

FIRST INNING FOR THE STATE

Gen. George P. Wilson Finishes Presentation for State in Merger Case.

He Quotes J. Pierpont Morgan, Mr. Hill and Cites Several Decisions.

Defense, Represented by Judge Young, Began Its Argument This Afternoon.

Attorneys for the state have had their first inning in the argument of the merger case. It was resumed this morning before Judge LeChen.

Colonel W. P. Clough, vice president and general counsel of the Northern Securities, listened to the proceedings with attention.

"Community of Interest." General Wilson called particular attention to the definition of community of interest given by J. Pierpont Morgan in his recorded testimony.

"The community of interests is that principle that a certain number of men who own property can do what they like with it."

This, said General Wilson, was a frank and concise statement of the case, as it was understood by the promoters of the community of interest.

The testimony of the various stockholders, to the effect that competition would continue, was commented on.

"All these things are absurd," said General Wilson, "and I cannot believe that you, and they cannot deceive us, and they cannot deceive the court."

As Mr. Hill said, he did not have to give an order to Mr. Hill, the Northern Pacific would accept any suggestion. That he did so was shown by the identical circular withdrawing long haul rates between competing points.

Defense Demurs. The defendant companies were beneficiaries of enormous land grants so great that a decision of the supreme court was affected by the extraordinary size of the grants.

"I will stand by that statement, and bring in the book for it. You got 3,000,000 acres from this state for the Northern Pacific and 43,000,000 from the government; and then you went into bankruptcy two or three times. I am just mentioning this to show the obligation these companies are under to maintain competing systems for the benefit of the public."

General Wilson then passed to the interest of the general public in competition. The figures showed that over 140,000,000 bushels of grain had been brought into Minnesota over the Great Northern in the past year.

One of the most striking features of the testimony of Mr. Hill and Colonel Clough was the talk about these old men who were afraid that they would not be left in peaceful possession of their property.

Another occasion when Mr. Hill resigned from the Northern Pacific directorate, he showed regard for the law. However, he proceeded in knowing disregard to the law to organize the Northern Securities company.

A "Crooked Steer." When counsel advised his associates that Mr. Hill and his associates had said: "Go ahead. There won't be any trouble. We control the administration, and if Governor Van Sant says anything, we can take him by the neck of the neck and throw him into the Mississippi river."

General Wilson then reviewed the decisions in the Pearsall case, and the recently decided federal suit, and showed the parallel between these cases and the one at bar. He also cited the recent Kentucky case, in which the supreme court held that the prohibition of consoli-

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FIRE BUG IS APPREHENDED

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People of Iilon Vote Money to Employ a Professional Rain-Maker.

Forest Fires Rage in Upper New York, Maine, New Brunswick and Elsewhere.

New York Sun Special Service. Glens Falls, N. Y., June 6.—Harry Wood has been arrested in Thurman, this county, for having set fires in the forest.

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spring up again on the slightest provocation. The cottage on Mt. McGregor which General U. S. Grant occupied for many months and in which he died, has been threatened with destruction for two days, but is still unharmed.

The fires began burning at the base of the mountain Wednesday night, and spread rapidly toward the top. No little concern was felt for that historic cottage. O. P. Clarke, the state custodian of the cottage, was greatly alarmed for the safety of his charge.

According to reports received this morning, the Adirondacks fires are under control, but should there be a hard wind the fires would start up again and be as destructive as those of Wednesday. The forces fighting the flames are camping on the edge of the fires and are fighting almost constantly.

Rainmaker Summoned. Utica, N. Y., June 6.—Professor Carl Myers of Frankfurt received a message from Major Burns, caretaker of Dr. W. Seward Webb's Nehasque Park, yesterday, requesting him to report at the earliest possible moment at the preserve with his rainmaking apparatus and endeavor to produce a shower of rain, which alone can stop the ravages of forest fires in that vicinity.

Professor Myers will probably go to Nehasque to-morrow and attempt to make good his guarantee of producing a rainfall by touching off quantities of explosives suspended at great heights from balloons.

The citizens of Iilon have also become impressed with the feasibility of Professor Myers' rain-making idea, and a meeting subscribed \$500 to provide explosives for the professor's experiments. The attempt to induce a downpour will be made on the Iilon baseball grounds on Tuesday unless the drought in the Mohawk valley is sooner relieved.

Big Loss to Lumbermen. Portland, Me., June 6.—Reports from every section in northern Maine confirm the first reports of tremendous loss to lumbering and other interests from forest fires. One town has been destroyed, hundreds of buildings have been burned in all parts of the state and at least two lives lost.

Lumbering interests are hard hit by this misfortune, following close on the lack of snow in the woods this winter and the drought, which caused the loss of more than 25,000,000 feet of logs. Fatten has been surrounded by fires at close range for forty-eight hours. Eight townships have been burned over, causing a loss of \$250,000 to the lumber interests there.

Village Reduced to Ashes. St. John, N. B., June 6.—The village of Hopewell Cape and twenty-one buildings have been reduced to ashes. These buildings included the courthouse and nine residences. A new steamer and a tug were destroyed. At Black River, St. John county, five houses and a bridge were burned.

THEY TALKED MATTERS OVER

President Calls a Cabinet Meeting and Listens to Reports of Departmental Heads.

Postmaster General Payne Advises Him About the Investigation in His Department.

Washington, June 6.—President Roosevelt, refreshed and vigorous from his long western trip, appeared at his office in the executive building early this morning. He plunged at once into the mass of business awaiting him, excusing himself to all callers except those who had urgent business.

To members of his cabinet he sent word last night that he desired a meeting to-day. Before 10:30 all except Secretary Shaw, who is in Iowa, had assembled. The evidence was obtained and presented to the Warren county grand jury now in session and he was indicted and later arrested. The officers are now after other offenders.

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A SCHEME FOR ARBITRATION

New York Building Trades Employers Submit a Plan to the Union.

Provision Made for a General Arbitration Board and Court of Appeals.

Direct Dealing and the Abolition of All Business Agents Is Proposed.

New York Sun Special Service. New York, June 6.—Unprecedented in the annals of labor is the arbitration proposition submitted today by the Building Trades' Employers' association to all the unions of the building trades.

Briefly, the plan provides for a general arbitration board and joint court of appeals, the latter consisting of four members, two from the employers and two from the employees. Every question arising is to be submitted to this court, the labor representatives of which are to be members of unions that have no direct

CLOUD BURST CAUSES LOSS

Mills Are Washed Away at Paolet, Ga.—Property Loss Will Be Heavy.

Atlanta, Ga., June 6.—Mill No. 1 of the Paolet Cotton company at Paolet was washed away last night by a cloudburst and Mill No. 2 was totally destroyed. The dams of three mills were washed out. It is feared there has been loss of life, as the mills employed a large number of operatives who lived near by.

The warehouse of mill No. 1 was washed away, with the stock of goods and cotton. The local Presbyterian church, a very stable and many other buildings in the town were destroyed.

The flood is moving with the river and is sweeping everything before it. At Clifton, S. C., cotton mill No. 1 was destroyed and mill No. 2 will go. The loss is appalling.

The steel bridge across Tiger river at Arlington, several miles above here, has been washed away and the Southern railway's trestle at Duncan is gone.

MORMONS ARE EXPELLED

Hugh J. Cannon and Family Ordered to Leave Prussia Within Three Weeks.

Berlin, June 6.—Hugh J. Cannon, superintendent of the Mormon missions in Germany, his wife, his secretary and his assistant secretary were ordered by the police to-day to leave Prussian territory within three weeks. Similar orders are about to be served by the local authorities on eight other Mormon missionaries in Prussia, under the decision of the government, to expel them all. It is quite unusual to serve the wives of Mormon missionaries with a separate notice. Mrs. Cannon has been here only a month. No explanation was given.

Mr. Cannon will move his headquarters to Zurich, Switzerland. He has engaged a house there, near the one which Calvin he had fled from France. From Zurich the missionaries will occasionally visit the Mormon communities in Prussia, which have 1,200 member in groups of fifteen to twenty each. The German pastors continue their services.

No protest has been made against the expulsion of the Mormons. Elder Francis M. Lyon of Salt Lake City, now in London, European superintendent of the Mormon mission, has been advised and is waiting to see if Washington will take up the cases of two or three Mormons maltreated by the constabulary. Through these cases it is hoped the Prussian government may be led to reverse the expulsion decree and several German states, notably Saxony, Hesse and Wurtemberg, may also reconsider their decrees expelling Mormon missionaries.

DR. LORENZ TURNS CHEF

The Famous Austrian Surgeon Superintends Cooking Operations in a Chicago Hotel.

Chicago, June 6.—The great strike in the hotels and restaurants was declared of late last night, but while it lasted there were some unusual incidents. At the Chicago Beach hotel, largely patronized by rich southern guests, the entire force of waiters and other servants walked out. The guests put on aprons and during an hour dressed and plunged into the work of serving themselves.

Dr. Adolph Lorenz, the famous Austrian specialist, accepted the burden of the situation and superintended the cooking of all the eggs. Dainty society ladies framed up biscuits and dignified board of trade men waited on tables, ran elevators and washed dishes.

Inasmuch as the chambermaids also struck, the women guests voted to make up their own rooms during the strike and to care for the unfortunate young men in the hotel who have nobody to look after their rooms.

ON THE OPERATING TABLE

Woman's Leg Accidentally Broken by a Physician.

Special to The Journal. Stillwater, Minn., June 6.—Mrs. Conrad Judd, wife of a prominent St. Croix, Wis., physician, was operated on to-day to be treated for a lameness of ten years' duration in her left hip. The osteopath believed the lameness came from dislocation of the hip, and during an operation which he attempted, broke her left leg above the knee.

She was taken home and regular practitioners called, but owing to her age it is feared that the bones will be slow in uniting. The osteopath opened his office in Stillwater last night.

Mrs. Andrew Johnson of Arton died this morning of cholera, leaving a son 27 years old and the mother of four children. The M. W. A. memorial service will be held to-morrow at the M. E. church. Dr. F. H. Wofler of the prison has returned from a business trip to Chicago.

FOR FAMINE FUND

The Christian Herald Contributes \$10,000 for Chinese Sufferers.

Washington, June 6.—The Christian Herald to-day transmitted to Assistant Secretary of State Loomis a check for \$10,000 for the establishment of a relief fund for the famine sufferers in the Chinese province of Kwang-Si.

The money here and notified United States Consul General McWade at Canton that he could draw for the amount of the check. Every report that comes to the state department either by mail or cable contains pathetic stories of extreme destitution prevailing in Kwang-Si, leading to the commission of unnatural crimes, such as the sale of daughters into concubinage. There are even hints of cannibalism.

CHAS. BETCHER IS DEAD

Career of a Foremost Citizen of Red Wing Is Closed.

Special to The Journal. Red Wing, Minn., June 6.—Charles Betcher, one of the best residents and foremost citizens, died this morning, aged 74. He was president of the Betcher Lumber company, which has branches in various cities of the northwest. The old settlers' festival was to have been held at Mr. Betcher's home to-day.

COMIC OPERA DUEL

Paris, June 6.—Mme. Betteaux and Guyet de Villeneuve, members of the Chamber of deputies, fought a duel to-day as a result of a violent altercation in the house. At the sixth encounter Villeneuve was slightly wounded in the forearm.



WOOD TO SAW Uncle Mark—Don't Monkey With the Buzz-saw! The G. O. P.—But I Have This Wood That's Got to Be Sawed.

MACHEN EXPLAINS

Says He Received No Money What-ever From the Groff Brothers' Company.

His Preliminary Hearing Is Dis-missed Owing to the Return of an Indictment.

Washington, June 6.—United States Commissioner Taylor to-day dismissed the case against W. Machen, former superintendent of the free delivery service of the postoffice department, which was pending before him. The dismissal is due to the fact that the grand jury indicted Machen yesterday, thus rendering further action before the court unnecessary. Mr. Machen was present with an attorney.

By assuring an indictment against Machen before the time set for his preliminary hearing, the government scored a victory in that it avoided the necessity of showing its hand at the preliminary hearing.

In discussing the case with his friends Machen says that certain checks which it is maintained were sent to him in payment of his profits in the Groff fastener which have been secured by the postoffice inspectors were sent him by his former business partner, George E. Lorenz of Toledo, Ohio, and formerly postmaster of that city.

Machen says that his partnership with Lorenz was a strictly legitimate one, and that the checks transmitted to him by Lorenz were in connection with mining business which the firm conducted. Although the amount of the checks cannot be ascertained, Machen says that the one for the largest amount represents a personal loan to himself from Lorenz.

Machen further states to his friends that he was not a partner of the Groff brothers concern and that he did not receive any of the profits from the sale of the letter box fastener to the government. He says that no wrongdoing will be proved against him and that the only possible cause there may be for criticism of his administration so far as the Groff fastener is concerned is that the price paid for the article may be considered excessive. This was necessary, he maintains, because the article was a patented affair and the larger price paid for it was in line with the universal practice in the purchase of articles which are patented and where there is no competition.

HATTIE LEARNS ENGLISH

Baby Elephant Born in Germany Is Fast Becoming an Accomplished Linguist.

New York, June 6.—Hattie, a baby elephant, took her first lesson in English yesterday from Bill Snyder, an elephant trainer at the Central park zoo. She is a good-natured little thing of one-half ton weight and did her best to learn. In all her three years of life Hattie has heard nothing spoken but German, for she was born in Hamburg and lived there until a few weeks ago, when Director Smith traded a baby hippopotamus for her.

After not more than a dozen efforts, Bill succeeded in impressing ideas on Hattie's intelligence. When she had grasped them firmly and was able to carry out each command at once, Bill rewarded Hattie with three lumps of sugar.

The instructor has issued the words, "Yah-yah," she trumpeted shrilly. Snyder handed her a big bottle of water, which she raised high with her trunk, and after murmuring "Hoch," poured it into her throat.

Snyder says he will teach Hattie how to spell and write before he is thru giving her lessons.

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