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INTENTION TO MONOPOLIZE.

Attorney Arraigns Great Corporation Before Supreme Court With All Power of His Eloquence.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Holding up the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey as a danger to the country and its organization as a commercial precedent that must be eradicated from the business world, Frank B. Kellogg today arraigned the corporation before the Supreme court of the United States with all the power of his eloquence. It was the government's turn to be heard in the argument over the dissolution of the "Standard Oil," as decreed by the circuit court of the United States for the eastern district of Missouri.

Except about twenty minutes that John G. Milburn consumed at the beginning of the sitting in the conclusion of his opening address, and about an equal length of time occupied by T. D. Watson at the close of the day, both in defense of the Standard Oil, all the time was taken up by Mr. Kellogg.

Mr. Kellogg's object was to give a history of the Standard oil and its activities, which he denominated as monopolistic, but frequently he was led off into the law of the case. He seemed inclined to leave many of these points for the discussion of Attorney General Wickersham, who is to close the case for the government tomorrow. Particularly was this true as to the point of common ownership of Standard Oil property urged by the defense to have existed both before and after the organization of the alleged illegal combination in 1899.

Court's Keen Interest.
Time after time the court manifested its keen interest in the case by subjecting the counsel before it to a series of queries. They were particularly anxious to know about the common ownership claimed by the Standard Oil counsel, and to get the various interpretations of the meaning which should be given to a monopoly, as used in the Shearman anti-trust act.

The day brought out a sharp conflict of purposes by the government and the Standard Oil. Mr. Kellogg on behalf of the government dwelt upon the activities of the corporation with a view of attempting to prove an intent to monopolize, in addition to reorganization in 1899.

On the other hand, the Standard Oil counsel contended that such matters were not before the court for review. The only question, they claimed, was whether the alleged illegal combining of 1899 was a violation of the law, as held by the lower court. This was based on the fact that the government did not appeal from the decision of the lower court.

The plan tonight is for Mr. Watson to continue his address when the court meets at noon tomorrow. He is to be followed by Mr. Wickersham for the government, while John G. Johnson is to close at the end of the day for the defense.

Rates Prohibitive.
Mr. Kellogg charged that the Standard, since its pipe lines had been made common carriers, had established delivery stations at "outlandish places, where nobody ever had a refinery." Their rates were prohibitive, the counsel said, and that was the reason applications to use the pipe lines had not been made by independents.

Railroad rates as a means of unfair competition was next considered. He spoke of the number of Standard Oil officials in many railroads. He said it was strange that the railroads should have made lower rates from Standard shipping points than from independent points. The reason he complained of these alleged discriminations, he said, was to show the monopolistic conduct of the Standard.

Unfair Competition.
From the railroad question he returned to what he called the unfair methods of competition. As an example he told of the Standard selling oil at a loss at Los Angeles, where there was competition, and at a profit

ORPHAN BOY'S

TERIBLY INJURED.

An Inmate of the Barium Orphans' Home Fell on Wood Saw and Suffered Great Injury.

Statesville Landmark.
A distressing accident occurred at the Barium Orphans' Home Saturday afternoon when David Stanley, a thirteen year old inmate of the institution, was horribly and possibly fatally hurt by coming in contact with a wood saw.

Young Stanley and a number of other boys were engaged in operating a steam wood saw and while assisting another youth in placing a heavy piece of wood on the saw rack, Stanley accidentally fell, or was accidentally shoved against the rapidly revolving saw. His back was next to the saw when he fell and the teeth of the saw caught him just above the left shoulder blade and jerked him entirely across the top of the saw, cutting a terrible gash from his shoulder blade down to the hip bone.

Talk of Settling Philadelphia Strike-Trouble.

Philadelphia, March 15.—The fact that representatives of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and officials of the Central Labor Union and Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway employees were brought together late yesterday afternoon for a "friendly talk" and to become "better acquainted" is expected to lead to some definite proposition upon which negotiations can be opened looking to a speedy settlement of the strike.

Yesterday's conference came so suddenly that everybody was taken completely by surprise. That the opposing sides got together for an exchange of views is looked upon as a sign to concede a point, and discuss peace plans with the strikers. The company had repeatedly announced to various committees seeking a settlement that it would not talk over details until the strikers returned to work and opened negotiations as employees of the company.

"It was reported that a definite plan was presented at the conference. This is untrue, but the way has certainly been paved, it is declared, for the presentation of a plan upon which a settlement, it is hoped, will be made.

The conference was brought about by Edward Lowber Stokes, a member of the stock exchange and a nephew of the late John Lowber Welch, who was interested in street car companies in this city. Those at the conference were Charles O. Kruger, president of the Rapid Transit Company; George H. Earle, one of the city's representatives on the company's board; W. O. Mahon, president of the carmen's union, and three members of the Central Labor Union.

All those in the conference declared themselves satisfied with the progress and although no predictions were made, they expressed hope of a speedy ending of the trouble. Mr. Mahon in a statement of what occurred at the meeting said: "We discussed the general situation without laying down any basis of settlement. It was suggested that both sides carefully think over the entire subject with the idea that we might again reach some kind of a settlement. There was the best feeling, seemingly, all the way around, when we adjourned."

The committee of seven of the United Business Men's Association, which last week began a movement for peace, is still at work devising a plan for settlement. Unless the contending parties get together themselves the committee will meet tonight to decide upon a method that may bring about an adjustment of the difficulties.

at Portland and Seattle, where there was no competition.

"They may say that is only competition, but we say it is competition that is dangerous in the hands of a corporation spreading all over this country."

Bogus independent companies organized by the Standard were likewise classed as dangerous competition.

FEDERAL MEDIATORS BUSY.

Chairman Knapp and Commissioner of Labor Neill Go to Chicago to Settle Railroad Controversy.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Efforts to settle two important labor controversies are to be made by officials of the government. In the trouble between the railways operating west of Chicago, and their firemen and engineers, Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission and Dr. Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor, have accepted the request of both sides to act as mediators and will leave for Chicago tomorrow morning, arriving there Thursday.

The other labor difficulty in which the government proposes to intervene is the Bethlehem Steel Company strike, where a large number of men have been out for the past four weeks. An official of the Department of Commerce and Labor will be sent to South Bethlehem, Pa., arriving there tomorrow and will go over the situation carefully. Notice to this effect was sent today to President Schawb of the steel company.

Investigation of the strike in the mill of the Bethlehem Steel Company, where 5,000 or more workmen have been out for more than a month, was prompted partly by the fact that the government has large steel contracts with the Bethlehem company and it has been claimed that the strike has resulted in great delay in government work.

The principal purpose of the investigation order is to bring the company and the strikers together in an arbitration of their difficulties.

The inquiry was brought about as a result of representations to the department by Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, (Democrat), of Pennsylvania. Mr. Palmer said he had been in receipt of advices from both the company and the men on the subject and as a result had requested the department to take action.

Outgrow Coffin He Made for Himself Years Ago.

Mexico, Mo., March 15.—Always eccentric, the neighbors thought nothing of it some years ago when they saw James Reynolds of Gothrie preparing for death by building a large vault with limestone slabs from the cliffs on his farm, and to notice him sewing the boards from the walnut logs down in his woods pasture for his coffin.

Reynolds finished the coffin some time ago and set it away till needed. Later when he was past work, it lay on him that his exceeding corpulence, although hinted at during the months he worked on the casket, was increasing at a rapid rate, and that if he lived too long he might not fit the box, or rather, the box might not fit him.

This fear came true, and a few nights ago when he died the relatives had to not only send for an undertaker, but a coffin as well. He had grown too fat and it was impossible to bury him in the casket, because it was too small.

Mr. Maek Denies It.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 15.—Chairman Norman E. Maek, of the National Democratic committee, tonight denied the reports that the councils of the Democratic party leaders here are to "freeze Bryan followers out of party affairs."

Mr. Maek explained that Mr. Bryan had made it so plain that he would not again attempt party leadership, that any alleged attempt to throttle Mr. Bryan's influence would be unnecessary.

Mr. Maek said he believed that the Democrats were a unit in wanting only the strongest man for leadership, and that when it became apparent who was the best man the Democrats would unite in his support.

Farmers' Club Meeting.
Mt. Pleasant, March 15.—The East Cabarrus Farmers' Club will hold their meeting in the graded school building on Saturday, March 19, at 2 o'clock. A full attendance is desired. Respectfully,
W. T. FISHER.

McKESSON AT MORGANTON.

He Succeeds D. C. Pearson as Postmaster—Stancil Nomination Sent Back to Senate.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—W. S. Cobb and F. A. Barnes and Messrs. Andrews, Purvis and Shaw of Robeson county, accompanied by Secretaries Watts and Martin, representing Senators Simmons and Overman, called on Dr. Seaman A. Knapp today and made arrangements for some special farm demonstration work. Experts will go down early in the spring.

The President sent the nomination of Stancil back to the Senate today. There is considerable talk among the Senators of the part Postmaster General Hitchcock has taken in this affair.

Charles F. McKesson was appointed postmaster for Morganton today. He succeeds D. C. Pearson.

Landis News.

Landis, March 16.—Mr. O. E. Soapberry, of Concord and Mr. John Tice, of Glass, open up today a general store at this place.

Several parties from here go to Salisbury today to attend the trial of the parties connected in the affray west of here in which the Freeze boys were cut up.

Mrs. J. C. Deal is having fine sales of eggs and chickens. She has the R. C. Rhode Island Red.

Claude Deal, 13 years of age, has fine S. C. Buff Orpington. He started with the best in the country. His hens commenced laying at 7 months and have laid regular. Yesterday he came in all smiles as one of his hens laid twice, once in the forenoon and once in the afternoon.

Of course, it pays to raise improved stock, even in chickens.

Captain Allen Died Suddenly in Raleigh.

Raleigh, March 15.—Capt. W. G. Allen, for a number of years superintendent of Wake county public roads, died suddenly tonight in Nash Square. He had been suffering from indigestion during the afternoon and was walking in the hope of getting relief. He seems to have taken a seat on an embankment, and was unconscious and sinking fast when found.

He died before medical aid could reach him.

Captain Allen was 59 years old, and leaves six children. He spent two years at Lumberton as superintendent of the Robeson county roads.

The funeral will be held from the home tomorrow afternoon.

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