



## ROCKEFELLER TELLS HISTORY OF STANDARD OIL COMPANY

Is a Willing Witness in Governments Suit

ALWAYS DEALT FAIR

On King in Testimony Declares Dealings of Company Always Square

MANY ATTEND THE HEARING

Proceedings Partly Lose Their Official Aspect Because of Engaging Manner Which Rockefeller Displayed in His Answers to Questions

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Relating his story with an air of a country gentleman of kindly mien engaging a long past John D. Rockefeller, president of the Standard Oil Company reviewed for more than two hours today the history of the early oil trade and development of the company that later grew into the present so-called oil trust. Rockefeller was a witness for the defense in a suit to dissolve the Standard which is being prosecuted by the United States government and his appearance at the hearing before Judge Franklin Ferriss, referee, brought a large crowd to the customs building.

The head of the big oil combine was surrounded by an imposing circle of counsel and when he began his testimony he gazed complacently upon the swarm of newspapermen behind whom pressed the throng that filled the room. Rockefeller appeared at complete ease and answered the questions in the fullest of tones as if desirous that the most distant spectator in the chamber should hear. He told, in a manner which indicated pleasure of the start in the oil business and how under adverse conditions the business grew to the proportions of the Standard Oil Company of Ohio with capitalization of \$1,000,000. Rockefeller's eyes sparkled in his reflection of that early financial organization and he spoke of its million dollar capitalization with almost boyish enthusiasm. The proceeds in a sense lost their official aspect because of the engaging manner which Rockefeller displayed in his answers. A development of Rockefeller's testimony today indicated that one of the lines of defense would be that the Standard Oil

## SERVIANS ANXIOUS TO FIGHT AUSTRIANS

Latter Delivers Note on Proposed International Congress but it Contains No Conclusive Answer

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 19.—The Austrian note on the proposed international congress to clear up the situation in the Balkans has been delivered and according to credible authority it contains no conclusive answer regarding the program of discussion by other powers. It merely inaugurates a new phase of negotiations which probably will hang on for weeks. Reports here from Vienna say that Austria adheres to the determination not to discuss the justification of the annexation of the Province of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Servian legation here was virtually stormed today by unemployed

Co. is not a result of aggressive policy to gain mastery of the oil trade as charged but a natural outcome of the economical development which the exigencies of the oil industry demanded. During a brief recess Rockefeller talked to reporters on the Standard's growth. He said that it has been wonderful. "It seems like a dream to me and here I am accused of doing a very wicked thing of selling a good article at a lower price than anyone else." Rockefeller told the reporters that the testimony brought him back to the early days of Cleveland when he went to T. P. Handy's Bank to borrow money. Rockefeller said he had no collateral nor would endorse his note. He says Handy loaned him \$2000. "To that loan I attribute whatever success I have had in my life since." Taking of Rockefeller's testimony will be concluded tomorrow.

## MEN PLEA GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

FOR RAID UPON CLAIM JUMPER WHICH RESULTED IN TWO MURDERS.

TWO TURN STATES EVIDENCE

In All Sixteen Persons Were Arrested For the Crime—Fourteen Are Sentenced to Serve Various Terms Ranging From a Month to a Year

GREAT FALLS, Nov. 18.—Fourteen men charged with the murder in Valley county in the northwestern part of the state, pleaded guilty to manslaughter today and were sentenced to various terms, ranging from a few months to a year and nine months in prison. The crime was a raid upon the cabin of the claim jumper named Hayes which resulted in the death of Hayes and his daughter. Settlers warned Hayes to leave and when he did not go they went to his cabin and riddled it with bullets. In all sixteen persons were arrested for the crime. The first trial was of Walter Long. It was long and expensive but resulted in the conviction and sentence of 35 years. Then his brother Milo was convicted and got 13 years. Two of the gang turned state's evidence and these got off with jail sentence. It was then arranged that all others to plead guilty of manslaughter.

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BAD TO WORSE.

VIENNA, Nov. 18.—It is now stated that Countess Marie Louise did not elope with Count Anton Sigray, but with a poor German aristocrat who is employed as her brother's tutor.

### EDITORS ON TRIAL.

MANILA, Nov. 18.—The trial of the managing and subordinate editors of El Renacimiento, the leading Filipino daily, on a charge of criminal libel preferred by Commissioner Dean C. Worcester of the Philippine commission, was commenced today. In his own behalf Mr. Worcester testified that he did not own any mineral, agricultural or other property in the islands in his name or that of any other person. He denied having made any trips at the expense of the government for the purpose of inspecting any properties whatsoever and flatly disputed all the other charges and insinuations made in the columns of the paper. The trial was continued.

### POOR HOP CROP.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The total yield of Russian hops is the poorest in the last ten years although the area of hops planted has been greatly increased, according to a report of James Ragsdale, American consul to St. Petersburg. The decrease is due to the very unfavorable weather during the past summer. In places, Volhynia, for instance, the quality of the hops was excellent.

### SAW 32 BEARS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—Pleasant as well as profitable was the discovery made by Captain Wing and the crew of the steam whaler Karluk, when the vessel encountered an ice floe upon which were 32 polar bears dining off the carcass of a bowhead whale, partially frozen into the body of the ice. Every rifle on board was immediately in requisition, and five of the bears were killed before the others escaped by plunging into the water. The crew of the Karluk succeeded in securing six thousand pounds of bone from the whale's head.

## BAR ASSOCIATION DOES NOT APPROVE HENEY

REFUSES TO GO ON RECORD AS APPROVING THE GRAFT PROSECUTION IN FRISCO

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

While Not Endorsing the Graft Prosecution the Oregon State Association Pass Resolutions Deploring Violence to Prosecutor Heney.

PORTLAND, Nov. 19.—The Oregon State Bar Association this morning refused to go on record as approving the fight now being made by the citizens of San Francisco to rid themselves of the grafters and hoodlums that infest that city, and refused also to warn the lawyers of this and other states against practices which tend to prostitute and bring into disgrace the reputation of the law and the sanctity of the courts of justice.

That part of the Heney resolution introduced yesterday by Ralph B. Fisher dealing with these matters was severely frowned down by the lawyers, and the only part of the resolution adopted was that extending to Mrs. Heney and the sympathy of the association and to Mr. Heney the hope of the association for his speedy recovery.

Only the last mentioned part of the resolution came to a vote, the other clause being so severely criticized that Mr. Fisher was compelled to withdraw it.

The resolution given to the secretary yesterday afternoon was somewhat differently worded, as regards the last part, than the rough draft read by Mr. Fisher yesterday morning. The first part, which was adopted, was unchanged, and was as follows:

"Be it resolved, by the Oregon Bar Association, That we deplore and deprecate the violence offered Francis J. Heney on Friday, November 13, 1908, while at his post of duty,

## OREGON GETS A GOODLY SHARE

Report of Chief Army Engineer Made Public

MILLIONS ARE ASKED

\$200,000 Recommended to be Expended on Columbia River

TILLAMOOK ALSO FAVORED

Recommendation Made That an Annual Appropriation be Made For Maintaining Dredge Now in Use Along Oregon and Washington.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The annual report of the Chief of Army Engineers, made public today, recommends a liberal appropriation for the waterways of the Pacific northwest, and these estimates will form the basis of appropriations to be made in the forthcoming river and harbor bill. Among the appropriations recommended are the following:

Columbia and Willamette rivers from Portland to the sea, \$200,000; mouth of Columbia, \$450,000; Cello Canal, \$1,000,000 in addition to \$146,000, which was authorized last session; Willamette river above Portland, \$40,000; Columbia between Vancouver and the mouth of the Willamette, \$10,000; canal of Cascades, \$108,000; Columbia river between Celilo Falls and the mouth of the Snake river, \$75,000; Snake river, \$10,000; Tillamook Harbor to Tillamook City, \$15,000; Coos River, \$1500; Clatskanie river, \$500; Cowlitz and Lewis rivers, \$7500. The Chief of Engineers says it is advisable to place the Celilo canal under a continuing contract system, with the understanding that \$1,000,000 be appropriated annually until the work completed. If this cannot be done, at least \$1,000,000 in new appropriations is necessary next year to enable work to proceed expeditiously.

He calls attention to the fact that the improvement of the channel from Portland to the sea, as it is now progressing, is necessarily of a temporary character, and no lasting benefit is being received from dredging. Ultimately this channel will be permanently improved by the construction of an elaborate system of revetments to confine the channel. While expensive work is in progress at the mouth of the Columbia and at Celilo, he deems it inadvisable to ask for sufficient money to build these revetments now, especially as continued dredging afforded a sufficient channel for present commerce. In addition to the foregoing estimate, it is recommended that an annual appropriation be made for maintaining the dredge, recently built for use in the harbors along the Oregon and Washington coast.

and do hereby tender to Mrs. Heney our deep sympathy and to Mr. Heney our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery and an early resumption in person of the cases which brought him into the danger from which he has suffered."

MADE NEW RECORDS.

MANILA, Nov. 18.—It is unofficially stated that the battleship Nebraska, during the target practice now in progress, broke all records established by any navy in the world for marksmanship with her 12-inch guns. While the figures are not obtainable. It is believed that the Nebraska's crew will gain all records for both speed and accuracy.

### PTOMAINE POISONING.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Chicken fricassee and chicken hash served in the New York eye and ear infirmary on Monday has resulted in 45 patients and the entire staff of 35 nurses being attacked with ptomaine poisoning. Charity patients and the physicians did not have chicken on the occasion and are rejoicing. None of the cases are serious.

### PRESIDENT SPEAKS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—"I doubt if there is a movement among the movements that can be broadly termed philanthropic in the country which better deserves the interest and support of our people than the movement for Young Women's Christian Associations." Thus spoke President Roosevelt to a gathering of prominent young women at Washington, who called at the White House yesterday on the President's invitation to receive his congratulations on the splendid work being done by the Young Women's Christian Association in this city.

### KAUFMAN AND BARRY.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 18.—Al Kaufman and Jim Berry were matched last night to fight 45 rounds at the Jeffries Club on the night of December 31. The result of the fight, it is said here, will eliminate one aspirant for the heavyweight championship honors.

### OLIVE CROP SMALL.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The olive crop in Greece will hardly supply the home demand. This is due to the nature of the olive tree which bears in quantity only in alternate years.

## RUEF'S CHAFFEUR WILL BE EXTRADITED

GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA ISSUES PAPERS ON BURNS' APPLICATION

IS AN IMPORTANT WITNESS

Leaves San Francisco While Under Subpoena and Was Captured in Portland—Officer on Way to Return Him to San Francisco.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 19.—Governor Gillette today granted requisition papers on the application of Detective Burns for A. S. Lathan, formerly Ruef's chauffeur who is now under arrest in Portland. Burns charges that Lathan, who was an important witness in the graft prosecution and while under subpoena left the jurisdiction of the California courts in consideration of \$1000 paid by one Luther W. Brown and has since then been in hiding. Policeman Goff of San Francisco left tonight for Portland.

LEAVES SECRETLY.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—A special from Teheran says the Turkish ambassador to Persia has left secretly for Constantinople. His departure is attributed to a dispatch which adds to the rumored plan to annex Persian province of Aberbaijan to Turkey. This dispatch is offset by the fact that two days ago a message from Teheran stated that the ambassador was going to Constantinople on a leave of absence.

TEHERAN, Nov. 19.—The Shah has summoned representatives of various classes to appear before him tomorrow to hear his decision in the matter of constitutional government.

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## FURTHER CONFERENCES ON LABOR QUESTION AT WASHINGTON

THE "BOSS" RETURNS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—While in view of Richard Croker's express wish, there will be no demonstration on his arrival in New York on the steamer Lusitania, now on her westward voyage, the governors of the National Democratic Club here, have adopted resolutions to tender to him its hospitality and extend to him the courtesy of the club as its guest while in this city.

FREAK ORDINANCE.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Alderman Kruger introduced in the city council last night a motion that the corporation council prepare and submit an ordinance prohibiting the playing of football in the city of Chicago. The motion provoked much laughter, hoots and cheers, and was referred to the judiciary committee.

## FRATERNITIES TABOOED IN LOS ANGELES

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT GIVES NOTICE THAT ORDERS MUST GO.

AN OATH WILL BE REQUIRED

Proof of Withdrawals From School Fraternities Must be Furnished Before January 30th or Suspension Will Follow as a Penalty.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 18.—Superintendent Moore of the city schools has served notice on any pupil of the Los Angeles high schools who is a member of secret orders, commonly known as fraternities must relinquish such membership and furnish indisputable proof of the fact before December 18th or it will be impossible for those about to graduate to obtain the necessary recommendation to matriculate with universities of this or any other state without examination. All others must furnish this proof before January 30 on pain of being suspended from the school. In order to make assurance that all connections have been severed, an oath will be required.

EPIDEMIC OVER.

MANILA, Nov. 18.—While occasional cases of cholera are reported to the authorities, the epidemic is now unquestionably at an end.

## PLATTS SUCCESSOR LIKELY TO BE ROOT

Taft, Sherman, and Ward Discuss Politics, and Measures Pertaining to Next Administration

HOT SPRINGS, Nov. 18.—President-elect Taft, Vice-President-elect Sherman and National Committeeman Ward of New York discussed New York politics today especially regarding persons and measures pertaining to the next administration. While no one at the conference wishes to be quoted on the subject, it may be stated to be the opinion of all that Secretary Root will be the successor of Senator Platt. This is based of course on the understanding that Root wishes the place. Judge Taft has had no hesitancy from giving positive expression of

Roosevelt Wants Better Understanding on Subject

WILL FORTH VIEWS

Representatives of Labor, and Government Should Come Together

ADMINISTRATION'S ATTITUDE

While President May Not Adopt Labor Program at Close of Administration so as Not to Embarrass Successor—May Set Forth Views.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Further conferences at the White House today between the President and men prominent in labor matters made the attitude of the administration toward the proposed labor legislation a subject of keen discussion in Washington tonight. It is learned from the highest authority that the object of the President in giving to the friends of labor union in holding subsequent conferences was primarily to bring about a better understanding between representatives of the government and of labor and impress upon labor interests the disposition of the administration to receive its representatives in conference on equality with all others. While the President may not adopt the labor program at the close of his administration lest he might thereby embarrass his successor, it is believed he will set forth his views on the needs of labor either in his annual message to congress or in a special labor message submitted subsequently.

HE TALKS CHINESE.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 18.—Harry S. Reardon, alias Arthur Spencer, charged with extorting money from local Chinese by representing himself to be a government interpreter of inspector in New York, was convicted in the federal court here yesterday. Reardon speaks the Chinese language perfectly and has lectured on China for churches. According to federal officials he has served in Folsom and San Quentin, Cal., and McNeil's Island, Wash., penitentiaries and in Pittsburg penitentiary and the Allegheny county jail.