SIMS HERE FOR DATA

Seeks to Establish Date Hepburn Bill Was Enacted.

FIXES FATE OF OIL CASES

President's Testimony in Regard to Point Raised by Attorney for Rockefeller Institution May Be Taken—Conference to Be Held at Department of Justice To-day.

District Attorney Sims and his assistant, James H. Wilkerson, arrived in Washington last night to confer with the new Attorney General, Charles J. Bonaparte, on the Standard Oil indictments now before Judge Landis in Chicago.

They are here primarily to get every fact connected with the final enactment of the Hepburn rate bill into the interstate commerce act. On the information they secure and the proof they take back with them to Chicago will depend the fate of all the indictments against the Rockefeller corporation and scores of other cases against the New York Central, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, the Western Transit Company, and the American Sugar and Refining Company.

They must establish that the interstate commerce act was not officially approved at a time antedating the passage of the joint resolution postponing the enforcement of the act until August 28. It is to get this data first hand that Messrs. Sims and Wilkerson are here, and it is possible they may take the testimony of President Roosevelt to get a complete record.

President Might Testify.

This will be done if it is thought absolutely essential for the success of the prosecution, and it is known that such is the President's interest in the success of the cases that he would even consent to go to Chicago to testify.

This question will be discussed at the conference between the Chicago attorneys, Mr. Bonaparte, Mr. Moody, and the others of the Department of Justice to-day. Neither Mr. Sims, who arrived at midnight, nor Mr. Wilkerson, who preceded him here a few hours, would say a word about the case.

In his comment on the case, Judge Landis suggested that certain facts in reference to the time President Roosevelt approved the rate bill and the time that he approved the joint resolution of the House and Senate fixing the date of its enforcement sixty days later might have an important bearing on the ruling he would make on the demurrer raised by John S. Miller for the Standard Oil Company.

Are Not Worried.

This remark of the court was taken to mean by many that he would sustain the demurrer, but the Department of Justice is not worried as to the stand Judge Landis will take. It is the contention of the government that the rate law did not go into effect until it was sent to the Department of State to be enrolled in the archives, and that the message of transmittal from the President to the Secretary of State constitutes the formal approval of the bill, and not the mere act of signing the engrossed copy of the interstate commerce law.

The records show the new rate law and the joint resolution were sent to the Department of State at the same time; that the rate law was signed on June 29 and the joint resolution received the signature of the President June 30. On the message of transmittal the rate law is mentioned first, and the joint resolution follows immediately afterward.

The point at issue is a clear one, and should it go against the government, it would be a harder set back to the prosecution than the decision of Judge Humphrey in the packers' cases. In all probability, Mr. Bonaparte, who takes Mr. Moody's place to-day, will be called upon to go to Chicago in person to assist in the handling of the Standard cases and present additional argument for the overruling of the demurrer raised by Attorney Miller.

LABORERS ACT AS CADDIES.

Rockefeller Lets Lads Go to School While Men Carry His Clubs.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Neighbors of John D. Rockefeller at his home at Pocantico Hills have been surprised of late, while walking across his golf links, to find the Standard Oil king playing with workingmen in overalls as caddies.

An investigation reveals the fact that Mr. Rockefeller has dropped all of his caddy boys for the winter, so that they may attend the village school, and is utilizing the Italian workmen employed on his big estate instead. The Italians have been very quick to pick up the game, and when the Standard Oil millionaire has no other companion he sometimes plays against them.

The laborers, although they speak little or no English, seem to enjoy the sport as much as their employer, and they are always eager to try their skill against him.

SCORES CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS.

London Minister Denounces Observance of the Present Age.

London, Dec. 16.—The Rev. A. M. Mitchell, vicar of Lancashire, who recently opposed the action of Rev. Mr. Goodchild, of New York, who gave performances in his church as counter-attractions to the Sunday theatrical performances, now scores the popular observance of Christmas. He says:

"Gorge and surfeit make Christmas to a majority. The spiritual aspect of the individual is conveniently and unblushingly ignored in favor of worship at the kitchen altar. The kitchen altar is the sacred shrine of Christmas.

"What number of knees bow low before it which are too stiff to bend before God and the altar of love."

BONDSMAN GOES BANKRUPT.

University of Illinois Only Creditor of Fred W. Norwood.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Ruined, he says, by the embezzlements of Charles W. Spaulding, former treasurer of the University of Illinois and head of the Globe Savings Bank here, Fred W. Norwood, one of the best known life insurance men in Chicago, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, scheduling liabilities of $231,367.98, and assets of only $290.

Norwood says his only creditor is the university. The claim against him is based on the fact that he was on Spaulding's bond as treasurer. Spaulding served a penitentiary term for his embezzlements.

Killed Over Card Game.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—A. G. Andrews, a railroad switchman, was shot and instantly killed to-night over a card game by James Codey. Andrews and Codey were partners, but, offended by one of the latter's plays, Andrews slapped him. The shooting followed. Codey escaped.

SAYS HE WHIPPED A COUNT.

Frenchman's Story Denied by Nobleman, Who Has Different Version.

Paris, Dec. 16.—Count de Rodellec du Porzic and M. Alexander Greger met yesterday while riding in the Bois de Boulogne, for the first time since the latter accused the count of stealing, while a guest at his home, a blue diamond ring from his wife.

The accounts of what happened differ. M. Greger says that he horsewhipped the count until he was tired, and that the count rode away in a side alley.

The count's version is that M. Greger tried to stampede his blooded horse by twirling his whip. The horse took fright and ran. When the count got him under control again and returned to the place of meeting, M. Greger had disappeared.

Greger was formerly secretary at the Russian Embassy at Washington and Rio de Janeiro.

GIRL ACCUSES EXECUTORS.

Charges They Induced Lawyer Falsely to Represent Her.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Edward A. Warfield, George T. Cline, and Aquilla R. Yeagle, of Baltimore, executors of the $3,000,000 estate left by the late Col. George T. Cline, of Englewood, a Chicago suburb, have been summoned before Probate Judge Cutting to explain why they should not be punished for contempt of court.

The action is the result of a suit by fourteen-year-old Walletta Yeagle, of Lincoln, Ill., to establish title to a share in the site of the Steel Corporation. Her guardian asserts that the three executors, acting through Frank Leosch, president of the Chicago Bar Association, and attorney for the Pennsylvania Railroad, induced Attorney F. X. Marx to represent himself falsely as Walletta's lawyer and agree, in her name, to the sale of the Gary townsite, a part of the Cline state, to the steel trust.

READY FOR INSURANCE COUNT

Supt. Otto Kelsey Names Election Inspectors To-day.

Canvassers Also to Watch Ballots for Equitable and Mutual Reserve. Burnham Sure of Election.

New York, Dec. 16.—State Superintendent of Insurance Otto Kelsey, who is in town to personally look after the counting of the votes in the Mutual and New York Life Insurance companies when the polls close on Tuesday, spent the greater part of to-day in going over a list of applicants he has for the places of inspectors of elections. Mr. Kelsey will appoint five inspectors to represent him in each company. He will also name a large number of canvassers, but the real responsibility will rest upon the inspectors.

Although the greatest work is in the Mutual and New York Life, where there are strong contests, Supt. Kelsey will have to name inspectors and canvassers to perform the perfunctory duty of counting the vote in the Equitable, Mutual Reserve, and Security Mutual, of Binghamton, N. Y. There are no contests here, no opposition tickets having been put in the field, and proxies sufficient have been obtained to insure the election of the administration tickets named.

Considerable comment has been made in life insurance circles during the last few days over the fact that the administration ticket in the Mutual Reserve will be elected. The trustees are George Burnham, jr., vice president; Frederick A. Burnham, president; and George D. Eldridge, also a vice president. George Burnham, jr., was found guilty of grand larceny last week and is in the Tombs awaiting sentence. Frederick A. Burnham and Eldridge are awaiting trial on the same charge as that of which George Burnham, jr., was found guilty.

Supt. Kelsey expects to be able to announce his full list of appointees for the elections some time to-morrow. It was not a very quiet Sunday at the offices of the Mutual and New York Life yesterday. A number of people were on hand, and the offices had to be kept open in order to receive the great mail that comes each day with ballots, proxies, and other literature of the campaign.

The offices of the international policy holders' committee, which organization is fighting both the Mutual and New York Life administrations, were open until late to-night.

HICKORY SWITCH OUT OF DATE.

Throw It Away and Buy a Mechanical Spanker.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—A mechanical spanker will be one of the features of the January electrical show at the Coliseum.

The device is the invention of President Charles E. Gregory, of the Guarantee Electric Company, who deemed it timely in view of recent controversies concerning the wisdom of restoring corporal punishment in the Chicago schools. It is something like an inverted electric fan, and will operate on a dummy at the exposition.

The spanker is a joke, but Mr. Gregory's electric cradle rocker, to be shown at the same exposition, is intended for real use. By this invention the fond father turns on the current when the baby yells at 2 a. m., and a soothing motion is immediately imparted to the crib.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS BARRED.

Pennsylvania Railroad Prohibits the Acceptance by Employes.

Pittsburg, Dec. 16.—Officials and employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad and its subsidiary companies have been notified that they will not be permitted to accept Christmas presents this year. Heretofore it has been the custom of the large shippers to make Christmas gifts to certain employes. The Christmas presents ranged from boxes of cigars to checks as high as $1,000, according to the prominence of the recipient and returns expected.

SECOND VISIT SUCCESSFUL.

Safeblowers Get Contents of Vault in New York Village.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Yeggmen made a $4,000 clean-up at Shortsville, Ontario County, when they blew open the safe in G. B. Mathers' bank and got away with the entire contents of the safe.

The job was the sequel to an attempt made five weeks ago, when the robbers were frightened away before getting anything.

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SAVED BY LIFE NETS

Woman Guests Have Narrow Escape in a Hotel Fire.

ONE IS BURNED TO DEATH

Twenty-seven Persons in Burlington (Vt.) Structure When Alarm Is Given, and All Flee in Night Clothes—Whole Business Section Is Threatened for a Time.

Burlington, Vt., Dec. 16.—In the destruction by fire early to-day of the American Hotel in this city one woman was burned to death and twenty-seven other persons narrowly escaped a like fate, being carried down ladders and having to jump into life nets when the rapid spread of the flames drove them to the upper floors for safety.

The dead woman is Mrs. Frank H. Conrad, of this city, and her body is still in the ruins. Of the others in the hotel at the time of the fire several were slightly burned, but none was seriously hurt.

It was shortly after 5 o'clock when the proprietor of the hotel was awakened by smoke in his room. He jumped out of bed and made his way to the office and rang the automatic fire alarms in the halls. By this time the entire lower floor was ablaze, and he retreated into the street.

When the firemen arrived the upper windows were filled with white robed men and women shrieking with terror, and only prompt action kept many of them from sacrificing their lives by jumping to the street below.

The firemen by means of extension and scaling ladders got twenty-four of the inmates to the street, and were congratulating themselves that all had been saved when three women made an appearance at a window. It was impossible to use the ladders, as the walls were by that time rocking, and the life net was manned. The women jumped and were caught safely.

Mrs. Conrad was not missed until the walls fell in, and is believed to have been burned to death in her bed.

The fire spread to adjacent property, and the whole business section was threatened.

HOTEL ON WHEELS KEPT OPEN.

Famous Inn Not Closed in 200 Years of Its Career.

Somerville, Dec. 16.—The Somerset Hotel, one of the oldest and most famous hostelries in New Jersey, which is credited with doing business for nearly 200 years without closing its doors, has fully sustained its reputation in this during the week, by continuing to do business while it was raised from its foundation and moved a hundred feet up the street.

The process of running the hotel while it was elevated in the air on stilts was unique. Col. Bill Early, the proprietor, threw a gang plank from the bar-room door to the street, and the liquid refreshment end of his business never slackened for an hour, despite the fact that it was considered dangerous to walk the plank under all conditions.

One hundred years ago this ancient inn was famous as a half-way house on the old York road, between New York City and Easton, Pa., and was known to travelers as the "Stage House." It was a noted gathering place for politicians and statesmen, and has been the scene of many historical banquets.

GOULDS STILL WHOOPING.

Boys Go Clay Pigeon Shooting, but Have Little Success.

Lakewood, N. J., Dec. 16.—They are still whooping at the George J. Gould country estate here. The entire family, with the exception of Mr. Gould, are all victims of an old-fashioned whooping cough.

Carlos Espinos, a sophomore at Columbia, and a class chum of Kingdon Gould, also has the whooping cough.

Kingdon and Jay Gould and Espinos visited the gun club grounds this morning and shot clay pigeons between whoops. Kingdon Gould is a crack pigeon shot. This morning, however, he was not much of a shot. Only when he had the gun leveled, and the cough got him, everybody near by ran to cover, as there was no telling just where the shot would strike. No one was injured, however.

Kingdon said that the family considered the whooping cough epidemic very much of a huge joke, except when all hands got to whooping.

BURIES MONEY ON FARM.

Pennsylvanian, Afraid of Banks, Conceals $20,000 in Odd Places.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 16.—Holes in the ground, obscure nooks and places about outbuildings were the banks to which Jefferson Morgan, who died recently near Portersville, in Beaver County, intrusted his money. He is known to have left about $20,000 secreted about the farm he owned, and in the search which is being carried on by relatives $2,000 has thus far been found.

Under the floor of a chicken house $1,000 in bills was found, while other large amounts were recovered from crevices in the roof of the house and several other out-of-the-way places.

Morgan had a distrust of savings banks because of losing quite a sum of money through a bank failure some years ago.

BANK ROBBER GETS $25,000.

Men Who Attacked Telegraph Operator Believed to Be Culprits.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 16.—The Citizens' Bank, of Cedar Hill, eighteen miles southwest of Dallas, was robbed to-day. The robbers got $25,000 in money, after having blown the safe with nitroglycerin. W. Riddle, of the First State Bank, of Dallas, is president of the Citizens' Bank of Cedar Hill.

Chief Brandebury was notified by telephone of the robbery.

Three masked men attacked the Santa Fe Railroad telegraph operator at Cedar Hill Station Friday night, and shot at him, but fled because an alarm was given. It is believed the highwaymen are the bank robbers. A posse is in pursuit.

WANT NEW JURY SYSTEM.

State's Attorneys of Illinois Will Ask Legislature to Make Charges.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The correction of capital defects in the Illinois jury system is to be urged by the State's attorneys at the next session of the legislature.

The legislature will also be asked to make juries judges only of fact, leaving the judge to decide problems of law; to allow appeals in habeas corpus cases and decisions to quash indictments, and permitting the correction of faulty indictments.

Ocean Steamships.

New York, Dec. 16.—Arrived, Sunday, December 16: Steamship Minneapolis from London, December 6; St. Andrew from Antwerp, December 1; Hanover from Bremen, December 1.

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TRIBUTE TO DEAD STUDENTS.

Memorial Services at Cornell for Victims of Fraternity Fire.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Cornell University paid its official tribute this morning to the four men undergraduates who perished in the Chi Psi fire by a memorial service in Sage Chapel.

The service included three appropriate hymns, a memorial reading by Dean Thomas Frederick Crane, of the university faculty, and an address by the Rev. Lewis Cameron, archdeacon of South Orange, and family pastor of Frederick Grelle, who lost his life in the fire.

Mr. Cameron touched upon the heroism of the deaths of the four students, reminding his hearers that they had died doing their duty, and that their memories would always be an inspiration to Cornell University and the Chi Psi fraternity.

BULGARIA AND TURKEY ARM.

Rupture and Clash Expected Unless Powers Step in Promptly.

Constantinople, Dec. 16.—Trouble is acutely feared between Bulgaria and Turkey, and a rupture will occur unless the great powers step in quickly.

An Austrian firm has just completed a large order of field guns for Bulgaria, and Prince Ferdinand is also building up a considerable reserve of small arms and small arms ammunition. On the other hand, the Turkish arsenals, now under supervision of either Germans or Englishmen, are turning out more ammunition than has been the case for twenty years.

CONFEDERATES GET PENSION.

Veterans and Widows Call for Their Allowance from the State.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 16.—One hundred and fifty-five Confederate soldiers, widows, and those entitled to pensions received their money this week from the State government. Of the first class, receiving $60, there were two; the second, entitled to $45, has five; the third, $35, has fourteen claimants; the fourth, $18, has 124, and there are 106 widows entitled to $18 each, while six totally blind receive $30 each.

AGED 105, SHE ASKS DIVORCE.

Mrs. Hunt Says Her Third Husband Was Cruel to Her.

Salina, Kans., Dec. 16.—Martha Hurt, aged 105 years, yesterday filed suit for divorce against her third husband, fifteen years her junior, on the ground of extreme cruelty.

She asserted that she drove her husband from home in 1898 because of his cruelty to her.

She asked for the restitution of the name of Merrill, her second husband's name.

BURNING STEAMER IS SUNK.

Hull Allowed to Fill with Water to Put Out the Flames.

Kingston, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Fire this morning broke out in the forward end of the boiler-room of the side-wheel steamer Norwich, of the Cornell Towing Line, while at a dock here, and considerable damage was done to her before the flames were extinguished. The rear cock was opened and her hull was allowed to fill with water, and she sank at her dock.

The vessel is known as the "Ice King" by reason of her prowess in breaking through thick ice. She is the oldest steamer on the Hudson River, having been built in 1836.

WOULD NOW AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

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tain if the amendments did not appeal universally to the people. Mr. De Armond does not share the anxiety which others feel. He says:

"I believe there is enough of wisdom and patriotism and justice in the American people, enough pride in their past, interest in the present, and hope of the future, to protect us against any possible danger that the Constitution might be impaired by the adoption of an unwise amendment. It requires three-fourths of the States, either through convention or through State legislation, to ratify any amendment to the Constitution. I cannot believe that any amendment not deserving ratification, any amendment which really would not be an improvement, an enlargement, a perfecting, of the Constitution would meet with the approval of legislatures or conventions in three-fourths of the States of this Union."

Would Be Held in Washington.

If the constitutional convention should be finally decided upon, it would, of course, be held in Washington. In the opinion of Representative De Armond, it would be composed, in part at least, of the ablest men in the land. "It would be," he says, "a very great body of American statesmen and citizens." In his judgment, also, the assembling of such a convention, and the preliminary discussions leading up to it, would be productive of much good in legislation in Congress and in the several State legislatures.

There seems to be no provision for the manner of electing delegates to such a constitutional convention. It is probable that these delegates would be chosen by the legislatures of their respective States. The question of the size of the delegation would not be a troublesome one, inasmuch as the States would vote as a unit upon all questions. The personnel of the delegates would be of the highest character and might well include many who have been identified with the framing and amending of State constitutions.

The proposition to hold a Federal constitutional convention, now definitely made for the first time, is certain to attract widespread attention and to elicit a diversity of views.

WISER LAWS HIS AIM.

Head of Legislative Reference Body Has Poor Opinion of Lawmakers.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—"Ten per cent of the legislators of this country are willing to be bribed, and half of them don't know for what purpose they were elected," Charles McCarthy, of Madison, Wis., told the City Club, of Chicago.

Mr. McCarthy is head of the legislative reference department of Wisconsin, a bureau created to secure wise laws. He is to propose the adoption of his method by the next Illinois assembly.

Dr. Bristol Scores Stoerers.

Union of church and state, Leopold's administration of the Congo, and the Stoerers were bitterly scored by Rev. Frank M. Bristol, D. D., in the evening sermon at Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church last night.

Free Stars.

From the Boston Herald.

During Ambassador George von L. Meyer's regime in Italy he ordered a set of china, to be used for everyday purposes. The order demanded that around the edge should be a decoration of stars for each State in the Union. When the china arrived and the barrels were opened it was found that many more stars had been used than the order demanded.

The decorator was called, and when asked what it meant, replied coolly: "Well, perhaps there are a few more than you said, but I assure you it shall not cost you any more money."

RULED BY CARPETBAGGERS.

American Residents of Isle of Pines Make Bitter Complaint.

Mr. S. H. Pearcy, a former citizen of Tennessee, who is at the Ebbitt House, has come to Washington as the authorized representative of several hundred American citizens, residents of the Isle of Pines, in regard to a matter of vital importance to them. In speaking of his mission, Mr. Pearcy said:

"If ever there was an instance of flagrant outrage and injustice, the effort to put the Isle of Pines under the domination of Cuba, thereby destroying the rights and interests of a large number of citizens of the United States who invested their money there in good faith, comes pretty near exceeding anything in modern times. Both President McKinley and the War Department held this island to be American territory, and it was so named on the maps issued by government authority. A committee of citizens went from the Isle of Pines to wait upon Gen. Leonard Wood three weeks before the Cubans had been put in possession of their government, and he assured them that they need be under no fear of being placed under Cuban rule, as the Isle of Pines would not be given over to Cuba, but would be retained by the United States. Large investments had by this time been made on the island, and all of us felt perfectly secure on the point of being under the flag of the United States for all time.

"A little later Secretary Root cabled Gen. Wood to continue the de facto government on the Isle of Pines pending the negotiation of a treaty with Cuba, as the Cubans laid claim to it. By some mental process Wood construed this order to mean that the island should be turned over to the Cubans, and he accordingly did so. This was a most glowing outrage, and wholly in contravention of the Platt amendment. The treaty with Cuba never having been ratified, the whole matter is still in a state of uncertainty, except that the injustice authorized by Wood still continues, and between 600 and 700 resident Americans are forced to put up with the miserable domination of a handful of carpetbag Cuban officials.

"The situation, intolerable as it is, has been borne patiently, for we have always reposed confidence in the fairness of Congress and the administration. There is a story of iniquity, of graft and sinister purpose in connection with the wrongs of Americans in this beautiful little island that will some day become a public scandal. To-day a piece of ground of some 1,200 square miles, fertile beyond description, and with a climate approximating perfection, nineteen-twentieths of which is owned by white people from the United States, is governed in a way that is repugnant to all Anglo-Saxon ideas of justice and liberty. The property owners of this little country, who could make of it a garden spot, are taxed to a ridiculous extent, and have not the slightest say in the management of their own affairs. All they can do is to turn over the money to pay a gang of idle Cuban officeholders."

Private Vengeance.

From the Savannah News.

The "unwritten law" seems to be cutting quite a large figure in the criminal news of the day. Under its terms any person may assume a grievance and go out and kill with impunity. Carried to its logical conclusion, the "unwritten law" means practical anarchy and private vengeance, in which no man's life is safe. The barest breath of suspicion is sufficient to warrant for the perpetration of a murder. Is the country prepared for that sort of thing?

Willing to Cut.

From the Yonkers Statesman.

"I'm de man what cut your grass once, ma'am," said the tramp at the back door.

"Yes, I remember you," replied the woman of the house.

"And I once cut some wood for you, ma'am."

"Yes, I know; but I've got nothing for you to cut just now."

"Ain't yer got a stray pie around what needs cuttin', ma'am?"

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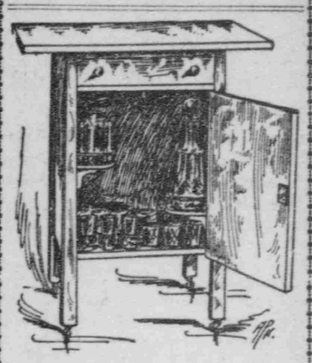

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Capital Traction Company for the election of directors for the ensuing year will be held on WEDNESDAY, January 9, 1907, at the office of the company, Thirty-sixth and M streets northwest, Washington, D. C. The polls will be open from 10 a. m. until 12 o'clock noon. G. T. DUNLOP, President; H. D. CRAMPTON, Secretary. de16-28,ja8,9

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