

An Important Supreme Court Decision.

The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States last week in the case of a freight shipper against the Trans Missouri Freight Association is one of the most far-reaching and, it might also be said, destructive in effect that has been rendered for years. The court found—that is five of them did and four did not—that the freight association violated the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust act of 1890, because the association was in restraint of trade. By the terms of the decision the court found that the act forbade any and all combinations that restrained trade, whether such combinations benefited the public or not. Contracts that restrain trade are forbidden by this anti-trust act, and cannot be fulfilled.

Under the present understanding of the decision, railroads can make no agreement with each other as to freight tariffs; and the opinion is expressed that a war of rates is at hand. We hope not, for in the long run the shipping public obtain no benefit when the railroads carry freight for less than cost for a time, while the owners of railway stocks are the losers of dividends to which they are entitled for the use of their money invested. Their incomes curtailed, they expend less in the several communities in which they live, and thus all suffer from a cut-throat policy. Besides, when rates are restored, the money lost must be made up if possible, and the shipper is the one on whom the burden falls. Railway rates should be reasonable of course, and there should be lawful ways of making them such when they are not, but on the actual money invested holders of railway stocks are as much entitled to a steady and fairly remunerative rate of interest as holders of any other kind of stock, or as owners of a factory or a farm. To make unreasonable war on the railways is not not to benefit the country in the long run.—Asheville Citizen.

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DISEASED NERVES.

An Extract From a Recent Lecture At the Surgical Hotel.

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Three Persons Burned to Death.

New York, March 30.—Three persons were killed in a fire in an apartment house at No. 61 West One Hundred and Fifth street this afternoon. They were Miss Ellen Morrissey and a three year old boy and his mother, who, up to a late hour tonight had not been identified. Escape was cut off by the flames and in the top apartments on the fifth floor they were slowly suffocated to death. The fire started in the basement of the house and burned so quickly that some of the occupants had to be rescued on ladders. The house was damaged to the extent of about \$15,000 and the tenants lost about \$4,000 worth of property.

The New Railroad From Blacksburg to Gaffney. The contract for grading the proposed extension of the Ohio River and Charleston Railroad from Blacksburg to Gaffney City—a distance of 10 miles—was let on Monday to Mr. Jacob B. Ross, of Blacksburg. By the terms of

the contract all the grading is to be completed by August 1, 1897, and Mr. Ross informed the reporter on Monday that it was his intention to commence at once. It is his present purpose not to let out any sub contracts, but to do the whole work himself. Though Mr. Ross preferred not to give the figures at which the work has been undertaken, he admits that they are quite low. He knows what he is doing, however, to an absolute certainty. So far during his career as a railroad contractor, he has completed over 70 miles of grading, and much of this work has been considerably heavier than will be any of that between Blacksburg and Gaffney.—Yorkville Enquirer.

Women are not the only ones who are sensitive about their ages. A man doesn't like to be told that he is getting old. Health keeps a man young. It doesn't make any difference if he has lived eighty years, he will be hale and hearty and won't look within twenty years as old as he is. Good digestion and rich, red blood make people look youthful. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery makes rich, red blood. It makes health in the right way. It works according to the right theory, and in 30 years of practice, it has proved that the theory is absolutely correct. It begins at the beginning—begins by putting the stomach, liver and bowels into perfect order, but it begins its good work on the blood before it finishes with the digestive system. It searches out disease germs wherever they may be and forces them out of the body. All druggists keep the "Discovery."

The Strike in Chicago Tanneries.

Chicago, March 30.—The anticipated strike of employes of the big tanneries took place this morning, 2,000 workmen refused to go to work. Previous to the time for opening the tanneries a large force of police officers arrived at each of them and stood guard for the purpose of protecting any employe who wished to violate the strike order. They had no work to do, however, as very few workmen appeared in the vicinity of the tanneries. The strikers say they expect the struggle to last at least two months and are prepared, if necessary, to remain out for a year in order to prevent the changing of the hours in a day's work from nine to ten.

The companies affected have decided to close down their plants for an indefinite period.

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Russia's Plan for Government of Crete.

London, March 30.—In the house of commons today G. N. Curzon, under foreign secretary, announced that on March 25th M. Nelidoff, Russian ambassador at Constantinople had communicated to his diplomatic colleagues at the Turkish capital copies of a telegram which he had received from the admiral commanding the Russian warships in Crete waters, urging the appointment of an European governor for the island of Crete, with full power to act and also urging the withdrawal of the Turkish troops from the island, as the admirals of the foreign squadrons were of the opinion that such action was necessary. Mr. Curzon said that the government of Great Britain supported the suggestions made by the Russian admiral and that the powers had the matter under consideration.

Sir Edward Clarke supported the motion made yesterday by Hon. Edward Blake, for a readjustment of the taxation in Ireland. He believed, he said that it had already been proved that Ireland was unduly taxed. (Nationalist cheers.)

In the house of lords today the Duke of Devonshire moved the second reading of the educational bill.

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Tobacco Among Students.

One of the leading medical publications of the country presents a number of interesting figures from educational institutions showing the effects of tobacco on young collegians. In 1891, according to this authority, the official physician of Yale College reported that in a class of 147 students he found that in four years the 77 who did not use tobacco surpassed the 70 who did use it to the extent of 10.4 per cent in increase in weight, 21 per cent in increase in height and 26.7 per cent in increase of chest girth. In the same period at Anherst College it was found that the abstainers from tobacco gained 24 per cent in weight, 27 per cent in height and 32 per cent in chest girth. But the most striking revelation from the statistics was that respecting lung capacity, the Anherst abstainers having gained 55 per cent over the tobacco-users, while at Yale the average gain was 27.5 per cent.

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Returns of Americans From Cuban Prisons.

NEW YORK, March 31.—On board the Ward Line steamer Orizaba, which arrived this morning from Mexico and Havana, with Carlos D. Scott, who was arrested by the authorities on the charge of circulating "Cuba Libre" postage stamps. Nothing was proved against him, and after being fourteen days in prison he was put on board the Orizaba and allowed to depart. Scott's father was a New Yorker, who established an iron foundry in Havana and married there. Scott is, therefore, an American citizen. He speaks little English.

Another passenger on the Orizaba was Edward Nelson, aged 18 years, of New York city. He left New York on the last outward trip of the Orizaba, with the intention of joining the Cuban army, but he was arrested while trying to make his way out of the city of Havana to the insurgents' headquarters and was sent back in custody of the Spanish authorities. Consul General Lee interfered in his behalf, and he was released on condition that he would leave Havana and return to New York.

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BLIND HIS EYE, PUNCH HIS STOMACH.

Mr. Fitzsimmons Tells a Peaceful man How to Protect Himself.

A gentleman of the newspaper fraternity, now connected with the Globe Democrat, was once sent to Louisiana to investigate the ins and outs of the political differences which finally resulted in the choice of Foster for Governor, the discomfiture of McEnery, and the bursting up of the Louisiana lottery. About the same time "Jimmie" Carroll and "Billy" Meyers were about to have a prize fight at the Olympic Club in New Orleans. The writer was telegraphed, after he was through with his political mission: "Go and see the fighters; visit their training quarters; stay and report the fight." The writer knew no more of the science of pugilism than Mr. Ingalls is proved to have known. But he did make use of his opportunities at Jimmie Miss. There was a long, lank, awkward, red-headed, small-faced man with high, pointed shoulders, whom Mr. Noel of the Olympic Club introduced as Mr. Fitzsimmons, a trainer for Jimmie Carroll. Mr. Fitzsimmons was jolly itself. Mr. Carroll was out for the time on his "run," and Mr. Fitzsimmons did the honors. He fished out the pipes and tobacco; he fished up somewhere a bottle of something or other—not for prize fighters, but for others—and then he began to tell stories. Here is one of his stories:

"The greatest joker that I ever saw in the fighting business was Jew Mace. He's a great 'stringer.' Once he got me to box with eight men in his place in Australia. He told me that if I would knock them all out he'd give me a fine gold watch. I put them all to sleep one after the other. While I was putting it on to the last one I was wondering whether the watch was a split second or not. When I was dressed Mace comes in and gives me his blooming photograph. I asks him for the watch, and he says, 'Think of the reputation you're getting.' Reputation was all I did get, too, and very little of that."

Then he began to discuss people who cannot fight, but who ought to protect themselves without gun play. "Don't show me a gun," said Mr. Fitzsimmons. "I'm afraid of 'em."

"But how is a wreakling without science or strength to protect himself without a gun, as you call it?" asked Mr. Noel.

"Easiest thing in the world," replied Mr. Fitzsimmons. "Keep cool; don't have too much lip; don't spread your arms, and don't above all, make a bluff at taking off your coat. Watch your man; get closer and closer to him till you're about three feet apart; then, with your left hand, quick as a flash, dash your hat in his face, and at the same instant, with all your strength, drive your right into the pit of his stomach. He will be a goner, and the fight is yours."

Mr. Fitzsimmons illustrated the point by dashing his cap into the face of the President of the Olympic Club, and at the same instant, so quick indeed that it is impossible to describe it, his right index finger was probing Mr. Noel's stomach. "That's all. The point is clear. With one hand obscure the enemy's vision with your hat, with the other give it to 'him.'"—St. Louis Globe Democrat.



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HARD FIGHTING IN CRETE.

The Christians Capture a Vessel Laden With Ammunition and Other Stores.

LONDON, March 30.—A despatch to the Central News from Athens says that a strong force of insurgents to-day attacked the Turkish troops at Spinalonga, Crete. The troops made a desperate defence of their positions, but could not withstand the determined onslaught of the Christians and were finally compelled to retreat.

There was heavy fighting throughout the engagement. The despatch adds that a vessel lying in the harbor of Spinalonga laden with ammunition and other stores was captured by the insurgents, who removed the captured supplies to places out of reach of the Turks.

The Canea correspondent of the Standard telegraphs that the blockade of Crete by the powers is not enforced as severely as it would be in the case of actual war. Provisions are landed daily. Hitherto only half a dozen small craft, which had already landed their cargoes, have been captured.

The despatch adds that there was heavy firing at Suda to night, and it is supposed that the insurgents attempted to surprise the fort. The attack was probably repelled with the assistance of the shells and the use of the searchlights of the warships in the harbor.

CANKA, March 30.—The insurgents to-day attacked the town of Izzidin, which caused the warships to bombard them. Later the place was occupied by a mixed detachment of international troops.

The attack of the Turks on the insurgent leaders who went to Coube, near Retimo, on Sunday to meet the Russian Consul, who had been delegated to confer with them, has caused much indignation.

The Consul had invited them to Coube, but did not meet them Sunday because of the failure of the Turkish officials to inform him of their arrival, as they had promised to do. Yesterday the Consul, accompanied by twenty Russian soldiers, went to Coube, hoping to see the insurgent chiefs. The insurgents mistrusted his motives after their experience on Sunday, and from the hills they fired upon the Russians, despite the fact that they were carrying a flag of truce.

Eventually the Consul, by signalling, persuaded a score of the insurgents to come to parley, but among those who descended from their positions was none of the leaders. The conference was therefore virtually fruitless.

The Consul found those with whom he conferred utterly ignorant of the meaning of autonomy, of which he was desirous of securing their acceptance. He explained the scheme of the powers to give the Cretans self-government. The insurgents said that they would consider the matter.

In the fighting at Spinalonga, in East Crete, on March 23 and 24, the Turkish garrison lost heavily and were compelled to take refuge on an island.

The insurgents swam to the island and continued their attack. A French ironclad has gone to Spinalonga, presumably to relieve the Turks, whose position is extremely precarious.

The British warship Rodney has re-occupied the forts at Kissamo, after shelling the insurgents, who were trying to undermine the Turkish position.

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