

FILES PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY

Walter Hieston Has Liabilities of \$623,000.

SAYS ASSETS TOTAL \$35,900

Majority of the Creditors Are Washingtonians.

MEMBER OF STOCK EXCHANGE

Slump in Value of Securities Alleged Cause of Failure—Statements by Attorneys.

Walter Hieston, stock broker, of 1420 F street, today filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy. He lists his liabilities at \$623,000, mostly due to Washington creditors, and claims assets amounting to \$35,900.

Mr. Hieston is a member of the Washington stock exchange and formerly was a member of the real estate firm of Westcott, Wilcox & Hieston. Attorney C. Albert White, who represented the petitioner and filed the papers in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, when asked for the reasons which brought about the failure, said:

"The long-continued drop in prices on the New York stock exchange and the almost unprecedented slump in the value of securities which occurred this week in the market are responsible for Mr. Hieston taking the step he did today. A petition in bankruptcy was the only course left open to him in order to protect the interests of his creditors."

Further than the foregoing, Mr. White declined to discuss the proceeding. The largest creditor, according to the petition, is Post & Flagg of New York, to whom Mr. Hieston is indebted to the extent of \$250,000. Other creditors include First National Bank, \$100,000; Traders National Bank, \$100,000; Merchants National Bank, \$100,000; E. S. Randall of this city, \$20,000; secured by stocks and bonds; J. T. Hendricks of this city, \$20,000; secured by Mitchell mining stock valued at \$20,000.

Other Secured Creditors.

Other secured creditors, the amount of indebtedness and the nature of the securities held, follow: R. H. Lynn of this city, \$50,000; 3,000 shares of Mitchell mining stock; George Mitchell of New York, \$50,000; secured by interest in stocks jointly with the heirs National Bank, \$40,000; partly secured by Mitchell mining stock; E. S. Randall of this city, \$20,000; secured by stocks and bonds; J. T. Hendricks of this city, \$20,000; secured by Mitchell mining stock valued at \$20,000.

Mr. Hieston gives the names and claims of his unsecured creditors as follows: A. Ghinessa, Baltimore, Md., \$500; A. G. Plant, \$6,000; D. A. Greenless, \$50,000; B. F. Compton, \$25,000; Joseph H. Hunter, \$1,000; J. S. Greenless, \$1,000; S. Schmidt, \$1,000; W. B. Hibbs & Co., \$2,500; Halstead & Co., \$1,000; A. B. Hines, \$2,000; C. Howard, \$1,000; M. J. Weaver, \$1,000; \$7,000; American National Bank, \$15,000; Alice V. Hieston, \$2,000; Westcott, Wilcox & Hieston, \$5,000; S. N. Whitwell (joint), \$1,000; D. A. Greenless (joint), \$2,000.

The assets to which Mr. Hieston gives a valuation of \$35,900 comprise his interest in real estate, his interest in stocks and bonds, and an automobile said to be worth \$900.

Order by Court.

Justice Barnard, to whom the petition was presented, ordered Mr. Hieston to adjudge his assets and referred the case to William M. Hallahan, referee in bankruptcy, before whom all claims will be made to be proved.

Petition by a Creditor.

Attorneys Robert S. Hume and John R. Shields, counsel for Joseph I. Saks, one of the creditors of Mr. Hieston, today filed a petition for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the securities and assets of Mr. Hieston pending the appointment of a trustee in bankruptcy.

According to the petition Mr. Saks has a claim of \$1,200 against the bankrupt. He alleges that Mr. Hieston holds certain securities and bonds in his possession and that it is his duty as a receiver or receiver to be appointed in order to preserve and protect the assets for the benefit of the creditors of the bankrupt until a trustee is elected at the first meeting of the creditors.

Counsel will endeavor to secure an appointment of a receiver. The signature of one of the judges can be obtained on an order. Otherwise application will be made to Chief Justice Claiborne early next Monday.

Ceased Two Years Ago.

Messrs. Halston & Sidons, attorneys for the firm of Westcott, Wilcox & Hieston, this afternoon made the following statement:

"In view of the announcement of the proceedings in bankruptcy begun by Mr. Walter Hieston and the suggestion therein contained that he is a member of the firm of Westcott, Wilcox & Hieston, we have by his association therewith ceased two years ago and the firm is in no wise affected by or concerned in his bankruptcy, except as its members are his friends and former associates or may in a small degree be his creditors."

Known on the Street.

The failure of Walter Hieston had become known on the street long before the meeting of the Washington stock exchange at noon today, and during the session it was the chief topic of conversation among the members. Mr. Hieston is one of the younger members of the exchange, and has held a seat therein for a number of years. He was formerly the vice president of the exchange, and for a time was one of the most active traders, but in the past year he transacted little business there. During the last few months, it was said today, Mr. Hieston had not been present at the meetings and had not been seen very frequently in financial circles in this city.

It was claimed by many brokers that Mr. Hieston has greatly overstated his liabilities. The general impression is that the failure will not have the noticeable effect on local business conditions.

Liabilities May Be Overstated.

J. Tilman Hendrick, a member of the exchange, stated to a Star reporter this afternoon that he understood Mr. Hieston had named twenty-five thousand dollars as the amount owing to the speaker, but that such was an exaggeration. All that Mr. Hieston owes him, he said, is something less than eight thousand dollars, for which there is

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security which will bring the loss down to less than one thousand dollars. Benjamin Woodruff, local manager for Post & Flagg, stated that he believed Mr. Hieston has overstated his liabilities to that firm. "We went over the matter last night," Mr. Woodruff said, "and we stand to lose nothing if we are wrong. It may be only \$5,000."

Could Not Be Located.

An effort was made to locate Mr. Hieston by Star reporters this afternoon, but he could not be found at any of his accustomed visiting places. At his residence on the Rochambeau it was said he had not been there all day. A search of the stock-broking establishments along F street was made, but Mr. Hieston was not seen, although the failure was being generally discussed and commented upon.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

SABLE ISLAND, March 16.—The steamer Caledonia, from Glasgow for New York, was in communication by wireless telegraph with the Marconi station here when 140 miles east, at 11 p. m., March 15. Will probably dock about 8:30 a. m. Monday.

The steamer Minnehaha, from London for New York, was in communication by wireless telegraph with the Marconi station here when 190 miles southeast, at 3 o'clock a. m. today. Will probably dock at 8:30 a. m. Monday.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Arrived: Steamers Campania from Liverpool; Nord America, from Naples.

COLORED TROOPERS SELECTED.

Members of the 9th Cavalry Ordered to Duty at West Point.

For the first time in the history of the United States Military Academy at West Point, colored troops are to be stationed there to form the detachment of cavalry which is one of the fixtures of that institution. The present detachment is composed wholly of white cavalrymen, and it has been represented that they are dissatisfied with the extra duties devolved upon them in the care of the horses used by the military cadets. It is alleged that while they were willing to look after their own individual mounts, they did not like the duty of caring for all the horses of the cadet battalion.

In order to meet that condition the War Department decided to try the experiment of having colored cavalrymen at the West Point institution. That was rendered possible by the fact that there are seventy-two members of the 9th Cavalry whom it is desirable to have accompany that regiment to the Philippines, for the reason that their terms of enlistment will expire within the next few months. Orders were accordingly issued at the War Department today assigning the seventy-six members of the 9th Cavalry who are named to duty with the detachment of cavalry to the military academy, and transferring all the members of the detachment there to other stations, and in some cases to other arms of the service. About twenty of the white cavalrymen are assigned to duty with the detachment of field artillery at the military academy. The others are ordered to other stations.

GOING TO BOSTON.

Gen. Bell Will Address Massachusetts Militia Officers.

Maj. Gen. J. F. Bell, chief of staff, accompanied by Col. E. M. Weaver, went to the chief of artillery, and Capt. William M. Wright, general staff, will leave here tomorrow for Boston to take part in the Evacuation day celebration Monday. The next day they will make an inspection of the military posts in the vicinity of Boston and in the evening will attend a meeting of the field officers' institute of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia at the Hotel Gen. Bell and Col. Weaver will make addresses in regard to the relations between the regular army and the National Guard.

COMPLAINT FROM PANAMA.

Government Hotel Underseals Its Merchants on Certain Articles.

Secretary Taft has before him a protest from certain merchants and hotelkeepers of the city of Panama against the management of the government hotel, known as the Tivoli, originally erected for the accommodation of the superior class of employees on the canal work, but also open to the extent of the occupied quarters to transient visitors to the isthmus. The protest is not so much against the accommodation of the transient guests, for the rates charged are not sufficiently low to interfere to any sensible extent with the private hotels in the city of Panama, but rather against the sale to these guests of liquors, tobacco and such articles.

Owing to the fact that these things are imported by the government into the zone free of duty, the keeper of the Tivoli is able to sell them to the public at a very reasonable price. The Panama hotelkeepers, on the other hand, are taxed heavily by the Panamanian government, cannot meet their expenses, and are being driven out of business. It will be a part of the duty of Secretary Taft to endeavor to adjust this matter during his approaching visit to the isthmus.

TO BEAUTIFY THE NIAGARA.

Improvement of River Banks Below the Falls.

Secretary Taft will leave Washington tomorrow for New York and will be in New Haven, Conn., Monday to attend a meeting of the Niagara celebration at Bordaux, and will have a conference in New York at the office of Mr. Charles McKim with F. L. Olmstead, Frank B. Millet and Mr. McKim concerning the beautification of the American shore along Niagara river below the falls. In his decision of January 18 granting certain quantities of water to the Canadian companies now operating along the Niagara he designated these three men as a committee to make suggestions for the improvement of the appearance of the untidy river banks on the United States side. Capt. John S. Sewell and Charles W. Hieston, who were present at the meeting, are invited to attend the meeting at New York.

The United States Navy at Bordeaux.

The Navy Department has selected the protected cruisers Denver and Cleveland and the armored cruiser St. Louis of the Atlantic fleet to represent the United States at the Fulton celebration at Bordeaux, France, beginning June 1. After leaving Bordeaux the Denver and the Cleveland will proceed to the coast of China and join the Asiatic fleet.



MAY BE FIRST OF MAY

Union Station Probably Ready Then for B. and O.

SECTION NEARLY COMPLETE

Formal Ceremonies of Dedication to Be Held Later.

OLD STATION TO BE TORN DOWN

Grounds to Form Part of Approach to Depot—Conference Held Yesterday.

Trains will begin running in and out of a section of the new union railroad station about May 1, provided arrangements for the service can be completed by that time, and it is believed they can be. This statement was made to a Star reporter today by Mr. Edward Wilmann, who is in charge of the work at the union station for Burnham & Co.

The first trains will be those of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. That company will vacate its old depot at C street and New Jersey avenue about that time and move into a completed section of the union station. It is said the occupancy of the new structure by the Baltimore and Ohio was stated will not be marked by any special ceremonies, but it is planned to celebrate the opening on a grand scale upon the completion of the building, which it is expected will be turned over to the railroads and the public next December. At that time the field officers' institute of the Baltimore and Ohio, E. R. Temple, assistant chief engineer of the Pennsylvania railway, E. B. Graham, representing D. H. Burnham & Co., the assistant architects; W. F. Strouse, assistant engineer of the railroad, and other representatives of the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio, will be present.

Will Be Filled and Graded.

It is said the site of the present depot of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, which has been used as a terminal for many years, will be filled and graded and will form part of the approach to the new station. It was also stated that six tracks will be utilized by the Baltimore and Ohio when it begins running the first trains into the union station. As a result of yesterday's meeting these tracks will be put down at once and every preparation made to receive the trains as scheduled.

ATLANTIC EXPRESS WRECKED.

Serious Accident on the Grand Trunk Line.

DURAND, Mich., March 16.—The Atlantic express on the Grand Trunk railway, due here at 5:55 a. m. from Chicago en route to Port Huron and the east and running late, ran into an open switch at Bancroft, five miles from here, today and struck a freight train. Five persons were severely injured, two of them being fatally. Engineer A. B. Schram and Fireman Frank Cowan, both of Battle Creek, Mich., suffered broken limbs and severe scalds and may die.

ELLSMORE KILLS THREE

DESPERATE FIGHT OF DRUNKEN MOUNTAINEERS.

Special Dispatch to the Star.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 16.—News reached here this morning from Letcher county of a desperate fight which took place in a boat on the Kentucky river in which three men were killed and the remaining man badly injured. Thacker Rice, John Ellsmore and Speed and Elijah Bailey, brothers, were crossing the middle fork of the Kentucky river in a boat when Ellsmore and Rice began quarreling. Ellsmore was using an oar with which he struck Rice over the head, knocking him into the water.

Rice climbed back into the boat and attacked Ellsmore. The two Baileys took sides with Rice and all drew knives or pistols. Rice had a knife and pistol, as did the Baileys, and the fight was a hand-to-hand and shot and cut all three of his opponents. They in turn wounded him, but he is said to have continued stabbing them until they were insensible.

Ellsmore then paddled the boat to the shore and the three men were taken to the field hospital and placed under a doctor's care. The fight followed a carousal at the home of a mountaineer who had given a dance at which moonshine liquor flowed freely. Ellsmore has not been arrested.

BIG DEAL RATIFIED

SALE OF 8,616 SQUARE FEET OF GROUND.

Another big realty deal was closed this afternoon, when 8,616 square feet of ground, which is known as lot 28, block 10, Belair Heights, and bounded by California avenue or T street and 24th street and Massachusetts avenue, was sold by Murray A. Cobb in connection with the real estate firm of Fitch, Fox & Brown. The ground has a frontage of 121 feet on California avenue or T street and is of a triangular shape. It is situated immediately in the rear of the five lots which were recently purchased by Mr. Frank O. Lowden, and on which he will erect a handsome residence. The purchase price was about \$190 per square foot.

It is understood the purchasers of the property will subdivide it into building lots.

Coated With Slime.

Few, if any, of the army of workmen who were thrown into enforced idleness by the flood will be able to resume before Monday. The mills are all covered with mud, costly machinery is damaged and in many places may have to be replaced.

Throughout the entire flooded district a slimy ooze of mud from two to twelve inches in depth covers the street, while huge blocks of ice and debris of all kinds are deposited by the wind, on porches or any place where a resting point could be found. Early in the day the entire force of the health department descended upon the recently submerged sections to make an inspection with a view to ascertaining the result of the deluge as touching the matter of public health. Supt. J. F. Edwards sees no cause to fear a general epidemic, although he is taking all possible measures to avert one.

Relief Measures.

The flood sufferers who are in need of assistance are being cared for by the authorities in both cities. Very little distress is reported in Pittsburg, but in Allegheny many families are in want of the necessities.

Railroad Situation.

The conditions at the Pittsburg terminals of the various railroads which were crippled by the high water during the last three days are much improved, and on the majority of the roads it is expected that all lines will be open by tonight. Trains on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago, the

FLOOD IS SUBSIDING

The Worst Danger is Now Over at Pittsburg.

WAVE MOVING DOWN STREAM

Immense Damage Disclosed by Receding Waters.

THOUSANDS ARE OUT OF WORK

Costly Machinery Will Have to Be Replaced—Efforts to Avert an Epidemic.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 16.—The rivers are again backing to their channels, and the greatest flood ever known here is a matter of history.

For twenty-four hours the water has been steadily receding, and the stage at 10 o'clock today was twenty-one feet, and still falling at the rate of about six inches an hour.

With the receding water the extent of the damage caused is laid bare, and there is no reason to change yesterday's estimate of property and business losses. The most conservative figures are \$10,000,000, and they run from this all the way to \$20,000,000.

The loss of life in the past three days is not yet definitely ascertained. At least a score of persons met death in the flood, and many are said to be missing.

Business is again assuming something like normal proportions, but it will be weeks before Pittsburg, Allegheny, and the valleys of the three rivers fully recover from the widespread commercial paralysis caused by the tying up of railroad and traction lines, the silencing of telephones and the suspension of the mills, factories and furnaces.

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Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, the Wash., Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsylvania Central are arriving and departing nearly on schedule time.

The Pittsburg and Lake Erie is rapidly getting into shape and expects to have all lines open before evening.

300 Are Homeless.

IRONTON, Ohio, March 16.—Three hundred people were driven from their homes today when the Ohio reached a stage of 56.2 feet. The river is rising two inches an hour, and a stage of 58 feet is expected.

Rising at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, March 16.—At 4 a. m. the stage of the river at Cincinnati was 57.3 feet, a rise of 4 feet.

Losses in Ohio.

Special Dispatch to the Star.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 16.—Thirty-six lives have been lost in the floods in Ohio to date, with several score of sufferers still unaccounted for. The losses in other parts of the Ohio valley add thirty-three to this death roll, with a property damage that will probably exceed \$10,000,000. Two hundred and fifty thousand people are over the lowlands and details of pollution and hundreds actually starving, especially among the foreigners in the Ohio and West Virginia mine districts. All Ohio railroads are crippled by the loss to railroad property and will alone run into millions. The Ohio river at Ironton today drove 300 people from their homes.

The losses in Ohio as reported up to noon are: Mingo Junction, 10; Chillicothe, 2; Athens, 6; Gloucester, 3; Bridgeport, 4; Mansfield, 2; Zanesville, 4; Circleville, 4; Sabina, 1.

Louisville Confident.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 16.—The Ohio river, which has been rising rapidly for three days, today invaded Shippingport and that section of the city known as the "Cut-off." Mayor Barth has notified all residents of the "Cut-off" to leave their homes at once, and the board of public safety today ordered firemen and police to go to the threatened sections and remove the people by force if necessary. The crest of the flood is expected to be reached in a matter of days, and it is already half way to Main street on 4th street.

Serious in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 16.—At the rate of a little more than one-tenth of a foot an hour the Ohio river continued to rise throughout the night, and today there was no indication of any immediate relief from the flood, which has crept up over the lowlands and into cellars and houses. That the river will pass sixty feet when the crest arrives here tomorrow seems certain, and fears are expressed to do much damage to the business section, but it is already half way to Main street on 4th street.

Portsmouth Inundated.

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio, March 16.—Back water forced its way into the city today by a levee, which was weakened by the January flood, giving way. The water spread over an area of five squares, but the people had vacated their homes in advance. The levee in the extreme north end of the city was the last to give way and is still intact, but cannot hold out much longer, and a large part of the city is sure to be flooded. The water is rising rapidly, and the main part of the city will hold. The city pumping station is under water and the shoe factories and other plants have been forced to suspend operations. Water is on the ground floors of the Front street wholesale houses. The Portsmouth Steel Company's plant, and other enterprises between here and Sciotoville have shut down.

Situation at Parkersburg.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 16.—With a stage of 51.4 feet the river came to a stand here today. The water is on Market street nearly five blocks from the river channel. Considerable inconvenience was caused by several hundred telephones being put out of commission, water having leaked into the cables. Two of the afternoon papers were today without gas or electric power.

FIRE FOLLOWS FLOOD

EIGHT SYRIANS KILLED NEAR WHEELING.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 16.—Panic-stricken, as a result of an explosion and fire at the Warwick pottery works in the flooded district early today, eight persons, all citizens but three, lost their lives by jumping from the windows of their homes into the waters of the flood and drowning before they could be rescued. The names: Mike Bretries, married, aged thirty years; Anna Nesbit, aged twenty years; Charles Holman, watchman; Allen Bretries, aged nine years; Simon Alhis, aged two years; George W. Bays, aged five years; Thomas Badsay, aged three years; Effie Nimas, aged three years.

Surrounding the pottery is a colony of Syrians. The explosion occurred about 10 o'clock this morning, and was followed immediately by fire, which enveloped the entire plant in a few minutes and threatened adjoining property. Fearing death in the flames, the frightened foreigners leaped from the windows into the water and were drowned.

The police worked heroically and rescued many of the Syrians from the water, but the eight named are known to have gone down. So far all efforts to recover the bodies have failed. The Warwick pottery works was completely destroyed, and the four-story building of the Wheeling stamping works was badly damaged. The loss was about \$100,000.

BIG LONDON FIRE.

Damage of \$1,000,000 Done in Three Hours.

LONDON, March 16.—Three big warehouses in the Finsbury district, London's busiest industrial center, were gutted by fire this morning, causing damage to the amount of about \$1,000,000.

Starting in Featherston street, in the premises of Cox & Co., hat manufacturers, the flames, fanned by a strong wind, jumped the street and enveloped the establishments of the Maximo Company, wood turners, and spread to the adjoining warehouses of Green & Co., shoe manufacturers. Owing to the strength of the wind, it appeared for a time as though the whole block of adjoining property would be devastated, but after three hours' hard work the firemen gained control of the situation.

Mine Explosion at Greensboro.

RICHMOND, Va., March 16.—From Wise county it is reported that a serious gas explosion occurred this morning in the mine of the Bond Coal Company at Greensboro. In that county. First reports are that ten men were entombed. Three have been rescued, but are badly burned, and seven are still in the mine, with a slight chance of escaping them out alive. The Bond Coal Company is owned principally by ex-Senator R. P. Bruce and Judge W. H. Bond of Wise.

Weather.

Fair tonight. Tomorrow partly cloudy and warmer.

UTOPIA BURNED OUT

Upton Sinclair's Co-Operative Colony Destroyed.

ONE WORKMAN WAS KILLED

Several of the Residents Were Severely Injured.

DUE TO A DEFECTIVE GAS PIPE

The Loss Will Be About \$35,000—The House Was Wholly Destroyed—Fifty Are Homeless.

ENGLEWOOD, N. J., March 16.—By the burning of Helicon Hall, the home of the Upton Sinclair co-operative colony, today one man, Lester Briggs, a carpenter of Providence, R. I., was killed and eight of the colonists were injured in jumping from windows. Mrs. Grace McGowan Cooke, a well-known writer of short stories, is believed to have suffered fatal injuries, and her sister, Miss Alice McGowan, also a writer, and Miss Leone Feitenberg, cook of the colony, are badly injured.

The financial loss is estimated at \$35,000. Fifty-five members of the colony and workers employed by them occupied the building, which was a three-story structure located on a hilltop and formerly used as a school for boys.

An explosion of gas which occurred on the main floor started the fire about dawn today. As there were no fire escapes, and exit by the stairways was cut off by fire, the colonists, including men, women and children, jumped from the windows. The men who were first to go attempted to catch the women and children in blankets used as fire nets, but Mrs. Cooke, Miss McGowan and some of the others were badly injured by striking against a coping in their fall. A number of the colonists escaped by ropes or by jumping only a short distance from the roof of a porch. Those most seriously injured were taken to Englewood Hospital. The building was totally destroyed.

Five persons were injured by jumping from windows were taken to the hospital. They are: Miss Helen Knowles, assistant housekeeper at Helicon Hall, burned about the face and injured in jumping; Mrs. Grace McGowan Cooke, writer of short stories, bruised and perhaps injured internally; Miss Alice McGowan, back injured, and suffering from shock; James McNiff, burned about the face and neck; Miss Leone Feitenberg, burned on face and body and suffering from shock.

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ROOSEVELT FOR EXECUTOR.

Named in Will Bequeathing Quarter of a Million to Uncle Sam.

Special Dispatch to the Star.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 16.—By the will of the late James H. Hooker, who died at his home on Portland avenue in this city, an estate of about a quarter of a million dollars is bequeathed to the United States government, and President Roosevelt is named as executor and the cabinet members are to be trustees of the fund for the betterment of the army and navy.

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Trouble With Longshoremen.

HAMBURG, March 16.—The shipping companies here are having much trouble with the longshoremen imported from England to take the place of the locked-out men. One hundred and eighty of the Englishmen were sent home today, after they had refused to work, and seventy more of them demand \$1.75 per day and free board.

Pleaded Guilty to Conspiracy.

LIMA, Ohio, March 16.—The Lima Heating and Plumbing Company, D. L. Bowers, E. E. Tuttle, E. L. Canteney, T. B. Johns and Charles Ashton, members of the so-called Allen county plumbers' trust, pleaded guilty today to conspiracy against local trade, and asked for sentence. The court fined each \$50 and costs. Indictments against associates of these firms were nolleed. The first test case was on the criminal docket for Monday.

Troops for Jamestown.

In accordance with the provisions of general orders from the War Department the 23d Infantry, from Madison Barracks and Fort Ontario, New York, will proceed to Jamestown, Va., to arrive at the designated camp ground there not later than April 24, 1907, to participate in the Jamestown centennial exposition.

Gen. Grant, commanding the department of the east, who will command all the troops at the exposition, has detailed Capt. J. L. Hines, 1st Infantry, as chief quartermaster, Capt. Julius N. Killian, commissary, as chief commissary, and Maj. Chas. E. Woodruff, surgeon, as chief surgeon and chief sanitary officer at the camp at Jamestown.