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NOT IN TRUST, SAYS ROYSTER

Denies that He is Part of Fertilizer Combine

IS STILL INDEPENDENT

President of the Royster Company Talks of Indictment by Federal Grand Jury at Nashville—Vir- ginia-Carolina Officers Confirm Statement.

(By the Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Va., May 26.—F. S. Royster, president, and C. F. Burroughs, vice president, of the Royster Guano Company, indicted jointly at Nashville with practically every fertilizer concern of any style in the southern states upon the charge of having conspired to fix rates against the anti-trust laws by engaging in a combination in restraint of commerce, denied here today that the Royster company is in any way affiliated with any of the other companies mentioned in the indictment but on the other hand is an entirely free and independent concern fixing its own rates and selling its goods asking no other concern how it shall conduct any part of its business. Mr. Burroughs said:

"We have not seen the indictment and until we know what we are charged we cannot say what our defense will be. We have formed no combination with any concern and we have violated no law."

F. E. Wilcox, division manager of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., another of those indicted, said today he had no comment to make other than to note that from the press dispatches the American Fertilizer Company, of which he is president, is not mentioned in the indictment. Mr. Wilcox, asked the direct question said it was true that the Royster company operated entirely independent of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, fixing its own rates as it sees fit.

AUTO MAN DEFIES ARREST IN A LAUNCH

(By the Associated Press.)
York, Me., May 26.—For the third time in less than a week Ralph J. Leavitt, proprietor of the Leavitt Motor Power Exchange, New York, has eluded arrest. After spending a portion of the night in an open launch in York Harbor flying officers from New York and threatening to shoot the first man who dared to molest him he has disappeared early today. It is believed he is in town among friends.

Leavitt is wanted in New York for alleged fraudulent transactions in connection with the purchase of automobiles. He got away from two officers who had entered his home Wednesday night, and when they sought again to take him yesterday he put out into the harbor in his launch, and, mooring to a buoy, prepared to keep away all hostile persons by use of his revolver. He was still there last night, but at daylight there was no trace of him.

A. P. CORRESPONDENT AT NEW ORLEANS DEAD

(By the Associated Press.)
New Orleans, May 26.—J. E. McDaniel, correspondent of the Associated Press at New Orleans for the last 25 years, died at the New Orleans Sanitarium today after an illness of one week. Mr. McDaniel was a native of Alabama and served valiantly in the civil war. He was engaged in mercantile pursuits in New Orleans for a time after the war, and served as business manager of the Picayune for a short time. Since then he has been the New Orleans correspondent of the Associated Press. He was 71 years old. He leaves no relatives.

DOWIE SERIOUSLY ILL IS GIVEN OXYGEN

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, May 26.—John Alexander Dowie is believed to be seriously ill in his apartments in the Virginia Hotel. A hurried call for oxygen was sent out today, and it was admitted by his followers that he is a very sick man.

CAN'T REWARD A HERO Deed Not Performed in Waters of United States

Arthur T. Reeder of Marine Corps, Who Risked His Life in Trying to Save a Comrade in the Canal Zone Will Not Receive Medal of Treasury Department.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, May 26.—Although he risked his life in the effort to save a drowning comrade, Arthur T. Reeder of the marine corps, that it will be impossible to grant Reeder a medal despite the fact that his conduct was such as to be worthy of special commendation.

The treasury department has just advised General Elliott, the commandant of the marine corps, that it will be impossible to grant Reeder a medal despite the fact that his conduct was such as to be worthy of special commendation. Reeder and another private in the marine corps, Stephen Jenner, were swimming in the Chagres River near Camp Elliott at the time of the attempted rescue on February 17 of this year. Jenner became exhausted and frightened. Reeder, who was almost exhausted by constant swimming, went immediately to his comrade's assistance. Jenner caught Reeder about the neck and they sank several times. Reeder finally disentangled himself and caught his companion by the hair, but was too weak to hold him up.

Jenner sank and Reeder also disappeared from view, but was rescued by some natives in a canoe, who were unable to save Jenner.

MR. GAINES SEVERELY CRITICISES MR. RUCKER

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, May 26.—Mr. Gaines (W. Va.), chairman of the committee on the election of president, vice-president and representatives in congress, took occasion under the latitude of general debate in the house today to severely criticize the address of Mr. Rucker (Mo.), and especially his remarks in relation to the secrets of the committee room.

He stated that both the Perry Belmont publicity bills, so called, and the Rucker bill were defective, and that his bill had more of the essence of justice than either of the other bills. It was Mr. Gaines' idea that the nearest child could evade the Rucker or the McCull bills, and he as the representative of the republicans on the committee wanted to say that they were in favor of a bill that would control political contributions and they were working toward that end.

He closed the Belmont measure as folly and the Rucker bill as baldness and clap-trap.

ACCUSED OF BRIBING ST. LOUIS CITY COUNCIL

(By the Associated Press.)
St. Louis, Mo., May 26.—Assistant Circuit Attorney Fleckissen stated today that he had just drawn up a new information charging Robert M. Snyder, capitalist of Kansas City, with bribery on the allegation of having paid \$50,000 to certain members of the city council in 1898 for the passage of the central traction bill.

A WILLIAMSTON STORE BURNED

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Williamston, N. C., May 26.—At 2 o'clock this morning E. R. Jackson's furniture store was found to be on fire. His entire stock of furniture valued at \$3,800 was destroyed. He had \$2,000 insurance. There was \$1,000 insurance on the building, which belonged to H. T. Stallings of Jamesville.

TRANS-PACIFIC RECORDS BROKEN.

(By the Associated Press.)
Seattle, Wash., May 26.—Breaking all trans-Pacific records for fast steaming the Seattle & Oriental liner Dakota, Captain Emil Franke, passed Cape Flattery at 6:45 o'clock yesterday. She made the run from Yokohama in nine days and 11 hours. This beats all former records by more than one day. The record was previously held by the British steamer Empress of India, which made the run in 10 1-2 days. The Dakota is bringing 143 first-class passengers and two thousand tons of freight.

GOVERNMENT OPENLY DEFIED

Roditcheff Flung Down the Gauntlet

MEMBERS WENT WILD

"It Is Not the Government, but the Representatives of the People, Who Must Decide What is Best for Welfare of Country," Declared the Speaker.

(By the Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, May 26.—Before a house more crowded than on the opening day, with every member in his seat and the press and public galleries crowded to suffocation Premier Goremkin this afternoon read to the lower house of parliament the expected declaration of the government's policy, pronouncing the imperial negative on the most cherished hopes and plans of the people's representatives. In the imperial box sat Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaievich, following the proceeding with the keenest interest. During the reading of the government's declaration the members of the house sat stoically silent, and when the premier had finished and bowed to the assembly not a murmur of approval was heard throughout the house, where the pages immediately began to distribute printed copies of the speech.

A wonderful scene followed, when M. Roditcheff, the leader of the constitutional democrats, mounted to the rostrum to rebuke in behalf of his party the government's reply. With burning words he flung down the gauntlet to the government, thunders of applause greeting his salutes of defiance.

The grand duke Nicholas Nikolaievich sprang back into a corner of the imperial box as the orator flayed the administration, and the premier and the other members of the cabinet seemed to shrink lower down in their chairs.

When M. Roditcheff turned towards the benches occupied by the ministry, and with arm outstretched, menacingly declared that "it is not the government but the representatives of the people here assembled who must decide what is best for the welfare of the country," the members were wild with enthusiasm.

M. Roditcheff concluded with a demand for the retirement of the bureaucratic cabinet and the creation of a responsible ministry from the people's chosen representatives.

St. Petersburg, May 26.—The expectation that Premier Goremkin's statement of the government's program would be utterly unfavorable caused great excitement at the opening of the lower house of parliament this afternoon.

Both the constitutional democrats and labor groups, in anticipation of its unsatisfactory tenor, drafted resolutions expressing lack of confidence in the government, which they are prepared to move as soon as the reading is finished.

The resolution of the constitutional democrats, which was adopted at a caucus this morning, is as follows: "Inasmuch as the answer of the government contradicts the demands expressed in the address of the lower house of parliament, the party of the people's liberty (constitutional democrats) expresses complete distrust in the cabinet, desires its immediate resignation and proceeds with the order of the day."

The labor party resolution is of similar purport, but is couched in stronger terms, demanding instead of desiring the dismissal of the cabinet and the formation of a responsible ministry from the parliamentary majority.

Premier Goremkin's speech, which was unexpectedly firm in tone, produced such a very bad impression that a conflict is now considered inevitable. To the demands made in the address of the lower house in reply to the speech from the throne it was almost a complete non possumus. It reiterated that general amnesty was impossible, but promised the release as rapidly as possible of those who had been arrested by administrative order.

There could be no question, it was pointed out, of the abolition of the council of the empire or upper house, as that is an institution covered by the fundamental law and is beyond the competence of parliament.

PRESBYTERIANS AND COLOR LINE

New Synod Proposed for Alabama

COLORED PRESBYTERIES

A Negro Minister of Levee Violently Opposed the Proposed Synod On Ground That the Presbyteries Specified Were Not Strong Enough. Referred to 1907.

(By the Associated Press.)
Des Moines, Ia., May 26.—The color line was sharply drawn and the negro question came squarely to the surface in the Presbyterian general assembly here for the first time today. The committee on church polity submitted a report recommending the erection of a synod in Alabama to include the Presbyteries of Birmingham, Levee and Rogersville, to be known as the Synod of Chattanooga. The presbyteries are now included in the synod of Tennessee. The other presbyteries in the synod are French Broad, Holston, Kingston and Union.

The presbyteries of Birmingham, Levee and Rogersville are composed of negro churches. The others are composed of white churches. The purpose of the committee was to divide the races. No sooner had the report been submitted than Russell Taylor, a negro minister of Levee, and one of the commissioners to the assembly from that presbytery, took the floor. He violently opposed the proposed synod on the grounds that the three presbyteries specified were not numerically strong enough or well enough versed in church law to assume the functions and duty of a synod. Members of the committee spoke for the erection of the synod, carefully avoiding the race question and emphasizing the claim that each of the three presbyteries had asked such action.

After spirited discussion in which the colored commissioner received the majority of the applause, it was unanimously voted to refer the whole subject to the assembly of 1907. The Presbyterian general assembly today received a telegram from the United Presbyterian Assembly in session at Richmond, Ind., and the Virginia class of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States, congratulating the assembly on the Cumberland union.

Chairman A. B. Marshall, of the committee on home missions, read a telegram from the Presbyterian church, south, saying it does not charge the board with improper practices, but the active workers in the field. The assembly authorized Dr. Marshall to telegraph the southern assembly that if such practices were being followed it was unknown to the assembly.

Dr. W. L. Lurie, one of the Presbyterian commissioners to the assembly in session here now, who voted against union with the Cumberland Church, caused another commotion by opposing a motion to require all commissioners to write to all pastors and elders in their presbyteries asking them to take up collections for the relief of churches which suffered from the California earthquake and fire.

The committee on church polity today submitted a report recommending that any member of the Presbyterian church renting his or her property for impenetrable uses to be disciplined by the church. To the question "has a lawyer" a member of the church, a right to defend a violator of the temperance law?" no answer was given.

BANK PRESIDENT WAS ARRESTED

(By the Associated Press.)
Birmingham, Ala., May 26.—Gordon Dubose, president of the First National Bank of Ensley, Ala., which was recently merged with the Bank of Ensley, was arrested here today by Deputy United States Marshal H. F. Ashley on a charge of embezzling forty thousand dollars of the First National's money before the merger.

Attending Apex Rally.
Mr. R. D. W. Connor and Capt. John Duckett of the state department of education, County Superintendent Z. V. Judd and Mr. Joseph Daniels went to Apex today to take part in the big educational rally held there this afternoon in the interest of an election for local taxation for the improvement of the public schools.

STANDARD OIL BRIBED PAPERS

Commission Getting on to the Record in Ohio

DENIALS ARE GENERAL

Advertising Agent Says That Con- tracts Were Made, Idea Being to Change Public Sentiment at so Much Per Agate Line—Other Plans to Get Information.

(By the Associated Press.)
Cleveland, O., May 26.—The interstate commerce commission today resumed its oil investigation. W. J. Brickell, for twenty-nine years editor of the Columbus, Ohio, Evening Dispatch, was called to tell what, if anything, he knew about that paper accepting articles alleged to have been furnished by the Standard Oil Company and paid for at so much per line. These articles, it was declared by Special Counsel Monnet, went to 125 subsidized papers in Ohio, and the general purport of them was to misrepresent the Standard Oil Company's real character to readers, leading them to believe that the findings of courts and the various publications against the Standard, were unjustified and unwarranted. Mr. Brickell denied that he had any positive knowledge on the subject, and said that if any such contract existed it was known only to the business manager of the paper. Mr. Brickell denied the assertion made by Mr. Monnet that he (Brickell) had recently said to him in a Pullman car that the Standard company paid fifty cents per line for certain articles.

Malcolm Jennings of Lancaster, O., who conducts an advertising agency admitted that he made contracts for the Standard company with different Ohio papers, but that they were no different from contracts made for other concerns. On the plea that he should not be compelled to reveal his private business he was relieved from going into details and was excused.

Z. D. Ellis, an independent oil dealer of Cincinnati, gave evidence showing that the names of his customers were systematically obtained by the Standard by bribing employees. He said he caught one in the act, and compelled him to swear to an affidavit that he was paid \$2.50 per week by the Standard for forwarding information concerning shipments. Having obtained the names of customers the witness said, the Standard agents went to them and in many nefarious ways induced some of them to take Standard Oil goods.

COUNTY OFFICERS ARE INDICTED.

(By the Associated Press.)
Lima, O., May 26.—Nineteen bridge companies and agents were indicted by the grand jury late Friday afternoon, but the county officials refuse to make their names public until service can be had upon them. Thirty-four indictments in all were returned, but true bills against the bridge companies and agents were "secret."

Conditions in all of the county because of the operation of the bridge trust are reported by the grand jury as even worse than expected.

Of the 24 indictments returned there are two each against former County Commissioners T. C. Burns, George W. Kanaw and Albert Heffer.

BIG GOLF MATCH BEGUN TODAY.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, May 26.—The final match of 36 holes for the Metropolitan amateur golf championship was begun today on the St. Andrews' links between Jerome D. Travers of Montclair, N. J., and Eben M. Byers of the Allegheny Club of Pittsburg, entered from the St. Andrews' Club. The victory of Byers over Walter J. Travis of Garden City yesterday was the sensation of the week's play. Byers had beaten Travis four years ago in the national tournament at Glenview, near Chicago, but Travis had frequently defeated Byers since.

N. Y. CENTRAL EXPRESS TRAIN WAS WRECKED

(By the Associated Press.) Amsterdam, N. Y., May 26.—New York Central Express train No. 34, eastbound, was wrecked at an early hour today near Hoffmans, seven miles east of this city, while running at a high rate of speed. No human lives were lost, but nine horses were killed and an express agent was lacerated and bruised.

The train consisted of seven express cars, two horse cars and three empty drawing-room coaches. The locomotive and two express cars left the rails, ploughing across the tracks, and piling blocked all tracks for several hours. The wreck undoubtedly was caused by the fish-plates having been tampered with.

About one hundred Italian section hands between Hoffmans and this city struck Thursday for higher wages and marched up the Central's tracks. Yesterday they continued their demonstrations, but several of the men were arrested in this city for trespassing and were fined.

CHURCH PEOPLE ARE STILL AFTER SMOOT

(By the Associated Press.)
Richmond, Ind., May 26.—To the United Presbyterian general assembly the committee on reform today recommended that the assembly communicate with the president of the United States, urging prompt and thorough action in the Smoot case and protesting against polygamous practices in the United States or in any place subject to its jurisdiction. They further urge that the church join with other reform forces in the effort to have both houses of congress refuse to admit any more territories to statehood until an anti-polygamy amendment to the national constitution has been enacted or until the Mormon church has given conclusive evidence of having abolished polygamy.

The report on evangelistic work was submitted and approved. The methods of evangelism as practiced in many denominations are condemned.

In the report of the committee of reform a demand is made for the observance of the Sabbath at the Jamestown Exposition.

U. S. A. AMBASSADOR GREETED BY EMPEROR

(By the Associated Press.)
Tokio, May 26.—Ambassador Wright, accompanied by the members of the American embassy and the ladies of the party, proceeded to the palace today to present his credentials to the emperor. The court master of the ceremonies went to the embassy to convey the ambassador to the palace in an imperial carriage and a troop of imperial lancers acted as a guard of honor. This brilliant procession reached the palace through the main gate, which is reserved for their majesties and for visitors arriving and departing on state occasions.

It is reported that the emperor was most cordial in his reception of the ambassador and his suite, who afterwards were received in audience by the emperor.

Mr. Wilson, former secretary and until recently charge d'affaires of the American legation here, who it has been announced is to succeed H. H. D. Pierce as third assistant secretary of state, will start for home May 29.

BANK CASHIER KILLS HIMSELF.

(By the Associated Press.)
Battle Creek, Mich., May 26.—Frank P. Boughton, cashier of the National Bank of Battle Creek, committed suicide today by hanging himself in the bath room of his beautiful home here. His action is attributed to ill health and despondency. The bank officials say that his accounts are straight. Mr. Boughton had been acting strangely for several days.

MR. RUCKER ON PUBLICITY

Wants it Before as Well as After Election

HE VIOLATES RULES

Mentions Names of Members of Com- mittee Who Voted for His Public- ity Bill—Called Sharply to Order, But He Had Gained His Point.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, May 26.—Publicity before election, as well as after election, was the subject of an address delivered by Mr. Rucker (Mo.) today in the house, while the latter had under consideration the diplomatic and consular bill.

There were less than a hundred members present when the house met, the galleries presenting a bare appearance, here and there a small group of spectators, showing interest in the discussion of Mr. Rucker in favor of a general publicity bill.

The house pricked up its ears when Mr. Rucker in the course of his address mentioned the names of members of the committee who voted for the publicity bill, Gillespie of Texas, Hardwick of Georgia, Ellerbe of South Carolina, Watkins of Louisiana and himself, all democrats, while the republicans on the committee voted against it.

Mr. Olmstead (Pa.) called the gentleman to order, saying that he had no right to divulge the proceedings in committee.

Mr. Curtis (Kansas), who was in the chair, called Mr. Rucker sharply to order, and had the rule read that the action of a committee was confidential and could only be made public by unanimous vote of the particular committee.

Mr. Rucker was ordered to proceed in order, but ingeniously got in the record the names of the republican members of the committee on election of president, vice president and members of congress by stating that if the bill were in the house the republicans to be consistent would vote against it.

He then said that the apathy on the part of the republicans toward his or any other bill prohibiting political corruption was startling. He suggested that when the democrats got control of the sixtieth congress and relegated the republicans to the Cherokee strip they would pass a law that would punish corruptors of all classes.

"When the democrats get the next house," said Mr. Rucker, "and elect that splendid democrat, John Sharp Williams as speaker, unless my good friend and colleague, Champ Clark of Missouri, is a candidate for speaker, then will come good legislation for the people."

Passing from a democratic house Mr. Rucker saw a democratic president in the white house "and your brightest sun (pointing to the republican side) is like a lightning bug along side the man whom we will elect, our peerless leader William Jennings Bryan." (Great applause on the democratic side.)

Mr. Olmstead (Pa.), suggested that the matter of publicity was a subject for action by the states; that Pennsylvania had passed a publicity bill immeasurably stronger than the Rucker bill.

Mr. Rucker replied: "You can't stop political corruption in Pennsylvania, the only way you can stop corruptors is in the Kerston state, is to hang them." (Great laughter in which the Pennsylvania delegates joined.)

Sugar Goes Up.
New York, May 26.—All grades of refined sugars were advanced 10 cents a hundred pounds today.

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