

# BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN CONDENSED FORM.

## ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Complete Review of Happenings of Greatest Interest from All Parts of the Globe—Latest Home and Foreign Items.

### THE HAYWOOD TRIAL.

William D. Haywood, the defendant charged with the murder of Frank Steunenberg, left the witness chair after he has been under examination six hours, the time being equally divided between his own counsel and Senator Borah, who conducted the cross-examination. He absolutely denied all the crimes charged to him and the Western Federation of Miners by Orchard.

William D. Haywood took oath in the Boise trial, a witness in his own defense, and in a lengthy narrative of his life and his work as a leader of his fellow miners, denied guilt of the murder of Frank Steunenberg and the manifold crimes charged against him by Harry Orchard.

Charles H. Moyer went on the stand at Boise, a witness for his fellow defendant, William D. Haywood, and, besides making positive denial of all the crimes attributed to him and the other Federation leaders by Harry Orchard, offered an explanation for the unsolicited appearance of the Western Federation of Miners as the defender of Harry Orchard immediately after his arrest at Caldwell for the murder of Steunenberg.

The defense in the Steunenberg murder case charged that Detective James McFarland has been guilty of an attempt to manufacture testimony against William D. Haywood, but was unsuccessful in getting the basis and details of the charge before the court and jury.

The Haywood jury spent a day listening to San Francisco depositions concerning the Bradley explosion.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Admiral Baron Yamamoto was entertained at luncheon by President Roosevelt and they discussed the recent war stories, agreeing that they were utterly unfounded.

Mrs. Mary E. Bowie and her son, who killed Hubert Posey for wronging Miss Bowie, were acquitted by a jury at La Plata, Md., their attorney having appealed to the "unwritten law."

Joe Fitzpatrick and four cousins, indicted at Prestonsburg, Ky., for the murder of Andy Coburn, defied the law at their home in the mountains and were not arrested.

Telegraph operators in New York were instructed to be ready to strike on a moment's notice.

Six persons were drowned near Russell, Pa., when a steam launch was swept over a dam in the Conewago river.

Albert Peverette, convicted bank robber, escaped from the guards at the entrance of the prison at Marquette, Mich.

Judge Richard Waite, pioneer lawyer of Toledo, O., died of paralysis, aged 75 years.

The charge d'affaires of the Siamese legation at Washington, Phra Ratanayapi, who arrived from London, where he went to pay his respects to the king of Siam, said that it is likely the king will visit the United States next year.

John Lynch, of Dayton, O., who shot and killed Harry Martin, was found guilty of second degree murder.

Kilfoi's hotel at Boksburg, South Africa, was blown up with dynamite and three men were killed.

The countess of Trobriand, who was Miss Mary Jones, of New York, died at this home of her daughter, Countess Rodolphe du Porcia, at the Chateau de Kersteers, Finistère.

Twenty-one members of the Lumber Dealers' Credit association, nine members of the Brick Dealers' association, and two bridge agents at Toledo, O., who pleaded guilty to indictments charging violations of the Valentine anti-trust law, were sentenced by Judge Lindley W. Morris. The lumbermen and the bridge men were sentenced to six months in the workhouse and the brick men were fined \$1,000 each.

Lieut. Varra, of the Tenth regiment Italian infantry, was seriously wounded in a duel with Lieut. de Notard, of the same regiment. The men fought for 32 minutes, during which there were 18 assaults.

In the list of American Rhodes scholarships given out at the University of California appear the names, among others, of Ben L. Tomlinson, of Champaign, Ill.; Albert E. Whalley, of Des Moines, Ia.; and Lawrence C. Hall, Jr., of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Charles Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph & Cable company, declared that "all this talk about the Western Union Telegraph and the Postal Telegraph & Cable company working in harmony is nonsense," and said the companies were fierce competitors.

The Iowa Grain Dealers' association in convention gave notice of war to a state farmers' cooperative elevator concern throughout Iowa.

Col. E. M. Moulton, past grand commander of the G. A. R., department of Ohio, died suddenly at Lima from heart trouble.

Vice President Fairbanks, while at Yellowstone lake, Yellowstone park, risked his own life to save that of a waitress who was in danger of drowning.

The wife of the earl of Roslyn, formerly Anna Robinson of Minneapolis, has sued him for divorce.

One man was killed, several persons were injured, and great property damage was done by a tornado in Louisville and nearby towns.

Six young men from Banger, Me., of a party of seven, were drowned in Funcheston bay by the capsizing of a ship.

Another Japanese was arrested at Fort Rosencrans, near San Diego, Cal. He was a servant and had in his possession a blue print of the fort.

Peter Larson, one of the richest men in the northwest, died at his home in Helena, Mont.

Despondent because of the death of his wife, Charles W. Oldrege, who had gained considerable notoriety as a water-walker, committed suicide at Memphis, Tenn.

Friends of Gov. Hughes, of New York, announce that he will not be a candidate for reelection.

The Christian Endeavor convention at Seattle, Wash., decided to hold next year's convention in St. Paul, Minn.

It is reported that Senator A. O. Bacon, of Georgia, lost \$20,000 as a result of the troubles of the Exchange bank of Macon in which he was a stockholder.

The Thaw family has realized \$2,000,000 from the sale of coal land, thus providing funds for the defense of Harry K. Thaw.

Philip Kempier, former teller of the Capital National bank of St. Paul, was sentenced to four years in state prison for defalcations said to have amounted to over \$25,000.

Curt Smith was killed in a card game by Sigel Turner at Jackson, Ky. Smith was a chief witness in the Hargis murder trial.

Henry J. Wilson, former messenger of the First National bank, New York, who said he was robbed of \$1,715 in cash while collecting for the bank July 1, was arrested and held in \$5,000 bail.

Two men robbed a pawnshop in Indianapolis of goods valued at \$3,000 after fatally wounding the clerk, Simon Gold.

Seven mine workers, all Italians, were killed in an abandoned slope of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company at Honeybrook, Pa., by deadly white damp. Three others are missing.

A Japanese spy was said to have been arrested while making drawings of Fort Rosencrans, near San Diego, Cal.

Because the Northwestern railroad refused to make an excursion rate of 70 cents for the volunteer firemen's picnic, the firemen of Deadwood, S. D., voted to refuse to protect railroad property.

President Roosevelt appointed Frank A. Leach, of Oakland, Cal., director of the mint to succeed George E. Roberts, who resigned to accept the presidency of a Chicago bank.

Robbers murdered a Chinese restaurant keeper in Omaha and took \$500 from his strong box.

Morten F. Plant, of New York, has ordered a twin screw yacht from a Lith firm which will be the third largest private-owned yacht afloat.

Theodore S. Clark, of Chicago, was badly injured near Bryan, O., when his automobile, one of those in the Glidden tour, was ditched.

Ouida, the novelist, was found to be living in dire poverty and the British government granted her a pension of \$750 a year.

The Mexican consul at Douglas, Ariz., and three officers were held for the kidnaping of Manuel Sarabia.

John Sweeney, widely known as an amateur billiard player, committed suicide in Detroit.

Five prominent planters of Louisiana were arrested on a charge of conspiring to obtain public lands by fraud.

Rock Island passenger train No. 24, north bound, was derailed a few miles south of Peabody, Kan., by running into a switch. Engineer Lay of Herington, Kan., was dangerously scalded.

Judge Martin J. Severance, one of the best known jurists of Minnesota, died at his home in Mankato as the result of an operation for goiter. He was 81 years old.

Louis A. E. Ahlers, head professor of German language and literature in Colorado college, died in Colorado Springs at the age of 42.

It is rumored in Washington that Robert J. Wynne, consul general in London, will be recalled and that Vespasian Warner of Illinois, commissioner of pensions, will succeed him.

Many of Gloucester (Mass.) famous fish wharves, storehouses and ships were seriously threatened with destruction by a fire which broke out in the plant of the Gloucester Cold Storage company.

O. C. McMillan of Lowell, Mich., in trying to escape from his burning home grasped a live wire and was killed instantly.

David H. Green of Newark, N. J., was elected president of the Theatrical Mechanics' association of the United States and Canada.

A vigorous protest has been received by the government from the Japanese and Korean Expansion league, the headquarters of which are at Seattle, Wash., against what is asserted to be an organized traffic in Japanese women, who, it is alleged, are being brought to this country in large numbers for immoral purposes.

Admiral Baron Yamamoto, a distinguished Japanese naval officer, arrived in New York. He said the talk of war between America and Japan was foolish.

Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) was entertained at dinner by the staff of Funch, of London.

The historic national banner of Stars and Stripes which inspired Francis Scott Key to compose "The Star Spangled Banner" and which floated over Fort McHenry, Chesapeake bay, during its bombardment by the British on the night of September 13, 1814, has been placed on exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

Ellenay, the beautiful country home of George C. Wallace, a capitalist, at Arcadia, near Paducah, Ky., burned.

Dr. William LeGrange Ralph, curator of the section of birds' eggs in the national museum, died at the George Washington university hospital.

Acting on a petition filed by Attorney General William S. Jackson, Justice M. W. Platzeck in the supreme court of New York appointed R. Burnham Moffatt, an attorney, to take evidence based on the attorney general's allegations that the Postal Telegraph & Cable company and the Western Union Telegraph company have formed an illegal combination to increase rates in New York and other states.

Fourteen Japanese laborers who, under the labor laws, are not permitted to land in this country, evaded the authorities in Philadelphia and are at large somewhere in the United States.

Thirty-three contestants for the national amateur golf championship at Cleveland, O., finished their qualifying rounds with scores of 165 or better. Eleven eastern players, 19 westerners and two Canadians qualified for the championship. W. J. Travis won the gold medal for low qualifying score, 146.

Three men are known to have been killed, one was fatally hurt and 18 others were injured in the collapse of a new concrete building at the plant of Bridgman Bros. company in Philadelphia.

Attorney General Bonaparte started proceedings in New York to dissolve the tobacco trust.

An indictment charging the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad with granting rebates amounting to \$12,000 to the United States Sugar and Land company was returned in Judge Landis' court, at Chicago, by the federal grand jury.

E. C. Fox, a banker of Middleport, O., was indicted and arrested on a charge of trying the bribe a prosecuting attorney.

The balloon house of the Wellman-Record-Herald Arctic expedition was damaged by a storm July 4 and although the airship was uninjured, the accident probably will delay the departure of the expedition until early in August.

Jeremiah Kahanagh, a retired ice dealer of Wenhams, Mass., 74 years old, was instantly killed by an automobile owned and operated by W. Y. Smith, of Detroit, Mich.

A 20-ton flywheel in the plant of the American Car company at Joliet, Ill., burst and Charles H. Bowers, an older was killed.

Gilbert Keston, who is said to have saved the union army from defeat at the battle of Shiloh, was killed by a railway train at Oconomowoc, Wis.

E. C. Cooley, superintendent of the Chicago city schools, was elected president of the National Educational association by unanimous vote.

Misses May and Nell Dwight, of Toledo, O., were drowned at James Lake, Ind.

Herbert W. Tyler, secretary of the Sheridan, Wyo., chamber of commerce, committed suicide by blowing off the top of his head with a shotgun. Financial difficulties are given as the cause.

Former Congressman John H. Bankhead was nominated for United States senator to fill the unexpired term of Senator Morgan, by the Democratic caucus of the Alabama legislature.

The Chinese authorities are on the lookout for a vessel which is said to have left the north Pacific coast of the United States with arms for the Chinese revolutionists.

Hiram S. Jones, colored, former steward of the Capitol club near Grant was president, is dead at Red Bank, N. Y. He "invented" the Saratoga chip.

Fire caused a damage of \$25,000 to the factory of the Decatur (Ill.) Coffin company and destroyed five nearby dwellings.

According to Engineer Dobson, of the steamer St. Louis, the titled Englishman who gave up his rights as heir presumptive to a coronet and an income of \$200,000 a year to work for a living is Lord Francis Patrick Clements, the 22-year-old son of the earl of Leitrim.

Judge Dwyer, of San Francisco, refused to admit Mayor Schmits to bail, and denied him the privilege of visiting his attorney.

A movement has been started by the women of Nelson county, Virginia, to erect a monument to Theodore Estes, for whose killing ex-Judge Loving recently was acquitted by a jury.

A series of dynamite outrages occurred at the mines near Johannesburg in the Transvaal, where white workmen are on strike. The Crown hotel at Ecksburg was damaged and several persons were injured.

J. W. Jungens, of the Southern Pacific, announced that since the American navy broke the rules in sending coal to the Pacific in foreign ships his road would do likewise.

The North German Lloyd steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm, with Baron Speck von Sternburg, German ambassador to the United States, on board, collided with an iceberg four days out from Bremen.

President Small, of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, gave up peaceful efforts to end the strike and prepared to start for Chicago and the east to extend it and make the fight more decisive.

H. J. Wilson, the messenger of the First National bank of New York, who disappeared a week ago after collecting \$25,700 in checks and cash, has reported to the bank officials that the money was stolen by a pickpocket and he fled, fearing arrest. He will not be arrested unless his story proves false.

Jesse R. Grant, youngest son of the late President Grant, in an interview in St. Louis said he would accept the Democratic nomination for president if it were offered to him.

Dr. Winfield S. Chaplin, chancellor of Washington university, St. Louis, resigned, to take a long rest.

United States Senator A. O. Bacon, of Georgia, was reelected for the full term beginning March 4, 1907.

Conspiracy and discrimination, in addition to the exaction of excessive rates, are the charges preferred in a complaint filed with the Interstate commerce commission by the Beech-Elm Creamery company of Iowa; the Blue Valley Creamery company, of Missouri; and the Blue Valley Creamery company, of Iowa, against several western railroads.

A monument erected by the state of New Jersey to commemorate the services of the Fourteenth volunteer infantry of that state at the battle of the Monocacy was unveiled on the battlefield, near Frederick, N. Y., by Miss Alice Patterson, daughter of Maj. John C. Patterson of Freehold, N. J.

The Olympic cup open to teams of four from any association in the world, and held for the last two years by the Western Golf association, was won at Cleveland by the team of the Metropolitan Golf association with a total of 641 strokes.

## NEWS TO THEM.



The Checker Players—What's all the row about?

## WHITE DAMP KILLS NINE

ITALIAN MINERS PERISH IN AN ABANDONED SLOPE.

Bodies of the Victims Are Recovered—Disaster Occurs at Honeybrook, Pa.

Honeybrook, Pa.—Seven mine workers, all Italians, were killed in an abandoned slope of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company at Honeybrook Thursday by deadly white damp. Three others are missing.

Of the dead only the body of James Lavanno, a foreman, has been recovered from the slope.

The accident is said to have been due to the ignorance of the workmen regarding the mine gases. Two of the men had been sent into the slope to measure water by Foreman Lavanno. When they failed to return to the surface two other men were sent into the mine to assist them. These also failed to return and two more descended. Finally Lavanno went into the workings with Frank Bowda, an experienced inside man. Bowda detected the white damp and got out safely, but Lavanno refused to leave and perished.

James Goldsmith, superintendent; William Goldsmith, fire boss; William Davis, foreman; Charles Schaar, fire boss, and Philip Harriett, a pumpman, organized a rescuing party and went into the slope, but they were driven back. Dr. J. K. Farrar, of Andover, Pa., was finally lowered 160 feet into the slope and succeeded in bringing up the body of Lavanno, though he was almost unconscious when he was drawn up from the workings.

Superintendent Morgans, of Wilkesbarre, and other officials, after an investigation refused to let any more men enter the slope until fans have been installed.

SECOND JAP SPY CAUGHT.

Arrested at Fort Rosencrans with Blue-print of the Works.

San Diego, Cal.—It was learned Friday night from a trustworthy source that, in addition to the Japanese detected in making sketches at Fort Rosencrans a few days ago, another was arrested in the fort Friday for having a blue print of the works in his possession. This latter Japanese was employed as a servant at the fort. He is a man of superior attainments. In his room was found a standard work on engineering. The blue print was well drawn and showed much technical skill.

Toledo Trust Men Sentenced.

Toledo, O.—Twenty-one members of the Lumber Dealers' Credit association, nine members of the Brick Dealers' association, and two bridge agents, who two months ago pleaded guilty to indictments charging violations of the Valentine anti-trust law, were sentenced by Judge Lindley W. Morris Friday. The lumbermen and the bridge men were sentenced to six months in the workhouse and the brick men were fined \$1,000 each.

Nine Bodies Recovered.

Hazleton, Pa.—The bodies of nine victims of white damp in the abandoned slope of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal company at Honeybrook have been recovered. The accident is the first that has occurred in an anthracite mine since the new employers' liability act passed by the last legislature went into effect.

Renews Old Slave's Pension.

New York.—Under an order of the supreme court, Eldridge Cooper, 70 years old, an ex-slave of the Cooper estate in Columbia county, Tennessee, will continue to receive \$100 a year that his former master, ex-Judge William F. Cooper, allowed him until two years ago, when the old judge began to fail mentally. Cooper's estate, valued at \$500,000, has been tied up by legal difficulties since his mind failed. These have now been straightened out and annuities will be renewed.

Santa Fe Road Indicted.

Chicago.—An indictment charging the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad with granting rebates amounting to \$12,000 to the United States Sugar & Land company, of Garden City, Kan., was returned in Judge Landis' court Wednesday by the federal grand jury. There are 65 counts in the indictment, charging as many different transactions. Should the company be found guilty on every count it will be subject to a possible maximum fine of \$1,200,000 or a minimum fine of \$65,000.

## HAYWOOD IN DENIAL

DEFENDANT ON WITNESS STAND IN HIS OWN BEHALF.

GIVES LIE TO CHARGES

Says He Never Made Threat Against Steunenberg and Never Gave Any Money to Orchard.

Boise, Idaho.—William D. Haywood took oath Thursday, a witness in his own defense, and in a lengthy narrative of his life and his work as a leader of his fellow miners, that was interrupted by adjournment, denied guilt of the murder of Frank Steunenberg and the manifold crimes charged against him by Harry Orchard.

Haywood was pale and trembled with nervousness when he left the table of his counsel and walked around to the elevated witness stand, where he faced the judge and jury and raised his right hand to be sworn. When he began to respond to Clarence Darrow's questions his voice was low and somewhat uncertain, but he soon regained his composure.

As he told of his boyhood that began with toil at the age of nine and gave the history of his family his invalid wife, who sat just to the left of the witness stand, began sobbing softly. Her mother-in-law and her nurse soon comforted her, however, and during the rest of the afternoon she and the rest of Haywood's kindfolk remained quiet but deeply concerned auditors.

Haywood's testimony was chiefly characterized by positive denials of the allegations made against him by the prosecution. He denied that he met Orchard until some time after the Vindicator explosion; denied that he sent Orchard back to Cripple Creek to blow up the Independence station; denied participation in the Lyte Gregory murder, and denied suggesting or discussing the Steunenberg murder. He swore that he never gave Orchard any money at any time or place for any purpose.

He declared that he never made a threat against Steunenberg, whom he said he regarded only as he did any politician who was being swayed by capitalistic influence. He told of a number of occasions when he met Orchard in Denver in the ordinary course of his relations with the federation and George A. Pettibone, and said he saw Orchard for the last time in August, 1905, when Orchard told him he was going to Alaska, and Haywood said he chided him for deserting his wife at Cripple Creek. The direct examination had not reached the connection of Jack Simpkins and the action of the federation after Steunenberg was murdered when adjournment interrupted it.

Borah Cross-Examines Moyer.

The state completed the cross-examination of Charles H. Moyer at noon, and in dealing with his testimony directed its strongest attack against the circumstances under which the federation, at the suggestion of Jack Simpkins, came to the relief of Orchard when he was arrested for killing Steunenberg.

Senator Borah, who conducted the examination, emphasized the connection of Jack Simpkins and the federation and the fact that the federation, without inquiry as to the guilt or innocence of Orchard, gave \$1,500 from its treasury to provide for his defense. He also developed the fact that the federation is providing for the defense of Steve Adams, who is charged with killing two claim-jumpers at the instigation of Jack Simpkins.

Moyer denied knowing anything about the \$100 that Haywood sent to Jack Simpkins a few days before Steunenberg was assassinated, which is traced to Orchard by an unsigned note he got at Caldwell jail and a coincidence of dates.

Haywood Ends Testimony.

Boise, Idaho.—William D. Haywood, the defendant charged with the murder of Frank Steunenberg, left the witness chair after he had been under examination six hours, the time being equally divided between his own counsel and Senator Borah, who conducted the cross-examination.

There is a prospect now that the case may be brought to a conclusion within two weeks. The state expects to close the rebuttal by Wednesday or Thursday next. The defense expresses the opinion that the sur-rebuttal will be in by Saturday. Under these circumstances the case will be given to the jury by the end of the last week of this month.

Building Falls; Three Dead.

Philadelphia.—Three men are known to have been killed, one was fatally hurt and 18 others were injured in the collapse of a new concrete building Wednesday at the plant of Bridgman Bros. company, manufacturers of steam fitters' supplies at Fifteenth street and Washington avenue, in the southwestern section of the city. It is believed several other victims are buried in the ruins.

Escapes at Prison's Door.

Marquette, Mich.—Within 50 feet of the prison here and about to be turned over to that institution, Albert Peverette, bank robber and convict—one of the Richland bank robbers and a member of the notorious Lake Shore gang—escaped from two guards Thursday at midnight while the trio were entering the prison driveway. Peverette leaped from the carriage they were in, having slipped the shackles from both hands and feet.

Bold Robbery of Pawnshop.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Two men entered the pawnshop of Emil Mantel and Charles Medias on Massachusetts avenue, in the downtown district, Thursday night and after striking the clerk down with a piece of hose and rendering him unconscious, escaped with plunder valued at \$3,000. The clerk, Simon Gold, was fatally hurt.

Six Persons Drowned.

Jamestown, N. Y.—Six people were drowned late Friday evening near Russell, Pa., 11 miles south of here. Nine people had taken a gasoline launch on the Conewago river, which was very high owing to rains, and the boat was swept over a dam.

Judge Waite, of Toledo, Dies.

Toledo, O.—Judge Richard Waite, pioneer lawyer of this city, died at his home here Friday of paralysis, aged 75 years. The deceased was a brother of Morrison R. Waite, at one time chief justice of the United States.

Countess de Trobriand Dies.

Brest, France.—The Countess de Trobriand, who was Miss Mary Jones, of New York, died Friday at the home of her daughter, Countess Rodolphe du Porcia, at the Chateau de Kersteers, Finistère.

Robbers Murder a Chinaman.

Omaha, Neb.—Robbers Wednesday night fatally beat Han Pak, a Chinese restaurant keeper, and robbed his strong box of \$500 in cash. An ice man found Pak lying in a pool of blood in his kitchen. He died in the hospital.

New Yorker Orders Big Yacht.

London.—The Shipping Gazette says that Morton F. Plant, of New York, has ordered a twin screw yacht from a Lith firm which will be the third largest private-owned yacht afloat.

## "UNWRITTEN" LAW FREES

MRS. BOWIE AND SON ACQUITTED OF THE POSEY MURDER.

Avenge Girl's Wrong—Jury at La Plata, Md., Requires But Five Minutes to Reach Verdict.

La Plata, Md.—It took the jury in the Bowie murder trial Friday but five minutes to decide that, in southern Maryland, at least, the "unwritten law" is the law to which the seducer must hold himself answerable. And while there was no marked demonstration when the verdict became known, there was sufficient evidence that the verdict of the jury was the verdict of the people of this section of the country.

Both jury and people acquit Mrs. Mary E. Bowie and her son, Henry, of all blame for their acknowledged slaying last January of Hubert Posey, the seducer of their daughter and sister, Priscilla Bowie, who, with her fatherless child, made a most pathetic picture in the courtroom during the progress of the trial. That there was no demonstration was doubtless due to the fact that the verdict of the jury was announced to the judges while they were at dinner during recess.

State's Attorney Wilmer's request to the jury that they bring in a verdict of manslaughter, not of murder, made Thursday evening, was not more noteworthy than the frankness with which Congressman Sidney E. Mudd, of counsel for the defense, appealed to the "unwritten law" in behalf of his clients. Throughout his address, which evidently voiced the sentiments of most of his hearers, Mrs. Bowie and her son sat in stolid composure, while Priscilla Bowie, seated outside the rail among the spectators, wept continuously.

Tobacco Trust Attacked.

Petition Filed Against Several Individuals and Corporations.

New York.—With a severe thud the blow has fallen on the tobacco trust. Attorney General Bonaparte, who for a long time has been investigating the great international combine, under the president's direction, Wednesday caused to be filed in the United States circuit court in this city a petition against the following concerns:

American Tobacco company, Imperial Tobacco company, British-American Tobacco company, American Snuff company, American Cigar company, United Cigar Stores company, American Stogie company, Macandrews & Forbes company, and Conley Puff company.

Fifty-six other corporations and 29 individuals connected with the foregoing companies also are named. These corporations and individuals constitute what is generally known as the "tobacco trust," and the petition directed against them sets forth the intention of the government to dissolve this trust by breaking up the agreements under which the concerns are working.

James J. McKeenolds, the special assistant attorney general who filed the complaint, said that criminal prosecution of some of the defendants was highly probable, as the Sherman law, under which the action is brought, makes a conspiracy in restraint of trade a criminal offense.

Ouida in Absolute Poverty.

British Government Grants Novelist Pension of \$750 a Year.

London.—The appearance of the name of the English novelist Ouida (Louise de la Ramee), on the new list of civil pensions for literary merit occasioned some surprise here. Inquiries were at once made concerning the novelist's circumstances and from them it turns out that the pension of \$750 a year granted by the government is a greatly needed benefaction.

Close Call for 40 Men.

Mitchell, S. D.—Forty laborers on a wrecking train had a narrow escape from death Tuesday night in a wreck on the Milwaukee road, three miles east of here. Three cars of the train were precipitated into the James river, but the coach containing the workmen landed on top, and not a man was seriously hurt.

South African Hotel Dynamited.

Johannesburg.—The dynamite outrages arising from the strike situation throughout the mining regions continue. The first fatalities occurred Friday when Kilfoi's hotel at Boksburg was blown up. Three men were killed and several injured. An attempt also was made to damage the Jumpers Deep mine.

Dies in House of Commons.

London.—During a division in the house of commons Tuesday evening Sir Alfred Billson, member for the northwest division of Staffordshire, died suddenly from apoplexy. The