

TRUST MEN HOOPS HIT RESULTS OF MONTREY BAY San Francisco Wholesalers Now Under Indictment Caused Drop in Prices Change for Worse Followed Combination When Independent Operators Failed

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SANTA CRUZ, May 31.—None have entered more from the oppression by the San Francisco fish trust than the fishermen of Monterey bay, who are waiting patiently for deliverance. They have been hit hard by the trust, which suddenly put an end to competition among the San Francisco buyers and set low and uniform prices. With the breaking up of the trust by District Attorney Fickert, acting on the evidence furnished by The Call, they hope for an open market and prosperity.

Prices offered here by the San Francisco wholesalers, now indicted, are materially lower than those paid before the April disaster. The universal testimony of the men is that the change for the worse came last August. They are all certain as to the month, and most of them go further and put it in the first part of August. At that time, they say, word was passed down by the fishers from San Francisco that the wholesalers there had combined to control the market.

It was on July 21 that the independent company operating in the northern bay failed, and the Western and Paladini companies combined with all of the dealers, except Catania brothers. There are about 60 fishers going out from Santa Cruz during the winter and 100 in summer, with as many more at Monterey and other bay points. They sell salmon to the two canneries at Monterey, one of which is owned by F. E. Uden, now and then acting as a director of the Western, and also supply the tables of the neighboring towns and the countryside. When they find themselves with more fish than the market can take they offer the excess to the San Francisco dealers.

"We do the work and those fellows make the money—that's about the size of it," is the way F. E. Uden sums up the situation. Uden is of American ancestry and an old time fisherman, with a market on the Santa Cruz wharf. "Before the trust was formed," he said today, "we used to get as high as 3 cents for rock cod during Lent. This season during Lent 5 cents a pound was the highest price at any time paid by the trust, and most of the time it was much lower. Our cod retailed in the city for 20 cents a pound."

The San Francisco wholesalers used to send agents down here before the trust stopped it. They would bid against each other and run up the price. Small firms would send down agents to buy fish, but the trust dealers all pay the same rates and have scared off the small men. We have to send fish up at our own risk and take what the trust pleases. Prices run down as low as half a cent. Of course we would rather take that than nothing, but it doesn't leave us anything for our work. The men all complain, but can't do anything. The Call shows how fish has gone up in San Francisco since the dealers began the combine. But the trust can't say we are responsible for that. Every fisherman here knows that he is getting less than before the April disaster, when fish used to be sold in San Francisco at the same time.

Antonio Silva, who has a market on the wharf here, puts the situation this way: "When the trust sells our fish for about 12 cents in San Francisco it pays us about 2 or 3 cents. The kind the trust sells for 7 or 8 cents brings us about half a cent or a cent." Silva says that he gets the same prices and the same treatment from all the dealers in the trust, with a steady beating down in prices. He has to accept what is offered or let his excess fish spoil. There is no glue factory in Santa Cruz. A typical experience with the trust is related by Louis Perez. Last April Perez filed an order for 11,000 pounds of soles for the Western fish wharf at the agreed price of 2 cents a pound. The shipment was made promptly. But when the Western's check came it allowed but 1 cent a pound. Perez wrote back and learned in reply that the Western "couldn't get anything" for the fish and had to dump them. He protested and his protest is now on file.

Stanford man to wed Berkeley girl in July Engagement Announced of L. Cutler to Miss B. Jarvis STANFORD UNIVERSITY, May 31.—The engagement of Leland Whitman Cutler '06 and of Miss Belle Jarvis of the class of 1908 in the University of California was announced today. The wedding will take place in the latter part of July at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Jarvis of Berkeley, and the young couple will make their home in that city. Miss Jarvis is the youngest daughter in a family which has been prominent in the history of Alameda county since the early days. She has a host of friends in the university and local circles and is an accomplished musician. Cutler was one of the best known men in his class during his course at Stanford, and as a member of Swords and Sandals took a prominent part in the college theatricals. He played some of the principal roles in the revivals of Elizabethan plays presented by the English club and the old English comedies. Cutler was the leader of the university band and took a prominent part in the activity of the literary, debating and dramatic clubs. For some time after graduation he was engaged in newspaper work and he is now assistant to the manager of the Pacific surety company of San Francisco.

Spark Flies From Picker Machine in Rope Walk, Causing \$20,000 Fire



Rope walk plant and other ruins of buildings in Twenty-eighth street which were destroyed by fire yesterday.

HOME OF FIREMAN MENACED BY BLAZE

Captain William Schultz Rushes Truck to Ropewalk in Twenty-eighth Street

Captain William Schultz of truck No. 3, San Francisco fire department, responded with his apparatus to a fire in Twenty-eighth street, between Noe and Sanchez, yesterday afternoon, and found that his own home had escaped destruction in a \$20,000 blaze by about two inches. It was a long drive from McAllister street to Twenty-eighth and his company across the city. The captain urged the driver to his best speed. When the truck arrived at the blaze he found a mass of burning ruins of four buildings, but his own home, 323 Twenty-eighth street, adjoining the Meagher brothers' ropewalk, where the fire started, was not damaged. Captain Schultz arrived in time to replace his household goods in their niches. The fire started at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon from a spark from a machine in the ropewalk at 327 Twenty-eighth street, owned by Joseph Daniel and James Meagher.

ESTIMATES OF LOSSES

The buildings destroyed were: The ropewalk, plant and building, loss \$10,000; insurance \$1,000. Two flats, 327 Twenty-eighth street, occupied by Daniel Meagher, and 327 1/2 Twenty-eighth street, occupied by James Meagher and owned by the Meagher brothers, valued at \$4,000, containing furniture valued at \$1,000. Building at 323 Twenty-eighth street, owned by Mrs. W. E. Gwin and occupied as a dwelling by W. A. Semm, valued at \$6,000, and contents worth \$500. Building at 331 Twenty-eighth street, owned and occupied as a dwelling by Mrs. Nora Guillaume, damaged about \$600; insurance on building and contents \$1,500. Three story flat building at 1500 and 1502 Twenty-eighth street owned by Mrs. M. Riley, damaged by sparks to the extent of \$500. Two flats, 305 and 307 Twenty-eighth street, owned by Mrs. T. H. Carroll, damage \$100; covered by insurance. Dwelling at 309 Twenty-eighth street, owned by Leopold Reigle, damage \$100, insured. Dwellings of P. Kerrigan, superintendent of the Kohl building, 321 Twenty-eighth street, and E. J. Mann, 319 Twenty-eighth street, slightly damaged.

SPARK IGNITES HEMP

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was on a steep side hill and the hose had to be dragged up by hand. The water was relayed by the engines. The flames spread up hill and into the face of a wind. A large group gathered on the hills overlooking the blaze. Chief Murphy directed the firemen. Police Corporal R. A. Coulter was in charge of twelve patrolmen at the fire. East street was rudely awakened yesterday from its noon day siesta by an apparition that for a few minutes was taken for a belated section of the tail of Halley's comet. It was only a repair wagon, however, from the Bulck automobile agency, loaded with blazing gasoline. It is supposed that one of the cans of gasoline with which the wagon was freighted sprung a leak. The sunshine, it is believed, converted the escaping fluid into an inflammable gas. Just as conditions were ripe for quick action, somebody, after lighting an after dinner pipe, threw the match into the air. It dropped, still blazing, among the evaporating gasoline. It was midway between Howard and Folsom streets that the match landed. By the time the auto truck had gone 30 feet it wore a tail of flame 20 yards long, and by the time it rounded from East into Folsom there was nothing to be seen but flame. The driver shut off the power and jumped for his life. The fire department was summoned and assistance arrived so promptly and was administered with such vigor that the flames were extinguished before they had time to more than scorch the truck. After allowing the wagon to cool off it was found that the engine had not been injured and under its own power the auto truck sped away to the repair shop.

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HUGHES TO TAKE PART IN TAX CASE

U. S. Supreme Court Sets Hearing for October Before Full Bench Government Richer by Millions as Result of Spanish War Revenue Decision

WASHINGTON, May 31.—The supreme court of the United States today set the corporation tax case for reargument at the beginning of the next term, October 10, before a full bench. This action will insure participation of Governor Hughes, recently appointed a justice, in the cases. STATUTE UNCONSTITUTIONAL The statute of Missouri passed March 13, 1907, prohibiting foreign corporations from doing business within the state, if they seek litigation in the United States courts, was declared unconstitutional by the court. JUSTICES DISAGREE That the estate of a testator who died within one year immediately prior to the taking effect of the act which repealed the Spanish-American war veteran act, was subject to that tax was decided today by the court. The decision was announced in the Hartz-Woodman case by Justice Lurton. On the merits of the case the court held the government was entitled to the tax, which in all amounts to several million dollars. Justice McKenna delivered a dissenting opinion, in which Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Day concurred.

Pink Franklin Must Hang

The court decided that Pink Franklin, the South Carolina negro, whose conviction of the murder of Special Constable Valentine led to an attack on the so called "labor contract law" of the south, must suffer the death penalty. PANAMA LABEL HEARING The court advanced the so called government Panama label suit against the Press publishing company of New York for hearing on the first Tuesday of October. REHEARING DENIED The court denied the application of Oberlin M. Carter, former captain of the United States army, for a rehearing in the suit in which \$400,000 was taken from him and turned over to the government as a result of the Savannah, Ga., harbor improvement scandal.

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