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WRIGHTS IN AERO TRUST.

Belmont, Gould and Vanderbilt Are Associated With Them. New York, Nov. 23.—For the purpose of controlling absolutely in this country and Canada all aviation by means of heavier than air machines the Wright company, backed by financiers controlling hundreds of millions of dollars, has been formed here. The men behind the latest, the flying machine trust, include August Belmont, Edward J. Berwind, Robert Collier, Howard Gould, Morton F. Plant, Allan A. Ryan, Theodore P. Shonts, Cornelius Vanderbilt and Russell A. Alger. The Wrights are to be associated actively with the enterprise. Wilbur Wright will be president and his brother Orville vice president. The company, which has been formed to take over the patents of the Wrights and to prosecute all infringements, claims as an asset even the principle of the plane and the control of the equilibrium of the machine. A large factory is to be built near Dayton, O. It is declared that a car can be built to carry twenty passengers. It is planned to have mails carried by aeroplanes to remote places in the west where speed is desired, where there are no railroads and where roads are unfit for automobiles.

DECREE DISSOLVES TRUST.

Kellogg Disputes Standard Oil Lawyer's Statement as to Decision. St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 23.—Frank B. Kellogg, special assistant attorney general for the government in charge of the Standard oil case, declares emphatically that the decree handed down by the circuit court of appeals on Saturday does in its effect dissolve the Standard Oil company as such. This means that if the decree is sustained by the supreme court the Standard Oil trust will go absolutely



FRANK B. KELLOGG. (Government trust prosecutor.)

out of existence unless some ingenious plan for evading the letter of the decree is constructed by those who are paid princely salaries for legal advice. Mr. Kellogg's statement came as a reply to a statement of Mortimer F. Elliott, general counsel for the Standard Oil company, who said in New York: "The decree does not order a dissolution of the Standard Oil company. That is a misunderstanding. What the decree orders, as I now understand it, is that the company shall distribute among its stockholders, of whom there are approximately 5,000, its holding in the stock of subsidiary companies." When Mr. Kellogg read this statement he replied sharply, "The decree doesn't order any such thing." "Finally and completely?" "Yes, finally and completely. The language of the decree is too plain to be misunderstood."

HIS "HONEY, DEAR," TOO FREE

Appellate Court Rules That Clerk Was Properly Dismissed. Chicago, Nov. 23.—Calling his employer's wife "honey, dear," woman employees "honey" and a customer "girlie" was sufficient cause for the dismissal of Ralph Alexander and nullified his right to sue for unearned wages afterward, according to a decision given here by the appellate court. The opinion was written by the presiding justice, Jesse Holdom. Alexander sued for and recovered \$219.50 from Jack Potts, wholesale milliner. Justice Holdom analyzed the conduct of the employee and then reversed the judgment of the lower court. "That plaintiff's conduct was unseemly he tacitly admits," the opinion reads. "It is plain that his conduct was subversive of discipline among the other employees and detrimental and hurtful to defendant's business."

Marc Hanna's Brother Very Ill. Cleveland, O., Nov. 23.—E. M. Hanna, brother of the late Senator Marc A. Hanna and head of the M. A. Hanna company, controlling docks, coal mines, railroad lines and steamship lines, is critically ill in Lakeside hospital here following an operation for cancer.

KANSAS ATTACKS GOULD LINE

Governor Will Ask a Receiver Unless Service Is Improved. Topeka, Kan., Nov. 23.—Unless the Missouri Pacific improves the central branch at once action will be taken in the name of the state of Kansas to have a receiver appointed for that line. Governor Stubbs made this statement after he had received a long telegram from George Gould which explained that the company has been working for years on a comprehensive financial plan and had just now completed it. The telegram further said that the central branch would receive its proper share of the appropriations and would be put in good condition as quickly as possible. Mr. Gould was not definite as to when this improvement was to begin. "What we want to know is what they are going to do and when," said the governor. "We do not care about the details of this financial scheme, but we want service and a safe track. For years the Missouri Pacific has been slighting Kansas to build the Western Pacific and the Atlantic Seaboard lines. Every cent has been put into these lines and nothing spent on the Kansas lines, where the revenue comes from. The officials have made promises and promises and did little or nothing. We propose to have something done to these tracks and right away."

MRS. STETSON RESIGNS.

Gives Up Membership and Salary in Christian Science Church. New York, Nov. 23.—Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, the deposed leader of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in this city, who was excommunicated by the mother church in Boston, announced her resignation in a letter to the board of trustees, in which she said: I have been advised that my name has been dropped from the membership roll of the mother church. As this may place the members of your board in an embarrassing position, I have decided to resign from membership in the First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York city, and I now request that my name be dropped from the membership roll. I shall continue to make it my sole effort to obey principle and to follow our beloved leader, Mary Baker Eddy. I am informed that some objection was made during the recent inquiry to the continued payment of the annual sum voted to me in recognition of my services to this church. Money is neither useful nor desirable to me unless it comes as a grateful recognition of services rendered to those from whom it comes. It was my purpose, therefore, at a suitable time to suggest the discontinuance of this payment. In view of the recent action by the directors of the mother church it would seem desirable that this payment be discontinued. I make this simple request that the trustees and members of this church would constantly listen to our beloved leader's voice impersonally through devout prayer and through the proper study of her writings.

ABOLISH WAR, SAYS TOLSTOI.

Message From Great Russian Author Read at Geneva Meeting. Geneva, Nov. 23.—At a great anti-militarist meeting held here, when 100 Swiss and foreign delegates were assembled, an appeal from Count Leo Tolstoy was read amid great enthusiasm. The appeal was specially written for the recent peace congress at Stockholm, but was not read there because the great strike caused a postponement of the congress. Count Tolstoy appeals to the good sense of the world's peoples to refuse to serve as soldiers, either voluntary or under pressure, even if that refusal entails punishment. Killing by soldiers, he asserts, is a criminal act. The message appeals not to governments, but directly to peoples and their good sense to stop the growth of armies and navies.

TORNADO IN MISSOURI.

County Buildings, Amphitheater and Fifteen Houses Destroyed. Poplar Bluff, Mo., Nov. 23.—A tornado has struck Dexter, Mo., a town of about 3,000 people, and for a space of a hundred yards wide and a quarter of a mile long everything in its path was demolished. Fifteen houses were completely wrecked, and the Stoddard county fair buildings were destroyed, including the immense amphitheater. Trainmen on the Iron Mountain train from Cairo were compelled to stop their train twice to remove fences and trees which had blown on the track. A schoolhouse near Little Rock, Ark., was demolished by a heavy windstorm. Miss Florence Gill, a teacher, and two little girls were injured by falling timbers.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt's Daughter Ill. New York, Nov. 23.—Miss Barbara Rutherford, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, is critically ill at the Vanderbilt home on Fifth avenue. She is passing through the crisis following an operation for appendicitis.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

"WE HAVE LIVED IN QUIETNESS, UNDISTURBED BY WARS OR RUMORS OF WARS," HE SAYS.



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WILLIAM H. TAFT.

President William H. Taft signed the following Thanksgiving Proclamation, which was issued by Secretary of State, Philander C. Knox, at Washington, last week:

The season of the year has returned when, in accordance with the reverent custom established by our forefathers, the people of the United States are wont to meet in their usual places of worship on a day of thanksgiving appointed by the civil magistrate to return thanks to God for the great mercies and benefits which they have enjoyed.

During this past year we have been highly blessed. No great calamities of flood or tempest or epidemic sickness have befallen us. We have lived in quietness, undisturbed by wars or rumors of wars. Peace and the plenty of bounteous crops and great industrial production animate a cheerful and resolute people to all the renewed energies of beneficent industry and material and moral progress. It is altogether fitting that we should humbly and gratefully acknowledge the divine source of these blessings.

Therefore I hereby appoint Thursday, the 25th day of November, as a day of general thanksgiving, and I call upon the people on that day to lay aside their usual vocations, to repair to their churches and unite in appropriate services of praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God.

WHAT GOVERNOR STUART SAYS:

On Thanksgiving Day let us remember the poor and needy, the widow and the fatherless, the sick and the distressed. Out of our abundance let us assist the unfortunate, remembering that the greatest virtue is charity.

Thanksgiving Conundrums. Here is a collection of conundrums which may be served up while the turkey is being served on Thanksgiving day: What part of the turkey assists my lady in making her toilet? Comb. What part of the turkey opens the front door? Last part—key. What part of the turkey will appear on Wednesday, Dec. 1? Bill. What part of a turkey is part of a sentence? Claws (clause). What part of a turkey is used for cleaning purposes? Wings (for dusters). What part of a turkey does the farmer watch with anxiety? The crop. Why is the man who eats too fast like a turkey? Both are gobblers. What part of the turkey is an oriental? The first part—Turk. Why ought the turkey to be ashamed when he is being served? Because we see the turkey dressing. What color gets its name from the turkey? Turkey red. When the turkey is cooking, in what country is he? In Greece. Turkeys and People. I'd hate to be a turkey— Wouldn't you?— Getting roasted or else being In a stew; But, though we have no feathers, we are collared and we're cuffed, And Thanksgiving day the turkey's not the only thing that's stuffed.

THE LONG EDDY

SHOOTING AFFAIR

A Shooting Affair Which Came Near Being Fatal.

The Hancock Herald has an account of the recent unfortunate shooting of Charles H. Gould, at Long Eddy. There have been a great many wild and sensational reports in regard to the matter, but the Herald's account seems to bear the stamp of veracity, and is as follows: "What came very near being a fatal shooting accident, occurred at Long Eddy, last Friday, the victim being Charles H. Gould, late Republican candidate for supervisor of the town of Fremont. "Various rumors were afloat as to the cause of the shooting, but the facts in the case, as given by Mr. Gould are as follows: He had planned to take a business trip out in the country in his recently purchased automobile. Mr. Gould is an ardent sportsman, and thinking he might get a chance shot enroute, concluded to take his rifle along. Entering the house he secured the rifle, but his wife objected fearing some accident might occur. She grabbed hold of the weapon, and in the playful squabble for its possession which ensued, the firearm was accidentally discharged. The 30-30 softnose steel encased bullet passed through his left forearm, struck his body near the breast bone, tore through the flesh on the right side, and finally lodged in his right arm near the elbow. "Help was at once called and Drs. Acheson and F. M. Wooley, of Hancock, summoned by telephone. Arriving at Long Eddy the doctors soon located and extracted the death dealing missile and made the injured man as comfortable as possible, and unless blood poisoning or tetanus results from the injury, Mr. Gould will recover. "Not in years has Long Eddy been thrown in such a state of excitement. In an incredibly short space of time after the shooting, his residence and spacious grounds were filled with friends and neighbors anxious to learn his condition and the details of the affair. "Mr. Gould is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gould, and was born and reared in Long Eddy. He is secretary and manager of the George Gould Manufacturing Co., of that place, and is well liked by the employes, business men, and public generally. He is also president of the Long Eddy Telephone and Telegraph Co. His untimely death would have been a severe blow to his people and to the community at large. "In speaking of the unfortunate mishap, a Long Eddy correspondent says: "In view of the wild and exaggerated reports in the Binghamton and New York papers regarding the shooting affray in our village last Friday afternoon, the writer called upon the wounded man Sunday, to ascertain the facts for the benefit of his family, his friends and the public. We found him resting comfortably, the only fear now is from blood poison or lockjaw. Mr. Gould said his wife should not be justly censured, as the shooting was purely accidental. He had gotten his automobile and was going to take a run out in the country and thought to take his rifle along. His wife objected, and in the little squabble that followed the weapon was discharged; and that it was equally his fault as much as hers."

WHAT THE SPEAKER SAID.

Some things the speaker at the Anti-Saloon League Meeting Said. One hundred and sixteen thousand drunkards die every year. Fifty per cent. of the patrons of the saloon are boys under twenty years of age. Taxation is greater in wet counties than in dry counties. A \$9,000 farm in Bradford county, Pa., the taxes were \$183 while the same valuation of farm property in Kansas was only \$50. Local option brings greater returns to the farmer and the laboring man. Under the present laws of the state of Pennsylvania the people of this state have no voice in matters of home government. In the last legislature 66 legislators were willing to let the people decide this question while 137 legislators were too cowardly to give the people a chance to govern themselves. Men ought to stand up for their rights. The people are the sovereign power and ought to rule.

ADD LOCAL.

—There will be no school on Thursday and Friday of this week. —Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGinnis, on Sunday, a ten pound son. —There will be a matinee dance in Lyric hall on Thanksgiving afternoon. —The fifteenth annual ball of the Amity Club will be held this evening at Lyric Hall. —The Ladies' Auxiliary of Grace church netted \$312 from their recent church supper. —The F. O. F. Girls held their annual meeting at the home of Miss Hattie Arnold of Fifteenth street. —There will be exercises in the school house on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 24th, at 2:30 p. m. The public is invited to attend. —The annual meeting for the nomination of officers of the Amity club was held at the club rooms on Monday evening. —Marriage licenses have been granted to Walter E. Dodd and Myrtle J. Frank; Thos. Rutledge and Minnie Cunningham. —Albert Steinman, Lester Knapp and Dr. George C. Butler were Scranton visitors Sunday, making the trip in the former's touring car. —Capt. C. J. Kelley, who is hunting at Starkville, Wyoming county, sent to the clerks of the Honesdale postoffice several fine pheasants. Plans are being made for a game dinner upon Capt. Kelley's return. —The Modern Woodmen, which is said to be the largest fraternal organization in the world, is having a revival of interest in this section. Deputy Consul Finn is in charge of the work and is visiting the camp here and those in this immediate vicinity. —Fred Weinger, formerly clerk at the Wayne Co-operative Store, has purchased of Arnold Quinney the draying business heretofore conducted by Mr. Quinney. Possession will be given immediately. Mr. Weinger's successor at the Co-operative store is Mr. James Boyce of High Lake. —Honesdale followers of the pugilistic world, will be treated to some clever boxing matches on Thanksgiving afternoon at Maennerchor hall between "Kid" Cunningham of Honesdale, and "Battling" Phillips of Wilkes-Barre; Young Kelley of Honesdale and "Scrappy" Hayes of Syracuse. —Scranton witnessed one of the largest funerals, and which was one of the greatest tributes ever paid to the memory of a man, on Monday, as the body of Col. Ezra Rippl was conveyed to its final resting place, City, state and nation joined in reverence to the Colonel's patriotism, uprightness of character and his charitableness. Over 5000 people were present at his funeral; among the number were Governor Stuart, of Pennsylvania, and his staff, Adjutant General Stewart, Brigadier-General Dougherty, Col. Stillwell of the 13th Regiment, together with a representation from every regiment in the State; all of the Judiciary of Lackawanna, together with the county and municipal officers. So great was the throng of men of high standing in business, social and the day School scholars, in mourning for us to enumerate them. His old comrades of the G. A. R. were there in full force. The Masons, Royal Arch and Templars and letter carriers mingled together with his Sunday School scholars, in mourning the loss of a man they loved. The floral offerings were of a magnitude beyond any adequate description that we could give. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Moffet after which the cortege, which was a mile in length, proceeded to the cemetery where the final services of burial were performed. Thanksgiving Services. At the Thanksgiving service in Grace Episcopal church on Thursday, at 10:30 a. m., Dr. W. H. Swift, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will preach the sermon. It is expected that the pastors of the Methodist, Baptist and Lutheran churches will read the lessons and the psalter. The pastor will conduct the service. The church will be decorated with autumn fruits. An appropriate musical program has been arranged. FOR SALE. Best stock farm in Wayne county. Twelve buildings, large lake covering about 200 acres. Over 300 acres under cultivation. Good fruit, lumber and wood, in fact anything a man wants to make money with. Between 600 and 700 acres. Lake is worth \$200 or more a year. Known as the late John Williams Estate. Inquire of E. E. WILLIAMS, Honesdale, Pa. During the Campaign. Now speech is bounteously tossed While we reflect with gloom, Whatever be our grain may cost. That feed for thought is free. —Washington Star.