

HERE'S \$60,000,000 FINE FOR STANDARD

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—As gigantic as was the fine of \$29,240,000 imposed upon the Standard Oil Co. by Judge Landis, it is only a drop in the bucket compared to the aggregate amount of fines that would pile up against John D.'s concern if it should be found guilty of all the counts now pending.

The Standard Oil Co. is today under indictment on over 3,000 counts of rebating, the crimes charged being in nearly every instance identical to those for which Judge Landis assessed a fine of \$20,000 each. If the Chicago judge's find should be taken as a standard, and the oil trust should be found guilty on each count, the aggregate would be above the \$60,000,000 mark.

That such a fine is a possibility is shown by a list of the criminal cases instituted by the government under the Elkins act. This list has just been published in pamphlet form by the interstate commerce commission.

The government has been silent regarding this mass of indictments against the Standard, pending a decision of the supreme court on the constitutionality of the \$29,240,000 cases.

Another promising possibility in connection with the big fine is that we will, in all probability, know within 60 days whether it is going to "stick." Within that time it is expected the supreme court will hand down a decision in a Great Northern case, which is practically a parallel of the Standard Oil case. The indictment is brought under the same act, and for the same crime as in the Standard cases, and a reversal of the decision of the lower court is asked for on the same grounds as those urged by the Standard's counsel.

SMALL BOYS TO STUDY WITH GIRLS

The public night school for girls will open this evening at the Field school in charge of Mrs. Lysett. There are 16 girls enrolled now and the small boys attending the night school at the Franklin will probably be assigned to the girls' school. The Franklin night school has proved a complete success from the start.

PADEREWSKI'S CONCERT

To be acknowledged supreme in music the civilized world over, in New York or Paris or London; in Madrid or Vienna; San Francisco or Sydney, is the lot of Ignace Jan Paderewski, who plays in Spokane at the armory tomorrow evening.

ATKINSON MUST DO SOMETHING

ATTEMPT TO SHIFT WORK OF HIS OFFICE POLITELY REJECTED BY STATE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

The proposition that he do something to earn his salary has been put up to State Attorney General Atkinson by the state railroad commission. The latter body is polite but unmistakable in this request. The occasion for it is Atkinson's request that the commission suggest a successor for A. J. Falknor, assistant attorney general, who resigned some time ago. Atkinson's assistants, and Falknor in particular, have been the brains of the attorney general's office. Atkinson never having practiced law prior to securing the nomination through political manipulation in the public convention. He is a representation of the sort of sacrifices of public good men working on close party lines are willing to make to be "regular."

Atkinson had organized enough strength to make things "irregular" unless he got what he wanted, and the state got a gold brick in the office of attorney general in consequence. Having insured himself of the honors and emoluments, Atkinson had sense enough to select deputies who could supply his own deficiencies, but the state has been compelled to bear the burden of him because of machine politics.

Falknor has attended to the legal requirements of the state railroad commission and Atkinson, being helpless in such cases himself, naturally appealed to the commission to aid him in selecting a man who could do the work the state has a right to expect of Atkinson by virtue of his election to the state's most important legal position. In declining this function, the commission, in careful language, informs Atkinson that the law places certain responsibilities on the attorney general which he will be expected to meet. It also reminds him that by express provision of the commission law the attorney general selected by the people is the legal representative of the commission.

However, the commission concedes that a deputy may in future, as in the past, continue to write Atkinson's opinions for him, but they want Atkinson to at least accept the responsibility.

To exclude the actual work of the deputies would be to end the active operation of the attorney general's office under its present administration.

And Atkinson is laying his plans to be governor. In the event that he wins, a constitutional amendment providing for a bunch of deputy governors will be necessary.

THE JUDGMENTS OF JOSH WISE

The grocery store cabinet was in session when Josh Wise arrived. Sid Holman, using the stove as a target, had already scored 19 hits.

"It means one has to make two campaigns," he explains. "One has been expensive enough. I refuse to put up for two. Now one will have to go into every county and show the people. If he has been a quiet, hard worker, not given to breaking into print, it's all the harder for him. I'm going to quit and let some fellow with more money take the job of being everybody's messenger boy."

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—"Fifty dollars when you get married; \$50 for every baby."

That's the offer J. B. Martin, proprietor of a fashionable Fifth av. hotel, has made to his employees.

In case the babies come in twos or threes each one stands to collect out of a possible 20. Weighty affairs, such as Bill Taft and the tonnage of the world's merchant marine, had been discussed, and then

a sociological matter had been broached.

"We'll leave it to Josh," remarked Old Man Tellum, the dean of the bunch. That's what brought Old Man Tellum to where he was—leaving everything to somebody else.

"What do ye leave ter me?" said Josh Wise dryly. "Why so all-fired generous? Is it a loaded Seegar?"

"Nope," piped up Mart Mudd. "We've been argyfyin' 'bout the proposition, is marriage just plain business, or ain't it?"

"I hold, by gosh, that marriage is a matter of ideals purely," said Gabe Rosin, copping a handful of crackers just in time to beat the lid that Hank Peterson, the storekeeper, clapped on the barrel.

"N' Young Freckelheimer, the notion drummer, says it's business all the way through," remarked Old Man Tellum.

Josh Wise clawed sagely at his whiskers.

"I dunno what right Young Freckelheimer's got ter think marriage is business; he's not in th' 400," observed Josh. "Fact is, right here in Gabe Rosin we've got a livin' example o' marriage bein' a case o' th' highest ideals. That reminds me, Gabe, that ef ye'll be so condescendin' as ter take word ter yer wife, we'd like ter have her come up an' wash fer us agin this week."

On the strength of which Gabe made so bold as to stand off Hank Peterson for another slab of eatin' terbacker.

Primaries Boost Campaign Bills

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Michigan congressmen are not at all pleased with the new primary law, which requires delegates to congressional conventions to be



A. B. DARRAGH elected at primary elections. Several may not attempt to return as a result of it.

A. B. DARRAGH, of the Eleventh Michigan district, is the first to announce an intended retirement.

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STORK'S PARTNER

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J. B. MARTIN \$50 just the same. Mr. Martin is game. He has paid \$5150 in bonuses within the last year and is willing to pay as much more this year. Once only he has paid upon twins.

"I've found the plan to work out admirably," Martin declares. "Marriage and babies bring responsibility, and that increases the reliability of my help. My men are not looking around all the time for another job; their habits are better than ever before and I can always depend upon them."

"I used to have lots of trouble in keeping my people. Now they seldom make a change. The plan is worth the money."

NATURAL DRAIN IS CHOKED

RESIDENT SHOWS WHERE BLUNDER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FLOODS IN UNION PARK DISTRICT AND TELLS REMEDY.

According to J. B. Mullins there is no need of floods in the Union Park district, even without a sewer, if the city will remove obstructions it has placed in the natural outlet of surplus water. He says there is a dry slough running from the southeast part of the city towards East Olive st. bridge which will serve under any ordinary conditions, but this has been filled in several places. When the city took up defective cement sidewalk on Third and Fourth ays. the cement was dumped into the slough at Stone and Lee sts.

As Mullins has figured it out, if these obstructions were removed the outlet is the cheapest and surest way to drain into the river. He holds that no sewer the city can build would take care of more than a small portion of the water flowing in when a heavy fall of snow is melted in a few hours.

UNIONS STAND PAT FOR UNFAIR LIST

CINCINNATI, Feb. 11.—As a result of the decision of the U. S. supreme court several large firms in this city have demanded that the labor unions take them off the unfair list. The unionists have refused and will not comply until compelled by the courts.

OPIUM JOINT RAIDED

The police raided an opium joint on Front av. early this morning and captured Birdie Rogers, Frank Beebe and John Morgan, a negro, with their outfits. Another negro called "Shine" jumped out of a second story window and escaped.

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A Woman Clown

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—The woman clown will be the newest thing in circus entertainment this season.



Fanny Rice, clever comedienne and long time vaudeville favorite, has accepted an offer of \$1500 a week for a season of 20 weeks, to assume the role of clown with the Ringling Bros.' circus. She will be the first woman to enter the sawdust ring in this guise.

Gradually the circus is partaking more and more of the vaudeville. This experiment by Ringling Bros. promises to give wider scope than ever to its possibilities.

ARMOUR CLEANS UP MILLION IN GAMBLE ON MAY WHEAT



ARMOUR LANDS A "MILLION IN MAY."

Special Correspondence to The Press

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Armour cleaned up a million in May.

This has been the gossip of the wheat pit brokers for several days. The "man with the yellow wazons," in the face of all high prices, has steadily been a bear for months. And now he has made another fortune. Wheat speculators, although envious, have "doped it out" just how the fortune was made.

Perhaps you have seen a gambler stand at a slot machine and persistently drop coin after coin without return. In his own mind he has a "system." He could beat the machine if he just keeps at it. So he drops another coin. Finally, perhaps, the bell rang and he takes up a handful of coin.

This, the brokers say, is what J. Ogden Armour has done. With his eye upon the ticker tape he has

stood over it for months steadily pouring his thousands into the wheat pit; betting that wheat would go lower and lower. And all the time wheat was up around \$1.08. Then it slid down a little. Finally the bell rang and wheat dropped to 96 and Armour had a hat full of money.

But J. Ogden Armour really had a system, the wheat pit gossipers say. There were two elements in it.

One was that same dogged persistency that secured the Phillip Armour fortune. The other was a costly corps of correspondents. In all the wheat producing countries of the world Armour is said to have agents who keep him informed exclusively on the supply of wheat. His present killing is said to have been the result of private advices from Argentine of an enormous wheat crop now being harvested.

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