

Big Steel Merger Legal, Daugherty Says in Opinion

Attorney General Declares Bethlehem and Midvale Combinations Makes Only for Efficiency.

Washington, July 22.—Attorney General Daugherty in an opinion submitted to the senate yesterday in response to a resolution adopted May 8, held that the Bethlehem-Lackawanna and the Midvale-Inland Steel mergers are not in violation of the Sherman act, the Clayton act or the Webb act.



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The attorney general declined to state, however, as to whether or not the mergers constitute a violation of the federal trade act. The opinion holds that not every contract or combination in restraint of trade is prohibited under the Sherman act. Such act only applies to combinations and contracts in unreasonable restraint of trade declared. The motive which prompts the Bethlehem company to acquire the Lackawanna, the opinion holds, is solely the desire to secure greater efficiency and economy in production. The opinion holds that nothing in the Midvale-Republic-Inland merger violates the Sherman act and that there is not the slightest ground to believe that restraint of trade or monopolistic control will result. It holds there is but one underlying purpose in the combination, that is, to enable the new company to compete with the United States Steel corporation, which, because of the wide distribution of its various plants and their easy accessibility to the sources of raw materials, is enabled to produce and sell its products much cheaper than other manufacturers.

Oldest Nuckolls County Citizen, 96, Dies at Hardy
Nelson, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Mrs. George Tyler, the oldest citizen in Nuckolls county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Hilton, in Hardy. She was past 96. Mrs. Tyler was born in England and came to America in 1870, settling at Omaha, and a year later came here.

Wheat Makes 44 Bushels.
Fullerton, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—W. T. Russell & Sons threshed a field of wheat of 40 acres which averaged better than 41 bushels to the acre. This wheat is of good quality and of Kanred variety.

'Thrill Party' Ends in Jail for Lispering Flapper, 14

'The Five Boys Who Wanted to Play Sweet Daddy to My Loving Mamma Role Rented a Dimbox and Held Up Three Filling Stations,' She Said—'It Was Just Too Sweet.'

Kansas City, Mo., July 22.—Thrill parties!
Police here claim the discovery of this latest form of flapper amusement. The revelation, they say, was made by Miss Marion Miller, 14, bobbed, lispering "flapper," who confessed that she and others of "her set" were "just simply on the verge of distraction" from boredom until they discovered this substitute for the "kicks of life," which long since had faded from the "gen jaunts" and "petting parties" of recent months. The thrill party, Miss Miller explains from her cell in the county jail, is quite common.

Marion Was Wooded.
The bobbed-haired miss is under charge of being the inspiration for a career of crime engaged in by five youths who sought to win her heart if not her hand—by their banditry. "All five wanted to slip me a handcuff," Miss Miller told Lieut. R. E. L. James, in charge of juvenile crime here. "But to understand the confession of the 'bandit queen' one needs a new dictionary," Lieut. James says. "I have discovered the meaning of the part of the new language used by the flapper," the lieutenant says, revealing their terms translated are: "Handcuff—an engagement ring. "Dimbox—a taxicab. "Static—conversation that means nothing. "Oilcan—an imposter. "Boob tickler—the girl who entertains her father's customers. "Ritz—stuck up. "Alarm clock—a chaperon. "Flat tire—the youth who takes his girl for a jitney ride. "Fire alarm—a divorced woman. "Strikebreaker—the young woman who goes with her friend's 'steady' while the best friend has a mad' on. "Forty-Niner" Defined. "Forty-niner—a young man prospecting for a rich wife. "Apple sauce—flattery. "Dropping the pilot—getting a divorce. "Hush money—father's allowance. "Corn shredder—a poor dancer. "And the entire language is filled with just such as that," Lieut. James says. But, to return to Miss Miller's description of the thrill parties. "A girl can't be a fat tire, particularly when five men want to slip her a handcuff. If we sit around with our alarm clock always near there's nothing left in life. "Jazz is the oil can now. So are petting parties. A girl gets the same thrill out of playing boob tickler to the borish patines society has invented for us. "All we get at the clubs and gin

jaunts any more is a lot of static. "And so we have invented the thrill party—it's wonderful. "We do all sorts of things. "Once I posed as a fire alarm—a divorced woman, you know, and went out with a married man. It was just too thrilling, but I can't tell more. "The thing I got arrested for was just too sweet. "After "Real Kick." "The five boys who wanted to play sweet daddy to my loving mamma role rented a dimbox and we set out to get a real kick. "I was short of hush money, anyway, and was so tired listening to the apple sauce the corn shredders of my set handed out that I suggested staging a little lhid-up—just for a thrill. "My boy friends held up three gasoline filling stations just to give me a kick—it was wonderful. "Miss Miller told Lieutenant James "all the girls were doing it now." "One just can't be bored forever," she explained. "Police lay much of the juvenile crime to the "thrill party." Judge E. E. Porterfield, presiding over juvenile court here, estimates the delinquency increase among Kansas City girls at 30 per cent in the last year. "I am shocked and afraid," the judge said. "Little girls have always gone down in history and rhyme as 'sugar and spice and everything nice,' while the boys were 'rats and snails and puppy dog's tails.' "But now girls are made of naughtiness and cosmetics," Judge Porterfield said from the bench here. "The judge blamed short skirts, gay mothers and unthinking fathers. "Mothers of today do not know the lives their daughters lead—if they did half of them would be in their graves," the court said.

French Swimmer Loses Hard Fight to Cross Channel

Georges Michel Fails to Win \$5,000 Offered as Prize—Exhausted When Rescued.

London, July 22.—After battling for 16 hours in the English channel, swimming and drifting more than 50 miles, Georges Michel, the French aspirant to the \$5,000 Daily Sketch prize, was hauled out of the water at 1 o'clock this afternoon when he was six miles from the English coast. M. Michel entered the sea at 8 o'clock last night at Cape Griz Nez, once reaching a point less than four miles from the English coast, when adverse currents gripped him as the tide changed, and he was being rapidly swept to the estuary beyond the South Foreland lighthouse when he was taken from the water. Trained by Burgess. Burgess, who swam the channel in 1911, trained M. Michel and started swimming from Cape Griz Nez last night, but he clambered on board the motorboat Eclair at midnight. M. Michel used the breast stroke almost exclusively. Occasionally he used the side stroke to rest his wearied muscles. Five times nourishment of beef bouillon was administered through a horn like those the six-day bicycle racers use. Burgess smeared Michel's body with a thick coating of tallow before

the start, but the grease gradually wore off the body and was absorbed through the pores. During the swim Michel complained of cold. Asked for Passport. The Frenchman also was compelled to abandon the automobile because salt water leaked into and inflamed his eyes. He swam naked and was so exhausted when he abandoned the attempt that he had to be hauled aboard the launch bodily. On landing on the English coast, the authorities demanded Michel's passports, but he explained that he did not carry baggage or papers of any kind.

Young Farmer, Kicked by Horse, Dies of Injuries

West Point, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—A worrisome fly, an annoyed horse, a kick—and Harry Murray, 31, young farmer of this vicinity, is dead. Murray was kicked by the horse attached to his binder when he went to the animal's rescue. In chasing flies the horse's foot was caught in the tug of the harness and it could not release itself. Murray was kicked in the abdomen and hip. Peritonitis set in. He leaves a widow—a bride of four months—a mother and several sisters and brothers.

Old Settlers Will Hold Annual Reunion at Union
Union, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—At the annual business meeting of the Old Settlers association it was decided to hold the 34th annual reunion on August 18 and 19. Officers elected are as follows: President, W. B. Banning; vice president, J. T. Reynolds; secretary, Charles L. Givens; treasurer, D. B. Porter. Attractions for this year are being listed and indications are that this will be one of the best reunions ever held here.

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