

SUGAR TRUST FACES LOSS OF \$266,000 BY OBEYING LAWS

Denied Unlawful Payment From Railroads by Commerce Commission.

HAS HELD CONTROL ON FREIGHT RATES

Proceedings Pending Involve Amounts Larger Than Sums Already Forfeited in Fines.

By ALLEN D. ALBERT, Jr.

By decree of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to become finally effective at midnight tomorrow, the American Sugar Refining Company will be denied a long standing and unlawful payment from American railroads averaging \$266,000 a year.

"Prior to 1898 the allowance was a rebate to equalize certain Philadelphia rebates. In 1908 it was compensation for the maintenance of an unlawful pool. Today it is the same allowance, but it is insisted that it has a new reason for being, viz, transfer \*\*\*.

The transfer allowance here considered is, by every test afforded by the law, a rebate \*\*\*. It is unlawful in and of itself.

Payment of Fines Is Practical Confession.

Complementary to this decision are these facts:

- 1. A confession by the American Sugar Refining Company, by the payment of \$260,000 fines for rebating without even the formality of trial, that it has been for years a consistent violator of the interstate commerce act.

- 2. A revelation that this corporation has held and exercised for its own profit a control on 30 per cent of all the westbound freight traffic of New York and Philadelphia.

- 3. The exercise of this control to restrict the growth of Philadelphia as a seaport.

- 4. Further proceedings by the Interstate Commerce Commission involving this same corporation in actions of at least equal importance not now to be made public.

May Prosecute Shipping Companies. No mandate has gone to the railroads to cease this payment. The commission has stopped with declaring the practice unlawful. Its purpose in so doing was to keep its hands free to prosecute officers of roads and shipping companies alike if that should be deemed best.

The carriers have undertaken since to urge the commission to some civil action which would stand between them and the Sugar company. But failing to obtain it they have now

WEATHER REPORT.

The western storm remained practically stationary during the last twenty-four hours, its center being over the Missouri Valley this morning.

Forecast for the district. Fair tonight. Increasing cloudiness Monday, followed by showers. Light and variable winds.

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THE FEMININE DAMON AND PYTHIAS



MRS. TOM PIERCE.

MISS ADELE RITCHEE

STORM'S DEATH TOLL REACHES TWENTY-SIX

Full Extent of Havoc Wrought by Tornado in Oklahoma Is Today Coming to Light—Villages Are Completely Destroyed.

CHANDLER, Okla., May 30.—Today the fury of the tornado which devastated Oklahoma Saturday, became apparent when the details of the havoc wrought by wind and hail and rain were received.

Two towns are practically wiped out of existence and already the list of dead has reached twenty-six, while thousands have been injured.

Key West and Dewey, the two towns destroyed by the storm, had each more than 200 inhabitants, mostly negroes. They were thriving villages, situated in rich farming communities.

Today there is hardly a stick standing of what were homes and business houses yesterday afternoon.

The List of Dead. The dead at Key West are:

- Otto Vance, Theodore West, Nancy Vance, Bertram Jackson, Baxter Hennings, Oliver Connors, wife, and two-year-old baby; Herbert Denton, Mrs. Paul Wyman, six other unidentified, all negroes.

The dead at Dewey and vicinity are: W. J. Jackson and two daughters, Lucy and Olivia; Bigler Haskins, wife, and child; Pearl Gillipie, three unidentified negroes.

The list of those fatally injured includes Charles Brennan, Oklahoma City, telephone lineman; Mrs. J. L. Hart, of Key West; J. L. Hart, and three children; Miss Brace, member of Hart family.

Details of the storm's force and extent of the damage were hours reaching outside world owing to telegraph and telephone wires being down, and there was consequent longer delay in getting aid to stricken people because of every stream traversing storm district running flood tide, making it impossible for physicians and those who endeavored to get into the country to cross over.

First Information. First information of the damage done reached this city shortly after 6 o'clock last evening, and not until early this morning.

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HUNDREDS THROUGH TO SEE PRESIDENT

Taft Will Leave Pittsburg Tonight for Gettysburg Battlefield.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 30.—The President attended services this morning at the First Unitarian Church, in Morehead avenue. This afternoon he is preparing to leave for Gettysburg.

In addition to the crowd which stood on the sidewalks and in the roadway, there were many others in autos and carriages, their vehicles drawn up in a line on both sides of the street so that they might catch a glimpse of Mr. Taft.

At 11:30 o'clock tonight he will leave for Gettysburg, Pa., where he will arrive at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. With him on his private car will be Secretary of State Knox and the President's brother, Charles P. Taft.

Breakfast Is Next. Breakfast followed, and then the party was taken over to Fort Monroe to witness the guard mount.

The first stage of the two days' outing of the Chamber of Commerce was passed when the Southland discharged its cargo of members. A plunge in the natatorium was the first thing on the program, although some of the junketeers balked.

Will Unveil Monument. The monument is to be unveiled at 2 o'clock in the afternoon following a review by the President and the Secretary of War of the vast body of troops which will be assembled there in honor of the occasion.

Custom Has Grown. But in the last seven years the custom of remembering the sailor dead has grown up in this city and the little Maine that was launched this morning down at the arsenal wharf was the carrier of the tribute from Washington patriots to the dead who lie far out at sea.

It was a low-lying, not very seaworthy little Maine that went out, just a little schooner converted by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans into a flower boat.

At 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon the Presidential party will start for Washington, going through Baltimore and reaching Washington about 8 o'clock in the evening.

\$800 WORTH OF GOLF STICKS ARE BURNED

Caddy House at Wilmington Country Club Destroyed This Morning.

WILMINGTON, Del., May 30.—More than 300 golf sticks were destroyed this morning by a fire which destroyed the caddy house of the Wilmington Country Club. The loss on the clubs alone is estimated at \$800, as several exceedingly valuable sticks, some worth \$50 each, were burned.

When they turned in last night, however, no one had a better record for new stories than Mr. Gans. Perseverance had won. But one man was seasick, and he was

MORE EMPLOYEES JOIN RANKS OF STRIKERS

Quaker City Motormen and Conductors, Hitherto Thought Loyal to Company, Switch Cars and Walk Out.

PHILADELPHIA, May 30.—Nearly all the motormen and conductors on the Willow Grove line who have been considered loyal to the company, went out today. Only six cars made the trip this morning.

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Spring Garden and Race street division had no cars. From the Forty-ninth and Woodland avenue car barns in West Philadelphia, from which radiate ten divisions, only ten cars were running.

Strikers Confident.

C. O. Pratt, of the national board of the Amalgamated Association of Street Car Employees, who is in charge of the strike here, declared at noon that the situation was very bright for the strikers.

Three-quarters of the company's cars are not running," he said, "and all the lines will be tied up by night-fall."

Daniel T. Pierce, spokesman for the Transit Company, said: "Four hundred and fifty cars out of 1,040 are running. We are gradually putting them on."

There was no disorder or violence

GOOD SAILORS ALL ARE OUR JUNKETERS

That Is, Only One Member of Chamber of Commerce Is Seasick.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., May 30.—Probably the members of the Washington Chamber of Commerce know more about the ways of trade than they do of military affairs, but this morning they stood, 100 strong, at Fort Monroe and were highly delighted as the garrison went through guard mount for their special benefit.

The walks of Old Point Comfort looked more like F street, Pennsylvania avenue, or Fourteenth street, Washington, this morning, than like the restful place they really are. It was crowded with Washington business men, scores of them. But if anyone said a word about business he would be in danger of being taken back to the Chamberlin and ducked in the natatorium, where during the morning almost the entire party had taken a plunge.

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PASSENGERS HELD BY NAVY STRIKERS

Hundreds Are Delayed as Result of Trouble Among Reserves.

MARSEILLES, May 30.—Hundreds of passengers bound for Algeria, Tunis, and other Mediterranean ports were delayed here today owing to a strike of the naval reserves. The wharves were filled with cargo and mail and the harbor was congested with ships, unable to sail. The deserting crews were in evidence everywhere.

Many Americans returned to Paris, while others went to hotels here in the hope that the government would supply enough men to enable the vessels to leave.

CAPT. J. F. SHIPP IS ON HIS WAY HERE

Will Appear Before United States Supreme Court Tuesday for Contempt Sentence.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 30.—Capt. J. F. Shipp, former sheriff of Hamilton county, Tenn., and the five others, convicted of contempt of court by the United States Supreme Court, in connection with the lynching of Ed Johnson in January, 1906, left this morning to receive sentence.

They are under orders to appear in the United States Supreme Court Tuesday morning in the Capital Monday morning about 9 o'clock over the Southern railway.

They are in custody of W. A. Dunlap, United States marshal for the eastern district of Tennessee.

The men were not placed in irons, traveling as ordinary passengers.

REDS TERRORIZING VLADIVOSTOCK FOLK

Inhabitants of Russian Built City Thrown Into Panic by Anarchists.

VLADIVOSTOCK, Russia, via San Francisco, May 30.—This city is today in the hands of terrorists and the red flag of anarchy is flying from buildings and waving in the streets.

HOW WOMAN'S LOVE TRANSFORMED LIFE OF MRS. TOM PIERCE

From Dashing Society Leader to Bread Winner Vividly Pictured.

REMARKABLE STORY OF HER SUFFERING

Dragged Through Divorce Courts and Into Asylum, Rescued by Her One Friend.

By W. H. WILLIAMSON.

"All that woman wanted was a little bit of love from the people whom she loved, and she didn't get it. I have had more experience in the world than she, and am probably better able to take care of myself.

"She is to me now just as my own sister would be. She cares for me. She knows that when she was in the greatest trouble of her life I saved her, when not one of her relatives would raise a hand to help her."

Tells Briefly Story of Her Life.

In those terse sentences lie the germs of a story that encompasses the entire progress of a brilliant and self-indulgent young matron of the smartest society to a position of determined self-respect as a wage earner. In the course of that progress the woman, wealthy in her own right, and receiving \$500 a week alimony from her divorced husband, was cast into a mad house and rescued.

Help came to her not from the gay figures of the life in which she was herself so bright a star, but from another woman, a wage earner, and almost a stranger. Rich brother, rich father of her child, rich friends, all failed her. It was an outsider who supplied the help from the outside, and now has opened the door for her to a life of new seriousness of purpose—and freedom.

In phrases altogether too brief, this is an outline of the thrilling story of Mrs. "Tom" Pierce, the divorced wife of the young and well-known Boston millionaire. The feminine Damon who came to her rescue was Adele Ritchie, an actress known of, but not by, the whole circle of the Pierces.

Ten Years Covers Whole History.

Less than ten years cover this whole story, but that brief period has been sufficient to convert the daughter of an old Salem family, proud in an aristocratic New England ancestry, into a leader of the most dashing set of our Eastern society, a rich and unhappy wife, a mother in unceasing peril of the loss of her child, a prisoner behind asylum bars, the subject of a romantic rescue by Miss Ritchie, and last of all a serious, earnest woman, consecrating the remainder of her life to an un-spectacular, unpicturesque usefulness.

It is hard indeed to reconcile the almost pathetic figure who met the writer at Beverly Farms, Mass., with this history. She is a frail, lithe, slender woman. In riding suit of khaki, her piquant features half hidden in a tangle of tawny tresses, she stood in the doorway of her cozy cottage at Beverly Farms the other day, little more than a slip of a girl. She has the bearing, the directness, the air of absorption of one who has learned the last rewards of serious pursuits.

"Hard Rider." Mildest of Epithets.

Yet this is the woman that only a few years ago was called a "hard rider and a harder drinker," a "tomboy," a "but-terfly," a "leader among the idle rich." She is the woman the story of whose divorce from "Tom" Pierce in 1907 was read with curious interest and more curious speculation in practically every city household in the United States, and she is the woman whose own brother locked her in an asylum in Long Island.

Alice Crowninshield Rogers became Mrs. Thomas Pierce in 1899. As the daughter of an old Salem family she had been trained to all the privileges open to New England "Brahmins." But she had not been able up to that time to enjoy those privileges freely. What culture and the highest social position could get her had been hers, but as a

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