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SENATE PROBES STEEL MERGER.

Perkins and Thorne Testify Before Judiciary Committee.

The Tennessee Coal and Iron company and United States Steel corporation merger was probed by the senate committee on the judiciary. The witnesses were Okleigh Thorne, president of the Trust Company of America, and George W. Perkins of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., who is also a member of the finance committee of the steel corporation.

When asked if he had any personal knowledge of the actual sale of a majority of the stock of the Tennessee company in November, 1907, Mr. Thorne replied:

"All I know is that I delivered my stock to J. P. Morgan & Co. and got a receipt for it."

Mr. Perkins said that there was a general feeling that it would be difficult for any one to express in a concrete statement that if the Tennessee Coal and Iron stock were taken out of various loans, some way it would prevent a great many failures and avert a spread of the panic. He said:

"Finally some one made a suggestion, which was afterwards worked out, that the corporation might furnish its 5 per cent second mortgage bonds in lieu of cash, and in this way put in lieu of these loans securities that were marketable."

Mr. Perkins told of the visit to Washington by Judge E. H. Gary and Henry C. Frick for the purpose of seeing the president.

"Practically everything was at a standstill until we got word from Washington as to what seemed to be the feeling there," continued Mr. Perkins. "That was telephoned to me by Judge Gary on Monday, about the time the market opened, and the news that this transaction probably would be made was given out and had an effect for the better on the market, and I have always believed stopped the"

WALKER GIVES UP CONTEST.

Mine Workers Approve Course of President Lewis.

The cause of the anti-Lewis faction in the United Mine Workers' convention at Indianapolis, Ind., has been lost. John Walker of Illinois, who opposed President Lewis for re-election, announced that he would not contest "Such action would be hopeless," he said. "The convention has been packed against me."

President Lewis' majority likely will be 16,000. Walker learned the sentiment of the delegates toward him when, by a vote of 1,627 to 1,054, he was refused an extension of time to speak against the committee report approving the course of President Lewis and the executive board in suspending President Van Horn and other officials of district No. 11, Indiana, for having disobeyed the mandate of the national officers to discontinue the Hudson mine strike.

The refusal of President Lewis to aid the striking miners of the Mercer-Butler field, Pennsylvania, caused a debate. This brought a remark from Mr. Lewis, that there should be no further quarreling over personal differences and that the business of the convention should be disposed of as quickly as possible. He would give all information asked for in regard to the Mercer-Butler strike, he said, but would not bicker with his critics.

ST. PAUL HAS \$600,000 FIRE.

Half Dozen Buildings in Business District Destroyed.

Fire started in a department store on Seventh street and for a while threatened to devastate a large part of the business district of St. Paul. As it was a half dozen buildings were almost wholly destroyed, with an aggregate loss of about \$600,000.

Favored by a high northwest wind, burning cinders were thrown flying over the business streets of the city and the occupants of many buildings began to remove their property. Minneapolis set over an engine and a hose company. Every piece of apparatus in St. Paul was used.

The severest loss was sustained by the White House department store, \$145,000; California Wine house, \$125,000; Woolworth's 5 and 10 cent store, \$100,000; Fey hotel, \$75,000; McQuaid Grocery company, \$10,000, and many other smaller losses.

RACE WAR AMONG JUVENILES.

One Boy Killed and Two Others Are Badly Hurt in Battle With Negro.

Race feeling, it is said, inspired a battle between white boys and a colored youth in front of the East high school, in Cincinnati, O., Friday, which culminated in the death of William Wiebold, aged seventeen years, the probably fatal injury of William Dorsey, aged twenty, and the serious injury of Charles Ruff, aged eighteen. The alleged murderer, Atlas Telford, aged twenty, a colored high school

student, employed as houseman for United States Judge Thompson, has been arrested. He declares that he

SON TESTIFIES AGAINST HOLMES

Says He Saw Father Kill Mother in a Quarrel.

Manfully declaring that he would tell the truth, though it pained him to do it, Howard Holmes twelve years old, testified in court at Chicago that he saw his father, Charles E. Holmes, kill his mother in a quarrel. The mother died from injuries on Dec. 20 last. The boy said he saw the father strike her and he tried to protect her. As the boy was telling his story the father, who is on trial, frequently wept.

LITTLE COMPETITION IN RATES.

Evidence Taken in Pittsburg Is Against Harriman Roads.

Testimony in the hearing of the Pittsburg suit to dissolve the alleged \$500,000,000 Harriman railroad merger was concluded. The next hearing will be held in Cincinnati, Feb. 9.

The testimony seemed to bear out the government's contention that competition between the Southern Pacific railroad and the Union Pacific is not as keen now as it was prior to 1901.

B. H. Thompson, traffic manager of the Oil Well Supply company, said he could not see a change in the attitude of G. G. Herington, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific agent here, since the merger was alleged to have taken place, but he later admitted that competition would stimulate business and that Mr. Herington could hardly compete with himself.

E. L. McGrew of the Standard Underground Cable company said coast consignments were now routed about equally among the Colorado Midland, Union Pacific, Denver and Rio Grande.

Captain J. A. Henderson of the Pittsburg and Cincinnati Packet company testified that until about 1901 his company had a pro rate with the oil lines out of Cincinnati, but that since 1901 the railroads had refused to pro rate with the river line.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Irregularity Continues in Industrial and Mercantile Activity.

Dun's Weekly Review of Trade says: Some irregularity continues in industrial and mercantile activity. A fundamental factor of strength is the daily multiplying evidence that stocks are so depleted as to render a large and general resumption of the nation's industries inevitable and measurably nearer as confidence is restored. There are numerous reports of enlarged industrial activity at widely scattered points throughout the west and south and distributors of merchandise in all lines anticipate slow, but steady, return to normal volume of transactions. Uncertainty regarding the ultimate tendency of prices of finished iron and steel restricts improvement in the general trade. The hide market is quiet, tanners being reluctant to pay the present high prices.

DEEP SHAFT IS TOMB OF MINER.

Fatal Explosion of Firedamp in New Mine at Ashford, Wash.

As the result of an explosion of firedamp following a dynamite discharge in the New mine at Ashford, Wash., one miner is entombed 4,000 feet in the bowels of the mountain, another is dead from suffocation, while two were injured, one perhaps fatally. The dead: Jack Norrell, miner, body still in mine; William Dinkler, mine foreman, body recovered.

Carl Wyckstrom, who was extricated from a pile of debris, is so badly injured he may not recover. Foreman Dinkler lost his life while trying to find the body of Norrell.

TAFT VISITS GATUN DAM.

President Elect Makes His Eighth Trip Across Isthmus of Panama.

President Elect Taft made his eighth trip across the isthmus of Panama and everywhere he was greeted with very marked demonstrations of good will. With his party Mr. Taft landed at Colon and proceeded by special train to Culebra, where he is quartered at the residence of Lieutenant Colonel Goethals, chairman of the Panama canal commission. His reception by the Panamanian officials, both at Colon and Culebra, was most cordial. Saturday Mr. Taft visited the site of the Gatun dam. All members of the party are in good health.

Freight Bureau in Session.

The transcontinental freight bureau held its first session at Chicago. J. A. Keller of San Francisco and E. H. Parker of Portland, Ore., spoke on rate reductions, complaining more against the eastbound than of the westbound increases.

JEROME TO GO AHEAD.

Will Begin Prosecution of New York World for Libel.

Federal Officials Reserve Privilege of Acting in Defense of Reputation of Gentleman "Who Occupied Position of Head of War Department."

Federal District Attorney Stimson made public a letter in reply to one written by District Attorney Jerome on the subject of beginning an action for criminal libel in the state courts against the publishers of the New York World because of published charges regarding the Panama canal purchase. Mr. Stimson tells Mr. Jerome to go ahead and assures him "that such action on your part will in no wise be regarded as an interference, but, on the contrary, we shall regard it as our duty to co-operate with you in all proper and lawful ways."

Mr. Jerome had asked if action in the state courts on behalf of Douglas Robinson, the president's brother-in-law, would be an unwise interference with the actions begun under federal jurisdiction.

Mr. Stimson answers this question negatively, but he does not state that the federal inquiries or prosecutions will cease if Mr. Jerome begins an action.

It is apparent that while the federal authorities concede to Mr. Jerome the right to appear as the protector of Douglas Robinson's good name, they reserve to themselves the privilege of acting in defense of the reputation of a gentleman "who occupied the position of head of the war department" in any federal jurisdiction where the case applies.

The reference to the "gentleman who occupied the position of head of the war department" gave rise in some quarters to speculation, as to the person meant by Mr. Stimson. An official of the government, who declined to permit the use of his name, said the statement was intended to refer to Elihu Root, who was secretary of war when negotiations for the purchase of the Panama canal property were concluded, though the deeds of the property were actually turned over to this country when William H. Taft was secretary.

KILLS WOMAN BY ACCIDENT.

Mayor Busse's Brother Discharges Revolver With Fatal Effect.

George Busse, brother of Fred Busse, mayor of Chicago, accidentally shot and killed Mrs. Lucius C. Tucker, wife of a fruit dealer at Milton, N. Y.

The shooting occurred in the Walton apartment building, 395 North Clark street. Mrs. Tuckerman was visiting her father, General A. C. Girard, who occupies an apartment in the building.

George Busse, in his apartment across the arway from Girard's, was demonstrating the use of a revolver to Bertha Lambke, his housemaid, so that she could use the weapon in case of burglars. Suddenly the revolver was discharged and the bullet went through two windows, into the Girard apartment and pierced Mrs. Tuckerman's heart. Mayor Busse was present and as soon as he learned of the fatal consequences summoned a physician and notified the police by telephone, but the woman died before the physician arrived. No arrests were made. General Girard expressing himself as satisfied that the shooting was purely accidental.

EDITOR HURT BY TRAIN.

W. L. Woodson of the American Press Association Injured in Yonkers.

While trying to board a New York Central train at Yonkers, Sunday, William L. Woodson, editor of the American Press, fell and was injured by the moving wheels. His right foot was amputated at the station and at St. Johns Riverside hospital, to which he was taken, it was found that an amputation of the leg below the knee was necessary. He was badly hurt about the head and sustained other injuries. He displayed wonderful fortitude, which the physicians say will materially assist him in recovering from the effects of his injuries.

Mr. Woodson's paper, the American Press, is issued from the main office of the American Press association in New York. He has been connected with the American Press association many years, coming to the main office from the Atlanta branch, of which he was manager. Mr. Woodson was formerly one of the best known newspaper men of the south. He is a native of Virginia, but lived also in Georgia and other southern states.

RAKEN JURY DISAGREES.

No Verdict in Marshall Case at Union City, Tenn.

The jury at Union City, Tenn., in the case of Edward Marshall, alleged night rider, charged with being implicated in the murder of Captain Quentin Ranken, reported a disagreement and was discharged. Ten of the jurors favored acquittal, the others seeking a conviction for murder in the second degree. The prosecuting attorney will try to have the trial of the alleged members of the band on the same charge deferred until the May term of the circuit court.

Texas Bank Robbed.

The vault of the Carleton State Bank at Carleton, Tex., was blown open by robbers, who secured \$10,000.

BULGARIA CALLS OUT RESERVES.

Balkan Situation Is Agal. Causing Some Anxiety.

The Balkan situation is causing anxiety at European capitals. Bulgaria's action in calling out her reserves is apparently explained by Turkey's attempts to secure a rectification of the existing frontier as a condition for reducing her monetary demands from Bulgaria. Noting the danger of trouble between Turkey and Bulgaria, the powers are again resorting to negotiations to bring about joint pressure in favor of a peaceful settlement.

It is reported that Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, has sounded the powers on this subject and a St. Petersburg dispatch announces semi-officially that Russia has already addressed a circular dispatch to all the signatories of the Berlin treaty. In this circular Russia proposes to make common representations to both Sofia and Constantinople against any change being made in the frontier line which would endanger European peace and urging both governments to refrain from a military movement.

According to a Sofia dispatch, Great Britain has advised Turkey to accept an indemnity of \$20,000,000, and Bulgaria is inclined to pay this sum provided Turkey abandons her claim for a rectification of the frontier. Negotiations between Austria-Hungary and Turkey are still dragging, owing to the fact that the Turkish government has not yet succeeded in putting an end to the Austrian boycott.

Masked Men Hold Up Saloon.

Three masked men held up a Goldfield saloon and robbed the place of over \$3,000. Twenty men in the place at time were compelled to line up when the robbers opened the safe. The robbers made good their escape.

Braymor Has \$50,000 Blaze.

Fire destroyed the opera house, postoffice, hotel and four business houses with contents at Braymor, Mo. The loss was about \$50,000.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—A liberal decrease in the visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada for the week contributed in a large measure to a sharp advance in wheat prices here today. At the close prices were up 1/4 to 1 1/2 @ 1 1/2c. Corn and oats closed firm, but provisions were weak. Closing prices:

Wheat—May, \$1.09; July, 98 1/2c. Corn—May, 63 1/2 @ 63 3/4c; July, 63 3/4c. Oats—May, 53 1/2c; July, 46 1/2 @ 46 3/4c. Pork—May, \$17.10; July, \$17.15. Lard—May, \$9.70; July, \$9.82 1/2c. Ribs—May, \$8.97 1/2; July, \$9.12 1/2c. Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, \$1.05 1/2 @ 1.08 1/2; No. 3 corn, 60 1/2 @ 60 3/4c; No. 3 white oats, 50 @ 52c.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Feb. 1.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,400; strong to 10c higher; native steers, \$4.25 @ 6.40; cows and heifers, \$3.00 @ 5.15; western steers, \$3.25 @ 5.50; Texas steers, \$3.00 @ 5.00; canners, \$2.00 @ 3.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 @ 3.35; calves, \$3.00 @ 7.25; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.75 @ 5.00. Hogs—Receipts, 2,300; 10 @ 15c higher; heavy, \$6.25 @ 6.45; mixed, \$6.20 @ 6.30; light, \$6.00 @ 6.20; pigs, \$4.50 @ 5.50; bulk of sales, \$6.15 @ 6.20. Sheep—Receipts, 7,100; 15 @ 25c higher; yearlings, \$6.00 @ 6.85; wethers, \$5.00 @ 5.50; ewes, \$4.25 @ 5.00; lambs, \$6.50 @ 7.50.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000; 10 @ 15c higher; steers, \$4.50 @ 7.25; cows, \$3.00 @ 5.50; heifers, \$3.00 @ 5.75; bulls, \$2.40 @ 3.50; calves, \$3.50 @ 8.90; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 @ 4.40. Hogs—Receipts, 12,000; 10 @ 25c higher; choice heavy shipping, \$6.85 @ 6.95; butchers, \$6.75 @ 6.90; light mixed, \$6.40 @ 6.65; choice light, \$6.70 @ 6.80; packing, \$5.50 @ 6.85; pigs, \$4.50 @ 6.50; bulk of sales, \$5.50 @ 6.80. Sheep—Receipts, 7,000; generally 25c higher; yearlings, \$4.25 @ 5.60; lambs, \$5.25 @ 7.80; sheeps, \$5.00 @ 5.65.

IN SENATE AND HOUSE.

Senator Carter Sees No Show for Postal Savings Bank Bill.

Bill Declaring Feb. 12, 1909, a Legal Holiday is Passed by the Senate. West Point Cadets May Not Attend Inauguration.

Seventy-five bills on the calendar of the senate were passed.

Senator Carter, in charge of the postal savings bank bill, announced that he would endeavor at once to get a vote on it, although he "fully realized the impossibility of that bill becoming a law in the few remaining days of this session."

Senator Foraker attempted to get consideration for the Aldrich substitute bill providing for a court of inquiry to pass upon the qualifications of the discharged negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth regiment charged with having shot up Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 13-14, 1906, but postponed making a motion for that purpose in order that Senator McLaurin might speak on the Brownsville affair. Foraker announced that after McLaurin's speech he would endeavor to get action on the bill.

The senate passed without amendment a house bill declaring Feb. 12, 1909, the centenary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, to be a legal holiday and recommending a general observance of that day.

Unless the senate comes to their rescue the West Point cadets will not be able to attend the inauguration on the 4th of March at the expense of the government. The cadets have been one of the big attractions of the inaugural ceremonies for many years past. By a point of order an item providing funds for the cadets' trip to Washington was stricken from the military appropriation bill.

Under suspension the house passed the Payne bill prohibiting the importation of opium, but refused to pass the senate bill to pension federal judges.

A limitation was placed upon the scope of the Olmstead special committee to investigate appropriations for and the work of the secret service of the various departments.

TAFT AND CROMWELL REPLY.

Deny Charges Made in Recent Speech of Rainey.

Denials, both by C. P. Taft and W. Nelson Cromwell, of the charges made in the recent speech of Rainey (Ill.) on Panama canal affairs was read in the house of representatives. The communication from Mr. Taft was in the shape of a cable from Havana to Rainey, while Cromwell's rejoinder was addressed to Lovering (Mass.).

There was an animated discussion of the subject. Then the army appropriation bill was laid before the house. The bill was not considered, however, the time being taken up in general debate. Clark (Fla.) argued for jury trials in lunacy proceedings in the District of Columbia. Jenkins (Wis.) presented views holding to be unconstitutional the laws of the last session of congress in relation to the issuance of restraining orders, injunctions and contempt of court; Perkins (N. Y.) favored a lowering of the tariff; Gaines (Tenn.) attacked the so-called powder trust, and Reeder (Kan.) spoke in defense of the forest service.

SAYS STORY IS BASELESS.

Denies That President Struck Horse Ridden by Young Woman.

For the first time making a disclaimer of published reports that President Roosevelt, while riding in Rock Creek park, near this city, struck the horse ridden by a young woman who happened to ride near his party, the White House gave out a letter received from the young woman's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Rhoades. It was dated at Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 27, and read as follows:

"My daughter, Miss May Rhoades, whose horse, it has been widely reported, you struck while riding in the park last Thanksgiving day, most emphatically denies any knowledge of such an occurrence, and as it is deemed of such importance as to be referred to in congress, may I be permitted to ask you why you don't deny this story?"

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FRED MOLLRING, Co. Treasurer.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that Box Butte county warrants register No. 1 to \$9 can be paid and interest stops.—FRED MOLLRING, treasurer.

LEGAL NOTICE

In the County Court of Box Butte County Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Anna Kohrman, deceased.

To all persons interested in the estate of Anna Kohrman, late of said county, deceased. You are hereby notified that on the 12th day of December, 1908, John Kohrman filed his petition in the county court of said county for the appointment of Willbur F. Patterson as administrator of the estate of Anna Kohrman, late of said county, deceased, and that the same will be heard at the county court room in the city of Alliance, Box Butte county, Nebraska, on the 9th day of February, 1909, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m.

It is further ordered that notice of said hearing be given all parties interested in said estate by the publication of this notice for four consecutive weeks in The Alliance Herald, a newspaper printed, published, and circulating in Box Butte county, Nebraska. Dated this 9th day of January 1909. L. A. BERRY, County judge.

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It is further ordered that notice of the pendency of this petition be given to all persons interested in said estate by the publication of this notice for four consecutive weeks in The Alliance Herald, a newspaper, printed, published and circulating in Box Butte county, Nebraska. Dated this 9th day of January, 1909.

L. A. BERRY, County Judge.