

# Battle of Oil Giants Looming in Gigantic Merger Plan

## SINCLAIR AND STEWART IN COMBINATION

Efforts of Pair Directed at Getting Away From Rockefeller Interests, Wall St. Believes

NEW YORK, July 24.—(AP.)—The New York World today says that signs discernible in Wall street indicate that out of the oil situation that has held the attention of the country the last four years may come a working combination of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Company, involving hundreds of millions of dollars.

Signs pointing to such a combination are seen in the contemplated doubling of the capacity of the Sinclair pipe line, which is controlled equally by the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation.

If this contemplated doubling of capacity presages a combination between Colonel Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the board of the Standard of Indiana, and Harry F. Sinclair, head of the Sinclair Company, says the World, it means that the Standard of Indiana is taking an important step to free itself from dependence upon Rockefeller subsidiaries.

John D. Rockefeller Jr., largest individual stockholder in the Standard of Indiana, has been trying to force Col. Stewart from the chairmanship since the latter's refusal last winter to answer certain questions before the Senate Teapot Dome Committee.



NEW PHOTO of John D. Rockefeller, who, despite his age, looks with equanimity upon the threatened warfare directed against the great company he built.

## BIDS CALLED FOR SIX LINERS BY SHIP BOARD

Passenger and Part Cargo Carriers and Two Tankers at S. F. Also to Be Auctioned

WASHINGTON, July 24.—(AP.)—The Shipping Board today set October 1 as the date of opening of bids for the proposed sale of the United States Lines and the American Merchant Lines.

The decision was reached after an all day conference, and it was announced that the form of advertisement for bids, now being approved by the Merchant Fleet Corporation, will be ready for final approval of the board before August 1.

The United States Lines consists of six passenger vessels—the Leviathan, George Washington, President Harding, President Roosevelt, the America and the Republic.

The American Merchant Lines is composed of ten combination passenger-cargo vessels, only five of which are to be sold. In addition, the passenger ships Mount Vernon and Monticello are to be offered for sale.

Under the plans for the sale the lines may be purchased as a combined line or separately, and with the choice of practically any combination of ships to compose the lines.

## BALDWIN WINS HOUSE O. K. IN LABOR TEST

Lower House Votes Down Bill to Censure Government for Failure to Solve Unemployment

LONDON, July 24.—(AP.)—The House of Commons tonight by a vote of 331 to 151 defeated the Labor party's motion to censure the government for failure to solve the unemployment problem.

An amendment moved by Sir Henry Paget Croft, Unionist, deploring the opposition of the Liberal and Labor parties to the government's policy of reform of local taxation and to its policy of safeguarding industries, was carried by 305 to 136.

The vote came at the end of a long debate in which former Premier Ramsay MacDonald, who moved the vote of censure, charged the government with ineffective dealing with the unemployment problem which had left more than a million and a quarter jobless in the country.

Premier Baldwin replying confessed that his original diagnosis that unemployment was due to a general upsetting of credit after the World War had been proved only partly correct. He admitted that there existed a severe depression in the staple industry, coal, and in the shipbuilding and cotton industries, but appealed to the House not to exaggerate the position.

The general trade of the country outside coal, shipbuilding and cotton, he said, was well maintained, adding that the depression in the textile industry was a problem not of Great Britain alone, but of the world.

## Mark Twain's Daughter Views Scenes Depicted by Her Father

Mrs. Gabilowitsch Writes Story for Examiner

BACK in the gay sixties a San Francisco newspaper reporter who wrote under the name of Mark Twain took a trip out to the Cliff House and along the ocean beach. He and a friend made the trip in a horse drawn carriage.

Yesterday Mark Twain's daughter, Clara Clemens Gabilowitsch, made the same trip. She rode in a limousine, over paved streets that cross the sand dunes of half a century ago.

In the city where her father first gained recognition as a writer and humorist Mrs. Ossip Gabilowitsch, wife of the famous pianist and orchestra conductor, wrote her story of the jaunt. Mark Twain's charming tale of the day's outing is included in a volume of essays by Twain and Bret Harte, collected from early San Francisco newspapers, and published in book form by John Howell.

But here is Twain's daughter's story of her trip:

By CLARA CLEMENS GABRILOWITSCH.

It is a slight relief to discover that in the year 1864 my father had actually been moved to criticize something resident in California, because his inflated praise of everything Californian, human or inanimate, was extremely disconcerting to one who had never had the good luck even to visit that State.

How could any land as perfect as father's California exist on this earth of ours? And if it did exist, why hadn't I been born there?

NOT PERFECT.

Now I arrive in San Francisco, and am presented with an article my father wrote many years ago. Lo and behold! In this article I make the acquaintance of a shade that didn't smell good, and a shooting chicken that wouldn't shoot!

California was not quite perfect after all.

This morning I drove out to the scene of my father's disappointment, Cliff House. We went in a swift-moving car, swinging around past the Palace of the Legion of Honor, and watched steamers going out through the Golden Gate. But here, I find, is father's story:

The day was excessively warm, and my comrade was an invalid, consequently we traveled slowly, and conversed about distressing diseases, and such other matters as I thought would be likely to interest a sick man and make him cheerful.

When we caught a glimpse of long white lines of waves rolling in silently upon the distant shore, our hearts were gladdened and our stomachs turned by fond memories of sea sickness. It was a nice comfortable journey, and I could not have enjoyed it more if I had been sick myself.

The Cliff House now is closed. But below, on the rocks, is a little house where one may rent telescopes, and look through them at the comorants nesting on Seal Rocks. The seals, they told me, have retreated to the Farallones for the season.

We strolled around, and enjoyed some clam chowder and a glass of water. Here is how it impressed father:

When we got to the Cliff House we were disappointed. I had always heard there was such a grand view to be seen there of the majestic ocean . . . and, near at hand, piles of picturesque rocks, splashed with angry surf and garrisoned by drunken, sprawling sea lions and elegant, long legged pelicans.

There was nothing in sight but an ordinary counter, and behind it a long row of bottles with Old Bourbon, and Old Rye, and Old Tom, and the old, old story of man's falter and women's fall, in them. We stayed there an hour and a half, and took observations from different points of view, but the general result was the same—nothing but bottles and a bar.

When I looked through the field glasses I saw the "white billows stretching far away until they met and mingled with the bending sky." But my father! What did he see? Listen to him:

They keep a fieldglass there for the accommodation of those who wish to see the sights, and we looked at the bottles through that, but it did not help the mat-

## Repeating History!



MRS. OSSIP GABRILOWITSCH, daughter of Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens), viewing the ocean from the present Cliff House with the same kind of glass her parent used, and (below) reproduction of an old print of the Cliff House and Seal Rocks as they appeared in the illustrious author's days in San Francisco—the early 60's.



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## PARIS ACTION URGED OVER U. S. LAWYERS

President of Bar Association Declares Attorneys in Divorce Mill Should Be Punished

SEATTLE, (Wash.), July 24.—(AP)—American lawyers in Paris who have been charged by the National Association of Advocates of France with "morally reprehensible conduct" should be summarily punished by the French Courts, Silas H. Strawn, president of the American Bar Association said today.

Strawn, who is in Seattle for the fiftieth anniversary convention of the Bar Association said he had not yet received a protest which he understood was to have been sent to the Bar Association from the French organization. The action was taken after three French lawyers had been reprimanded and three others suspended from practice for having rushed American divorces through the Courts of France.

No action was taken against the American attorneys who were alleged to have retained the French advocates.

"But the French courts can refuse to grant divorces to Americans when proceedings are irregular," Strawn said. "We know that there are these vultures who call themselves lawyers and who prey upon susceptible wealthy Americans who desire easy Paris divorces, but it is beyond the power of the American Bar Association to forcibly restrain them. It's against our ethics, of course."

## 119 Judges Fine Paris Clerk Two Months' Pay

PARIS, July 24.—(AP.)—One hundred and nineteen judges in solemn convocation today considered the case of M. Chupot, a court clerk accused of taking tips of 50 and 75 cents and sometimes one dollar for aiding the speeding up of divorces for Americans or other foreigners.

As punishment, the judges decided that the clerk should get no pay during his annual two months' holiday this year.

## Death by Train Declared Suicide

Calmly and deliberately, an unidentified man, about 40, last evening walked in front of a speeding Southern Pacific train, laid down on the tracks and was instantly killed when the locomotive passed over him.

Several people, including the crossing tender at Seventh and Hooper streets, saw the man's act, and they were unanimous in stating that it was deliberate.

The tragedy occurred shortly after 5 o'clock, as train No. 175, inbound from Salinas, approached the Seventh and Hooper street crossing.

The body was taken to the city morgue, where the coroner's office is trying to establish the man's identity.

## Bonds for Cancer Clinic Advocated

Whether San Francisco is to have a cancer institute depends upon the passage of bonds for its establishment at the election in November, according to Dr. Alexander J. Keenan, president of the San Francisco Medical Association, in an address over KYA last night.

"The Board of Health is ready to establish such an institute," said Dr. Keenan, "but whether we are actually to have it depends upon the voters at the next election. At this institute team work will be done by men trained in such work to give the people of San Francisco the best medical and surgical advice and treatment in the world." He added:

## M-G-M Brings Movies of Italia

NEW YORK, July 24.—First pictures of the Russian expedition which saved General Nobile's men after the Italia wreck are being shown on the screen throughout the country by M-G-M News. The pictures were obtained exclusively by M-G-M in association with the Amkino, the official Soviet motion picture agency.

The start of the ice-breaker Krassin for the North is shown, together with pictures of Chukhovsky, the Russian aviator, and Professor Samoilovich, head of the expedition.

## Pittsburgh Fetes Lady Lindy, Party

PITTSBURGH, July 24.—(AP)—Amelia Earhart conquered Pittsburgh today as she conquered the Atlantic, and at the end of her brief visit left the city in the cab of a locomotive, seeking thrills anew.

It required squads of policemen to hold back the crowd which sought a glimpse of the first woman to cross the Atlantic by air as she stepped from her train this morning.

On the steps of the City-County Building Amelia and her fellow air voyagers were officially welcomed to Pittsburgh and given keys to the city by President of Council James F. Malone, who acted in the absence of Mayor Charles H. Kline.

## 'Fortune Hunter,' 80, Finds Lost Daughter

W. H. Westover reached the end of his 1,000 mile hike yesterday.

Walking into Berkeley from Phoenix, Ariz., in search of his daughter, Westover, who is 80, entertained reporters and cameramen Monday with feats of his athletic prowess.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Nevada Elliott, 1133 Francisco avenue, Berkeley, saw the newspaper accounts and in a few minutes was clasped in the arms of the father she hadn't seen for 21 years.

Mrs. Westover remained in Phoenix, the father coming to California with a capital of \$300 "to make a fortune for my wife. She is only 75 and I don't want her to go into old age fearing poverty."

## LEDDY GUILTY IN 'HOE' MURDER

SAN JOSE, July 24.—Clarence "Chick" Leddy, alleged bootlegger and "king of the San Jose underworld," is a murderer.

On the morning of May 26, he attacked Robert F. Hill Jr., young Oakland salesman, in Leddy's resort on Almaden avenue and recommended life imprisonment. Sentence will be passed on Friday.

Awaiting trial on the same charge is Fred True, Leddy's bartender, who will be arraigned tomorrow.

Hill, with Albert H. Webb of San Jose and Fred T. Janny of San Francisco, wandered into Leddy's establishment, the prosecution contended, on the assumption that it was a tamale parlor.

The defense attempted to show that the party entered the place to purchase liquor, was refused, and that a fight ensued during which Hill was slain "in self defense."

## Church Will Hold Baby Dedication

Dedication of babies to St. Anne at St. Anne's Church, Funston avenue and Fulton street, today will usher in the concluding ceremonies of the Novena to the Mother of Mary that has been in progress for a week.

The Novena will close tomorrow with two devotions. Pontifical high mass will be celebrated at 9 a. m. by Archbishop E. J. Hanna. The papal blessing, delivered in the evening, will formally close the Novena.

The mass tomorrow will be celebrated for the living members of St. Anne's Confraternity.

## Rolph Impostor Attempts Suicide

Attempting suicide after he was revealed as an impostor, posing as James Rolph III, son of San Francisco Mayor, a youth was in a critical condition at Bridewell Hospital, Chicago, yesterday, according to dispatches.

The youth, who declares he is Ronald Menary of Des Moines, Ia., registered at the Palmer House in Chicago as young Rolph. Hotel officials communicated with police who got in touch with Mayor Rolph. Learning of the investigation, Menary took poison.

## Coolidge Thanks Secretary Work

SUPERIOR, (Wis.), July 24.—(AP)—With high praise for Dr. Hubert Work's activities as secretary of the Interior, President Coolidge today formally accepted his resignation from the cabinet.

"I wish to thank you for the loyal service you have rendered to the country during the time which you have been at the head of the important department of the Interior," Coolidge said in his letter to Dr. Work, accepting the resignation.

## Germany Nominates Hughes for Honors

GENEVA, July 24.—(AP)—Germany and Holland today nominated Charles Evans Hughes for the vacancy on the Permanent Court of International Justice caused by the resignation of John Bassett Moore.

## Carranza Goes To Last Bourne

MEXICO CITY, July 24.—(AP)—The body of Capt. Emilio Carranza, whose good will flight to the United States brought him both fame and death, today was borne to Dolores Cemetery to a section reserved for the foremost figures in his country's history.

The procession began from the War Department wing of the National Palace, where the body had lain in state since yesterday.

Dwight W. Morrow, American Ambassador to Mexico, was one of the first to reach the War Department and soon after came American army officers who had escorted the body from New York to Mexico City. High Mexican officials and Sebastian Carranza, father of the dead airman.

## Trotsky Aide Recalled To Soviet Leadership

MOSCOW, July 24.—(AP)—The Tass agency announced tonight that Gregory Zinovieff, who with Leon Trotsky and other opposition leaders was expelled from the Communist party last year, has been readmitted to the party—a 1 elected a member of the managing board of the All-Russian Co-operative Society.

Early this year Zinovieff was the object of a decree of banishment. The decree was recalled, however, and Zinovieff was placed among the "penitents" of the party pending reinstatement.

## Hunt Renewed for Golden Eagle Plane

HONOLULU, July 24.—In another effort to find some trace of Jack Frost and Gordon Scott, lost during the Dole race in August, 1927, Denham Scott, brother of the navigator, started today to search the lava wastes of Mauna Loa on the island of Hawaii.

Scott led a party of four men, among whom was Private Scarborough of the Fifth Infantry, who declares that he saw a flare in the region at the time the flyers might have been there. The searchers carried provisions for two weeks.

## Rumania Bank Sees Stabilization Near

BUCHAREST (Rumania), July 24.—(AP)—The Rumanian National Bank, under the arrangements concluded with foreign bankers for a stabilization loan, will double the emission of currency while at the same time reconstruction of the country's railway system will be undertaken, Premier Bratianu told the Institute of Economics today.

"Nothing but war," the Premier said, "and I can see no possibility of that can prevent Rumanian stabilization in the autumn."

## Pair Rescued After Drifting for Six Days

NEW YORK, July 24.—(AP)—Two men who went to sea for a fishing excursion off the Florida Coast only to drift helplessly for six days, when their craft became disabled, told the story of their mishap today when the Pan-American Pacific steamer Manchuria, which rescued them last Sunday ninety-five miles from St. Augustine, reached port.

Charles R. Stone and Aaron Cox, the latter a negro, were the adventurers.

Three hours after they set out from Lake Worth, Fla., with enough food to last three weeks, their speed boat's magneto failed. Stone labored with it for eight hours, and when he finally fixed it the boat had drifted far out to sea.

## Low Prices Mark Sale of Antiques

LONDON, July 24.—(Universal Service).—Few notable prices were paid in the auction of old French and English furniture at Christie's today. The total for the sale was \$35,000.

English furniture led the list, with the Kent Gallery bidding \$1,520 for a Chippendale mahogany armchair with stuffed seat and cabriole legs, the back covered with green velvet.

## Draughtsman Held For Fatal Bombing

ROCKFORD (Ill.), July 24.—(AP)—Under a charge of first degree murder and without bond, Paul Reed, 24, a draughtsman, was held over to the October county grand jury today when given a preliminary hearing in police court for the slaying of Vernon Plager, radio expert blown up in his automobile last week.

While admitting a theft of dynamite, Reed maintained he did not use it for bombing Plager's automobile.

Reed was linked with the slaying as a result of an affair he had with Mrs. Iva Plager, widow of the radio man, who also was taken into custody as a suspect. She was released this afternoon.

## Woman Found Dead In Gas Filled Room

Lying in a locked, gas-filled room, Mrs. Eileen Barker, manager of an apartment house at 225 Clayton street, was found dead last night, apparently a suicide.

Adlio Passberg, a roomer, detected the odor of escaping gas upon arriving at the place, and found the body of his landlady. The joints of a gas-heater were opened and the windows tightly closed. No note was found, and no motive for her act was discovered by police.

## 5-Year-Old Child Hurt by Street Car

As she started across Fillmore street near Hayes street last night, 5 year old Jean Taylor was struck and knocked down by a Market Street Railway car with Motorist C. W. Nelson at the controls.

The child, who lives at 726 Fillmore street, was taken to Central Emergency hospital, where she was said to have sustained a possible fractured skull.

## S.F. CUPID SLIPS, DIVORCES GAIN

Divorces are on the increase, and marriages are fewer in number in San Francisco, according to the annual report of H. I. Mulrevey, County Clerk, released yesterday.

Mulrevey's report embraces a survey made for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1927, and ending June 30, 1928.

In that period there were 3,326 divorce actions filed, an increase of 268 over the preceding year; and 341 marriage annulment actions, an increase of 61.

As to marriages, 6,327 licenses were issued within the period of the report, in comparison to 7,161 in the preceding similar period—a decrease of 834. This latter is presumed to result from the "wait three days" after applying for licenses marriage law.

## ACTOR FLIES TO MOTHER'S SIDE

"Sunkist Eddie" Nelson, veteran San Francisco comedian, was just ready to go on with his part in the play in which he was appearing in Los Angeles, when he got bad news from San Francisco.

His brother, Irving Nelson, a paying teller in charge of a section at the Anglo-London-Paris Bank, was at the telephone.

"Mother is critically ill," the actor was told. "She is in the Children's Hospital and must undergo an immediate operation."

"Sunkist Eddie" went out then and played his part as a comedian. Then at dawn yesterday, in a plane piloted by Jess Warren, he started for his mother's bedside.

Shortly after 5 o'clock the plane bearing Nelson landed at Oakland Municipal Airport. It had been delayed by fog.

Nelson rushed to his mother, Mrs. Alma Nelson, who will undergo an operation to save her life early today.

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