

THAT MERGER CASE

Has Finally Reached the United States Supreme Court

Attorneys File a Brief Little Brief of One Hundred and Eighty Pages

Washington, Dec. 14.—The brief of the United States in the appeal of the Northern Securities Company, from the decision in favor of the United States, delivered by the circuit court of Minnesota, was filed in the supreme court today. Knox and Day submitted written argument covering 180 pages. The questions of law arising which they desire affirmed, are: First, as the combination has been accomplished through the securities company, is it a violation of the anti-trust law? Second: Have the defendants monopolized, or attempted to monopolize, and part of the interstate or foreign commerce of the United States? Third: Was the relief granted by the circuit court authorized by law? If so, they contend either of the first two and the third question should be answered in the affirmative, and the decrees of the circuit court must be affirmed. They argue that the anti-trust act is not primarily a criminal statute but is framed for the defeat of subterfuges designed to evade it.

The brief characterizes as absurd that the two great railways, the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, who are naturally competitors, should compete after both were subject to the same control. It says it is not to the interest of the stockholders that one road should prosper at the other's expense, as they received dividends by pooling the earnings of both. It is not possible to conceive a more effective method for combining competitive interests, and for suppressing competition between rivals who are naturally competing business corporations. It says the circuit court took the most logical course, that of enjoining the voting of the stocks of the two companies at the securities meetings, or from paying dividends to the securities.

Standard Oil Blocked.

Vienna, Dec. 14.—Reports from Bucharest indicate that the Standard Oil Company is meeting with much opposition in its efforts to obtain a footing in Roumania. At a private meeting of the supporters of the government, M. Stourda, president of the council of ministers, declared that the Americans had come to Roumania for the purpose of monopolizing the na-

tional petroleum industry, and they must prevent the country from admitting such an economic yoke.

It is stated that the Standard Oil Company has now abandoned its intention of combining with any of the existing oil concerns of Roumania, but that, believing the country has large and valuable oil fields at present undiscovered, the company will endeavor to obtain them for its European trade.

FEW INFANTS TO BAPTISE.

Rich Mothers Do Not Want Them, Says an Episcopal Bishop.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 14.—Episcopal Bishop Francis, of the diocese of Indiana, declares that the shortage of babies in the church is alarming, and that the homes of wealthier members of the church have an average of about one child to the family. "Women in the finer homes do not want babies nowadays," said Bishop Francis tonight. "We have a constantly increasing number of adult baptisms, but the baptism of infants is decreasing. This is not because they do not have their babies baptized, but because there are fewer babies. The Living Church Annual, the Episcopal almanac for the year, just published, shows how alarming is this shortage of babies in the church. The number of baptisms of infants has decreased 50 per cent in 14 years. This is in the face of an increase of communicants.

"Not only is there a shortage of babies in our church but all over the land in the wealthiest homes. It appears like a repetition of the career of France."

Forty Below in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 14.—The Northwest experienced the coldest weather of the season today, the thermometer ranging from 40 to 24 degrees below zero at the various stations of the weather bureau. There is apparently no prospect of immediate relief.

Trains on all railroads are delayed because of the intense cold. In this city the minimum was 23 degrees below, reached early this morning. The maximum for the day was minus eight degrees. Toward night the mercury again began to settle in the tube, and at 9 o'clock stood at 12 below.

Cold in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The weather records this morning show the present cold wave breaks all records for the first half of December in 27 years. It was 13 degrees below last night. There have been three deaths and 13 injured by falls or freezing. Street car lines are working with difficulty today. Tramps and the homeless are sheltered at the police stations. There is an epidemic of diphtheria, and the mortality is assuming large proportions.

Indignation in New Zealand.

London, Dec. 14.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail, at Wellington, N. Z., says Premier Seddon has drawn Colonial Secretary Lyttleton's attention to the case of Harper, the New Zealand bank clerk, who was prevented by the United States labor laws from landing at San Francisco. The correspondent adds that the case has created great indignation, and that Premier Seddon has declared that such treatment will not be tolerated.

Bombs in the Bricks.

New York, Dec. 14.—Two dynamite bombs, each containing a pound of explosive, were found in a pile of bricks on West Forty-third street today. Contractors believe it put there by members of the housewives' union who are seeking revenge for Parks' imprisonment. The bricks were for use on the Acker-Terrill conduit building. One of this firm's buildings was dynamited last night.

Waterloo, Ill., Dec. 14.—John O'Rourke, en route home last night, was frozen to death. He was found today entangled in a barb wire fence, from which he had evidently been too weak to break loose.

RUSSIA HOLDS FAST

Insists on Right to Keep Troops in Northern Korea

Is Willing to Let Japan Boss the Southern Part--Korea's Desires Are Not Considered

Paris, Dec. 14.—It is reported that Russia, in reply to the Japanese note, maintains her demand for a free circulation of troops in Northern Korea, giving Japan in return a free hand in Southern Korea. The Manchurian question is still pending.

The Cyanide Process.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Dr. John W. Hamilton, aged 68, suicided by taking cyanide of potassium, at his office in the Parrott building, at noon. His body was found by his partner. He was a prominent physician.

Britain Would Buy Ships.

London, Dec. 14.—It is reported that the British admiralty has made an offer to the Argentine Republic to buy the two cruisers Rivadavia and Morona, now being built at Genoa for that government.

Gold Fields in Congo State.

Brussels, Dec. 14.—The announcement is made here that rich gold fields have been discovered in the Congo state.

TAKES SHORT RECESS

Congress Will Adjourn on the Nineteenth for Christmas

The Country Will Try to Survive and the Congressional Record Won't Be Missed

Washington, Dec. 14.—The house today adopted a resolution providing for a Christmas recess from Saturday, the 19th to January 4th. It resumed consideration of the pension bill. The senate passed a resolution naming Hale chaplain, and Morgan presented a resolution bearing on the Isthmian canal situation, which went to the table.

American Goods Burned.

Metz, Alsace-Lorraine, Dec. 14.—Fire today destroyed a customs warehouse here, which contained, among other things, a quantity of American bacon and oil. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

Dreyfus to Be Reinstated.

London, Dec. 14.—The Paris correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle states that it has been decided that so soon as the court of cassation declares the innocence of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, as it seems likely to occur soon, the former disgraced officer will be reinstated in the French army, will be given the rank of lieutenant-

colonel of engineers, and will be assigned to duty with a regiment of engineers in Southern France.

The Kaiser All Right.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—President of the Reichstag Balleström announced to that body that in company with two vice-presidents he had been received by the Kaiser this morning. The emperor talked nearly an hour in a clear, strong voice. The Reichstag greeted the announcement with enthusiasm, with the exception of the Socialists, who were silent.

England Is Interested.

London, Dec. 14.—There was a cabinet meeting this morning to discuss Russia's reply to Japan. The Japanese minister says he has received the contents of the reply, but is unable to make them public. He believes, however, the issue will be peaceful.

No Exhibit from Spain.

Madrid, Dec. 14.—Spain will not participate in the St. Louis Exposition. This decision was reached at a cabinet meeting, the reason given being that there would not be sufficient time to complete operations.

Want Copyright in United States.

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 14.—The Norwegian Authors' Association has passed resolutions in favor of concluding a copyright agreement with the United States.

Killed in Spanish Train Wreck.

Madrid, Dec. 14.—The collapse of an embankment, near Cordova today, derailed a train. Fourteen persons were killed and many injured.

Cruiser Prairie at Colon.

Colon, Dec. 14.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Prairie, which sailed from Guantanamo yesterday, arrived here today. The supply ship Cuylog has gone to meet the fleet at Culebra.

Battleship Sail for Culebra.

Guantanamo, Dec. 14.—The United States battleships Kearsarge, Illinois and Alabama and the converted yacht Scorpion sailed today for Culebra.

DEALS WITH JANITOR

Colombia's Representative Has to Talk to Understrappers

Panama's People Dine With Teddy but General Reyes Can Not Raise the Strenuosity.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Reyes called at the state department this morning, and had a conference with Assistant Secretary Loomis. He assured the latter Colombia would probably not begin hostilities at all, and certainly not until it had received his reply on the result of his Washington mission.

Helen Gould Won't Accept.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Helen Gould today notified her friends that she could not consider the acceptance of the position of president of the board of lady managers for the World's Fair, to succeed Mrs. James Blair.

Charged With Grafting.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Acting on the evidence submitted by counsel for the graft committee, Chief O'Neill today suspended Lieut. Mulcahy and Patrolman Martini from the police force on a charge of grafting the red-light district.

OPEN EVENINGS TILL CHRISTMAS

Jos. Meyer & Sons

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Police Patrol FREE

To the boy under 14 years of age guessing nearest the number of seeds in the pumpkin. Come on boys and register.

Doll Go-Cart FREE

To the girl under 14 years of age guessing nearest the number of seeds in the pumpkin. Come on girls and register.



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- 35c
- Genuine Bohemian Spun vases, very pretty. From \$1.50 down to nice ones at 50c.
- Fedora Blued vases, all shapes, very attractive, from \$1.25 down to 15c.
- Redwood pieces, the latest in decorated vases, unusual values, \$1.95, down to 65c.
- Royal Austrian Vases in very pretty designs, from \$3.00 down to 9c.
- Oriental Statuettes, in all the popular models, finished in Oriental style, \$12.50 to \$1.00.

Fire Etched Tabourettes, great variety, all handsomely executed, \$7.50 down to \$2.00.

Jardinieres, from the Japanese and Old World schools of art, \$7.50 down to \$1.25.

Fancy Cups and Saucers, all pretty designs, finest ware, from 98c down to 9c.

Pictures—exact reproductions of the world's greatest masterpieces, \$9.85 to 5c.

Our Toy Village

Which has grown to such large proportions, in such a little time, is ready with the prettiest little dames and youths, and the most wonderful of mechanical toys that delight, not only the youngster, but the grown folks as well. Human ingenuity has been taxed to its utmost this year to turn out a running automobile, new style engines, etc., but, to the credit of the toy-makers, it can be said that they have been equal to the emergency. Let Santa Claus give the children these:

- Upright steam engine, with steel boiler, from \$5.00 to 65c.
- Mechanical railroad train, three coaches, station and tunnel, \$5.00.
- Winding locomotive, a great favorite, 40c.
- Mechanical train and track, very good, 50c.
- Mechanical steamboat, a perfect model, a winner with the boys, 75c.
- Friction toys that walk, very life-like, 10c.
- Mechanical climbing miller, very unique, 25c.
- Mechanical seal, runs on the floor, very natural, 35c.
- Magic lanterns, afford lots of amusement, 50c.
- Mechanical steam fire engine, will throw water, \$2.50.
- Mechanical phonograph, a great musical entertainer, 35c.
- Mechanical torpedo boat, very rapid, 35c.



Express wagons, made with strong wheels and iron axle, the kind used by all boys, at from \$2.50 to 90c.

Velocipedes, made by a regular bicycle factory, built on the lines of strength and durability, from \$3.50 to \$1.75.



Wheelbarrows in different sizes, a great thing for boys, to help with the chores around home, 75c.

Tricycles for the girls, made very strong, one that any girl can have lots of fun with, from \$10 to \$5.00.

PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS.

Drummers' sample line, no two alike, in a great variety of styles, shapes and sizes. These are reduced 25 per cent.

Christmas shoppers will be quick to take advantage of this great offer.

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