

KENTUCKY ASKS FOR MERGER HEARING.

Complains of Combination of Southern Railroads to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

WANTS THOROUGH INQUIRY.

Capitalization of Roads Controlling Business of 16,000,000 People Stated to Be at Least One Billion.

Washington, Oct. 20.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today made public the complaint of the Railroad Commission of Kentucky against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, the Southern Railway, the Southern Railway in Kentucky, the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railroad Company, the Cincinnati Southern Railroad Company and the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railroad Company, involving allegations of unlawful combination.

The complaint asks for an investigation of these roads by the commission. An inquiry as to whether the contracts, etc., constitute an unlawful combination and conspiracy to fix the rates of the different and competing roads and a device to enable the roads to divide the net proceeds of the earnings so as to equate the earnings of each of them.

MORGAN'S PRACTICAL CONTROL.—The complaint says these roads cover all important railroads and railroad lines in a territory aggregating 250 million of an operating income of over \$200,000,000 annually, and charges that J. P. Morgan & Co. have secured practical control and management of the affairs of all of these lines. The complaint charges, practically, will become one system, operating by a few individuals who control the entire commerce of Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland.

It is alleged that the defendant companies have not filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission the contracts, agreements, etc., of the contracts, agreements, etc.

CHOIR SINGERS MAY ORGANIZE.

Said to Be Dissatisfied With Methods of Associated Committee.

Church and music circles have been discussing a report that some of the choir singers of the Protestant churches are dissatisfied with the methods of the Associated Music Committee of Protestant Churches, and are agitating the question of forming an association of their own. The committee is organized to recognize their claims to certain personal and professional privileges. The malcontents contend that the music committee has been too arbitrary in its methods, and that they are dissatisfied with the methods of the Associated Music Committee of Protestant Churches, and are agitating the question of forming an association of their own.

PLAYHOUSE FAVORITES. SEVERAL PERSONS CHARGED WITH ROBBERY GRAVES.

Negro Preacher Has Confessed He Was at the Head of One Gang of Ghouls That Operated Successfully—Efforts to Intimidate Public Prosecutor Have Failed—More Arrests Are Anticipated, Also More Sensational Discoveries of Graveyard Horrors.



Who is appearing with Jerome Sikes in "The Billionaire" this season.

PECULIAR CASES OF POISONING FROM MOSQUITO AND BANANA.

Carl Beyer Becomes Deathly Sick After Eating a Banana Which He Found in a Box Car. Stung of an Insect Results in Serious Illness of Miss Ethel Smith of East St. Louis.

Carl, the 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beyer, No. 206 W. Fifth street, Belleville, was poisoned by a banana, which he ate yesterday morning, and it was feared that he would die in spite of medical attention. With some other boys, Carl was walking through the railroad yards at Belleville, when he spied a banana in an empty box car, which had been loaded with the fruit. He picked up the banana and ate the greater portion of it. Returning home, he became ill, and Doctor Reia administered medicine and worked over him for several hours before he pronounced him out of danger. For awhile it was feared that the physician's efforts would not revive the lad.

BILL FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE.

Nationalist Member of Chamber of Deputies Throws Down the Gage to the Government. Paris, Oct. 20.—The Chamber of Deputies today discussed the bill providing for the separation of church and state, the abolition of the budget of public worship and the suppression of the French Embassy at the Vatican. The bill was presented as a challenge to the Government to carry out the Radical programme, Mr. Roche declaring that the question had figured long enough in the national platform and that if the struggle against the congregation was sincere the Government ought to carry out the separation of church and state.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY PARAGRAPHS.

A committee from the Maplewood Improvement Association, headed by J. J. Gardner, called on Superintendent Jenkins of the suburban district yesterday to request him to provide street lights in Maplewood for all streets that intersect the Suburban Road. The committee also requested him to provide street lights in Maplewood for all streets that intersect the Suburban Road. The committee also requested him to provide street lights in Maplewood for all streets that intersect the Suburban Road.

RUSSELL SAGE IS IMPROVING.

New Form of Note Appears, Owing to His Retirement. New York, Oct. 20.—At the office of Russell Sage to-day it was said that he was about his house as usual.

Woman Chases a Highwayman.

Mrs. Davidson of No. 1014 North Jefferson avenue, chased a thief away from a man he was robbing on the sidewalk in front of the store at the corner of North Jefferson and Third streets, yesterday afternoon.

Negro Confesses to Robbery.

William Wright, a negro, was arrested yesterday by Detective Kelly and charged with the robbery of a coat and hat from the store of Edward Lyons, No. 236 Laclede avenue, in the robbery and was locked up pending the issuance of a warrant. The property was recovered.

INTENSE FEELING ON THE PART OF THE PUBLIC.

Another incident which has occasioned a great deal of comment was an open threat on the part of the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons to prosecute Dr. Ruckelshaus for robbing him of his position as the professor of anatomy of that institution. Dr. Ruckelshaus is now under bond, Mr. Ruckelshaus is a candidate for re-election, and it was thought that the faculty had selected to open the case against him. The professor was arrested by the police and taken to the city jail. The following account of the incident is given by the physician who is the subject of the case.

PLAN OF DEFENSE.

The plan of the defense has already been worked out and will be to attack Dr. Ruckelshaus's veracity and prove that he is a man of good character. So far as known, the defense is to be conducted by Dr. Ruckelshaus himself, and the latter's confession has been made to the effect that he had stolen the property of the professor and had sold it to a man named Jones. The defense is to be conducted by Dr. Ruckelshaus himself, and the latter's confession has been made to the effect that he had stolen the property of the professor and had sold it to a man named Jones.

GERMAN VISTORS IMPRESSED.

Count von Polenz and Herr von Scherwin in St. Louis. Count Wilhelm von Polenz of Castle Obertlinow, Saxony, and Lordship F. von Scherwin of West Prussia, distinguished German noblemen, are visitors in St. Louis, stopping at the Planters Hotel. They visit in the city and are very much impressed with the progress of the American people.

INVENTOR OF GATLING GUN FORTY-EIGHT YEARS MARRIED.

Anniversary Will Be Celebrated at Lindell Boulevard Home of Mr. and Mrs. Gatling Friday. R. J. Gatling, of No. 309 Ladd boulevard, inventor of the famous Gatling gun, will on Friday celebrate with his wife the forty-eighth anniversary of their marriage. There will be no formal reception nor dinner, but merely a gathering of friends.

KANSAS CITY HORSE SHOW.

Large Crowd Witnessed the Opening Night in Convention Hall. Kansas City, Oct. 20.—Kansas City's eighth annual Horse Show opened to-night in Convention Hall, and was witnessed by a large crowd. The show is being held in Convention Hall, and is being witnessed by a large crowd.

MRS. FRANK HILL'S FUNERAL.

Victim of Accident Will Be Buried To-Day. A telegram from Mrs. C. A. Blevins of No. 629 Washington boulevard, mother of Mrs. Frank Hill, who was killed in an accident on a steamboat, yesterday morning, was received yesterday. The telegram stated that the body will be buried to-day.

HUMAN BODY IN GARBAGE.

Indianapolis Is Again Shocked From Work of Ghouls. Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 20.—The attention of the Police Department has been called to the fact that on Saturday an old negro unloaded a wagon at the "dumps" in the extreme northwest part of the city. His terms were many pieces of human anatomy. Several feet arms and the trunk were among the articles.

CONGREGATIONAL CLUB MET.

Entertaining Programme Rendered at Mercantile Club. The eighty-third meeting of the St. Louis Congregational Club, at the Mercantile Club last night, was one of the most successful and largely attended in the history of the organization. The hundred members and guests were present.

HELMS WITHDREW APPLICATION.

Did Not Argue Proceeding to Reduce Boogie Bond. Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 20.—The habeas corpus proceedings for the reduction of the bond in the case of John Helms, the alleged St. Louis hoodler, was dismissed in the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon by Justice C. P. Ryan, who was sitting in place of Chief Justice C. P. Ryan. The case was argued by Attorney John A. Gernay, who secured the temporary writ, and was here to argue the case yesterday.

Decided in Mother's Favor.

Circuit Judge Hoop yesterday decided in favor of the mother in a case involving the custody of a child. The case was argued by Attorney John A. Gernay, who secured the temporary writ, and was here to argue the case yesterday.

Transporter Crook Arrives.

Washington, Oct. 20.—The War Department has been advised of the arrival in Manila of the transport Crook, October 19.

FAVOR INCREASED FEDERAL REGULATION.

College Professors of Economics Think Congress Should Have Greater Control of Trusts. There was substantial unanimity on the advisability of increasing the control of trusts by Congress. The professors of economics at the University of Chicago, who were asked to answer the question of the advisability of increasing the control of trusts by Congress, were almost unanimous in their opinion that Congress should have greater control of trusts.

ALL POWERS NOT EXERCISED.

Believe Duties on Goods Made by Monopolies Should Be Reduced and Favor Appointment of a New Tariff Commission. The opinions on the advisability of a tariff commission are of great interest. In view of the fact that several members of such a commission would probably come from the "ins" to which the question were sent. Almost two-thirds of those who answered the question believed the appointment of another tariff commission not merely for its direct influence on legislation, but for the information which it would bring out.

STABBED IN BATHROOM.

Deporter, Ill. Oct. 20.—Doctor Halmer, prominent Toronto proprietor of a Turkish bath and massage parlor, was seriously stabbed in the abdomen this evening by Joe Dunbar, a negro. The steamer took place in the Turkish bathrooms, where Dunbar is now in charge, having succeeded Halmer. Doctor Halmer is in full recovery and is expected to be discharged in a few days.

RAILROAD TIME-TABLE.

Table with multiple columns listing various railroad routes, including Union Station, St. Louis, Chicago, and others, with departure and arrival times.