

ROCK ISLAND CASE ADJUSTED

Will Not Build Pacific Coast Extension from El Paso.

ADJUSTS MATTERS WITH STUBBS FACTION

Future Relations with Southern Pacific Settled by Parity with Latter's Connecting Lines.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—All doubt regarding the attitude of the Southern Pacific toward the Rock Island on account of the latter's El Paso extension was removed today, when traffic relations were entered into by the traffic men representing both companies.

The future relations between the Southern Pacific and the Rock Island were settled in a conference held between Judge Stubbs, director of the Harriman lines, and J. M. Johnson, freight traffic manager for the Rock Island.

These officials were not long in arriving at an agreement, which is to the effect that the Southern Pacific will place the Rock Island on a parity with the Southern Pacific connections as soon as the El Paso extension is opened for traffic.

This arrangement is of a reciprocal character. The Rock Island will deliver all its southern California traffic to the Southern Pacific at El Paso and the Southern Pacific agrees to treat the Rock Island exactly the same as it treats other connections.

COURT HEARS ARGUMENT

Wolf Bros. and Others Try to Enjoin Northern Pacific from Carrying Out Reorganization Plan.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Argument was heard by Justice Scott in the supreme court today on the application of Wolf Bros. & Co. and other plaintiffs to enjoin the Northern Pacific Railway company from carrying out a plan of reorganization adopted in 1900 to retire its preferred stock of \$75,000,000.

The preferred stockholders of the company claim that they are excluded from purchasing certain bonds which privilege they allege is given to the owners of the common stock.

Counsel for the plaintiffs alleged that the contemplated retirement of the preferred stock was part of a scheme entered into between the directors and the holders of the largest part of common stock to subvert their private purposes by making large financial profits on the common stock and by giving the present holders thereof the control and management of the company.

This, it was alleged, was in violation of the duties and the trust imposed upon the directors and was to the injury and detriment of the preferred stockholders, and especially the plaintiffs. In opposing the motion, Francis L. Stetson told how the plan of reorganization was adopted. He said the consent of the stockholders to the plan had been obtained and that the stock took out of the case any questions as to lack of equity. Thus he argued, it confined counsel for plaintiffs to the claim that the action of the board of directors was illegal.

Justice Scott instructed counsel on each side to submit briefs tomorrow at the latest because the case was too important to permit of any delay. He said that he would hand down a decision soon.

SECURES MILWAUKEE LEASE

President Whitfield of Western League Co-Operates with Fred Gross.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—President James Whitfield of the Western League returned from Milwaukee today and spent a couple of hours in Chicago before taking the train to his home in Kansas City. He said the object of his visit to Milwaukee was to cooperate with Fred Gross, last season's secretary of the American League club at Milwaukee, in a deal to take that club's leased lease on the Milwaukee park.

BROOM MAKERS IN SESSION

Price of Corn So High as to Take Profits Out of the Business.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The National Broom Manufacturing association of the United States and Canada met here today. Over 80 per cent of the manufacturing plants of the United States were represented. The principal topic discussed was the high price of broom corn.

It was said that the crop in Missouri and Oklahoma is far short of the average this season and this, together with the fact that the Union Supply company has gathered in nearly all the available corn, has brought the price of that commodity to a place where it is said there is no profit in the manufacture of brooms at the present price.

A committee to consider the price question was appointed and will report at tomorrow's session. Officers were elected as follows: William F. Long, of Pittsburgh, president; C. R. Lee, of Lincoln, Neb., vice president; Ben C. Graham, of Columbus, O., secretary and treasurer.

PLAIN PROOF

A Statement of Facts by an Omaha Citizen.

It is an easy matter for every Omaha reader to verify the following. The statement is made by a resident who can be seen at any time and who will gladly tell you about his experience with Doan's Kidney Pills.

Mr. E. M. Schnellbacher, of the Omaha Truck Co., No. 567 South 10th street, says: "When a young man I strained my back lifting, and ever since, any extra work, too much stooping or a cold settling in the joints affected the kidneys and brought on backache. An advertisement about Doan's Kidney Pills led me to procure a box at Kuhn & Co.'s drug store, corner 15th and Douglas streets. The treatment cured me."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c per box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name Doan's and take no substitute.

JOHNSON MAY DO SOMETHING

American League President Appears in the Arena of the National.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Discussing the war in the National league, the World will say tomorrow that Johnson may do something.

Whatever the result of the court proceedings in the case of Johnson, it would be there is a good chance that more interesting baseball history will be made in this city this week. Johnson, president of the American league, and the foremost figure in base ball today, is expected here tomorrow or Friday.

Johnson is a man of quick action and the many clubs he has formed. In quick order Johnson beats Spalding in court tomorrow.

It became known yesterday that a new club has already been organized in this city. The organization was completed last Sunday, presumably just before Spalding made the public announcement that Johnson would be out of base ball in the near future. It is estimated that Johnson has an option on a convenient plot of ground suitable for base ball playing.

During the political squabbling the fact has apparently been overlooked that the New York club has already been organized to please by the American league, Davis, Hickman, Warner and Seibach have jumped. The club is today without manager, unless Secretary Fred Knowles can be considered as such. Symptoms for a party displayed themselves last week when Christy Mathews was sent out of town to avoid the American league, which made their presence felt at the National league meeting.

The courts decide that A. G. Spalding was not legally elected president of the league. It will mean that the magnate will be back to where they were last Friday in the Fifth avenue hotel, with a deadlock vote of four to four.

FAVORITES SHOW UP POORLY

Exhibition of Disasters by Choice Ones on Oakland Track.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Followers of favorites met with disaster at Oakland today, the only day in the season when the track was open to the public. The favorite, Dyer, made one of the worst starts of the season in the seven furlong handicap. Byron won the race, while Princess Titania, the favorite, and the remainder of the field were straggling. Princess Titania went after Byron, but the effort told on her and he beat her. There was much hooting after the finish.

Gold One showed sudden improvement in the first race, winning in a drive, from Jim Hale. Bedeck, the favorite, finished first, after being bumped and losing a start around the bend. Bedeck and Favorito, stable companions, ran one, two, in the handicap. Gold One, the favorite, made a disappointing showing. At the start in the first race Spencer, on Mr. Morrisey, the favorite, broke a stirrup and this accident was responsible for his defeat. First shot on the track, the favorite, and Bullman each rode two winners. Results:

First race, three-quarters of a mile, selling. First shot on the track, second, Midnight China, third, Time: 1:14. Second race, one mile and a furlong. Gold One, second, Bedeck, third, Time: 1:34. Third race, eleven-sixteenths of a mile, selling. Water Scratch won, Jarretiere Dorr second, Huachuca, third, Time: 1:37. Fourth race, one mile and a quarter. Auriferia won, Favorito second, Princess Titania, third, Time: 1:57. Fifth race, five-eighths of a mile. Byron won, Princess Titania second, Rosermond, third, Time: 1:14. Sixth race, one mile and a furlong. Postponed. Seventh race, one mile. Commonwealth, Attorney, third, Time: 1:23.

JOCKEY WILSON SUSPENDED

Hoyden, Pedrick and Boomer, All Favorites, Carry Off the Honors.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—The Hoyden, Pedrick and Boomer were the successful favorites today. Hoyden, who was suspended indefinitely for his ride on the filly Leena yesterday and for his action on the horse King, today in the first race and his ride on the horse Siphon in the second race, won both. Results:

First race, seven furlongs. The Hoyden won, Citrus second, Golda, third, Time: 1:30. Second race, six furlongs. Stren won, Sin W. second, Rondelle, third, Time: 1:17. Third race, six furlongs. Lord Quex won, O'Hagen second, Berent, third, Time: 1:15. Fourth race, one mile. Frank M. won, Eva Rice second, Donna Sea, third, Time: 1:20. Fifth race, one mile and a furlong. Pedrick won, Fanny Bennett second, Mr. Phineas, third, Time: 1:54. Sixth race, six furlongs. Boomerack won, Mr. Phineas second, John Grigsby, third, Time: 1:15.

KID SAYRES WINS ON FOUL

Several Minor Houts Take Place Before Budget Athletic Club.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 17.—Kid Sayres of Milwaukee got the decision over Billy Rotchford of Chicago on fouls in the second round of a scheduled six-round go before the Budget Athletic club tonight. Rotchford's left eye was badly cut in the second round and blood was running from his nose.

The fight ended when Rotchford committed a foul by hitting Sayres in a clinch. Rotchford, who has been in the ring for many years, has fought clean fights.

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CHAMPION WRESTLER OF IOWA

Frank Gotch of Humboldt Throws Oscar Wasmen of Burlington.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Dec. 17.—Special Telegram.—Frank Gotch of Humboldt, Ia., won the title of champion wrestler of Iowa in a match with Oscar Wasmen of Burlington at the Grand opera house tonight. Wasmen was the champion of the state and Gotch threw him twice in succession, first in ten minutes and second in six. Farmer Burdette was present and declared Gotch to be the best man in the United States. Gotch will meet the Turk in Rockford, Ill., tomorrow night. He will then challenge any one in the United States except Jenkins, whom he refused to wrestle unless any consideration of Lawhead of Burlington was referee in tonight's match.

GATE CITIES WIN

On the Gate City bowling alleys last night the Gate Cities defeated the St. Charles. Score:

Table with columns for Gate Cities and St. Charles scores across various alleys.

Judge Powell's Illness. Ex-Judge Clinton N. Powell of the United States district court, who has been at the Trevelyan hospital for several days, is no better. Last night his condition was the same as for several days. He is very ill.

BURGLAR COMMITS MURDER

Prominent Pittsburg Woman Victim of Early Morning Visit.

ASSASSIN MAKES GOOD HIS ESCAPE

Victim Had Seized a Revolver to Defend Herself, but Was Too Slow in Using It—Dead When Help Comes.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 17.—Harriet P. Murphy, prominent in church and society circles and treasurer of the Kingsley House fund, was murdered at her home at 4221 Howe street, East End, by a burglar, about 3 o'clock this morning. The murderer made his escape, and although the whole detective and police force of that section was called, the man has not been captured.

Miss Murphy was the only sister of Senator Councillman John A. Murphy, from the Twentieth ward and was 30 years old. She, with her brother and two servants, women, lived alone in the house.

Miss Murphy was sleeping on the second floor. She was awakened by two shots in the house, and, hastening to his sister's room, found her lying dead on the floor with a bullet wound in the head. The burglar was a porch climber. He scaled the porch posts and entered the window of Miss Murphy's room by breaking the glass. It is supposed that the noise of the crashing glass awakened her and as she jumped from the bed with revolver in hand the man fled. Marks in the snow on the porch corroborate that only one man entered the room.

Miss Murphy usually kept the collections for the Kingsley House fund in her room and they reached a sum large enough to be placed in the bank and it is thought the burglar was after this money.

When the police raised Miss Murphy they found the revolver within a few inches of her right hand under the folds of her dress. The falling of Miss Murphy's body is thought to have scared the thief away before he had time to think about stealing anything. A careful investigation was made of the room and not a thing of value was missing. The police are inclined to think the burglar was a negro and at noon claimed to have a good clue.

Air of Mystery. Developments tonight in the case deepen the air of mystery shrouding it. At the preliminary coroner's inquest it was shown that two bullets were missing from Miss Murphy's revolver. One was accounted for by tracing it to the window where it lodged.

No trace of the other has been found. Miss Murphy's physician says his patient has not slept for fifteen nights, and the physician who examined the wound said the hair around the wound in the head was scorched, showing the shot was fired at close range.

Bloody tracks outside in the snow, supposed to have been made by the murderer, are shown to have been made by officers who arrived early on the scene, and having been in the room, the tracks are outside during their investigation. While many are inclined to believe it a case of suicide while temporarily deranged through insomnia the police authorities will make no statement.

The friends of the family are positive this theory is wrong. The hunt for the possible murderer is still being kept up and every possible clue followed closely.

SHARKEY GOES INTO TRAINING

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Tom Sharkey has commenced training for his bout with Peter Maher, which will be decided in Philadelphia on January 17. The bout is being arranged as soon as Sharkey announces that he has decided to fight. Central Athletic club management were in expectation of a match with Maher, but the fight was decided to be in Philadelphia.

Although the bout is limited to only six rounds the result is expected to be interesting, owing to the fact that Sharkey hopes to secure a match with Jeffries upon the latter's arrival here next month.

WARM TODAY, COLD TOMORROW

Fair Skies Over Nebraska Till Thursday, When Snow is Scheduled to Fall.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Forecast: For Nebraska—Fair and warmer Wednesday; Thursday, snow and colder; variable winds, becoming northwesterly.

For Iowa—Fair and warmer Wednesday; Thursday, probably fair, variable winds, becoming northwesterly.

For Illinois—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; warmer Thursday, variable winds.

For Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri—Fair and warmer Wednesday and probably Thursday; southerly winds, becoming northwesterly.

For North Dakota—Snow and warmer Wednesday; Thursday, clearing and colder; variable winds, becoming northwesterly.

For Colorado—Fair and warmer in southern portion Wednesday; Thursday, probably snow and colder in eastern, fair in western portion; variable winds.

For Wyoming—Fair and colder Wednesday and Thursday; variable winds.

For Montana—Snow Wednesday; Thursday, clearing and colder; westerly winds.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 17.—Forecast: Precipitation and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years.

Table showing precipitation and temperature data for Omaha.

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1891.

Table showing condition of the weather for Omaha.

Table showing reports from stations at 7 p. m.

Table showing condition of the weather for various locations.

Local Forecast Official.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Money for Fire Department is Running Very Low Just Now.

MAYOR IS SEARCHING FOR THE WAY OUT

Must Have Funds to Support the Department in Order that Life and Property May Have Protection.

Chief Eiter of the fire department wants at least \$50,000 of new bonds, but there is no money on hand to make the purchase. The levy for fire purposes for 1901 was \$11,441. Of this amount there has been drawn the sum of \$11,342, leaving a balance of only \$