

BAR ASSOCIATION OF NATION MEETS

Great Organization of American Lawyers in Session in Capitol.

ANNUAL ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT PECK

Railroad Attorney Touches Upon the New Rate Regulation Law.

Men distinguished at the bar in every state in the union are gathered in St. Paul today for the twenty-ninth annual meeting of the American Bar Association.

Legislation under the interstate commerce clause of the federal constitution, its present extent and its probable limitations, was handled in a masterly way by President Peck.

"The recent session of congress pushed the legislative power granted by the interstate commerce clause of the constitution, a long distance beyond any point reached before in that direction," said Mr. Peck.

"A constitution, from its nature, deals in generalities, not in details. Its framers cannot perceive minute distinctions which arise in the progress of the nation, and therefore, confine it to the establishment of broad and general principles."

"And what is this 'power to regulate commerce' upon which the interstate commerce act, anti-trust act, pure food act, and many other statutes are founded? Again let us turn to John Marshall, to whose mind the constitution, in its purposes and its meaning, were as clear as sunlight."

"There is not, I think, in all the literature of the power to regulate commerce, a more comprehensive and complete statement of the subject than that which is to be found in the opinion of Chief Justice Marshall in Gibbons vs. Ogden, the great chief justice in three lines, answered this question. He said: 'We are now arrived at the inquiry: What is this power? It is the power to regulate, that is, to prescribe the rules by which commerce is to be governed.'"

"The inquiry, 'To what other fields of legislation may this power of the commerce clause be extended?' will occur to the ingenious minds of legislators and students of constitutional law."

"The discharge of an Italian a few days ago was attributed to Messenger, and the man is said to have made threats to get even. The murder was committed at the door of the 'Black Hand' society. A large stiletto was found near the body. Two men are under arrest on suspicion, one of them being the discharged employe."

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"Any government," said he, "however imperfect, is better than no government—which is anarchy. If we have too much government—as many of us believe—is it possible, in the present state of human wisdom, to have just enough restraint, and just enough personal freedom? An excess of the one no doubt means a diminution of the other, but what human intelligence can fix a perfect equilibrium? The truth is too large for the grasp of the average mind. The dilettante thinker is always ready, with a knowledge that puts an end to rational discussion. Where Austin and Bonham could only grope, the village parson and the magazine contributor exhaust the subject in a single article."

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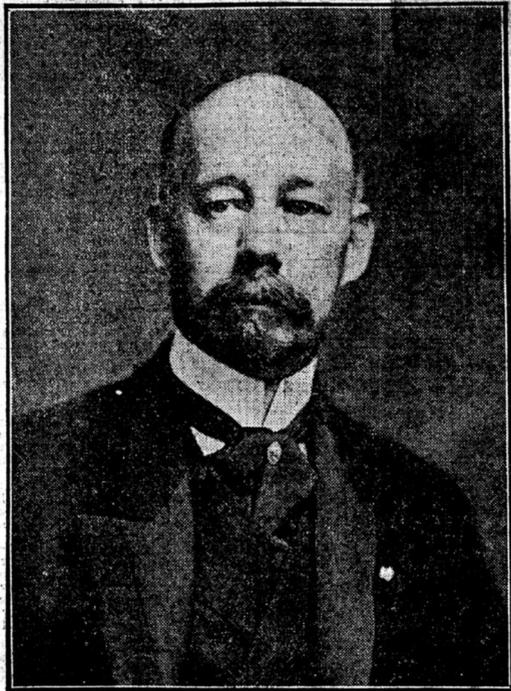
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HEADS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION



ROME G. BROWN, President of the Minnesota State Bar Association.

FLAMES DESTROY HOMES OF 2,000

Conflagration Sweeps Thru an Important Russian Town, Causing Great Loss.

Kamyakin, Aug. 29.—A disastrous conflagration has occurred at the township of Mordovo, near here. About two thousand persons have been rendered homeless.

PLAYED OARSMAN TO ROB BRITONS

Smooth American in Role of Harvard Crew Member 'Works' Britishers.

London, Aug. 29.—A well-dressed young American, posing as a member of the Harvard crew, victimized West End tradesmen out of several hundred pounds sterling within the past week. His ruse was most simple. Registering at the large hotels under the name of one of the Harvard crew he would go to stores and order clothes and other articles to be sent to the hotel where he was staying, asking that the bill be forwarded the next day. When the collectors went for the money the young man had flown.

SEVEN STILETTO WOUNDS IN 'BLACK HAND' VICTIM

Seranton, Pa., Aug. 29.—C. E. Messenger, watchman for the American Bridge Works in Athens, Pa., was found dead today with seven stab wounds in his body, one of them thru the heart.

LAD OF 17 KILLS HIS FATHER WITH AN AX

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 29.—James F. Sloane, a pioneer merchant of this city, was murdered yesterday by his 17-year-old son, Sidney, who has confessed that he killed his father with an ax in the hope of getting \$500 he believed his father carried.

Mr. Sloane's body was found yesterday behind a pile of rocks in an alley near his home. Investigation proved that he was murdered in his room shortly after midnight, his body being loaded into a wheelbarrow, trundled to the alley and dumped against the rocks. Sidney Sloane, when arrested, broke down and confessed.

"SCOTTY" CARRIES A FIG. Chicago, Aug. 29.—"Scotty," the Death Valley miner, arrived at the Grand Pacific hotel yesterday in his Arizona mule and carrying a young pup under his arm. He flashed a \$500 bill on a bartender in payment for a drink and a commotion. He was followed about the hotel by a horde of employes, who were looking for tips. Mrs. Scott is with her husband.

PLOTTERS IN CUBA PLAN PALMA'S RUIN

Treacherous Generals Would Force President to Treat with Rebels.

Insurgents Set Trap for Loyalists and Plan March on Havana.

Havana, Aug. 29.—From a reliable source it is learned that treachery against President Palma, among men who have been looked upon as his political friends, is a more serious matter than the revolution. The president has learned the bitter fact that Cuban politicians, among them some who owe their high places in the government to him, have been conspiring against him.

Hotbed of Intrigue. A call has been issued for another meeting, which will include the brigadier generals. Should the latter side with the rebels, the plan is for the generals to go to the palace and compel Palma to accept peace under a threat that they will join the revolution.

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GEORGE R. PECK, President of National Organization and Famous as a Railroad Attorney.

WHOLE TOWN AT MERCY OF HOBOS

Riotous Gang of Tramps Loot the Town of Lehr in North Dakota.

Kulm, N. D., Aug. 29.—The hobo pest burst all bounds last night at the town of Lehr, in McIntosh county.

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CHURCHMEN'S CASH IN HIPPLE'S BANK

Confiding Presbyterians Heavy Depositors in Failed Real Estate Trust Company.

Former Laborer's Schemes Are Blamed—Dollar for Dollar, Hope of Receiver.

Philadelphia, Aug. 29.—So great was the confidence reposed in Frank K. Hipple, late president of the Real Estate Trust company, which was reorganized in Pennsylvania and the Presbyterian church, that even the smallest Sunday school organizations and hundreds of individuals with abiding faith in the integrity of the late president had entrusted their funds and savings to the institution.

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FIRE ON CRACKSMEN STOP A ROBBERY

State Bank at Minot Saved from Looters After Vault Was Partly Blown.

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FAMILY BESIEGED, WOMAN STONED

E. Eisenberg and His Wife and Child Attacked in Their Home by Gang.

E. Eisenberg and his entire family were besieged in their home, 620 Jewett place, last night, by a crowd of roughs who battered in the doors with stones, slightly injuring Mrs. Eisenberg and her 2-year-old daughter.

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HEARST INDEPENDENT. Hearst—I'm going to ride on the Independent League boat—don't hold your old ark for me.