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## FRISCO OFFICIALS BUILD LINES AND SELL TO COMPANY

Vice President Hillard Questioned by Commission About Gulf Construction Company.

HE KNOWS LITTLE ABOUT IT Was President, but Says He Did Not Manage Operations.

BUILT NEW ORLEANS LINE Witness Says He Thinks Profits Were Only Moderate.

TALE OF BROWNVILLE ROAD Syndicate Makes Three Million Dollars Profit on Subscription of Little More Than that Amount.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 19.—Charles W. Hillard of New York, for ten years vice president of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad and since 1906 vice president of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, was questioned at the Interstate Commerce commission's investigation of the Frisco receivership today regarding the affairs of the Gulf Construction company.

This company, of which Mr. Hillard was president, was one of the syndicates that built or bought lines that later were sold to the Frisco.

Mr. Hillard professed ignorance regarding many things concerning which he was asked by Commissioner Clark and Examiner D. E. Brown.

Mr. Hillard said he had nothing to do with the management of the construction company, though the records showed he was elected president in 1905. The construction company, according to Examiner Brown, was incorporated in 1905 to build the Colorado Southern, New Orleans & Pacific, later the New Orleans line of the Frisco.

Mr. Hillard admitted that a large payment had been made by the Colorado Southern, New Orleans & Pacific to the construction company six months after the latter was formed, but he thought the construction company made only a moderate profit. Soon thereafter the construction company was dissolved.

Statistics Are Adjusted. Mr. Hillard professed to know nothing about the financial statements of the Frisco being submitted to Speyer & Co., bankers, before being sent out in order that changes might be made to help the appearance of the report.

Commissioner Clark then read into the record a letter written in September, 1910, by Hillard to B. L. Winchell, then president of the road. This letter told how bankers had helped in "rearranging statistics."

A. J. Perkins of St. Louis, syndicate manager, was asked if it were not the intention of the promoters of the St. Louis, Mexico & Brownville road to build it and sell it to the Frisco. This, Mr. Perkins denied.

According to evidence introduced by the Interstate Commerce commission yesterday regarding it, Frisco officials were in the syndicate that built the Brownville road. This road was sold to the Frisco, according to evidence, at a profit to the syndicate of \$2,000,000 on original subscription of \$1,881,000.

## McCombs Will See President Friday

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the democratic national committee, came to town today, but probably will not see President Wilson before Friday, when he has an engagement. Mr. McCombs has been mentioned as the central figure in a proposed reorganization of the democratic party in New York. That is one of the subjects he is expected to discuss at the White House and he may finally say whether he will become ambassador to France, a post which has been held open for him since last March.

## The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Thursday: For Omaha, Fair and Breeze and Velocity Fair and cooler.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday. Hour, Deg. 5 a. m. 59, 6 a. m. 59, 7 a. m. 59, 8 a. m. 59, 9 a. m. 59, 10 a. m. 59, 11 a. m. 59, 12 m. 59, 1 p. m. 59, 2 p. m. 59, 3 p. m. 59, 4 p. m. 59, 5 p. m. 59, 6 p. m. 59, 7 p. m. 59.

Comparative Local Record. Highest yesterday 63, lowest yesterday 49, mean temperature 59, precipitation .00.

Temperature and precipitation departures from normal. Normal temperature 59, excess for today 0, total excess since March 1 2.5, normal precipitation .50, deficiency for today 0, total rainfall since March 1 2.5, deficiency for year period 1912 2.47 inches.

Reports for Two Stations at 7 p. m. Station and State Temp. High-Low. Cheyenne, cloudy 42-50, Denver, cloudy 48-56, Des Moines, pt. cloudy 42-50, Grand Island, clear 48-56, North Platte, clear 48-56, Omaha, cloudy 48-56, Rapid City, pt. cloudy 48-56, St. Louis, cloudy 48-56, St. Paul, cloudy 48-56, Sheridan, clear 48-56, Sioux City, pt. cloudy 48-56, Valentine, pt. cloudy 48-56.

## Land Drawing at Hyannis Brings Many to the Town

HYANNIS, Neb., Nov. 19.—(Special Telegram.) The third day of the allotment of lands in the North Platte forest reserve marked the largest crowd in Hyannis so far. It also marked an increase in the excitement, this being partly due to the fact that 100 numbers were called today instead of fifty, as on the previous days.

The number selected from the second 100, which was allotted today, exceeded the number selected from the first 100, this being explained by the fact that some of the highest numbers in the drawing concluded that there were a few choice tracts in the Nebraska reserve that they could secure in preference to land here.

It is freely predicted that the selections from the third 100, which will be called tomorrow, will exceed all previous records. Judge Witten has in eight years superintended the allotment and sale of government lands similar to the present drawing on thirty-five different occasions, and at the completion of the drawing here will go to Lawton, Okla., to conduct the sale of 2,000 acres of government land located in eleven counties. In all his experience there never has been a more satisfactory allotment than the one in progress here.

The judge says that in all that time he has never witnessed a more remarkable coincidence than the drawing of Nos. 29 and 251 by Elizabeth and Jeanie Todd. These two sisters live at Broken Bow. They registered together at Broken Bow in the order in which they drew their numbers when the drawing occurred at North Platte. One of the little girls doing the drawing stood on one side of the big pile of envelopes and another on the other side and drew alternately. Although their envelopes had become widely separated, the names of the Misses Todd were drawn from the stack in the order in which they had registered. Now the time of their making selection will be separated by the noon hour, as Miss Elizabeth is the last of the list to make selections before noon tomorrow and her sister will make the first selection after noon. However, they do not intend to be separated as they will select their farms together.

The first colored man to be drawn, John B. Talafero of Omaha, will make his selection tomorrow afternoon. His number being 270. Today the selections were sixty-two. Added to the fifty tracts already taken, this leaves 40 of the 512 tracts yet to be allotted.

## Woman Accused of Stealing Gown Offers to Try it On in Court

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 19.—A proposal to try on a gown before the throng of curious spectators in the United States district court was promptly squelched today by Judge J. A. Hiner. Mrs. Joseph L. Wier, on the stand in rebuttal in the trial in which she is charged with the theft of a \$100 gown from Mrs. J. S. Chad, claims that the dress, which she asserts she bought for a trifling sum from a woman canvasser, did not fit and that therefore there would have been no object in stealing it.

Her attorney suggested that she try on one of the gowns in open court to substantiate her claim. The witness promptly consented, and there was a momentary flutter of excitement among the spectators. Judge Hiner, however, interrupted the proceedings, saying that the demonstration was unnecessary. Arguments were heard in the case following the close of the testimony and a verdict was expected before night.

## Dr. Elam Charged With Murder in the First Degree

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 19.—Dr. William T. Elam of St. Joseph, Mo., was charged with murder in the first degree after a coroner's inquest into the death yesterday of W. Fugam Cramer of Chicago, who was shot by Dr. Elam in a down-town hotel after a private detective engaged by the doctor had for several weeks followed Cramer and the doctor's wife.

John Torney, a detective, testified that when he went to the room with Dr. Elam and found Cramer dead, the physician said: "I bought an automatic pistol just before leaving St. Joseph and came down here to get Cramer."

Dr. Elam was not called to the stand. In a statement to the police the doctor showed intense remorse.

## Gettysburg Honors Memory of Lincoln

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Nov. 19.—Gettysburg did honor today to the fifty-first anniversary of the delivery of Lincoln's address on the occasion of the consecration of the Soldiers' National cemetery here, November 19, 1863. Special exercises were held in a local theater at which addresses were made by four citizens who heard Lincoln fifty years ago, former Judge William McLean, Prof. J. Calvin Hamilton, Dr. T. C. Billheimer and Dr. F. M. Bille. The oration was delivered by Rev. J. B. Baker and the history of the cemetery was recited by William McSherry.

## JOHN DAVIS CONVICTED OF MURDER OF FRANK FINN

WARASHA, Minn., Nov. 19.—In the first trial for murder in Warasha county since 1871, John Davis was convicted today by a district court jury here of having shot and killed a companion, Frank J. Finn, on July 7 last. Judge A. H. Snow sentenced Davis to life imprisonment at Stillwater.

## STATES RIGHTS MEN ROUTED ON FLOOR AT CONSERVATION MEET

Advocates of Federal Control of Water Power Sites Win in First Test of Strength.

TRIUMPH BY 434 TO 166 Pinchot, Stimson, Fisher and Garfield Lead the Fight.

COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED Motion to Refer it to Resolutions Body Defeated.

THREATS OF SECESSION MADE Washington Delegates Will Never Again Intrude on Such Gathering, Declares One.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Proponents of federal control of water power rights, led by Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester; Henry L. Stimson, former secretary of war; and Walter L. Fisher and James R. Garfield, former secretaries of the interior, won a victory today in the national conservation congress here in the first test of strength on the paramount issue of the assembly.

By a vote of 434 to 166 a motion to refer to the resolutions committee that portion of the report of the committee on waterways was voted down and the report subsequently adopted without a roll call. The test of strength came when, as a substitute for a motion by Mr. Stimson to adopt the unanimous report, E. T. Briant of Tennessee, championing the cause of state control of water rights, moved referring the report to the committee. The vote followed a day of lively debate, in which the issue clearly defined was federal or state control of waterway development in the future.

Policy Not Finally Determined. The result did not finally determine the policy, however, as divergent reports from the committee on waterways are now in the hands of the resolutions committee to be reported upon tomorrow.

The majority of the committee, led by Prof. George F. Swain, submitted a report proposing that the waterways be given a voice in the granting of water power franchises. Gifford Pinchot, Mr. Stimson and Joseph N. Teal of Oregon offered minority views urging strict federal control of all water rights, with compensation to the government under certain conditions for franchise privileges. The unanimously adopted report referred only to certain general principles upon which all could agree and the subject was thrown open for discussion early in the day upon motion of Mr. Stimson to adopt this part of the report.

Both sides in the debate yielded for a vote late in the day when Mr. Bryant urged that the whole matter should go to the resolutions committee. The result was so overwhelmingly one-sided that the Pinchot following claimed the report of the minority of the waterways committee eventually would be adopted.

Supporters of Motion to Refer. Delegates who supported the motion to refer the question to the resolutions committee chafed chiefly from Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, South Carolina, Tennessee and Washington. In the heat of the discussion Dudley G. Wooten of Washington, anticipating that the supporters of state control would be in the minority, vehemently declared that the delegates from Washington "would never again intrude on a national conservation congress."

C. L. Watts, one of the Alabama delegates, startled the convention by charging that the vice president of the Alabama Water Power company was a member of the delegation to the congress from that state, and that there was a "dark laid plot to defeat the will of the majority in the congress."

## Small Strike May Tie Up All Clothing Plants in New York

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—One hundred and fifty thousand clothing workers in New York City face idleness within forty-eight hours because of the strike of a single union of 50 men. Every man in this union has quit and unless the strike is broken the entire garment working industry of the city will be tied up. In this assertion the strikers' claims are corroborated by the Employers' association.

The strikers are the cloth examiners and spongers. All cloth converted into clothing in New York passes through the hands of this union. The strikers demand an increase of wages averaging 15 per cent and a reduction of 10 per cent in working hours.

## Police Officer of Ninety-Three Still Patrols His Beat

WEYMOUTH, Mass., Nov. 19.—"I expect to be doing my regular duty as a police officer when I am 100 years old," said Oliver Houghton, a friend, who congratulated him today on his ninety-third birthday. Mr. Houghton, who has served continuously on the local force since the civil war, is probably the oldest police officer in active service in the United States. He was chief of police for twenty years. At his own request he was relieved of that position in 1902.

## Preacher Acquitted of Charges of Murder

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 19.—Rev. W. L. Boeck, tried on a charge of murdering his wife by forcing her false teeth down her throat during a quarrel, was found not guilty by a jury in the circuit court here today.



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## ROAD WOULD ISSUE BONDS Incorporators of Nebraska Central Apply to Rail Board.

LINE IN NORTHERN COUNTIES Blue Sky Department Refers Applicants First to Commission Before Matter of Sale of Stock Can Be Taken Up.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Nov. 19.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Central Railway company is a new corporation which proposes to run an interurban line from Pierre, S. D., to Alinsworth, Neb., according to a certificate from the secretary of state of South Dakota filed with the secretary of state of Nebraska, with a copy of the original articles.

The certificate was filed by George W. Adams of Walnut, Ia., president of the road, and U. B. Hill of Council Bluffs, who, it is understood, is the engineer interested in the building of the same. These gentlemen called on Mr. Reed of the blue sky department of the railway commission regarding the issuance of a permit to sell stock of the road, but was referred to the railway commission, being told by Mr. Reed that they would have to get permission of the commission to issue bonds before the permit to sell stocks could be issued.

The informed members of the commission that they would like to issue stock and bonds to the amount of \$750,000 and were told that they must first make a showing by submitting plans of the road with the estimated cost of same. The articles of incorporation show that the road will have its headquarters at Pierre, S. D., running through Tripp and Lyman counties in South Dakota and through Brown and Keya Paha counties in Nebraska, with a branch office in Alinsworth. It was intimated that power to run the road would come from the electric light plant at Alinsworth, operated by the Alinsworth Light and Power company. The records of the state engineer's office show that the Alinsworth company has received license from the state to operate a power company from water from Plum creek to the extent of 150 cubic feet per second, giving a 250 kilowatt current of 400 horsepower. The application was made by F. W. Seller, who is also one of the incorporators of the proposed interurban line.

However, it is given out by reliable authority that a 400 horsepower electric plant would not be able to furnish enough power to run the road more than thirty miles and as the proposed road is 120 miles in length it would be necessary to get additional power in some other way. The incorporators of the road are George W. Adams, Walnut, Ia.; F. W. Seller, Alinsworth, Neb.; R. H. Osborn, Alinsworth; M. V. Flannery, Alinsworth; Arthur McSwenney, Alinsworth; Charles Hensman, Springfield; John Schele, Springfield; E. G. Kenaston, Springfield; F. K. Strother, Omaha; V. B. Hill, Council Bluffs; John A. Holmes, Pierre; R. D. W. L. Harris, Wreosta, S. D.

## MILITARY COURT FOR COAL STRIKE DISTRICT

TRINIDAD, Colo., Nov. 19.—Strict military law, including a military court for the trial of all law violators, will be inaugurated at the close of the present week unless definite steps that give promise of ending the strike in the southern Colorado coal fields are taken in the interim. This in substance is the statement issued today by Major E. J. Roughton, judge advocate of the Colorado national guard, after a conference with General John Chase and Francis E. Bosch, deputy attorney general.

Plans for the immediate institution of military courts for the trial of a number of alleged law violators now under arrest have been held up pending the result of efforts on the part of Governor Ammons to effect a solution of the present situation.

## Competition Three Heroes Are Developed by Fire on Spanish Steamer

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Three names stood out conspicuously in the stories of bravery told today when the Cunard liner Pannonia brought to port the passengers rescued from the burning Spanish steamer Balines.

Captain Juan Ruize of the Balines spent practically five days without sleep while he and his men held the flames in check and guided their ship safely into the harbor of St. Georges, Bermuda. Innocencio V. Micharita, the wireless operator on the Balines, sent the messages that brought the Pannonia. Since there was only one other man aboard who understood English, Micharita was obliged to be on duty without rest to translate the messages received from the rescuing ship.

Nicholas Arbonias, a mechanic from the Canary Islands, was the man who led the men passengers into the burning ship. The Balines last Thursday after the crew was exhausted and ready to give up the fight.

The passengers themselves first discovered the fire. "Some of us noticed smoke coming through the grating of our cabin," said Arbonias. "We notified the officers. They opened hold No. 1 and the smoke that gushed up made them quickly close it again and batten it down. Then they cut six holes in the hatch and the deck and shoved hose through."

The attorney for the prosecution contended that at the time the child left Omaha in a suit case, carried by the prisoner, it was alive and that witnesses would be brought to prove a deliberate and willful murder on the part of the accused.

## JEWETT TRIAL UNDER WAY

Omaha Traveling Salesman Accused of Murder of His Child. TAKING OF TESTIMONY STARTS.

FINDING OF THE BODY OF INFANT, ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN THROWN FROM TRAIN, DETAILED BY WITNESSES.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The opening day in the trial of George H. Jewett, traveling salesman for the Gallatin Fruit company, charged with the murder of an infant child, was resumed here today with the introduction of testimony.

The court room was crowded and fully half of the spectators were women. Attorney Frank Dolezal made the opening address for the state. He charged Jewett with the murder of his infant child by throwing it from a rear platform of a Northwestern train July 18, 1912.

The attorney for the prosecution contended that at the time the child left Omaha in a suit case, carried by the prisoner, it was alive and that witnesses would be brought to prove a deliberate and willful murder on the part of the accused.

A. W. Jeffers of Omaha, for the defense, outlined the story of an illicit love of Jewett for his present wife. He went into details of how the prisoner had finally married and supported and provided a good home for her. He told of the birth of the child and the aversion of the mother toward it, detailing how in a fit of hysterics, Mrs. Jewett had injured herself in jumping from a porch of their home in Creighton.

The defense will try to prove that Jewett took all proper precautions in the care of his child and that there was no murder committed.

## Man With Life Term is Legally Dead

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—A man serving an indeterminate term in prison is civilly dead and his wife may remarry without divorce or annulment proceedings, according to an opinion handed down by Justice Macdonald in Brooklyn today. In so deciding, he issued a writ of mandamus directing the marriage license bureau to grant a license to Mrs. Mary Garzan, a school teacher. Her husband, John, was sent to Sing Sing for second degree murder, with a maximum sentence of life. She will now marry William Weisheimer, a lithographer.

## Makes Bogus Liquor and Bogus Money

TROY, N. Y., Nov. 19.—Counterfeiting liquor, as well as counterfeiting money, will be charged against Charles Ash and Edward Barry, who are under arrest here as the result of a raid in which a money making plant and a quantity of unfinished bills were seized. The police found in Barry's home, it was learned today, an outfit for making brandy and a stock of forged labels. Four hundred bottles of counterfeit liquor were located in Troy saloons.

## Recruits for Army Are More Plentiful

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 19.—United States recruiting officers on duty in this city say more men are offering their services for the army, navy and marine corps than for a number of years. Captain H. S. Hathway, of the army recruiting office, said there were more foreign born residents appearing for enlistment than Americans.

## SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND MILL WORKERS STRIKE

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 19.—A general strike of mill hands in St. Petersburg and throughout northern Russia started today, 50,000 refusing to continue work this morning. The movement is a protest by the workmen against the trial of some employees of the Buchow works on a charge of illegally quitting their employment. The proceedings against them was opened in the district court here today.

## CARRANZA BREAKS NEGOTIATIONS WITH MR. WILSON'S ENVOY

Constitutional Chief and His Staff Prepared to Leave for Provisional Capital.

DEMAND FORMAL RECOGNITION Foreign Minister Asked Mr. Hale for His Credentials.

TAMAULIPAS CAPITAL FALLEN Insurgents Capture Victoria From Federal Forces in Fierce Fight.

BLOODIEST BATTLE OF REVOLT Villa Pays Mother of American Chauffeur Killed During Border Engagement \$500 as Indemnity.

NOGALIES, Sonora, Mex., Nov. 19.—Negotiations between President Wilson's personal representative, William Hayward Hale, and General Carranza were broken off suddenly today. The constitutionalist leader prepared to leave for the interior with his staff and provisional cabinet.

Mr. Hale declined to say whether he would leave, nor would he confirm the termination of his dealings with General Carranza through Francisco Escudero, minister of exterior relations in the Carranza cabinet.

It was clear that there had been a break in the dealings over the question by the Washington government last Saturday and to which it was asserted the constitutionalists had failed to answer directly.

Ignacio Bonillas, minister of fomento and communications in the provisional cabinet, called today on Mr. Hale at the American consulate. Immediately afterward Mr. Hale left for his hotel, on the American side. It was believed that Bonillas formally ended the transactions in which he has been acting as confidential translator.

Virtual Demand for Recognition. The first open disagreement occurred last night when Escudero announced that he had requested Hale to present formal credentials, so that the conference might become official. This it was made clear today was virtually a demand for full recognition of the revolutionary party before treating on the subject under discussion.

The nature of the question which caused the disagreement was not made clear. It was known, however, that it had arisen simultaneously with reports of many military successes of the revolutionists.

It also was pointed out that the progress of the insurgents in Sinaloa, where the state capital was taken last week by General Obregon, would result soon in the taking of Mazatlan, an important seaport on the west coast. Also, the fall of Guaymas through the internal demoralization of the federal garrison was expected at any time.

Nothing Further to Announce. Minister Escudero announced that it would not accompany General Carranza south. He said that he had nothing to announce further than what he said last night in regard to the termination of formal negotiations. The departure of General Carranza, military and civil head of the revolutionary party, it is believed, would make impossible continuation of the negotiations, although Escudero said his position empowered him to receive overtures from Washington.

Mr. Hale evidently was waiting instructions from Washington as to whether he should leave the border or remain to conclude the dealing with Escudero.

Rebels Take Victoria. BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Nov. 19.—With the loss of hundreds of lives and with great destruction of property in what General Pablo Gonzalez, rebel commander, describes as the "bloodiest battle of the revolution," Victoria, capital of the Mexican state of Tamaulipas, was captured by constitutionalists early today.

The fall of the capital city gives the insurgents a foothold in the Gulf of Mexico. (Continued on Page Two.)

## Passing of the Prune-Barrel

At a recent pure food show in New York City the great throngs of visitors were astounded at the remarkable number and variety of foods exhibited, as well as at the high quality and development of the foods themselves.

Scientifically it marked a great step forward in the path of right eating and living. Pure food shows of this kind are being held from time to time in all sections of the country. And it is said that the exhibition to be held in San Francisco in 1915, marking the opening of the Panama Canal, will have the greatest display of pure food stuffs ever shown.

We are rapidly getting away from the open barrel of crackers, the dirty hoghead of prunes, adulterated this or that, and countless other iniquitous foods that keep our bodies in a turmoil and threaten our lives.

One has but to read the advertisements in The Bee to note the distinct advance made in preparing and selling the things one eats and feeds to one's children.

Good grocers and good manufacturers are telling what the best foods are and where one may buy them. Watch the advertisements in the newspapers and keep your eye on your grocer's window display.