



MILLIONS FOR MEAT

Half-a-Billion Concern to Absorb the Trade.

INSPIRED IN ENGLAND

Sir Thomas Lipton Said To Be In the Country in Behalf of Trust.

ARMOURS ARE BEHIND IT

No Confirmation Obtainable in Chicago Yesterday—List of Great Firms Said to be Directly Interested.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—The Evening Post today prints a story to the effect that a gigantic combination of the packing industries of this country is under way.

No person, connected in an official capacity with any of the large Chicago packing houses, could be found today who would confirm the story. The Post says, in effect, that the combination is to have an aggregate capital of five hundred millions and is to be controlled from England, where the majority of the money of the consolidation is said to be coming from.

It is declared that the Armour interests are to dominate the consolidation and that it will include the following concerns in this city:

Armour & Company, Swift & Company, Nelson Morris & Company, the National Packing Company, Schwartzchild & Sulzberger, and the Cudahy Packing Company.

According to the Post, the prolonged stay of Sir Thomas Lipton in this country is connected with the alleged consolidation.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—Asked tonight regarding the reported amalgamation of the packing interests, J. Ogden Armour said: "I know nothing whatever about such a proposition. In fact, this is the first I have heard about it and I am sure that if such a transaction was contemplated, I would have some knowledge of it."

Louis Swift of Swift & Company, also denied that there was any foundation for the report. During the afternoon, Armour and Swift met in conference, but it is denied that the meeting had anything to do with the alleged combination of interests.

PORTLAND SOLICITOR.

Prominent Western Divine Now in Metropolis.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—The Rev. Dr. Stephen S. Wise, for the last six years in charge of a congregation in Portland, Ore., arrived here yesterday from that city, and will begin the work of establishing in New York a free synagogue. This, Dr. Wise explained, is to be an institution which will be on a higher ethical and spiritual plane than the present-day synagogues, for which he has already, from men and women of like belief in different parts of the country, had promises of co-operation and of financial support.

RECORD FOR FLYCASTING.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—In the two-handed salmon fly casting contest for distance before the Anglers' Club at Central Park, New York, John Enright, of Castle Connell, Ireland, defeated R. C. Leonard, of Central Valley, N. Y., one of the best fishermen and most expert flycasters in America.

In defeating the veteran New Yorker Enright was pushed to his best and made a new world's record with 18-foot rods of 148 feet 6 inches, beating his former record 18 inches. Leonard showed up well, casting the "feather" 137 feet.

MANIACAL PRATCRIDE.

Missourian Killed Without Reason Blood Relative.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 20.—Albert Croissant, president of the Croissant-Bowman Stationery Company, was shot through the abdomen and probably mortally wounded today by his brother Edward. Edward stood at the corner of Locust and Fourth streets, near his brother's business house and when Albert passed, shot without warning, exclaiming:

"I'm a man now." Edward, who has been a sanitarium patient, was arrested and at the Four Courts declared his regret that he had not killed his brother, asserting that the brother exerted a hypnotic spell over him. At the City Hospital it is believed the wounded man cannot live.

WANTS DUTY REMOVED.

Sugar and Tobacco Free from Philippine Islands.

SEATTLE, Oct. 20.—J. L. Barrett, Assistant Treasurer of the Philippines, who sails for the Islands tomorrow by the steamship Minnesota, said here last night that the great need of the islands today is the removal of the duty from sugar and other agricultural products of that country. Mr. Barrett maintains that as the land in the islands is available for growing sugar, tobacco, and hemp and the like, is limited, the home industries have nothing to fear from over production.

Mr. Barrett further expressed the opinion that the islands would never offer great agricultural possibilities to Americans.

ANNIHILATE UNIONS

Portland Capitalists Merging For Fight to Finish.

\$100,000 FOR THE PURPOSE

Grainhandlers' Strike at the Bottom of the Movement—It Is Drawing Too Many Side Lines Into It—Deprecate An Idle Winter.

PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—To fight a general walkout in Portland of the unions affiliated with the Water Front Federation and others that might be drawn into the controversy between the grainhandlers and exporters through the Federated Trades Council, and to deal a death blow to such organizations, a fund of \$100,000 is being raised. It is said to be the beginning of a war to the finish in this city between capital and labor.

Various interests which might be concerned in such a general overthrow of union organizations as has been threatened in the event the trouble on the front is not settled shortly, have rallied to the support of the exporters. Some firms are reported to have subscribed individually to the extent of \$10,000, and if the first fund should be exhausted more is to be provided, according to the understanding entered into. This scheme has been growing several days and it is the unanimity of opinion among the employers concerned that if unionism is to be fought, no time is better than the present.

The feeling has been growing stronger as the fight on the docks continues, because it has reached out to envelope so many lines other than the grain exporters. Loggers have been drawn in, owing to the danger of mills shutting down, through the action of the longshoremen in placing lumber exporters on the "unfair" list. If the mills were forced to close, it would consequently force the shutdown of numerous logging camps along the Columbia. On the other hand, the cessation of operations by the mills would work a hardship on contractors in preventing supplies of lumber being delivered, and as it is commonly reported some orders are two and three weeks behind, the prospect of an idle winter was not feared without a determination to strike back strongly.

FLYER TURNS OVER.

BRANDSVILLE, Mo., Oct. 20.—A Frisco passenger train, known as the Kansas City Flyer, left the rails near here today while running at full speed and the entire train was turned over on its side.

HANKEE EARTHQUAKE

New England Suffers From Seismic Disturbance.

BRIDGE IS DESTROYED

California Cataclysm Has Minor Repitition Throughout Maine.

GRANITE STATE IS TERRORIZED

Utterly Unanticipated Disaster Supplementing Hemispherical Disturbances Cause Epidemic of Panic in North Eastern States.

PORTLAND, Me., Oct. 20.—Two earthquake shocks tonight greatly damaged a new highway bridge, which is being built at a cost of \$250,000, and one hundred feet of temporary structure which crosses the upper harbor was destroyed.

BIDDEFORD, Me., Oct. 20.—Quite a severe shock of earthquake was felt today at Biddeford Pool and Wood Island, at the mouth of the Saco river. The trembling of the earth at short periods has been felt in York county for the past two days and has caused genuine alarm. The shocks have not been felt within this city.

TAFT SOLICITED.

PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—William T. Taft, Secretary of War in President Roosevelt's Cabinet, will be asked to pay Portland and Oregon a visit, when he comes to Boise, Idaho, to deliver a political speech, October 30 or 31. The invitation will be extended by the commercial organizations of this city, and every effort made to induce the secretary to extend his western trip to Portland.

Tom Richardson, manager of the Commercial club, this morning announced that an invitation would be extended as soon as possible, and Secretary E. C. Giltner, of the Chamber of Commerce, said he would call the attention of the board of trustees of the chamber to the matter upon its next meeting.

MAGOON CASTAWAY.

Government's Consideration of Promise Precludes That of Service.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—It was announced by the state department that Herbert G. Squiers, of New York, has been selected to be the American minister to Panama, to succeed Charles E. Magoon, of recent Cuba publicity.

EWING DEAD.

Famous Base Ball Man Passes Away.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 20.—William Buckingham Ewing, known all over the United States as "Buck" Ewing, famous baseball catcher, died this afternoon at his home in this city. His death was due to diabetes and paralysis. Ewing was a native of this city, but was connected with the New York team at one time.

INTERCOLLEGIATE BATTLE.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Oct. 20.—The varsity football squad has been hammering hard at practice all this week, getting in shape for the game with Columbia University to be played here today. The game last Saturday with the Hill cadets gave Coach Coons a fine opportunity to pick out the weak points, and he has completely changed his tactics.

FOOD AGITATION.

Technical Scruples Intercede Before Settlement.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture, has made public the regulations which will be enforced in the interests of pure food and pure drugs. The regulations were finally passed upon by a committee of experts and in brief are as follows: The label on any product shall be attached to an original package; samples of the original package shall be collected only by authorized agents of the Agricultural Department or by the state, territorial or district officials, as authorized by the secretary of agriculture. Publications of the analysis may be made on certain conditions. A drug bearing a name recognized in the United States, pharmacopoeia or national formulary, shall conform in strength, quality and purity to prescribed standards. Manufacturers of proprietary foods are required to state on the label only the names and percentages of the materials used, to prevent adulteration and misbranding. The factories where proprietary foods are manufactured must be open to inspection. No dealer in food or food products shall label the production if he is not an established dealer.

It is required that labels be printed in English, the form and appearance conforming with certain restrictions to be left to the manufacturer. The restrictions will not be enforced until October 1, 1907.

KILLED BY CAVE-IN.

NORTH YAKIMA, Oct. 20.—Newton Green and Dick Noreen, workmen, were killed here last evening by the cave-in of a sewer.

MINING ROBBERY

Daring Thieves Obtain Very Valuable Ore.

NEVADA PROPERTY IS VICTIM

Quartette of Bold Operators Secure Rich Haul From Rich Ore Deposits On Mining Claim at Goldfield.

GOLDFIELD, Oct. 20.—Four robbers today secured ore valued at fifty thousand dollars from the Hayes-Montee lease on the Mohawk mining property. No clue is obtainable as to the miscreants.

FAMILY WIPED OUT.

Wife and Children Murdered by Mad Farmer.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Oct. 20.—O. B. Heyworth, a farmer, living seventeen miles north of Gato, shot and killed his wife, two daughters and his son, and then turned the weapon on himself with fatal effect.

FAMOUS CHEF DEAD.

New Orleans' Gastronomical Napoleon No More.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 20.—Madame Begues, for 50 years one of the most famous cooks in the United States, died last night. On the guests' register at her tiny restaurant, which seated no more than 40 persons, are some of the most famous names in recent United States history, and also quaint and original verses written by leading American poets and authors. Madame Begues was 75 years of age, but cooked until six months ago. It was necessary in the winter to engage seats at her table a week in advance.

NOBLE HYMNS BARRED.

"Nearer, My God, to Thee," and "Lead, Kindly Light" Forbidden.

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 20.—Bishop John J. O'Connor has warned all the Roman Catholic pastors in the diocese of Newark that the hymn "Nearer, My God, to Thee" must not be sung in any Catholic church in the diocese and that the hymn "Lead, Kindly Light" may only be sung in a church after the service is over provided the pastor has given his permission. The latter hymn was written by Cardinal Newman before his conversion to Catholicity.

CYCLONIC CASUALTIES

Less Diastrous Than at First Believed.

CUBA CATCHES BRUNT

Provinces of Havana and Pinar Del Rio Suffer Heavily From Its Ravage.

LIVES AND PROPERTY LOST

Governor Magoon Sends Word From the South—Other Points Along the Florida Peninsula Are Gravely Involved.

HAVANA, Oct. 20.—Reports received by Governor Magoon, from the provincial governors, show that the hurricane was less diastrous than at first believed. It was confined mainly to the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio.

The mayor of Abeno reports that nine persons have been killed and many are missing.

The American steamers Campbell, plying between the Isle of Pines and the coast, and The Sara, went ashore, and many small craft have been wrecked. Numerous houses have been blown down and hundreds of persons rendered homeless and destitute.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 20.—A special to the Metropolitan from Miami, Fla., says:

The Miami steamer Sr. Lucie was crushed by the high waves in Thursday's hurricane, and out of 100 persons on board 35 were lost.

The steamer Peerless also lost about the same number, they being blown off the vessel.

The launch Elmore was capsized and is thought to be a total loss.

The launch Manny was badly damaged.

Work barges Nos. 6 and 7 and dredge No. 4 of the East Coast road, broke away and drifted to sea, but are now safe on the other side of Biscayne Bay. The Peninsula & Occidental shed was badly damaged. No persons at Miami were hurt.

The houseboat Theta, north of Jupiter, was turned over. A few persons were hurt, but none seriously.

Two lighters were set adrift at Jewfish, and two water barges broke loose in Blackwater. The tide was three feet higher in Barnes Sound than Blackwater. Knight Key dock and crew are safe. About 50 men have just arrived at Miami from Long Key. They report about 25 men and the quarterboat at Long Key safe; also two barges remain at Long Key, but the remainder of the men and plant located there are gone. It is estimated that 50 lives were lost on dredges at Lower Matecuba. The dredges Oyama, Mikado, Manetto and Dodge are safe.

There was heavy loss of life on the dredges at Long Key. The steamer Vigilancia is expected this afternoon with bodies.

The steamer Biscayne arrived this morning in good condition. She met the steamer Virginia on her way after the bodies of the men who were washed ashore from the St. Lucie. The steamer Biscayne gave the Virginia 25 men to assist in picking up the dead. The Biscayne was at Long Key after the storm and reports boat No. 4 gone to sea.

HAVANA, Oct. 20.—The loss here is estimated at 600 lives. Great damage is reported in the tobacco growing districts, but no loss of life is on record. At Matanzas and at Cardenas, where there are large camps of United States soldiers, considerable damage was done to property, but there was no loss of life, nor was anyone injured. In Columbia Camp, Havana province, one man was injured and there was considerable damage to property. All the southern

portion of Havana province was flooded and there was great damage to crops and buildings. The Isle of Pines escaped injury.

BRIDEGROOM KILLED.

Arizona Tragedy Robs Young Bride of Husband.

PHOENIX, Ari., Oct. 20.—As a result of the tragedy reported yesterday on a Gila Valley, Globe & Northern Railroad train, at Rice, 18 miles south of Globe, when A. J. Purvis, the aggressor, was killed, Harry F. Wilbur, contractor's agent at Rice, died in Globe today. The condition of Percy Vincent, a railway employe, who was struck by a stray bullet, is still serious.

Harry F. Wilbur was a resident of Los Angeles. One month ago he married in that city and took his bride to Arizona.

CLEVELAND ILL.

Family Physician Diagnosis Case as Desperate.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Grover Cleveland is ill from a severe cold at Westland, his country home near Princeton, N. J. Yesterday his condition was such that he was compelled to take to his bed.

"We don't consider Mr. Cleveland's illness very serious," said Mrs. Cleveland yesterday, "but it all probability it will keep him in bed for a few days. He caught a slight cold while out fishing a few days ago."

Dr. J. K. Carnochan, the Cleveland family physician, who is attending Mr. Cleveland, would not discuss his patient's condition.

FUGITIVE CORNERED

Thief Apprehended Two Years After Crime.

FROM EUROPE TO THE PRISON

Romance and Mystery Surround Career of Former Portland Confidential Man Wanted For Grand Larceny.

PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—Two years ago J. T. Thompson robbed his employer, "Billy" Winters, proprietor of the Log Cabin saloon, on Third street, of diamond jewelry and money aggregating \$1,500 in value and fled by night. He might forever have escaped detection had it not been that a few days ago he visited a girl at San Antonio, Texas, with whom he is infatuated, and was seen and recognized by J. M. Healey, a Portland traveling man, who caused his arrest.

Since that time the wires have been kept hot between San Antonio and Portland. The most peculiar feature of the affair is that while District Attorney Manning filed an information against Thompson shortly after his flight and has been in conference with Winters since the arrest of Thompson at San Antonio, he is said to have represented to Chief of Police Gritzmacher that he knows of no person named Thompson who is wanted here for a diamond robbery, and word to that effect has been sent the police of San Antonio by the head of the Portland department.

Thompson was employed as bartender at the Log Cabin saloon, and had served in that capacity for some time when he committed the larceny. He had been treated well by Winters, and before he was on his feet financially had been rendered assistance by his employer.

The bartender had access to the safe in which Winters keeps his coin and valuables, and one night on closing the saloon took a diamond ring, a diamond craft pin, other jewelry with the same precious stones and some money and left the city. A complaint was filed by Winters, the information being drawn in the District Attorney's office and the police sent circulars to many cities in the effort to locate him.

It appears that after leaving here, Thompson went to Chicago and has since traveled in Canada, Europe and Mexico. Some time ago he secured a position with a large fashionable club at Mexico City.