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BIG COMPANIES FINED

FOR ACCEPTING REBATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Fines aggregating \$150,000, were imposed today by Judge Holt in the United States Circuit Court on the American Sugar Refining Company, and the Brooklyn Cooperative Company, after the defendants, through counsel, had pleaded guilty to indictments charging their acceptance of rebates on sugar shipments in violation of the Elkins anti-rebating act. The sugar refining company was fined \$80,000 and the cooperative company \$70,000.

After the fines were imposed, U. S. District Attorney Simon, who conducted the prosecution, told the court that he thought the amount of the fines assessed was sufficiently large to act as a deterrent to rebaters in the future, and that the Government would exempt to the remainder of the indictments against the American Sugar Refining Co. and the Brooklyn Cooperative Company being dismissed.

Judge Holt granted a motion dismissing the other indictments.

The trials of the defendants had been set for tomorrow.

Nervous?

There are many causes of nervousness, but poor blood heads the list. The doctors call it anemia. The blood lacks red corpuscles. At your first opportunity, consult your doctor about taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Ask him if he has anything better for weakness, debility, nervousness. If he has, take it. If not, take Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Get well, that's what you are after.

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THE DEMAND FOR CARS.

Year after year at this season there has been a scarcity of freight cars in the west, but perhaps never before has the shortage caused such inconvenience as during the past few months. The different transportation companies in Canada are utterly unable to keep pace with the ever-increasing traffic, and there is no reason to believe that conditions will be at all improved in the near future. All plants in the Dominion in which cars are manufactured are running to their fullest capacity, yet the growth of the freight business is such that it is impossible within a reasonable distance of supplying the demand. In western Canada the wheat crop of 1906 was larger than that of the previous year, yet up till the end of November the shipments eastward were 2443 cars less than in 1905, the discrepancy being wholly due to lack of rolling stock, the demand for cars being great for ordinary business.

It is true that during the present season conditions have arisen which may perhaps be considered as exceptional, that demands have been made upon the railroads such as are not met with every year; but there is no reason to believe that matters may not be worse in 1907, that new causes will not arise which will tax the railroads to the utmost.

In view of these facts, and also because the car works all over the country are overcrowded with orders, keeping in mind too the benefits which any large manufacturing plant brings to a city, it is not to be wondered at that certain citizens of Halifax have decided to undertake the establishment of car works in that city. Halifax is not by any means as favorably situated as St. John for such an institution, but the people there are confident that a plant like this can be made to pay. Conditions in St. John were never more favorable than at the present time for the profitable operation of car works. There is business enough and to spare, and no fears should be felt in regard to lack of orders. The Rhodes Curry establishment might have come here only for a trifle incident which has since been the cause of general regret. Yet although located in Amherst that concern has found it necessary to procure a large portion of the metal work used in car building from St. John. The Amherst company has never under a comparatively short time the axes and other heavy car fittings will be made. This will leave the Portland Rolling Mills in a position to fill any other orders which may be received and thus right at hand we have the works in which the metal parts can be constructed at the lowest possible cost. We have the timber necessary, in any quantity, and although it is a poor policy for a city to seemingly borrow the ideas of another, yet a car building plant is no new idea in St. John, but rather an old scheme which now being reconsidered should materialize.

AN INTERESTING INSURANCE CASE.

In connection with accident insurance, an interesting case is reported in the latest issue of "The Insurance Chronicle." It appears that one, Mr. E. X. Anable, residing in New York took out a policy for \$10,000 with the Fidelity and Casualty Company. The policy had in it a double liability clause, effective if the insured met death while travelling by rail. It so happened that one day while Mr. Anable was on a railroad journey he stepped out of the car at a station for the purpose of buying a paper. The train started, and while trying to jump on board, Mr. Anable slipped from the steps and was killed under the wheels. The company paid to his heirs the face value of the policy, namely \$10,000, but repudiated the double liability clause on the ground that had Mr. Anable remained on board the train he would not have been killed. This contention has been upheld by the supreme court, but is now on appeal and is being closely followed by insurance people.

In connection with life insurance it is of interest to note that while in towns and cities there has been no serious falling off in business during the present year, in country districts the agents are having rather hard luck. It is found that in the centres of population where newspapers are plentiful and where every opportunity offers for discussion of life questions, the slight unrest caused by the recent

THE LUCKY ONE.

"What are you looking so happy over, old man?"

"I am rejoicing over the birth of twins."

"Great Scott! I congratulate you!"

"Don't congratulate me. Go and congratulate Evans; he's the lucky man. I never did like him."

POTATO MEERSCHAUM.

Many people will be surprised to learn that the potato is used in France in the manufacture of imitation meerschaum pipes and "marble" billiard balls. After the potatoes are peeled they are kept for thirty-six hours in an eight per cent. solution of sulphuric acid. They are then dried and pressed, and are used for making pipes. Under strong pressure they become solid enough to be turned into billiard balls.

OR DEATH.

"Oh, it must be fine to be a poet!" exclaimed the sweet girl.

"It ought to be more," replied the practical one; "it ought to be fine and lucrative."

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1906.

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN IS HEAVY

Half Europe In Trouble Over Black Subject Peoples

Belgian Parliament. Not Likely to Make Real Congo Reforms—Strain on Anglo-French Alliance—Problems in Morocco and Transvaal.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The questions of the relations between the white race and men of other colors is of pretty nearly worldwide agitation at the present moment. It occupies the public mind in England, Germany, Belgium, France and Spain, and its problems are absorbing the attention of the governments of the countries. The Congo question has passed from the stage of sentimental discussion into a serious international discussion. It seems probable that despite the scathing condemnation of King Leopold in the Belgian Parliament such genuine reforms will not be voluntarily adopted as will lead Great Britain to abandon her declared intention to intervene in behalf of the natives. Then we shall see the first serious test of the Anglo-French entente.

It happens that in all previous international attempts to deal with the Congo question France has supported Germany. There is little doubt that Germany will continue to oppose any interference by some form of intervention on the part of the powers. The British position and supports Great Britain then for the first time the world will realize the importance of that recent regrouping of the Powers which has changed the direction of modern political history.

France and Spain are on the eve of the execution of their mandates to the Congo. The Congo conference expected. Rough work approaching war on a small scale seems probable. No story of the Congo or of Russian anti-bellum atrocities in Manchuria can compare in horror with that of the Congo. The Congo is a vast territory, and it is not to be expected that the Congo will be a model of civilization. The Congo is a vast territory, and it is not to be expected that the Congo will be a model of civilization.

WILLIE'S OPINION.

Although Mr. Hobbs was taken at his face value by his son and help, there were times when the youthful William's admiring tributes embarrassed his parent in the family group. "I had quite an encounter as I came home tonight," the vainglorious Mr. Hobbs announced at the tea-table. "Two men, slightly intoxicated, were having a quarrel on the corner. As usual, there was no policeman in sight, and they were in a fair way to knock each other's brains out when I stepped forward and separated them."

"Mrs. Hobbs, you afraid, father?" asked Mrs. Hobbs in a quavering voice.

"No, indeed, why should I be?" inquired Mr. Hobbs, inflating his chest.

"I guess there isn't anybody could knock any brains out of my father!" said Willie, proudly.

WAS SATISFIED.

A Chicago lawyer tells of a justice of the peace in a town in Southern Indiana, who was infatuated by the administration of justice was somewhat bizarre.

On one occasion after all the evidence was in and the plaintiff's attorney had made an elaborate argument, the defendant's attorney rose to begin his plea.

"Wait a minute!" exclaimed the court. "I don't see no use in your putting in this evidence. I have got a very clear idea now of the guilt of the prisoner at the bar, and anything more from you would have a tendency to confuse the court. I know he's guilty, and I don't want to take no chances."

JUDICIAL.

A Texas judge was robbed of a horse not long ago and the thief, being arrested, was brought before him for trial. The judge eyed the prisoner with deep satisfaction for a minute or so, and then delivered himself of the following:

"Owing to a personal prejudice, the court will not hear this case. It will be tried by the jury, who will find a verdict in accordance with the facts. In the meantime," he added, impressively, "the court will go outside and find a rope, and pick out a good tree."

ANOTHER JOLT FOR MILITARISM.

A French prototype of Capt. Keppel has caused a successful revolution at Tarragona, in Spain. He learned that the French Vice-Consul there had been promoted to Cadix, and forthwith presented himself at the Consulate as the new Vice-Consul, declaring that he was a nephew of Mr. Clemenceau, the premier. The unsuspecting officials welcomed him, and he carried out the work of the consulate for several days. Then he disappeared taking with him a number of official papers, some of which the genuine new Vice-Consul had sent on ahead, a hat which the previous Vice-Consul had left behind, and about \$200 in money.

DEATHS.

CULLIEN.—In this city, the wife of Henry Cullen died Dec. 8th, after a lingering illness, leaving a husband and one son.

KINGSTON.—At Convent, Kings Co., Nov. 25th, 1906, Squire James Kingston, aged 90 years.

ANTHONY.—At Greenfield, Nov. 2nd, of spinal meningitis, Hugh Gordon, second son of William and Emily Anthony, aged two years and three months.

HANLON.—Suddenly, at the home of her niece, Mrs. C. P. Black, on Sunday evening after but a few moments' illness, Miss Mary Hanlon, aged 75 years, expired. Deceased was a native of Kings Co., but has resided with Mrs. Black since June.

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of bewilderment as to what is required of him, which tends inferior races to believe that only in massacre can they find deliverance.

"The white men in Africa can never be irresistible from their numbers, and the popular European belief that the blacks can never conquer, and can therefore never make an insurrection successfully, is but partially supported by facts. A British regiment annihilated a British regiment, and there have been black generals developed from the people of the Congo and the Congo. The Congo is a vast territory, and it is not to be expected that the Congo will be a model of civilization.

CONCERT ON THURSDAY

IN YORK THEATRE

On Thursday evening, Dec. 13, a benefit concert will be given in the York Theatre to Miss M. P. Anderson, by some of the leading talent. The programme will open at 8 1/2 sharp, and a glimpse at the following list of programme will convince all that a treat is in store for them:

1. Duet, Piccolo and Clarinet, selected. Mr. W. G. V. Stokes and Mr. W. S. Stratton.
2. Vocal Solo, "Time's Roses," Katherine Barry, Miss Beatrice H. Sutherland.
3. Vocal Solo, Ernest R. Ball, "Love Me and the World is Mine," Professor L. W. Titus.
4. Piano Solo, (a) "Warum," Schumann; (b) Concert Etude in D Flat, Liszt; Miss Pauline G. Biederman, A. T. C. M.
5. Vocal Solo, "Blacksmith," Mr. G. D. Wood.
6. Reading, Bulwer Lytton, "Cottage Scene from 'Lady of Lyons,'" (a) Widow Melnate, (b) Pauline Deschappelles, (c) Claude Melnate, Miss Mildred Isaacs.
7. Vocal Solo, selected, Mr. D. B. Pidgeon.
8. Vocal Solo, selected, Mrs. J. D. Allen.
9. Vocal Solo, "True Till Death," Mr. J. D. Wood.
10. March, "Herzog," Saint Saens.
11. Miss Pauline G. Biederman, A. C. T. M. Second Piano Accompaniment, Mrs. J. M. Barnes. (By special request.)

Accompanist: Mrs. J. M. Barnes and Miss Bertha Warden.

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MUTUAL RESERVE OFFICIAL CONVICTED OF THEFT

George Burnham, Jr., Stole \$7,500 of the Company's Funds, by Means of False Entries.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—George Burnham, Jr., a vice president and general counsel of the Mutual Life Insurance Company today was convicted of larceny of \$7,500 of the company's funds. The prosecution and conviction of Burnham was an outgrowth of the investigation of insurance companies in this state by a legislative committee. Two other officers of the insurance company, Frederick A. Burnham, President, and George D. Edridge, vice president, were indicted at the same time as the man who was convicted today. Five indictments were returned against each of the defendants. The charge against George Burnham, Jr., is that in 1901 he paid J. Douglas Wells with company's funds for a loan alleged to have been made to Frederick A. Burnham, the president, and that the payment was concealed by false entries in the books of the company.

One of the sensational features of the trial was the production of a check by the prosecution which bore the name of Louis P. Payn, former Superintendent of Insurance and the United States Express Company, of which Edridge States Senator Platt is president. It was not claimed, however, that Burnham paid the amount of this check to Mr. Payn, but that it was used to resist an alleged demand by Payn for \$4,100,000 from the Life Insurance Company.

The prosecution charged that President Frederick A. Burnham borrowed \$3,750 from J. Douglas Wells, saying that he wanted the money to meet this alleged demand by Payn, and that George Burnham repaid his loan with additions from the funds of the company.

In charging the jury Justice Greenbaum informed them that in order to arrive at a verdict of guilty they must find that the alleged fraud was committed with felonious intent.

The jury was out four hours before returning a verdict of guilty. By request of his counsel, further proceedings were postponed until Friday, and Burnham was remanded to the Tombs prison.

THE LONDON POST ON THE NEWFOUNDLAND QUESTION

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Strongly denouncing the "abject surrender" of the Government to the United States in the matter of the Newfoundland modus vivendi in the fisheries question, the Post in an editorial this morning urges the Parliament of other countries sympathizing with Newfoundland to adopt identical resolutions setting forth that no settlement which is not satisfactory to Newfoundland ought to be effected by the Imperial authorities unless the rights conferred by the treaty of 1815 was defined by impartial arbitrators. Fortified by such resolutions, the Post declares, the colonial premiers might press this matter at the colonial conference to be held next April.

At last an advertisement, which was concise, original, and right to the point, which did not pay, has been discovered. It read as follows: "Wanted, a homely woman to act as stenographer."

MRS. BIRDSONG GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Young Mother Took Revenge on a Man Who Tried to Ruin Her Character

HAZELHURST, Miss, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Angie Birdsong was today found guilty of manslaughter for killing Dr. Thos. Butler, and was recommended by the jury to the mercy of the court. After the verdict while the young defendant sat crying with a young child in her arms, a deputy approached to take her to jail. When he lifted the child the little one cried: "Mamma, don't let him have me." Mrs. Birdsong was not compelled to remain in jail but spent the day under surveillance at the hotel. Her uncle, United States Senator McLaurin, who had left Hazelhurst, was telegraphed to return and make a motion for a new trial tomorrow.

The court did not attempt to pass sentence today.

The minimum penalty for manslaughter in this state is a fine of \$500.

Mrs. Birdsong, who is twenty-two years of age, and a member of a leading family, in November, 1905, shot and killed Thomas Butler. She alleges that he had boasted of illicit relations with her and that his boasts were untrue. The tragedy occurred in Monticello, Miss.

WHICH SHE WAS.

Jack London, the novelist, has a great affection for children. In San Francisco there are twin sisters, little girls of six years, of whom Mr. London is very fond.

On the way to his boat one morning Mr. London met one of the twins. He stopped and shook her hand. "Good morning, my dear," he said. "And which of the twins are you?" The little girl answered, gravely: "I'm the one what's out walking."