

"No Trust," Is Standard Oil's Defense LIKE "THE VILLAGE ORGANIST" MERE LAD SAVED THE DAY

Replies in Formal Statement to Government Charges and Says Its Business Has Been Acquired Honestly--A Little About Rates.

New York, May 16.—The Standard Oil Company, through its new publicity bureau, late this afternoon issued a statement in reply to the indictments brought against the trust by Commissioner Garfield. The statement is addressed to the stockholders and goes at length into the various charges made by Garfield. In conclusion the statement says: "After an investigation of shipments during a period of about 15 years over more than 200,000 miles of railway, the commissioner is not able to show the Standard Oil Company received a single rebate on its interstate shipments. He has only been able to call attention to a few instances in which the rate situation in his opinion required explanation. This explanation was freely given and we believed would be satisfactory to any man familiar with transportation problems. "If the commissioner had any doubts as to the regularity of these rates, he might have brought them to the attention of the interstate commerce commission, when the questions at issue could have been heard and determined. In the absence of such determination it is surely not within the limits of fairness for the bureau of

corporations to cast aspersions upon a great corporation. NO ILLEGAL METHODS. "The company owns and controls only a very moderate percentage of the crude oil production of the United States and with at least 125 rival refineries in existence, it is a palpable absurdity to call it a monopoly. For the last quarter of a century more than 60 per cent of its output has been shipped to foreign countries. In creating and sustaining this vast foreign trade, the company has encountered innumerable obstacles and incessant competition from other petroleum industries possessing the advantages of geographical location and cheaper labor, and which are often times developed under the fostering care of their respective governments. If the company maintains a gratifying percentage of the world's commerce it is because it keeps its agreements and delivers products of reliable quality at reasonable prices. Whatever measure of prosperity it has enjoyed is not traceable to illegal or reprehensible methods, but to its economic and elaborate industrial organization, covering as it does every detail of transportation, manufacturing and administration.

REFUSED To Uphold College President in His Fight to Oust Fraternities.

Special to Morning News. Ada, O., May 16.—The trustees of the Ohio Northern university refused to uphold President Smith in his fight to oust fraternities. It was decided to permit fraternities as long as they complied with the rules.

Says Clubs Can't Escape. Special to Morning News. Columbus, O., May 16.—State Auditor Guilbert says clubs can't escape the thousand dollar Alkin law tax.

Firebug Sent Up. Special to Morning News. Deane, O., May 16.—Myron Burd of Sherwood, confessed to incendiaryism, was indicted, arrested and sentenced to 18 months in the penitentiary, within 24 hours. He set fire to the building to get the insurance.

Monnet May Sue Judge. Special to Morning News. Lima, O., May 16.—Frank Monnet, who impugned Judge Tobias' motive in ordering an investigation by the grand jury of the charge of accepting a bribe settlement in a railway ouster suit, said that he, Gallinger and Finley would sue for \$10,000 each unless Tobias retracted his statements. The

grand jury at Bucyrus adjourned until next Wednesday without returning an indictment.

Touville's Majority. Wapakoneta, O., May 16.—The Democratic congressional committee has canvassed the primary results. It showed that Touville's majority over Adkins for congress in the Fourth district is 4218.

Anti-Swearing Club at the Pen. Columbus, O., May 16.—The convicts in the pen have organized an anti-swearing club. Ohliger, the Wooster banker, is secretary and every member is fined when caught swearing.

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Herman Lahann, Young San Francisco Refugee, Acts as Accompanist for Choral Society on Short Notice and Plays Like a Master.

The May Festival of the Canton Choral society wound up in a blaze of musical glory at the Auditorium last night. The audience, while not so large as on the opening night, seemed very much more enthusiastic and the double program, in which the solos of Messrs. Beddoe, of Pittsburg, and Dufft, of New York; Mesdames Clark and Smith and Miss Lavin, of this city, constituted the first part, and the oratorio "Fair Ellen," rhythmically tuneful and sparkling with melody, the second, was one of the most meritorious ever presented in this city. Big musical events are nearly always fraught with the harrowing element of grave uncertainty, and Mrs. Anna Bolus Loichot, the celebrated and famous local accompanist, was suddenly taken with an illness so severe as to prevent even her presence. In this dilemma the society and conductor found themselves at noon Wednesday. There was an early gathering of the clans for the evening concert and there was a well developed case of nervousness all round. But a nineteen-year-old refugee from San Francisco, Cal., a poor, forlorn boy, one can truthfully say, saved the day. His name is Herman Lahann. For a week or so he has been playing at stores and odd places, barely earning his bread. But he was desperate and glad to earn his way in any honorable manner in this, a strange city. MASTERY IN HIS PLAYING. Conductor McAfee jumped from the tattered director's pedestal to the accompanist's stool and played the accompaniments of the first part, and it should be said that he played them well, excellently well. But when it came to "Fair Ellen" there was a predicament. The conductor was required to wield the magic baton which controls the intonation of those hundreds of voices. There must needs of necessity be a new accompanist. But whom? McAfee interviewed Lahann. He said he could do it. The conductor went out and bought him a suit of clothes, so that he would be presentable. There was a hurried rehearsal. Yes, Lahann could read the notes as fast as they came before his eyes. And there was mastery in his playing. He was immediately recognized as a phenomenon by the conductor, but the audience which heard him handle the "Fair Ellen" score went further; they pronounced him a prodigy and musical prodigy he is, certain. For he went through the difficult score without a mistake and showed a technique which musical connoisseurs appreciate and admired beyond compare. He was congratulated, petted and complimented after the performance and Postmaster George H. Clark gave a little dinner up at his house in which Mr. Lahann presided again at the piano to the extraordinary delight of the assembled soloists of the evening and a few invited guests. Mrs. Harriett Crum-Clark opened the program in Brahms' "Ueber die Haide" and Schubert's "Aufenthalt" and so succinct and softly sweet was her enunciation of the German words that it cannot be gainsaid the two pieces, in point of selection, could not have been more happy. Mrs. W. H. Smith essayed the cavatina, "More Regal in His Low Estate," from the Queen of Sheba, by Gounod, and she carried the auditors with her in the same thorough manner as she might have done had she been enacting the part in the opera itself. For an encore, she sang most fervently Nevin's "At Twilight." Miss Lavin took Schubert's "Omnipotence" and the same author's "Du bist die Ruh" in German, as the mediums of her vocalization. She responded with Towell's "Maytime" most happily. Dan T. Beddoe, the tenor, sang the "Maying" song of Nevin, Richardson's "Mary" and Burnham's "Sing Me a Song of a Lad That's Gone" so ably that nothing but an encore would satisfy the appreciative people. In his second effort, "Cel Cielo E Mar," from La Gioconda by Ponchielli, he was, perhaps, at his best, and there was such an outburst of applause that the Pittsburgher did deign to give an encore entitled, "Can I Forget." Dr. Dufft was at his best, singing Fischer's "Lassie With the Rosy Lips," Tours' "Mother Mine" and Storris' "Pretty Creature," and he is incomparable. Mrs. Smith was facile princeps in "Fair Ellen," which was made extraordinarily interesting by Dr. Dufft's baritone work, and the extraordinary quality of the chorus under the remarkable manipulation of Conductor McAfee. Perhaps never before in Canton has there been such an ensemble of talented singers in a chorus, and certainly not in my memory have we witnessed such an able local conductor. The chorus was wrapped up in the conductor last night, and he in their work. They were in rapport, and when the concert was over, the chorus said a bon home aurevoir to their conductor on the big stage, which was full of regard and the spirit of appreciative love. ROGER CRANE.

ALLIANCE MAN Awarded Carnegie Hero Reward of \$500 and Medal for Rescuing Drunken Man.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 16.—The regular May meeting of the Carnegie hero fund commission was held today and awards made in 21 cases in which the commission decided acts of unusual heroism had been committed. Of the awards, 11 go to Pennsylvania, 5 to Ohio and 3 to New York and one to New Jersey, and one to Connecticut. Awards to residents of Ohio—Captain Timothy E. Heaherty, Lake Pilot, of Astabula, rescued crew of schooner Yukon in storm on Lake Erie, awarded \$1200 and silver medal. Walter H. Murbach, Elyria, rescued boy who had broken through the ice on Black river, awarded silver medal. Harry E. Moore, Alliance, Ohio, railroad conductor, jumped from pilot of engine to rescue drunken man, was badly injured, awarded \$500 and bronze medal.

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MORE KICKS ABOUT FLUSHERS Councilman Folk Waxes Sarcastic at Conference of Officials--Buchman Tells What Has Been Bought.

It is pretty apparent that some of the council are opposed to the purchase of flushing machines with which to keep the streets of the city clean and in favor of the block system of cleaning by the use of men with brushes. At the conference of city officials Wednesday night at the city hall Solicitor Day brought up the subject of street cleaning by asking for information, so legislation could be enacted covering the issuance of certificates of indebtedness of the city for \$5000 for the purchase of additional street cleaning equipment. President Buchman accordingly furnished a list of the things which the servers propose to buy. The estimated cost of these, exclusive of additional barn room and sheds for the new machines, is estimated at \$4684. Some of the equipment has already been ordered, and will probably be purchased this week. Today Street Commissioner Herbruck will go to Holmes county to arrange for the purchase of some new horses. WHAT IS NEEDED. The equipment which the servers have either purchased or propose to buy includes two flushers at \$1000; two gear wagons at \$165; two dump wagons at \$235; ten hand carts at \$100; twenty cans at \$50; hand brushes at \$100; a harness at \$180; two teams at \$1200 and a sprinkler at \$275. President Buchman figures that the additional barn room and sheds will cost about \$337. Councilman Hall expressed the opinion that flushing machines were offered the city by a St. Louis firm for \$300 each. Personally he was in favor of the block system of cleaning and the hiring of "white wings." Folk took a similar view of the situation. "If the new flushers are no better than the ones used here before I would not give \$50 for a barn full of them," interjected Folk. "If the flushing of the streets clogs sewers I will not vote a cent to clean them out as long as I am a member of the council. If the flushers don't do the business, now that they have been ordered, it is up to the board to make it right." AUNGST GIVES VIEWS. Aungst then arose to ask if the servers had investigated any revolving brushes. President Buchman said they had done so. Aungst said these sweepers had been used in Columbus for years with the best of success in connection with a sprinkler. Solicitor Day explained that he would embody the facts presented by President Buchman in an ordinance or resolution which he would introduce, probably at the next meeting of council.

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ALL MUST PAY FOR AUDITORIUM No More Rebates or Free Rental, Say City Officials. Complaint Against Choral Society--The First Conference Held.

The first monthly conference between various heads of the city government was held Wednesday in the rooms of the board of public service at the city hall. It was attended by Mayor Turnbull, Solicitor Day, Auditor Ashbrook, Engineer Sarver, Clerk Duebel of the water works department, all three members of the board of public service, Member Zininger of the board of health, President of council Leggett and Councilmen Folk, Hall, Owen, Brooks, Saunders, Williams, Smith, Street Commissioner Herbruck, and Member Dunwoodie of the Board of Public Safety. President Buchman of the Servers brought up the question of exacting rental from persons or organizations using the Auditorium. The subject provoked much discussion. Buchman stated that the Board of Trade was inclined to think state and national organizations should not be charged for the use of the building, especially where no space was rented to exhibitors. He thought none less than state organizations should get free rent. CONVENTIONS GOOD THING. Solicitor Day thought some arrangement similar to that suggested by Buchman might be made. He said some inducement must be made to bring conventions to Canton. It was his opinion the city should get as many conventions as possible as it would be a good thing for the town. Mayor Turnbull was inclined to take a different view. He thought the proposition should be given serious consideration. It was his opinion that a rental should be exacted in every case. If any exception was made in the case of national or state organizations he figured there would be a big kick from local organizations. Soon the city would be letting the auditorium out to everybody, and there would be no revenue coming in to the city. Personally he would prefer to have the city donate money to get the conventions for Canton. Councilman Hall expressed the belief that the schedule of prices set by the council a long time ago should be strictly enforced in all cases and that there be no discrimination. Mayor Turnbull then arose to remark that another plan was now on foot. It was to have certain citizens contribute so much for three years to get conventions for Canton. He has subscribed \$50 for this purpose, he added. Then the councilmen were called upon individually to express their views for the benefit of the board of public service. Brooks and one or two other members believed the scale of prices should be enforced to the letter. CHORAL SOCIETY KICK. President Buchman later explained that much trouble had been caused by requests from the Canton Choral Society. He said the council authorized the rebating of a portion of the money charged the society when the first concert was held. Six months later he said he made a special rate to the society of \$40 and made another cut when the society said a subsequent concert had failed of success financially. On this occasion he demanded a statement of the money paid into the Choral Society organ fund. It was given as \$18. "I told them outright that we might as well buy the organ ourselves and get the credit for it," added Buchman. President Leggett straightened matters out somewhat by explaining that the society was allowed the use of the auditorium free once for assisting in the opening of the building. He thought that was all the city was obligated to give. Councilman Hall said the regulation schedule of prices should be charged, and President Buchman said that this would be the rule hereafter.

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SPRINKLING TAKEN UP AGAIN Attorney Welty Explains to City Officials What the Canton-Akron Company Feels it Should Do Towards Keeping Dust Down.

At the conference between city officials Wednesday night at the city hall the railroad street sprinkling ordinance, recently passed by council, was thoroughly discussed, and plans were made for a rigid enforcement of it on both the Canton-Akron and the Stark Electric company, particularly on unpaved streets. Attorney John C. Welty, representing the Canton-Akron company, was present to get the views of the city officials, as to just what was expected of the company and what the city proposed to do. He explained that Manager Harrigan had received word from the Servers that they were requested to have the ordinance enforced. FAVORS SPRINKLING. Attorney Welty explained that he was not at the meeting to criticize the action of council, as he was in favor of clean streets and believed, personally, that they should be sprinkled during the summer months. He asked if it was the intention of the council to require the railway company to sprinkle between its tracks on streets which were not sprinkled outside the tracks by the city. "I believe the council and the other city officials want to be fair and I am sure the company has no intention of shirking its duty with regard to sprinkling," explained Attorney Welty. "All we ask is a uniform enforcement of the law. We don't feel we should be required to sprinkle our rights of way on streets which are not sprink-

led by the city. We desire to co-operate with the city where the streets are washed and pay our share of the expense. I don't believe the law should be special in its application." DRAWN UNDER STATE LAW. Solicitor Day explained that the ordinance drawn under the state law and is almost identical in its language. It compelled the street and sidewalk company to sprinkle all rights of way in Ohio cities whether laid on street or an alley. It made no distinction on unpaved streets and require the city to sprinkle portions of the street unless it so wished. The law was not legal he said it was up to the legislature. Personally he would like to have the question tried out in the courts. Attorney Welty then explained that he did not want to be understood as saying the company wanted to shirk (Continued on Page Two.)

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