

TRUST APPEAL IS BEING HEARD

STANDARD OIL CASE BEFORE SUPREME COURT

Government Contends it is a Monopoly in Restraint of Trade

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., March 14.—The final stage of the three years' legal struggle between the Standard Oil Company and the government...

The government's case has been directed by Frank B. Kellogg, the "trust lawyer" and it is expected that he will make one of the leading arguments.

The government contends that the trust is a monopoly in restraint of trade. There are no similar phrases in the act, but that is the main point of contention.

In filing their brief before the Supreme Court the trust and government each denied all the contentions of the other. This brings practically the whole case before the Supreme Court for decision.

The argument and submission of the resolution sent to the Supreme Court attracting special attention in view of the recent introduction in the Senate of the Gallinger bill, providing for the "Rockefeller foundation."

The announcement that Rockefeller proposes to donate his enormous fortune to charity and the welfare of the human race, is being made at the time of the final hearing of the great suit.

Milburn opened the argument for the Rockefeller company. The court granted three days for the argument of both sides.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT REACHES KHARTOUM

Former President of the United States Welcomed From Hunting Trip

(By a Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)

Khartoum, March 14.—Former President Theodore Roosevelt made a triumphant entry into Khartoum this afternoon. The colonel previously had requested that he be no official public display in his behalf, but thousands of persons assembled on the river front to cheer the noted passenger as he landed.

The great Sudanese metropolis was gay with color. The American stars and stripes waved beside the British Union Jack and Egyptian standards.

The Dal proceeded down the river after the steps of the palace of General Wingate, where the British general had his headquarters. The Dal presented an animated picture of the city as the little steamer passed along on her way to the palace of General Wingate.

Roosevelt walked to the palace between double lines of guards, and was greeted by Slatin Pasha, Inspector Clayton, of the sirdar's staff, accompanied them.

A dinner at the palace followed. This was almost private nature, only a few officials attending the repast.

After the dinner the colonel had a farewell to his shikaris—the stalwart hunters who have been his close companions. He presented them five minutes of his British East Africa.

The Dal returned a sand bank which was delayed for a short time.

INSTANTLY KILLED

San Pedro, Cal., March 14.—George W. Johnson shot and instantly killed his wife, Mrs. Johnson, after a quarrel.

The shooting was the result of Johnson's jealousy. Anson's undying fidelity for his wife, Jefferson was arrested today.

TO REFORM THE HOUSE OF LORDS

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY LORD ROSEBERY

Reduction of Membership From 600 to 350 Will Be Proposed

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, March 14.—Lord Rosebery submitted a motion to-night in the House of Lords to the effect that the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider the best means of reforming the existing organization.

Lord Rosebery is chairman of a committee recently appointed by the peers to consider measures for the reformation of the House of Lords. It is understood that his proposed motion is the result of the deliberations of that committee.

It is probable that Lord Rosebery will propose a reduction in membership of the second House from 600 to 350. According to a tentative plan under consideration, 200 of this latter number will be hereditary members and they will select the remaining 150.

Very few of the Liberals in the House of Commons may approve of this plan, but most of them insist on an elective second chamber. The Irish want the House of Lords destroyed, but they are turning to it to prevent more sweeping reforms.

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ROTARY AND ENGINE SWEEP INTO CANYON

Another Snowstorm on Great Northern—Man Believed to Have Perished

(Times Leased Wire.)

Wellington, Wash., March 14.—The work of repairing the damaged bridge and removing the snow and debris from the tracks of the Great Northern near Alvin where a slide occurred yesterday morning that killed one man and swept a rotary and a locomotive over the canyon, is proceeding as rapidly as possible to-day, but officials of the company say it will probably require two days more to complete repairs and restore traffic on the line.

The slide yesterday was a thousand feet in length and came down near the little station of Alvin, on the "high line." Engineer John Anson, in charge of the locomotive behind the rotary, saw the avalanche coming and put on all speed in an endeavor to outrun the threatened peril. His effort was futile, however, and the heavy engine and rotary were caught and hurled 200 feet down the canyon. An man received two broken ribs. He was extricated from the mass of snow and taken to the hospital at Everett. An Italian laborer is missing and is thought to have perished in the slide.

Roaring on down the mountainside, the avalanche then struck the "low line" at the point where the track begins its tortuous way up the mountain. One span of a small bridge was torn out and a long section of snowsheds was demolished.

PEARY HOLDS BACK PROOFS

DENIED RECOGNITION BY GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Secretary Makes Statement Regarding Action of the American Body

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VALUABLE PAINTING STOLEN

Work of Art Valued at \$10,000 Taken From Gallery at San Francisco.

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The police incidentally hinted the blame for the disappearance of the picture to the shoulders of the museum officials. They declared that the officials wasted considerable time before notifying the police of their loss. They also state that the museum management displayed carelessness in hanging the valuable canvass on the lowest line near the floor.

The painting entitled "The Shepherd and His Flock" is the property of Miss Sarah Spooner, of New York. It was loaned to the museum in 1890.

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German Inventor Sentenced to Five Months Imprisonment.

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RUSSO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE URGED

NEW PARTY HAS BEEN FORMED IN JAPAN

Leader Declares Pact Would Check Hostility of United States

(Times Leased Wire.)

Tokio, March 14.—Dissatisfaction over the submissive policy of Baron Komura and increased annoyance at the continued anti-Japanese discussions in America resulted to-day in the formation of a strong constitutional Democratic party.

The new organization, called the Rikokokuminto, has an anti-bureaucratic platform, and its supporters predict a great future for the movement. Masami Oishi, leader of the new party, in a speech inaugurating the movement, criticized Komura for his weak administration. He remarked upon the growing hostility of America toward Japan, and advocated a Russo-Japanese land alliance in addition to the Anglo-Japanese sea port.

In pointing out the advantages of a Russo-Japanese alliance, he said that it would establish permanent peace in Asia, would check American threats and activities, and would consolidate the finances of Japan in such a manner as to reduce the expenditure for armament both on land and sea.

Oishi is a member of parliament. He was formerly minister of agriculture and commerce and at one time resident minister to Korea.

KILLS TWO SONS AND ENDS OWN LIFE

New York, March 14.—Despondency is given as the only reason to-day to explain the actions of Hermann Moritz, who shot his two sons to death, set fire to his house, turned in a fire alarm, and then returned to the house and committed suicide last night.

Moritz was a retired real estate dealer and was in comfortable circumstances. The bodies of his sons, George and Walter, were found by officers after the firemen had extinguished a small blaze which the man had started in the cellar, presumably after he had committed the double murder.

Neighbors state that Moritz was subjected to frequent spells of despondency.

CONDUCTOR INJURED

Tacoma, Wash., March 14.—Conductor C. O. Eckler, supposed to have been fatally injured in a Northern Pacific freight train standing in the yards at Argo, Eckler was only painfully injured, according to a report at the Northern Pacific hotel here to-day.

In a dense fog yesterday evening engine No. 529 backed into the caboose of a freight train standing in the yards at Argo. Eckler was caught between the caboose roof and the tank of the tender. The switch engine was badly wrecked and the caboose reduced to splinters.

SEVEN MINERS KILLED

Lose Lives by Explosion of Gas in Pennsylvania Mine—Rescuers Have Narrow Escape.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 14.—Seven miners lost their lives in the No. 5 shaft of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company near here Saturday night in an explosion of gas. There were eight men in the party, but one of them was away from the scene of the explosion getting some tools and was not injured. All the dead were suffocated.

The officials have no theory as to the cause of the explosion. General Manager Huber said it did not cause much damage.

Several of the rescuers had narrow escapes from fire damp that filled the mine.

BURNED TO DEATH

Fishkill Landing, N. Y., March 14.—Mrs. Daniel Dolan, 70 years old, was found burned to a crisp at her home here. She had been alone in the house, and in attempting to start a fire her clothing caught fire and was burned completely from her body. Nothing else in the room caught fire.

AEROPLANE ACCIDENT

Berlin, March 14.—A Ziemans-Zehuckert aeroplane, while being tested at Potsdam came to grief during a flight at a low altitude. The aviator, Rapp, who was driving the machine, suffered a broken leg, and two passengers who were with him were slightly injured.

THOUSANDS OF MEN MISSING

OVER HUNDRED JAPANESE FISHING BOATS WRECKED

Storm Sweeps Over Island of Hondo—Great Loss of Life Feared

(Special to the Times.)

Tokio, March 14.—The greatest blizzard experienced in the island of Hondo since the devastation of 1880 raged along the eastern coast Saturday night and yesterday.

The fate of thousands of fishermen is unknown. It is estimated that 120 fishing boats have been wrecked.

The storm swept the coasts of Chiba and Ibaraki prefectures and wrought terrible havoc.

The cruiser Takachio was dispatched to search for possible survivors of the great storm.

The prefectures of Chiba and Ibaraki adjoin the prefecture of Tokio. The force of the storm was felt inland here for a considerable distance, but the principal damage was done along the coast.

Details of the blizzard are lacking, but it is possible that additional warships will be sent to the east coast as soon as the Takachio reports by wireless.

ELEVATOR QUESTION

Regina, Sask., March 14.—The elevator commission will commence its sittings after the end of April, and will take three months to complete the work in connection with the inquiry into the feasibility of government-owned elevators.

ATLANTIC LINER GROUNDS IN FOG

Vessel Runs Ashore Near Christiania, But is Not in Danger

(Times Leased Wire.)

Christiania, Sweden, March 14.—It is believed to-day that the Scandinavian-American line steamer United States will be hoisted as soon as the work of unloading her is completed. The vessel is aground near this port with her stern to the breakers, and is reported to be in no danger of going to pieces or being damaged unless a gale springs up.

The ship was en route to New York from Copenhagen when she grounded in a dense fog.

The lifeboats were put in readiness, and the passengers quieted. It was soon seen, however, that the ship was in no danger, so everyone remained aboard until other boats came to the rescue soon after the fog lifted.

The first and second class passengers will be taken to British ports to re-embark for America, while the third class passengers will be taken on a liner directly to New York.

WHOLESALE MURDER SUSPECTED IN IDAHO

Remains of Farmer, Wife and Two Daughters Found in Ashes of Home

(Times Leased Wire.)

Boise, Idaho, March 14.—Wholesale murder, following robbery, is suspected in the burning to death early to-day of Theophil Thoni, his wife and two grown daughters in a fire which destroyed their home six miles west of Twin Falls. When the fire was discovered by neighbors it was too late to rescue the occupants and after the house was consumed the four bodies were found in the ashes.

Thoni recently arrived in this country from Nebraska, purchasing a ranch. He was known to possess considerable means. The two daughters, who lost their lives, had been educated in Europe.

Two horsemen were seen riding through the streets of Filer, a nearby town, shortly after the fire was discovered, hurrying away from the direction of the burning home.

The sheriff of Twin Falls county and a large posse are now riding over the country where the two suspicious characters were last seen.

OPIMUM CONGRESS

Washington, D. C., March 14.—The state department has addressed an inquiry to Vienna, Paris, Tokio, Tehran and Constantinople requesting replies to the invitation of the United States to take part in the opium congress which is to be held at the Hague next autumn.

CONFLICT BETWEEN LABOR LEADERS

NEW DEVELOPMENT IN PHILADELPHIA STRIKE

(Times Leased Wire.)

Philadelphia, March 14.—It is possible that a conflict of authority between labor leaders may result from the order of the Central Labor Union here to all union men of Philadelphia to quit work under penalty of not being considered unionists. In most of the trades the international organizations have ordered their men to remain at work, thereby advising them to ignore the orders of the central labor body. As a result it is expected here that few of the union men who are now at work will obey the central union's order.

The general order to the milkmen, bakery wagon drivers, ice wagon drivers and others who deliver necessities to quit work was not generally obeyed to-day. The majority of these men remained at work, although a few failed to appear this morning.

The city was quiet during the early hours to-day. A canvass indicates that most of the men who quit work last week are still out. This would indicate that the labor leaders are still holding their men in line, and that their predictions of further defections from the ranks of the workers may be fulfilled.

The city officials realize that a general strike among the purveyors of necessities would probably be the most vital blow that could be struck, as it would arouse the public to demand an immediate settlement of some sort. This would make it impossible to carry on the fight against the strike as an endurance campaign.

The next move of the union leaders is awaited with interest on all sides.

DAM BURSTS AND MANY HOUSES ARE DESTROYED—SIX PERSONS LOSE THEIR LIVES

Cardiff, Wales, March 14.—The bursting of a dam at an old colliery at Blansyach, in Rhondda, Valley, has flooded the village lying below, destroyed many houses and rushed into a school having nine hundred pupils, who narrowly escaped drowning. Six lives were lost in the village, the inhabitants of which fled.

WATCHMAN SLAIN

Santa Clara, Cal., March 14.—George Wybank was shot and instantly killed by a supposed burglar here early to-day. The shooting occurred in a summer garden in the rear of Liebe's saloon. The watchman and the intruder exchanged half-a-dozen shots before Wybank fell.