

the option of filing a demurrer to the bill.

New York.—The Standard Oil company, of New Jersey, has declared a quarterly dividend of \$10 a share, which is the same amount declared for the corresponding time last year. Shortly after the declaration stock sold off twenty points to \$545.

The dividend amounted to \$10,000,000, of which John D. Rockefeller's share is a little over \$6,000,000.

Findlay, O.—The "Findlay war" on the Standard Oil company now contemplates the indictment and arrest of John D. Rockefeller, Henry H. Rogers, and William A. Rockefeller.

Prosecutor David, under instructions from Attorney General Ellis, has ordered the grand jury held in service until the end of the term, with a view of bringing these indictments.

M. G. Villas, treasurer; H. P. McIntosh, director; and J. M. Robertson, secretary of the Standard Oil company of Ohio, indicted jointly with John D. Rockefeller by the Findlay grand jury, and who fled as soon as bench warrants for their arrest were issued, have agreed to appear and surrender to the court.

The three officials left Cleveland when they learned that the deputy with warrants was on their trail. Until 1 o'clock this morning Deputy Sheriff Johns and Deputy James Ambrose of Sheriff Mulhern's office scoured the city of Cleveland trying to locate the missing officials. Several times they were close on the trail, but always the quarry got away and the search had to be taken up again from a new angle.

The deputies searched houses, watcher clubs and offices, visited hotels, theaters, and cafes—but all in vain.

It was learned tonight that the three men met at a hotel in Painesville, and then started for the east, two of them going to New York and the third stopping at Buffalo.

Meantime their attorney, S. H. Tolles of Cleveland, was negotiating with Prosecutor David over the long distance telephone.

Mr. Tolles insisted for a long time that he be allowed to go to Findlay himself and enter appearance for the much wanted men.

"No," said Prosecutor David, "those men must come to Findlay. I have fooled with them long enough. They have attempted to evade and checkmate me at every turn. Now that I have the upper hand, I intend that they shall come to Findlay."

"All right," said Mr. Tolles, "I will have them in Findlay any day you name next week if that is the best we can do."

"If you promise to do that I will wire Deputy Sheriff Johns to return here," answered Prosecutor David.

The sheriff's deputies made no effort to find John D. Rockefeller, it being known that he was in the east.

## BOMB IN ST. PETERS

Explosion Near High Altar in Celebrated Church at Rome—No Lives Were Lost

Rome.—A bomb was exploded in St. Peter's on Sunday the 18th. The edifice was crowded and an indescribable scene of confusion followed. There were no fatalities.

As soon as the echoes of the tremendous roar had ceased, a canon sought by reassuring words to quiet the people, but in vain. They fled in all directions and a number of women fainted. Women and children screamed and tried to protect their families in the crush. The church is so large, however, that there was ample room for the crowd to scatter and no one was injured. No trace of the perpetrator of the deed has been found.

Since St. Anacletus, who was ordained by Peter himself, erected an oratory in 90 A. D., on the site of the present basilica to mark the spot where the remains of St. Peter are buried, no such dastardly occurrence is noted in the annals of the church.

Sunday was the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica to St. Peter, and it was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Holy relics were exposed and a large number of the faithful attended the services. Cardinal Rampolla, formerly papal secretary of state, was among those present. He took part in the service in the choir chapel. The last mass had just been concluded when the explosion occurred and only one canon, who had not quite finished, remained at the altar of St. Petromella. It was near here where the bomb was placed. As the canon turned to bless the communicants there was a tremendous roar, which echoed through the lofty arches of the immense dome like a thunder clap. At the same time a dense smoke spread throughout this portion of the basilica and a strong odor of gunpowder filled the air. Confusion and panic at once seized the people. The canon at the altar tried to stem the tide of fear.

He shouted out: "Do not be afraid; it is nothing, merely the noontide gun."

His words had little effect. They were refuted by the smoke and the pungent smell of powder, and the people continued their headlong flight. Chairs were overturned, making the confusion more serious. Men and women fled, stumbling in all directions; the screams of children and cries of anguish were heard on all sides and for a few minutes it seems as though nothing could obviate a grave disaster. The vast size of the church, however, gave room for the crowd to scatter and at the end of a few moments the people were surging toward the doors, excited and nervous, but orderly.

As soon as the smoke cleared away a hasty examination showed that nobody had been hurt in the crush and furthermore that no one had been wounded by the explosion. Calm was gradually restored, and people returned to view the extent of the damage.

It was discovered that the bomb had been placed under a scaffolding erected to facilitate repairs to the roof exactly over the celebrated tomb of Clement XIII., by Canova, which consists of a figure of the pope and two lions, and which is the most remarkable piece of sculpture in the basilica. This tomb ranks among the finest efforts of modern sculpture and by its execution Canova established his reputation.

When the first gendarmes reached the spot the scaffolding was found to be smoldering, but this fire was easily extinguished. The tomb was found to be uninjured and even the pavement shows scarcely any signs of the ex-

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plosion. An examination of the remains of the bomb leads to the supposition, unless it was crudely prepared on purpose to mislead, that it was manufactured in the country. It is believed that the bomb had a very long fuse in order to enable the criminal to gain the piazza before the explosion. It has been impossible to trace him, and no one has any recollection of seeing a man, who, by his movements, might have aroused suspicion.

### A NEW TREATY WITH JAPAN

Congressman Hayes Fears Trouble if it is Not Enacted

San Jose, Cal.—In an interview Congressman E. A. Hayes said: "I expect to introduce a resolution at the coming session of congress asking the president to enter into negotiations with Japan for the purpose of making a new treaty between the two countries to settle this question of Japanese immigration in somewhat the same manner as we settled the question with China, which I believe to be the only feasible and sure way of preventing a serious trouble and perhaps war between this country and Japan."

### HEARST'S RACE COST \$256,370

Hughes, However, Spent Only \$518 in New York State Fight

Albany, N. Y.—William R. Hearst, candidate for governor, certified to the secretary of state that he had spent \$256,370 in promoting his canvass. This was divided as follows:

- Independence (Hearst) League, \$198,870.
  - Democratic state committee, \$57,000.
  - Traveling expenses, \$500.
- Charles E. Hughes, governor-elect, also filed an account of his expenses, showing that he spent only \$618 as follows:
- Traveling expenses, \$108.
  - Telegrams, \$8.
  - Postage, \$13.
  - Secretaries, \$377.
  - Stenographers, \$112.

Mr. Hughes' campaign expenses, as filed, are said to be lower than those of any successful candidate for governor of New York in recent years. According to papers on file in the office of the secretary of state, Governor Higgins spent \$22,189 in 1904, \$20,000 of which was a contribution to the republican campaign committee. In 1902 Governor Odell spent \$10,000 and in 1900 \$7,000.

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