

LOST HOLDINGS OF \$700,000,000 FOR LOAN OF \$1,000,000

Charge Made Against John D. Rockefeller by Witness in Steel "Trust" Probe

LATTER SUBPOENAED TO EXPLAIN DEAL

Merritt Says That Dealings With Oil King Have Left Him Without Anything

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Alfred Merritt, of Duluth, Minn., first president of the Duluth, Mesaba & Northern railroad, who styled himself a "hammer-jack" unacquainted with the methods of the "money trust," told the house subcommittee investigating committee today that through loans of less than \$1,000,000 from John D. Rockefeller he had lost his holdings in the Mesaba iron mines and the railroad properties now owned by the United States steel corporation and estimated to be worth today as high as \$700,000,000.

How He Lost Property The witness relates how, two months after he had put up his collateral with Mr. Rockefeller, during the panic of 1893, Rockefeller called the loan, giving him twenty-four hours to raise \$420,000, and that being unable to raise the money, he and his brother lost their property. He admitted that Mr. Rockefeller offered him an opportunity to buy his property back within a year, but declared that the oil king told financiers "to keep hands off" and that he was unable to raise money anywhere.

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EXPEDIENT FOR U. S. TO HAVE FORCE READY FOR PROTECTING FOREIGNERS

Assassination of Santo Domingo President Makes Step Necessary

TO BE ON SAFE SIDE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The cabinet today decided that the situation in Santo Domingo was such as the result of the assassination of President Caesares as to make it expedient for the United States to have a naval force there sufficient to meet any demands for the protection of foreign lives and property and to insure the maintenance of order and the observance of law. As a result of the decision of the cabinet was reached the commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet was directed to dispatch the two big armored cruisers Washington and North Carolina to Hampton Roads. No one at the navy department knew the exact location of the Atlantic fleet which was conducting a search problem somewhere off the Maryland and Virginia coasts. But precisely eleven minutes from the moment he had sent his order, Admiral Wainwright, chief of operations and before him, an answer from the fleet commander stating that the two big ships were on their way to the roads, where they arrived within a few hours.

COTTON GROWERS TO BE PROTECTED WITH LARGE FUND

New York Bankers Have Raised \$50,000,000 to be Placed Immediately in Cotton Belt States For Handling Cotton Crop of 1911.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—New York bankers who have been conferring here for the last few days with representatives of the governors' conference and the Southern Cotton congress, announced this afternoon that they had raised a fund of \$50,000,000 to be placed immediately in the cotton belt states for the purpose of handling the cotton crop of 1911 and enabling growers to participate in any rise in the market.

What Plan Proposes The plan proposes to advance the grower \$25 per bale upon his cotton, based on the market value at the time of the loan. No interest will be paid upon the loan, the only charge being \$1 a bale which is regarded as a legitimate minimum charge for expense of grading and handling. The cotton is not held, nor taken from channels of trade, but is placed at the best advantage. The grower is given the right to designate the day of sale prior to January 1, 1912, and will participate in any advance in price to the extent of three-fourths of rise of the market.

Announcement Made Following is the announcement of the plan, issued after today's conference.

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Her story was dramatic for its simplicity. She gave a coherent narrative of the episode in a low, even voice. Not once did she lose her self control; neither did she speak with any feeling against the defendants. Throughout the time she was on the stand she addressed the jury. On cross-examination her story was unshaken. A hundred persons, men who could not find seats in the little courtroom, and boys who were barred because of their youth, stood with one another outside the doors for places near the entrance in the hope that they might catch a word of her testimony.

Miss Chamberlain's Story It was the freshness of Miss Chamberlain's story that held the interest of the throng, for she told little that was not known. Her narrative set forth how Edward Ricard, a village barber, deceived her to the country on the pretense of going to a dance, his insults and of her demand to return home. How, when they had gone a short distance a party of five masked men dragged her from the buggy while Ricard hid, the subsequent pouring of tar on her body by a man while the others rubbed it in with their hands; how by this experience she became almost unconscious from fright and shame and later awoke to find herself being driven home by the barber and how the tar clung to her body for days. She said she failed to recognize any of the assailants. The different viewpoints of the plaintiff and of the defendants regarding the case stood out plainly when the defense offered the testimony of James Booze a few minutes after Miss Chamberlain had finished her dramatic story.

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AMERICAN NAT'L BANK WILL HANDLE PART OF THE BONDS

At Special Meeting of Directors, Decided to Take \$25,000 Worth of Bonds Toward \$200,000 Hotel at Foot of Sunset.

At a special meeting of the directors of the American National bank yesterday afternoon, it was decided to handle \$25,000 worth of the bonds which will be issued for the purpose of constructing at the foot of Sunset mountain a \$200,000 hotel, which will be connected with a modern lodge at the top of the ridge and which will be thoroughly up-to-date in every particular.

What Hotel Will Mean The construction of the hotel would mean, therefore, that Asheville would have a hotel which will be open all the year round, which will be strictly modern and a handsome structure and that this city will get the benefit of a system of advertising which could not be gotten in any other way. The cost of the advertisements in newspapers and drug stores alone could not be carried on for less than an annual expenditure of a half million dollars, while the benefits which this city would reap as a result of placing over 10,000,000 booklets in all parts of the union each year are incalculable.

Great Advertisement During the past year 10,000,000 packages of Dr. Grove's remedies were distributed throughout the world. When the hotel is completed, he intends wrapping in each of these packages a booklet boosting Asheville setting forth its many advantages and picturing the many points of interest in and around this city. The picture of the new hotel will be included in the booklet as will that of the view to be seen from the terraces of the proposed hotel. This means that in this method alone over 10,000,000 booklets describing the advantages of Asheville would be distributed annually. Dr. Grove's remedies are handled by 50,000 drug stores and upon the completion of the hotel, a lithographed reproduction of the structure and an advertisement of Asheville, neatly framed and pictured in such a way that the picture will be valuable, will be placed in each of these drug stores by Dr. Grove's corps of advertising men. In every newspaper which carries an advertisement of the output of the Grove laboratory space will be reserved for the advertising of the new hotel and the city in which it is located. The magnitude of this value alone can be judged by the fact that eight girls are employed in the offices of the concern which manufactures the remedies, whose duties consist of checking advertisements in

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WARM FIGHT OVER FEDERAL AID FOR GOOD ROADS CAUSE

Heated Charges and Counter-Charges Follow Ruling of no Motions by Chair

SENATOR BANKHEAD GIVES PRECEDENT

Says Government Appropriated For Roads in Alaska and The Philippines

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 21.—The good roads congress was nearly split today by the fight over the question of federal appropriations for highway improvement. The controversy which began yesterday developed into an acute row.

While engineers and road contractors were engaged in an innocuous technical discussion in the convention hall, a lively fight went on in the committee rooms. What looked like a majority of the delegates declared their intentions of putting the convention on record in favor of federal appropriations at the rate of fifty millions dollars a year. Some belligerent Senator Bankhead of Alabama to introduce a bill carrying an appropriation at once. This the senator refused to do but declared himself in favor of a reasonable plan for federal aid.

President L. W. Page, who is also director of good roads in the department of agriculture, ruled that no motions for federal appropriations would be received from the floor of the convention. This resulted in several heated charges and counter-charges. A batch of federal aid resolutions did get to the resolutions committee, however, through the masses of parliamentary practice, much to the surprise of the anti-federal aid men. Acting secretary Chas. H. Light declared that the American Highway Improvement association would finally decline to be bound by any action the convention might take asking federal help.

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DUBS COTTON EXCHANGE FINANCIAL MONSTROSITY

Congressman Heflin Says Wall St. Robs the South of Many Millions

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 21.—New York's cotton exchange was called a "financial monstrosity" by Congressman Thomas J. Heflin, who addressed the delegates to the fourth annual convention of the Mississippi to Atlantic Inland Waterways association here today. A band of Wall street speculators would rob the south of \$250,000,000 this year, he declared, if the cotton crop should amount to 13,000,000 bales. He did not refer to waterways.

NATIONAL BANK FOR GREENSBORO

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The American Exchange bank of Greensboro, N. C., today applied to the comptroller of the currency for permission to organize as a national bank under the name of the American Exchange National bank of Greensboro with a capital of \$40,000.

TRAIN DERAILMENT

TULSA, Okla., Nov. 21.—One person was probably fatally hurt, eleven were seriously injured and twice as many suffered lacerations and bruises when north bound Midland Valley passenger train No. 1 was derailed near the town of Bixby, Oklahoma, 26 miles south of Tulsa today. The derailment was due to spreading rails. Manuel Pierce, an oil operator of Tulsa suffered the most injuries. It is not thought he will recover.

COL. HENRY WATTERSON TO THE NEWSPAPERMEN

Newspaper, He Declares, Should be a Keeper of the Public Conscience

BOSTON, Nov. 21.—"Never seek office, never take gift stock, never touch campaign money; these are precepts the young journalist should hang up on his bed post," said Colonel Henry Watterson of Kentucky at the 25th anniversary banquet of the Boston Press club tonight. Newspaper editors and writers of New England to the number of over 500 heard the reminiscent and philosophical from Colonel Watterson and remarks from Frederick R. Martin, editor of the Providence Journal and Holman R. Day.

Indian Who Killed Ethel Shuler Goes to Electric Chair Friday

HAS CONFESSED

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 21.—John Talia, Indian, 31 years old, arrived today from his Swain county home to be with his grandson, Ross French, twenty-one years old, when he dies in the electric chair at the state's prison Friday morning. With him came Willie Thompson, a first cousin of the condemned man, who also has a wife and two children who are not coming, the young Indian and his wife not being friendly since his conviction and sentence for the murder of Miss Ethel Shuler, which he has confessed. The grandfather and cousin were with the condemned man in the death chamber this evening quite a while and will see him daily until the electrocution takes place.



WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Forecast: North Carolina, fair Wednesday; warmer in west; Thursday increasing cloudiness and warmer; moderate to brisk north and northeast winds.