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ROGERS IN DENIAL

FILES ANSWER IN GOVERNMENT SUIT AGAINST U. P. MERGER.

Oil Magnate Avers That He Bought No Railroad Stock for Conspiracy Purposes and Asks That He Be Granted Damages.

Salt Lake, May 5.—H. H. Rogers and James Stillman, named as defendants with the Harriman and other railroads in the so-called merger suit of the government, filed their answers in the federal court here. They, with E. H. Harriman, Jacob Schiff and others, and the Union Pacific, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, Southern Pacific and other railroads are charged with unlawful conspiracy in attempting to gain control of other railroads and restrain and control commerce between the states. Mr. Rogers makes a sweeping denial of every allegation and demands that the case against him be dismissed because he is not a resident of the Utah district and therefore not within the jurisdiction of the court. He also asks that he be granted costs and damages for injury to his character by reason of the allegations made against him.

He denies that he is or ever was a member of any body of men who attempted to gain control and restrain commerce and traffic between the states or that he ever bought into any railroad to gain control. He admits that he bought heavily into the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, but says that he did so purely as an investment, even though the purchase was heavy enough in some cases to absorb half the stock, and there was not the slightest intent to conspire or gain control to an unlawful end. Mr. Rogers gives as his belief, through information and observation, that no one of the defendants in the big merger suit had any idea of creating a combine for the unlawful control of the Southern Pacific. He denies acquaintance with all deals made prior to Oct. 3, 1901, the date he became a director and before which time the government claims that all the attempts to gain control were made. Since that time, Rogers avers, neither he, Harriman, Stillman, Kuhn, Frick or W. A. Clark have made in anyway an effort to get control of the road. Similar admissions and denials are made concerning the purchases of Union Pacific stock through Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the Oregon Short Line.

James Stillman, whose answer was also filed, follows the lines laid down by Mr. Rogers, admitting investments of money, but denying a monopolistic or other unlawful purpose. Mr. Stillman became a director of the Union Pacific Dec. 6, 1907.

THAW IS OUT OF MATTEAWAN

Secures Release from Asylum Until Case is Settled.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 5.—Temporarily, at least, Harry K. Thaw is out of the Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane. As a result of the proceedings on the writ of habeas corpus brought in an effort to have him declared sane, he will remain in Dutchess county jail until the final decision on the writ is handed down. The formal hearing in the case will come before the supreme court here next Monday. The adjournment was taken upon the request of a representative of the district attorney of New York county to give District Attorney Jerome an opportunity to appear in person to oppose Thaw's release from the asylum. In the meantime Thaw will remain in the county jail here instead of being returned to Matteawan. Thaw appeared to be in excellent health, having gained fully twenty pounds in weight since his transfer to the asylum from the Tombs.

One of the interesting features of the proceedings was an announcement that Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, although she has brought suit for annulment of her marriage, will appear if necessary as a witness in her husband's behalf.

ATLANTIC FLEET AGAIN UNITED

Battleships Leave Santa Cruz for San Francisco.

Santa Cruz, Cal., May 5.—The Atlantic battleship fleet was united once more when the ships of the second squadron arrived from Monterey and the flotilla of six destroyers joined it from San Pedro, the latter after one of the stormiest voyages of the cruise. The second squadron, headed by the Alabama, flying the flag of Rear Admiral Sperry, came across Monterey bay, arriving at 5:30 p. m. yesterday. The flotilla came in at 1:30. Admiral Thomas moved from the Connecticut to the Minnesota. The Connecticut will proceed to Monterey and take on board Admiral Evans, who returns to resume command of the fleet. No ceremonies whatever will attend the return of Rear Admiral Evans.

The fleet will sail for San Francisco this afternoon, arriving off the lightship at the entrance about 9 p. m. They will anchor there until the morning.

Cleveland Steadily Gains.

Lakewood, N. J., May 5.—Former President Grover Cleveland continues steadily to recover from an attack of digestive trouble, which has prevented him from returning to his Princeton home. All reports from the Lakewood hotel were to the effect that he continues to improve and that his condition is not alarming.

Ten Inches of Snow in Wyoming.

Cheyenne, May 5.—About ten inches of snow has fallen here. The precipitation is general throughout the state and is of great benefit to the farmers.

CAUCUS FAILS TO DECIDE

Adjourns Without Reaching Conclusion on Currency Question.

Washington, May 6.—The Republican members of the house of representatives were in caucus for three hours last night in an effort to agree upon a plan for currency legislation, but adjourned without achieving any definite results. The meeting was early resolved into a conference and proceeded with the understanding that the result, whatever it might be, should not be binding upon members. There was a large attendance, but no very marked enthusiasm, except of a personal character, when Speaker Cannon took the floor. It was evident from the beginning that there were so many members who would desire to be heard that it would be impossible to reach a conclusion at one sitting, and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn until 8 o'clock tonight. A number of speeches for and against the resolution were heard, notably one by Speaker Cannon warmly supporting it. Bennett (N. Y.) offered a resolution that the caucus approve the underlying principle of the Vreeland bill, namely, the use of commercial paper as a currency basis, favor the creation of a currency commission and declare for the appointment of a committee of the house to draft a temporary currency bill for present consideration, that committee to report within five days.

Watson (Ind.) proposed a rule giving one hour and twenty minutes for debate, to be divided equally between Powlter and Vreeland.

Prince (Ill.) offered a resolution declaring the meeting to be a conference, not a caucus, and stipulating that those present should not be bound individually in future by anything that might be agreed to or rejected in the conference.

Speaker Cannon rose and was warmly applauded. He said the question raised by Prince had often been raised before. He said that a majority or a minority may refuse to be bound; that there was no way to coerce any member; that each member had the right to give such weight to the consensus of opinion as he thought right; that a caucus and a conference are the same, because no one could be held to the action of either.

Vreeland saw no objection to Prince's resolution. He said that if a member did not want to be bound by the action of his party associates he did not have to be.

The Prince resolution was then adopted unanimously, as was the time resolution offered by Watson.

Townsend (Mich.) moved that on Thursday evening the Republican members meet in caucus to decide the attitude of the majority on an anti-injunction bill. The motion was ruled out of order.

OHIO FEARS NIGHT RIDERS

State Troops Ordered to Burley Tobacco District.

Columbus, O., May 6.—Threats to burn the towns of Aberdeen and Higgsport, emanating from unknown sources, but resulting from the bitter warfare in the burley tobacco district of Ohio and Kentucky, are largely responsible for an order issued by Governor Harris to Adjutant General Critchfield to dispatch troops to the towns mentioned. Troop B of Columbus felt for the scene of threatened trouble this morning at 5 o'clock. Captain R. W. Knauss has fifty cavalrymen in his command. Companies F of the First regiment of Cincinnati and Batavia are also said to be awaiting orders.

The request for troops was made by Sheriff Randall of Brown county. A mass meeting of the tobacco growers of Kentucky across the Ohio river from Brown county is to be held tonight. The meeting is said to be planned to induce the growers to join in the movement not to raise any tobacco this season and the Ohio independent growers, who have refused to join the movement, fear that there may be an invasion of the state following the meeting.

Connecticut Will Be Taft.

Hartford, Conn., May 6.—The Republican state convention, when it chooses fourteen delegates to Chicago today, will instruct its delegates to vote and work for the nomination of Secretary of War William H. Taft for the presidency. This instruction will be incorporated in the platform and means the throwing aside of a precedent. At the same time the convention probably will override the desires of United States Senators Bulkley and Brandegee and refuse to send them to Chicago, because their attitude toward Mr. Taft has been non-committal.

Big Bond Issue is Authorized.

Salt Lake, May 6.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Union Pacific railway, at which 76 per cent of the stock was represented, the directors were authorized to issue \$100,000,000 in bonds for improvement of the system and for the purchase of the Kansas and Western and the Topeka and Northwestern roads.

'Frisco Employees Laid Off.

Springfield, Mo., May 6.—Two thousand employees of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad shops here were laid off for an indefinite period. The reason assigned by the company for the shutdown is financial depression.

Mount Etna in Violent Eruption.

Messina, May 6.—The eruption of Mount Etna continues, accompanied by numerous earth shocks. The detonations have terrified the people living in the villages in the vicinity of the volcano and they are camping in the open air.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

CUT RATES OR RAISE WAGES

Railroads Seeking Aid of Business Men Meet Dilemma.

York, Neb., May 4.—The employees of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad of this city, who circulated a petition to be signed by business men, shippers and citizens of York and York county, asking for a let-up in anti-railroad legislation and that no more petitions be made for lower freight rates on the ground that it meant a reduction of salaries to employees, did not meet with the reception nor secure the number of signatures the officials of the railroad hoped it would get. The representative of the company was asked to change the wording of the petition and have it read, "that if the present rates be maintained the railroad company increase the wages of all employees at least 20 per cent," and he was promised that if this was done the petition would be signed.

It is understood the railroad companies have employees in every city and town in Nebraska circulating petitions of this kind, hoping to have influence with the state railroad commission and probably to be used when the next Nebraska legislature convenes.

GOVERNOR FINDS OLD FRIENDS

Former Residents of Nebraska Give Tourists a Picnic at Long Beach.

Long Beach, Cal., May 4.—Almost 2,000 former residents of Nebraska gathered in Long Beach for the annual picnic of the Nebraska society of Los Angeles. The feature of the occasion was the visit of Governor Sheldon, his staff and a big party from that state. A meeting was held in the Auditorium immediately after the arrival of the distinguished visitors, at which numerous speakers toasted Nebraska and the state of their adoption, California, and showered greetings on Governor Sheldon and his officials.

The reception and exercises were conducted by Judge W. H. Morris of Los Angeles, president of the society, and M. M. Davidson, secretary. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Richardson, Smyser, Ludden, Senator McKesson and Governor Sheldon. A quartet of women from the Long Beach Nebraska society sang several selections.

ENGINEERS OBEY ALL SIGNALS

"Surprise" Tests on Harriman Lines Prove That They Are Alert.

Omaha, May 4.—A summary of the results of "surprise tests" on the lines of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads for the month of March shows an efficiency of 98.8 for the engineers. During the month 1,258 tests were made.

The "surprise tests" consist of flashing all kinds of signals upon unsuspecting engineers. At dozens of places, at all times of the day and night, the tests are made. They must be obeyed absolutely, else severe discipline is meted out. Running past a danger signal means dismissal for the culprit. In the March tests the small number of violations, amounting to about 1 per cent, were not of the kind that might have caused serious accidents.

WOOL MARKET IN OMAHA

Site Selected for Warehouse and Work Will Begin at Once.

Omaha, May 4.—Arrangements were completed by Charles H. King, banker and promoter of the wool market of Omaha, for a location for the first storage house and work will begin tomorrow on a house 100x300 feet, with a capacity of 20,000,000 pounds, half way between Omaha and South Omaha, and accessible to all the railroads.

The first season's clip, which is already being sheared, will be stored in Omaha, four railroads and the Commercial club of Omaha asking the interstate commerce commission to grant special permission to put the wool rates in force May 5, instead of May 27.

Protest on Rate Reduction.

Lincoln, May 4.—Representatives of railroad labor organizations have been holding conferences in this city during the week and concluded their work. The meeting had to do with wage scales, and a protest will be made to the state railroad commission against any further reduction in railroad rates, because the loss will eventually fall on the employees.

Hotel Clerk Tries Suicide.

Beatrice, Neb., May 2.—John Kerr, employed for the last three months as night clerk at the Paddock hotel here, attempted suicide by shooting himself behind the left ear and is lying in the sanitarium with slim hopes held out for his recovery. Domestic trouble is supposed to have been the incentive for the act, as Kerr and his wife had separated but a few weeks ago and since the separation Kerr has appeared morose.

Burglars Busy at Weston.

Weston, Neb., May 2.—Burglars broke into the safes of the Weston Grain and Stock company and the Chicago Lumber company. From the latter place they got about \$25. A cashier's check for \$400, received too late for banking, was left untouched. They made their escape.

\$5,400 Verdict for Mrs. Bond.

Lincoln, May 2.—A jury in the federal court has awarded Mrs. Rebecca Bond \$5,400 in her suit against Herman Schaten of Nebraska City, in whose saloon she alleged that her husband, Frank Bond, had been made an habitual drunkard.

STATEMENT OF STATE CASH

Almost Half Million Dollars in Hands of the Treasurer.

Lincoln, May 2.—The report of State Treasurer Brian for the month of April shows a balance on hand of \$484,096.17 in all funds, of which all but \$14,201.59 is on deposit in state depository banks. The balance on hand April 1 was \$510,153.58. The receipts during the month were \$180,866.54, and the disbursements amounted to \$507,013.95. The largest balance in any fund is \$316,731.06, in the temporary school fund. This fund will be disbursed the latter part of May for the support of school districts throughout the state. The receipts from the 1 mill levy for the redemption of state warrants were \$22,919.55, and the payments, \$1,729.17. At the beginning of the month the various state institutions had on deposit in the state treasury as cash funds, \$9,798.26. During the month \$6,823.66 was added to this and \$4,323.05 drawn out by the various institutions, leaving a balance of \$12,998.87.

The state now has \$8,099,388.05 invested in interest bearing securities, of which \$7,043,687.59 is in bonds and \$1,165,700.46 is in Nebraska warrants.

BAN PUT ON STOCK WATERING

Nebraska Railroad Commission Prevents Issue of Street Railway Stock.

Lincoln, May 6.—By ruling that the Citizens' Street Railway company of Lincoln may not issue additional stock or pay any dividends on stock already issued until it puts more money into the plant in operation, the Nebraska railroad commission takes jurisdiction of the stock issues of common carriers of the state. The question is one of great import to Nebraska citizens and corporations.

Application has been made by the company to add to the stock issue, which is \$336,752.50. City Attorney John M. Stewart filed his objections before the railroad commissioner and after a long hearing, the order was promulgated. The board holds no additional stock may be issued at present and that until the sum of \$15,000 is invested in the plant no further dividends may be paid on the stock already out. The company is ordered to devote its resources to payment of all obligations outstanding March 31, 1905.

HEAVY REWARD FOR TAYLOR

Kearney County Board Offers Fifteen Hundred Dollars for His Arrest.

Minden, Neb., May 5.—The county board offered \$1,500 reward for the arrest of Bert Taylor, who brutally assaulted his sisters-in-law. The board met in regular session and the offer has the county treasury behind it.

Pearl Taylor, who was most seriously injured, is slightly better, though there is little hope of her recovery. She was able to take two tablespoonfuls of milk, one of the most encouraging symptoms, since she has been constantly in convulsions and suffering from extreme nervousness. She has at no time been rational enough to make an ante mortem statement. When approaching consciousness, she constantly calls for her parents. No further trace has been found of Taylor. The search made at Atlanta proved fruitless.

Coon Case May 25.

Lincoln, May 5.—The trial of William Coon, charged with manslaughter for having run down and killed Nellie S. Smith with his automobile, has been set for May 25. Coon is now under bond, having waived preliminary hearing. The killing of Miss Smith has had an effect on automobile owners, the result being greater care is exercised in running machines.

Burglars Carry Away Sixty Watches.

Omaha, May 6.—Burglars hurled a bucket through the Douglas street show window of the Mawhinney & Ryan jewelry store, at Fifteenth and Douglas streets, seized about sixty watches valued at \$600, and escaped. The glass door at the Miller, Stewart & Benton furniture store, at Sixteenth and Howard streets, was also broken in, and the store ransacked, but the burglars secured nothing there.

Bryan Introduces Lecturer.

Lincoln, May 6.—Professor John U. Lloyd of Cincinnati delivered a lecture here last night, under the auspices of the Lincoln Medical college, on "An Evening in the Orient." He was introduced by William J. Bryan, who related their experiences in quarantine at Suez, two years ago this month. Mr. Bryan and Mr. Lloyd met at that time and were companions in forced exile for several days.

Kearney Can Advance 'Phone Rates.

Lincoln, May 5.—By a ruling of State Railroad Commissioner Williams, the Kearney Independent Telephone company is permitted to advance its present rates of service. The ruling sets a precedent in that it is the first time such a concession has been granted since the commission assumed jurisdiction over the telephone lines.

Shoots Self Through Heart.

Harvard, Neb., May 5.—H. O. Fletcher, manager of the brokerage house of H. E. Gooch & Co. of Lincoln, is dead at his home here, as a result of a gunshot wound through the heart, thought to be self-inflicted. His wife found him dying on her return home. No cause is known.

L. H. Korty Resigns.

Omaha, May 2.—Louis H. Korty, for twenty-one years superintendent of telegraph for the Union Pacific system, has resigned on account of ill health. J. B. Sheldon, who has been manager of the headquarters' telegraph office, has been promoted to succeed Mr. Korty.