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BIG TRUSTS WIN.

Rehearing In Tobacco and Oil Cases.

U. S. SUPREME COURT DIVIDED

Death of Justice Brewer, Who Was on Side of Government, Gives Lurton Deciding Vote—Appointment Awaited.

Washington, April 12.—Chief Justice Fuller announced in the supreme court of the United States that the suits of the government for the dissolution of the Standard Oil company and the American Tobacco company had been assigned for rehearing.

The supreme court will adjourn May 31. It will be impossible to take up the cases before that time, so the re-argument cannot be heard before late next fall.

Justice Lurton, the newest associate supreme court justice, was, it is declared, mainly responsible for the decision of the court to reconsider the cases.

The death of Justice Brewer left the balance on the side of the trusts. Then Justice Lurton asked for a rehearing, feeling that since he held the deciding vote and was a new member of the court without any precedent to sustain his position it would be best.

If the decision had been rendered adverse to the government announcement of that decree from the bench, with the vote, would have immediately disclosed the fact that Justice Lurton held the deciding vote.

Justice Lurton's request was acceded to by three other members of the bench—the majority necessary.

Any litigation affecting the United States Steel or any of the other big corporations will now go over until the tobacco and oil cases are finally disposed of.

The decision that there must be a reargument was a vital blow to the government officials. They looked for a decision in favor of their interpretation of the Sherman law by an almost unanimous court, and the knowledge that the supreme tribunal is now hopelessly divided came as a terrible shock.

There can be no reargument in the case until the vacancy on the supreme court bench is filled, and consideration of this vacancy will be of supreme importance.

President Taft will appoint a successor to Justice Brewer before the present congress adjourns. The impression here is that the president will offer this important place to Governor Hughes of New York.

In fact, it has been reported that Mr. Taft took steps a few days ago to find out if the governor would consider such an appointment. Several of Mr. Taft's friends predict with confidence that Governor Hughes will be named if he is disposed to accept.

BURNS WINS NEW TITLE.

American Fighter Beats Lang For Championship of Australia.

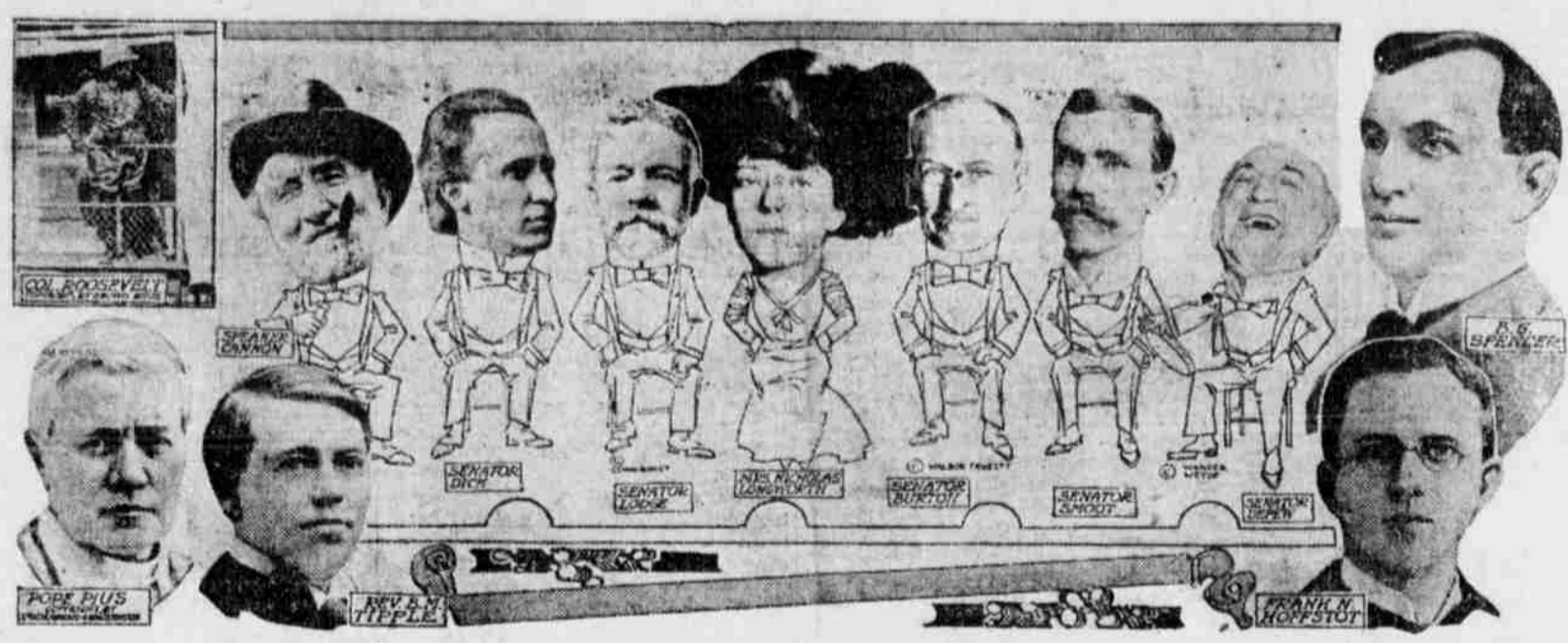
Sydney, N. S. W., April 12.—In the fight here for the championship of Australia Tommy Burns, who was knocked out by Jack Johnson, got the decision on points from Lang, who beat Bob Fitzsimmons a short time ago.

The fight was for twenty rounds.

NEW CATHOLIC BISHOPS.

Pope Ratifies Nominations to Three Dioceses in the West.

Rome, April 12.—The pope has ratified the appointments of the Rev. Vincent Wehrle, abbot of St. Mary's monastery at Richardson, Neb., as bishop of Bismarck, N. D.; the Rev. Joseph F. Busch, rector of the diocesan missions at St. Paul, as bishop of Lead, S. D., and the Rev. T. Corbett, rector of the cathedral at Duluth, Minn., as bishop of Crookston, Minn.



News Snapshots Of the Week. The refusal of Colonel Roosevelt to visit Pope Pius without restrictions brought to the front Rev. B. M. Tipple of the Methodist church of Rome. Frank N. Hoffstet, millionaire banker of Pittsburg, was indicted for giving bribes.

ANOTHER CLUB FOR PIKE COUNTY.

Through the efforts of Allentown people there has been organized during the winter the most pretentious hunting, fishing and summer outing club in the annals of this section of Pennsylvania, called the Hunter's Range Association.

The members of the association held a meeting in Allentown, says the Leader of that city, and formed a permanent organization by electing the following officers:

- President—H. F. Coolbaugh, of Stroudsburg. Vice President—A. L. Biery, of Allentown. Secretary—H. E. Frankenfield, of Stroudsburg. Treasurer—G. C. Aschbach, of Allentown.

Board of Directors—John Bitterling and Guy R. Jones, of Allentown, and D. Clark, of Easton.

The association has acquired control of the famous Cortright or Twelve-Mile Pond, in Pike county, and has renamed it Hunter's Range Lake. This sheet of water, known all over the country for its beauty, and widely heralded by enthusiastic campers who have for many years gone to spend either a part or the whole of a summer there, is located about 17 miles north of Stroudsburg.

This lake is the home of large bass and pickerel, besides other varieties of fish. The thousand acres of primitive forest acquired by the Hunter's Range Association is surrounded by a 75,000-acre tract purchased by the State Forestry Reservation, which teems with game and is full of spring water streams, in which trout abound.

The trout streams include the famous Saw Creek and the Big Bushkill.

HAWLEY DEFEATED.

Hawley High School Basketball Team Put Up Hard Fight.

The Honesdale High School Basketball Association closed a very successful season on Friday evening last when they defeated the Hawley High school team before a large audience. The Hawley boys put up a stiff fight but were unable to do much with the local five.

This was the ninth game that the Honesdale High school has won, giving them a percentage of 642. Considering the difficult schedule that was played this is a remarkably fine record.

The team during the whole season of fourteen games scored 408 points against 220 scored by their opponents. The points scored by each man were as follows: Jacobs 132, Brown 123, McIntyre 52, Hiller 52, Freund 42, O'Connell 5, Hamby 2.

The score: Honesdale, Forward, Quinney, Jacobs, Forward, Schultz, O'Connell, Center, Murphy, McIntyre, Guard, Cross, Hiller, Guard, Ames, Goals—Honesdale, Brown 12, Jacobs 9, Hiller 2, O'Connell 2; Hawley—Schultz 2. Fouls—Honesdale, O'Connell 1; Hawley, Quinney 4.

Goods especially adapted for confirmation and commencement dresses at Menner & Co.'s store.

FRACTURED SKULL; DIED IN HOSPITAL LIVED AT STARRUCCA

A Man, Aged About 56 Years, Said to be a Member of the Famous Black Hand Society, Died From An Injury of the Head.

A dispatch from Carbondale, under date of April 8, says: Joseph Manno, of Starrucca, said to be a member of the Black Hand society, succumbed at the Emergency hospital last evening to the effects of a fractured skull at the base of the brain.

Manno was found lying unconscious at the foot of the stairs in the home of Alex Bruno, on Woodlawn street, early last Monday morning. He had apparently laid there for several hours with blood flowing freely from the deep wound in his head. He was found by the Bruno family but they could not account for the accident other than he was supposed to have fallen down stairs. He died without regaining consciousness. It will probably never be known how Manno sustained the fractured skull. The authorities have been working on the case but nothing has developed as yet.

The dead man was aged about 56 years. He had a wife living in Italy.

On the night of the accident Manno indulged in intoxicants quite freely. It is known that he called at the Bruno home in a drunken condition and was ejected. He returned however. He was found unconscious the following morning.

CORN GROWING CONTEST.

The Pennsylvania Livestock Breeders' Association announces prizes for its Corn-Growing Competition this year. Valuable cups and cash prizes are awarded to the farmers who produce the best yields. Yield counts 70 points, economy of production 20 points, sample of corn 5 points, and report 5 points. Blanks for report are furnished by the association. No entrance or other fees. One acre must be planted and it may be a part of a field of corn. The men who win these prizes will have a mighty good market for their crop, as farmers are looking for the corn that yields the most. Last year's first prize went to Crawford county, in the northwestern part of the state. For full particulars apply to E. S. Bayard, Secretary, East End, Pittsburg, Pa.

THE TROLLEY ROAD.

Something More Which Shows That the Road Will Be Built.

The filing with Register and Recorder Gammell of the agreement between the Erie Railroad and the Wayne County Traction company is another link in the proof that the trolley road is an assured fact. In this agreement the Erie Railroad gives the trolley company the right of way from Honesdale to Hawley over the old tow path of the D. & H. Canal for a period of ninety-nine years. If the trolley company fails to operate the road, the right to do so goes to the Erie. The trolley company agrees to handle freight for the Erie as well as mail and express matter to and from Hawley to such points as the trolley company may reach. The same arrangement shall extend to passenger service. The trolley company agrees not to parallel the Erie Railroad beyond Haw-

DREAD PREDICTION BY YORK PROPHET

York Pa., April 11.—Lee J. Spangler, of this city, who prophesied the San Francisco earthquake and fire, the date of the death of Queen Victoria, the assassination of President McKinley and the drought last summer, now declares that the earth will be torn with earthquakes, that volcanoes will suddenly appear in the most unexpected places and that drought, pestilence and great wars will follow the path of Halley's comet.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

\$223.92 in the Treasury, According to Treasurer Genung.

The regular meeting of the town council was called to order at 8:15 Thursday evening by President Caulfield, the members present being S. W. Penwarden, P. R. Murray, G. M. Genung, Thomas Cannivan, S. T. Ham and W. W. Kimble. Treasurer Genung reported \$223.92 on hand at present. The script committee reported that William Peil was entitled to 103 feet of script on walk north of his property. John Lyons, the chief engineer of Hose company No. 3, reported that in his opinion the recent repairing of the engine was as a whole satisfactory. Mr. Lyons asked the board as to the extra expense of keeping an assistant engineer and extra stoker, and as long as the other engine was practically useless that the town could not save the salary of the above officers by laying the above-named officers off. The council instructed the secretary to notify No. 3 to lay off one assistant engineer and one stoker. The bond of Treasurer Genung was read and approved by the council.

S. T. Ham, chairman on the sale of the fire engine, reported that he had sent ads. to five papers for sale of same. A motion was made by Mr. Ham and seconded by Mr. Penwarden that the Board of Health be notified to take action in regard to the unsanitary condition of the McLaughlin property on Erie street. In regard to petition of a number of citizens of Ridge street and vicinity asking that more light be placed at the top of Ridge street, the President appointed P. R. Murray, George Genung, S. T. Ham and G. W. Penwarden as a committee on same. After reading the communication of Honesdale Light, Heat and Power company, a motion was made by G. W. Penwarden and seconded by W. W. Kimble that the offer of the company for three years' contract for light be accepted instead of two years, as per old contract, was carried. After reading the communication from the Herbeck-Demer Co. it was voted on to be handed to the borough attorney for his consideration. A motion made that papers in regard to arrest of Catherine Golden be filed, was carried. A motion was made by Mr. Ham and seconded by Mr. Penwarden that the old grade from Main street bridge be abolished on that street. A committee headed by Mr. Ham, was appointed to establish through Mr. Collins another grade south from that bridge as far as committee thinks best. Permission was given the Wayne County Poultry association to hold meeting in hall on April 9th by paying for lights. A motion was made and seconded that the following bills be paid: John Lyons, \$25; John Carroll, \$12.50; William Ball, \$2.50; Harry Rockwell, \$6.25; Charles Truscott, \$6.25; Fred Mauer, \$1.67; T. H. Knapp, \$6; J. Fisher, \$6; Consolidated Water company, \$117.50; Harry Rockwell, \$19.80; Levi Degroot, \$50; Honesdale Light, Heat and Power company, \$258.75; L. Weidner, \$15.38; J. J. Cannivan, \$45; F. McMullen, \$2.75; T. Sweeney, \$6; J. Lyons, \$7.67; Kraft & Conger, \$47.60; O. L. Rowland, \$2.00; Clark & Bullock, \$20.45.

The spring gloves in a large variety can be found at Menner & Co. 25001 w4.

Some single suits to clean up stock, at Menner & Co.'s store, will be sold out regardless of cost. 4w

INQUIRY IS URGED

Governor Hughes' Special Message to Legislature.

"TRAFFIC IN LEGISLATION."

Insurance Commissioner's Report That Companies Have Paid Lobbyists \$150,000 Inspires Demand For Investigation.

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Accompanying the message was a preliminary report made by Superintendent Hotchkiss of his investigation, which, he says, has shown that "a system of bill killing and law getting has existed which is a reproach to the people of the state."

The legislature, it is said, will order a wide open investigation of all branches of legislative corruption in obedience to the governor's message, and all of the material now in possession of Superintendent Hotchkiss will be turned over to the new inquirers, who will have broad and sweeping powers to probe Stock Exchange brokerage houses, banks, trust companies, railway and railroad corporations, gas, electric, water and bridge companies as well as insurance companies.

In his message the governor said: "The revelations in the inquiry recently conducted by the senate and the facts brought to light by the superintendent of insurance make it imperative that there should be a thorough investigation with respect to legislative processes and as to the corrupt practices which have been effectual in advancing or blocking legislation. It is not necessary for me to review these disclosures or to attempt to appraise their cumulative effect. It is sufficient to say that they have caused every honest citizen to tingle with shame and indignation and have made irresistible the demand that every proper means should be employed to purge and to purify."

It is the high privilege of the legislature in the discharge of its obligations to itself and to the people of the state to follow the salutary and timely course in its upper branch by appropriate steps for the exposure and destruction of combinations and conspiracies against the just use of the lawmaking power and by providing suitable protection against the recurrence of such abuses. There is a promising opportunity to pursue the opening trails of corruption, to reveal illicit methods and agencies, to uncover the perfidious influences which have dishonored the state and thus to aid in securing the wholesome exercise of its beneficent authority."

Important as will be the wholesome and corrective influence of publicity with respect to these matters, the purpose and result of inquiry extend beyond the bounds of mere disclosure. We are far from perfection in legislative method. Nor have we exhausted available measures of protection against traffic in legislation and chicanery in dealing with bills. No subject deserves more thorough consideration to the end that the opportunities of those who are willing to buy legislative favor or to use representative powers for personal profit should be limited to the utmost degree.

It may be impossible wholly to eradicate these evils, but to the extent that the nature of the illicit intercourse is understood and the methods and instrumentalities which have been successful are exposed there may be intelligent effort at remedial action through both statutory and legislative rules. The time is ripe, in my judgment, for a full and painstaking inquiry to expose the worst public wrongs and to prepare the way for needed improvements in our laws and legislative processes.

In the legislature the effect of the message was electrical. Those who have inclined to scoff at the notion of a statewide graft investigation were silenced. Not a single member of either branch of the legislature could be found who suggested that the governor's demand would be disregarded.

Immediately after the reading of the message President Pro Tem. of the Senate Cobb directed the finance committee to prepare a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to probe all legislative corruption. He said: "The governor's recommendations must be given immediate and affirmative consideration. We have already been at work on a scheme which we think will bring about a searching inquiry."

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