

Railroads Battle for Big Merger

Representatives of Four Lines Before Commission Seeking to Fulfill Hill's Empire Dream of Consolidation.

I. C. C. Plan Unfavorable

By GEORGE F. AULTHER, Washington Correspondent The Omaha Bee, Washington, Nov. 17.—(Special Telegram)—Representatives of the railroads which serve the northwest, are battling before the Interstate Commerce commission to bring about under the transportation act, the dream of consolidation entertained by the empire-builder, James J. Hill, under the name of the Northern Securities company.

Ex-Ambassador Sharp Dies at Home in Ohio



William Graves Sharp.

Elyria, O., Nov. 17.—William Graves Sharp, former ambassador to France, died at his home here shortly before noon today. Mr. Sharp had been ill for several days.

Harding to Make Final Decision on Packer Merger

President Not Expected to Object to Proposed Consolidation of Armour and Morris Companies.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Harding will make the final decision for the government on the proposed consolidation of the Armour & Co. purchase, Morris & Co., another of the "big five" packers, it was indicated in high administration circles.

Railroad Worker Branded on Checks With Letter "K"

Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 17.—Officers here are making a rigid investigation of the attack made upon Edward Fisher, a railroad man who was kidnapped in Hagerstown Tuesday night by eight men, supposed to have been members of the Ku Klux Klan from Wayneboro, Va., taken in an automobile to a field outside of the city and branded on both cheeks and his forehead with the letter "K."

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Would Elect President by Direct Vote

Senator Norris Ties Abolition of Electoral College by Constitutional Amendment in Next Congress.

Each State to Be Unit

By GEORGE F. AULTHER, Washington Correspondent The Omaha Bee, Washington, Nov. 17.—(Special Telegram)—Abolition of the electoral college will be strongly urged by Senator Norris in the sixty-eighth congress when it convenes in January. This would permit the direct selection of president and vice president by popular vote.

Would Cost Millions

"It would cost millions of dollars and require an organization in every congressional district before a third party could be placed on a working basis," said Senator Norris.

Counted Before Congress

The Norris constitutional amendment merely eliminates the electoral college and provides for a direct vote of the people, leaving each state the representation now accorded to it.

Believe Third Party Coming

Senator Ladd, elected as a republican partisan from North Dakota, believes that a third party will arise unless the liberal element in the new congress battles for the welfare of the people.

Brig. Gen. Hay Seriously Hurt in Motor Car Accident

Tucson, Ariz., Nov. 17.—Brig. Gen. Hay, in command of the First cavalry division stationed at Camp Huachuca, was seriously injured as he drove his motor car through a sharp curve six miles west of Tucson, according to reports reaching Tucson.

Honored by Boy Scouts

Los Angeles, Nov. 17.—William C. Sullivan, 12-year-old high school student of Los Angeles, will receive the honor of being named the national president of the Boy Scouts of America.

French Chamber Gives Premier Confidence Vote

Paris, Nov. 17.—The chamber of deputies this evening gave a vote of confidence to Premier Poincare on the eve of the Lausanne peace conference.

Sultan of Turkey Flees Capital on British Warship

Paris, Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—The Turkish sultan's flight from Constantinople today on a British warship bound for Malta was after he had received information that the Ankara assembly had just voted to try the sultan and his ministers for treason, according to a dispatch received at the French foreign office this evening.

Great Britain goes to the polls

London, Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—Hussein Humid Bey, president of the Turkish socialist party, has been assassinated in Constantinople, out of the Golden Horn, past the allied control, was frustrated last night.

Coal Operators Vote to Adjourn Meeting

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Bituminous coal operators, meeting with the miners' representatives here in an effort to agree on some basis for future wage negotiations, voted to adjourn the meeting until December 4 at the suggestion of a new subcommittee named by the operators to conduct negotiations late today.

Court Asked to Decide Rights of Radio Fans

Pontiac, Ill., Nov. 17.—Edward McWilliams, wealthy radio enthusiast of Dwight, Ill., filed a suit in circuit court here today, asking the court to decide the rights of radio fans over another who is using the other with radio messages.

Handcuffed Prisoner Escapes From Moving Train

Phil Grove, Mo., Nov. 17.—A sheriff's posse yesterday was searching the vicinity for Ray Kuehling, who escaped from custody in the morning by jumping while handcuffed to a Missouri, Kansas & Texas train as it slowed down here.

Gussie Married Him on a Bet; She's Sorry; Asks for Annulment

New York, Nov. 17.—Gussie Welch in Brock, N.Y., yesterday asked annulment of her marriage to Nathan Wallich, whom she said she married last March on a bet after two days' acquaintance.

Woman Poison Suspect Nails

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Miss Ethel Kunkin, suspected of having caused the death of a woman in more pressure by poison and held on charges of murder, was today, according to Dr. William J. McKee, city pathologist, captured.

Cartoons of the Day



Chinese Bandits Kidnap Lutheran Mission Worker

Pekin, Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—George Olat Holm, an American member of the Lutheran mission, has been kidnaped by bandits in Honan province. The powerful bandit army is growing bolder.

War Heroes Condemned for Accepting Money

New York, Nov. 17.—The Army and Navy League of Valor, composed exclusively of men who received the congressional medal of honor and the distinguished service cross, today made public a resolution censuring holders of high military honors who have accepted "public charity."

Early Hour Set for Hanging of Slayer of Iowa Grocer

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 17.—Archie Cross will hang for the murder of George Fiedler, Des Moines grocer, at 7:30 a. m. November 24. The early morning hour was set by Governor Kendall on the request of prison authorities at Fort Madison.

Couple Charged With Slaying Neighbor Are Acquitted

Neenah, Wis., Nov. 17.—Louis Bellardi and Mrs. Mabel Ross, race-track gamblers, charged with murdering their neighbor, were found not guilty in a special court here yesterday.

Freight Rate Readjustment Is Sought by Des Moines

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 17.—Readjustment of freight rates on grain and grain products from Iowa to points in the north will be sought by the Interstate Commerce commission, it is said by W. H. Wylie, traffic expert of the commission.

Attitude of Germany "Insolent"

Paris, Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—The allied powers, through the council of ambassadors, have informed Germany that all questions concerning the withdrawal of the military contingent in Germany have been suspended until the German government gives the fullest satisfaction for what are termed flagrant violations of the military clauses of the treaty of Versailles, committed during the last six months, and shows a willingness to abide by the commission's instructions.

House Will Vote on Ship Subsidy November 29

Washington, Nov. 17.—Plans for piloting the ship subsidy bill through congress got under way today, with an agreement by republican leaders to open the door to unlimited amendment of the measure on the floor of the house, but with the stipulation that a final vote shall be had November 29.

4 Executed in Dublin for Carrying Guns

Dublin, Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—Four men—James Fisher, Peter Cassidy, Richard Tully and John Gaffney—all residents of the free state, following a trial by a military court, charged with the unlawful possession of revolvers, were executed at 4 o'clock this morning.

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Defeat of Churchill Feature of Election

London, Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—The election in Great Britain, with all its surprises, produced nothing that attracted wider interest and comment than the defeat of Winston Spencer Churchill, former secretary for the colonies, at Dundee by the prohibitionist candidate, E. Scrymgeour.

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The Weather

Forecast table with columns for temperature, wind, and clouds for various locations.

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