

The Ligonier Banner

LIGONIER, INDIANA.

HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK

Latest News Told in Briefest and Best Form.

PERSONAL.

John D. Rockefeller, president of the Standard Oil Company, for over two hours before Judge Ferris in New York reviewed the history of the early oil trade and the development of the first companies that later grew into the present so-called oil trust. He was a witness for the defense in the suit to dissolve the Standard which is being prosecuted by the United States government.

Harry S. Reardon, alias Arthur Spencer, convicted at Kansas City of impersonating a government interpreter, was sentenced to serve 18 months in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

Capt. O. M. Carter has been made manager of the Mexican Brick and Fire Clay Company at Mexico, Mo.

W. R. Ridgely, president of the National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City, has disposed of his stock in the bank and will retire.

Mrs. Emily Crane Chadbourne, daughter of E. T. Crane of Chicago, was sued for \$25,500 by the United States government, District Attorney Sims asking for the forfeiture of property which she was alleged to have smuggled into this country last August.

W. J. Bryan in an interview at San Antonio, Tex., practically admitted that if conditions made it advisable he would be a candidate for the presidency in 1912.

Secretary of State Root said he would serve as senator from New York if elected, though he was not seeking the office.

The pope celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his joining the priesthood.

C. W. Burton, former cashier of the Tri-City State Bank of Madison, Ill., was indicted for embezzlement.

President-elect Taft announced that he would call a special session of congress soon after March 4 to take up tariff revision.

Senator Elkins made the emphatic announcement that no engagement exists between his daughter, Miss Catherine Elkins and the Duke of Brabant.

Rather than suffer the disgrace of arrest on a charge of forgery, Rollo T. Sturges, one of the state's chief witnesses against Abe Raymer, alleged leader of the Springfield (Ill.) race riots, shot and killed himself.

The German politician and theologian, Dr. Adolf Stocker, well known as an anti-Semite leader, resigned his seat in the reichstag after almost 20 years' continuous membership in that body.

Secretary of the Navy Victor H. Metcalf tendered his resignation to the president to take effect December 1 on account of ill health. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Truman H. Newberry will be named as Mr. Metcalf's successor.

William Arnold Shanklin, president of Upper Iowa university, Fayette, Ia., was elected president of Wesleyan university, Middletown, Conn.

GENERAL NEWS.

The emperor of Japan held a grand naval review at Kobe, in which 110 fighting ships, besides a lot of submarines, were inspected.

J. B. Walton, representing the Corn Products Company, known as the "starch trust," had a most uncomfortable time trying to answer the questions of the house ways and means committee at the tariff revision hearing and to explain why his company sold its products much cheaper in England than here.

Herbert Griggs, alleged accomplice of Cline Wheeler and Walter Zeller in the murder of William Reed at Vineland, N. J., was arrested in Philadelphia.

Reuben Crown, a New York attorney, shot and seriously wounded his brother Joseph in Pittsburgh and then committed suicide.

The supreme court of South Dakota granted a new trial to Mrs. Emma Kauffman, wife of the Sioux Falls brewer, who was found guilty in the circuit court of manslaughter on a charge of causing the death of a servant through beating.

Peter Van Vliessen of Chicago, well-known real estate dealer, confessed to wholesale forgeries of trust deeds and notes amounting to about \$700,000, and within four hours was indicted, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for a term not less than one and not more than 14 years.

George M. Kellogg, a florist well-known all over the United States, died at his home at Pleasant Hill, Mo.

Three men were killed outright, two were fatally injured and two others were seriously hurt in an explosion at a sawmill plant in Wise county, Virginia.

Mrs. E. A. Canfield of St. Louis was instantly killed in Kansas City by falling 12 stories down an elevator shaft.

The missionary congress of the Catholic church in America began its sessions in Chicago, with Papal Delegate Falconio presiding.

The petition of Albert T. Patrick, the New York lawyer, who is serving a life sentence in the state prison at Sing Sing, N. Y., on the charge of having murdered the millionaire, William M. Rice, for a writ of habeas corpus was denied by the supreme court of the United States.

Mrs. Alpha M. Sheaffer, convicted of perjury in connection with the Horn will case, was sentenced to five years in prison by Judge Lincoln Frost at Lincoln, Neb.

The warehouses of the Tom Moore Distilling Company of Bardonia, Ky., in which were stored 15,000 barrels of whiskey, were burned, entailing a loss to the firm of about \$400,000 and to the government of \$750,000.

In view of the fact that an interesting event is expected next spring, Queen Wilhelmina of Holland has been forbidden by her physicians to hold her customary private audiences.

The body of Brent Woodall, secretary of the University of Cincinnati, and former newspaper man of that city, was found in the Ohio river at Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Howard Gould was allowed \$25,000 a year alimony by Justice Blatchford in the supreme court of New York, pending the decision of her divorce suit.

Mrs. Kate Cigrand of Chicago claims the estate left by Jacob Cigrand of Rockford, Ill., asserting that she is his widow.

At an interview between Emperor William and Chancellor von Buelow the emperor made formal promise to his people that in the future he would not act except through the chancellor and his associate ministers.

Four of Lookout Inn, on the crest of Lookout mountain, was burned to the ground, together with all its contents, and four cottages.

Fifty state convicts employed in the mines at Pratt City, Ala., formed a conspiracy to set No. 3 mine afire and escape during the confusion, and as a result eight of them were burned to death, one is missing and the other 41 were safely locked in the stockade.

Witnesses in the trial of Ray Lamphere at Laporte, Ind., told of the love affairs and quarrels of Lamphere and Mrs. Belle Guinness and of his threats against her.

The Hawaii Shimbo of Honolulu published what purports to be a text of a new treaty between Japan and the United States, the official announcement of which, it says, will not be made until next February.

Mrs. Sophie Eastman, daughter of the late Carter Harrison, former mayor of Chicago, was married at Asheville, N. C., to Baker E. Edwards of Norfolk, Va.

The plant of the Indianapolis (Miss.) Cotton Compress & Warehouse Company and several adjoining buildings were destroyed by fire, the loss being \$300,000.

Emile Stricker was killed while driving an automobile in a race at Birmingham, Ala., the tires of his car exploding.

The Citizens' National bank of Monticello, Ky., closed its doors on account of a shortage of \$20,000 in the cashier's department.

Denver celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its founding with a big banquet.

The racing balloon United States, which started from Los Angeles crossed the Sierra Madre mountains and then was blown back almost to the starting point.

The demolition of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad to the bill of information by Attorney General Malone of Massachusetts, to prevent the New Haven railroad from holding stock of the Boston & Maine railroad, was sustained by Judge Loring.

The schooner Jennie Thomas of Savannah, Ga., was abandoned at sea, the crew of seven being rescued by the steamer Afghanistan.

Herman Billick of Chicago for the fourth time was sentenced to death, the date of his execution being set at December 11.

The contributions of the Democratic national committee during the presidential campaign recently ended were not sufficient to meet the expenses of the campaign, according to Norman E. Mack, chairman of the committee. Mr. Mack said that he would make the deficit good out of his own pocket.

Six men were instantly killed and another dangerously injured at Ellsworth mine No. 1, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, when a cage fell 285 feet down the shaft.

Secretary of War Wright told the house ways and means committee that he favored a limited free entry on sugar and tobacco from the Philippines.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the National Municipal league, the sixteenth national conference for good city government and the fourth annual meeting of the American civic association assembled in joint convention in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The United States government has sued the American Sugar Refining Company for forfeitures and customs duties amounting to \$3,624,121, alleging fraud in weighing shipments.

The bodies of Deputy Game Warden Julius Salmonson of Michigan, his brother Martin and Deputy Sheriff J. C. Hazeltine were found in White Lake, Mich.

Morris Haas, who shot Francis J. Heney, shot and killed himself in his cell in the county jail at San Francisco. Mr. Heney was stated to be recovering rapidly.

Two trainmen were killed and two badly injured by the explosion of a freight engine at Hayti, Mo.

Muskingum, Tuscarawas and Hancock counties, Ohio, voted out the saloons.

In a football game at Monmouth, Ill., between Knox college and Monmouth two of the Monmouth players, McKitterick and Richards, were badly hurt.

Rev. George Brinley Morgan, D. D., rector for the last 22 years of Christ Protestant Episcopal church of New Haven, Conn., was run down by an automobile and killed.

George A. Burnham of Detroit, Mich., general factory manager for Morgan & Wright and well known among automobile men, was accidentally killed while duck hunting at St. Clair falls.

The new divorce law, increasing the period of residence from six months to one year was carried on November 3 in South Dakota by a vote of two to one.

Francisco L. de la Barra, at present Mexican minister to the Netherlands, has been appointed to succeed Enrique C. Creel as Mexican ambassador at Washington.

JOHN HENRY ON THE DRUMMER BOYS

BY GEO. V. HOBART, ("HUGH M'HUGH.")

Dear Bunch: In that crowd of swift drummer boys going New Yorkward in the Mr. Pullman's sleep-wagon yesterday, one of the speediest was Buck Jones.

Buck's wife and a three-year-old drummer boy were traveling with him, but he wasn't giving it out through a megaphone.

Buck is one of those goose-headed guys who begin to scratch gravel and start in to make a killing every time they see a pretty girl.

Across the aisle sat two pet canaries from Plainfield, N. J.

They were members of the Southern Stinging society, and they were en route to the west to join the "Bunch of Birds Burlesque Company."

Their names were Millie and Tillie, and they were Merry Widow hats, and did a sister act that contained more bad grammar than an East Side pinochle game.

Millie was fully aware that she could back Duse off the map, and Tillie was ready to bet a week's salary that she could make Bernhardt feel like she was out in the storm we had day before yesterday.

Slim called them the Roast-Beef Sisters, Rare and Well-Done.

In a minute the castors on Buck's neck began to turn.

Slim put us wise with a wink, so we lit the fire and began to cook it up.

Buck's heart was warming for the birds in the gilded cage.

"The real Kibbo!" said Slim: "It's a plain case of Appomattox; the war is over and they are yours, Buck!"

Buck turned a few more volts into his twinkling lamps.

"Lower your mail-sail, Buck, and drop alongside; you've made the landing," suggested Burgess.

Buck began to feel his necktie and play patty-cake with the little bald spot on the top of his head.

"Stop the hansom and get out; you're at your corner," said Dave.

The Sweet Dreams across the way were giving Buck the glorious eye-roll, and he felt like dinner was ready.

"Hang up your hat, Buck, and gather the myrtle with Mary!" I chipped in.

Then Buck bounced over and began to show Millie and Tillie what a handsome brute he was at close quarters.

He sat on the arm of the seat and warmed up.

In less than a minute he crowded the information on them that he was a millionaire, who had escaped from Los Angeles, Cal., and he was just going to put them both in grand opera, with his three-year-old toddling down the aisle and grabbed him by the coat-tail.

"Papa! Mamma wants 'oo to det my bottle of milk!"

"Stung!" shrieked Slim.

"Back to the nursery!" howled Malcolm, and then as Buck crawled away to home and mother we let out a yell



Their Names Were Millie and Tillie.

that caused the conductor to think the train had struck a Wild West show.

During the rest of the trip Buck was nailed to his seat.

Every time he tried to use the elastic in his neck, the wife would burn him with a hard, cold glitter.

The Roast-Beef Sisters seemed to be all carved up about something or other.

The drummers went back to the shop, and were selling things again when Sledgeheimer flustered down among us.

Maybe you've never met Jakey Sledgeheimer!

He travels for a firm in Brooklyn that makes imitation grape-fruit and rubber fann haddie.

Jakey is the laziest loafer that ever tied a string around a roll.

The boys call him putty because he's the next thing to a pane.

He's such a stinky loafer that he looks at you with one eye so's not to waste the other.

If you ask Sledgeheimer what time it is he takes off four minutes as his commission for telling you.

"Slim," said Sledgeheimer to Arthur Shaw, "do you smoke?"

It was a knock-out.

In the annals of the road no one could look back to the proud day when Sledgeheimer had coughed.

Once, so the legend runs, he gave a porter a nickel, but it was afterward discovered that Sledgeheimer was asleep, and not responsible at the time, so the porter gave it back.

Sledgeheimer tried to collect three cents' interest for the time the porter kept the nickel, and the conductor had to punch his mileage and his nose before he'd let go.

And now Sledgeheimer had asked Slim if he smoked!

Slim was pale but game.

"Sometimes!" he answered.

"Do you like a goot seegar?" queried Sledgeheimer.

We looked for the engine to hit a cow any minute now.

"Sure!" said Slim, weak all over.

"Vell," said Sledgeheimer, "here is my brudder-in-law's card. He makes dot Grass Widow seegar on Slighst Avenue. Gif him a cal; and mention my name. He vill be glad to see you, yet."

Then Sledgeheimer went away back and sat down.

The laugh was on Slim, so he dared us all into the cafe, and after he got busy with the button we all voted in favor of a Monticello highball.

After we had dampened our thirsts, Bill Burgess showed us how Hammerstein would Americanize "Bingen on the Rhine." Bill called it "Der Empire," in honor of the Empire State Express, Frank Westerton said. (English joke—not!) This is how Bill spied it:

An Empire of der Big League lay dying, full mit fears; dare was lack of players' nursing; aber nit of players' tears, but a cop policeman vatched him vlie his life's blood ebbed away, und bent mit plying glances to hear vot

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FIGHTER WHO ASPIRES TO BEAT NELSON



PACKEY MCFARLAND

Packey McFarland, pride of the Chicago Stockyards district, is the leading aspirant in the pugilistic arena for the lightweight honors now held by Battling Nelson. He is fast and clever and is possessed of a hard right hand punch and left hand jab. Prospects that the two men will soon meet to decide the question as to who is the better are very bright.

PITCHER JOSS MAKES PLEA FOR "SPITTER"

Says Any Time a Twirler Has It Working, He Is Practically Invincible.

BY ADDIE JOSS.

The proposed abolition of the "split ball" by certain members of the rules committee is causing much speculation among fans and players as to whether or not such a move would be advisable.

The general impression seems to prevail that it will not be done. Even though the "splitter" is abolished, the chances are it will not be done away with until the pitchers who use it have had at least a year in which to become proficient in the common or garden variety of foolers.

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MAY TRY COBB ON FIRST BASE

JENNINGS SERIOUSLY THINKING OF PLAYING STAR ON INITIAL SACK NEXT SEASON.

GEORGIAN HANKERS AFTER JOB.

Many Combinations Can Be Figured Out Whereby Tigers Would Benefit—Would Inject Spice Into Infield Work—Is Natural Ball Player and Could Play Any Position.

Try Cobb a first-baseman? Maybe or maybe not, but the truth is that Manager Jennings is already thinking seriously of playing the Georgian on the initial bag. The suggestion was made to Hughey before he left Detroit and found favor at once. Jennings replied at the time and with all seriousness:

"Stranger things have happened."

Many combinations can be figured out whereby the champs would be benefited. Cobb is a natural ball player. He hankers to play first, and thinks that he would make good at the jump. At the same time such a shift would necessarily leave a vacancy in the outfield, but fortunately Manager Jennings has a good player in Dave Jones.