

CLAIMS COMBINE HAS DISSOLVED

President Erickson, of Milk Exchange, Says Prices Are No Longer Fixed—Members Withdrew Upon Discovery That Price Fixing Combines Are Illegal.

Competition in the retail milk business, with the accompanying reduction in prices, will soon be an accomplished fact if the officers of the Milk Exchange are sincere in their declarations. Andrew E. Erickson, proprietor of the Jersey Dairy Co., and president of the Milk Exchange, stated in the Star yesterday that the Milk Exchange has practically ceased to exist, that its members have recently withdrawn and that the exchange had not held a meeting for some time. "I am running an independent city," declared the president of the Milk Exchange. "When asked why prices of milk were so high, Mr. Erickson reported that the high prices are not due to any combination of milk prices but to the relatively high prices of everything else. The price of milk in the future will indicate whether or not the combine is still in existence. If it has really ceased operations, competition is sure to cause a slump in the artificially maintained prices which have recently ruled. It was the exposure of local combines by The Star which brought the members of the Milk Exchange to realize that they were engaging in an illegal combine and that every member of the exchange would be liable to prosecution and fine if the exchange persisted in fixing and maintaining the retail price of milk. It was this realization which caused desertions from the ranks of the Milk Exchange and caused the officers of the exchange to deny its existence at present. The price of milk in the future will indicate whether or not the combine is still in existence. If it has really ceased operations, competition is sure to cause a slump in the artificially maintained prices which have recently ruled.

MRS. HARTJE WINS THE FAMOUS DIVORCE CASE



MRS. AUGUSTUS HARTJE.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 21.—The famous Hartje divorce case was today decided in the superior court in favor of Mrs. Augustus Hartje. The court refused Hartje's petition to reopen the case. The lower court had denied Hartje's petition for a divorce and the possession of the children, after the husband had admitted the gravest improprieties. Tom Madine, Hartje's attorney and chief co-respondent, was named by the plaintiff, and Clifford Howe, negro, also a co-respondent, was dragged into the case. At the time the husband's plea for a divorce was refused, Mrs. Hartje's attorneys alleged that letters introduced as evidence, supposed to have been written to Mrs. Hartje by the coachman were forgeries. The court stated that the evidence presented was not convincing and was insufficient to arouse even the suspicion of improper relations between the respondent and co-respondent. Concerning Mrs. Hartje dressing in the presence of the servants, the court said: "Even if it is true it cannot be construed into anything more than indiscretion, possibly a lack of womanly reserve and sensitiveness in the matter of dressing in the presence of the servants."

RATS IN THE POSTOFFICE

Fear of some Seattle citizens that the bubonic plague may be disseminated through the United States mails caused Dr. Cofer, in charge of the plague campaign, to send a wagonload of rat poison to the Arlington building, in which the postoffice is located this morning. A dozen people have reported that the premises are infested with rats. Although there is no possibility of infection being carried through the mails, Dr. Cofer sent his men with the poison offering for the rats to ally fear. To date 5,000 rats have been brought to federal sanitation headquarters.

UPHEAVAL IN OCEAN

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 21.—Naval officers of vessels plying in the Gulf today bring to the capital sensational reports of the effects of a great upheaval in the ocean off the coast of Yucatan, due to submarine volcanic action. They declare that the ocean was changed, and that soundings show great depths where formerly were shallow soundings, and vice versa. The reports also show that a number of small islands were inundated.

RYAN IS BACK OF MILK TRUST

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Evidence tending to show that the Chicago milk trust is directed from New York and that Thomas F. Ryan, who is behind the trust, is the directing genius of a movement to control the food prices of the nation was placed in the hands of State's Attorney Healy this morning.

MINERS' STRIKE OVER

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—The board of health reports four new plague suspects today. Two suspects were dropped from the list, proving negative. One new case was verified. The total to date is as follows: 96 verified, 60 deaths, 29 discharged as cured, 9 remaining.

Table with 2 columns: City, Clearings, Balances. Includes Seattle, Tacoma, and Portland.

YESLER CABLE RESUMES

After 48 hours of a shut-down, the Yesler way cable road resumed operations early this morning. A fire department engine was kept going for 24 hours, pumping the sewer water out of the cave-in at the Fourth av. intersection which caused the shut-down.

SUICIDAL INSANITY

It was not drink, as at first supposed, that drove Edward Carlson, a Swedish logger, who had recently arrived in the city, to attempt to take his own life by slashing his throat with a large clasp knife and then crawling on his hands and knees on the railroad tracks in the hope that he might find his terrible work finished beneath the car wheels. Whisky had its part in the work, but it is now reported at the Wayside hospital that, although he will recover, his mind is unbalanced to such an extent that he will have to be sent to the insane asylum.

WRECK VICTIM IS GROWING WORSE

Charles Gluecker, of Tacoma, a victim of the Seattle Electric collision near Youngstown, may die of his injuries. He was seriously injured about the head and both jaws were broken. He is at the Providence hospital and his condition is reported as becoming rapidly worse.

AID FOR HORSES

Edwin London, of London's department store, takes up the cause of the horses of Seattle in a letter to The Star. Mr. London suggests that much of the straining and struggling to which horses are subjected in hauling heavy loads up the grades of business streets paved with asphalt could be obviated by paving a strip of the street six feet wide on the right side, going up, with brick or stone to give the horses a foothold. The suggestion is made for the consideration of the board of public works and the humane societies of the city.

MISSING FIVE YEARS.

Louis N. Gansley, 32 years of age, left his home in Mason, Mich., five years ago and has sent no word home since that time. His brother, C. F. Gansley, has written to the police, saying that the young man's mother is very low and is hoping for some word from her son.

WILL TAKE TRIP.

During the holiday vacation period the Seattle high school football team will visit California, playing a series of games with the high school teams of that state. A date has already been fixed with the high school eleven at Vallejo, and it is believed that the other games can be arranged before the local team departs.

DOWN IN OLD MOBILE THERE IS TROUBLE

MOBILE, Ala., Nov. 21.—Mobile anti-prohibitionists were not joking when they threatened to secede from Alabama. If the legislature voted the state dry, a large majority of the city's voters opposing prohibition, will form a regular organization at once to employ counsel and provide funds. A plan is being outlined by which the city believes it will be able to cut itself loose from state control.

LECTURE FOR TEACHERS.

Complimentary to the teachers of the public schools of Seattle, James Young will give a lecture at Egan's hall tomorrow night. The subject is "A Defense of Shylock."

Children Burned to Death.

FRANKLIN, Pa., Nov. 21.—Five children of Thomas Zuver, an oil well pumper of Pleasantville, were burned to death in a fire that burned their home this morning. The children ranged from 2 to 12 years of age.

E. J. Koors Appointed.

OLYMPIA, Nov. 21.—The state railroad commission has appointed E. J. Koors as assistant secretary. Mr. Koors has been in railroad business a number of years, and was chief clerk to Traffic Manager Baird, of the Northern Pacific. He will perform the duties formerly performed by J. W. Lyons.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—

AFFINITY CASE IN COLLEGE LIFE

(By United Press.) DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 21.—Church and educational society have nothing to talk about at the present time but the revelations following the resignation of Mrs. Katharine Gray, head of the vocal instruction at the State Normal school, Cedar Falls, and the dismissal of Dr. Thomas W. Todd, professor of elocution there. Since it became known that both were compelled to give up their positions, Cedar Falls has begun to realize that a life-size affinity case has been overlooked for some time. Today has a daughter 10 years old, and Mrs. Gray left Mr. Gray, who was not an affinity, some years ago. Todd has confessed his love for the woman, and the students have bestowed the affinity degree on him. The students are wanting to know the contents of the love letter which was accidentally placed in the hands of the school authorities and resulted in the action against the two instructors. Dr. Todd has been an ardent church worker and even occupied pulpits occasionally.

ALASKA DELEGATES ARE BACK FROM JUNEAU

With 83 passengers aboard, including the Honouliuli belles and the delegates who attended the republican convention at Juneau, the steamer Jefferson arrived in port early this morning. The delegates and the belles had a great trip. The delegates were in the city for the results of the convention. In speaking of the report circulated that six delegates would not be seated at this morning's session, they had no fears that such would be the case. The report of the thirteenth republican national convention, held in Chicago in 1904, allowed Alaska six delegates in the next convention. They can therefore be seated regardless of the action of the national committee.

MORE SOCIALIST ORATORS ARE CARRIED AWAY TO JAIL

Attempt to Hold Night Meetings and Are Arrested by the Police—One Arrest Proves Mistake. Three more socialist orators were carried away in a patrol wagon to the city jail last night. Two of them were taken while addressing a crowd of people on Fourth av. just south of Union st. The third attempted to hold a meeting on the elevated portion of the university tract, and after he had talked for upwards of 15 minutes he, too, was escorted to the patrol wagon.

FRAUD IS ALLEGED

(By United Press.) OLYMPIA, Nov. 21.—Fraud is alleged in the conduct of certain affairs at the Walla Walla penitentiary. Gov. Mead has ordered a complete investigation to be made by the board of control and Superintendent Charles Reed. The charges are made that a number of carloads of coal were never received during the winter of 1906-7, but that vouchers had been issued in payment.

BOYS SHOOT OUT LIGHTS

Amusing themselves with the childlike diversion of shooting out the electric street lights in Fremont, Elden Hawley and Albert Clausen, both 14 years of age, attempted to emulate the dare-devil exploits of "Red-faced Charlie, the Scout," and were quietly gathered in by the all-encompassing mitt of Officer Applegate, yesterday evening. They are school boys and will be released in the hope that they have received their lesson.

NOTHING DOING BUT LOTS OF STEAM WASTED

There was really nothing doing, but for time last night there was great excitement on the waterfront. Somebody phoned Immigration inspector Wells at Pier 2 that a schooner had landed at Pier 14 and Japanese by the score were being smuggled ashore. Heigh ho! and Capt. Laubscher started for the pier, and water on Railroad av. up to Pier 14. Breathless and with wild-eyed eyes the inspectors reached the scene of the wholesale smuggling feast—but false alarm. Not a schooner was in sight, for even the saloons had closed. Around the dock, underneath the dock and to the lee side of the dock the inspectors scrambled. False report, pure and simple. Two hours and much steam wasted. Now the inspectors are wondering what it was all about. Did some schooner land further south and, when the coast was all the inspectors had seen, they had sailed ashore? That is the question being asked today.

EVERETT MAN UNDER ARREST

(By United Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—Detective P. J. Bailey, Mr. Murphy early this morning arrested Abraham J. Cohn at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jennie Price, 1405 Steiner st., upon telegraphic advices from the sheriff of Everett, Wash. Cohn is wanted in the northern city on a felony charge. A deputy sheriff will be sent here from Washington to take the prisoner back.

PACIFIC FLEET WILL GO TO JAPAN

(BY UNITED PRESS.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Prominent naval officers who will have command of the Pacific cruise are responsible for the statement that Ambassador Aoki, of Japan, at a dinner given in honor of Rear Admiral Evans last Saturday night, extended an informal invitation to the American fleet to visit Japan during its cruise to the Pacific ocean, and he informed Admiral Evans that a formal invitation would be presented to President Roosevelt, through Secretary Root in a few days. These officers also assert that the president and Secretary Root have decided to accept the invitation, and will seize the opportunity to join with Japan in a demonstration of international courtesies on a magnificent scale, for the purpose of convincing the people of the two nations that war is out of the question.

GAS STOVE VICTIM DIES IN HOSPITAL

M. D. C. Tinkham, who was found in his room at 1363 1/2 Seventh av. Tuesday morning unconscious from the effects of gas which escaped from a detached gas stove tube, died shortly after 5 o'clock this morning at the Pacific hospital, all efforts to save his life being unavailing.

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APPLIES FOR PERMIT.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad company has requested the board of public works to grant a permit to lay down a track on Lander st., from Whatcom av. to the East Waterway.

WANTS SPUR TRACK.

The Yakima Sheep company, owning a plant on the tide flats, asked for a permit for the construction of a spur track to connect with the Northern Pacific system.

CHAMBERLAIN SUSPECT IS UNDER ARREST

Mike Alpert, Suspected of Murdering His Partner Near Montesano Apprehended, for Embezzlement in New York at Request of Local Authorities. Suspected of murder, and wanted on a specific charge of embezzlement, Mike Alpert, alias Mike Sakolowski, was arrested yesterday in New York city at the offices of A. E. Johnson & Company, 27 Broadway, and is now in custody awaiting the arrival of officers from Seattle. The sheriff's office has been tracing Alpert's movements for the past month and his apprehension in New York yesterday was the result of information first obtained in this city. Last year Alpert and a partner were buying junk near Montesano. The body of the partner was brought by Alpert to Montesano, presumably killed in a runaway. At the time there was no suspicion of anything wrong, but information which reached the officers recently indicates that the partner, whose name is not known to the local officials, was a victim of foul play, and Alpert is suspected of the crime. The embezzlement charge was brought as the result of a deal between Alpert and C. L. Chamberlain, of Aberdeen. In October, of this year, Chamberlain shipped two carloads of junk to this city from Aberdeen for Alpert to sell. The goods were valued at \$2,900. Alpert is said to have sold the junk for \$750 and is claimed to have skipped with the money. Chamberlain hurried to this city and swore out the warrant. It was learned that the missing man had purchased tickets to bring his wife and two children from Libau, Russia, to Seattle, and that afterwards he went to the local offices where he secured the tickets and asked for a rebate on the price fixed New York to Seattle, explaining that he had changed his mind, and would meet his wife in New York, instead of having her come to Seattle. This information was wired to the New York authorities and when Alpert presented himself at the head office there in order to take up the question of a rebate yesterday, Inspector of Detectives James McCafferty was notified and placed the man under arrest. Steps were being taken today to arrange for extradition from Alpert and as soon as they are secured officer will be sent to bring back the prisoner.

ASK COURT TO SETTLE UP VALUABLE ESTATES

On the probate calendar of Judge Albertson's department of the superior court today there were two cases of unusual interest, both asking for letters of administration to settle up valuable estates of prominent people who have recently met with violent deaths. Action is requested toward distributing the estate of Josephine Lombardini, the wealthy Italian woman who recently disappeared and was later found floating in Green Lake, a supposed suicide. Mrs. Lombardini's husband was one of the victims of the ill-fated Valencia, wrecked on Vancouver Island, and she is known to have ended her life while temporarily in care from brooding over her husband's death. The attorneys ask for letters of administration in order to settle the estate of Hirokichi Kurokawa, the wealthy banker who was strangled and instantly killed by a Northern Pacific switch engine near Smith's Cove piers two months ago. Friends of the deceased say he left property conservatively valued at \$250,000.

BOY GOES FROM JAIL TO COUNTY HOSPITAL

A son of wealthy parents and hardly out of his teens, Joe Mayetach, who was sentenced to serve three months on a charge of being a vagrant, was taken from the county jail this morning to the consumption camp maintained on the hospital grounds and there is said to be very little chance for his recovery. His affliction has reached such an advanced stage that the doctors believe death is only a question of a short time. Mayetach is only 22 years of age, apparently well educated and bearing every mark of refinement. He refuses to divulge the name and address of his parents, but they are known to reside in the suburbs of Pittsburgh, where the father is said to be a retired merchant of considerable means. The son left home and came west to seek his fortune. Instead he developed tuberculosis and may occupy one of the tiny plots of ground provided for the penniless by the county without his relatives ever learning of his fate.

MRS. BRADLEY IS THROUGH ORDEAL ON STAND

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Mrs. Bradley resumed the stand under cross-examination at 10 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Bradley was nervous, but her voice was firm and even. Attorney Baker led the witness back to the farm where, in 1902, she had met Max Brown, who objected to her presence. After a few questions on this, Attorney Baker asked her: "How many times were you arrested?" Mrs. Bradley replied: "Three or four." Defendant's Clever Answers. The defendant denied that the senator had offered her \$5,000 and a Los Angeles residence and an annuity of \$100 until the youngest child was 21. Judge Powers questioned her again, taking up a number of the defendant's letters to Brown. The letters painted a picture of the defendant's happiness on the farm. Prosecutor Baker was baffled by the defendant's promptness and cleverness in answering the questions which at first looked damaging. "Did you ever hit the senator with an umbrella, knocking out several of his teeth?" The defendant tried to evade a direct answer, but finally answered "Yes." She denied that she threatened to blow Brown's head-off if he refused to marry her. When Attorney Baker concluded the examination the court adjourned for luncheon. The defendant stepped from the stand she seemed to be stronger than at the close of the first day's ordeal. She was under examination 10 hours and 40 minutes.

PROFESSOR OBJECTS TO FOOTBALL SONGS

"College songs which cast reflections on other colleges, even if they are rivals on the football field, are not, in my opinion, becoming, and I do not think that Washington students should write or sing anything derogatory to Washington State College or any other institution." This criticism of the college songs at the state university was made today by a prominent member of the faculty, and he referred especially to a few new songs which were written by students to be sung at the game with Pullman today. Despite the professor's criticism, the songs were rendered with gusto at the game. The ballads in question make up a lack of poetic quality by frequent references to the Pullman institu-

RECOMMENDS AMENDMENT.

The regulations in the new building ordinance have been found to be too stringent in the matter of the erection of billboards, and the fire and water committee last night recommended an amendment, requiring only metal faces.