local banks will shortly be arrested.

RICCI IS ELECTROCUTED.

the Body by Dr. Scannell. Giacinto Ricci was electrocuted at the New Jersey state prison Tuesday. The electrocution took place a few minutes before 11 o'clock. The much talked of test to resuscitate the electrocuted man was not attempted. County Physician Scannell, who had threatened to make the test, was not present and made no demand for the body. Dr. Scannell evidently abandoned the proposed test when Head Keeper Osborne of the state prison was advised by the attorney general that the county physician had no rights or duties in the premises. Ricci was convicted of assault and murder of a 3-year-old girl.

Stork is to Visit Queen. It was officially announced Tues day in the chamber of deputies that Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, was in an interesting condition. The statement was greeted with joyful "bravos" from practically the entire house. The event is expected early in the spring. Several times the hopes of the people that Wilhelmina would give birth to

an heir have been dashed to pieces.

Dr. Taft is Missing. Dr. Frederick D. Taft, third cousin of President-elect Taft, is reported missing from his home in Berkeley, Cal., with his cousin, Walter J. Wat The two men went to Bouldin island to hunt ducks Wednesday night with the intention of returning Sun-

Six earthquake shocks within the course of twenty-four hours threw the people of Virginia City, Mont., into a

panic Tuesday, causing them to rush

orth into the street.

Panama Canal Opening. The Panama canal will be opened January 1, 1915, according to the an official communication received Monday by the California promotion com-

mittee from Joseph Buckline Bishop.

Elbert Hubbard Injured Elbert Hubbard, author and lectur er, was seriously injured by being hit bourne as household goods under a by a falling tree in the woods near his colony at East Aurora.

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STATE NEWS

BOGUS GAMES LAWS. Advertising Grafter Trimming Country

sterellants. Merchany out in some of the small towns of the state are patronizing a traveling advertising man, instead of their local newspapers, and consequently are liable to get innocent par-ties into trouble. The scheme being worked is to print on a card the game laws for 1908-09 and sell advertising space on the cards to the merchants. Copies of the card have been received by Came Wardet Carter, who denounced the wan who is doing the business as a saighty bad man. Here

is we'll Mr. Carter said: There are no game laws for 1908-The legislature which is shortly to meet may change all of the game laws on the statute books. The circulation of these cards might get innocent parties into trouble because they might think they are really the game laws of the state. The man who got up the advertising scheme did not even use the present game laws. I have written to several parties who have sent me cards and told they are all wrong insofar as they relate to the came laws." Mr. Carter received some of the cards from Fairbury and they contained advertising from merchants of that town.

LINCOLN'S CITY CHARTER.

Thinks Commission Have Pay. Mayor Brown, of Lincoln, who has just recently returned home from an thence of several weeks at Excelsior Springs, where he went to rest up after election, has begun to look into the matter of the city government by commission. Mayor Brown is opposed to hasty retreat for cover at the Mari-borough hotel, where they were made serve without pay. He believes such While the making of the charter has gone on in the absence of the death. mayor and with little advice or suggestion from him, the people here now realize that it is time his honor was being consulted. Therefore a number of leading citizens have dropped into velvers forced him to submit to their his office during the last few days to get his advice.

BURGLARS ARE TAKEN.

Two Men Accused of Stealing Ostrich

Detective James Malone, of Lincoln, arrived in Sioux City, Ia., from Des Moines with requisition papers for Mauve and C. W. Silvers. These men were arrested about a week ago by Sloux City detectives and in their room were found several ostrich plumes and furs. A. H. Whiteworth, manager for Miller & Paine, at Lincoln, and Mrs. Compton, one of the day and identified two sable muffs and most of the plumes as property which had been stolen from the store about four weeks ago. Omaha police believe hat these men are guilty of burglaries in that city.

HIT BY THE MILLERS.

The South Platte division of the Nebraska Millers' association in an animated meeting at Lincoln Tuesday atternoon discussed plans for appealing to the federal court for relief from Seretary Wilson's order against bleached the dying man after he had shot him flour. The millers asserted the ukase would cause the Nebraska millers heavy loss and would ruin the industry in the state. They accused Wilson of gratifying a private grudge. courts. The millers also framed an emphatic protest against the increas in freight rates asked for the Nebras-

Samuel Wymore, founder of the town of Wymore, died Monday morning at his home near that place from stroke of paralysis which he suffered in Gage county for forty-five years and at one time owned the land on which Blue Springs and Wymore are situated. He was 73 years of age.

The First National bank of Shelby will erect a two-story brick building business twenty-three years, did not borrow or discount any of its notes during the three years of hard times from crop fallure, and was on a full their household goods, eash payment basis during the recent bank panic.

Convict Returns to Prison Com let Russell, who has been out on parole for some months, turned up at the penitentiary at Lincoln bright and smiling and asked to be taken back. He wanted to get in on that Christmas dinner. He has been paroled to a man out in Frontier county but the cold weather drove him back

No Pardon for Clements. that Fred W. Clements, of Sarpy county should serve out the remained rof a sixteen-year term for murder. was convicted of killing Luke Golden in the outskirts of South Omaba about two years ago.

urday afternoon at Shelby to

\$8,000 for a new school building Four thousand dollars has been accumulat-

ed in four years by taxation, which

Robber Promptly Captured. The store of J. L. Hopper at Gibbon was robbed of money and goods. The robber was caught at Minden by Walter Sammons, of Kearney. He acknowledged the theft and told where Vote Bonds for School. A school bond election was held Sat

> Death of Valentine Boy. Ross Pettycrew, of Valentine, a boy 16 years of age. it is thought, was caused from a couple of falls he had

KING CORN ABSOLUTE.

National Exposition Comes to Close in Positive Triumph. These are the figures which show that the first National Corn exposition neld in Omaha, which closed at 11 o'clock Saturday evening, is an unjuestioned success when held at the ogical point, and make Omaha, the

home of the corn show," an international attraction: Attendance, 105,661.

Grain and grass exhibits; 7,773 . Farm implement exhibits, 1,028, Ears of corn sold at auction, 43,000. Amount distributed in premiums, Special premiums and medals, 4,400. Agricultural colleges represented,

nce lectures, 231.

Foreign countries which had visit ng delegations: Mexico, Canada, Hun-England, China, Cuba, Philippine islands and Germany, Knowledge of plant life which has been buried in the libraries; stern facts known only to science; lessons of the students and scholars of ages have been taken down from the musty

Regular attendance domestic sci-

nocks, planted in the soil as it were of future generations. Silent nature; invisible forces which work constantly to help man, have been revealed to more than 100,000 people. School children and busy men; experts in the many lines far removed from the farm, the indifferent and the interested, have alike seen in graphic form, the progress which has been made in the handling of the earth given to mankind for an ever-

lasting resource. Without any boasting the business men of Omaha have caused almos the whole civilized world to stop and see what nature has for the people of the earth; brought thousands to realization of the resources which have been wasted and the opportunity which knocked at the door of every

ANOTHER BANK IS ROBBED.

cultivator of the soil.

Cracksmen Get Three Thousand Dol lars from Safe in Cresco. Three bank robbers at 1:30 a, m. Sunday blew the safe of the State a commission will not attend to the Bank of Cresco and stole \$3,000. They duties of the city government and made their escape in a stolen rig that business men should not be asked to they abandoned later in the morning give their time to the city for nothing, a mile west of Ashland, where the horses were found nearly driven to

James Hoyle, a young man, was going home at the hour of the robbery. When he passed the bank the men confronted him and at the point of rewishes. They pried open the door of the bank and taking him inside blindfolded him and tied him to a chair. after which they blew the safe. The interior of the bank building was not badly wrecked, but the vault and safe were shattered by the force of the ex

When the robbers left they saw to i that Boyle was safely tied and gagged and the robbery therefore was not discovered until the officials reached the make their getaway.

CASHIER COMMITS SUICIDE.

Railroad Man Kills Himself at Home

Union Pacific railroad at South Omaha, committed suicide some time Sat urday afternoon by firing a bullet through his brain. The body was not discovered until after midnight, when J. R. Westover, a close friend of Kelley's, went to present him with an Elks' pin, the dead man having joined Attack Secretary Wilson's Bleached that order Friday night. Westover found Kelley's body lying across the bed with a bullet in his brain. A second bullet had been fired from the weapon and went through the bed clothing. It is believed to have been discharged by the twitching thumb of

> The suicide is considered most markable, and beyond a letter left for his wife, who, with her children, City, no reason is given for the deed. FARMER SAVES FAMILY.

Without Clothing The one-story frame dwelling on the Pella farm, four miles northwest of Morris, was burned Monday morning together with the contents. Mr. Morris had difficulty in saving the lives of his Saturday. Mr. Wymore had resided wife and five children after he discovcred the house to be afire. The fire started from a flue and the whole roof rooms when the struggles of a choking infant awoke Mrs. Morris. Mr Morris grabbed the children one by one threw them out of the window and then took them to the barn, where they were kept warm until neighbori brought them clothing. The Morris family are renters and did not save a thing. They had no insurance or

> Believing that a decision of the su preme court in a local election con lats of Hastings contemplate beginning quo warranto proceedings to Mayor Miles and set U. S. Rohrer. who led the prohibtion fight spring. No election was called for mayor, but Mr. Rohrer was given sev-

Freight Trains Collide. Two freight trains on the Missouri Nebraska City, wrecking the caboos two cars and an engine. It was a rear end collision, caused by the air not working on the rear train. The pas sengers and crew in the caboose barely escaped being crushed to death, being warned by a passerby.

Judge Raper adjourned distric ourt at Fairbury after sentencing to the penitentlary Frank Williams for four years, Joseph Bushnell for four years. Joseph Williams for eighteen

The blennial report of State Auditor Scarle, now being printed, will show that from December 30, 1906, to December 30, 1908, there were registered in the auditor's office, bonds of all kinds amounting to \$2,301,686.65. Of CITES THE STANDARD FINE. this amount \$75,000 was issued by counties, \$9,000 by precincts, \$886, 500 by cities and villages and \$1,331, 186.65 by school districts. While this large amount represents an Indebtedness against the municipalities and school districts, it does not necessarily follow that it has all been contracted within the time stated, as a goodly amount of it is refunding bonds, is-sued to take the place of other bonds voted years ago, which have matured and have not been paid. From the school districts of many of the western and northern counties of the state many issues of bonds have been registered in order to provide school buildings in districts where none have ever before been crected.

Lancaster county promises to supply the coming legislature with enough freak bills or bills to that order, to keep the session busy. As a hint of what is to come from this county, the newspapers are publishing interviews with one of the members. This representative-elect has announced that he has under course of construction a bill making Saturday afternoon a legal holiday. While this part may not be so freakish as it appears at first blush, his reason for the passage of such a bill is that it will compel more people to attend church on Sunday. He is of the opinion that if all clerks and working people have Saturday afternoon off, and no legal business can be transacted on that afternoon, these people will be in a frame of mind to better appreciate Sunday and will attend church.

In bulletin No. 14, which he has just received from the printers Deputy Labor Commissioner Ryder has table showing the amount of farm and city mortgages filed and released during 1907 and 1908 and of interest paid. In 1907 there were 16,658 mortgages filed involving capital to the amount of \$36,432,073.26; there were released tion is recognized by the undoubted 17,990 involving \$126,357,391.56. In the same year there were filed city thority as a walver of his rights in mortgages to the number of 12,436, involving a capital of \$13,258,930.57; there were released 11,014 involving a capital of \$9,887,902.36. The rate on torney General recommends guilty perthe city mortgages was from 6 to 10 sons may escape from just punishment 5 to 10 per cent.

Deputy Attorney General Grant Martin has received a number of letters from out in the state congratulating him on his opinion regarding the sale of short weight lard. Because the lard is sold in tin cans the merchants held it was exempt from the provisions of the pure food law, relating to the branding of weight. The food commissioner, J. W. Johnson, has p und cans of lard are short about 20 such commerce, has been to investigate per cent, and, as a result, he has carefully all complaints submitted to it, ordered prosecutions begun in a num- whether by public authorities or by reber of localities against the local mer-

The money made by prisoners in the state penitentiary for overtime has reached such proportions that warden who has it in charge does a big business with more depositors than most banks of ordinary capital. The biennial report of Warden Beeme shows that during the biennium \$56, 000 was deposited, an increase of \$22,000 over the previous two years The sum represents 12,000 deposits The convicts make this money by working overtime in the broom factory and receive it from various sources.

Thomas L. Hisgen, late candidate for president on the Independence league ticket, is going to ask the legislature of Massachusetts to enact one of Nebraska's laws. Mr. Hisgen has written Secretary of State Junkin for a copy of the law enacted last winter which prohibits the selling of any commodity at a different price in one being considered. Mr. Hisgen said he desired to have the bill before the Massachusetts legislature, which meets January 1.

Tag day and the Salvation army and the Volunteers of America have collided in their efforts to help the poor and needy in Lincoln, and as a result a fight is on not unlike that which we pulled off in Omaha some years ago where two different societies or per sons wanted the exclusive privilege praying in the city and county jail.

Senator Brown Tuesday filed a copy of the resolutions of the last republican state convention in Nebraska dealing with the irrigation problems of western Nebraska, urging a further service.

The supreme court judges have de-

cided to retain the present supreme court commissioners, four in number, calendar, encumbered with 600 cases will be cleared for the first time in the history of the state. Lawson G. Brian, Nebraska's state

reasurer, has another one on his Christmas list. Mrs. Brian Tuesday presented him with a girl baby, the fourth in the hous, of Brian, and of children the eighth. Representative-elect Sid Botts Ord, came to Lincoln Wednesday and

selected his seat in the next house and incidentally ran into an old college chum. He and Secretary of State Junkin were boys together over in Red months, all having pleaded guilty to breaking into the Hablish store at ago and their meeting was in keepbiller.

Oak, Ia., some thousand or less years ago and their meeting was in keeping with that of long-lost brothers separated for that length of time. Governor Sheldon is almost covered

up in the work of listening to applica-

tions for executive clemency and other

BONAPARTE ASKS FDR MORE LEGAL POWER

Attorney-General Says It Is Needed in Prosecution of Rich Defendants.

That Case, He Thinks, Shows the Necessity of a Change in the Present Statutes.

That the United States should have the right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States as a matter

of right, wheneven

a conviction is re-

versed on appeal by

the defendant to a

Circuit Court of

Appeals, is the

opinion expressed

by Attorney Gen-

eral Bonaparte in

his annual report

for the fiscal year

ending June 30,



G. J. BONAPARTE. 1908, submitted to Congress. In this connection he cites the case of the reversal of the Standard Oil fine of more than \$29,000,000, in which an application for a writ of certiorari has been made to the Supreme

He holds that an amendment of the present laws would be appropriate in the case of all criminal proceedings, but suggests that it would be especially so in connection with prosecutions where the wealth of the defendant usually renders an appeal on his or its part from any adverse judgment a matter

of course. The Attorney General's opinion is that in such cases there is no question of double jeopardy, as the appeal of the defendant from the original convicthority as a waiver of his rights in ler the law as finally determined by

the court of last resort. He declares that the consistent policy of the Department of Justice during the year in enforcing the statutes intended to protect the interstate and foreign commerce of the country from evils arising through combinations in restraint of trade and attempts to create monopoly, as well as discriminations and other illegal practices on the part of common carriers engaged in sponsible private citizens, and to authorize proceedings, whether civil or criminal, only when such investigation has shown the complaints to be serious and well founded and that success

might be reasonably expected. Mr. Bonaparte reports that this policy was attended during the year by a fair measure of success in the proceedings authorized and that as a conse quence of decisions already obtained or expected soon the statutes dealing with such cases will soon be interpreted so authoritatively that those seeking to comply with the law will be relieved from all uncertainty as to what the law really is. He says that serious obstacles have been encountered in enforcing the statutes and that these may be with advantage readily removed by further legislation.

"The United States has had occasion of late years, and will probably have occasion in future," he declared, "to prosecute criminally many corporations or other artificial persons. As such offenders cannot be physically arrested, it is obviously desired that a simple and convenient form of process shall be

prescribed by law to have the legal effect of an actual arrest and removal to the trial district as in the case of a natural person."

COUPLE MURDERED IN SLEEP. Assassin Hacks Faces of Man and Wife with Hatchet. Wicentz Florezik and his wife were

murdered by an assassin at their residence, 132 Bird street, Wilmington, Del. Their bodies were found by Alexander Flerczik, brother of the murdered man, and a lodger at the house, who is detained at police headquarters. Alexander told the police that when he went home about 11 o'clock at night he was unable to gain admittance, and spent the night with an uncle. He went to the house about 0 o'clock in the morning and found the bedies. He said the two children, a girl 2 years old and a 2-months-old baby, had not been molested. The haby lay in a crib between the beds occupied by the parents. Both of the victims had been hacked in the face with a hatchet which was found on the man's bed. The murder is thought to have been committed for revenge. Florczik was 38, and his wife 24 years old. The prisoner is 18.

BRIBE PUTS OFFICIAL IN CELL

Former Member of City Board Sen Fred Lied, formerly member of the Columbus board of control, was sentenced to feur years in the Ohlo penitentiary for accepting a bribe from Nelson Canpon, representative of the Trinidad Paving Company of Cleveland, in connection with East Broad street paving. Fred Immel, another former member of the board of control, is serving a term in the penitentiary.