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Standard Oil Found Guilty; Breaks Anti-Trust Laws

Jury Brings in a Verdict After Deliberating for Thirty-Two Hours.

Findlay, Ohio, Oct. 18. — After deliberating 32 hours the jury in the case of the State of Ohio against the Standard Oil Company of Ohio returned a verdict of guilty on the charge of conspiracy against trade, in violation of the Valentine anti-trust law.

The verdict was rendered at 4:35 o'clock this morning, the jury having announced its readiness to report exactly at 4 o'clock. The court and attorneys arrived in half an hour, when the following verdict was rendered:

"We, the jury in this case, find the defendants guilty in the manner and form as the defendants stand charged on the information."

Attorney Trupee, for the defendants, said he wished to make a motion for a new trial of the case. Judge Barker overruled the motion, and is now in court with the jury. The court adjourned.

UTE INDIANS RUSTLE CATTLE

A Desperate Battle With Cow- boys in the Wilds of Wyoming.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Omaha says: An outbreak of the Ute Indians, who have been causing much trouble and worry in Wyoming all this summer, occurred near Gillette, Wyoming, Wednesday night. In a battle between cowboys and Indians, two of the former were killed, and a number of Indians are supposed to have been injured.

The battle occurred when the Indians attempted to raid a cattle camp, and run off a lot of stock. The cowboys were in charge of the camp and resisted, but the Indians secured the cattle and killing a number of steers, took the meat to their camps.

HAVANA CUT OFF

Another Great Hurricane Sweeping Through the West Indies.

New York, Oct. 19.—Up to 9 o'clock this morning Havana was still cut off from the rest of the world, so far as cable communication was concerned. No word had been received from the Cuban capital since midnight Wednesday, when a severe storm was raging. Reports which are being received from Florida indicate that the hurricane was furious along the southeast coast of Florida, and reports of severe damage are apprehended when communication is restored.

BIG 'FRISCO FIRE

\$200,000 Damage Done to Southern Pacific Freight Sheds.

San Francisco, Oct. 19.—Fire last night in the freight sheds of the Southern Pacific Company in this city caused \$200,000 damage. Surrounding property was saved by the fire department. Four trucks full of freight cars were consumed. It is thought most of the cars were empty.

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Last December, a Conservative council appointed all Tory deputies with the exception of two or three. At least, the Conservatives stated that they had appointed some Liberals, but the latter had difficulty in locating more than one.

This was done by the Conservatives taking advantage of the absence of Ald. Saunders, as Ald. Forristal had promised to vote to have the deputies equally divided.

This year the city clerk appears to be imbued with a desire to be fair to both sides. He has asked for nominations of four deputies from each of the twelve aldermen, and as there are 48 subdivisions in the city, it is seen that this will bring about the required number of deputies save one.

SHOOTING MISHAP MAY PROVE FATAL

Emerson Brooks, 14 Years Old, of East London, Injured by a Companion.

Emerson Brooks, the 14-year-old son of Mr. Charles Brooks, of Elm street, East London, was accidentally shot in the thigh by his companion, Archie Armstrong, yesterday, and is now in Victoria Hospital in a precarious condition. It is thought he will recover.

The shooting was the result of a Thanksgiving Day hunting expedition. Brooks and Armstrong, with a couple of other lads, rented a gun the night before, and laid in enough ammunition for a day's shooting in Westminster Township.

As the boys live in the east end, they soon reached the woods of Westminster. As is usual with amateur hunters, young Armstrong was very anxious, and in order to be prepared for any emergency, he undertook to cock the hammer of his gun. Brooks was walking about six feet ahead. Unluckily, Armstrong's fingers slipped off the hammer, and the gun was discharged. The charge of shot struck Brooks in the thigh, inflicting a serious wound. He fell to the ground, and the other boys, with the exception of Armstrong, fled from the scene, fully convinced that one of their companions had been killed.

Armstrong did all he could to help the lad, as did also the neighbors who were called. But Brooks was placed in a wagon and brought to his home in the city. Dr. Seaborne was summoned, and he ordered the patient removed to Victoria Hospital.

It was found that the lad's leg had been fearfully lacerated. The flesh was torn away, and the bone was shattered. He is now having a fight for his life, but the physicians think the chances are in his favor. It is not yet known whether amputation will be necessary.

DISASTROUS FIRE

Half-Million Damage Done in Altoona, Pa., Conflagration.

Altoona, Pa., Oct. 19.—Fire started today in the five-story furniture building of Oliver Rothert, and before it was brought under control property to the amount of nearly a half million dollars was destroyed. The Rothert building, and the new theater of I. C. Miesler were entirely destroyed, and the building of the Order of Elks, which had not yet been completed, was badly damaged. The Altoona Trust Company structure and the office building of the Pennsylvania Company, which are on the opposite side of the street, were damaged slightly by fire and water.

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LAKE BOAT IN PERIL

Passenger Steamer Adrift Off the Port of South Haven, Mich.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 19.—A dispatch to the Journal from South Haven, Mich., says the passenger steamer City of Kalamazoo, has just been sighted off that port in distress. She is drifting rapidly and may go on the beach. The steamer South Haven is being made ready to go to the assistance of the disabled boat.

HOUSE COLLAPSED

Rain Causes Toronto Junction Struc- ture To Fall Into Ruins.

Toronto Junction, Oct. 19.—A two-story brick house being rushed to completion, collapsed this morning as the result of unusually heavy rains last night. It was roofed and ready for inside woodworkers to finish. Rain percolated through the foundation, and the entire structure went down like a house of cards. Loss over \$1,000.

MCGILL REMANDED

Bail Renewed and Will Appear Again on Oct. 26.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Oct. 19.—Charles McGill, general manager of the defunct Ontario Bank, appeared in court this morning on a charge of making false returns to the receiver-general. Through E. F. E. Johnston, K.C., he reserved his right to neither plead nor elect. His bail was renewed. He was remanded till the 26th.

G. R. R. Cockburn also appeared on a summons that he did sign the false statement. This time he pleaded guilty to the banking act. Frank Arnold, his lawyer, pleaded not guilty, but did not elect. This case was remanded till Oct. 26.

MAYOR FAVORS BOTH COMMISSION AND ALDERMEN TO RUN THE CITY

Would Have Form of Municipal Government Similar to Toron- to's—The Power Matter.

Mayor Judd qualifies the statement made by ex-Mayor Wilson the other day, that Mr. Judd intends to ask for a revolution in the form of city government, by stating that his idea is to have a commission similar to the Toronto board of control run the city under a board of aldermen, the commissioners to be paid a salary which would insure the bringing out of good and capable men.

The mayor stated to The Advertiser today that he does not care to be put in the position of pushing any project for the purchase of the London street railway and the London Electric Company, but he was reminded that he had brought the matter to the attention of the council at its last meeting. Naturally his worship feels a little delicate on the subject of the purchase of the London Electric, in which he is personally interested.

The city's contract with the London Electric Company for street lighting expires in 1908, and, of course, if the contract is not renewed it will mean a big loss to the concern.

N. Y. C. FOUND GUILTY

Court Finds Big Road Gave Rebates to the Sugar Trust.

New York, Oct. 19.—For granting criminal rebates to the Sugar Trust, the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, and Fred L. Pomeroy, its general traffic manager, were found guilty on six separate counts yesterday by a jury in the circuit court of the United States, sitting before Judge Holt in this city.

Although the amount refunded to the Sugar Trust by the New York Central on the particular rebating charges on which the latter was found guilty yesterday is only \$9,000, the New York Central is liable to a fine of \$20,000 on each count, of \$120,000.

MURPHY MAKES CHARGES

Says Managers of Hearst Party At- tempted To Hold Up Nominations.

New York, Oct. 19.—An investigation of the charges made by Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, that attempts had been made by the managers of the Independence League to secure money from Democratic nominees for congress, senate and assembly, was begun before the grand jury today. Mr. Murphy and Francis Shober, Independence League and Democratic candidate for Congress in the seventeenth district, went to the criminal courts building today, and were admitted to the grand jury room. Mr. Murphy was accompanied by City Magistrate Moss.

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A \$50,000 GIFT FOR QUEEN'S

Mr. John Charlton Donates Sum to Found Chair of Moral Philosophy.

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Ottawa, Oct. 19.—Sir Sanford Fleming, chancellor of Queen's University, stated today that Mr. John Charlton, ex-M.P. for Norfolk, made a Thanksgiving Day gift of \$50,000 to endow a chair of moral philosophy.

ONE HUNDRED KILLED

Great Loss of Life Reported in a Russian Railway Accident.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.—It is reported that 100 persons have been killed or injured as the result of a railroad accident today at Oka, on the Moscow-Kursk line.

FRENCH MINISTRY OUT

Entire Cabinet Resigns Along With Premier Sarrien.

Paris, Oct. 19.—At the cabinet meeting this morning, Premier Sarrien officially informed his colleagues that he had resigned his resignation to President Keres, whereupon the ministers resigned in a body.

The resignation of Premier Sarrien and the reorganization of the French cabinet have caused a feeling of apprehension at the Vatican, where it is feared that the French will become more bitter if M. Clemenceau assumes the premiership.

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Fatal Fall from a Train; a London Man the Victim

Wm. Connel, of Piccadilly St., Dies from Injuries Received Near Komoka.

William Connel, of 489 Piccadilly street, a coremaker by trade, fell from the Grand Trunk westbound express, No. 23, which left London at 11:25 yesterday morning, and sustained injuries from which he died in Victoria Hospital last night.

Twelve years ago Connel was employed on the railroad and he lost a leg in an accident. Since that time he has been compelled to use an artificial limb, and it has been necessary for him to go to Detroit annually to have the leg replaced or repaired.

Last week he made arrangements to go to Detroit, and on Thanksgiving morning he started on the journey.

When the train was the other side of Komoka, passengers noticed Connel walk out the car door and onto the platform. That was the last seen of him, until shortly before noon he was found lying beside the rails in an unconscious condition. He was carried to the village on a stretcher, and later removed to Victoria Hospital.

Dr. Mason found that Connel had sustained a fracture of the skull and also received internal injuries. It was evident that he could not live, and he died at 10 o'clock without regaining consciousness.

Coroner MacLaren, after thoroughly investigating the case, has decided that an inquest is unnecessary. It was conclusively shown that Connel attempted to walk across the platform, and that he stumbled and fell off the train.

The late Mr. Connel is survived by a wife and one child. He had been in the employ of the Labatt Manufacturing Company for some years.

WANTED HIS WIFE TO GET HIM A JOB

On That Condition Edward Stauffer Promised to Sup- port Her.

Edward H. Stauffer, who was arrested at Niagara Falls a few days ago on a charge of non-support, pleaded guilty in the police court this morning, and was remanded a week for sentence.

Mrs. Stauffer was in court and told how her husband had left her about one year ago, to go with a theatrical company, and had not given her any support since. She said that on one occasion he had paid his way back to this city, but even then he would not stay. Her child had been ill, and she had been driven to such a pass that she had to complain to the court of Stauffer's treatment.

Stauffer's sole excuse was that he was getting only \$7 per week while on the road with the theatrical troupe, and that this amount was not sufficient to support himself, let alone his wife. He said that he was willing to stay at home and support his wife if she would get him a job. His wife said that he could easily get work as a butcher, but Stauffer seemed to have an antipathy for such employment.

Moses Left appeared to answer a charge of keeping a junk shop without a license. He was discharged after paying \$10 costs.

Albert Kipp paid \$1 or 3 days for "loitering" on the city streets with a bicycle.

Charles Allison was bailed to appear next Tuesday on a charge of using offensive language.

Harry Smith paid \$5, and Richard Scott \$3 for being drunk.

Three first-timers were allowed to go. Daniel Mason and Thomas Tozer were fined \$1 each for fighting on the public street.

SPAIN AND THE ORDERS

New Law Regulating Latter Too Radical To Be Utilized.

Madrid, Oct. 19.—The cabinet is discussing the draft of the associations law, prepared by the minister of the interior. It is understood that it is so radical that the Government will modify some of its clauses lest its submission to the Cortes provokes a political tempest among the Clericals and Conservatives. The text of the proposed law has just been issued, and the ministers are very reticent regarding it. There is reason to believe, however, that the bill, among other things, annuls the existing arrangement with the Vatican regulating the position of the religious orders; empowers the civil and judicial authorities to enter convents and monasteries at any time without obtaining ecclesiastical permission; dissolves all associations composed of foreign members or ruled by a foreigner, and forbids the establishment of such organizations. The latter provision is aimed at the great number of French religious orders which have settled in Spain since their expulsion from France. The proposed law also forbids religious associations, with specified exceptions, to undertake teaching, which is declared to be the function of the state.

DEAD AT AGE OF 114

A Former Slave Who Was the Father of Twenty-Five Children.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Robert Hawkins Sprague, a negro, said to be 114 years old, died Tuesday at Northampton, Prince George County, Maryland.

"Uncle Robert," as he was known throughout the county, was born of slave parents in 1791, according to authentic records, and spent the greater portion of his life in the part of Maryland in which he died. He had a retentive memory and told many experiences of the burning of Washington by the British. He was known to many public men of years ago. During the civil war he assisted many slaves in escaping from the south. He was married three times, and was the father of 25 children. His living descendants number 11 sons, 8 daughters, 40 grandchildren and 28 grandchildren.

FAIR BUILDINGS PREY TO FLAMES

Great Devastation Done at Toronto Exhibition.

IMMENSE GRAND STAND GONE

Main Building Also Ruined Loss Will Approach One Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars.

Toronto, Oct. 19.—Apparently insignificant at the outset, a fire which broke out on the Canadian Exposition grounds last night, under the influence of a brisk breeze, assumed gigantic proportions, and in a few hours had swept from the eastern to the western boundaries. Commencing at the large grand stand the flames rapidly reduced it to a heap of smouldering ruins, spread to the first tier of stables, of which it demolished seven, leaped to the transportation building, and destroyed it in a miraculously short space of time. The blaze broke out in the east end of the grand stand at about 10 o'clock, but apparently remained unobserved for some time, for it was 10:24 before the alarm was given at Queen's Park streets, by someone who had noticed the bright reflection which colored the sky. The force which responded proved inadequate and at 11 o'clock the whole city brigade was summoned. Added by a detachment of soldiers of the permanent force, the firemen worked like Trojans driving back the advancing flames as far as possible and preventing their spread to the newer buildings of the fair.

At the outset the wind blew strongly from the southeast, and the huge grand stand, composed largely of wood, burned with great rapidity, presenting to the large crowd assembled in spite of the heavy rain a spectacle more magnificent than was ever displayed before it. Before it sank into a heap of embers and twisted girders, however, tongues of fire leaped across the road at the rear of the building, and ignited the first of the tiers of stables to the north. These, also constructed of wood, burned fiercely, and for a time it seemed probable that the whole block, with the large wooden women's building, poultry house, dog building, etc., would be destroyed. Providence intervened, however. The wind shifted so that it blew directly from the east, which was stored in the stables had been totally consumed and several others stood in ruins. In some of the stables were stabled a number of horses belonging to Graham Bros., Claremont, a number of the charges of the members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons. These were all released, and ran aimlessly about the grounds. A detachment of soldiers from Stanley Barracks saved some of the accoutrements of the corps, which were stored in the stables, including several gun carriages, and that accomplished transformed themselves into fire-fighters, in which role they performed most effectively.

Fire Spreads West

With the change in the wind it seemed that the conflagration was under control, as a large open space opened up to the westward of the flames. The firemen were gathered to the west of the still fiercely-glowing cauldron of fire, and were endeavoring to extinguish it, when a cry arose from the crowds, who were observing the scenes from every point of vantage, that the transportation building was aight. A spark had found a lodgment directly under the eaves in the east front. It had gradually eaten into the dry wood of the structure, which is nearly 30 years old. The old Crystal Palace was fairly aight and was soon blazing merrily. It was 11:20 o'clock when the building was ignited. In three-quarters of an hour the old main building, once the pride of the exhibition directors, was practically destroyed. All efforts to save it were fruitless, for the numerous panes of glass in the walls broke with resounding cracks and served as draughts to fan the flames.

The old building, which has witnessed many a scene of splendor, furnished to the drenched onlooker a much more striking picture in its destruction than ever before in its history. Every window, and they are legion, was outlined in black against a gorgeous background of fire. As the flames seized upon the roof they leaped high in the air, scattering embers in every direction.

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BANK OF ENGLAND BOOSTS RATE; SIX PER CENT; DUE TO GOLD DRAIN

First Time Since 1899 Figure Has Gone So High.

London, Oct. 19.—The Bank of England raised its rate of discount to 6 per cent this morning. Changes in the discount rate of the bank on any day except Thursday have been few and far between, and not since Friday, Nov. 7, 1899, just before the Baring failure, has the rate been put to 6 per cent. The release in American exchange, indicating a renewal of the demand for gold, and the probability of large withdrawals of the metal for Egypt were the main contributive causes of the action taken by the Bank of England. The sum of \$5,000,000 in gold leaving the bank today is believed to be des-

tinued for Egypt, while official circles anticipate very large purchases in behalf of the United States, irrespective of whether the rate of exchange does or does not render the transaction profitable.

Reports are also current that the Imperial Bank of Germany is conducting a large bullion movement for Russian account, while Argentina is in the market as a purchaser of gold. The multiplicity of the demands for the metal, it is pointed out, emphasized the necessity of protecting the already depleted reserves of the Bank of England.

Consols for money declined 7-16 to 85½ after the announcement of the increase in the bank rate.

American securities were depressed. Union Pacific lost 7-8, and the rest of the list 1-4 to 3-8, compared with yesterday's New York closing.