

# ALTON CASE IS POSTPONED

### Delay of Three Weeks is Granted by Judge Landis.

# SIMS ASKS FOR DELAY

### Unexpected Difficulties Prevent the Granting of Immediate Immunity.

Immunity for the Chicago and Alton railroad was again postponed yesterday.

The delay was unexpected. It had been supposed that when Judge Landis in the United States district court reassembled the special grand jury an announcement would be forthcoming that would end the move to prosecute the road for its share in the violation of law for which the Standard Oil was assessed the big fine.

The end did not come, however. The district attorney, instead of announcing that the administration would not prosecute the Alton for granting the rebates to Standard Oil, asked that the matter be postponed for three weeks.

Judge Landis promptly granted the request and announced that the grand jury might take a recess until Sept. 23.

### Reason for the Postponement.

Unexpected difficulties have arisen in the way of fulfilling the government's promise of immunity to the Alton, and these made the three weeks' postponement a necessity. It is believed that by that time these difficulties may be smoothed away, and that the case against the road will then be dropped finally.

Advices from Washington from time to time have indicated that it is the government's settled purpose to adhere to the agreement made by former Attorney General Moody and former District Attorney Morrison with the Alton officials, whereby evidence was secured which led to the conviction of the Standard Oil—deemed the greater offender.

### Sims Makes a Statement.

In postponing the proceedings yesterday Judge Landis said he did not know the government prosecutor's reason for his request, and District Attorney Sims would not shed any further light on the subject. In his statement made to the court, Mr. Sims said:

"In compliance with the suggestions of the court made at the time of the convening of the present grand jury, the facts and circumstances in connection with the matter under investigation were submitted to the department, and I had expected to be able to report to the court this morning its views and findings thereon.

"Recently, however, a situation has arisen which, in my judgment, makes it highly desirable that I have time to submit to the department certain facts and circumstances in addition to those already submitted.

"For these reasons I have the honor to request that further action in this matter be postponed for three weeks from date."

### First Theory of Postponement.

At first it was supposed that this announcement indicated that something had been discovered which might affect the decision of the department, made several weeks ago. This decision, while never announced officially, is known to have been that as the promise of immunity had been made to the Alton, in consideration of the help which the road agreed to furnish the government, the only honorable course open to the government would be to confirm that promise and refuse to prosecute.

The theory was that proof might have been discovered that the Alton sought to trip the government in the prosecution of the Standard Oil company. There had been hints of this ever since the sad failure of Rate Clerk Collins to remember whether he told Traffic Agent Bogardus of the Standard Oil that the 6 cent rate which had been filed with the interstate commerce commission. This was one of the most vital points in the prosecution of the Standard, as it involved the direct question of intent to violate the Elkins law.

All this, however, was presented to the attorney general by Mr. Sims at the conference held in Washington several weeks ago. It was then held that Holland's action could not be construed as a violation of the secret agreement on the part of the Alton. At that time there was nothing to show that its course was inspired by anything other than a poor memory.

### To Smooth Out Difficulties.

So the theory regarding the unexpected discovery of new evidence was abandoned and the belief became general that merely temporary difficulties had arisen and that these would be brushed aside within the next three weeks.

The situation has caused the cancellation of a two week's cruise which District Attorney Sims had planned. He expects to go to Washington within a few days to confer with Attorney General Bonaparte. Plans for this second conference were made yesterday by wire, but no announcement was made as to the time for holding it.

Judge Landis said the government's reason for asking a continuance did not concern him. He added:

"The lawyers practicing in this court have learned by this time, I think, that any communication they may have to make to me on the business of the court must be made when I am on the bench. I'm going to the Tippecanoe river tonight and resume my fishing."

**Haste Never Wise.**  
Nothing can be done at once hastily and prudently.—Publius Syrus.

# AFTER SALOON MEN OF BAD CHARACTER

### Hanly Appoints Representative to Oppose Granting Licenses to Such.

(Special to Lake County Times.) Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 4.—The governor has stepped into some liquor cases in Howard county. He thinks they have a point involved in them that has been neglected.

An applicant comes before the board of county commissioners for a license to sell liquor. Opposing him there is no remonstrance. The commissioners refuse him a license because, for example, he is not a person "of good moral character."

He appeals to the local circuit or superior court. In case he has his able attorney and his witnesses, all of whom get up and swear in a perfunctory way that so-and-so is a person of good moral character. The state's side of the case, the side upon which the county commissioners refused the license is unrepresented and the judge, perforce, overrules the commissioners and grants the license.

In other words the case goes against the state by default. There is no one to appear before the court and contend against the man's moral character or lack of it in such an instance as this, where there is no remonstrance. Such were the Howard county conditions. The commissioners refused licenses, though there were no remonstrances. The cases were appealed. Conrad Wolf, the county attorney, could not appear in the case, acting for the county.

So the governor just asked the attorney general to appoint Conrad Wolf as the special state's representative in these cases, and he will appear before the local superior court there and try to show cause why these applicants should not be given a license. He is representative of the state, and with a special counsel, the state's interest will be protected.

If Wolf wins, and wins again when the case is carried higher, it will mean great things for the anti-saloon men. Governor Hanly said today that he thought Wolf would win in every court, and that the effort would therefore not have been in vain. Whichever way the superior court decides the matter, the cases will be appealed.

# CROKER WILL BE AN ALIEN

### Under New Law Former Tammany Leader a British Subject.

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### Long Residence Abroad Annuls His Naturalization of Years Ago.

New York, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Officially former Tammany Leader Richard Croker is once again an alien, a subject of Great Britain, and not entitled to protection by this government. He has become expatriated through prolonged residence abroad and through passage of a law through congress at the last session whereby foreign born citizens are to be regarded as aliens after they have been in the country of their former domicile two years, or in another foreign country five years.

**How to Regain Honors.**  
But while Mr. Croker can no longer be numbered among the "distinguished American citizens residing abroad" in a strict sense, he could very easily regain the honors he has lost. Under the new law the United States government puts itself in the position of the Mis-sourian and metaphorically says to Mr. Croker: "Show me." And it is up to the former Tammany man to submit proofs that he has always been a citizen of the United States, though he may have resided in some other country for years; that he has not attempted to become a citizen of any other land, and that, in fact, he has always behaved as a patriotic American should.

The law which has made Mr. Croker an alien was framed at the behest of the state department to prevent foreigners coming to this country and being naturalized for the sole purpose of returning to their own land and making trouble by defying the local authorities on the ground of their American citizenship. It was passed in March last and is known as chapter 2,534.

### Refused an English Office.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Croker, a few months ago, when there was a report that he might enter parliament, declared emphatically that he would not renounce his allegiance to this country.

The old Tammany leader was born in Ireland and came to New York when a small boy. He became naturalized as soon as he reached the voting age. He has lived abroad for the last six years.

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# UNION MAKES DISTRIBUTION

### Pays Strikers \$5,000 From Benefit Funds of Organization.

# TELEGRAPHERS HAPPY

### New Co-Operative Society Formed for Purpose of Conducting Funerals.

Striking telegraph operators were cheered yesterday on receiving strike benefits, the first which have been paid since the trouble began, nearly four weeks ago. More than \$5,000 was distributed among the needy operators. The recipients of relief were married men, as a rule, as few single men have asked for financial assistance.

Reports were received in the city that the operators in Louisville and Cincinnati gave up the fight yesterday and returned to their former positions. At the union headquarters the reports were discredited. There were no desertions from the ranks of the local strikers, according to statements of their leaders.

That the telegraph companies are using the mails to send telegrams was proved to the satisfaction of the union leaders yesterday, when a printed slip used by the Western Union company came into their possession.

The slip reads: "This telegram is mailed to you because the operators at your station refuse to handle commercial messages." It was inclosed with a telegram mailed to a man in St. Charles, Ill. The strike leaders declared that it was only one of a number they have, showing that telegrams are mailed to most of the small cities.

The employees of the Western Union company received their pay yesterday, but the desertions which the union men expected would follow failed to materialize. Superintendent Cook said that a number of new men had been added to the working force.

Funerals conducted on a co-operative basis at a profit of 10 per cent over actual cost is the latest project planned by a few labor men. The Union Co-operative and Protective association has been incorporated with \$10,000 capital, and its promoters expect to begin business Oct. 1. The incorporators are M. J. Deutch, a woodworker; John Benson, a stone cutter, and Charles Perrigo, an undertaker. One hundred shares of stock at \$100 each have been issued and, according to Deutch, half the shares are already subscribed for and thirty-three have been paid up.

Since the Union Burial association went to pieces on the rocks of competition several months ago, Deutch has been planning to have something take its place, whereby funerals of union men and members of their families may be conducted on a strict union basis, independent of the undertakers' alleged combine.

# BLOODSHED IN DOCK STRIKE AT ANTWERP

### Policemen Killed and Many Injured in Charge on Mob—Fire Adds to Horror.

Antwerp, Sept. 3.—The dock strike, which for a month has occasioned frequent collisions between the strikers and police and imported labor, resulted in bloodshed and incendiarism today. A policeman was killed and many persons were injured.

At the end of last week the general strike was almost settled, except in regard to grain and timber porters. The failure of negotiations with them on the question of wages reopened the fight in other trades and the strike again became general. Laborers imported from England and Germany to break the strike have been attacked and beaten, especially the former. The police in protecting the strikebreakers charged with sabers and revolvers. A policeman was struck with a paving stone and killed.

**Use Carts as Barricades.**  
The strikers overturned carts and used them as barricades during the fight. Near the horse market women and children were hurt. The shops and saloons are closed.

This afternoon 200 Englishmen arrived and started to go to work on the Red Star line wharf. A strong force of police was sent along to protect the men, who were sent in omnibuses to their destination, but in spite of this all the windows in the conveyances were broken and many of the strikebreakers were wounded.

**Flames Add to Terror.**  
Afterwards the carts which had been used to convey the newcomers to work were burned. Those loaded with their bedding were drenched with petroleum and then set afire.

The strikers attacked the woodyards this evening and eight piles of timber were blazing at 10 o'clock at Austraed, near the town.

**Love and Gambling.**  
Love is like gambling; it's no fun unless you are willing to take a few big risks.—Manchester Union.

**A Calculation.**  
"I calculate," says Edison, "that we know age seven-billionth of one per cent about anything."

# WORKING HARD TO SAVE U. S. FORESTS

### National Irrigation Congress Members Discuss Waterways to Protect Trees.

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 3.—This was irrigation and conservation day at the national irrigation congress. A number of men prominent in the work of the congress were the speakers.

United States Senator Francis G. Newlands of Nevada, a member of the inland waterways commission, delivered an address on the subject with which the inland waterways commission deals.

An address on "The Conservation of Resources" was delivered by Gifford Pinchot, United States forester.

Following the address of Mr. Pinchot Judge John E. Baker moved that it be the sense of the gathering that all duties on timber be repealed and that the timber of this country be preserved to the largest extent possible, by allowing other countries to ship their lumber in. The resolution was sent to the committee on resolutions.

Delegate Kiesel of Utah asked Pinchot what was being done by the forestry service. The reply was that the service cannot plant sufficient trees to keep up with the consumption.

# ANOTHER HOCH IN NEW YORK

### Police Trace Two Murders to Burglar Killed at Work.

# WOMEN HIS VICTIMS

### Detectives Find Evidence That Henry Hoffman Made Love, and Then Slew to Rob.

New York, Sept. 3.—A second Johann Hoch, the police believe, has been discovered in Henry Hoffman, the burglar who was killed while attempting to rob Charles Varrell's flat early Friday morning.

The police on Saturday declared that Hoffman was the murderer of Sophy Heckler, a domestic found dead August 3, and tonight they announce the belief that he also murdered Mrs. Lena Schum, who was killed in Brooklyn August 20.

The detective who has been at work on the Schum case is positive that Hoffman killed the woman. Among the jewelry found in the room Hoffman has occupied for some time before he was killed, earrings which were today positively identified by Miss Minnie Springer, a young woman who formerly lived with Mrs. Schum, as Mrs. Schum's property. The young woman described the earrings minutely, saying that they were brought from Bavaria by Mrs. Schum. She also made a sketch of them and when a number of similar pieces were shown her, she unhesitatingly picked out those found in Hoffman's room.

### Also Identifies a Ring.

A peculiar ring of gold, with a small red stone, which was found in Hoffman's room, also was identified by Miss Springer as the property of Mrs. Schum. The jewelry later was identified by Mrs. John Schum, the murdered woman's sister-in-law. Miss Springer also picked from a bunch of keys one found in Hoffman's room which she said, was the key to Mrs. Schum's flat. The key fitted the lock of the door exactly when tried later by the police.

Samuel Weinberg, a tailor, whose shop is on the ground floor of the building in which Hoffman roomed after the killing of Miss Heckler, today identified Hoffman's body as that of a man who went to his shop on August 21, the day after Mrs. Schum was killed, with a coat which he wanted cleaned. The coat, Weinberg said, was badly blood-stained. Hoffman explained these stains by saying that he had been in a fight the night before and had been badly battered up, although he showed no signs of it, according to Weinberg.

Hoffman's method, like that of Hoch the police say, was to make the acquaintance of women of his own nationality and by pretending a desire to marry them secure the opportunity of robbing and, if necessary, killing them.

Miss Springer said that during the long time she had lived with Mrs. Schum the latter had no men callers and no love affairs. The woman was killed after returning from a Bavarian picnic. It was the fact that Hoffman was a Bavarian that first led the police to suspect that he might have been the murderer of Mrs. Schum.

**Killed Girl to Rob.**  
Miss Heckler was killed August 3 in the home of her employer, Leo Mack, in Sixty-second street. At the same time the house was robbed. The police secured a description of a man who had been seen with the girl several times, and finally decided that Hoffman was the man they wanted.

The police located him as living under an assumed name in a rooming-house and searching his belongings, discovered the articles stolen from the Mack house. They took a room in the house and waited there for him. He had told his landlady that he would return on Saturday night, but Friday morning he was killed. Jewelry and trinkets in Hoffman's room were identified by Mr. Mack as having been

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