

CEMENT TRUST INQUIRY HOLDS MANY IN GRASP

26 Corporations and 48 Individuals Named in Indictments.

CONSPIRACY IS CHARGED

CHICAGO, March 15.—The climax of an investigation that has been under way for two years is regarded as having been reached with the indictment here of twenty-six corporations and forty-eight individuals as alleged members of a "cement trust." Those indicted are charged with violation of the Sherman antitrust law.

All of the concerns named in the true bills are members of the association known as the Midway Cement and Statistical Bureau, with headquarters at Chicago. Its membership includes virtually every cement concern in the Middle West and the organization is said to produce 90 per cent of the cement used in this territory.

The indictments contain eight counts, charging conspiracy, a combination in restraint of trade, and violation of the Sherman act.

The companies hit in the true bills are the following Portland cement concerns:

The Lehigh, Acre, Alpha, Atala, Atena, Cape Girardeau, Castilla, Continental, Crescent, Diamond, Hawkeye, Huron, Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Northwestern, Peoples, Peninsular, Sandusky, Universal, Wolverine, Wyandotte, Marquette and the Wellston Iron Furnace Company.

The individuals indicated all are officials or employees of the above concerns.

GOVERNOR RIGHT, IT NOW APPEARS

Among the twenty-six cement companies and forty-eight individuals indicted by the Federal grand jury in Chicago for alleged connection with a combination in the cement business to maintain high prices throughout the country, were four companies against which charges of collusion were made by Governor Frank Murphy, Mich., recently in connection with bids submitted to the State highway commission for cement for construction work on the National road.

The four companies are, Universal Portland Cement Company of Chicago; Alpha Portland Cement Company, captain; and Portland Cement Company of Chicago and Indiana Portland Cement Company of Detroit, Mich. Another company, the Wabash Portland Cement Company of Detroit, Mich., which was named in the local charges is not named in the Chicago indictments.

The indictments, made by Governor McCray against five of the companies followed the discovery three of the companies had submitted identical bids for the National road cement contract and the bids of the other two were substantially the same.

A conference with representatives of the companies was then called by the Governor at which it developed the price of cement was fixed by the Universal Company and others simply followed the price set by the State. All bids were then rejected by the State, but were made available to the public as asked for.

When these were opened it was found that there had been a marked reduction in prices and the cement contracts were awarded to the Marquette Cement Company of Chicago, and the Louisville Portland Cement Company of Louisville, Ky.

News of the indictment of the Marquette company at Chicago, was received with surprise by officials of the highway commission as they generally have believed this company was not connected with any combination.

ENGINEERS WIND UP CONVENTION

Sanitary Guardians Finish Session With Election.

With the election of officers and the selection of a convention city for next year the twenty-sixth annual convention of the Indiana Society of Sanitary Engineers, which has been in session at the Claypool Hotel for three days, came to a close today.

Before the election it was conceded generally that Edward Kanney of La Porte, who has served three terms as president of the organization, would be re-elected if he would accept the office.

The morning session of the society was given over to reports of committee on resolutions, legislative affairs and the special committee.

Frank S. Dunham, chemical engineer, delivered an address on "Water Softening."

The banquet and ball in the Riley room of the Claypool last night were successful in every way and were attended by the 200 delegates and their families that have been attending the convention. The social features of the convention will wind up with a theater party at Keith's Theater tonight.

Charter Granted to Somerville Bank

The Somerville State Bank of Gibson County was chartered today by the State charter board. Capital was listed at \$25,000 and the officers named were: George Zipp, president; Joseph P. Carter, cashier. The bank was incorporated at 10 a.m.

Two petitions were received by the board and held for investigation. The requests for charters were by the Tuxedo State Bank of 4506 East New York street, with a proposed capital of \$25,000. The officers proposed are Ephraim O'Hara, president, and Roy E. Castetter, cashier. The Glen Park State Bank of Gary, with a capital of \$25,000, also sought a charter.

Defense Rests in Ross Murder Case

WILLIAMSPORT, Ind., March 15.—Defense attorneys in the Ralph Ross murder trial rested their case today after Mrs. Ross completed testimony in which she told how Ralph's brother Claude, the victim, had succeeded in assaults on her.

Mrs. Ross admitted on the witness stand that Claude had attacked her, once while Ross was working in a cornfield on her farm, and another time while Ralph was away from home.

The State started its case with the examination of the first of twenty-four witnesses. The State will endeavor to prove that Ralph was not insane when he shot Claude three times with a .35 caliber automatic pistol.

Speakers Will Cover Question Both Ways

E. Sullivan of the Merchants National Bank and J. D. Meek, of the Indianapolis Electric Company, will address the Indianapolis Association of Credit Men at a meeting Thursday noon at the Claypool Hotel. The subject on which both will speak will be "Favorable and Unfavorable Conditions in Our Financial and Commercial Situations." Mr. Sullivan will discuss this topic from a financial viewpoint, while Mr. Meek will cover the commercial side of it.

North Carolinians Demand Blue Ridge 'Ghosts' Be Run Down

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Ghostly lights are terrorizing the people in the vicinity of Brown's Mountain, southeast of Asheville, N. C. Senator Overman, North Carolina, told the geological survey today.

Not satisfied with explanation of the survey by the National Geographic Society, the people demand the "ghosts" be run down.

For the past few years these ghostly lights have plagued the mountain roads and the peaks and valleys of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Overman reported.

The Geographic Society believes they are caused by certain combinations of electrical phenomena and atmospheric conditions.

WATER CO. WILL PUT IN METERS

Nominal Cost to Install Measured Cost.

After a conference with experts of the public service commission the Indianapolis Water Company today announced that it will install water meters on all its patrons at nominal cost. Plumbers now go to the water company.

The announcement of the water company follows:

"Quite a number of our patrons, whose water bills for houses, bath, toilet, washing, service, etc. are \$5 to \$10 a quarter, have stated to us that they would prefer to take water by meter measurement, but that they hesitate to do so on account of the cost of the meter installation. In order to accommodate these patrons, we are arranging to install meter connections and the water will be done at a nominal cost to the patrons. This refers only to those patrons who have basements where the meter can conveniently and safely be located.

"We expect to have our equipment ready to begin the installation of meter connections on or about April 1, but applications for service can be made off the meter at any time and the meter will be installed as shortly thereafter as possible. Advance payment by flat rate will be adjusted from the date of meter installation.

"Full information will be given at our office.

ROP DINING CAR CONDUCTOR.

CHICAGO, March 15.—Two negroes, who boarded a New York Central train at the Englewood station last night and robbed Adolph Pierson, a dining car conductor of \$274, are being sought to-day.

Marriage Licenses

Warren P. Black, 45 Hendricks place, Elkhart, Ind.; Belle Stevans, 507½ Mass. ave., 44 Elkhart; Henry C. Knobell, 715 N. Alameda, 24 Indianapolis; Louis Pierson, Queenstown, O. 24 Florence Griffin Waddo, 715 N. Alameda, 24 Clifford Keene, 945 W. Thirty-First, 22 Nellie Eugene Gray, 438 Fletcher ave., 17 Elmer Chanc, 224 N. East, 18 Myrtle Willoughby, 931 W. Vermont, 18 Dora Francis Clinton, 1925 W. Michigan, 21 Norman Roy Boyer, Bedford Ind., 27 Rhoda Elizabeth Trook, 510 E. Maple, 24 Willard Wright Myers, 2318 Park, 26 Anne James McGinn, 2216 E. Michigan, 23 James Le Vernon Wells, 135 E. Michigan, 23 Arthur C. Johnson, 2326 E. Michigan, 23 Walter and Adele Mennick, Deaconess Hospital, boy, Ethel Maher, St. Vincent's Hospital, boy, Charles and Ruth Ford, St. Vincent's Hospital, boy, George and Lois Bunting, Deaconess Hospital, girl, Frank and Elizabeth Drees, 211 Koehne, girl, Luther and Martha Charles, 1552 Blaine, boy, (twins), Arthur and Cora Johnson, 2336 Yandee, boy, Victor and Amy Jose, St. Vincent's Hospital, boy, James and Ethel Maher, St. Vincent's Hospital, boy, Charles and Ruth Ford, St. Vincent's Hospital, boy, George and Carolyn Moreney, St. Vincent's Hospital, boy, John and Bertha Weiner, St. Vincent's Hospital, girl, and Margaret McAllister, St. Vincent's Hospital, boy, Jasinski and Irene Ferguson, 820 West Temple, boy, Thomas Helzer, 147 West Vermont st., 18 Albert Jaisse New, 918 North Sheffield, 22 Jettie Ellen Toliver, 2142 Highland Pl., 17 Moral Lewis Harpe, Avon, Ind., 23 Margaret Bonner, 1000 Grove, Ind., 23 Births

Walter and Adele Mennick, Deaconess Hospital, girl, and Margaret Murphy, 818 Coffey, boy, Richard and Emma Housey, 2190 Arthur place, girl, Henry and Viola Hammans, 322 Douglass, boy, Ralph and Flora Kennedy, 1530 Hamilton, boy, William and Lillie Martin, 1028 S. Vandemar, girl, and Margaret Murphy, 818 Coffey, boy, Charles and Ruth Denbner, 415 Goodlet, girl, and Margaret Murphy, 818 Coffey, boy, Nat and Emerie Vermillion, 824 Bessie, girl, and Ruth Anderson, Methodist Hospital, boy, John and May Mingie, Methodist Hospital, boy, and Ethel Davis, Methodist Hospital, boy, Albert and Lillian McGinty, 1120 West McCarthy, boy, and Dossie Steepey, 1742 Howard, girl, George and Helen Wilson, 1407 South Easern, girl, and Arinda Miller, 3145 East Iowa, boy, Thomas and Treasa Malad, 8714 Roosevelt, girl, and Gertrude Scott, 1819 Holliday, girl, Mildred and Elizabeth Tindar, 2305 Langley, girl, and Stella Woods, city hospital, girl, Marshall and Lilly Russell, city hospital, boy, Benjamin and Rosa Newirth, 346 North West, girl, William and Mary Kesterson, 231 East New York, boy, Edgar and Ruby Wilson, 947 Elm, girl, Joe and Amelia Gole, 915 Ketcham, girl, Samuel and Ethel Cromwell, 114 Wisconsin, girl, and Ethel Davis, 1430 Madison, girl, Everett and Clyde Watson, 525 North Lynn, girl, and Caroline Chaplin, 1902 Koehne, girl, and Revelle Stewart, 14, all of Muncie started out to see the world. They ended their tour in the Big Four Railroad and took them to the detention home, and they were held until Mrs. Cochran arrived.

Deaths

Infant Crowder, 1 day, 1211 Vandeman, premature birth, James Stanley, 63, 4716 East Eleventh, James MacQuown, 63, 3019 East Michigan, acute dilatation of heart.

Franklin, state, 25, 881 West Twenty-Fifth, pernicious anemia.

William T. Bailey, 56, 424 West New York, fractured skull, accidental.

George T. Bailey, 1917 Union, acute lobar pneumonia.

James E. MacQuown, 63, 3019 East Michigan, acute dilatation of heart.

George Odell, 26, 27 days, 321 Sanderson, premature birth.

Otis Welton Seymour, 54, 428 East St. Clair, pericarditis.

Inez Bell, 51, Central Indiana Hospital, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Mary Estell Noll, 23, 3901 Gracefield, tubercular meningitis.

William Samuel Calhoun, 2, 1514 East Sixteenth, toxæmia.

JEWELL ASKS FURTHER WAGE DISCUSSIONS

Claims Burlington and Erie
Not Properly Before U. S.
Labor Board.

ARBITRARY CUT CHARGE

CHICAGO, March 15.—Charging that the Burlington and Erie railroads were not properly before the Federal Trade Commission for the present wage hearing, B. M. Jewell, president of the Railway Employees Department of the American Federation of Labor, today asked that their wage disputes be sent back for further negotiations between the roads and their employees.

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DEFENSE BURCH TO AID WOMAN

They Even Propose Bill to Re-
strict Thought With Jail
Penalty.

TOKIO, March 15.—Japanese reactionaries have apparently won their fight against the almost universal demand for an armistice.

The militarists, standing pat, announced they prefer a cabinet crisis to reduction of armaments at the present time.

Besides insisting upon a large army, they demand a reduction of the navy.

It was the contention of Burch that the seven factors named in the transportation act be considered, Bremermann called them "seven Sutherland sisters" of the act and said he had no data to offer the men.

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RAIL UNION MEN SAY GENERAL STRIKE LIKELY

CLEVELAND, March 15.—Forecast of a bitter wage fight between railroads and employees which may result in a general strike were prevented in unclear circles.

This follows sudden cancellation by the railroads of regional wage conferences with carriers, believed to be one of the final peaceful methods of settling imminent wage controversies.

The regional conferences, the first since the war, were held so important brotherhoods chiefs here passed up the joint rail road in Cleveland a month to attend the preliminary negotiations.

But shortly after the first meeting with rail executives, there arose a strong dissatisfaction on the part of union officials with what they called the "dictatorial aloofness" of the carriers' officials.

A. F. Coyle, an officer of the locomotive engineers, said the railroads were arbitrary.

It was as if they said 'take it or leave it' in offering propositions to us for settlement of troubles. That is the reason we abandoned the regional conferences.

OWNING HOME HELD BIG ASSET

Burgess Dwells on Advantages of Ownership.

John K. Burgess of the firm of Burgess Brothers, realtors, was the speaker at the opening session of the "Own Your Home" course at the Young Men's Christian Association last night. His subject was "The Advantages of Home Ownership." Following his address, a round table discussion was conducted by J. J. Schmid of Schmidt & Smith.

Burgess discussed the origin of the home and its place in society. He pointed out that all that is best in civilization had been conserved by the home and that the laws of any nation are but the expression of the principles and rules that govern any well organized home.

"The man who owns his home," said Mr. Burgess, "is the man who is in control over the tenant or renter. He becomes something of a fixture in his community and enjoys a larger political influence than does the itinerant renter. He can better streets and civic improvements than does the citizen who has no permanent home." He also said that an independent commercial rating. He enjoys a superior commercial rating. He has credit and financial backing, which the renter would fail. His social standing is also better. He is recognized as a thrifty, economical and substantial citizen, who is worthy of intimate acquaintance. It is significant that all the criminals, including gamblers, drunkards, etc., appearing before our courts, less than 20 per cent are owners of homes."

The course is open without charge to men and women of the city and the class meets Tuesday and Friday nights.

Infringement of Patent Charged

Evidence in case of the Bader-Leathers Co. of Union City against the Zenith Metal Company, for an accounting for alleged infringement of patent, was heard by Judge Albert B. Anderson in Federal Court today.

The complainant alleges the defendant has manufactured leather goods in his business, the details of which was not a secret of all connection with the plaintiff.

The defense contends that these designs and methods were in use prior to the date of the patents.

World Travelers' Taken Back Home

Mrs. Robert Cochran of Muncie, arrived in Indianapolis today to take her son and two other boys back to Muncie. Verner Cochran, 12, Ardis Rogers, 14, and Revelle Stewart, 14, all of Muncie started out to see the world. They ended their tour in the Big Four Railroad and took them to the detention home, and they were held until Mrs. Cochran arrived.

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