

## ROGERS FACES COURT

**MUST SHOW CAUSE WHY HE DOES NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS.**

**Ordered to Appear in New York Supreme Court Today—Standard's Connection With Waters-Pierce and Republic Concerns Mooted Question**

New York, Jan. 10.—The question whether Henry H. Rogers can be compelled to tell Attorney General Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri whether the Standard Oil company of New Jersey owns or controls three oil companies which are selling oil in Missouri as separate companies, was placed before the supreme court of New York state today. All the important questions which Mr. Rogers has declined to answer by advice of counsel in the last three days of the hearing in this city were presented to the supreme court by counsel acting in behalf of Attorney General Hadley, and the court was asked to order Mr. Rogers to show cause why he should not answer them. The court issued the order and it was served on William V. Rowe, counsel for Mr. Rogers. Mr. Hadley said after consultation with the counsel that he understood that he would have to be represented by counsel in this argument, but that he hopes to get in a few words before the court.

The questions are in a diversity of form, but in substance they all are: Does the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, either through itself or any other person or corporation, own, hold or control a majority of the stock of the Waters-Pierce Oil company of Missouri, the Standard Oil company of Indiana and the Republic Oil company of New York?

No matter in what form the question has been put, Mr. Rogers has declined to answer it. The commissioner before whom the evidence is being taken is without power to compel an answer, but the supreme court possesses the authority to order Mr. Rogers to be punished for contempt of court if he declines to answer after being ordered to do so by that court.

Mr. Hadley wants this information to show that the three alleged subsidiary or confederated companies are monopolizing the oil trade of Missouri in combination and to induce the Missouri courts to order them ousted from that state.

Mr. Rogers again declined while on the stand to disclose the stock ownership of the three companies and was severely admonished by Mr. Hadley to treat the hearing seriously and not as "funny."

### Lawson Invited to Testify.

An interesting feature of the hearing was an invitation sent by Mr. Hadley to Thomas W. Lawson of Boston, requesting him to come to New York and testify if he can give any information as to the three companies Mr. Hadley is trying to drive out of Missouri. Lawson declined the invitation on the ground that he had only general knowledge of the matter.

The subpoena server, who has been trying for several days to summon H. Clay Pierce to testify before the commissioner in this case, notified Mr. Hadley that he has been unable to get Mr. Pierce, who, he said, had sailed away on a steam yacht. Mr. Pierce is chairman of the board of directors of the Waters-Pierce Oil company of Missouri and father of the president of that company. The subpoena server said that he had pursued Mr. Pierce and his valet through a suite of rooms in the hotel occupied by Mr. Pierce, but that the oil man had locked himself in his chamber. The server then desisted.

### DR. MORRIS MAKES STATEMENT.

**Denounces Forcible Ejection of His Wife From White House.**

Washington, Jan. 9.—Dr. Minor Morris, whose wife was ejected from the white house last Thursday night, gave out a public statement, in which he severely arraigns those responsible for her removal, denounces the imposition of a fine in her case as adding to her humiliation, and replies to the statement of her brother, Representative Hull of Iowa, regarding the will and codicil of her father. The statement begins:

"A woman of the highest culture, of the rarest attainments, who has devoted her life to her home, her family and her ideals, whose only thought has been to do good and who has always considered others before herself, a wife and mother—has been seized from behind, in the waiting room of the white house and maltreated, with a brutality which humanity would revolt at seeing accorded to its lowest type."

The question of the disputed will is then taken up and the expressions given out by Representative Hull in recent interviews denounced as forgetful of the most sacred relationship of life "in the hour of her crucifixion." The statement alleges that while the testator, Mrs. Morris's father, said: "I owe no debts," a debt of almost the entire estate was put through the

court, and a demand for the removal from the war department of Mr. Morris, who mentions himself as the beneficiary's husband, was made in connection with the pressing of the latter's claims. In conclusion, Mr. Morris declares that the nation's sense of decency has been shocked that one woman who has to bear all this and that "the vital fact in the limelight is that this outrage is the gravest insult to the politeness of American life within the memory of men and women now living."

## NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

### Firebugs at Work in Edgar.

Edgar, Neb., Jan. 6.—An incendiary fire destroyed the building occupied by the B. F. Rooney Implement company. The fire alarm bell refusing to work, it was found that the bell clapper had been tied. Loss, 2,000.

### Ends Life With Shotgun.

West Point, Neb., Jan. 6.—Adolph Pospisil, a gardener, dependent over ill health and financial reverses, placed the muzzle of a shotgun over the region of the heart, pushed the trigger with a broomstick and fired a charge of shot through his breast.

### Brakeman Killed.

Moorfield, Neb., Jan. 8.—C. Benway, brakeman, was crushed while coupling cars on the hill west of Moorfield and taken back to Curtis by the crew immediately after the accident for medical attention, and died from his injuries shortly after arriving in Curtis.

### Falls Against Red Hot Stove.

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 10.—Miss Edith, the sixteen-year-old daughter of the proprietor of the Jamieson hotel, was seized with an epileptic fit and fell against a red hot stove, just over the threshold in her room. Her sister came in a few moments to her rescue, but she had been seriously burned and disfigured for life.

### New Turn in Charges Against Ware.

Omaha, Jan. 9.—There is a possibility of a preliminary trial before Rev. George G. Ware is required to answer to the indictment charging him with conspiracy in securing fraudulent homestead entries. This possibility rests upon the ruling of the court. In the event that the court does not sustain the motion to quash the indictment, a plea in abatement will be filed.

### Farmers Build Telephone Line.

Ansley, Neb., Jan. 10.—Less than two months ago a meeting was called to form an independent telephone company. Officers were elected and work on the line was begun at once. Now we have twenty-four miles in operation and twelve miles of that distance with two wires. There are twenty-three 'phones on the line already. The company is known by the name of the Boxelder Farmers' Independent Telephone company.

### Holds Record for Proposals.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 9.—With 100 marriage proposals on her list as a result of holding a claim on the Rosebud reservation, Miss Ella Rogers, a young newspaper woman of Ames, Ia., passed through Norfolk en route to the Rosebud reservation to make final proof of her property. Miss Rogers is twenty-four years of age and very attractive. She received letters of proposal from all over the United States, but accepted none. She went to Gregory, S. D.

### Sedgwick Chief Justice.

Lincoln, Jan. 5.—On the retirement of Judge Holcomb, Judge Samuel Sedgwick of York became the chief justice of the Nebraska supreme court. Associate Justice C. B. Letton of Fairbury took his seat without ceremony, his oath having been subscribed to and filed Wednesday. Judge Holcomb intends to spend several months on the Pacific coast in the hope of improving his failing health. He says that if the coast climate is found very beneficial it is possible that he may engage in law practice in Oregon or Washington.

### Tramps Attack Railroaders.

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 5.—Three tramps are under arrest and one is in a seriously injured condition at Central City as a result of an attack by them upon three Union Pacific trainmen at Chapman. Some words passed between the men which led the tramps to make an attack first upon the conductor. Walter Beach, a brakeman, came to the assistance of the conductor and was knocked down repeatedly. Beach ran back to the caboose, secured a hammer and dealt the largest and most aggressive of the men four blows on the head. In the meantime Conductor Robinson had also been knocked down and kicked, four teeth being knocked out. Detective Bowers of the Union Pacific and the marshal of Chapman took the men to Central City.

### LIGHTING CONTRACT RULED OUT

Price Declared Far in Excess of Franchise Limit.

Omaha, Jan. 6.—Holding the price far in excess of the limit allowed by

the gas company's franchise, Judge Sutton declared illegal the street lighting contract recently passed by the city council and enjoined its enforcement.

The case will be appealed to the supreme court, where it is expected a vigorous fight will be made by the gas company. The ordinance was passed on Oct. 11, with policemen keeping the minority councilmen in the council chamber by force, under orders from the mayor. The court declared this a highhanded act, but said further comment was unnecessary, as the contract is invalid anyway. He said:

"I find that the majority of the councilmen followed the advice of the gas company's attorneys, ignoring the city's legal department. They were so anxious to carry out their agreement with the gas company that they disregarded the restraining order of the court. These are all the circumstances on the charges of conspiracy with the gas company, but as I have held the contract illegal I will not pass on these points."

### Pat Crowe Pleads Not Guilty.

Omaha, Jan. 8.—"Pat" Crowe was arraigned in the district court on the charge of robbing E. A. Cudaby of \$25,000 in the kidnaping case. He pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for Feb. 7. His bond was fixed at \$7,000.

### Wight Stays to June 13.

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 9.—Rev. Van Dyke Wight remains until June 13 president of Hastings college, his resignation of that office to enable him to devote all his time to his work as pastor of the Presbyterian church taking effect then.

### Breede and Hammond Named.

Lincoln, Jan. 9.—Governor Mickey has announced the appointments of Adam Breede of the Hastings Tribune and Ross Hammond of the Fremont Tribune to represent Nebraska at the "Seeing America" conference to be held at Salt Lake Jan. 25.

### Agricultural Experts to Meet.

Lincoln, Jan. 8.—Twenty state associations will meet in Lincoln Jan. 15. Sessions will be held throughout the week and agricultural experts from all parts of the United States will attend. They pertain to all branches of farming, stock raising and fruit growing.

### Plead Guilty to Land Frauds.

Omaha, Jan. 8.—Harry Welch and Frank Lambert, who were indicted jointly with the Rev. George G. Ware on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands, pleaded guilty before Judge Munger in the federal court. They may become state's witnesses against Ware.

### Lincoln Fells Shock.

Lincoln, Jan. 8.—At 6:30 o'clock last night residents of Lincoln felt an earthquake shock that was severe enough in several instances to shake globes from the fastenings on chandeliers. No damage is reported to buildings. The shock was indistinct in some parts of the city and very noticeable in others.

### Sandburr Causes Death.

Kearney, Neb., Jan. 6.—Mrs. Wood Olinger died at her home in this city, after an illness of several weeks from blood poisoning. The affection which resulted in the death of Mrs. Olinger started from a trivial cause. A sandburr pricked one of her fingers and the slight wound thus caused developed into a sore. From this the finger was poisoned and it became necessary to amputate the member. This did not stay the progress of the poison, however, and soon the entire hand and then the arm and finally the entire body was affected.

### Suspect Boycott at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Jan. 8.—Recent freight shipments from Lincoln have caused Burlington and Union Pacific officials to believe that a conspiracy exists to keep freight from the two roads. Wholesalers are shipping by the Northwestern and other lines when it can possibly be done, it is claimed. Freight for Hastings and other points has been shipped by Fremont. Several business men claim the retailers order their shipments billed that way. One shipper admitted that the business men didn't like the attitude of the Burlington and the Union Pacific in the railway tax cases.

### SAYS CATTLEMEN BROKE FAITH.

Dietrich Gives Reasons for Removal of Baxter and Mathews.

Lincoln, Jan. 6.—In an interview Senator C. H. Dietrich accuses the cattlemen of Nebraska of breaking faith with President Roosevelt. He says this is the reason for the prosecution and the untimely falling of the heads of Baxter and Mathews. Mr. Dietrich,

who was in Lincoln on a

said: "Bartlett Richards and a delegation of cattlemen called upon me in Washington at the time of the first demand of the president for the removal of the fences during the winter of 1902-3, and they gave their solemn promises to take down the fences from the public domain if given a year's time in which to get ready for such a change. They made the same promises to President Roosevelt, and they came right back to Nebraska and deliberately began a campaign of strengthening their fences and holdings and breaking their solemn pledge to the administration."

### PAY UP OR STOP BUSINESS.

Insurance Department Makes Effort to Collect Reciprocal Tax.

Lincoln, Jan. 8.—After a conference with Attorney General Brown, Insurance Auditor Pierce announced that fire companies in other states which have refused to pay the 2 per cent reciprocal tax, as required by the statute, must pay up within a reasonable time or be barred from doing business in this state.

Thirty-six fire insurance companies are involved. In the states in which they are organized Nebraska companies must pay a special tax, and Nebraska desires to play even. Companies located in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri and California are chiefly affected by this order.

When the Nebraska law went into effect the companies brought a test case and won in the supreme court. Later Mr. Brown got a rehearing and the court held that the law was good. The companies immediately filed a motion for another hearing, and this matter is now pending in court.

Some \$30,000 is involved, and Mr. Pierce proposes to get after the companies in an endeavor to collect the money, most of it being delinquent for two years.

### Remains of All Victims of West Virginia Mine Disaster Identified.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 6.—The bodies of all the twenty-three miners killed in the gas explosion in the Cooper coal mine at Coaldale, W. Va., have been recovered.

The bodies were taken from the shaft and carried to a house adjoining the big tippie at the mine entrance and laid there in a row. All of the bodies have been identified. Nearly all of the victims were found lying with their hands covering their faces.

The scene about the entrance near that section affected most by the explosion indicated its fearful force. The big timbers used for holding up the top of the mine were hurled from the drifts, one piece going across a narrow valley, mowing down small trees on the opposite side. Mine cars were blown out of the opening and wrecked about the entrance, and material, tools and appliances were scattered about in general confusion.

Mining operations were practically suspended in the Elkhorn valley. The funerals of the victims of the explosion were held at Mount Tabor, Pocahontas and Cooper.

### THREE STATES JARRED.

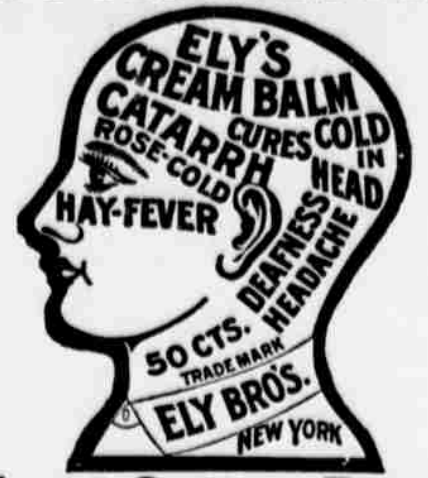
Earthquake Shock Felt in Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas.

Omaha, Jan. 8.—A distinct earthquake shock with a motion from north to south, lasting from twenty-three seconds to one minute in duration, was felt in western Missouri, eastern Kansas and southern Nebraska at about 6:17 o'clock last night. The territory affected extends from Nebraska on the north nearly to the Oklahoma and Indian territory line on the south and from Salina, Kan., on the west to Kansas City, St. Joseph and Joplin, Mo., on the east. With the exception of the knocking of plaster from walls at some points in Kansas, no damage was reported, although persons ran to the streets at some places in fear that their houses would tumble in. At Wamego, Kan., buildings were shaken so it was feared they would collapse, and at Woodbine buildings trembled and doors were slammed. At Manhattan the citizens left their houses in alarm.

### Molsberry Starts the Ball.

Des Moines, Jan. 10.—F. M. Molsberry, member of the senate from Columbus Junction, sounded the first note of battle against the life insurance companies in the Iowa legislature by introducing a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee of the house and senate to conduct a sweeping investigation of the life insurance business, revise the statutes and frame new bills and report to the next general assembly, which meets next winter. The resolution went over under the rules.

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