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STANDARD OIL COMBINE ORDERED TO DISSOLVE

Washington, May 15.—The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and its nineteen subsidiary corporations were declared today by the Supreme Court of the United States to be a conspiracy and combination in restraint of trade. It also was held to be monopolizing interstate commerce in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The dissolution of the combination was ordered to take place within six months.

Thus ended the tremendous struggle of years on the part of the government to put down by authority of law a combination which it claimed was a menace to the industrial and economic advancement of the entire country.

At the same time the court interpreted the Sherman anti-trust law so as to limit its application to acts of "undue" restraint of trade and not "every" restraint of trade. It was on this point that the only discordant note was heard in the court. Justice Harlan dissented, claiming that cases already decided by the court had determined once for all, that the word "undue" or "unreasonable" or similar words, were not in the statute. He declared that the reasoning of the court in arriving at its findings was in effect legislation which belonged in every instance to Congress and not to the courts.

Ever since the decree in this case in the lower court, the United States circuit court for the eastern district of Missouri, was announced, hope was expressed by the "business world" that the law would be modified so as not to interfere with what was designated as honest business. Tonight that section of the opinion calling for the use of the "rule of reason" in applying the law is regarded in many quarters as an answer to the prayer of the "business world."

The opinion of the court was announced by Chief Justice White. In printed form it contained more than twenty thousand words. For nearly an hour the Chief Justice discussed the case from the bench, going over most of the points in the printed opinion, but not once referring to it in order to refresh his memory. Before him sat a distinguished audience of the most famous men of the country. Senators and Representatives left their respective chambers in the capitol to listen to the epoch-making decision of the court.

WHO'S WHO, AND WHY

Mr. Editor:

Before we celebrate another anniversary of our National Independence, the children, teachers and people of Alamance County, will be committed to the care, foresight, and wisdom of some person as County Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the next two years, a leader who will be instrumental in preserving unto us and more perfectly developing that freedom our grizzly gray ancestors fought so valiantly to secure and maintain. The position to be filled by the County Board of Education, on the first Monday in July, is of greater importance and of more vital interest to the correct life of our future hope in boys and girls, than the filling of any other place in our county, and when I make this sweeping statement, I am not unmindful of the various pastorates of our county, for this leader is commended to rise above sect, creed, doctrine and denominational strife, and serve all alike in preparing the boys and girls for the respective duties of life.

Therefore, the anxious, and alert thinkers of our county are thinking daily on this supreme question, supreme, because it is a question that lifts itself far above party affiliations and ties of special friendship, hence, the men who are leading the rank and file of the great army of modern civilization, are thinking of the modern educator in his true

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KICKED BY MULE AND IS IN PRECARIOUS CONDITION

Little Carney McAdams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McAdams, of Haw River, was brought into the city last evening on the 10 o'clock train and carried to St. Leo's hospital, suffering with a fractured skull. The little fellow, who is only 4 years old, was kicked by a mule late yesterday afternoon. Mr. McAdams had been out in the field working and had returned home for supper. When he drove into the barnyard Mr. McAdams took little Carney out of the wagon and, set him on a bale of hay. When the mule walked from the shafts he kicked the little fellow in the head.

His skull was badly fractured. After midnight last night physicians were still working to relieve him, but it was stated that his chances for recovery were not good.—Greensboro Daily News, 13th.

SELL BOOZE WHILE GOVERNOR SPEAKS

Statesville, May 12.—D. W. Boyer, of Eufola, and Count Hicks of Greensboro, white men, were tried before Justice King Wednesday for retailing. Boyer gave \$200 bond for his appearance in court, but Hicks could not give bond and went to jail. The two men came to Statesville from Eufola Wednesday morning and received four gallons of booze from the express office. They then went off in a wagon and poured the liquor out into quart and pint bottles, returning to a vacant lot near the county jail with the bottles of booze in the wagon covered with a quilt. And while the Governor delivered a Memorial day speech only a few paces away, and within view of the jail and courthouse, the two men are alleged to have disposed of several bottles of the booze.

NEGROES BEAT AND SLASH A WHITE MAN

Asheville, May 11.—What may prove to be a fatal fight occurred last Tuesday night just off South Main street, when J. H. Stillwell, a white man and railroad employe of Old Fort, was knocked in the head and on the back with rocks, and later seriously, if not fatally, cut with knives. Buddie Whitesides and Ed Proctor, two negroes, are now in jail, charged with the assault.

Stillwell cursed Whitesides while he was in a "soft drink" establishment. Later in the night he started down South Main street and went into a vacant lot a few yards from the street, when Whitesides and Proctor made their appearance. Proctor knocked Stillwell down with a rock and Whitesides jumped on the fallen man and cut him across the abdomen and other places about the body and left him to die.

Mr. Stillwell managed to crawl to a yard nearby and some one passing heard his groans. He was bleeding and exhausted. The police were notified and three men went on the case. One attended the wounded man while the others went in search of the negroes. Stillwell was taken to the hospital, where it was found that he was almost disembowelled.

Whitesides was arrested a few hours after the cutting and Proctor was arrested next morning. It is thought that the police have sufficient evidence to convict the negroes. There is a chance that Stillwell may recover. Stillwell's pistol was found on Proctor when he was arrested. He had taken it from the wounded man.

Dispatches from Washington indicate that the Senate is going to get busy this week. To good to be true.

There are indications that Senator LaFollette will be among those present at the next Republican National Convention.

SECRETARY OF WAR THROWS UP HIS JOB

Washington, May 12.—Secretary of War Dickerson resigned at 8 o'clock tonight and President Taft immediately appointed Henry L. Stimson, of New York, Republican candidate for governor last November, in his place.

Secretary Dickerson issued a statement tonight to the effect that his private interests demanded his retirement from the cabinet at this time. He is interested in the Bon Air Coal company, of Tennessee, which is now in financial difficulties, and he desires to give his entire attention to it.

New York, May 12.—Henry L. Stimson was at his country home near Huntington, Long Island, when informed of his appointment tonight.

"I am very much gratified at this mark of confidence displayed in me by President Taft. The office is a great one, involving much hard work of importance to the whole country. I cannot tell now within a week of when I will be prepared to assume the duties of the office. The offer came to me unexpectedly and I must arrange my private affairs before leaving for Washington.

Mr. Stimson declined to discuss the policies that he would be expected to pursue in respect to Mexico. He will see President Taft in this city next Sunday.

MINISTERIAL STUDENT SUICIDES AT MARS HILL

Asheville, May 13.—After borrowing a shot gun from merchant at Mars Hill, Archie Linley, 24 years of age, of Anderson, S. C., went to his room and blew out his brains at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Linley arrived at Mars Hill, 18 miles from this city, this morning and told various people there that he had come to spend the summer. He engaged a room at the residence of Mrs. Kate Woodrow, who was shopping in the town at the time of the tragedy.

The deceased was a ministerial student, and it is thought that his mind had been affected by close study. He is survived by a mother, a sister and two brothers, one of whom is Dr. William Linley, now in the Philippine Islands.

ROCKY MOUNT BURGLAR BOUND OVER TO COURT

Rocky Mount, May 11.—A conviction for first degree burglary and probably an electrocution may result from a hearing in Recorder's court and from the evidence brought out this morning when a negro, who gave his name to the court as J. B. Little, was bound over to Nash criminal court for the charge of forcing an entrance to the home of Mrs. Bessie Proctor of the extreme end of South Church street and stealing therefrom a quantity of wearing apparel, a pistol, some money and a watch. The robbery occurred on Sunday night and it appeared from the evidence that the negro went into the house and took possession of things, sacking the house and taking for his own use what he desired. A party, who returned to the house, upon the discovery that the house had been entered, there having been no one in the house at the time the negro broke in, was fired upon by the negro with the pistol that was stolen.

The negro was taken last night by the police officers and at the time of his arrest he had in his possession a quantity of the goods stolen, the pistol, watch and a part of the money, and this property was identified in court this morning by the losers of the property. The negro seems to care little what the judgment of the court is, and it is known that he has several times served road sentences with the Rocky Mount road district and other road forces in this section of the State.

THE FORTUNE TELLER WORKED THE WOMEN

Boston, May 11.—Prof. James G. Redfern, a palmist and fortune teller, whom is alleged to have swindled scores of women throughout the country out of large sums of money, was arrested in New York today for the Boston police. He is under indictment for the alleged swindling of Anna S. Taylor, in May 1909.

He had a palmistry office at 88 Boilston street and he used to enter a trance and advise his women clients in their love and business affairs. He is said to have designated a certain hour of the night for his clients to dream of him, when he would be in a trance and advise them as to their affairs.

According to the police he is also accused of being a "switch" man. He would induce women to place their money in bags and then he would switch the bags. He is wanted in a number of western cities on this charge.

STATE OFFICERS ARE NOT DOING THEIR DUTY

Washington, D. C., May 13.—Moonshining is flourishing to a greater extent in North Carolina than in most any other State in the Union, according to Commissioner of Internal Revenue Royal E. Cabell, who is a Virginian.

In a letter to a North Carolina Congressman, who was seeking information, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue said:

"It is a matter of common knowledge that illicit manufacture and sale of distilled spirits is distressingly prevalent throughout the greater portion of the State of North Carolina. The internal revenue force is not very large in numbers. We have the largest force of officers assigned in the Asheville district than is appointed in any district in the United States, and the records will show that a surprisingly large number of illicit plants are captured every year.

The records, of course, would show that there are also many men captured and tried, with not a few convictions. Were our revenue force ten times as large as it is, however, it would be impossible to entirely break up the practice complained of.

"I am informed that the State laws of North Carolina are very drastic relative to the manufacture and sale of distilled spirits, but it appears that State officers do very little to prevent or punish for the violations of this law, though I suspect that there are one hundred State officers to every one internal revenue officer."

MRS. TAFT IS ILL IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, May 14.—Miss Helen Taft was called from Bryn Mawr this afternoon to be with her mother. The two Taft boys, Charles, who is at Watertown, Conn., and Robert, who is at Harvard, were notified tonight of their mother's illness, but were not asked to come to New York.

Following the President's arrival here at 10:20 o'clock tonight he was driven directly to his brother's home. Soon thereafter it was announced that Mrs. Taft was much improved and that the President would return to Washington at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The President looked somewhat tired and careworn from his hurried trip to Harrisburg and anxiety over the illness of his wife. He found Mrs. Taft better than he left her this morning, but confined to her bed as she had been all day, with Miss Taft and Mrs. Henry W. Taft doing what they could to make her comfortable.

A Washington correspondent hears that Hearst will be a presidential candidate and then again hears that he will not. Probably both rumors are well founded.

HENDERSON COUNTY FEARS DESTRUCTION BY VOLCANO

Hendersonville, May 13.—Is Henderson county and a great part of western North Carolina to be utterly destroyed by the aroused fury of a slumbering volcano?

In 1878, with terrific rumblings and distinct quaking of the solid earth, Shaking Bald Mountain split wide, a dense and evil smoke belched from a black and bottomless abyss, which threatened to vomit death and destruction upon a smiling countryside, and for miles around the turbulent giant there was no sleep or safety that night.

During the night of March 28 Henderson county was terror stricken from one end to the other by a series of dreadful rumblings, unlike any thunder, or explosion, or blast ever heard in this world. The earth trembled, people tumbled from peaceful homes and feeling the very ground insecure beneath their feet, dazed by the awful detonations sounding like some monstrous game of bowls played by the gods with the roof of the sky as their alley, they were terror-stricken and sleepless for many weary hours.

This convulsion of Dame Nature was heard and felt from Asheville almost to Spartanburg, and no explanation of its cause has yet been made. True, some one started the "Caesar's Head has fallen" yarn on its forty-seventh annual trip through the columns of a credulous press, but within the usual time it was recalled, carefully wrapped in moth balls and now sleeps calmly in the cedar chest awaiting its next journey.

On the Saturday following the earthquake, if it was an earthquake, Judge C. M. Pace, clerk of the superior court of Henderson county, accompanied by two other reputable citizens, was returning from Saluda, driving through the country. When on the summit of the highest mountain across which their road led, they felt the earth tremble and heard, thrice repeated, a dull, rumbling roar, in all respects similar, they agreed, to that heard on the memorable night of March 28.

And now for the final and conclusive evidence that impel many old people here, recalling their awe-inspiring experience with Shaking Bald mountain away back yonder in 1878, to believe that Henderson county, while enjoying a fancied security on the roof of the world, is really resting upon a slumbering volcano.

Rumors there are, as yet unsubstantiated, but coming apparently from reliable sources, that a thin column of smoke is now ascending from that dreadful abyss in Shaking Bald, that strange mutterings are heard within its infernal depths, and of a feeling of terror amongst the people living within its shadow.

If the tales told be true, then it is possible the rumblings and tremblings of that black night of March 28 were Shaking Bald's forewarnings of some dreadful eruption soon to blot out all life within its grasp. For what has been may occur again. The old fellow was angry in 1878, evidently again in 1911, and there is always the danger that this time he may not restrain his fury, but casting aside all bounds, blot out a world.

HISTORIC MILL BURNS NEAR SPENCER WITH HEAVY LOSS

Spencer, May 11.—Old Saint John's mill, one of the oldest grist mills in the South, situated on the Yadkin river two miles east of Spencer, was burned tonight, entailing a loss of about \$12,000. With the five story building erected 100 years ago was burned \$1,000 worth of modern machinery. The plant belonged to H. Clay Grub, a wealthy business man of Davidson county. The flames were decidedly spectacular, and shot 100 feet skyward. The building was situated on the historic spot where General Green met Cornwallis in a skirmish two days before the battle of Guilford Court House. The origin of the fire is unknown.

NORMAN LEWIS' PAYS THE DEATH PENALTY

Raleigh, May 12.—In the presence of a crowd numbering 50 people, and including a number of Spring Hope people, Norman Lewis, the negro who on September 18, 1910, murdered Chief of Police Stallings, of Spring Hope, was electrocuted this morning at the penitentiary. The spectators included J. S. Stallings, a brother of the deceased, and Solicitor R. A. P. Cooley, who prosecuted Lewis. There was one negro present. Lewis was a small, light complected negro and was dressed this morning in a new checkered coat, dark trousers and in stocking feet. He was brought into the execution chamber promptly at 10:31 o'clock, glanced about the room, and was seated in the chair. As the straps were fastened about him, and the last earthly vision shut from his eyes, he exclaimed in muffled tones: "O Lord, have mercy."

At 10:33 o'clock the 1,800 volts were turned on by Warden Sale, the body squirmed and twisted as usual when the powerful voltage passed through. The second current was shot through the body at 10:35 o'clock, and four minutes later he was pronounced dead and the body removed to the table. The body was taken to an undertaking establishment and has not been claimed. The electrocution passed off smoothly. Those who kept the night watch last night say they heard Lewis praying and reading part of the night. In going to his death this morning he carried in his left hand a small volume, the gospel of St. John.

He left nothing for public consumption after his death, except expressing to his spiritual advisers a regret for the crime and belief that he would be saved.

It was on the night of September 19 that Chief Stallings went to Lewis' house, having a warrant charging him with illicit distilling. He called to Lewis to come to the door and Lewis replied that he would as soon as he put his shoes on, and when the officer insisted he was in a hurry, Lewis ordered his wife to blow out the light and picked up a shotgun, poured the contents into the officer. Stallings died in a Richmond hospital, where he was taken, and Lewis was identified at Henderson by a man who, after reading a description of him, noticed the thumb of a negro cut off. He was placed under arrest and convicted at the November term of Nash county court. Upon appeal of the Supreme court the judgement of the lower court was affirmed.

GETS INSPIRATION FROM RECENT DESPERATE BLUNDER

Durham, May 13.—Malcolm B. Arnold, the young man whose sensational attempt at self-destruction three weeks ago is recalled in many places, today left the hospital and went off on a trip greatly improved, in fine spirits and determined that a single blunder should not hinder his future success in life.

His changed appearance made his friends feel good. He appears to have no hack on account of the recent desperation and it is altogether likely that the affair will resolve itself into good for him. He is an excellent young fellow at his best and appears to have no feeling against any man. He never did have, for that matter, and he looks upon the affair with the girl as triviality in the light of logic and afterthought.

Young Arnold is well known and has excellent relatives here and in Norfolk. He represents a Norfolk real estate business and did a good work for that company while here.

What will they do for excitement in the Gould family when all the members have been permanently married off?

Democratic Senators are planning to upset Bailey of Texas. This is cruel. And if they annoy him he might resign—terrible thought.