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As the procession awaited the Hon. Slumkey's retirement to his carriage, Mr. Perker and Mr. Pickwick were intent hearers but not eyewitnesses of the proceedings.

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Mr. Roosevelt Spends Several **Hours** There

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The ex-President Steps Off For . . Short Visit-Is Attended by the American Consul and Governor General of Gibraltar—Steamer Sails For Naples at 12:20 O'clock -Tells of the Alleged Assault.

Gibraltar, By Cable.-The steamer Hamburg with Theodore Roosevelt and the members of his party on board, came to Gibraltar a few minutes before 9 Friday morning. Mr. Roosevelt came ashore with Richard Sprague, the American consul, and an aide-de-camp of General Sir Frederick Forestier-Walker, Governor of Gibraltar.

Accompanied by the Governor, an aide, and Mr. Sprague, Mr. Roosevelt drove in the Governor's carriage out along the North front and up to the

limit of British territory.

With Mr. Sprague Mr. Roosevelt
then visited the Mediterranean Club, where his name was entered on the visitors' book.

Mr. Sprague and Mr. Roosevelt then drove back to the pier, whence Mr. Roosevelt went off to the Hamburg shortly after half-past eleven. The dock was crowded with people, who gave Mr. Roosevelt an enthusiastic farewell. The Hamburg sailed for Naples at 12:20 o'clock.

Mr. Roosevelt refuesd to be photographed and declined every request for an interview.

Wednesday night at a dance on the Hamburg, Mr. Roosevelt danced with Miss Ruth Draper. Before withdraws ing for the night Mr. Roosevelt appeared in the smoking room and chatted with the passengers for twenty minutes.

When asked directly concerning the rumor that an attack had been made upon him during the voyage, Mr Roosevelt said that the only basis for it was an "idiotic, excitable Italian" used angry expressions to him while he was on the bridge of the vessel talking to the Captain. He said this man made no attempt upon him whatever and that he was promptly removed and confined below the remainder of the voyage.

As to Child Labor.

New Orleans, Special.—The South-ern child labor conference at its session here adopted resolutions embodyng a number of important recommendations for legislation on the subject of child labor in the South. The following are the recommenda-

tions in substance:

The employment in factories of no child under the age of 14 years.

The employment in a mine or quarry of no child under the age of 16

The employment of no child under the age of 16 years in any gainful occupation except agricultural and domestic service unless such child can read and write simple sentences in the English language

That no boy under the age of 16 nor girl under the age of 18 Junes, except in agricultural or lomestic service, be employed between the

hours of 7 p. m. and 6 a. m. An eight-hour day law for children under 16 years of age and for all wo-

Employment under the certificate

The employment by the State of proper officials for the inspection of all mines and factories with the pow-

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on connection with the recommend dation for employment under the certificate system, the provisions of the Kentucky law are indorsed.

At the morning session of the con-ference Oliver R. Lovejoy of New York, general secretary of the National Labor committee, made an address stating that the South wants capital, but that enpital must conform to reasonable statutes for the guarding of the welfare of children.

Three Negroes Murdered.

Elizabeth City, Special.-One of the bloodiest brawls that has ever been known in this section occurred Thursday night at Columbia, Tyrrell county, in which three negroes were killed and one terribly wounded. Nothing was known of the trouble until Friday morning when a white man passing heard someone say.

"Don't cut me any more." Upon investigation dead negroes with blood still flowing, rezors, and guns were found on the ground, presenting a borrible spectacle.

Adams-Butler Suit.

Greensboro, Special.—Friday's proceedings in the Adams-Butler libel suit were rather dull and listless, the greater part of the time being connumed in reading a number of depositions made by persons in Oklahoma and Washington, the object being to attempt to justify the publication by the defendants of articles in The Raleigh Caucasian reflecting on the personal and official integrity of Judge Adams.

Kellogg Fires Big Gun at The andard.

RESULT CF TWO YEARS' SEARCH

Brief of the Special Assistant to the United States Afterney General Contains 1,400 Printed Pages—In Argument Mr. Kellogg Declared Rockefeller and Flagler Effected Combination to Secure Monopoly of Petroleum Trade.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.—Special Assistant to the United States Attorney General, Frank B. Kellogg, filed his brief of 1,400 printed pages with the clerk of the United States Court of this city Monday and commenced his argument, after two years of evidence taking, in the government's suit to dissolve the gigantic Standard Oil Corporation of New Jersey for alleged violation of the Sherman act.

Mr. Killogg commenced with a rather full interview of the evidence taken by the government, before discussing the law applicables to his case. He told of the combination effected by John D. Rockefeller, William Rockefeller and Henry M. Flagler in 1879, conceived, he declared, to effect a monopoly of the petroleum trade, both domestic and export. It was at that moment, according to the Federal lawyer, that the alleged illegal conspiracy to monopolize the oil trade of the country was conceived.

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Alleges Conspiracy. Later, said Mr. Kellogg, Henry H. Rogers, John D. Archbold, Oliver H. Payne and Charles M. Pratt were

taken into the conspiracy by the other defendants. To tell more clearly the story of

Standard Oil, the special attorney general divided the alleged conspiracy into three periods—the first, from 1870 to 1882, when it was, he said, a simple combination, acting in harmony with its stock interests pooled in the hands of three trus-

From 1882, continued Mr. Kellogg, to 1899, the defendants' interests were in the form of a trust controlled by nine trustees. This trust, declared illegal by the Ohio courts, was liquindated, and from 1899 to the present time, said Mr. Kellogg, concluding that portion of his narrative, has taken the form of a holding corporation, the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, controlling subsidary corporations in alleged restraint of trade or otherwise.

Charges Rebating.

After charging that the Standard Oil not only received rebates on all of its own oil but upon all that shipped by the independents, Mr. Kellogg told of the dissolution of the original trust by order of the courts of Ohio and its subsequent liquidation by the trustees.

Never had the government been able to ascertain the axact number of the outstanding trustees' certificates nor who owned them, continued Mr. Kellogg, despite the most earnest seach that could be made. That the Ohio trust was never dissolved in good faith was another of the Federal lawyer's charges. Following this alleged liquidition, continued the speaker, the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey was formed to do as a corporation what the trust could not

A Costly Contract.

The formation of the Corsicana (Texas) Refining Company and the intricate method by which the Manhattan Oil Company, owning a pipe line in Ohio, was purchased through an alleged dummy English company, was next described. Mr. Kellogg said that the real consideration of the latter company's purchase was a contract to supply the chicago gas plant of Anthony N. Brady and E. C. Benedict, of New York, with gasoline for ten years at half the market price. That contract, stated the speaker, was worth \$1,300,000.

Mr. Kellogg charged that in the formation of the original Standard Oil Company, of Ohio, men controlling the principal railways of the

country, necessary to the conduct of the oil business, were taken in as stockholders.

It was incidental to the acquisition of the Brooklyn firm of Pratt & Co., Mr. Kellogg said, that H. H. Rogers

came into the Standard.

"This original trust agreement was never made public in the many Standard Oil investigations throughout this country until the exigencies of this case forced Mr. Rockefeller to produce it in justification of that agreement," said Mr. Kellogg with

Mr. Kelloge laid much stress upon the Standard's acquisition of the Security Oil Company of Texas, with its refinery, through another London concern. Especially did he condemn the big defendants' secret ownership of a majority stock holding in the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, of Missouri.

Enormous Profits. Mr. Kellogg told of the wonderful profits of the Standard Oil Company. For the ten years ending in 1906 the concern had earned, he asserted, the comfortable sum of \$598,226,525 upon a capitalization of \$97,250,000.

The Standard trust and the Standard Oil Company had paid dividends of \$548,436,446 between 1882 and

"And yet," exclaimed Mr. Kellogg, "Kr. Fockefeller, while on the witness stand, talked of the 'hazard'

of the business." "The only place where oil is cheap is where independents sell it." ob-served Mr. Kelloge. "and, if this court gives the Standard Oil Company carte blanche to do as it pleases there will not be an independent company in this country in two years."

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