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## TRIPARTITE TRIBULATION.

The Parties to the Thumb-screw Pool Find It Somewhat of a Boomerang.

So They Meet to Consider, "What Shall We Do With It?"

The Northwestern Now in Effect Threatens to Leave It.

On the Self-Same Grounds that the Burlington Refused to Enter.

The U. P. and Other West of the Missouri Roads on the Fence.

Although Anxious to be Rid of the Dictation of the Chicago and Omaha Roads on West-Bound Freight Rates.

## THE PERTURBED POOL.

SIGNS OF THE DISSOLUTION.

CHICAGO, August 6.—Representatives of the Iowa trunk lines, the Union Pacific and the roads embraced in the Southwestern system renewed their conference at 10:30 this morning. The result of their deliberations is now recognized as one of the greatest importance as affecting the further existence of the tripartite agreement. It is now openly conceded by some of the parties to the tripartite that it has accomplished nothing, and that it can no longer be maintained. Since its consummation the relations of many of the western roads have changed. This is particularly true of the Northwestern road since its absorption of the Blair system of roads. This system controls certain local traffic in Nebraska which has, under the tripartite agreement, been given to the roads in that pool at Omaha. The Northwestern management is anxious to make good its claim as thoroughly to their company as to the local business in Iowa and Illinois, and will certainly be held by it, the tripartite to the contrary notwithstanding. This was one of the aims urged by the Burlington when asked to join the tripartite, and it is the chief point of difference between the Burlington & Missouri road and the Northwestern. General Manager Hough of the Northwestern, had a consultation with President Adams of the Union Pacific this morning, and outlined the policy of the Northwestern company in view of its changed relations. The Northwestern's position on this is one of the first questions to be considered at the present session. To the dissolution of the tripartite, it is contended, the Union Pacific is itself now a passive and may become a potent party, as its workings have proven. At least, so far as the roads that compose the pool are concerned, that company has manifested its earnest desire to make all rates on the west bound business, it is contended, has caused the road a great injury and has practically placed the control of the line in the hands of the roads east of the Missouri. It was asserted by a representative of the Union Pacific that its assets in the pool east to-day are about equal to those of the pool west of the Missouri river in existence prior to the formation of the tripartite.

Other Friends Admits, Hugh Biddle, and Jim C. Gault, special arbitrators appointed to consider the demand of the Grand Trunk railway for reappointment of percentages in the eastern trunk line pool, are holding a session this morning, but no conclusion has been reached.

Representatives of the Union Pacific, who are in the city, in declaring the scale over the Texas fever has caused.

All cattle yards along the entire line of the road have been renovated and fumigated, which is also true of every car used for the transportation of cattle.

The company has also applied for the Wyoming Cattle Growers' association of the trail taken by every herd from the southwest to enable them to warn all drivers, and thus to prevent any possibility of any spread of the contagion. The statement telegraphed that the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific had endeavored to war in cattle rates is denied. The rates have been reduced 10 per cent by both railroads.

Representatives of the various roads were in session until 1 o'clock. The general situation was canvassed and the position of the Northwestern company outlined, then the dispatches were read. It was finally decided to refer the entire subject to a committee of 3 to report some basis for action. The committee is now in secret session. Representatives of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe had not yet arrived.

THE COMMITTEE OF NINE.

CHICAGO, August 6.—The committee of nine, to which was referred the outlining of a plan for the maintenance of rates of the Rock Island, General Manager Potter of the Burlington; Vice President McMillon of the Atchison, General Manager Hough of the Missouri Pacific, General Manager Talmadge of the Wabash; Assistant General Manager Miller of the Milwaukee; General Manager of the Central Pacific; and Traffic and Trade Manager Hammard of the Northern Pacific, General Manager Robinson of the Santa Fe, who arrived during the afternoon, was also added to the committee. The session lasted until 5 this afternoon, when an adjournment was taken until 10 to-morrow, without action. The Santa Fe representative raised the point that

THE MISSOURI RIVER must constitute a dividing line in the formation of pools for the maintenance of rates to Colorado and Utah points. On that basis, the Santa Fe is willing to negotiate. This plan, if adopted, means a disruption of the tripartite arrangement. The Burlington, Wabash and Union Pacific have as yet taken no decisive step in any direction, and it is still a question as to the direction negotiations will tend, or whether anything decisive is to be reached by the conferences.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE.

THE NORTHWESTERN NOW IN EFFECT.

CHICAGO, August 6.—For the Upper Mississippi Valley—Fairly fair weather throughout the region, occasional showers, partly cloudy weather, generally northern winds and nearly stationary temperature. For the Missouri valley: Generally fair weather, variable winds, slight change in temperature.

sidered practically equivalent to withdrawal from the compact.

This puts it in precisely the same position toward the Union Pacific as that occupied by the Burlington with its western roads. In the case of the Wabash we were not known to be in the Burlington opposition alone; it is easily to see that the Wabash will not care to have the Northwestern's opposition also, and its only way out of it seems to be to throw over the tripartite agreement and go back to the old pooling arrangement by which the Missouri river is made the dividing line between the two systems of pools.

POOLING AND DOUBLING UP FREIGHTS.

CHICAGO, August 6.—The arbitrators on east bound passenger adjourned without reaching any conclusion.

The joint agent of the east bound pool day received a letter from Vice Commissioner Pease, saying he had investigated the facts that the Wabash and Grand Trunk are cutting rates, and found them without foundation in fact.

The Central Iowa traffic association, which has been demoralized, was reorganized at a meeting here to-day. The Wabash was admitted and freight rates advanced to nearly double those which had been prevailing.

THE WABASH.

NEW YORK, August 6.—At a meeting of the directors of the Wabash company to-day, the plan of reorganization proposed by the sub-committee, published some time ago, was unanimously approved. Jay Gould resigned as president and was succeeded by J. D. of Detroit. The intention of Jay is to proceed to Europe to confer with the bondholders and secure their acceptance of the new plan.

LIGHTING CARS BY ELECTRICITY.

ST. LOUIS, August 6.—Experiments are being made in the Missouri Pacific shops here with a view to lighting passenger coaches by electricity.

EXPORTED LIQUOR.

A Denial of the Charges Sent Out from Washington.

DES MOINES, August 5—George A. Kidd, of New York, proprietor of the International distillery, was asked to-day concerning the dispute sent out from Washington yesterday charging irregularity in the manner of exporting the product of his mills. He said: "It is false, and is very steadily sent out by persons interested in the pool against the International distillery for the sake of doing it an injury." Mr. Kidd claims that his entire business, almost, is that of exporting, and that what he does is to sell to others. He claims to be acting under strict monopoly and ability as a statesman, and we are entitled to the services of the International distillery for the sake of doing it an injury." Mr. Kidd claims that his entire business, almost, is that of exporting, and that what he does is to sell to others. He claims to be acting under strict monopoly and ability as a statesman, and we are entitled to the services of the International distillery for the sake of doing it an injury." 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