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News Snapshots Of the Week

Judge Gary, directing head of the steel trust, testified before the Stanley investigating committee and denied many of the secret doings of that combine alleged by John W. Gates. W. E. D. Stokes, millionaire owner of the Ansonia hotel, New York, was shot and seriously wounded by Miss Lillian Graham and Miss Ethel Conrad, to whose apartments he had gone, as Stokes states, to get some letters. An earthquake killed about 1,300 persons in the City of Mexico and other parts of Mexico. Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, who was snubbed by Queen Mary, will leave England and return to her old home in Philadelphia. Owen J. Evans, Ohio legislator, confessed to accepting a bribe for his vote in the lower house. John Bigelow, author and diplomat, who was reported seriously ill at his home in Highland Falls, N. Y., is recovering. Cardinal Gibbons celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and the twenty-fifth anniversary of his cardinalate.

**GUNS NOW TRAINED** ON STEEL TRUST

It Is SAID Administration Will Take Action.

PROSECUTION CONTEMPLATED

Report Current in Washington is That Steel Trust May Meet Same Fate as Befell Standard Oil and Tobacco Monopolies.

Criminal and civil actions against the steel trust and its officials are to be brought by the administration, according to a well-founded report current in Washington.

President Taft and Attorney General Wickersham held an extended conference over the matter. While nothing of interest was given out, the report that the prosecution would follow was not denied.

T. C. and I. Deal Figures. The department of justice has obtained its own records in the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company by the United States Steel corporation, and, with evidence to be submitted by the bureau of corporations of the department of commerce and labor, Attorney General Wickersham is soon to begin legal action to dissolve the steel trust, and this will be followed by criminal actions against the members of the trust.

President Taft and the attorney general intend, it is believed, to go back of the "O. K." put on the absorption of the Tennessee company by the United States Steel corporation by former President Roosevelt.

Astonishment is Expressed. Astonishment was expressed in official circles when it became known that the administration was contemplating prosecution. It was learned that Chairman Stanley, of the special house committee investigating the trust, conferred with President Taft and Attorney General Wickersham. Mr. Stanley is said to have presented evidence to the attorney general and to the president as to violations of the Sherman anti-trust law by the United States Steel corporation which has not yet been made public.

Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, who has been work ing for more than two years on the operation of the steel trust, has also placed evidence in the hands of the attorney general, it is said, to make sure that the trust will meet the same fate as befell the Standard Oil and the tobacco monopolies.

## WITHROW HANGED.

Fannin County Wife Slayer Pays Death Penalty.

John Withrow, who last July killed Callie Withrow, his wife, was hanged at Blue Ridge, Ga., Friday. He confessed to Sheriff Jenkins' son that he murdered his wife, and had young Jenkins write the history of his life, which will be given out for publication in a day or two. There were 2,000 out-of-town people to witness the execution.

The crime of which Withrow was convicted was the most shocking that has ever occurred in Fannin county. Withrew became intoxicated while away from home one day last year, and, on returning home, offered violence to his wife. She became frightened and attempted to escape by way of a trail through the corn field, the house and, kneeling down, delib- companies,

erately aimed and fired at her, killing her instantly. Withrow was 22 years of age. He and his wife, who was two years his junior, had been married five years, and they had two little children. He was one of the five men who escaped from prison in Atlanta some months ago.

### DEATH TO BOLL WEEVIL.

Torrid Weather Puts Pest Out of Business on Louisiana Farms.

The torrid weather of the past week has been effective in putting the dreaded boll weevil out of business in sections of Louisiana,

The tests conducted by the delta boll weevil laboratory, under the direction of G. D. Smith, of the United States bureau of entomology, indicates that the bug has sustained its most serious setback since its invasion of that territory.

Of the weevils placed in hibernating cages last fall 1/2 of 1 per cent. only have emerged, against 11/2 per cent. last season, showing that the per cent. surviving is considerably smaller.

## WAR CLOUD GATHERS.

Trouble Seems Likely in Republic of Nicaragua.

Three days after the explosion which wrecked the La Loma, in which many soldiers were killed, the natives are expecting an invasion under the leadership of Dr. Julian Irias, former delegate on the Atlantic coast side to Madrid, and also from Costa Rica.

Warnings have been sent everywhere over the republic to recruit the army as rapidly as possible. The authorities are counting on the support of the Atlantic Coast side of the country. The situation is under control, and tranquility prevails. Official advices from Managua indicate that the dynamiting of the barracks was done by former revolutionists.

## COST\_OF GEORGIA AUTOS.

Records Show That \$1,500,000 Worth of Cars Are Bought Every Month.

Georgia is investing an average of \$52,500 each day in automobiles, more than one and a half million dollars each month. This is shown by the registration books in the office of Philip Cook, secretary of state. Up until June 1, \$12,000,000 had been registered, and each day brings an average registration of thirty-five new machines, averaging in value \$1,500

The number 8727 was issued Tuesday, bringing the total value of machines registered to \$13,090,500. All of these machines are not coming from the cities either. Mr. Cook says that fully half of them are registered from the small towns, and many from the country, showing that numbers of farmers now own machines.

## LUMBER TRUST PROBE.

Special Federal Grand Jury Begins an Investigation.

A special federal grand jury at Chicago began its investigation into the lumber trust at the federal court building. More than 200 lumber men have been subpensed to give testimony as to whether the alleged combine has conspired to fix prices and to blacklist and boycott certain concerns which sell direct to the consumer eliminating the retailer.

A significant phase of the inquiry is the summoning of employes of the Weyerhauser-Hines interests to testify. This combination, the government asserts, acts as a barometer of

# OHIOAN CONFESSES TO SEEKING BRIBE

Representative in Legislature Pleads Guilty---Fined \$500.

TO TURN STATE'S EVIDENCE

With Tears in His Eyes, Legislator Promised to Make a Clean Breast of the Alleged Boodling Business in the State of Ohio.

Representative Owen J. Evans. of Stark county, charged with soliciting a bribe as a member of the legislature, pleaded guilty to the crime before Judge Kinkead, in the criminal court at Columbus, Ohio, and, in view of his agreeing to go before the grand fury and turn state's evidence in the probe into alleged legislative grafting still being conducted by that body. was let off with the minimum punishment, a fine of \$500.

Evans went immediately before the grand jury and will tell all he knows concerning alleged boodling in the legislature. He promised the court to make a clean breast and, with tears streaming down his face, the legislator asked for the clemency of the

The grand jury has meantime returned eight new indictments, and these, it is understood, are in relation to the legislative bribery probe.

Evans' plea of guilt was made on the recommendation of his counsel! Clark & Addison, and these lawyers made, in open court, the sensational testimony that a large slush fund had been put up for Evans' defense, but they refused to make a defense on perjured testimony.

Evans was under three indictments in all. The one to which he pleaded guilty was for soliciting from L. F. Miller, on April 18, a bribe of \$100 for using his influence as a member of the legislature in furthering a bill regulating the business of, loaning money on the salaries of employes. The other indictment against him, it is understood, will be quasked or

## SEA SERPENT IS SEEN.

Story is Told by Passengers on the Steamer Ceitic.

The passengers and crew of the White Star Line steamship Celtic brought with them to New York a revival of the sea serpent tales of other years. They reported having passed a formidable looking creature which was going at high speed in pursuit of a school of young whales. The monster, they said, had wings, although it appeared to be an aquatic animal, and rose frequently ten feet or more from the water.

The whales and pursuer faded from sight within a few minutes.

## BANKS GET \$3,000,000.

The Alliance Coal Company is Sold

For Underwriters. The Chicago banks which under wrote the "Walsh debt" at the time of the settlement of the affairs of John R. Walsh, the convicted banker, have recovered another installment of their money in the shape of \$3,000,000, the proceeds of the sale of the Alliance Coal company.

The sale was to the Monon Coal company, which is affiliated with the

GENERAL The campaign against NEWS state-wide prohibition NOTES. was opened at Fort Worth, Texas, at a rally attended by

delegates from all over Texas. Governor Oscar B. Colquitt spoke against the state-wide movement, declaring that the local option which Texas now has is the better system because it results in law enforcement. Several clergymen were among the delegates Texas will vote on state-wide prohibition July 22.

Two large bottles of Hessian rum 150 years old, are among the latest finds of historical experts who are excavating the ruins of old Foft Wash ington, on the Hudson river, just above Riverside Drive, New York. The excavations are on the site of the messian darracks, in what was for a long time known as Death Gulch. from the large number of Hessians who fell in the rout of Washington's army from the height.

Nearly one million persons wit nessed the unveiling, at Rome, Italy, of a magnificent monument to King Victor Emmanuel II. Interest was added to the occasion by reason of the celebration of the granting of the constitution by King Charles Albert in 1848, the same constitution which still rules united Italy. King Victor Emmanuel, Queen Helena and the Queen Mother Margherita were pres-

Six persons at Salt Lake City, Utah, were drowned in the Salt Lake when the launch Galilee, bearing sixteen persons attending a party given in honor of the approaching marriage of Vera Brown and Edward P. Holles capsized. The bride and bridegroom were among the drowned. They sank clasped in each other's arms. A party of young men in a sailboat rescued the other ten.

John F. Gaynor, who, with Benjamin D. Greene, served a term of four years in the federal prison at Atlanta for participating in the Savannah harbor improvement frauds, and who recently was released, arrived at San Francisco en route to Honolulu. Te is accompanied by his wife John F. Gaynor, Jr., and Miss K L. Gaynor.

The Bank of LaGrange, of La-Grange, Lenoir county, North Carolina, was closed by order of the state corporation commissioner. Reports from the state bank examiner showed that the bank was in an unsafe condition, it is said, because of unsecured paper and overdrafts amounting to \$12,000. The bank's capital is \$10,000.

An official movement has been started to establish an arbitration treaty between Italy and the United States similar to the proposed Anglo-American treaty. A request from a member of the chamber of deputies that negotiations be opened was made to the minister of foreign affairs at Rome, Italy.

The Savannah Cadets, a military organization, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary Saturday with a street parade and banquet, in which the veterans of the company and other military organizations took part.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad has awarded contracts for 25,000 tons of rails, 23,050 tons of which will be delivered by the United States Steel corporation.

President Taft is said to have told Governor Curry, of New Mexico, that he will not veto the bill now before the senate admitting New Mexico and Arizona to statehood. This bill proupon amendments to their constitutions prior to the issuance of a proclamation by the president admitting them to the Union.

A dispatch from Dublin, Ireland, says: John Dillon, nationalist mem. his colts are all the recommentaking with her one of her small children. Withrow followed her out of the house and kneeling down to the country.

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Superintendent of Schools-T. C. Hen-

Physician-Dr. Goode Cheatham. Attorney-Robert L. Gash.

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