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BIG RAILROAD MERGER.

Wall Street Rumor Involving Hill's Interests.

BURLINGTON ROAD INCLUDED

Mentioned With the Erie, Northern, Pacific and Great Northern—Papers Being Prepared to Unite Them in Vast Corporation Like Steel Trust.

New York, April 5.—The Mail and Express says: "It is reported in Wall street that papers were being prepared for a New Jersey corporation to hold a controlling interest in the stocks of the Erie, Burlington, Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads—the leading properties in which James J. Hill is interested. It is said that the same plan will be followed as was adopted in the steel combination, the shares of the larger company being exchanged for those of the constituent companies. The purpose is to enable the financial interests who are putting through the big deals to do so with less capital than would otherwise be required and also to give greater permanency to the great alliance. The total capital of the four companies mentioned is more than \$550,000,000.

"James J. Hill is out of the city and those associated with him expressed ignorance of such a scheme."

WILL BUILD INTO OMAHA.

President Stickney of the Chicago Great Western Confirms Report.

Chicago, April 5.—The Tribune says: President A. B. Stickney of the Chicago Great Western railway confirms the report that his road will build into Omaha and Sioux City. An underwriting syndicate has been formed to provide \$8,000,000 to build the 274 miles of road. Surveys for the line to Omaha were made some years ago. The line will run from Fort Dodge due southwest to Omaha and from Clarion west to Sioux City. The lines purchased and to be constructed cover over 134 miles, making the total additions of the system 408 miles.

ROCK ISLAND FILES DEEDS.

Makes Twenty-Eighth Purchase on Line of Brighton-Perlee Cutoff.

Fairfield, Ia., April 5.—Twenty-eight deeds have been filed for record with the county recorder by the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway company, amounting in all to \$23,429.12, representing the amount paid by the railway company for the right of way that will be required for the cutoff in Jefferson county between Brighton and Perlee, a distance of seven and one-half miles, according to the new survey, but at present nine miles by the railroad. Now that the right of way has been procured the contract will be let and a large force will soon be at work grading for the new track.

Scorpion Ordered to Memphis.

Washington, April 4.—An order issued from the navy department yesterday assigns the Scorpion, instead of the Bancroft, to the duty of representing the navy at the Confederate Veterans' reunion at Memphis, May 28. The Bancroft is going to Hampton Roads from Key West to be put out of commission about May 15. The withdrawal of the Scorpion from the Venezuelan waters will leave the United States government without a warship in that part of South America. When the Scorpion takes Minister Loomis to San Juan she is not likely to return to Venezuela, but probably will come directly northward.

Blow Up Submarine Mine.

Norfolk, Va., April 5.—S. H. Mitchell of the United States artillery department reports having successfully blown up a stray submarine mine near Sackett's Harbor, Va. The mine was one that had been planted during the Spanish war at Port Royal, S. C., or some other point in that vicinity. This mine had broken loose and since that time had been drifting at sea. Some farmers discovered it a few days ago thrown up by the tide.

French Menace British Interests.

London, April 5.—The Times has received the following from its correspondent in Wellington, N. Z.: "France after establishing a naval station in the Pacific and increasing her warships to five within a few weeks, is now engaged in strengthening her land defenses. This action is regarded as menacing British interests in the southern Pacific."

New Treaty With Spain.

Washington, April 5.—Although so far without official confirmation the report that the Spanish council has approved the draft of the new treaty of commercial friendship between the United States and Spain finds credence here. Minister Storer has been negotiating a whole fabric of treaties to take the place of those wiped out by the Spanish war.

Russia's Army in Manchuria.

London, April 5.—"By the end of May," says the Moscow correspondent of the Daily Graphic, "the Russian army in Manchuria will number 300,000 men. It is understood that the Russian minister of war, General Kouropatki, reckons upon the possibility of having to dispatch an army corps southward into Korea."

Sensation at Bowling Green.

Owensboro, Ky., April 5.—A sensa-

tion that happened in Bowling Green last Saturday night and details of which have just been made public held the undivided attention of the grand jury today. The affair comprehends an interrupted elopement of five young women from Potter college, Bowling Green.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

Superintendent Machen Issues Circular of Instructions.

Washington, April 5.—Superintendent Machen of the free delivery bureau of the postoffice department has issued a circular of instructions governing rural free delivery throughout the country. It directs that petitioners for such service be heads of families who shall show the relative population along the route, character of the roads, principal avocations of the people and distances each one now has to travel to receive mail. A petition must be endorsed by either a senator or representative in congress. Each route must be over 20 miles long, serving at least 100 families and those desiring the delivery must be prepared to put up suitable boxes. Rural carriers are not required to deliver ordinary mail to houses standing back from the main road. They may carry other business than United States mail. Patrons are requested to co-operate by keeping the roads up to the standard in all weather. The maximum pay for carriers now is \$500 per annum for a full route of approximately 25 miles. Carriers are to carry a supply of stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards and must cancel stamps on all letters collected.

DRAW LOTS FOR LAND.

Plan for Opening of Kiowa and Wichita Reservations in Oklahoma on August 6.

Washington, April 5.—Preparations are progressing for the opening to settlement of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache and the Wichita reservations in Oklahoma, and it is expected that both reservations will be ready for opening on Aug. 6, the date fixed for the former. A contract for resurvey of the latter has just been let and it is expected that arrangements will be consummated so as to open the two together. Commissioner Hermann of the general land office will submit a report in about a week to Secretary Hitchcock on the several plans suggested for making the opening. It is believed he will recommend as the most feasible plan that the 14,000 quarter sections be drawn for by applicants, the drawing to occur before the issuance of the president's formal proclamation.

LIEUT. BOYER ARRESTED.

Chief Commissary for Southern Luzon Charged With Fraud.

Manila, April 5.—Lieutenant Frederick Boyer of the Thirty-ninth volunteer infantry, chief commissary for the second district of the department of southern Luzon, has arrived at Calamba, where he has been charged with misappropriating 50 cases of bacon and with other irregularities. It is alleged that the shortage in the commissary department in Manila aggregates \$185,000.

In contrast with the scandals in the commissary department the collection and use of consular funds are matters for congratulation. The accounts of the customs house, new revenue districts and license divisions have been inspected and are reported perfectly straight.

Cashier Disappears, Accounts Straight.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 5.—E. V. Harding, cashier of the German-American bank, left the city some time yesterday and cannot be found. He wrote two letters, one to his wife and the other to the officials of the bank, saying that he had left the city for good. He said his accounts would be found to be straight and a careful examination, the officials say, prove this to be true. The letter from Harding to his wife revealed domestic troubles of a sensational character.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

General T. (Tige) Anderson, the famous confederate brigade commander and a veteran of the Mexican war, died at Anniston, Ala., Thursday, aged 77 years.

President Winchell of the Memphis road says that the community of interests of the Memphis and Frisco lines will be effected in its fullest sense about July 1.

General Fitzhugh Lee is ill at the home of General Merriam in Denver, having contracted a cold while on a trip around the Georgetown loop in the mountains.

Marval Davis of St. Louis was fatally scalded by escaping steam on the steamer Flying Eagle at Quincy Wednesday. His skin and flesh came off in strips and shreds.

It was officially decided to begin the season of Yellowstone National park on June 10, five days earlier than it has ever heretofore been opened. The season will last until Sept. 15.

Former Congressman John B. Gilliam of Minneapolis has given the University of Minnesota \$50,000, the income from which is to be used to help worthy students through the university.

Governor Nash of Ohio has relieved Edwin Ruthven, the Cleveland murderer, who was to have been executed on April 12, to May 3, in order that the full transcript of the evidence in the case might be laid before him.

WOMAN FALLS IN A DUEL.

Settle Feud With Revolvers at Twenty Paces.

ONE IS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Mrs. Ella Seiglin and Mrs. Daughson, Living Near Newkirk, O. T., Resort to the French Code—Former is Now in a Hospital, But Still Able to Talk.

Newkirk, O. T., April 5.—Mrs. Ella Seiglin and Mrs. Daughson, living near this city, fought a duel with revolvers at 20 paces yesterday and Mrs. Seiglin is now in a hospital dangerously wounded, but not necessarily fatally. Two of her opponent's shots lodged in her breast, but she is able to talk volubly and is anxious to recover that she may again fight Mrs. Daughson.

The duel grew out of a long standing feud between the women, jealousy being the original cause. Mrs. Daughson lives on a farm just south of the city and Mrs. Seiglin has frequently endeavored to arouse the temper of her neighbor by various means, the most effectual being the claim that she (Mrs. Seiglin) could take Mrs. Daughson's husband away from his wife any time she wished.

Mrs. Daughson finally appealed to the courts and yesterday forenoon Mrs. Seiglin was fined \$300 for trespassing upon the Daughson property and inciting trouble. As soon as she paid the fine, Mrs. Seiglin drove out to the Daughson home and invited her rival to come out and fight a duel.

Mrs. Daughson promptly accepted the challenge and came out armed with a revolver. The women then faced each other at 50 feet and began shooting, the signal being given by a daughter of Mrs. Seiglin, who had accompanied her from town. Each fired three shots without effect. Then Mrs. Daughson got the range and fired two shots in quick succession, both striking Mrs. Seiglin in the breast. She fell and Mrs. Daughson assisted in carrying her into the house, where a physician dressed her wounds, after which she was conveyed to a hospital.

Now the husbands of the women are seeking each other, vowing to kill on sight. The partisans of each woman are also furnishing up their weapons and seeking an excuse to shoot somebody.

During the trial the two women attempted several times to fly at each other and fight it out then and there and the belligerent spirit permeated the entire court room.

Mrs. Seiglin says her revolver refused to work after the first three shots and that she will make a better record when next she faces Mrs. Daughson. The latter has not yet been arrested and grimly remarks that she has taken the precaution to reload her revolver and oil its joints and that she can be found at home by any one looking for an argument.

GRAND AMERICAN HANDICAP.

Gilbert, Parmelee and Hickman Are Among the Leaders.

New York, April 5.—The shoot for the grand American handicap, which was begun yesterday, with the exception of a brief interval in the middle of the day, shooting at live birds was kept up without any interruption and nearly 5,000 birds were trapped. All told there were 222 entries for the event. When the shooting was discontinued for the day there were 40 men with straight scores of 20 kills each. Of the leaders the work of Anseley H. Fox of Baltimore was by far the most creditable. Since the shoot began Fox has taken part in every event on the program and has not missed one bird in all of them. In actual competition he has shot 63 birds without missing any.

Among the 40 who have top scores so far Fred Gilbert of Spirit Lake, Ia.; C. C. Nauman of San Francisco, A. H. Fox, E. S. Johnson of Atlantic City, and F. S. Parmelee of Omaha, as well as Ed Hickman of Kansas City, are looked upon as the most likely bunch in which the winner may be found.

Ruhlin and Jeffries Again Matched.

St. Louis, April 5.—Billy Madden, Gus Ruhlin's manager, yesterday arranged another match between his protegee and James J. Jeffries, the heavyweight champion. Madden agreed to allow Jeffries to select the date for the contest and the club offering the best inducements will get the match. The fighters will split the purse on a basis of 75 per cent to the winner and 25 to the loser. The men will sign the same articles of agreement that were drawn up for the contemplated battle recently at Cincinnati. Madden agreed to permit Jeffries to name the date because the champion has a bad knee, which he injured while training for his last match with Ruhlin. He will not fight until he gets over this trouble.

Dobbs and Young Jackson Draw.

Hot Springs, Ark., April 5.—What was to have been a 20-round bout last night between Bobby Dobbs and Young Peter Jackson, resulted in a farce and Referee Bat Masterson declared it a draw in the 12th round. In that round Dobbs claimed Jackson fouled him and refused to fight further. The referee said he saw no foul.

Labor Troubles at Cleveland.

Cleveland, April 5.—Thirty-nine carpenters' contractors last evening

agreed to turn down the demands of the carpenters' union for an increase in wages of 5 cents an hour. The result promises to be one of the largest strikes which the building trades of Cleveland have ever dealt with.

RUSSIA MAKES A THREAT.

Will Not Leave Manchuria Under Any Circumstances.

Washington, April 4.—The suggested Russian plea that the action of the powers in opposing the Manchurian agreement will make it impossible for Russia to leave Manchuria at all, has aroused interest here.

The comment upon this suggested plea is that Russia deliberately proposes to commit a greater offense in the permanent seizure of Manchuria if the powers will not connive at a lesser one, in allowing her to make a secret and private agreement with China. This plea, it is said, would be laughed out of any court of international law, so disingenuous is it. Russia is displeased because the powers discouraged China from signing the agreement; yet Russia herself joined with the powers in undertaking to avoid any such private arrangement involving the acquisition of Chinese territory. Even if she persists, even if she forces China to sign the Manchurian agreement, there is no obligation on the powers, and certainly not on the United States, to whom this Russian plea was given, to look upon it as binding at any point. By the same reasoning, should Russia failing to secure an agreement, continue in Manchuria beyond a reasonable time, there is no obligation upon any power to respect her title, and it may be predicted that this subject will lead to controversy of the gravest character.

WILD STOCK MARKET.

Rising Prices Hurdled Back by Avalanche of Liquidation—Exciting Day in Wall Street.

New York, April 5.—Yesterday was one of violent excitement and extreme nervous tension in the stock market. Prices fluctuated in an unprecedentedly violent and erratic manner all day. The speculative spirit had apparently run wild and no fears seemed too good to attempt in the feverish imagination of the excited speculators. Blocks of thousands of shares of stocks were tossed backward and forward and millions of dollars were ventured with no more concern than though pennies were being pitched.

News or actual conditions of properties played no part whatever in the speculations. The method of operation was largely to follow designated leadership. A sudden and violent advance in any stock was sufficient to attract an overwhelming following in which the scramble to buy caused a volatile rise with quick profits for the leaders, who hastened to unload. Monday seemed a remote period in the view of the speculators, and their operations did not appear to be designed to go beyond the day's trading. The market was an admirable one in which to unload stock, and it is within reason to suppose that the excitement was stimulated by every possible artful device to further their object. How far it was taken advantage of may be inferred from the comparatively small number of stocks which retain any important net gains, in spite of the appearance of extreme buoyancy which the market had for most of the time.

Trowin is a Candidate.

Des Moines, April 5.—Senator James H. Trowin of Lansing, Allamakee county, is formally announced as a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor. He is the sixth candidate, those already in the field being: A. B. Cummins, Des Moines; George D. Perkins, Sioux City; J. D. Harriman, Hampton; Sidney A. Foster, Des Moines, and John Herriott, Stuart.

Celebrate Landing of Ponce de Leon.

St. Augustine, Fla., April 5.—Several hundred citizens celebrated in Fort Marion the 379th anniversary of the landing of Ponce de Leon and the discovery of Florida. A salute of 17 guns was fired in honor of Ponce de Leon, after which speeches were made followed by fireworks.

To Restore Branch Revenue Office.

Burlington, April 5.—Revenue Collector Kemble has been ordered to restore the branch offices and salaries at Keokuk and Clinton, also the position of traveling deputy.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

A firm in Hoboken, N. J., has cornered the peanut market.

The anti-cigarette bill was killed in the Wisconsin senate Thursday by a vote of 15 to 12.

Oriental advices recount the burning of the celebrated temple Homongni at Ikegami, on the night of March 9.

Miss Mary Hoffman of San Francisco, who disappeared mysteriously from New York city last December, has as mysteriously returned.

The combined naval and land forces in Yucatan are slowly but surely driving the rebel Indians back and the troops are approaching the gates of Chau Santa Cruz.

The strike of the employes of the Malleable Iron company at Beaver Dam, Wis., was settled Wednesday by the state board of arbitration. The men were granted the increase of wages demanded and other concessions. The shops will start at once.



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