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HIT FOREIGN TRUSTS

'Baltic Pool' Case Again Before Commission.

STEAMSHIP MEN FILE BRIEF

Will Argue Question Whether Bills of Lading at Through Rates from Interior Points in United States to Europe Are Subject to Provisions of Act to Regulate Commerce.

The Cosmopolitan Shipping Company, through its general agents, Peter Wright & Sons, of Philadelphia, yesterday filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission its brief against the motion to dismiss its complaint against the steamship lines comprising the so-called 'Baltic Pool.' The brief was prepared by Ward W. Pierson, of Philadelphia, in answer to the demurrer interposed by the defendant steamship companies to the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The defendant steamship lines include the Hamburg-American Packet Company, North German-Lloyd, Scandinavian-American Line, and the Wilson (Hull) Line. These companies are among the largest in the world, and such important questions are raised in these proceedings as whether ocean carriers, acting in conjunction with inland carriers, through the joint issue of through bills of lading at through rates, from interior points in the United States to points in Europe, are subject to the provisions of the act to regulate commerce and the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The case is regarded as one of the most important ever brought before the commission, the complaint charging the 'Baltic Pool' with maintaining a monopoly in restraint of trade, pooling, discrimination between shippers and localities, and the giving of rebates.

Allege Complete Dictation. It was alleged by the Cosmopolitan line that these defendant companies, foreign in control, 'dictate the rate, the line, the manner, the methods, and every other detail of the traffic to which the United States producer, manufacturer, or shipper must submit, in order to introduce his goods to the three most important northern, continental ports of Europe.'

The demurrer of the defendant denied that the Interstate Commerce Commission has any control whatever over transportation 'from any place in the United States to a foreign country or over property shipped from a foreign country to any place in the United States.'

The brief of the Cosmopolitan line praying for the dismissal of the demurrer recites at length the decisions of the United States courts and previous rulings of the commission to empower it to inquire into the circumstances which have brought about the conditions set forth by the complainant and to take prompt action to relieve commerce of the improper restraints imposed by the defendants.

In urging the intervention of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the brief says: 'An American corporation indulging in such practices and doing a business partly by land, similar to that of the defendant on the Mississippi River or on the Great Lakes, or carrying a coastwise trade, would be liable to fine or imprisonment, or both. Are these two classes of corporations? One domestic, which must not discriminate, must not rebate, and must not pool in the United States, and one, foreign, which need not obey the laws of the United States, may discriminate, may rebate, or may pool in the United States, because it is a pool of foreign origin, but in reality performing all and every one of these functions that could be performed by a domestic corporation.'

May Upset Rate Structure. The brief expresses the hope that the commission will realize that the tariff structure of the trunk line railroads will be completely upset if it decides that any one of the parties benefiting under tariff arrangements is without law. The mission of the commission, it is declared, is to prevent discrimination, to give to great and small, to the giant corporation and the humblest shipper, equal standing before the law, and equal opportunity in the business world. It is asked that the demurrer be dismissed, and that the commission proceed to investigate the facts as alleged in the complaint of the Cosmopolitan Shipping Company.

PLAN AVENUE EXTENSION. Cost of Opening New Hampshire Avenue Estimated at \$10,000. An amendment to a bill passed at the last session of Congress has been prepared by the Commissioners, providing for the extension of New Hampshire avenue in accordance with the highway extension plans. The estimated cost of \$10,000 will be assessed against the benefited property.

The Commissioners say the bill, as passed at the last session, contained one fatal defect, in that it did not make an appropriation sufficient to pay the cost of condemnation proceedings, and for the payment of amounts awarded as damages to be repaid to the District from the assessments for benefits.

Elects Officers for the Year. At a recent meeting of Mount Vernon Council, No. 19, Jr. O. U. A. M., the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Councilor, Guy M. Yost; vice councilor, C. Talbert; recording secretary, John E. Smallwood; assistant recording secretary, H. F. Steele; financial secretary, W. A. Carter; treasurer, Wm. H. Pyles; warden, John Hargett; conductor, George Cahill; inside sentinel, William Reardon; outside sentinel, George P. Bateman; chaplain, R. J. Horling; trustee, Frank F. Kress.

Treasury Clerk Dies Going to Work. Stricken suddenly while on the way to his office yesterday morning about 9 o'clock, John S. Anderson, sixty years of age, a clerk in the Treasury Department, died in the establishment of N. E. Besson, Pennsylvania avenue and Eighteenth street northwest, before medical assistance could be summoned. Coroner Nevitt decided death was due to heart failure. Mr. Anderson had complained of being ill when he left his home at 2106 Ward place.

New Year's Remembrances. Gude's flowers are always in good taste and acceptable. 1214 F.

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WILL NOT IMPROVE ALLEYS.

Commissioner Morrow Thinks Expenditure Too Great.

Commissioner Morrow said yesterday, in reference to a report made by Maj. Sylvester on the condition of certain alleys in the Second precinct and their conversion into minor streets, that he was of the opinion that the expenditure of the necessary sums in the squares mentioned in the report was not justifiable. He has, therefore, recommended that the cases be dropped.

In response to instructions from Maj. Sylvester, Lieut. Daniel Sullivan submitted a report on the conditions in the following thoroughfares: Eldredges alley, between M and N and Ninth and Tenth streets northwest; Freeman alley, between N and O and Sixth and Seventh streets; Brooks court, between O and P and First and Third streets; Logan place, between Pierce and L streets, and First and North Capitol streets; Goat alley, between L and M and Sixth and Seventh streets, and Fenton place, between K and L and First and North Capitol streets.

OLD-FASHIONED SANTA CLAUS

Christmas Cantata at Mount Pleasant Congregational Church.

Primary and Kindergarten Departments Give Another Performance by Request.

An extra performance of 'The Old-fashioned Santa Claus,' a Christmas cantata, was given at the Mount Pleasant Congregational Church last night, in response to numerous requests.

The cantata was given by members of the primary and kindergarten departments, assisted by members of the other departments, under direction of Miss Maybelle Clements, superintendent of the primary department, and the following committee: Miss Claribel Weigle, superintendent of the kindergarten department; Mrs. J. V. S. Fisher, Mrs. Frank F. Rogers, Miss May Wilson, Mrs. E. G. Coombs, Miss Dorothy Lange, Miss Nellie Eastwood, Hayner H. Gordon, and Roy Curry.

The entertainment was in two parts, the character roles being taken by: Anabelle, a member of the kindergarten; Frances Clements; Jack Frost, a member of the kindergarten; Tommie, a fairy, Gladys Woodwell; Jagger, an elf, John Webster; Amy Sautter, Lena Ramsay; Michel, a witch, May Whitaker; Sammy, a stout young man, Hilton Hornaday; Silas Stout, a slim young man, Everett Clements; Alfred Fenwick, a poet, Robert Henderson; Santa Claus, Roy Curry.

The choruses were made up as follows: Elmer—Edward Abrams, Francis Birch, Harvey Bonfield, Fred Holden, Jean Veldt, Thornton Woodwell, John Webster, and Walter Young. Fannies—Catherine Altemus, Edna Coleman, Ruth Coleman, Anna Dill, Eleanor Hoover, Elizabeth Gaines, Mabel Heron, Margaret Holden, Marjorie Johns, Ruth Kehler, Myra Putnam, Francis Peck, Lucille Schmidt, Catherine Thelen, Gladys Woodwell, and Helen Wright.

Booths—Seward Ferry, Robert Young, Charles Hart, Augustus Hines, Arthur Hayes, Frank F. Rogers, Edward Park, and Dan Stone.

Flower girls—Mary Birmingham, Annie Beck, Ruth Bennett, Carolina Core, Roberta Doyle, Margaret Farnham, Gladys Woodwell, Dora Little, Helen La Forge, Lydia Payne, Lucille Stockinger, Edna Shockley, Katherine Scudder, Louise Strohmer, Marguerite Simpson, Dorothy Zellars, and Dorothy West.

Pianist, Mrs. E. G. Coombs.

In connection with the year's work in the church Sunday school, the following list of pupils who have been awarded prizes by James E. West, superintendent, for regular attendance, has been given out:

Present every Sunday: Senior department—Miss Ethel Laster, Emory Lester, Miss Ethel Dodson, Miss Ruby Nevins, and Fred Whitner. Intermediate department—Irving Coleman, Janet Little, Doris Little, Dorothy Lennan, Francis Wilbur, James Hornaday, and Arthur Barker.

Primary department—Marion Rebeschatus and Dorothy Wilbur. Kindergarten department—Milton Thomas.

Present all but one Sunday: Intermediate department—Margaret Fishburn, Alice Hinds, Mabel Kehler, Victor Kehler, Ardine Tracy, and Robert Young. Primary department—Dorothy Darling, Margaret Holden, and Gladys Woodwell.

Kindergarten department—Davis Little, Walter Young, and Ruth Kehler. Honor roll—Leland Sattzman, Fred Hornaday, Kirtie King, Esie Firoz, and Charles Stewart.

Will Get Union Station Damages. The District Commissioners have approved the recommendation of the commission appointed to appraise damages from changes in street grades for the New Union Station to the property of Harriet E. Dodge, Anna C. Havenner, and Nina E. Havenner, in McCallough street, between E, F, and North Capitol streets and New Jersey avenue. The commission recommended that \$5,000 be paid to the owners, which averages \$55 for each of the nine houses affected by the grade.

Fibral New Year's Greetings. Violets, roses, orchids, Shaffer, 11th and I.

LOCAL MENTION. EXCURSIONS TO-DAY. To Fort Monroe, Norfolk, Newport News, and all points South-Norfolk and Washington steamers every evening in the year at 6:30. To Rock Creek Bridge, Zoological Park, Chevy Chase, and Kensington—Cars from Fifteenth street and New York avenue every fifteen minutes. To Alexandria—Ferry steamer Lacksawanna every hour and a half from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m.

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Hotel Johnson Cafes. Choice sea food, all varieties, direct from the catches. Service a la carte, noon lunch, and table d'hote dinner. Room and tables reserved for watch meeting for parties of three and up.

Sues Pennsylvania Railroad. Robert A. Taylor yesterday instituted suit to recover from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company the sum of \$10,000 for personal injuries, he alleges, he sustained on January 2 last while a passenger on a train run by the two companies between Jersey City and Washington.

Small Picnic Shoulders, 9½¢; Sugar-cured hams, 13½¢; lard, 11¢; substitute, 8¢; choice potatoes, 20¢ peck; tomatoes, 75¢ and 80¢ can; cleaned cutlets, 3¢; raisins, 11¢; eggs, 24¢; butter 22¢. J. T. D. Pyles' Stores.

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Table d'Hote Dinner, 75¢; Luncheon a la carte, 50¢; Hotel, Winter Garden, N. Y. ave. and 11th st., Hungarian Orchestra during lunch, dinner, and supper.

'DUCKS' ENJOY FEAST

Washington Drakes Make Merry in Eckstein's Pond.

HAVE A HANDSOME MENU CARD

All Bells in Good Working Order and the Picking Was Never Better. Much Quacking Indulged In and Life-preservers Were Not Needed. New Year Greetings.

Ducks have web feet for a purpose. Whether they have anything to do with the Poodle Duck Club, which, by the way, sounds like a nature-fake, is a much mooted question in which the members of the organization will take no part.

All admit that "Kin a duck swim?" is a truism, demonstrable, but from the appearance of some of the craft that take part in this club's regatta, one might be led to believe that these ducks would need a life-preserver to get to shore in water.

Which argument they answer with the irrefutable argument that all the members of this club are drakes, anyhow; so there you are.

Their Annual Feat. Well, they had their annual feat yesterday. From the looks of the score card, it would be hard to tell if it were an "eat" feat or a drink feat, but as a constitutional qualification for the chief drakeship is staying qualities, about which there is no question, it might be incriminating evidence. But, be that as it may, there was a lot of quacking going on in Eckstein's duck pond yesterday afternoon, and if the foraging was not good, it was because the drake-bills were not in good working order.

The Poodle Ducks, who, by the by, neither quack nor bark, have formed themselves into a sort of limited liability affair. The constitution provides for only twenty members, and the affair is chartered for twenty years.

Charles Eckstein heads the list of past drakes, and it's a moral certainty he never passes; but he's built along the lines that make good drakes, and is a good specimen.

The piece de resistance at the feast indicates the practice of cannibalism among the Poodle Ducks, for it was "Poodle Duck on Casserole, a la Blanchard," and it wasn't cooked up by Chief Drake Arthur Blanchard, either.

List of the Drakes. The other guests present were drakes, as follows: Dr. F. V. Brooks, J. Harry Cunningham, Charles Eckstein, Louis Garthe, J. O. Harvey, Charles J. Jacobsen, D. J. Kaufman, Francis A. Sebring, W. Clifford Long, Arthur D. Marks, N. O. Messenger, George W. Moss, Wilson Offut, Charles C. Randolph, F. K. Raymond, W. F. Roberts, John S. Shriver, and Edgar C. Snyder.

The past drakes are Charles Eckstein, 1907; Charles Jacobsen, 1908-09; Allison Nailor, Jr., 1909; Charles B. Wood, 1909; Eugene E. Cochran, 1905; Adji. Wilson Offut, 1906.

The last picture on the much-decorated and handsome menu card was that of a lame duck, navigating with the aid of a

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THIS is the day of new resolutions. It is the beginning of a new year. Looking backward, all of us can see where we have succeeded and where we have failed, and should to-day resolve that the mistakes of 1907 shall be guiding posts of 1908.

From a commercial viewpoint the past year has been a prosperous one with us. It has been the most successful year in our history. For that we thank the public—thank it heartily.

Notwithstanding the great success we have enjoyed during the past twelve months, we have been living a year ahead—planning and planning to make 1908 eclipse 1907.

In every way we'll have a better store this year; we'll have better stocks, we'll give better service.

This year will be our "splendid present," with its magnificent possibilities, its fine enjoyment and its great achievement.

We wish you happiness and prosperity in 1908.

HOUSE & HERRMANN, Seventh and Eye Sts. N. W.

DIES IN A HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Howson Passes Away at the Sibley Institution.

Mrs. Elizabeth Caroline Howson, thirty-two years old, wife of Frank W. Howson, an employe of the navy yard, died at the Sibley Hospital Monday night about 10 o'clock after an illness of two weeks. She was twice operated upon in an effort to save her life.

The body was taken to her home, in the Alcazar Flats, Eleventh street and Massachusetts avenue, from which place the funeral services will be held to-morrow morning.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Ball, 909 East Capitol street, and is survived by three brothers, John T., George S., and William W. Ball, and three sisters, Misses Kate and Lottie Ball and Mrs. E. B. Wilkerson, all of Washington.

Washington Crossing the Delaware. The Christian Heurich Brewing Company is distributing a handsome calendar of the new year, showing George Washington crossing the Delaware. It is printed in color and depicts Gen. Washington standing in the midst of a little host of Continentals who are picking their way through the fies of ice across the Delaware. This picture of the father of our country, with that other famous one, "The Spirit of '76," is always sure of appeal to the patriotic. The calendar is artistically executed.

Young Woman Injured. By the explosion of a railroad torpedo placed on the street car tracks by boys, Miss Gladys Dement, daughter of William F. Dement, superintendent of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, was injured last night. A piece of the metal struck the young woman under the eye, inflicting an ugly wound. Miss Dement received treatment in a drug store, and then returned to her home, at 94 Twelfth street northeast.

POLICEMAN GETS HEARING.

Michael Donnelly Protests Innocence of Not Having "Turned In."

Private Michael Donnelly, of the First police precinct, was given a hearing before the Board of Commissioners yesterday with the view of having them recommend that charges against him, for failing to "turn in" to the station house on the morning of November 7 last, be dismissed. Donnelly was recently found guilty by the police trial board.

At the hearing yesterday he professed his innocence of the charge, declared that he did "turn in," and also furnished two witnesses who saw him going in the direction of the signal box at the time he should have turned in.

On the books of the First precinct there was no record of his having turned in, and the trial board found him guilty, and recommended that he pay a fine of \$10 as punishment. The Commissioners said they would take the matter under advisement and announce their decision in a few days.

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