

ARE STANDARD OIL COMPANY'S BOOKS LOST OR HIDDEN?

Two Important Books, which Show Stock Transactions By Which 19 Companies Were Merged, Seem to Be Lost.

Mr. Kellogg Hopes By Books to Show That Standard of New Jersey is Merely Reorganization of Old Company.

New York, Sept. 24.—Two books which, it is supposed, show transactions by which the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey took over the control of 19 other oil companies, formerly allied with the Standard Oil Company of Ohio, cannot be found.

They are wanted by Frank B. Kellogg, the government's counsel in the proceedings against the Standard Oil Company.

Mr. Kellogg hopes by the books to prove that the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey is really a reorganization of the company which was dissolved by the government 15 years ago for alleged restraint of trade.

John N. Bensingor, transfer clerk in the employ of the company's liquidating trustees between 1892 and 1899, when a reorganization was effected, has testified that he left the books in the vaults of the Standard Oil Company building, on Broadway, in 1900, when his services as transfer clerk were no longer required, but John G. Millura, of counsel for the company, who offered to search the transfer department of the Standard Oil Company for Mr. Kellogg, could not find them nor could Wesley H. Tifford, the treasurer, Charles M. Pratt, the secretary, and William T. Rockefeller, assistant treasurer of the company, enlighten Mr. Kellogg as to their whereabouts.

Benson on the Stand.

More information concerning the contractual relations existing between the Tidewater Pipe Line Company, of Pennsylvania, and the Standard Oil Company was developed today when General Manager Benson of the Tidewater Company, testified that the pipe line of the National Transit Company, a subsidiary company of the Standard, was not completed to the seaboard until after the pipe line of the Tidewater Company had been completed to Constable Hook, N. J.

The witness said that on October 5th, 1883, a contract between the Tidewater and Standard ratified, whereby the oil business was divided between the two companies.

Benson said Standard fixed the price that the Tidewater should pay for its crude oil and it fixed the price for oil refined for export.

Romantic Marriage Takes Place at Salisbury

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 24.—A romantic marriage took place at the Presbyterian manse yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock when Mr. Thomas J. Moser, of Winston-Salem, was married to Miss Alberta Trogmartin, of Chatham, Tenn.

Lexington Metal Company To Move Plant to Salisbury

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 24.—The Lexington Metal Company, of Lexington, N. C., has decided to move its plant to Salisbury. This company employs 50 men and is capitalized at \$20,000. The plant will be located at Fulton Heights, Mr. W. A. Anthony, formerly of this city, is manager of the concern.

A Fatal Explosion.

Charlestown, W. Va., Sept. 24.—A gas explosion occurred in a big sewer being constructed by the city and four workmen are said to have been caught.

Stormy Primary In New York

New York, Sept. 24.—Predictions are being made by the politicians that the legislative primary election held here today will be the stormiest in recent years, owing to the feeling among the Democrats.

There is much bitterness between the followers of Charles F. Murphy, Tammany's head and the following Mayor McClellan.

The struggles for Tammany Hall's supremacy will take place in 17 out of 35 assembly districts in Manhattan and the Bronx and on Staten Island.

The republican leadership is involved in the primaries in six districts in Manhattan and two in Brooklyn.

Winston And Mooresville Divisions Consolidated

Winston-Salem, N. C., Sept. 24.—The Winston and Mooresville divisions of the Southern Railway, which were established January last, will be consolidated October 1, and Superintendent Smith, at present in charge of the Winston division, will have charge of the consolidated divisions. Capt. D. W. Newell, superintendent of the Mooresville division, will be transferred to the Rock Hill division, with headquarters at Rock Hill, S. C. There will be 378 miles of track in the Winston-Mooresville division. Capt. Newell will succeed Captain Dull, of Rock Hill division, who is made inspector of terminals.

International Congress Of Religious Liberals

Boston, Mass., Sept. 24.—Nearly all of the religions of Europe and America were represented at the opening sessions of the International Congress of Religious Liberals.

The exercises today marked the opening of the congress proper.

The opening meeting was called to order by the president, Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, after which the delegates proceeded to perfect an organization of the congress and to consider the other routine business which had to be disposed of before the addresses could be heard.

J. J. DOOLEY ASSAULTED.

Politician and Member of Tammany Hall Sustained Fracture Skull.

New York, Sept. 24.—John J. Dooley, politician and member of Tammany Hall who is seeking the democratic leadership of the 23rd assembly district in the primaries, was assaulted early this morning by two unknown persons, and sustained a fractured skull and possible internal injuries.

Stewart-Taaffe Wedding.

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 24.—Announcement has been received here of the marriage in Atlanta on the 19th inst. of Mr. Roderick A. Taaffe, a former Salisbury and a brother of Mrs. J. P. Roweche, of this city, to Miss Susan Stewart, of the Georgia metropolis.

Hearst Says He Is Not In Race

New York, Sept. 24.—In an interview published here, William Randolph Hearst takes occasion to deny that he is a candidacy for the presidency. He says:

"I am not a candidate for the presidency on the independent league ticket, or on any other ticket, and I cannot conceive of any conditions under which I would be willing to become a candidate."

Many Suits Against Railroads In Durham

Durham, N. C., Sept. 24.—A two weeks' term of civil court will convene in Durham next Monday. There are 87 cases on the docket, and several damage suits that are to be tried at this term will be of much interest.

Winston's Y. M. C. A. Building.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Sept. 24.—The cornerstone for the new Y. M. C. A. building, at the corner of Fourth and Cherry streets, will be laid on Sunday afternoon, October 13. The principal speaker on this occasion will be Hon. G. W. Atkinson, of Washington, judge of the United States court of claims and a former governor of West Virginia.

A Small Earthquake.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 24.—A small earthquake was recorded at the weather bureau yesterday and the bureau's announcement said:

"It seems pretty clear that the earthquake was probably of moderate intensity and at considerable distance from Washington."

Hurt In Riot.

New York, Sept. 24.—Two men, one a policeman, were hurt in a riotous disturbance in West 57th street just before the polls for the democratic primaries opened.

STRIKING STORY OF WRECKING OF BARK RUSSIA

Six of Crew of Ill-Fated Bark Arrived in New York—Four Perished And Three Are in The Hospital Now.

When Ship Went Ashore Several of Crew Managed to Reach Strip of Land—Captain Perished From Exhaustion.

New York, Sept. 24.—The story of the wreck of the American bark Prussia, which went ashore off Terra Del Fuego, June 19th, is a striking one.

Six of the crew have arrived here. Four perished and three are in the hospital.

The Prussia left Norfolk March 17th for San Francisco. The night was bitterly cold and stormy when she went ashore and she soon broke up.

American Bankers Meet At Atlantic City

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 24.—The signatures of prominent bankers and financiers from every section of the country filled pages of the association's program for the annual meeting of the American Bankers' Association, which will be in session here during the remainder of this week.

The regular sessions of the convention proper will not begin until tomorrow, but the annual meetings of several of the sections of the association today attracted a large attendance and proved of great interest to the visiting bankers.

Greensboro Negroes Keep The Police Force Busy

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 24.—Amy Crenshaw, colored, a disreputable demagogue of Warnersville was taken to the hospital at midnight last night, with a bullet hole in her left breast, one in her left arm, and another in her right hand, the effect of jealousy on the part of Ralph Lucky, an employee of the Huffle Luck, an employee of the woman's house last night.

There was an exciting time at the negro settlement yesterday afternoon. The police had a hurry telephone call to the eastern suburbs about four o'clock to catch a burglar. A night man visiting, saw a negro boy and some white men, saw a negro boy break out the sash of a back window and crawl in. He summoned the police and called the neighbors, and the house was surrounded.

Plans for New Navy.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—The admiralty is planning a new navy here today for a session of four days. Here is a list of the vessels to be ordered, consisting of four battleships, eight cruisers and a requisite number of torpedo boats and other craft. Plans for the first squadron are being prepared by the admiralty.

Negro Masonic Congress.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 24.—A national negro Masonic congress began here today for a session of four days. There was a great parade in Norfolk and elaborate opening ceremonies in the grand building at Jamestown, with W. D. Crum, negro collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., as principal speaker.

Capitol City Briefs

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 24.—Escapes of convicts are not common lately, but once in a while they get away. One of the lucky ones is Thomas Clark, colored, for seven years for attempted felonious assault in Buncombe.

Secretary Thomas K. Bruner, of the agricultural department has been a very sick man at his home here. He has septicaemia, this, of course, involving the liver, and for two or three days he was in danger, but now he is much improved.

The corporation commission will certainly arrange for a union passenger station at Lincolnton, to be built by the Seaboard Air Line, and the Carolina & Northwestern Railways. There was a hearing today in regard to this matter at which petitions of many citizens of the town were read, asking that provisions be made by order of the board for such a station. The railways have never been able to agree as to one and what part each should take in its erection.

The county of Columbus goes away up towards the head of the line in the matter of local taxation for public schools. The state superintendent of public instruction feels deeply gratified by the news that the county has 25 school districts. There are yet some counties without a solitary school tax district.

The supreme court is this week hearing fifth district appeals. Nobody has any idea when it will pass upon the friendly suit in which the state seeks to make the county of Franklin, and, indeed, all other counties of the state levy sufficient taxes to keep every public school open at least four months in each year and thus comply the very plain order of the constitution. The state superintendent seems to be very sanguine of a favorable opinion.

Great Northern Fined \$15,000

Denver, Colo., Sept. 24.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals of the Eighth Judicial district handed down an opinion yesterday affirming the judgment of the United States District Court, of Minneapolis last May declaring the Great Northern Railroad guilty of giving rebates. Under that judgment the Great Northern Railroad was fined \$15,000.

The Circuit Court holds that the Hepburn act is an amendatory act and not a repealing act, that, in so far as it repeats or reproduces portions of the Elkins act, it continues them in force and makes no breach in the law, and that in so far as it omits to change provisions of the Elkins act it repeats them.

Even admitting the granting of rebates, the Great Northern contended at the first trial that the Elkins act of 1903 making it an offense and fixing punishment for granting rebates, was repealed by the Hepburn act of 1906 in such a way that hereafter there could be no prosecution of offenses committed prior to the passage of the Hepburn act. The district court ruled against this contention of the railway company and it appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

Bishop Wants More Virility.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 24.—"What we want is more virility and less effeminacy," said Bishop W. A. Chandler before the assembled Methodist ministers of Atlanta at the regular conference yesterday.

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Bishop Chandler was talking of the laymen's missionary movement, and the recent meeting at Knoxville, Tenn., and said he had noticed a tendency in the men to drop away from the church.

They Walked From Asheville to Salisbury

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 24.—Messrs. Wm. R. Lawrence and Robert Lynn, of Asheville, were in the city yesterday en route to the Jamestown Exposition. They joined a party here, but took a novel way to make the trip to this point. The two young men walked from Asheville to Salisbury, a distance of 141 miles in five days. They were met by the other members of the party, who came by rail, last night and went on to Jamestown.

She Strangled Three Children

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 24.—Mrs. Bertha Mund, aged 27 years, strangled her three children, Christopher, aged 8 years; Helen, aged 2, and Fred, aged 8 months, to death at their home.

Young Mother, After Accomplishing Fearful Work, Then Found Her Husband And Told Him What She Had Done.

She was placed under arrest.

REPORT ON COTTON CONSUMED, TAKEN AND OF STOCKS

The Census Bureau Reports The Amount of Running Bales of Cotton Taken by American Manufacturers During Year.

Statistics Compared With Those of Last Year—Manufacturers Stock at Close of Year And Amount Consumed.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 24.—The census bureau reported that for the year ending August 31 last, 5,296,783 running bales of cotton were taken by the American manufacturers, compared with 4,820,990 for last year; and 4,987,021 bales consumed compared with 4,909,479 for last year.

Manufacturers' stock at close of the year was 996,279 bales, compared with 688,312 last year.

Active cotton spindles numbered 26,242,407, compared with 25,260,096 last year.

The report says: "Statistics of the cotton taken, consumed, and of stocks are for all the establishments using raw cotton, including cotton mills, woolen mills, hosiery and knit goods establishments, those engaged in the manufacture of mattresses and the like."

"The statistics of active cotton consuming spindles include those which consumed cotton only during the year and do not include those which consumed cotton mixed with other fibres."

"Totals of the cotton consumed in 1907 include foreign cotton amounting to 6,018 bales taken and 5,231 bales consumed by manufacturers in the cotton growing states, and 130,339 bales taken and 107,886 bales consumed by manufacturers in all other states."

Negro is Convicted of Criminal Assault

Louisburg, N. C., Sept. 24.—In the special term of court called by the governor to try Tim Upchurch, colored, for rape, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty, after they had been out of the court room about five minutes.

Says Men Are Dropping Away From The Church.

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British Columbia Fair.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 24.—The largest and most comprehensive display of the agricultural and manufacturing products of British Columbia ever collected is embraced in the provincial exhibition which opened here today.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

President of Monarch Mills at Union, S. C., Dead.

Oregon Methodists Meet.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 24.—Everything is in readiness for the annual conference of the Methodists of Oregon which will be held during the next six days in Grace M. E. Church in this city. A formal reception will mark the opening this evening and the regular sessions will begin tomorrow.

Water Was Charged With Electricity

New York, Sept. 24.—A machinist, Pierre Pollum, met a terrible and strange death in a garage in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, in which he was employed. He went to the cellar to get a piece of shafting, and presently Charles Reilly, the proprietor of the garage, and John Foley and another employ heard him screaming in agony.

They ran down the cellar stairs, which are of wood, to find Pollum writing about in four inches of water which covered the cellar floor.

Foley leaped into the water to aid Pollum, but suffered a severe shock, the water being heavily charged with electricity.

He regained his steps, however, and quickly got a pair of rubber gloves. By means of these and a plank Pollum was taken from the water but he soon died.

In Fighting Disease Among Monkeys he Became Infected

New York, Sept. 24.—Curator Raymond L. Ditmars, of the New York Zoological Park, has been told by his physician that his lungs are affected, and he left for a three months out-door trip in the mountains of Sullivan county. It is believed that the zoologist's illness is owing to his trying to stamp out tuberculosis among the monkeys at the park. He has been engaged in that work all this year.

He and Dr. Blair, veterinarian at the park, worked indefatigably at studying the causes for the susceptibility of monkeys in captivity to tuberculosis in order to seek a remedy. In the last five years tuberculosis has cost the New York Zoological Society many valuable specimens. The work on a book which overtaxed his strength and a severe cold contributed toward his lungs becoming infected. He is not worrying much, however, and says his stay in the mountains will restore him to complete health.

Call New Pastor.

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 24.—Rev. V. M. Swain has been called by the congregation of the First Baptist Church of this city, to serve it as assistant pastor to Rev. R. E. Neighbor, to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Rev. J. P. Calloway, who goes to a charge in Georgia.

Who Was Man Killed by Train?

Hackensack, N. J., Sept. 24.—The police believe that the body of a man killed by a train, which was picked up on the West Short tracks near here Friday, is that of Orlando Toland, the man who startled the secret service men at Sagamore Hill by appearing close to the president's house on Tuesday night. The man, who was undoubtedly insane, said that he had travelled from his home in Oxford, Ala., to employ President Roosevelt to collect for him a debt of \$50,000,000 from John D. Rockefeller. Toland said he would start west to find Mr. Rockefeller to collect the debt.

ALLEGED FERTILIZER TRUST

Cases of Government Against Royster and Others Came Up—Question as to Removal to Tennessee.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 24.—Cases of the government against F. S. Royster and Charles F. Burroughs, of the Royster Guano Company, and F. E. Wilcox, and other of the American Fertilizer Company in the alleged fertilizer trust, prosecutions were called before United States District Judge Waddill here on motion for removal of the defendants to the eastern district of Tennessee at Nashville.

The cases are before the court de novo, following the decision of the supreme court of the United States in the case of Tinsley et al against Treat Marshall in which it was held that the Virginia defendants without prejudice to the government case should be allowed to introduce evidence upon their innocence before the court undertook to either remove them from Virginia or admit them to bail for their appearance for trial in the Tennessee district. The hearing went over until 3 p. m. today with the view of reaching an agreement with counsel for the defense whereby a statement of the facts for the sake of saving time might be presented to the court, the question as to whether there is sufficient evidence to warrant the removal of the defendants for trial to be determined by the court upon this presentation following the argument by both sides.

President of Monarch Mills at Union, S. C., Dead.

Union, S. C., Sept. 24.—John W. Fant, president and treasurer of the Monarch Cotton Mills, was found dead in bed today. He was 49 years of age.

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CHICAGO & ALTON NOT TO BE LONGER PROSECUTED

Judge Landis, in U. S. Court, Drops Suits Against Railroad on Rebating Charges—Bonaparte's Letter Was Read.

Since Road Aided in Prosecution of Standard Oil, Government Was Honor Bound Not to Prosecute it Further.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 24.—It was decided by Judge Landis in the United States district court that the Chicago and Alton Railway shall not be further prosecuted for its connection with the Standard Oil Company of Indiana in the granting of rebates.

It was claimed by Attorney General Bonaparte, whose letter was read to the court by District Attorney Sims in office, had promised immunity to the Alton road, provided it assisted in good faith in the prosecution of the Standard Oil Company.

The attorney general therefore claimed that it was the duty of the government to see that no further steps toward the punishment of the railroad for its part in the granting of rebates be taken.

The attorney general asked that the grand jury which had been summoned at the instance of Judge Landis, to investigate the Alton Road, be discharged, and that the matter be allowed to drop as far as the Chicago and Alton is concerned.

Judge Landis declined to discharge the jury, but instructed its members that they had no further duty to perform in connection with the Chicago and Alton.

Moffett Subpoenaed.

Judge Landis refused to discharge the grand jury as requested by Attorney General Bonaparte but instructed the jury it had no further duties to perform in connection with the Chicago and Alton. He called the attention of the jury to a statement recently made by James Moffett, president of the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, in which the latter was reported as saying that if the Standard Oil Company was guilty of rebating every other manufacturer was guilty. The judge instructed the jury to investigate the conduct of other manufacturers and ordered the issuance of a subpoena for Moffett.

Bonaparte's Letter.

In the letter of the Attorney General, read by Mr. Sims, the attorney general directs the latter to assure the court of the department's earnest wish to cooperate heartily and effectively with the judiciary in the admirable purpose to bring to justice as speedily as possible all offenders, whether individuals or corporate against the statutes regulating interstate commerce, which was announced in the original order of the court summoning the special grand jury. It is then set forth that the "most perfect good faith requires the government to accord to the Chicago and Alton the privileges granted an accomplice who becomes a witness for the prosecution."

Lady Jumps From Moving Car And Has Narrow Call

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 24.—Yesterday afternoon while an open street car was approaching Piedmont Heights going at a rapid rate of speed, a young lady sprang from the car at the Oak Lady crossing without warning to any one.

The car stopped and she was picked up unconscious and remained so for some time. She proved to be Miss Elsie Beade, whose home was nearby. She had simply acted on impulse in jumping off, not thinking the car was moving rapidly.

Fortunately no bones were broken, but the lady is still in bed as the result of such a perilous piece of absent-mindedness.

Cotton Crop In Pitt.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 24.—The secretary of state, who has been in Pitt county looking at the cotton crop says the growers in that part of the state laugh at the United States agricultural department's reports on cotton and say they are sure the figures are much too large.

Bond Issue May Win In Rowan

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 24.—The registration for the election on the question of issuing \$300,000 of bonds for street improvements was unusually light. The books closed Saturday and only 427 voters registered, there being an entire new registration. The election is to be held on Tuesday, October 1st, and every indication points to the successful carrying of the election in favor of the bond issue.