

ILLINOIS' BIG SUIT

Action Against Illinois Central Declared to Be Rare.

Under Direction of Attorney General State Wins Victory in Contest With Corporation for Millions.

"A case of its great proportions is rare in the history of this court. . . . The people claim that the Illinois Central Railroad company has failed to pay all the taxes legally due the state. . . . Upwards of twenty million is claimed to be due. . . . There are innumerable, complicated and weighty questions involved in the suit. . . . Innumerable new questions arise. . . . We do not think that there will again occur in the history of this court a case wherein this extraordinary extension of time will be necessary."

With these words, the supreme court of Illinois broke all its rules and precedents and granted to a side a whole day in which to argue what is now known throughout the United States as the Illinois Central case.

The amount of money involved, the sensational charges against a great corporation, and the intricacies of its legal entanglements make it the most remarkable in the history of Illinois courts.

The state granted a charter in 1851 to the Illinois Central Railroad company to build two lines of road, one from Cairo to Galena and the other from Centralia to Chicago. The state gave the company 2,590,000 acres of land, from the sale of which the company has since received thirty million dollars.

The charter was perpetual and provided that semi-annually the company should pay to the treasury seven per cent. of its gross receipts.

From 1851 to 1905 the company made its payments semi-annually upon its own accounts and its tenders were not seriously questioned.

Governor Charles S. Deneen in 1905, immediately following his inauguration, decided not to take the company's word for it. He refused to give it a receipt in full and sent his investigators into its offices. These investigators unearthed facts which the governor deemed evidence that the company was not paying the state what was due.

Att'y. Gen'l. Stead Files Suit. Attorney General Stead was called in. The legislature appropriated money with which to prosecute the investigations and such legal action as they might indicate to be necessary to settle all the questions in dispute between the state and the company and to recover what the company might owe the treasury.

Mr. Stead began the preparation of a suit for an accounting. This involved tremendous and intricate work. Thousands of long and intricate accounts had to be examined, extending back thirty years. He had to study the leases and purchases of non-charter lines, fifty-five in number, and their relations to the business of the charter lines. He had to master all the complicated details of railroad financing and accounting, go over the hundreds of legal cases in which the company had been a party, read the minutes of the boards of directors' meetings.

It was filed in the circuit court of LaSalle county in June, 1907. Judge Samuel Stough, who presided, rendered an opinion in June, 1908, which gave the state the advantage of position, and sent the case to the supreme court upon appeal by the company.

In December, 1908, it was argued orally before that tribunal.

Decision a Victory for State.

On October 28, 1910, the court handed down its opinion, which was an almost complete victory for the state. Its contentions were sustained in every material point but one, in which the court held that the state could not go back of 1905 in an accounting, but from that date it was granted the right to an accounting on the basis of the interpretation of the charter just announced by the court.

The court holds that from 1905 on and for all future time, the company must fairly and fully account to the state for seven per cent. of the receipts of the charter lines; it must fairly and equitably divide all joint receipts of the charter and non-charter lines; it may not deduct anything for expenses before the state's percentage is computed; it must charge the non-charter lines for the services and use of charter line rolling stock and terminals; it can deduct from the charter line earnings only a fair rental for the Cairo bridge; it must account for receipts from its dining cars and hotels and it must answer seventy-four interrogatories propounded by the state.

The accounting will require, of course, a vast amount of testimony before a special master and considerable time will elapse before it will be known what the company owes to the state but that it will run into the millions is not denied.

Will Battle Old Questions. The suit will settle for all time in an unbroken question which have been never or less hotly since 1851. It is largely because of his desire to carry on the work which has so far been so advantageous to the state and to the people that he has decided to be a candidate for re-election in this year.

A Natural Death.
Judge—"You say the man died a natural death?" Witness—"Yes, your honor." Judge—"But I thought he was shot?" Witness—"So he was. Judge. But he was practicing on the tribunes at the time."—Yonkers Statesman.

Wind Red Rice.
In Senegal red rice grows wild. The fields in which it grows are inundated regularly by the Senegal or by its affluents, and in measure as the tide rises the rice plant rises above the flood. The grain is very red and very dry and hard. It swells in the water and as it swells loses some of its rich color. It is very nourishing and requires no cultivation.—Harper's Weekly.

A Flirt Like a Dipper.
A flirt is like a dipper attached to a hydrant; everyone is at liberty to drink from it, but no one desires to carry it away.—N. P. Willis

Ang Generally He Wouldn't.
You can't induce a self-made man to believe that his son would ever succeed in getting anywhere without a lot of help.—Pittsburg Post

Useful Goose Club.
Through the agency of a goose club in South London 60,000 people are provided with a substantial Christmas dinner every year.

Much Alike.
Samson and Democles were alike in this respect—a halbrut meant ruin for both.—July Lippincott's

Aerial Mail in Italy.
Italy is experimenting with aerial mail, an aviator recently carrying a sack of letters 101 miles in 88 minutes.

Cautious Stalking Required.
Walter—"Well, a-h, how did you find the beef?" Diner—"Oh! I happened to shift a potato, and—well, there it was."—Bylander

Word and Deed.
"My dear girl," said her mother-in-law, "any woman would be satisfied with what John says he gives you." "So would I."—Puck

Dead and Injured.
Scrabble—Did your home paper give your novel a notice? Scabbie—I should say so! Put it under the caption crimes and casualties.

The House Party.
Post—"Why did you dimitas your glorious cook?" Parker—"It was the only way to get our guests to go home."—Lippincott's

Be Appropriate.
Green peas are said to promote fertility. No doubt that is why they are served with the silly and irresponsible lamb.—Boston Transcript.

Keeping Friends.
Not to send your friends is probably the best way to keep them.—Atchison Globe.

Coal Consumption.
The coal consumption of the world has just about doubled every ten years for the last century.

Chinese Used Incubators.
It is claimed Chinese originated incubator methods of hatching chickens centuries ago.

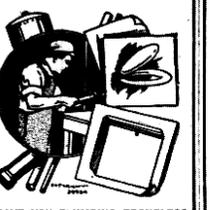
Tender Bread Crust.
Bread may be brushed over with melted butter three minutes before removing from the oven if a tender crust is desired.—National Magazine.

Cleaning Waste Pipes.
Waste pipes may be cleaned of soap and slime by placing a handful of common salt in the bottom of the basin over night. The salt will gradually melt and the first flush of water in the morning will clear the pipe.

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As It is in Life.
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Many otherwise good housekeepers are very indifferent about labeling. They trust to their memory as to what is in each jar or package, and sometimes with disastrous results. All stores should be plainly labeled.



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