

WHAT ALL THE WORLD IS DOING

Trend of Civilization in All Lines From Week to Week

POLITICS and GOVERNMENT

General.

Hoch Defies Oil Trust.

An impressive feature of the Kansas war on the Standard Oil company is the charge made by Governor Hoch that this trust is a gigantic socialistic concern. He distinctly disavows that the state oil refinery movement is socialistic and says that its soul is competition. In his judgment, Rockefeller is doing more to multiply socialists and make socialism popular than all the professional propagandists of that fascinating fallacy in the United States are doing.

In another statement Governor Hoch says the Standard's determination to tear up its lateral pipe lines connecting wells owned by small producers does not intimidate the people.

Commenting on Governor Hoch's stand, the Girard (Kan.) Appeal to Reason, the most widely circulated socialist paper, agrees with the governor that the proposed state oil refinery is not socialism, but state capitalism. State capitalism is defined as a development in the interest of the small oil producer and refiner as against the big ones, while the worker, who is the real oil producer, is not considered in the deal.

New to Be Chairman.

The appointment of Harry S. New of Indiana as vice chairman of the Republican national committee was announced by Postmaster General Cortelyou last week.

Mr. Cortelyou as chairman of the committee has authority to make such appointment, and upon his retirement Mr. New becomes the acting chairman. Mr. New is a well known Indiana newspaper man, who has long been a member of the national committee from that state. During the recent campaign he was in charge of the western headquarters.

At the same time Chairman Cortelyou appointed Representative Babcock to be the member of the Republican national committee from Wisconsin. This was regarded as a slap at the La Follette faction.

Warner Missouri's Senator.

On the last day of the Missouri legislative session, March 18, Major William Warner, a veteran Republican lawyer of Kansas City, was elected United States senator to succeed F. M. Cockrell, Democrat, thus breaking the long deadlock on the sixty-seventh ballot. Major Warner was formerly a representative in congress and was at one time commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Rival Democratic Banquets.

The fact that W. J. Bryan has accepted an invitation to attend the Jefferson day dinner of the Iroquois club at Chicago after having declined an invitation to a banquet with the Democratic club of New York on the same day, taken with the fact that ex-Judge Alton B. Parker first declined and then accepted an invitation to the New York dinner, indicates that the Chicago affair will be made up of radical Democrats, while the eastern function would represent the conservative members of the party. Chicago will also have Governor Folk of Missouri, Governor Johnson of Minnesota, Senator Bailey and Congressman De Armond.

For Negro Disfranchisement.

The Maryland court of appeals, March 23, decided unanimously in favor of the constitutional amendment adopted by the last legislature for the disfranchisement of negroes. Thus Governor Warfield, Republican, will be compelled to proclaim the amendments, so that they can be voted on at the fall election. This is regarded as a victory for the Democratic organization.

No Delaware Senator.

After many unsuccessful ballots the Delaware joint assembly agreed March 23 to separate without having elected United States senators.

Legal and Criminal.

Gigantic Swindling Combine.

Through the failure of the Storey Cotton company of Philadelphia a group of shrewd swindlers and confidence men, headed by Frank C. Marris, who posed as Judge Franklin Stone, have reached the end of their rope after getting a vast sum of money from the gullible public. Marris is a lawyer who fled from Brooklyn in 1897 after swindling a widow out of \$70,000 by means of forged mortgages. Investments were secured by enticements of big profits in cotton futures. Marris has disappeared.

Another "get rich quick" concern, the Provident Investment bureau of Philadelphia, headed by W. H. Latimer, has closed its doors and is now known to be in league with the Marris crowd. Latimer also has fled. The assets of both concerns are less than \$50,000,

and their liabilities run into the millions.

Beef Trust Jury at Work.

The special grand jury to investigate the charges of monopoly in the meat packing business was completed March 22 at Chicago, and the first witnesses were called. Among these were Miss M. A. Dinock, private secretary to J. Ogden Armour; General Superintendent Young of Swift & Co. and his assistant. The inquiry is expected to continue until some time in June.

Cherokee Case Granted.

In the court of claims at Washington March 20 the United States was made liable for the payment of \$1,111,284, with interest since 1838, amounting to \$4,500,000, due the Cherokee nation of Indians and individual Cherokees. The original claim was made by the Indians to pay the cost of their having been moved from Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee to Indian Territory. The case had been pending sixty-seven years.

Criminal Notes.

Mrs. Jessie Hopkins, on trial at Chicago for the murder of her husband, was set free by Judge Kersten on the ground that a woman has the right to defend herself from a brutal husband to the point of taking his life, declaring that a woman "is not her husband's chattel."

Another step in the Gaynor and Greene case was taken at Montreal March 22 when these American fugitives from justice were required to appear before the extradition commission.

Charles F. Berry, trustee of eleven estates, absconded from his office in Boston with over \$500,000.

The suit of W. P. Cody (Buffalo Bill) for divorce from his wife was denied at Sheridan, Wyo., by the district court.

Foreign.

Von Plehve's Assassin Explains.

A document recently came to light, prepared by Sasonoff, assassin of former Minister von Plehve, is interesting as explaining the motives of the so called terrorist party in Russia. Sasonoff, who is an intelligent and well educated man, says that violence is resorted to by the terrorists only when the repressive measures of the government prevent all other forms of propaganda. The revolutionary programme is essentially peaceful, he says, but when occasionally a man rises like Von Plehve, whose cruelty and oppression threatened effectually to stop the spreading of their ideas, the revolutionists consider that they must choose between that man and their cause, and he is sooner or later "removed." Violence in such cases is looked upon as a much regretted but necessary offset to the complete suppression of free speech and personal liberty.

Notes.

On account of the failure of the American senate to take any action concerning the treaty with Santo Domingo there was more talk in Santo Domingo against Morales. Belgium demanded the receipts of one Dominican port to the extent of \$25,833 a month, and similar demands from other foreign powers were anticipated.

Through the mediation of Italy a peace agreement has been reached between the Mad Mollah and Great Britain. By its terms coast rights are granted to the mollah, and he is allowed to occupy a village in Italian territory.

Raisull, the Moorish brigand who kidnaped Pedlaris last year, has been appointed governor by the sultan of several important tribes between Tangier and Fez.

Executive.

Secretary Hay's Breakdown.

Serious illness and weakness of Secretary of State Hay was not generally known until just before he sailed from New York March 18 for an extended vacation in southern Europe. On the pier he had a fainting spell and had to be assisted to his stateroom. During his absence Secretary of War Taft is to be the head of the cabinet. Assistant Secretary of State Loomis has gone to California on leave of absence, and it is understood that he will soon

succeed Mr. Conger as ambassador to Mexico.

The Reader Controversy.

In connection with the Santo Domingo treaty Senator Morgan of Alabama charged that previously President Morales had engaged a Mrs. A. B. Reader as agent



Mrs. A. B. Reader.

to negotiate a treaty with the United States and that an agreement was about to be signed when Minister Dawson received word from Washington to head off the whole proceeding. He intimated further that the plans of Mrs. Reader contemplated a treaty which would leave Dominican finances in the hands of an international commission and that its terms were disclosed to the state department by William Nelson Cromwell, former counsel for the Panama Canal company. Mrs. Reader was formerly a Miss Rawls of Alabama, who has achieved success as a promoter of South American mines and as a fiscal agent of Latin countries. Mr. Cromwell sent to Senator Foraker a general denial. Mrs. Reader says that Morales threw them over because he was "afraid of the big stick."

Cruiser Washington Launched.

The new armored cruiser Washington, most powerful in the armored class, was launched at Camden, N. J., March 18. She was christened by Miss Wilson, daughter of ex-Senator Wilson of Washington.

RELIGIOUS

Ministers in Labor Union.

As a step toward bringing the Presbyterian church into closer relationship with the labor unions the central organizations in all the larger cities are about to admit one minister of that church to membership as a representative of the local presbytery. At Brooklyn the Rev. W. W. Wilson of the Arlington Avenue church on being admitted to the Central Labor union made an address, in which he said that the church has strayed from the teachings of Christ and does not seem to clearly understand the purposes of labor unionism, and he also believed that some labor men were straying from Christ and the church; hence it was desirable that a better understanding should be reached. Mr. Wilson said he expected to attend meetings regularly and take an active part in the proceedings.

Row Over Rockefeller's Gift.

Because they say the Standard Oil company "stands before the public under repeated and recent formidable indictments in specific terms for methods which are immoral and iniquitous and socially destructive" the Congregational ministers of Boston and various other New England districts made formal protest, March 21, to the American board of commissioners for foreign missions against accepting the gift of \$100,000 from John D. Rockefeller of New York. The ministers say further that "the acceptance of such a gift involves the constituents of the board, implying honor toward the donor and subjecting the board to the charge of ignoring the moral issues involved."

In a newspaper interview the Rev. James L. Barton, secretary of the board, said it had been the policy of the organization to accept contributions without implying indorsement of the donor.

In spite of this protest the prudential committee of the board at Boston has decided to accept Mr. Rockefeller's gift.

Arrival of Lost Tribes.

A party of religious enthusiasts led by Benjamin and Mary Purnell, who are the heads of a sect known as the Israelite House of David, arrived at New York, March 23, from Australia and proceeded at once by train for Benton Harbor, Mich., which they regard as the new Christian Jerusalem. They believe that they are to take the place of the lost tribes of Israel and go to heaven in 1916, when the rest of the world will go to hell. At that time they figure their number will be exactly 144,000 souls.

People For Peace; Czar Wavering

"Sacrifice the whole army if necessary to check the Japanese advance at the Sungari river's south branch," the czar in desperation is said to have ordered his new army chief, General Linovitch.

"Peace at any price with Japan is our only salvation from revolutionary chaos" is in substance the plea of the people of the influential middle class throughout Russia, while the masses resist further enlistment of troops and demand peace with a boldness born of the revolutionary spirit.

In Poland the calling out of the reserves roused intense opposition, especially after a group of peasants was fired on by the regulars and fifty shot. Another provincial governor in Finland was shot, his assailant being a mere boy.

At this writing the fate of the defeated and retreating Russian army remains uncertain, as the Japanese censorship prevents knowledge of Oyama's pursuit. It was believed, however, that his right wing, under Kuroki, would soon isolate Vladivostok and that his left would get around Linovitch and threaten the Russian base at Harbin, on the Sungari river.

No Agreement Reached.

Without coming to an understanding on the wage scale, the joint scale committee of the coal operators and miners of Central Pennsylvania at Altoona adjourned last week to meet again this Wednesday. Before adjourning the joint committee appointed Coal Operator James Kerr and National Secretary W. N. Wilson, of the miners' organization, to appear before the Legislative committee at Harrisburg next Monday to protest against the proposed bill to tax coal mined in Pennsylvania 3 cents a ton. Until the fate of the pending bill is known it would be difficult if not impossible to agree on a scale.

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