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OIL PRICES JUGGLED

COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS ARRAIGNS STANDARD.

Oil Trust's Methods of Maintaining Monopoly Laid Bare—Uses Power Unfairly Gained to Oppress Through Wholly Extortionate Prices.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The second part of the report of Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations of the department of commerce and labor, on the petroleum industry in the United States, contains a volume of information directly interesting to the American consumer. The former portions of the report dealt with the margin between the price of crude oil and the finished product, showing the effect of the Standard Oil company's monopolization of the refined and pipe line facilities of the country. The report now issued deals directly with the methods of the Standard Oil company in fixing its prices to consumers, showing how prices have fluctuated in different cities and states and in different sections of the same state, solely to meet local conditions, without reference to the original cost of the oil, freight rates or other considerations except the wishes of the monopoly. The report also contains striking data showing how the American consumers have been compelled to pay a higher price for oil than is charged by the Standard for the same product delivered to its patrons in France, England, Germany and other foreign countries. Another section of the report reveals the discrimination practiced by the Standard against certain railroads in the sale of lubricants.

Kills Competition to Fleece Consumer.
In his letter transmitting the report to the president, Commissioner Smith says: "The obnoxious character of the Standard's price policy is made clear. The Standard has repeatedly asserted that combination, as illustrated by its own history, is a great benefit to the public. It may readily be that in some industries combination has had beneficial results. It is probable that the Standard, by reason of its undoubtedly great efficiency, could, had it been content with reasonable profits, have made prices to consumers lower than would have been possible for smaller concerns, and thus have maintained its great proportion of the business by wholly fair and legitimate means. The Standard is, however, a most conspicuous example of precisely the opposite—a combination which maintains a substantial monopoly not by superiority of service and by charging reasonable prices, but by unfair methods of destroying competition; a combination which then uses the power thus unfairly gained to oppress the public through wholly extortionate prices. It has raised prices instead of lowering them. It has pocketed all the advantages of its economies instead of sharing them with the public, and has added still further monopoly profits by charging more than smaller and less economical concerns could sell for if the Standard allowed them the chance."

DAUGHTER DEFENDS JOHN D.

Says Uncle Is Hounding Head of Oil Trust Out of Mere Jealousy.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—Mrs. Harold Fowler A. McCormick, the daughter of John D. Rockefeller, defended her father against his youngest brother, Frank Rockefeller, who denounced the oil king as a "monster, merciless in his greed and pitiless in his cold, inhuman passions."

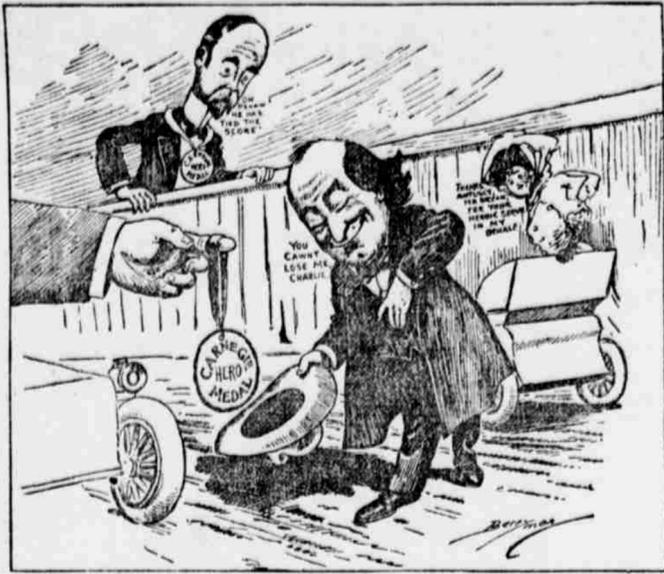
"In a few weeks, or months," declared Frank Rockefeller, "I will be ready to tell a story that will amaze and horrify the whole world. When I make John D.'s true life history public the country will be too warm for its richest citizen. It will not be safe for John D. to appear in the streets of any American city. He would be stoned by the people. Nothing but flight to some foreign land will save his life when the whole monstrous truth is known."

"Jealousy," said Mrs. McCormick, "brought about by my uncle's signal lack of business ability, is the cause of the vituperation he has heaped upon my father."

Mrs. McCormick says it is true that her grandfather is alive. "Between my father and my grandfather there always existed the respect and love that should prevail between father and son. My grandfather watched with the keenest interest the success of his son."

Mrs. McCormick said that her grandfather's health was responsible to a large degree for his being out of range of the public eye.

GOING HIM ONE BETTER.



Storm Lake, Ia.—W. J. Bryan rescued a young lady from an automobile accident here yesterday.

Brakeman Killed.

Rushville, Neb., Aug. 13.—Caught between two freight cars while making a coupling, Lewis Butler, a Northwestern brakeman, was literally crushed into a pulp.

Drowned in Water Tank.

Harrisburg, Neb., Aug. 13.—Charles F. Schindler, a prominent ranchman of Banner county, was found drowned in his watering tank. It is supposed he had an attack of epilepsy, to which he was subject.

Will Fight Pure Food Law.

Lincoln, Aug. 10.—H. N. Sapp of Omaha, representing a cereal food, has notified Food Commissioner Johnson that his company will spend \$100,000 in fighting the Nebraska pure food law. He asserts that the ruling forbidding the giving of dishes as premiums with oats will be resisted.

Operators Joined by Messenger Boys.
Omaha, Aug. 13.—In addition to the forty operators from the Western Union and Postal telegraph offices, who swelled the ranks of the Omaha striking telegraphers, several more from these offices walked out. The messenger boys have joined in the strike and forty from the two offices have quit work.

Elevator Wrecked by Dust.

Omaha, Aug. 13.—The front portion of elevator "A" of the Holmquist & Merriam company at Seventeenth and Nicholas streets blew out in a dust explosion. This end was occupied by the wheat bins, in which were about 4,000 bushels of grain. A part of the roof was blown off. The engine house situated at the east end of the building was also demolished.

More News of Beatrice Man.

Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 13.—County Judge Spafford has received a letter from the clerk of the superior court at Greensboro, N. C., requesting information of Olney D. Smith, who was sent up from here about four years ago for forgery. The letter asks the judge for information as to the crime for which Smith was convicted and the sentence that was given him.

NEGRO WILL FRAME THIS DIME.

He Got It as a Tip from Tillman in Omaha and Survived Shock.

Omaha, Aug. 10.—Laying aside for a moment the prejudice which he admits he has always harbored against the colored race, Senator Ben R. Tillman handed George Hollister, a veteran colored hotel porter, a 10-cent tip when Hollister assisted the senator and his wife to a street car. Hollister says the dime, which bears the date of 1864, will be framed.

CREAMERIES SUGGEST RATES.

Ask Railroad Commission to Base Them Upon Rock Island Tariff.

Lincoln, Aug. 13.—The railway commission declined to issue an order upon the Nebraska railroads compelling them to produce books and papers on the cream transportation in Nebraska, but instead suggested that subpoenas might be issued at the instance of the centralized creameries calling for witnesses from among the officials of the roads, who would produce books and papers required by the creamery men. These in turn declared that such witnesses would be outside of Nebraska, and therefore outside of the jurisdiction of the Nebraska commission.

Judge Halner filed with the board a schedule of rates based upon the charges for cream transportation in Nebraska imposed by the Rock Island railroad, which are the lowest in the state and asked that the board consider these in fixing rates.

MARSHALL FIELD LAND SOLD.

Large Ranch in Nebraska Is Finally Knocked Off at Auction.

Omaha, Aug. 13.—Joseph A. Conner has returned from Stanton county,

Berryman in Washington Star.

where he attended the sale of the last of the land comprising the Marshall Field ranch. The land sold readily and the disposal of all but two sections of the tract occupied about three hours. Mr. Conner bought section 22, and other buyers were Ed Daniels, Joseph Walcott and Warren Oehsner. This sale breaks up finally what was the largest individual holding of land in Nebraska.

In the early days of Nebraska a syndicate headed by David Cunningham of Cadiz, O., located a township of land in Stanton county, which was purchased from the government with "college script." This script had been purchased by them at a price which made the cost of the land about 65 cents an acre. The syndicate failed to pay the taxes levied by the state and the land was sold at tax sale by Stanton county. The owners then instituted suit attacking the validity of the levy and for several years the case occupied the attention of judges of several courts. The plaintiffs finally lost the case and were compelled to pay the taxes. Mr. Cunningham came to the relief of his associates and paid the taxes, but was compelled to sell the land to secure himself. The township was bought by Marshall Field, with the exception of a tract secured by Joseph A. Conner, who has held about 8,000 acres since that time. The land was sold to Marshall Field at an average cost of \$3 an acre. At the sale Saturday the average price was \$55.50 an acre.

Sentence Prince Yi to Die.

Seoul, Aug. 13.—The Korean supreme court has passed sentence upon the members of The Hague deputation. Yi Sang Sol has been condemned to be hanged and Yi Wi Chow and Yi Chun have been sentenced to imprisonment for life.

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

Agricultural Department Shows Condition of Corn to Be 82.8.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The crop report of the agricultural department shows the condition of corn Aug. 1 as 82.8; winter wheat production from 1907, about 409,500,000 bushels; an average of 14.6 per acre; spring wheat condition, 79.4.

Used Mails to Defraud.

Des Moines, Aug. 14.—On a charge of using the United States mails to defraud, F. C. Graves of this city was arrested by the federal authorities. He conducts a mail order seed house and it is claimed bought large quantities of seed which he failed to pay for.

Seven Men Drowned.

Duluth, Aug. 12.—Seven freight handlers of the Northern Pacific road were run down by a tug in the local harbor while returning to their homes in a rowboat and drowned.

SETS DAY FOR SCHOOL SCRUB.

Nebraska State Superintendent Names Date for General Cleaning.

Lincoln, Aug. 12.—State Superintendent J. L. McBrien issued a proclamation designating Aug. 29 as "house cleaning day" for the schools of the state. He asked all school officers and teachers to clean up the school buildings and premises in anticipation of the beginning of the school year. This kind of a holiday has been held in two counties in Nebraska for several years, and the superintendent expects it to become a permanent exercise throughout the state.

Cutting Down Competition.

"I saved \$500 this year by moving."
"Cheaper house?"
"No; I found that my wife was trying to outdress a rich woman in the same block."

No man can produce great things who is not thoroughly sincere in dealing with himself.—Lowell.

TIKUP GROWS TIGHTER

STRIKE OF ALL UNION OPERATORS IS ORDERED.

WHOLE COUNTRY NOW INVOLVED

Commercial Telegraphers Have Been Called Out of Every Office in the United States and Canada—Neill Sees No Sign of Settlement.

New York, Aug. 14.—Perry Thomas, deputy national president of the commercial telegraphers, says: "My advice is to the effect that office after office is walking out and I am sending out an order to every commercial office in the United States and Canada to follow their example. Ninety-five per cent of all the telegraphers in America will be on strike by tomorrow morning."

Chicago Aug. 14.—General Secretary Russell of the Telegraphers' union said: "All members of the national executive board are here excepting President Small and he has wired his sanction of a general strike. By night the 25,000 operators in the United States and Canada who belong to the union will be out."

Labor Commissioner Neill declared there was no immediate indication of a settlement of the strike. The tie-up is now almost complete.

Des Moines, Aug. 14.—Grand Secretary Quirk notified the operators belonging to the Railway Telegraphers' union that messages sent over the railroad wires purporting to be signed by him were "fake." He told them to strictly observe the agreement with the railroad companies and perform the same duties now as prior to the commercial telegraphers' strike, nothing more, nothing less.

EDDY HEARING BEGINS

Chandler Cites Evidence of Mrs. Eddy's Incompetency.

Concord, N. H., Aug. 14.—Three masters appointed by Judge Chamberlain of the superior court to determine the competency of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, in connection with a suit brought by "next friends" for an accounting of Mrs. Eddy's finances, began their hearings.

At the afternoon session Mr. Chandler said that the incompetency of Mrs. Eddy was established by the trust deed which she executed on March 6, by which she transferred all her property beyond her control. Her incompetency, he added, is further shown by her evasion of taxes in the city of Concord. He stated in closing that Mrs. Eddy was the victim not of a solitary delusion, not of a notion, even insane notion, but a series of systematic delusions which influenced her whole life and have resulted, or will result, in senile dementia.

PAPER MILL COMBINE TO BE BIG

Details Indicate All Plants Manufacturing Wood Products to Be Included.

Appleton, Wis., Aug. 14.—Details of the big paper combine which is being formed here indicate that the transaction is larger than at first reported. It is now stated that the combination is not only to include print and ground wood mills, but manilla paper and sulphite plants as well. George A. Whiting of the Whiting Paper company, Menasha, admits that the deal is on. He said that an effort was being made to take in all of the plants whose product was manufactured from the component parts of wood and merge them into one great company.

Better Tone in Stocks.

New York, Aug. 14.—A vastly better tone was shown by the stock market, though the movement was narrow and at times feverish. Substantial recoveries were the rule and the recent liquidation seemed to have run its course. There was little in the day's developments to bring about this change other than a vague report that some statement of a conciliatory or reassuring character would shortly emanate from the seat of the national government.

IOWA THRESHER IS KILLED.

Charles Sherman of Humboldt Caught in Belting and Crushed to Death.

Humboldt, Ia., Aug. 14.—While working near a threshing machine near this place, Charles Sherman, a farmer, was caught in the belting and carried round and round on the machine before it could be stopped. His lifeless body was beaten almost beyond recognition by the revolutions of the wheels.

Roosevelt Grants a Holiday.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 14.—President Roosevelt issued an executive order making Labor day, Sept. 2, a holiday for government employes and laborers who are employed by the day.

GROOMING COUNTS

But it cannot make a Fair Skin or a Glossy Coat.

Women with good complexions cannot be homely. Creams, lotions, washes and powders cannot make a fair skin. Every horseman knows that the satin coat of his thoroughbred comes from the animal's "all-right" condition. Let the horse get "off his feed" and his coat turns dull. Currying, brushing and rubbing will give him a clean coat, but cannot produce the coveted smoothness and gloss of the horse's skin, which is his complexion. The ladies will see the point.

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