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THE RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS' CONVENTION.

On the whole, the membership of the National Association of State Railway Commissioners is to be congratulated on the proceedings of the session which has just ended in Washington.

If the association's annual convention should continue for a few years to show symptoms of continuing development in grasp and appreciation of the questions before it, it would ultimately rise to a plane on which the effective and useful State commissions of the country would be willing to send representatives and take a serious part in the deliberations.

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LATIN-AMERICAN TROUBLES BECOMING SERIOUS.

Developments of the last week have given the Administration two problems of a highly serious nature affecting our relations with Latin-American countries.

Why should folks get so excited over a few football accidents and remain passive when they study the death rate for which the automobile is responsible?

cause the Chilean government has refused to pay the just claim. The United States may be driven to drastic measures. Already Secretary Knox has threatened to end diplomatic relations with Chile unless it takes certain steps preliminary to settlement.

The regrettable phase of the whole business is that any serious trouble with Nicaragua and Chile is likely to be felt in our relations with other Latin-American republics.

GOVERNMENT'S VICTORY OVER STANDARD OIL.

Not since the Sherman law was enacted has the Government achieved as important a victory over a gigantic combination of capital as the one it has achieved over the Standard Oil Company.

The decision of the circuit court at St. Louis is sweeping, and leaves no doubt that the combination in the eyes of the law is illegal, and that it is to be dissolved.

In more ways than one this decision is momentous. It marks an important milestone in the history of the struggle of the American people to prevent themselves from being overmastered by tremendous aggregations of wealth.

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Should the Supreme Court affirm the circuit court, it will be worth while to see whether the decree of dissolution accomplishes what it sets out to accomplish, and whether there is a restoration of a measure of competition in that part of the oil business now controlled by Standard Oil influences.

The decision will doubtless increase the efforts from various quarters to get the Sherman law modified, and it will probably have the effect, too, to make Congress extremely doubtful about trying to extract any of the teeth from the law in question.

Secretary Knox will be entitled to much consideration as a diplomat if he sets Great Britain and Germany to follow his advice—sign the Chinese loan agreement and adjust their differences later.

The Nebraska law against cigarettes is working. A Nebraska editor has had his week's supply of paper held up in the express office because zealous officials thought it contained "the makings."

Canada has the fever for a big navy. A good antidote would be to give careful study to Uncle Sam's appropriations for this purpose.

Swiss Minister and Wife Honor Guests at Dinner



MME. RITTER, WIFE OF SWISS MINISTER.

Mrs. Churchill Candee Has Distinguished Company to Meet Mr. and Mrs. Ritter—Swiss Legation Is Made Attractive for Entertaining.

The Swiss Minister and Mme. Ritter were the guests in whose honor Mrs. Churchill Candee entertained a party at dinner last evening at her home in Rhode Island avenue.

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Give Dinner in Honor of Coming Marriage

Gen. and Mrs. William E. Draper were hosts at a dinner last evening in honor of Miss Devine Yulee Noble and Lieut. Sherman Miles, U. S. A., whose marriage will take place on Wednesday at St. John's Church.

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TREASURER FORCED TO STEAL TO KEEP SECRET EARLY MISSTEP

Made First Thefts to Play Stock Market—Luck Against Him—Wanted Luxury For Family More Than for Self.

(Continued from Fourth Page.) Martha Polk, the octonion, would be sent to Cincinnati for "emergency money."

After the expulsion from the Allamont the widow, the child, and the octonion went to the Hotel Havlin, in Cincinnati. There were more hilarious "parties," extravagance even wilder than before, and another request to vacate the suite.

The establishment was moved in succession to the New York hotel, to the Hotel Sinton, and finally to the Sun apartments.

Wife Attacks Temptress of Husband. The woman, according to the detectives, had violent quarrels during this period of prosperity with Cook. He made vain efforts to prevent her furious blackmailing of Warriner. He wanted to get rid of her and told her so frankly.

So the matter rests. The "Big Four" has been looted of a sum estimated at \$100,000, one-tenth of his preferred capital stock.

The woman upon whom rests the charge of having blackmailed the thief boasts that she will not be prosecuted. She threatens to tell things that will "blow up" the offices of the "Big Four" if she shall be called as a witness in the case.

The Chicago man who has been named by Warriner as the one who instituted the blackmailing game says that he will not be punished.

The offices of the "Big Four" in Cincinnati are under investigation by men from the New York office of the New York Central railroad. Warriner's place is occupied by a New York man. Virtually every one of Warriner's associates feels he is under suspicion.

The "old, wild life of roistering in the Cincinnati cafes has been abandoned by the "sports" of the "Big Four." The tip has gone out that everybody must work hard and live clean and straight.

Warriner has hidden any of the loot. They say he has not accounted for all the money he has stolen, but that he has "planted" enough to provide not only for future necessities but for a goodly share of the world's luxuries as well.

Besides the statement made to Vice President Carstensen, of the New York Central, Warriner made another confession to Prosecuting Attorney Hunt, in Cincinnati, after his indictment, and when it was apparent that he must remain in jail.

This dinner in several unimportant details from that made in New York. He said that Cook and Mrs. Ford commenced their demands for money upon the supposition that Warriner was shielding the thefts of certain officers higher up in the Big Four company.

This addition to the first confession has caused a demand in Cincinnati for a deep and merciless probe into the accounts of all the officers of the company for the past fifteen years.

When Warriner met others higher up and he got away with a sum approaching \$1,000,000, what is the total amount taken by all the thieves? is the question heard on all sides.

Scene of Love When Warriner Meets Family. In a modest, little home in Wyoming are the two persons who are hit hardest by the disgrace, the patient wife of Charles L. Warriner and his twenty-four-year-old son.

Charles Warriner, Jr., took daily walks with his father into the woods near Wyoming, while the older man was free under ball. He tried to divert the older man's mind from the meditations upon his crime and its consequences.

When the two men returned after nightfall from their rambles in the woods a brave little woman met them at the door.

It was this picture I saw in Wyoming, this meeting of the three in the lamp-light doorway.

The son's hand was upon the father's arm, as the couple reached the threshold.

"You are tired, Charlie," said the mother.

The man's head nodded wearily.

Never mind, dear heart," came the woman's voice. "I have a nice supper waiting; a nice, old-fashioned country supper. We are going to have a nice, old-fashioned, happy evening to go with it."

The door closed upon the weary man and his kin.

He is disgraced, a confessed thief, but he has the warmth of love about him, and the torture of the blackmailers is at an end.

He is glad that the end of his agony is at hand. It may be that he will spend years in prison, notwithstanding the prediction of those who say he will turn blackmailer and force his accusers to grant immunity to him.

Whatever comes now," he said to me, "I am ready for it. There can be

BOURKE COCKRAN ANSWERS CROKER

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—During the recent mayoralty campaign Richard Croker, former boss of Tammany Hall, said:

"This must be a bad campaign if Bourke Cockran doesn't know which side to hop to. Mr. Cockran is in New York today and replied to the squire's sally thusly: 'Croker never said anything worthy of comment, except what I wrote for him.'"

WOMAN IN THE CASE.

Mrs. JEANETTE TIMMONS FORD is the daughter of a respected merchant of Portsmouth, Ohio. Her husband is a resident here. She now calls herself Mrs. Jeanette Stewart.

Her friendship for "Eddie" Cook dates back fourteen years to the time when Cook, then a young married man, was a trusted clerk in the "Big Four" offices in Cincinnati. She made no secret of her infatuation for him.

The woman has been a prominent figure in the last set of Cincinnati, New York, and Chicago for years. She has always been well supplied with money. Her latest automobile was sold by her a month ago just before Charles L. Warriner's defections were made public.

Mrs. Ford Has Two Children. She has two children, a grown son and a daughter, four years old. When she was arrested in Chicago, about two years ago, for threatening to kill "Eddie" Cook, she asserted that the father of the girl is Cook.

Mrs. Ford has employed an octonion named Martha Polk for the past four years. She has had trouble in a number of hotels because of the noise made by her and her companions at their numerous "parties."

She is now living quietly in a fashionable apartment in Thirteenth street, Cincinnati. Her friendship for a blonde stenographer was widely broken recently, and Mrs. Ford blames all her present notoriety upon this woman.

"They can't drag me into this Warriner matter," she has said, "I know too much. If they try to bring me into the case, I'll produce a trunkful of letters that will blow up the whole 'Big Four' office."

Shows Defiance, And Charges Her Friend. "Did you give the information upon which Warriner was arrested?" she was asked.

"I did not! Mr. Warriner is a good friend of mine and I wouldn't do a dirty thing like that. I know who did, though. It was a woman who I thought was a friend of mine. Mr. Warriner knows I didn't tell. So does his wife. I have talked with her and she knows everything."

Mrs. Ford was arrested and sent to prison the day that Charles Warriner was indicted. She was released the next day on a surety bond signed by a Cincinnati trust company. Officers of the trust company were told who conducted the negotiations for the bail.

"I have plenty of money and a few good friends," declared Mrs. Ford after her release.

DEBONNAIR COOK MISSING FROM HOME

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 21.—Edgar S. Cook, debonnaire man about town and sometime friend of Charles L. Warriner, is missing from his home in the fashionable Leasing apartments, on Evanston avenue.

Cook's attorney, Delavan B. Cole, said: "My client will be on hand to answer any charges that may be brought against him in connection with the confession made by Warriner. I know where he is and I know his defense. Both will be produced if any demand shall be made for them. We do not anticipate that there will be any demand."

When reporters went to the home of Cook they found his wife and two sons in the library of the handsome apartment. Mrs. Cook became hysterical. "He has been found out at last!" she cried.

Later she said she knew nothing of any relations of her husband with Charles L. Warriner.

Mrs. Cook declined to discuss the friendship of her husband and Mrs. Jeanette Ford. She did not deny that Mrs. Ford is the woman who was attacked by her in Cincinnati, and the one who waited at the Lesing apartments with a revolver, declaring that she would kill Cook.

Edgar S. Cook has had a flashy career. About twelve years ago he was a clerk in the office of the "Big Four," in Cincinnati. He lost his position largely, so his superiors declare, because of his intimacy with Mrs. Ford and his extravagant mode of life.

When the Cook family removed to Chicago, after his discharge, Mrs. Ford followed them and was installed in a flat near the Cook home. She and "Eddie" Cook made frequent trips to Cincinnati, New York, and other cities.

Cook for years has made a mystery of the source of his income.

"I'm getting easy, boys," he would say after a night of plantain of wine, "and it will continue to come as long as I want it."

WARRINER'S COUNSEL AWAITS GRAND JURY

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 21.—Judge S. O. Bayless, chief counsel for C. L. Warriner, defaulting Big Four treasurer, said today: "We are waiting for developments, chiefly from the Grand Jury."

As to attempting to make a trade either by buying a compromise punishment or holding secret information as a club over those who might and probably will be prosecutors Judge Bayless refused to deny an affair.

Warriner has not planted a cent, according to his counsel, and is therefore not in a position to carry on any such negotiations as have been suggested along the line of a cash compromise.

"As to the club swinging stunt," Judge Bayless says, "that's another thing. It is not improbable that he was innocent of any and all transactions such as rebating, though what his knowledge is in that direction cannot be stated at this time."

That there has been no change in the auditing department following the Warriner defection disclosures is the cause of general public comment here, and has caused great surprise. However, it is said that there is no official of the "Big Four" with authority to either suspend Auditor Hewitt or demand his resignation as he is an elective officer. Developments along this line may be expected next Wednesday when the "Big Four" directors meet in New York.

Warriner's deed of his home to the Guaranty Trust Company of New York was filed here late yesterday.