

Trial Jury at Kansas City Decides That Defendants Illegally Conspired to Give Rebates to Shippers Standard Oil Hearing at Cleveland is Sensational.

Kansas City, Mo.—George L. Thomas, a freight broker and L. B. Taggart, a clerk working for Thomas, in the United States district court here late yesterday were found guilty of charges of conspiracy to illegally give rebates to shippers. The jury considered the case about 50 minutes before arriving at a verdict.

George H. Crosby, general freight traffic manager for the Burlington railway, was on trial on the same charges, was discharged, the court sustaining the demurrer, alleging that no evidence had been presented to connect Crosby with a conspiracy. The indictment charged that Crosby had conspired with George L. Thomas and L. B. Taggart to pay rebates to certain persons. The two cases against Crosby and Taggart were considered. In the first case, in which the defendants were charged with conspiring with Crosby to pay rebates, the demurrer of the defense was granted. In the second case against Thomas and Taggart in which they are charged with conspiring with Crosby to obtain and pay rebates, Judge McPherson overruled the demurrer. In this case, the court said, the government contended that the defendants conspired and that addenda contemplated a crime by conspiracy. The case therefore must go to the jury. The defense offered an alibi.

CASH FROM UNKNOWN PARTIES Interesting Testimony at Kansas City Rebate Cases. Kansas City, Mo.—Members of half a dozen large business firms admitted here Thursday, at the trial in the federal court of George L. Thomas and L. B. Taggart, that they had received thousands of dollars in commissions from "unknown sources." All of the firms had been Thomas to attempt to ship the slipping of their goods from the Atlantic seaboard to their stores in St. Louis and Kansas City, but none of the witnesses would say that these sums of money had come from Thomas.

W. E. Emery, a member of the Emery-Brayner Dry Goods company of Kansas City, who admitted receiving from \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year, said he did not know who it was, but supposed it came from Thomas. Notwithstanding the large sums thus paid in commissions, none of the firms had kept any record of the money according to the witness. All payments were made in New York.

The government introduced as evidence a contract between Thomas and George C. Smith, now dead, for the Smith-McCord-Townsend Dry Goods company, of Kansas City, and Thomas. It provided, in addition to the commission of 25 cents a hundred pounds of "incoming shipments" and a guarantee of \$500 a year, that Thomas "should maintain a list of all persons who were prepaid and on which no rebate or allowance can be held."

DROVE OUT OIL PEDDLERS Former Employee of Standard Oil Give Outline of Methods. Cleveland, O.—A total of 19 witnesses were called by attorneys for the commerce commission Friday and Clements in the Standard Oil inquiry here Friday. Testimony bordering on the sensational was obtained from several of them.

That of George L. Lane of Mansfield, O., a former employe of the Standard Oil company, was particularly an particularly important. According to his evidence, Lane was for about 14 months, in 1901 and 1902, employed at Standard Oil company for the particular purpose of driving out of business all of the independent oil peddlers in a dozen or more of the western cities and towns of northern Ohio. He said he was employed by C. M. Lyons, of the Cleveland office of the Standard Oil company, to go to certain designated places and use every means, fair and foul, to force the independent to quit. He described the methods pursued in detail.

METHODS OF THE OIL TRUST Unfair Means of Standard to Crush Competitors. Cleveland, O.—The Standard Oil company, it is charged, prosecuted sessions Thursday the interstate commission, Members Prouty and Clements in attendance, heard evidence bordering upon the sensational in the case of the Standard Oil company. The sessions were held at Cleveland.

Workman Is Killed. Pittsburgh, Pa.—By the collapse of a wooden bridge, a workman was killed in a street in this city. The bridge was a temporary structure, and was used for the purpose of crossing a street. The workman was killed when the bridge collapsed under the weight of a heavy load.

Earthquake in Utah. Ogden, Utah.—An earthquake shock was felt at two o'clock Thursday afternoon at West Valley. Buildings were shaken and much excitement prevailed, but there was no damage.

Clergyman Is Murdered. Ripon—Rev. Mr. Green, pastor of a German church at Ripon, was shot and killed Thursday by a revolutionary band while he was on the way to officiate at a confirmation ceremony.

THE FOREIGN COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES BREAKS ALL RECORDS. The foreign commerce of the United States has broken all records for the month of April, and is larger than that of the corresponding month of any earlier year, consisting of \$107,000,000 in imports and \$114,000,000 in exports, a total of \$221,000,000, or more than a quarter of a billion dollars in a single month. In only one previous April in the history of our exports, did the total of our imports and exports reach as much as \$200,000,000. The total commerce of the United States for the ten months ending with April is over \$2,500,000,000, and should the monthly averages for May and June be as great as that for the ten months of which the record is made, the total of the fiscal year 1906 will exceed \$23,000,000,000.

CONDENSED NEWS. The examination of the books and accounts of John K. Walsh, of Chicago, under the provisions of the national bank fund involves three banks and many railroads. Following national bank fund involves three banks and many railroads. Following national bank fund involves three banks and many railroads.

THE MARKETS. Detroit.—The best load of heavy castings was offered for sale at 45 cents per hundred weight. The market for heavy castings is very active, and prices are generally higher than last year.

BUSINESS RE-UNITED. Philadelphia.—Several interesting developments marked the closing session of the Interstate Commerce commission. The commission has decided to allow the railroads to continue to operate as they are, but to subject them to a more rigid supervision.

FORCED TO SELL MINE. Shortage in Car Supply Compels Owners to Sell at Auction.

Philadelphia.—Additional evidence of discrimination by the Pennsylvania railroad in the distribution of cars in the coal field was furnished in addition to the testimony of a commission Thursday. A. J. Lloyd, a banker and coal operator of Altoona, who is one of the members of the Pennsylvania coal commission, testified that the Pennsylvania railroad had forced to sell the Alexandria mine because of the shortage of cars.

COAL STOCKS GIVEN AWAY. One Official Presented with Shares Worth \$300,000.

Philadelphia.—Further revelations concerning the coal industry were made Wednesday by the Pennsylvania railroad when it was reported that one of its officials had been given \$300,000 worth of coal stock.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT. Theatrical and Musical News.

DETROIT.—Theatrical and musical news from Detroit. The Grand Opera House is presenting a new production, and the Lyceum Theatre is showing a new play.

Chinese Enter Canal Zone. Panama.—When the steamship China left La Brea last week she carried 100 Chinese laborers to the canal zone at Panama.

Sympathy for Stoppel. Tokio.—A painful impression has been created here by the rumor that the Japanese government had decided to support the Stoppel movement.

Engineer Killed in Collision. Pittsburgh, Pa.—Engineer A. Boyer was killed and three trainmen seriously injured in a collision of two Baltimore & Ohio cars near Meadville, Pa.

Summer Residence Burned. Brewster, Mass.—The summer residence of Roland C. Nickerson, of New York, was burned Thursday with its valuable interior furnishings, paintings and books.

Real Estate Exchange. Real estate news and advertisements. A large house on Main Ave. for sale. A beautiful lot on Broadway.

Of Whitehead & Mitchell at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION. The following is a partial list of church and village lists and real estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list:

1. Pleasant house and lot 60 feet front on 20th street on Main Ave. bank. Call on Mr. Whitehead & Mitchell.

2. The Bayley farm, in the town of Troy, 17 1/2 miles from Detroit, is a beautiful place with a large house and a fine view of the city.

3. Village lots on Woodward street, bounded by lot of Mrs. M. Smith, east by D. C. Woodward, and west by Woodward street, for sale.

4. Farm of about 100 acres in the town of Troy, 17 1/2 miles from Detroit, is a beautiful place with a large house and a fine view of the city.

5. Good little farm on the line of West Bloomfield, 10 miles from Detroit, is a beautiful place with a large house and a fine view of the city.

6. One of the best farms in the town of Troy, 17 1/2 miles from Detroit, is a beautiful place with a large house and a fine view of the city.

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