

PACKERS FINED \$25,000

Four Members of One Company in Chicago Plead Guilty.

JAIL SENTENCES WERE WAIVED

Cases Concluded at Defendants' Request to Prevent Collapse of One of Them.

Four officials of the Schwarzschild Packing Co. of Chicago, were fined an aggregate of \$25,000 by Judge Humphrey in the United States District Court at Chicago. The fines followed a plea of guilty to indictments charging conspiracy to accept railroad rebates. The defendants were Samuel Weil, of New York, vice president; B. S. Cusey, traffic manager; Vance D. Skipworth and Chess E. Todd, assistant traffic manager.

Mr. Weil was fined \$10,000, the other three \$5,000 each.

With the entering of the plea, the declaration was made that unless at least one of the cases is immediately settled, the life of Samuel Weil, who is vice president of the company, and is one of the defendants, is in jeopardy. He is said to be a nervous wreck, and fears were entertained for his life, if he had been allowed to continue under the stigma of an indictment.

The plea was entered, it is declared, after an understanding had been reached between counsel for defendants and Attorney General W. H. Moody.

While in Chicago, the attorney general was apprised of the conditions of Vice President Weil, and, it is said, agreed to the entry of a plea of guilty, with the understanding that the jail provision of the law under which the indictment was returned should be waived, and merely a fine imposed. The same concession was made in the case of the other three defendants.

The four defendants were charged with unlawfully combining and agreeing to solicit rebates for the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Co. from the Michigan Central Railroad Co., the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., Boston and Maine Railroad Co., and the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Co.

Charges were made that the defendants conspired with each other in presenting pleas for damages which were in reality for rebates.

BANK DEFRAUDED

Man Accused of Getting \$3,800 by Tapping the Wires.

Charged with being the principal in an ingenious wire-tapping scheme by which \$3,800 was secured from a bank at Gettysburg, S. D., B. V. Dunham was arrested there.

A telegraph operator, who had acted as Dunham's accomplice, gave to the police the information that led to Dunham's arrest. Dunham, who is also known as F. D. Miles, is charged with representing himself as a cattle buyer, of Miles City, Mont. He is charged with having applied to the Gettysburg bank for \$3,800, giving a Chicago bank as reference, and asking that the Chicago institution be wired as to his financial standing.

His accomplice, it is charged, stationed himself several miles from town, tapped the wire and intercepted the Chicago message. Four hours later the wire tapper sent a reply, ostensibly from the Chicago bank and of such a character that the money was paid to Dunham by the Gettysburg bank. The arrest of Dunham immediately followed.

To Consider New Inaugural Date. District Commissioner McFarland, chairman of the National Committee to consider the advisability of changing the date of the ceremony for the inauguration of the President of the United States, has issued a call for a meeting November 8. The committee is composed of the governors of all States and Territories, and 15 residents of the District of Columbia. August 30 and the last Thursday in April have been suggested.

JAPS SEIZE ISLANDS

Have Taken Possession of Famous Kommander Group.

News has been received in St. Petersburg that the American steamer Montana, having on board Baron Bruggen, manager of the Kamchatka Trading society, was seized by the Japanese near Nikolaiok, Bering island, and that the Japanese afterward occupied the Kommander islands and hoisted the Japanese flag. Neither the date of seizure of the vessel nor that of occupation of the island is given.

The seizure of the Montana has already been chronicled, but there has been no mention of any occupation of the Kommander islands. Early in the war the governments of Great Britain and the United States entered into an agreement to protect the seals at the Kommander islands until the termination of hostilities. The Russian government consented to this arrangement.

Dr. James R. Chadwick, of Boston, a lecturer at Harvard college, was found dead just outside his summer residence at Chocorua, N. H.

German Troops Kill African Rebels. The German government received information from German East Africa that attacks by the rebels on Mahenge have successfully been repulsed, that the Morogo rebels lost 350 killed and that the Gray's column had arrived at Kilwa after inflicting severe losses on the rebels in six fights.

Sergius Witte, the Russian peace envoy, will visit Emperor William before he leaves Germany for St. Petersburg.

FIVE KILLED; EIGHT HURT

Passenger Train Collides With a Freight Train on a Curve Near Harrisburg, Pa.

Five men were killed and eight others seriously injured in a collision between a pay train and a combination passenger and milk train on the Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh branch of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad at Roush's curve, near Mount Holly Springs, Pa. None of the passengers, among whom were three women, was injured.

The dead are: Ephraim McCleary, engineer of milk train, 135 Vernon street, Harrisburg; C. J. Shearer, fireman of milk train, 1411 Swatara street, Harrisburg.

John Hill, fireman of pay train, 618 South Tenth street, Reading.

Edward Lauchs, paymaster's clerk, Reading.

Thomas Marion, conductor of pay train, Pottsville.

Hill died on the way to the Harrisburg hospital, the other four were killed outright.

The injured: John E. Amole, D. B. Zellers, Alfred Hawn, Isaac McHose, Robert Richwine, George O. Sarvis, John Miller and Harry Bomberger.

The pay train, consisting of a locomotive and one coach, was going west to pay the men along the division, and was being piloted by Trainmaster Sarvis. The combination train, composed of locomotive, combination coach and two passenger coaches, was coming east. The two trains ran together on the curve, which is a sharp one, and is flanked by a heavy clump of trees.

BLOOD FLOWS IN CUBA

Leader of Liberal Party is Killed in Political Fight.

Official dispatches received from Cienfuegos, Cuba, say Congressman Enrique Villuendas, leader of the Liberal party and the most able orator in the Lower House, and the chief of police of Cienfuegos were killed during a conflict between the two political parties, the Liberals and Moderates.

The Government advices say the police had information that within the hotel in which Villuendas resided a quantity of arms had been deposited and they went to the hotel to investigate the matter. As the police ascended the stairs they were met by a party of Liberals, who fired on them, killing Chief Illance. The police returned the fire, killing Villuendas and wounding several others.

A dispatch to the Associated Press from Cienfuegos says that six persons were killed and 25 wounded during the conflict.

ENGINES ORDERED FOR CANAL

Contract Awarded for 120 Locomotives to be Sent to Panama.

An order was placed by the Panama Canal Commission with the American Locomotive Works of New York for 120 locomotives. This is said to be one of the largest sales of the year, and aside from its new steamships is the largest purchase made by the commission.

A hundred of the locomotives are of the largest type of switch engines, to be used in pulling dirt from the excavating machinery on the canal. The other 20 are road or freight engines, equipped with the latest improvements. The deliveries are to begin in December and to be completed by June.

BOYS BATTLE WITH EAGLE

Bird Fights Desperately, but is Killed With Baseball Bat.

A bald eagle measuring 5 feet from tip to tip of the wings was killed in Vallsburg, N. J., by Felix and Edwin Ritters, aged respectively 12 and 13 years. The boys were crossing a field with a dog when the eagle swooped down on the Canine and attempted to carry it off. Edwin ran to the rescue and seized the eagle by the neck. The bird fought desperately, tearing the lad's clothing into tatters with its talons, but he held it fast until his brother killed it with a baseball bat.

AGREE TO SEPARATE

Union of Sweden and Norway Will Be Dissolved.

After protracted sessions extending over some weeks, the Norwegian and Swedish delegates who met at Karlstad to settle the terms of separation of the two countries, arrived at an agreement on all points. The terms were not made public. That Sweden never objected to an arbitration treaty, is shown by the riksdag's decision in which arbitration was first mentioned and which agreed perfectly with Sweden's expressed desire for peace.

A protocol is now being drawn up which will be presented to the representatives of both nations for their signatures. The protocol will be published simultaneously in Stockholm and Christiania.

Agrarian disturbances are taking place in the Caucasus, where peasants are plundering estates and churches.

The first case of cholera has occurred in Berlin, that of a canal boatman, who died of the disease.

Wanted More Gore.

Twelve thousand spectators of a bull fight at Nimes, France, broke up the chairs, other seats and the boxes and set fire to the barriers surrounding the arena because the matadors refused to kill another bull as an encore after they had dispatched five.

The motorman was killed and 15 passengers injured in a collision on the Albany & Hudson Electric Railway at Nassau, N. Y., when a passenger train ran into a milk car.

BOMB EXPLODED IN PEKING

Wu Ting Fang, Former Minister at Washington, Injured.

FOUR KILLED; TWENTY HURT

Official Circles Fear Adoption of Russian Methods by Native Revolutionists.

At the Peking railway station, as a train carrying one of the four missions ordered abroad to study foreign political methods was leaving a bomb was exploded inside a private car, killing four minor officials and wounding over 20 other persons.

The wounded include Prince E. Tsai Tche, who heads the most important of the missions, and Wu Ting Fang, former minister to the United States, both of whom received slight injuries. The perpetrator of the outrage, who was in the car, was blown to pieces.

The affair has created a profound sensation and causes apprehension regarding the safety of members of the court and leading officials of the government. The government officers and the railroads are now strongly guarded.

The edict appointing the missions was issued July 16. The missions were appointed to study foreign systems of government. The dowager empress intended to issue a decree at the new year for the establishment of a parliament 12 years hence.

When the dispatch containing an account of the explosion of a bomb in a private car was shown to Sir Chenung Liang Chang, the Chinese minister at Washington he expressed his horror over the occurrence, and said:

"There are two parties in China, the new reform party, which is desirous of having the people and government profit by the adoption of whatever is for the good in occidental civilization and methods, and the party that you call anarchists in this country. The leaders of the latter are really devoid of any principles. The late action in regard to the sending abroad of missionaries has especially angered them."

Yellow Fever Record.

The official report of the Yellow Fever cases in New Orleans up to 6 o'clock p.m. Sept. 24 is summarized as follows:
New cases, 24.
Total to date, 2,831.
Deaths, 2.
Total deaths to date, 367.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

A severe earthquake shock was felt at Turmeo, Venezuela, but no damage was done.

The Roman Catholic church will establish in New York a pedagogical college for women.

Federal authorities will begin prosecution of railroads for giving rebates in violation of law.

Wang Tai Shel, first secretary of the Chinese legation, at Washington, has been designated as Chinese minister to the court of Great Britain.

Adolf Hodin, a parliamentary veteran, known as the father of the Swedish riksdag, is dead. He represented Stockholm as a Liberal during 26 sessions.

President Roosevelt is aiding a plan for the consolidation of the several small countries to form a big republic in the region of the Panama canal.

The Ohio conference of the Methodist Episcopal church adopted resolutions condemning Gov. Myron T. Herrick for his action in threatening to veto the Brannock local option bill.

Venezuela has aroused great indignation in France by offensive attitude toward the French charge d'affaires.

It is officially announced that Dr. Rosen, the new German minister to Morocco, and the French government have reached a complete accord on the program at Morocco conference.

Frank A. Durban, of Zanesville, O., was elected president of the Ann Arbor railroad, succeeding Joseph Ramsey, Jr. Durban is also president of the Detroit, Toledo and Iron- ton railroad.

Investigation of the New York Life Insurance Company developed the fact that the \$300,000 was lost in one syndicate transaction, although the company on the whole made large profits in such deals.

When Smith College, at Northampton, Mass., was opened President L. Clark Seyler announced that Andrew Carnegie had promised \$125,000 to the college, provided friends of the institution will raise an equal amount.

Robert Bilckenderfer has resigned his position as general manager of the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad and the Wash Terminal railroad, to become consulting engineer of the Wash lines east of Toledo.

There are still five pensioners on account of the War of the Revolution, one of them being Esther S. Damon, widow of a Revolutionary soldier, and the other four daughters of such soldiers. Mrs. Damon is 91 years old.

Canal Boatmen Hold Reunion.

The twelfth annual reunion of the Veteran Canal Boatmen's Association was held at Bluffs, Pa., and the roll call showed that 150 of the old boatmen were present. Pittsburg and Johnstown were well represented. The address of welcome was made by the Rev. T. P. Pershing, of the Bluffsville Methodist Episcopal Church. The response was made by his cousin, Daniel Pershing, of New Florence. The Rev. Pershing was one of the original canal boatmen.

ATTACK JURY DRAWING

Chicago Meat Packers Are Fighting Every Little Point.

A plea in abatement was filed by the packers indicted in the United States District Court at Chicago on a charge of conspiracy to monopolize the meat industry. The plea is not supported by affidavits. It is signed by the defendants and their attorneys. It is charged in the plea that the date and hour of the drawing were kept a profound secret, and the packers were unable to learn who had been selected to sit upon their case, although the Government had an opportunity to investigate each man whose name had been drawn.

Four men connected with the Schwartzchild & Sulzberger Company, named in indictments charging them with accepting railroad rebates, are now in Chicago. They have been notified to appear before Judge Humphrey to plead to the indictment. One of the men, Samuel Weil, vice president of the company, has just returned from Europe. The defendants other than Weil are: Beth S. Ausey, traffic manager; Vance D. Skipworth, assistant traffic manager, and Chess E. Todd, assistant traffic manager.

TO RECOVER EQUITABLE MONEY

Paul Morton Will Try to Compel Trust Company to Pay Back.

Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance society, made public the fact that he has directed Wallace McFarlane, as counsel for the Equitable, to begin suit against the Mercantile Trust Company to compel restitution by it of sums aggregating principal and interest, more than \$1,000,000. Mr. Morton asserts these sums were applied under the former Equitable management to improper or unauthorized loans, and his report, which is addressed to the board of directors, throws light upon some extraordinary financial transactions of the former regime, both before and after the death of the late Henry B. Hyde.

In this connection Mr. Morton also refers to the \$685,000 loan carried by the Mercantile trust, which has been the object of much speculation as to the uses to which it was put by James W. Alexander and Thomas D. Jordan.

CHARGED WITH CANNIBALISM

Backsliding Christian Arrested for Eating Other Africans.

Definite information contradicting the reported death of Daniel Flickinger Wilberforce, the native African missionary who, after being educated in this country, renounced the Christian faith and returned to heathenism, has been received. Wilberforce, with several other natives, has been arrested by the English Commissioner of West Africa, charged with cannibalism.

He declared his innocence, and in case of acquittal asserted that he would ask forgiveness and return to the Christian faith.

PRESIDENT BECOMES DICTATOR

Gen. Reyes Imprisons Judges and Precipitates Riots.

Unconfirmed reports reached Panama that Gen. Rafael Reyes, president of Colombia, declared himself dictator September 8 and imprisoned the members of the supreme court at Bogota.

Mobs, angered by this action, attacked the presidential palace and were fired on by troops, who killed or wounded many of the rioters.

The reports say revolution have been started in Antiquia and Santander.

Carried Away in Balloon.

Floyd Wallace, a 16-year old boy of Oneonta, N. Y., had an exciting ride in a balloon that got away from the Oneonta fair grounds. The boy had gone up in the balloon, which was pulled down in the regular manner. When it was about 100 feet from the ground the rope broke, and the balloon and boy shot up in the air. The balloon rose over two miles high before it disappeared from view. The boy, however, managed to get hold of the valve rope and let out the gas, landing at Summit, 30 miles away.

Damage by Flood.

A message from St. Louis, September 20 says: The floodtide in the Mississippi river has about reached its crest, and is still below the 20-foot danger line. In the vicinity of St. Charles, 25 miles northwest, the Missouri river covers the bottoms for 22 miles and is two miles wide. Growing crops are ruined. About 150 families have been driven from their homes to higher ground.

Dashed Over Bridge to Death.

William A. Furisch, the driver of a newspaper delivery wagon, was thrown over the railing of Williamsburg bridge over the East river at New York, and dropped 150 feet to the stone sidewalk. He died almost instantly. An automobile frightened Furisch's horse, and when the wagon swayed the driver shot from his seat and over the railing. He was dead when picked up.

W. H. Hunt, formerly president of the defunct Pan-American bank, of Chicago, was sentenced to the penitentiary and ordered by Judge Kersten to pay a fine of \$298.

Beavers Can't Plead Guilty.

A decision has been reached by the department of justice not to allow ex-Superintendent George W. Beavers, former chief of the division of salaries and allowances of the post office department, to plead guilty to charges of conspiracy in the Doremus cancelling machine contract without trial.

Justice William J. Gaynor, declined to accept the fusion nomination for mayor of New York city.

MANY CALLS FOR MONEY

President of the New York Life on Witness Stand.

SAID THERE WAS NO BOODLING

Told of Large Sums Paid to the Company's Legal Adviser Without Vouchers.

John A. McCall, president of the New York Life Insurance Company, while on the rack of the legislative inquiry denied the New York Life ever had made political campaign contributions during the period of his presidency, except in the three instances which Mr. Perkins had already detailed, and he could not explain to what account those donations had been charged up.

Mr. McCall volunteered the additional statement that Alton B. Parker, when chairman, had never missed a chance to collect corporation money for campaign purposes, and that even during the national campaign last year the Parker managers had been a source of continual annoyance to him, dogging him with their solicitations for money.

Mr. McCall denied with vehemence that a dollar of the New York Life's money had ever been used, with his knowledge, in the effort to influence legislation in New York or any other state, but admitted that hundreds of thousands of dollars of the company's money had been advanced solely on his order to Andrew Hamilton of the New York Life's law department, and that Mr. Hamilton represents the company in "legislative and taxation" matters in the various states in this country, as well as in Canada.

Mr. Hughes brought out admissions that \$235,000 thus advanced remains unaccounted for, and that it is customary for Mr. Hamilton to report his expenditures exclusively to Mr. McCall, who takes Mr. Hamilton's receipts and vouchers. The witness admitted the company has on record no vouchers for any of these expenditures made by Hamilton and has not had since the beginning of "Judge Hamilton's connection with it."

Sums aggregating this amount, \$235,000, were charged to the home office annex account, with the exception of \$36,000, which was carried in the "suspense account." The payments to Andrew Hamilton, aggregating \$235,000, were made between December, 1903, and March, 1904.

FIFTY PERSONS INJURED

Large Circus Tent is Blown Down During a Severe Windstorm.

During a windstorm, a large circus tent was blown down at Maysville, Mo., and 50 persons in the audience were injured. The severely injured: Charles L. Robinson, scalp wounds; Edward Booth, ribs broken; Mrs. Edward Booth, leg broken; Miss Booth leg broken; Mrs. Thomas Clark, two ribs broken; John E. Orm, arm broken.

All the tents of the circus were torn to shreds. All the injured will recover.

Boston Wool Market.

The wool market has been more dull than for some weeks. The demand is fairly well distributed. There is a quiet demand for quarter blood and low medium fleece wools. Ohio mediums are quoted at 34@35. Pulled wools are scarce. Territory grades are in steady movement. Foreign wools are firm. Leading quotations follow: Ohio and Pennsylvania, XX and above, 36@37c; X, 34@35c; No. 1, 40@41c; No. 2, 41@42c; fine unwashed, 25@29c; quarter-blood, unwashed, 34@35c; 35@36c; 1/2-blood, 34@35c; unwashed delaines, 30@31c; unmerchandise, 31@32c; fine washed delaine, 39@40c.

The state of Indiana will bring suit to recover money lost by ex-Auditor Sherrick in gambling at French Lick.

Erie Controls C., H. & D.

President Underwood, of the Erie railroad, made the following announcement: At a meeting of the board of directors of the Erie Railroad company, the purchase of a majority of the stock of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad company was authorized. By this purchase the Erie system has acquired between 3,500 and 4,000 additional miles of trackage. At Chicago, which is the western terminus of the Erie, it will connect by the new purchase with a number of the principal cities in Ohio and Michigan.

Panhandle Given Verdict.

A verdict of \$100,000 against the city of Chicago was given the Panhandle railroad in a damage suit for the burning of a number of freight cars during the American Railway union strike of 1894.

Near Madison, Ind., George Ford, who is thought to be insane, cremated his wife and three children by setting fire to the house while they were asleep. All four perished in the flames.

Verdict on Wreck. The inquest into the wreck near Butler, Pa., on the Western New York and Philadelphia Railroad Sept. 7, which resulted in two deaths and many injuries, was finished with a finding that the wreck was due to Engineer Popham's watch being slow and said: "We further find that the orders by which trains were that day operated on the Western New York and Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania Company, were inadequate for the protection of the lives of passengers and employes."

HONORS TO MISS ROOSEVELT

Rides Through Korean Capital on Imperial Palanquin.

Through streets crowded with white-robed Koreans and lined by the imperial bodyguard, standing at "present arms," Miss Alice Roosevelt, riding in the imperial yellow palanquin, triumphantly progressed from the railroad station to the American legation at Seoul. The roadways had been freshly paved and the shops draped with Korean and hastily hand-painted American flags.

Miss Roosevelt, Rear Admiral Train, Senator and Mrs. Newlands, the Misses Boardman and McMillin and Congressmen Longworth and Gillette arrived at Chemulpo on the 19th. American Minister Morgan and staff, and a number of high Koreans greeted the party, which proceeded to Seoul by a special train. The imperial car, which is only furnished to royalty was placed at Miss Roosevelt's disposal.

FUSION IN NEBRASKA

Rockefeller's Gift to State University Spurned.

Fusion of Democrats and Populists of Nebraska was effected by the nomination by both the State conventions of the following ticket: Justice of the Supreme Court, William G. Hastings, Democrat; Regents of the University, D. C. Cole, Populist, and Louis Lightner, Democrat.

The feature of the Democratic gathering was the speech of William J. Bryan. Mr. Bryan commended President Roosevelt for what he declared to be his advanced stand on the principles long advocated by Democrats. On these principles he hoped every Democrat would uphold the President. A resolution which was promptly adopted, denounced the Rockefeller gift to the University of Nebraska, criticized the Regents for accepting it and demanded the return of the gift to the donor.

RAINS INJURED CORN

The Weather Generally Favorable for Crops, However.

The weekly summary of crop conditions issued by the weather bureau says:

While corn has experienced favorable conditions over a large part of the corn belt, late corn in the upper Ohio and Missouri valleys is maturing slowly and the crop in the lower Missouri valley has suffered seriously from excessive rains and high winds, especially in Missouri and Kansas. In the first mentioned State a large part of the crop has been blown down or lodged, much is under water, and that in shock is beginning to mold. Over the southern part of the corn belt from two-thirds to three-fourths of the crop is now safe from frost.

Notwithstanding frequent showers in the spring wheat region, threshing of spring wheat has been general, shock threshing in Minnesota being nearly completed. Considerable smut is reported from the Dakotas.

GHOULS FAILED

Two Men Bent on Robbing the Studebaker Grave.

But for the alertness of Thomas Hackney, a guard who is employed to watch the grave of Clement Studebaker, the millionaire wagonmaker, of South Bend, Ind., who died a few weeks ago, his body would now be in possession of ghouls. After midnight Hackney saw two men crawling toward him, and within 10 feet of the Studebaker grave. As they rose to their feet he fired. The two men promptly returned the fire. He pursued them and they fired back, but all the shots failed to hit.

A spring wagon was in waiting by the roadside, and as soon as the ghouls cleared the fence they sprang into it and drove rapidly away.

CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

Neither Swedish nor Norwegian soldiers will be sent to the frontier, but troops are kept on watch.

The barge George W. Robey, of Cleveland, which went aground, burned to the wharf's edge with her cargo of soft coal. She was built in 1889. Loss estimated at \$64,000.

The pope has given \$40,000 for the relief of the earthquake sufferers in Italy, the largest donation made.

The Standard Oil Company has advanced the price of refined oil 1/2 cent a gallon and gasoline 1 cent a gallon.

The Toledo Tool and Machine Co., of Toledo, Ohio, has been awarded a contract by the Japanese government for 19 car loads of iron, to be shipped within the next three months.

M' Wiener, the French minister, has lodged a protest with the Venezuelan government against its action in closing the station of the French Cable Company and expelling the manager of the company, M. Brun.

The Japanese government announces that the Tokio riots were not directed against Americans. It was simply unfortunate that some property owned by Americans got in the way of the mob.

President Roosevelt appointed Arnold Shanklin of St. Louis consul general of the United States at Panama to succeed J. W. Lee, who a few days ago was appointed United States minister to Ecuador. The position pays about \$4,500 a year.

Exchange of Treaties.

It can be stated definitely that the exchange of the ratification of the treaty of peace between Japan and Russia will take place in Washington shortly after the treaty has been ratified by the respective sovereigns. It is probable that this will be done in the White House as a compliment to President Roosevelt.

There are six cases of yellow fever at the Detention hospital in Cincinnati.