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BIG LIBEL TRIAL STIRS THE CONGO

Two American Missionaries Are Made Defendants In the Suit.

BELGIUM AS PROSECUTOR

CASE, WHICH IS SET FOR MAY 20, IS TO BE A TEST OF THE CHARGES MADE ON MALADMINISTRATION OF AFFAIRS.

London, May 10.—All white men in the Congo Free State are interested in the trial for libel of two American missionaries, the Rev. William Morrison, and the Rev. W. H. Sheppard, which will begin in Leopoldville May 20. This case is expected to be a test between the Belgian government and the American missionaries who have long made themselves a thorn in its flesh by their charges of maladministration and oppression of the natives. The suit is brought by one of the concessionaire companies called the "Kasai trust," which has a monopoly of rubber gathering in the Kasai region. It claims \$20,000 damages from each of the missionaries for calumnious denunciation. The Belgian government holds half the stock of the Kasai trust, and a majority of its directors are Belgian officials, so that the suit may be considered practically one of the Belgian government against the missionaries.

Charges of Missionaries. In substance the charges the missionaries have made are those contained in the official reports of the late American consul general at Boma, James A. Smith, and the British consul, Capt. W. G. Theisger. They are briefly, that the officials levy upon the natives oppressive so-called taxes to be paid in rubber; that whole villages, including women and children are impressed by the soldiers for gathering the rubber; that they are compelled to travel many miles to the rubber forests and sleep there for more than a week under unhealthy conditions; that they are cruelly punished for failure to fulfill the taxes imposed and that so large a portion of their

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If you now begin your work at 7 o'clock in the morning, what would you think about starting at 5. A movement that originated in the European cities to save time now spent in sleep has spread to this country. It is being advocated at Cincinnati by the mayor and city officials. It is to be put in actual practice at Connersville. Under the arrangement, the time actually employed in work is the same. The start is made earlier in the day, however, and more time then is obtained for recreation or other diversion before night falls. The man who quits work at 6 o'clock in the evening and has but an hour before dark would quit at 4 o'clock. He would put in as much time at work as under his old system and acquire more daylight for his own. The only loss would be in the hours spent in sleep. The plan is only feasible in the summer months.

American Consul to Watch Trial. Messrs. Morrison and Sheppard are members of the American Presbyterian mission. The American consul, W. H. Handley, has been instructed by the government to proceed from Boma to Leopoldville to watch the trial, which will be conducted by Belgian officials.

Some twenty American missionaries are stationed in the Congo and as nearly all of them have leveled the same accusations against the administration, the outcome of that suit will have an important bearing upon their future there. A judgment for the Kasai trust will be officially a vindication of the Belgian exploitation of the Congo.

WHEN WOMEN REGISTER.

A Hotel Clerk Explains Why a Blotter Is Necessary.

"Hotel clerks get to be great observers of human nature," said an old hotel "lobbyist." "During the many hours out of each day that I spend warming this chair I have learned many tricks of their trade which go to prove my statement."

"In fact, this clerk here has a peculiar trick of his own which shows how keen an observer he is. If you watch him at work you will find whenever a woman is registering he holds a blotter so as to hide the other names on the page. At first when I noticed it I thought that he was merely holding the blotter in readiness to use it on the newly written name, but when I found that he did it only when a woman was registering my curiosity got the better of me, and I asked the reason."

"Why," said he, "women are the most nervous creatures in the world. I hold that blotter up to show that I am not watching them write their names and at the same time to keep them from trying to excel the other handwriting on the page. If they noticed it is a safe bet that they would get nervous and make an awful botch of their signatures trying to be fancy. On the other hand, if they saw a particularly pretty signature on the next line the chances are that they would try to improve theirs with a flourish or two, which generally means a choice blot to be scratched out by yours truly."

"I decided to test his theory by looking over a woman's shoulder while she registered. The result was just what he said it would be."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

ROOSEVELT ASKED TO EMPLOY MAGIC

Superstitious Natives Believe Colonel Can Prevent A Drought.

CALL HIM SWANA TUMBO

IF IT DOESN'T RAIN SHORTLY AND ROOSEVELT DON'T RETURN SOON THEY WILL GO OUT HUNTING FOR HIM.

Nairobi, East Africa, May 10.—Two new cases of small pox were reported among the natives at Machakos, forty miles from the headquarters of the Roosevelt party. The Roosevelt party, however, is not believed to be in the slightest danger.

The medicine men of the Masai tribe "laws and the prophets" to the ignorant natives, have announced that they have seen an evil star which presages a drought and fearful famine and pestilence. There are no signs of a drought yet, but the natives are so agitated that they are waiting for Bwana Tumbo, alias Theodore Roosevelt, to return, when he is to drive away the influence of the evil spirit.

In fact if it does not rain within a few days, the natives will not wait for Mr. Roosevelt's return, but will go in search of him and tell him of the evils that await them if he doesn't use his magic.

The last word from the hunting party was that they had found the trail of several giraffes and were beating their way into the southwesterly direction.

BUY MORE BEDS.

At the meeting of the directors of the Y. M. C. A., it was decided to purchase more beds and bedding material for the dormitory section of the building. That purchased at the beginning of the year has been utilized.

NOT DRUGS

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After using laxative and cathartic medicines from childhood, a case of chronic and apparently incurable constipation yielded to the scientific food, Grape-Nuts, in a few days.

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"Although I had not expected this food to help my trouble, to my great surprise, Grape-Nuts digested immediately from the first and in a few days I was convinced that this was just what my system needed."

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Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

DEAN SCHEBOLE INAUGURATED BY WESTERN UNION

Alleged Combine of Foreign Insurance Companies Responsible for the Unpopular Rate List.

ATTORNEY GENERAL IS IN SEARCH OF EVIDENCE

Bingham Has Filed Action Against the Alleged "Insurance Trust" and Is Now on An Eastern Trip.

(Special Correspondent.)

Indianapolis, Ind., May 10.—Attorney General Bingham has gone east to get evidence to use in the suit which he filed in the superior court in this county Saturday afternoon to break up the fire insurance trust. He believes he will be able to get valuable pointers on the trip.

The suit filed by Bingham is of great importance to not only insurance people, but to the business people of the state. All of the 130 companies against whom the suit is directed are foreign companies, that is they belong in other states. No Indiana companies are included. It is charged in the complaint that all of these companies have entered into a combine known as the Western Union, the purpose of which is to fix rates for fire insurance. This Western Union has its headquarters in Chicago, and has a state bureau in Indiana, with a branch local bureau in every city in the state. The branch bureaus are in charge of some local insurance man whose duty it is to inspect every policy written by any agent of these companies and see that the rates fixed by the Western Union are maintained and that no policy is written at cut rates.

Liable to Expulsion.

Any company that writes a policy below the rate fixed in the Western Union schedule is liable to expulsion from the union. There are a good many companies that do not belong to this union, and most of them maintain the same rates that are charged by the companies that belong to the union, though some of them write business at cut rates.

The complaint alleges that the companies in the Western Union use what is known as the Dean schedule in fixing rates for insurance in Indiana, and that their rates are made uniform by that schedule. It alleges that this schedule enables the companies using it to fix rates at an exorbitant figure. In other words, it charges that the insurance rates in Indiana are too high, and that this condition is due to the fact that the 130 companies have entered into an illegal combine for the purpose of keeping insurance rates up.

Collects Long Time.

Mr. Bingham has been collecting evidence for some time to use against the companies in this suit, and he says he is prepared to show unlawful conspiracy among the companies.

The complaint asks the court for an injunction to prevent the companies from doing anything under their combination agreement. If the permanent injunction is granted at the end of the trial it will mean that no company will be allowed to compel its agents to send his policies through the local inspection bureau for inspection and approval, because the inspection bureau is the representative of the combine. In that case an agent would send his report direct to his company, and no other company would know what rate he was charging for insurance. It might mean a war of insurance rates, but it would mean the breaking up of the insurance trust that has held sway in Indiana for years.

From every part of the state there has for a long time been a complaint against the rates insurance companies were charging for their policies. The rates have been denounced as entirely too high, but no relief has ever been given by the companies. It was this general wall from over the state that caused Attorney General Bingham to start his suit on behalf of the state to break up the fire insurance trust.

WALTER CALLAWAY WILL RETAIN JOB

He Will Continue With the C. & D. Road.

Reports from Cincinnati are to the effect Walter B. Callaway is to be retained under the new management of the C. H. & D. railway. Mr. Callaway resided in this city for a few years after the construction of the C. C. & L. railway. At that time he was connected with the C. C. & L. He is well known here and friends had feared he might lose his position. He is general passenger agent of the company. The C. H. & D. is to pass into the control of the B. & O. in the near future.

RUSSIAN IS MURDERED.

St. Petersburg, May 8.—General Naumov was assassinated while crossing a bridge at Ishewsk. The murderer escaped by leaping from the bridge and swimming under water.

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Banquet Given By District Of Columbia Citizens Fruitless

Washington, D. C., May 10.—Washington is still rubbing its eyes in amazement over the jolt handed to it last night by President Taft, when he spilt the pretty plan our leading citizens had framed up to get from the president the political favors for which they have been crying ever so long.

One of the sore spots in the District of Columbia has always been that its residents had no vote either in their own affairs or in the nation's; have no representative in congress and have nothing to say about their taxes. The president appoints the district commissioners and the judges and congress handles the laws and the taxes. So our leading citizens fed Mr. Taft a beautiful \$20 plate banquet and whispered all kinds of soft things in his ear to win their point. The dinner was announced as merely to be a good fellowship affair, with plenty to eat and drink and a lot of the usual kind of laudatory speeches.

When Mr. Taft had stowed away the \$20 worth of food and had beamed on everybody so heartily that they saw immediate victory in sight, the little plot was sprung.

Instead of a long list of toasts there was just one speech. That was by Justice Wendell P. Stafford of the supreme court of the District of Columbia. And he got right down to the

point. It was a plea for suffrage, for one senator and two representatives in congress for the district and for home rule.

When he got through and the beaming president arose everybody figured it was all over and they would get their hopes at once. But they did not. President Taft told them he was not in favor of suffrage for the district, was

opposed to the idea of congressional representation and was considering cutting out the present board of three commissioners and centering all power in one man.

The Penalty of Goodness.

He—You don't seem to care a straw whether I am comfortable or not. You are not as good a wife as your sister was to her husband. As long as he lived she was perfectly devoted to him and never tired of seeking his happiness. She—Yes, and what was the result? He got to love her so well that he made a provision in his will that she should not marry again.

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