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FIGHT AGAINST OIL COMPANIES

H. H. ROGERS DECLINES TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

Thomas W. Lawson Will Give Evidence - The Irrepressible Photographer Again at Work.

New York, Jan. 8.—H. H. Rogers, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and a director of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, was a witness to-day in the hearing before Commissioner Frederick H. H. Sanborn in the quo warranto proceedings brought by Attorney-General Hadley of Missouri to oust from Missouri the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of Indiana, the Republic Oil Company of Missouri and to show that the other two companies doing business in Missouri are controlled by the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, said to be the western branch of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

Mr. Hadley took up with him only one point—whether the Standard Oil Company of Indiana has an office at No. 26 Broadway, this city, where the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has its offices and whether the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey owns or controls a majority of the stock of the Indiana company, the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of Missouri and the Republic Oil Company of New York.

Mr. Rogers said that he did not know that the Indiana company has offices at No. 26 Broadway, that he supposed its affairs are in Indiana, and he imagined that James A. Moffet, president of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, has an office at 26 Broadway, but that he (Rogers) was never in it.

Mr. Rogers declined to answer the question whether the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey owns the stock of the other companies which Mr. Hadley alleges have combined to stifle competition in Missouri. Mr. Hadley pressed the question with much insistence, demanded answers without evasion.

"Do you mean to say to the Supreme court of Missouri that you do not know where the offices of the company of which you are a director are located?" demanded Mr. Hadley.

"It is immaterial to me what the Supreme court of Missouri expects me to say," replied Mr. Rogers.

When Mr. Rogers went on the stand this forenoon a zealous photographer temporarily broke up the proceedings and drove him out of the room by burning a flash-light to get a picture of him. It filled the room with smoke and Mr. Rogers was excused until a later hour.

H. W. Hardcastle, who formerly was employed in the Albany agency of the Standard Oil Company, was also a witness to-day. He testified to instances in which he was transferred from the Standard Oil Company of Missouri to that of the Republic Oil Company at Cleveland, Ohio, and of the Atlantic Refining Company at Philadelphia. These transfers, he said were made by officers of the Standard Oil Company, and one of them told him he must not be known in Cleveland as having been employed by the Standard Oil Company. Witnesses read some letters from the Standard Oil men which he was induced to surrender to Walter Jennings of the Standard Oil Company in the hope of a better position, but he received a ticket for Europe without a return coupon.

Mr. Rogers was testifying when the court adjourned to-day.

After the adjournment, Attorney-General Hadley's attention was called to some published advice concerning the proceedings from Thomas W. Lawson of Boston, and he was asked: "Do you want Mr. Lawson to come down here and testify in the case?" "Certainly, if Mr. Lawson knows anything, I should like to have him come down," said Mr. Hadley.

THE MOROCCAN CONFERENCE.

Paris, Jan. 8.—M. Revellou, former governor of Algiers and head of the French delegation at the Moroccan conference at Algiers, accompanied by a numerous suite, left Paris at noon to-day for Spain. His departure was the occasion of a notable gathering of officials including representatives of Premier Rouvier and all the cabinet ministers. M. Streum Taillandier, who was French envoy to Morocco throughout the controversy, and numerous military and civilian officials, M. Renault, the second French delegate, leaves to-morrow. The party will stop at Madrid in order to participate in the wedding of the Infanta Maria Teresa on January 15th to Prince Ferdinand of Savaria, reaching Algiers on January 15th.

ELECTIONS THIS MONTH.

Last Poll For Imperial Commissions Must Close on January 27th.

London, Jan. 8.—The first polling for the House of Commons which was dissolved to-day, will take place January 13th at Greenwich, where Lord Hugh Cecil, leader of the Conservative free traders, is engaged in a ten-guinea fight for the seat against a Liberal and a Chamberlainite. The last poll must close January 27th. Therefore, within a fortnight the verdict of the majority of the electors will be known, and the probable life of the Liberal government will be measurable.

His Majesty has summoned to assemble to meet at Westminster February 13th.

The leaders of the opposing forces mounted the hustings to-night and the rallying cry of the main forces and factions engaged in the combat were heard everywhere. No less than fifteen members of the past and the present cabinets spoke, including former Premier Balfour, Herbert Henry Asquith, Joseph Chamberlain, John Morley, Lord Lansdowne, John Burns, David Lloyd George and Austen Chamberlain.

The speakers continued to ring the changes against home rule and tariff reform. The Liberals along the line attacked the unionist record of the past ten years, while the unionists in the main were on the defensive.

Mr. Asquith issued his address to-day. It is devoted exclusively to answering the proposals for tariff reform, finding strong fortification in the returns of the board of trade for 1905.

FIRE AT BOSTON.

Damage Estimated at Nearly \$150,000—Low Water Pressure Hampered Fire Fighters.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 8.—Fire in one of the group of five six story brick houses owned by the Factory Building Trust at the corner of Wornwood and A streets, south Boston, caused a loss of between \$125,000 and \$150,000 to-day.

The fire started from spontaneous combustion in a bin of wool, which was being unpacked and sorted by employees of the Railway Supply & Manufacturing Company on the third floor, and although efforts were made promptly to put out the fire with buckets of water, the employees were driven out. Five alarms, including one on the automatic circuit, were given calling automatically all of the fire brigades in the centre of the city, the scene, including a fire boat and the force was sufficient to confine the flames to the building in which they originated. Low water pressure and freezing weather hampered the firemen.

The fire started in the Railway Supply Company and the Manufacturing Company, who occupied practically all the building, with damage placed at about \$500,000; the Hallett & Davis Piano Company, who either by water, \$50,000 to \$75,000, and the Factory Building Trust, \$25,000.

COUNTERFEIT CERTIFICATES.

H. Sproule, of Sproule & Co. Declares Signature of His Firm Had Been Forged.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 8.—Concerning the counterfeit stock certificates of the Norfolk & Western railroad and the report that 100 shares of the worthless stock bearing the names of "Thomas H. Harris and E. L. Green" and the name of the firm, Sproule & Co., brokers of this city, had come to the surface in New York, Henry Sproule emphatically states that the signature of his firm had been forged.

Sproule said: "Harris and Green are unknown to me either as brokers or as traders. It was necessary, of course that the certificate bear the guarantee of some firm who was a member of the New York stock exchange, in order to make a good delivery of the stock in New York, and for this reason, I presume, our name was used. Norfolk & Western stock pays a quarterly dividend of one per cent, which was payable on January 1st, and I suppose that it was for the purpose of securing the dividend that the broker who last held the stock presented it to the company."

What is always behind time?—The back of a watch.

HOUSES DEMOLISHED BY LANDSLIDE

TEN NY PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE DEAD

Debris Set on Fire By Overturning of Stoves—Number of Survivors Were Injured.

Haverstraw, N. Y., Jan. 8.—At least fourteen persons are believed to have perished in a landslide which carried several tenement houses down in a clay pit here last night. The houses, which were of wood, were set on fire from overturned stoves, and the debris was soon a mass of flames. Some fifty or more tenants escaped with more or less injuries.

Up to 9 o'clock this morning none of the bodies had been recovered, and it was believed that all the missing were dead. A large force of men were kept at work in the search for bodies.

The landslide occurred on Rutland street, in the east end of the town, where two blocks of houses are supposed to have been undermined by workmen digging clay for brickmaking. The catastrophe occurred without warning, and while the victims were asleep. Seven houses went down. They had stood on the brink of a pit a hundred feet deep, and when the gully gave way were carried on the pit's bottom. The landslide broke the water mains, shutting off the supply of water and greatly impeding the work of rescue. Unrestrained flames spread to other buildings, and but for the timely arrival of hundreds of volunteer fire fighters might have wiped out the town.

AT WORK ON RUINS.

Haverstraw, N. Y., Jan. 9.—A force of men worked almost frantically to-day to uncover the ruins of the houses carried down in last night's landslide. Up to 11 o'clock there had been little success owing to the great mass of clay to be moved, and to the fact that where the houses had burned the debris was so hot that the work was very slow.

At that time it was estimated that 20 or more persons were dead as a result of the falling away of the ground and the fire that followed.

C. T. RITCHIE DEAD.

Former Chancellor of the Exchequer Passed Away Suddenly in France.

London, Jan. 9.—Chas. T. Ritchie, formerly chancellor of the exchequer, died to-day at Biarritz, France.

Hon. Charles Thomson Ritchie was born at Dundee in 1838. As a minister responsible for drafting and carrying through parliament of the clay-mining bill in 1874, and was first given office as secretary to the admiralty in 1885. He was president of the board of trade from 1895-1900, and was transferred thence to the home office at the beginning of the last parliament. In August, 1902, he succeeded Sir Michael Hicks-Beach as chancellor of the exchequer.

PERISHED IN SNOWSTORM.

Ranchman and Goat Herder Found Dead in New Mexico.

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 9.—James Yates, living near White Sakes, Lincoln county, a half blind ranchman, perished in a snowstorm yesterday. His body was discovered in a snow-drift two miles from his cabin. As a pillow he had used his hat and scarf, and his hands were folded on his breast in an attitude of prayer.

Charles Newton, a 12-year-old goat-herder, perished in the snowstorm. Heavy losses are being sustained by sheep owners because they made no preparations to feed the sheep during the present severe cold.

GREENE AND GAYNOR

Appear Before Federal Court to Answer Several Indictments.

Savannah, Jan. 9.—J. D. Greene and Jno. F. Gaynor appeared this morning in the federal court for the southern district of Georgia before Judge Emery Spear to answer several indictments charging them with conspiring to defraud the government, with embezzlement, and with receiving money known to have been embezzled from the United States.

With the two defendants appeared Peter Meldrum as leading counsel, and Osborne and Lawrence as associate counsel. United States Attorney-General Marlon Erwin, assisted by Samuel Adams and General Thos. F. Barr, United States army (retired), and formerly judge advocate at Ayres, and later made a trip along the Paraguay river and call at Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay. The purpose of the visit, it is believed, is a desire of Germany to show her flag in the small republic, in which there are considerable German commercial interests.

CANADIAN NOTES.

Aged Homesecker's Sudden Death—Seed Grain Instruction.

Saskatoon, Sask., Jan. 8.—J. E. Jones, an aged homesecker, hailing from Kansas dropped dead yesterday. Liberals to Meet.

Prince Albert, Jan. 8.—The Liberals of the Federal constituency of Saskatchewan will meet here to-morrow to select a candidate for the bye-election following the resignation of Hon. J. H. Lamont.

Plumbers' Strike. Calgary, Jan. 8.—Union plumbers went on strike here to-day to enforce their schedule of 46 cents per hour. Instructing Farmers.

Brandon, Jan. 8.—A campaign of seed grain instruction which is to cover the entire Northwest was inaugurated here to-day under the auspices of the Dominion government and the railways. Lecturers with exhibits will travel in special trains from point to point discussing the question with farmers. The movement had a most auspicious beginning.

Killed by Car. Toronto, Jan. 8.—Jas. Bond, license inspector of New York, was struck and killed by an electric car Saturday. He was 63 years of age.

Loan Company Affairs. London, Jan. 8.—Western Trust Company, liquidators for Elgin Loan Company, have issued a statement showing the value of the assets received to be \$750,000. Of this \$305,000 has been realized and paid to depositors. The present value of the remaining assets is \$65,000 and the liabilities to depositors about \$27,000. The balance will go to the shareholders.

THE YORK COUNTY PRESIDENT ARRESTED

AS RESULT OF FINDINGS OF COMMISSIONER

Phillips Alleged to Have Conspired With Others to Defraud the Public—Released on Bail.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 9.—Joseph Phillips, president of the York County Loan & Savings Company, was arrested last night.

The arrest was made at the instance of the attorney-general as a result of the findings set forth in the report of W. H. Cross, government commissioner, who investigated the affairs of the company.

It is alleged that Phillips conspired with others, whose names are unknown, by deceit, falsehood and fraudulent means to defraud the public. If guilt is proved the maximum sentence is seven years.

Phillips was released on \$5,000 bail. The sections of Mr. Cross' report, which were the chief factors in the leading to the decision to place Phillips under arrest, are to the effect that the instalment share account was grossly incorrect, the shortage appearing to be at least a million dollars, and the published statements issued by the company were increasingly untrue each year, accompanied by similarly false returns to the government. For this the report holds Phillips responsible, the ignorance of other officials as to the gross misstatements being possibly and even likely.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Accepts Invitation to Visit Erie.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised a delegation from Erie to visit him in the Chamber of Commerce of that place early in October next. The Premier was not able to accept an invitation for an earlier date on account of his parliamentary duties.

Visiting Capital. Mr. Kelly, of Revelstoke, is here on business with the interior department. Mr. Jardine, of New Westminster, has also arrived.

Interviews Premier. Lord Strathcona is discussing trade and immigration matters with Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Seeks Damages. Mayor Ellis is suing ex-Alderman Black for \$5,000 damages.

THE PANTHER'S CRUISE.

German Gunboat Will Pay Visit to Ports in South American Republics.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—The German gunboat Panther, now on a cruise in South American waters, and which has on several occasions figured in international incidents, will, according to information received here, shortly visit Buenos Ayres, and later make a trip along the Paraguay river and call at Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay. The purpose of the visit, it is believed, is a desire of Germany to show her flag in the small republic, in which there are considerable German commercial interests.

THE GOVERNMENT DEFENDS TROOPS

AGAINST CHARGE OF BARBAROUS CONDUCT

Says Arms and Explosives Already Seized Were Sufficient to Have Killed Thousands.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 9.—A semi-official communication on the situation in the Caucasus, published to-day, says that what happened years ago in Asiatic Turkey under the name of Armenian massacres is being repeated in the Caucasus. It says that the Armenians who were given refuge there by Russia, were introduced revolutionary and other anti-governmental methods, fomenting disorders and arousing the Mohammedan against themselves as they did in Asiatic Turkey. This, the communication says, is the real origin of the massacres which recently have occurred in several localities of the Caucasus. The government, it is announced has adopted energetic measures to combat the movement.

It is added that Count Vorontzoff, viceroy of the Caucasus, who is ill, will be superseded.

Another communication published this morning defends the troops against the charge of "barbarous conduct in suppressing the insurgent movement in various parts of Russia. It declares that the arms and explosives already seized were sufficient to have killed thousands of persons, and to have destroyed whole cities.

The government, the communication says, is convinced that the nation will approve the measures adopted by it to circumvent such plots.

ROUTED BY TROOPS.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 9.—Colonel Makeff, commandant of the Rostov-on-Don telegraphs the details of a smart action in which the insurgents in the vicinity were driven from the fortified strongholds in Zatebninsk. The insurgents had dug entrenchments and erected barricades and were prepared to offer a house to house resistance, but they were driven out by the combined use of artillery, infantry, and cavalry, and fled leaving most of their weapons.

FEELING IN BERLIN.

Berlin, Jan. 8.—The National Zeitung says the most recent phase of the Moroccan question caused general lassitude on the Bourse to-day, and adds that war clauses are being inserted in grain contracts, and that insurance against war is being taken out in other business. These, however, it is explained are simply precautionary measures. Imperial Troops' rose five, regardless of the scare.

A COLD SNAP.

Plattburg, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Last night was the coldest of the year in this section of the Adirondacks. The thermometer registered from 25 to 32 degrees below zero at different points in the mountains.

GERMAN MINISTER ILL.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—A cablegram received at the state department to-day from Berlin says that Baron Richtofen, the German minister of foreign affairs, has suffered a stroke of paralysis, and is seriously and critically ill.

TRUE BILL RETURNED.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—A true bill has been returned against Alphonse Laroque, who was charged with murder. He is accused of having killed a man named Burke.

LINEMAN ELECTROCUTED.

Vancouver, Jan. 8.—Thos. Burgess, a lineman employed by the B. C. Electric Railway Company, was electrocuted last night.

FRENCH CHAMBER.

Deputies Re-Elect M. Doumor as President Over M. Sarrion.

Paris, Jan. 9.—M. Doumor to-day was re-elected President of the Chamber of Deputies by a small majority over M. Sarrion. The result ensures Doumor's candidacy for the presidency of the republic on January 16th, and also indicates Sarrion's growing strength as a presidential candidate.

THE STRIKE OF PRINTERS.

Two Hundred and Ten Houses in New York Have Signed Agreement.

New York, Jan. 9.—Out of 217 printing houses in this city, 210 have signed the hour-day and closed shop agreement with the printers.

MURDERED AT BUTTE.

Man Once Sentenced to Be Hanged Found Dead.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 8.—Robert Shadwell was found dead, evidently having been murdered, in the Chinese section of this city yesterday.

The body was discovered lying in an alley. The head was found to be covered with wounds, apparently having been inflicted with a blunt instrument. A portion of the skull was crushed.

It is the theory of the police that the man was killed, either for revenge or during a fight, while in one of the optimum dens, and the body then thrown into the alley.

That he came to his end while in a partially dressed condition is believed, from the fact that his shirts were torn into shreds and his arms hastily thrust into his coat sleeves. The overcoat was wrapped and buttoned about the body, but the sleeves were empty. The face had been washed before the body was thrown into the street. There is no clew to the murderer.

Shadwell killed "Red" O'Connor, a sport, during a poker game, January 11th, 1888. He was tried three times. The first two trials resulted in verdicts of murder in the first degree, and he was sentenced to be hanged. The third trial resulted in a sentence of four years in state prison, which he served.

WON ON A FOUL.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 8.—Dave Deshler, of Cambridge, won on a foul over "Kid" Godman, of Boston, in the 11th round of what was scheduled as a 15-round bout at the Douglas A. C. in Chelsea last night.

DIAMOND FIELD IN THE DOMINION

DR. G. KUNZ SAYS IT MAY BE IN ONTARIO

He Thinks Gems Found in the States Were Carried From Some Northern Source.

New York, Jan. 9.—The Tribune this morning says:

"There may be a rich diamond field somewhere in Canada, probably in the province of Ontario, said Dr. Geo. F. Kunz, the mineralogist of Tiffany & Co., before the New York Academy of Sciences at the American museum of natural history last night. Since 1830 about two hundred small diamonds, ranging from one-half the size of a pea to the size of a small hazel nut, have been found in various parts of the United States, where they were presumably deposited by glaciers.

"Dr. Kunz explained that in an early period in the history of the world two glaciers descended over the continent of North America. One came directly south from James Bay, over Lake Superior, upon what is now the state of Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Ohio. A second glacier came down upon the same territory from the northeast. Dr. Kunz believes that the first of these glaciers carried into the United States diamonds from a northern source yet undiscovered. Diamonds also are found in California and in the southern Appalachian region, North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. Dr. Kunz said in part: 'The new national surveying parties for the purpose of surveying the railway from Quebec to Winnipeg and the great wheat region of Manitoba will traverse much of the country where the diamonds have come. Dr. Ami declares that the government is sending out numerous exploring parties for exploration along the route. Some of these may make interesting and even important discoveries.'"

CHINESE SITUATION.

News Reaches Washington That Conditions Are Still Unsatisfactory.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—Reports continue to come to the state department that conditions in China are still unsettled and unsatisfactory. No details are procurable as to the nature of the trouble expected and the situation is puzzling in view of the disclaimer by the Chinese minister here of the least apprehension of an outbreak.

THE NEW HAVEN MYSTERY.

Death of C. A. Edwards Was Probably Caused by Morphine.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 8.—Coroner Mix, in a statement at 3:30, says morphine was found in the stomach of Chas. A. Edwards, sufficient in quantity to cause death; also that a bottle of laudanum was found in the rear of the yard of Hiller's residence, also revolver in a yard near the rear door. Edwards' death bears indications of a suicide. The inquest is not yet completed. A. Macey, editor has been released from police surveillance.

The first members of the national assembly have been elected at Tientsin, without allowing the method prescribed by the election law. The peasants assembled and unanimously chose a lawyer named Grusenberg.

ROGERS IS NOT COMMUNICATIVE

HE STILL DECLINES TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

Again on Witness Stand at Hearing in Connection With Suit Against Alleged Oil Trust.

New York, Jan. 9.—Henry H. Rogers, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, whose testimony was interrupted by adjournment yesterday, was the first witness at to-day's session of the hearing in connection with the state of Missouri's suit against the alleged oil trust. The interrogation of Mr. Rogers was taken up to-day at the point where it was interrupted yesterday.

"How long have you been connected with the Standard Oil Company of Indiana," asked Mr. Hadley, the attorney-general of Missouri, who is conducting the inquiry before Commissioner Sanborn. "I don't know."

"Since its organization?" "I don't think it worth while answering that," said Mr. Rogers.

"You will permit me to be the judge of that," replied the attorney-general. Mr. Hadley then asked Mr. Rogers if he was connected with the Standard Oil Company of Indiana when it succeeded to the business of the Standard Oil Company of Kentucky.

"Counsel for the Standard Oil Company objected, and the witness declined to answer. "Were you connected in any way with the Consolidated Tank Line Company which did business in Missouri, and was succeeded by the Standard Oil Company of Kentucky?" "I decline to answer."

"Did you ever by yourself obtain as trustee or hold any stock in the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of Missouri?" "I decline to answer on advice of counsel," replied Mr. Rogers.

Attorney-General Hadley said to-day that Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, will be invited to appear before the commissioner.

STRANGE CASE.

Remarkable Letter Written by a Physician Who Attempted Suicide.

New York, Jan. 8.—Dr. E. W. Steger, said to be a graduate of Vanderbilt and Columbia universities and of a family prominent in Nashville, Tenn., attempted to commit suicide in the Auditorium hotel at Broadway and Thirty-ninth street some time Sunday night by taking a mixture of chloroform and morphine. He was removed to Bellevue hospital to-day, where physicians say he cannot recover.

Dr. Steger took the poison after leaving this note, addressed "To Whom It May Concern":

"Sunday, Jan. 7, 1906 (7 p. m.)—My name is Robert W. Steger and I am 45 years old; occupation, physician; place of birth, Alabama; cause of death, suicide by means of morphine and chloroform. I give my body to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of this city for dissection. I am a graduate of that school, class of 1882. I have not been mentally sound for several years, having suffered from frequent attacks of suicidal mania. These would sometimes take the form of homicidal mania and again a combination of both. The attacks usually lasted two or three days, during which time it was impossible for me to sleep. The present attack has lasted these weeks. A continuance would be worse than death, so I feel justified in taking my life. This condition has caused me to do things for which I have seen severely censured. I trust my friends may now know that my mistakes have been of the head and not of the heart. (Signed) Robert W. Steger."

Another message, probably written after the doctor had swallowed the poison, read: "I am sitting here in R. 11 as same as I have been for three weeks, and expecting to die in an hour. I want to say that the book of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde is none too strong. I also think—"

The writing was firm at the beginning of the message, but gradually became almost unrecognizable.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

A Vigorous Policy Will Be Acted Upon by This Society During Year.

The Women's Council met Monday afternoon, and was very well attended. In reply to a request for aid from the National Council it was decided to give some financial assistance.

The council also gave its unanimous endorsement of the candidature of Mrs. Jenkins as school trustee.

Standing committees for the year were appointed. In this connection the meeting was strongly in favor of a vigorous prosecution of the work of the year as indicated by the resolutions passed at the annual meeting of the society. The committees appointed will, therefore, see that all possible is done to carry into effect the objects aimed at. These include the endorsing of a provincial university, the question of divorce, the adoption of means for keeping children off the streets at night and the keeping of food supplies pure.