

# Roosevelt Called To Witness Stand In Steel Inquiry

### Former President Asked to Tell What he Knew About The Absorption of Tennessee Coal & Iron Co. by Steel Trust.

### This Action Follows Charges That He Had Set Aside Sherman Law to Allow Big Corporation to Gobble Up its Most Formidable Competitor

New York, Aug. 5.—Former President Theodore Roosevelt took the witness stand today in the congressional inquiry into the steel corporation to tell what he knew regarding the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company by the steel corporation during the panic of 1907.

# Dismembered Body of Woman Found

Denver, Col., Aug. 5.—Scattered for a quarter of a mile along a lonely mountain gulch, twelve miles north of here, the dismembered body of a woman was found yesterday by a ranchman whose attention was first attracted by a woman's shoe, from which protruded the bones of a foot.

# Made Ascent Of 11 Thousand Feet

Etampes, France, Aug. 5.—Captain Felix, director of the military aviation school, ascended 11,300 feet today, thus breaking the record for height attained by aeroplanes. The ascent was made in 63 minutes and the aviator planned down in 12 1/2 minutes.

# Naval Torpedoes Tried Out

Provincetown, Mass., Aug. 5.—The experiments with naval torpedoes during the maneuvers here have failed to convince the experts of their value. The types at present in use, it is declared, are too eccentric and unreliable for efficient use.

# Death of Copper Magnate

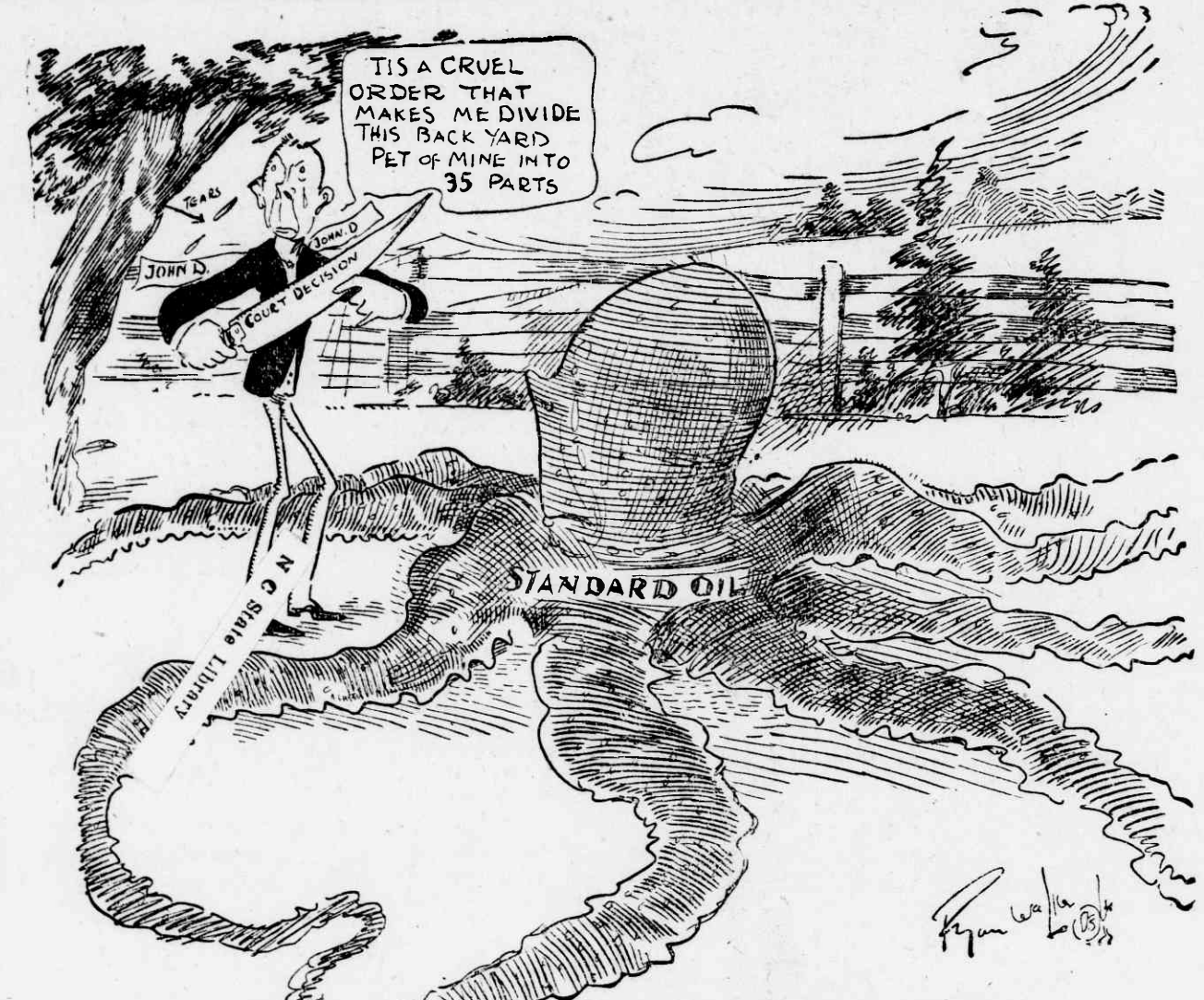
Naco, Ariz., Aug. 5.—Col. W. C. Greene, the copper magnate of Cananea, Mexico, died today of acute pneumonia.

# PRESIDENT WILL FIRE OPENING GUN OF CAMPAIGN

Washington, Aug. 5.—The most important trip that President Taft has planned since he has been in the white house, in the view of the republican leaders, a trip during which he is expected to open the 1912 presidential campaign for his party, will begin on September 15. It will last about one week and should it later be decided to extend the outing to the Pacific coast, it will be stretched into six weeks so that the president will not get back to Beverly or Washington until November.

According to the plan so far drawn up at the white house, the president will visit most of the states in the middle west, north of the states in Missouri, and will make excursions into practically all of the states which have progressive congressional delegations. The president so far has given almost no consideration to speech making on this trip, but it has long been the idea of republican leaders that he would make as many political addresses as possible west of the Mississippi.

With three definite dates on the schedule, the first of the states to be visited is Tennessee, where on the 18th the president is to open the Appalachian exposition. The next is at Rochester, N. Y., where on the 23d, the president will address the national encampment of the G. A. R. at the town of Knoxville and Rochester for a days rest.



WILL THIS HAPPEN AGAIN? In mythology the hydra, when one of its hundred heads was lopped off, immediately grew two in its place.

# To-day The Last Day To Capture Sherlock. Some One to Get \$25

### He Will Give the \$25 to The First Person Who Approaches Him After Leaving Automobile—A Committee Select Place to Leave Car.

# No One Allowed to Enter Contest For the Money Who Follows Him in an Auto or on Bicycle—Wants All to Have Equal Chance.

From the above header you can see the stunt I will pull on this afternoon. As you seem to have such a hard time locating me, I decided to give you all a run for the money so that no one could say that I am playing any favorites. At five o'clock I will enter an automobile in front of the Ottoway Theatre with a committee of gentlemen and ride around the streets shaking the money at you. I will be put out at some place in the business section by the committee, not knowing myself and the first one who approaches me with today's copy of The News will be handed the money. You will not have to say the phrase, but simply tell me I am Sherlock or anything you want to and the money will be handed over to you.

# OLIVE WREATH MADE OF CANNON BALLS.

Berkley, Cal., Aug. 5.—This city will substitute an olive wreath made of cannon balls for the Spanish-American cannon which stands in one of the city squares. This decision was reached at a meeting of the city council last night in view of the signing of the arbitration treaty between the United States, Great Britain and France.

# Death of Charles Thorp.

Fulton, Mo., Aug. 5.—Charles Thorp, 59 years, for nearly 39 years a patient in the Fulton state hospital for the insane, died here yesterday. But one day was sent here during the early days of Thorp's stay remains. He is William P. Cook, who has been in the asylum for 51 years.

# COTTON TARIFF REVISION BILL IS POSTPONED

Washington, Aug. 5.—The senate finance committee today deferred action on the cotton tariff revision bill until next Wednesday. The postponement was at the request of Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, in whose state are large cotton mills interests affected by the proposed 21 per cent average cut in cotton duties. Hearings will be granted.

# Men Who Flogged Boy Are Held

Aiken, S. C., Aug. 5.—The jury inquest over the body of Mrs. Nettie Spradley, who died of excitement and fright after her husband, Ben Spradley, had been beaten almost to death, and her nephew, Columbus Spradley, had been whipped and run away from home, returned a verdict early this morning, charging Gus and Grover Nolstein, and others unknown to the jury, with her death. These men and three others are in jail. The difficulty arose over the engagement of Columbus Spradley to Miss Gusie Mae Holstein, a relative of the accused men.

# Mischievous Cadets Punished.

West Point, N. L., Aug. 5.—Seventeen mischievous cadets who amused themselves a night or two ago by removing the reveille gun from the place on the campus, are being punished according to the formula that "like cures." They are required to drag the heavy gun, tandem fashion, from camp to the gun shed, a distance of nearly a half mile, once every day until the close of camp, August 28. The offenders will further more be on probation for six months.

# Fire Fighter Fatally Burned.

San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 5.—An unidentified fire fighter fatally burned was found by a patrol yesterday where he had fallen exhausted on the San Bernardino mountain fire lines. At least 100 sick and disabled fire fighters with their shoes burned from their feet and their clothes in rags, are stranded here.

# Suit to Recover \$15,000.

New York, Aug. 5.—Richard V. Devy, of San Francisco, has brought suit here against the estate of the Countess Starra, who was Mabel Florence Hilton, of New York, to recover \$15,000 which, it is alleged he lent her several years prior to her death in Paris in 1910. The defendant is her brother, Francis C. Tilley, of Portland, Oregon, as administrator, who alleges that the statue of limitations has run against the claim.

# Delegates Named.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 5.—C. H. Moyer, Joseph Cannon and C. E. Mahoney were elected delegates to the American Federation of Labor at Atlantic City, at last night's session of the Western Federation of Miners. Another delegate will be named today, when the convention will adjourn.

# J. M. Rangel Injured.

Juarez, Mexico, Aug. 5.—With part of his face and mouth off, J. M. Rangel, leader of a band of liberals operating in northern Chihuahua, is a prisoner in this city, having been captured near Candelaria, Rangel was left for dead after the fight at Carizo ranch last Monday and later escaped.

# Death of Matthew Hart.

New Bedford, Mass., Aug. 5.—Matthew J. Hart, president of the National Federation of Weavers and Secretary of the New Bedford cotton weavers protective association, died today, following a brief attack of intestinal trouble.

# Rioting Marked The Beginning of Trolley Strike To-day

# Try To Prove Combs Insane

Special to The News. Statesville, N. C., Aug. 5.—In the case of Reuben Combs on trial here for the murder of his wife the state rested at adjournment last evening and this morning the examination of witnesses for the defense was begun. Up to the noon adjournment several had testified, the object primarily being to prove the prisoner insane. Testimony along this line was given by people of his home neighborhood, mostly by kin people, to the effect that all his life Combs has shown an imperfect or simple mind in acts done at home and out in public. Dr. I. N. Taylor of Morganton who makes a specialty of treating nervous diseases and diseases of the mind was put on the stand to give expert testimony as to the condition of Combs' mind. Dr. Taylor said that he had examined the prisoner once, one time being sufficient he thinks to establish the opinion that the boy is an imbecile and that his several confessions are evidence of this fact. Other witnesses are to be examined this afternoon. The case will hardly reach the jury until next week.

# Several Hundred Employes of Des Moines Street Railway Went on Strike—Trouble Commenced When Men Quit Work.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 5.—Rioting in down town streets marked the beginning of the strike of nearly 500 employes of the Des Moines city railway today. Five men were hurt in a fighting. Traffic has been suspended on every line in the city since 12:15 this morning, when the union men walked out. Strike breakers were at the various barns of the company at 5 o'clock this morning to take out cars, but union sympathizers were on guard. The latter appeared to be ready for trouble and the company management appeared slow in resuming the interrupted traffic.

# Massacre of Felines.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Fear that the cats that ate the pigs that carried the evil germs might turn loose and spread disease led to a massacre of official felines in Chicago's city hall today. It happened this way. Last night several city hall cats broke into the municipal laboratory and devoured guinea pigs inoculated with typhoid, cholera, diphtheria and other germs, for experimental purposes. The felines acquired enough plague material to kill a big town. It was feared the well-fed cats might inoculate other pets with a series of evil diseases, so every pet feline and rat catcher in the city hall was put to death today.

# ADAMIRAL TOGO WAS OFFICIALLY HONORED

Washington, Aug. 5.—The United States government, through President Taft, Secretary of State Knox and Acting Secretary of the Navy Winthrop, today officially honored Admiral Togo. An almost continuous round of entertainment had been planned for the Japanese admiral who arose refreshed today from his fighting day in New York. His program today included calls upon and return calls by Secretary of State Knox and Acting Secretary of the Navy Beekham Winthrop, army and naval officers generally were to be received by Admiral Togo at his hotel.

# Strike in Brooklyn.

New York, Aug. 5.—Motorman and conductors on three trolley lines in Brooklyn, operated by the Coney Island & Brooklyn street railway company struck today. Police are guarding the power houses. A car on the Smith street line was attacked soon after it left the barn. The conductor was struck on the head by a brick and dragged from his platform. Three policemen riding on the front platform finally rescued him. The car was stoned and the passengers fled. The conductor was taken to a hospital.

# Riot Call.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 5.—An attempt to take cars from the Second street barn failed when nearly 500 union sympathizers threatened to attack the strike breakers. The latter retreated to places of safety while the crowd jeered. Two strike breakers were bailed, charged with carrying concealed weapons. The third riot call of the day was turned in when union sympathizers attacked the Twenty-fourth street barns and wrecked a car. Bricks were hurled freely. R. W. Allen, a loyal employe, was knocked senseless. Detective Thomas Denholm, of the city police, was seriously hurt at a hotel where a mob sought the leader of the strike breakers, swarming into the lobby and up to the upper floor. Two platoons of police arrived in automobiles and the mob left hurriedly. When the mob attempted to throw a street car into the river, a crowd of "down with Mayor Harrison," "Beat up the strike breakers" and "stick to the union," were heard on every hand as the mob surged through the streets.

# Negro Frolic Ends In Usual Manner

An ice cream supper and "festival" among the negroes of Morning Star township, held near Matthews on Mr. James Williamson's place, resulted in the shooting of two negroes and serious cutting of a third with a razor. Sam Watson and Lum Wallace each received two bullet wounds each, Wallace receiving one ball in the leg and one in the arm. Cora Watson also slashed another negro woman with a razor. It is not known how the trouble arose, but a free-for-all scrap was pulled off in the regulation style and the "festival" broke up instantly. While one or two of the participants are seriously wounded it is not thought that the wounds will prove fatal. Constable Frank Griffin of Morning Star township and Mr. John Simpson of Matthews, deputy constable, have gone in search of several of the duellists with warrants.

# The Millionth Patent.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The millionth patent issued by the United States was announced by Commissioner of Patents Moore today. It is for a puncture proof tire for automobiles and other vehicles depending upon rubber springs for its resiliency, and is the invention of an Akron, O., man. So much interest had been displayed by the public in the completion of the number one million that Commissioner Moore consented to announce the patent ahead of publication in the next official gazette of August 8. Although this patent bears the number one million, it is really number 957. Until 1836, when the present bureau was organized, patents were issued without being numbered.

# Head of Wine Trust Fined \$45,000

New York, Aug. 5.—Edward E. Jackson, Jr., the New York attorney, termed by the prosecution "the head and brains of the wine trust," was fined \$45,444 upon his plea of "not guilty" to nine indictments charging him with the formation of wire pools. Judge Archbald imposed a fine of \$5,000 on each indictment after denying the plea of United States District Attorney Wise for a prison sentence.