

STANDARD OIL DISSOLUTION

New York, July 31.—Announcement was made by the Standard Oil Co., of New Jersey, today in a communication to its stockholders of the way it intends to reorganize to meet the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law. The plan provides that stock in above thirty-five subsidiary companies shall be distributed ratably among the stockholders in the parent company. Dissolution will be about December 1. The detailed plan showing what pro rata shares in the subsidiary company the Standard Oil stockholders may expect under the reorganization, will be made known later. This is a matter of computation and will require some time, but the communication today shows in outline the manner in which the company proposes to reorganize.

NEW EXHIBITION GROUNDS

That the present exhibition grounds are entirely inadequate for the Canadian Industrial exhibition at Winnipeg and that steps should be taken promptly towards the securing of a new, modern, up-to-date site, was the unanimous opinion of the special committee of the city council delegated to investigate the question, and which met July 31. Several sites have been both suggested and offered for the purpose, some of which were briefly considered. No decisions or selections were made, and, in fact, practically the only definite action taken was the calling for tenders or offers of sites, these tenders to be in not later than August 21. This committee was appointed some considerable time ago, but only very recently, since the renewed agitation for a bigger and better location and fair itself has been inaugurated, has it shown real serious interest in the work entrusted to it. Now, however, the respective members declare themselves determined to single out a new suitable site for the fair which may be adaptable to the purpose for all time to come. Amongst the suggestions already before the committee are mentioned prospective grounds in several directions around the city. To the west there is the Kirkfield Park proposition and another in Weston. One of the latest has been that of Hyland Park in Kildonan, and still others are expected to be to hand before the close of tenders, August 21.

EDMONTON IS DRY

Edmonton, July 31.—Edmonton has been a dry city for the last twenty-four hours and from the present indications it looks as though several more days would have to elapse before there is any more water for the citizens. Late last night a big twenty-inch main burst in the pumping station and flooded out the six million gallon pump. The engineer on duty had a close call, as the pump is placed in a pit forty feet deep and the water flooded that twenty-five feet before the water was shut off. Residents are suffering somewhat today and the health authorities say if the water is off many days there will be serious danger of a typhoid epidemic. All the water wagons in the city are busy carrying a supply of the precious drinks to thirsty citizens. Employees at the Misericordia hospital did not know that the water was turned off, and the fires were kept going under the boilers, with the result that they exploded. Several hundred dollars' worth of damage was done, but fortunately no one was hurt.

PEAVEY COMPANY'S AFFAIRS

Minneapolis, July 31.—The creditors' committee, which has been investigating the finances of F. H. Peavey and Co. and subsidiary companies, completed their report today. It fixes the loss of the Peavey Grain company, of Chicago, at \$1,037,000. The report fixes the assets of the company at \$5,000,000 and the total indebtedness at \$2,000,000 and suggests the issuance of notes to meet this indebtedness, to be secured by deed of trust under which will be deposited securities amounting to approximately \$5,500,000. These securities will consist largely of shares in subsidiary companies and other corporations engaged in grain elevator business.

FAMINE IN CHINA

New York, July 31.—A cablegram from Shanghai, China, received today by the Christian Herald, indicates that the relief expected in the famine-stricken districts of China from the spring crops has been minimized by another flood. "All Yangtze valley flooded. Awful destruction and death. Terrible famine this autumn," the cable read.

BIG LAND DEAL

Calgary, July 31.—Arrangements have been completed by Boston and Connecticut capitalists for the purchase of a twenty section tract of land in the irrigation belt of the C.P.I. and C. company, east of this city. There are 12,800 acres in the tract and the price is \$250,000. This tract will be farmed upon what is known as a pool basis for five years, at the end of which time a new arrangement may be made. A full equipment of steam plows, etc., will be installed, and in every way the farming operations will be most up-to-date. It is estimated that already more than 64,000 acres of farm lands in the province of Alberta have been purchased by New Englanders. The amount of money they have invested approximately is \$1,250,000.

CONVENTION CALLED

A convention of the independent electors of the constituency of Macdonald, Manitoba, will be held in the Victoria hall, Carman, on Friday, August 11, at 2 p.m. All independent electors are requested to be present. The object of the convention is to consider what action the independent electors should take at the coming election. The convention will consider the advisability of placing an independent candidate in the field. The committee in charge request that a large attendance be present.

(Sgd.) D. STEWART,
ROBERT SCOTT,
WILLIAM SUMMERS,
JOSEPH RUSSELL,
A. GARNETT, Secretary of Committee.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE SUCCESSFUL

New York, July 28. J. S. T. McGovern, premier of New South Wales, who arrived here on the Mauretania with Mrs. McGovern, said today that the system of equal suffrage in his Australian state had operated most satisfactorily during the ten years it has been effective. "A higher morality has resulted," he said, "and the home life, on which the vitality of any nation depends, has been strengthened. More women vote now than do men, and, contrary to much argument, the franchise does not unsex them. It makes our women more womanly and the result has been that there is a great decline in the infraction of laws, although the population has wonderfully increased." The premier and his wife attended the coronation and are now en route home via the Pacific.

WILL FIGHT RATE CUT

Chicago, July 28.—Leading railroads throughout the country are preparing to combat the widespread demand for a general slash in the express rates. The position of the railroads, which heretofore has been a subject of speculation, was made clear today at the second day's hearing on express charges and express companies' methods before the sub-committee on railroad commissioners representing the National Association of Railroad Commissioners. P. S. Eustis, passenger traffic manager of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy R.R., said that his company would resist all attempts to force a lower scale of prices on the express carriers. Representatives of other roads also said they would fight the attempt to cut the rates.

RATES FROM STATES

Regina, Sask., July 25.—Provided that the United States interstate committee consents, the Soo line has agreed to make a \$12 rate for harvesters from St. Paul, Minneapolis and other points in Minnesota South and North Dakota to Estevan, Weyburn and Moose Jaw.

It is confidently expected that the commission will give this consent, in which event the special rate will become effective on August 10.

This is expected to materially relieve the situation in southern Saskatchewan.

It is expected that the general arbitration treaties between the United States and England, and the United States and France, will be signed this week.

GRAIN GROWER DEAD

Robert Thomlinson, of Kenton, Man., died on July 21 in a Winnipeg hospital. Deceased was one of the first members of the Kenton Grain Growers' Association and at all times took a leading part in the work of the organization.

BILL IN FORCE

Washington, D.C., July 26.—Instructions for the administration of so much law as is effective until the whole agreement is ratified by the Canadian Parliament were telegraphed to customs collectors along the Canadian border today. The new regulations provide for proper identification of the imports to prove they are of Canadian origin, and the state department has been asked to instruct consular officers in Canada to add their certificates to the declarations of the importers. Until the Canadian Parliament ratifies the agreement only Section 2, which covers wood pulp, paper and paper board, will be effective. The regulations under the new law provide free entry to all such imports from private lands or from crown lands, providing no export tax has been levied. British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec impose export duties on wood. New Brunswick will do so after October 1.

INCREASED TRADE

Ottawa, July 26.—For the first quarter of the present fiscal year, Canada's total trade was \$180,880,588, an increase of \$9,706,798, as compared with April, May and June of last year. The increase was entirely in imports, which totalled to \$121,353,584, or nearly \$12,000,000 more than for the corresponding period of last year. Exports of domestic products aggregated \$54,424,400, a falling off of nearly \$3,000,000, of which \$2,000,000 was in exports of forest products. The trade for June totalled \$68,710,369, an increase of \$2,698,445. Imports for the month totalled \$42,936,881, an increase of a little over \$3,000,000. Customs revenue for the three months was \$18,926,758, an increase of \$2,358,347.

OPENED FOR SETTLEMENT

Edmonton, July 24.—Eighteen square miles of the Chippewayann Indian reserve on the south-west shore of Cold Lake are to be taken from the treaty Indians in exchange for a similar area of land near the north shore of the lake, and the lands thus released thrown open for settlement. According to W. J. Price, storekeeper and rancher of the white settlement of Cold Lake, many of the Indians of the reservation (there are in the neighborhood of 300 in all) have removed to the north end of the lake. The Chippewayann Indian reservation consists of twelve square miles of land, including eighteen miles which are to be thrown open to white settlement. On June 10, when the treaty money was paid by agents of the Dominion government, between \$1,500 and \$1,800 was handed out.

GRAIN INSPECTORS ARRESTED

Six grain inspectors are in the Winnipeg jail charged with looting Winnipeg freight cars. A Hebrew storekeeper is also under arrest charged with receiving the stolen goods. The police claim that the men took advantage of their positions to enter cars in the yards. The six men arrested are Charles Thomas, W. J. Beirnes, Edwin Hanley, R. Mathews, Herbert Hempling and Mathew Elliott. They are charged with stealing butter, eggs, shoes, a fur coat and other clothing. The men have been remanded for trial.

WOOLEN TARIFF BILL

Washington, D.C., July 27.—Out of what appears to be a chaotic condition in the Senate, there suddenly arose today a coalition of Democrats and Insurgent Republicans which bowled over the regular organization, and passed a compromise bill for the revision of the woolen tariff by 48 to 32. This new force in the Senate, united on a material reduction of tariff duties all down the line, and flushed with victory, tonight is threatening not only to enact the so-called house farmers' free list bill into law next Tuesday, but to put through a cotton bill as well. The Insurgents want the sugar and steel schedules included in the program. The house Democratic leaders are not willing to accept the compromise bill as it passed the Senate today, but they are more than willing to meet the Senate conferees. Chairman Underwood, of the house ways and means committee, expressed the belief tonight that both houses were more than likely to be agreed upon the wool bill. This would put the wool issue up

to President Taft, and there is much speculation as to what his course would be. Mr. Taft would make no comment on the situation. While the president in the past has denounced the present woolen schedule of the Payne-Aldrich law as indefensible, there have been strong indications from the White House within the past few weeks, that he would not hesitate to use the veto on any tariff schedules passed in advance of reports from the tariff board. The bill as passed by the Senate today, was drawn by Senator La Follette, and was a compromise between the Underwood bill and the original La Follette bill, both of which were forced out of the way by decisive votes before the new measure was adopted. Some idea of the compromise may be had from the proposed rates on raw wool. The house bill proposed a rate of 20 per cent. ad valorem. The original La Follette bill proposed 40 per cent. The compromise fixes the rate at 35. It is predicted that the conference will put it at 30. The agreement under which the wool bill was put through extends to the farmers' free list, now on the Senate calendar, and the passage of that measure in modified form seemed assured tonight.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Souris, Man., July 27.—Frank Tilbrook and a horse standing beside him were killed by lightning early this morning at the farm at Wallace Louttit, ten miles south of Souris. The fatality took place about 6 o'clock. The lightning struck the windmill, was carried to the evertrough by a guy wire, and from the evertrough it entered the stable by the open door, killing Tilbrook and one of a team of horses standing in a stall across the passage way. Tilbrook came to this country five years ago from Cambridgeshire, England. He is 45 years of age, and has no relatives in this country.

HARVEST AT PORTAGE

Portage la Prairie, Man., July 27.—The harvest for 1911 for Portage district was begun this morning on the farm of Fred Paisley, of Rosendale. It is, however, expected that harvesting will not be general for two weeks. Mr. Paisley started to cut his barley, and expects that when he has finished his oats and wheat will be ready. He reports that the crop is exceptionally good and the harvest is considerably earlier than last year. The farmers all over the plains are preparing for harvest, and it is expected with fine weather for the next two weeks harvesting will be well under way. It is expected that the crop will be the best ever gathered in the district.

FLOATING DRY DOCK

Ottawa, July 27.—The government has signed a contract with the Canadian Vickers company for the construction of a floating drydock at Montreal. The dock will be first class, and will have a lifting capacity of 25,000 tons. The company, under the terms of the drydock subsidies act of last session, will pay 3½ per cent. on expenditure of \$3,000,000 for a period of 35 years. The drydock will be built by Vickers, Son & Maxim, and towed across the Atlantic ocean by four powerful Dutch tugs.

Miss Hazel Schmidt, of Vandalia, Illinois, has awakened from a 105-day trance. Physicians say that she has apparently suffered no ill effects from the long sleep.

It is believed that all possibility of war between England and Germany, on account of the Congo trouble, has been averted.

On account of the threatened coal shortage in the West, a result of the strike, it is reported that the C.P.R. has cut freight rates on that fuel by \$2 per ton.

At Paris, on July 30, aviators in flight succeeded in establishing wireless telegraph connection with a station on the Eiffel tower.

Richard Arnst, of New Zealand, world's champion oarsman, retained his title by defeating Harry Pearce, of Australia, on Saturday, July 29.

A referendum of the striking Alberta coal miners, as to whether or not they will accept the proposition offered by the operators, will be held on August 4.

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