

SLUMP IN STOCKS; OPINIONS DIFFER

Concerted Support by Powerful Financial Factors Result in Partial Recovery at Close.

IMPROVEMENTS NOT GIVEN UP

Harriman Lines Will Go Ahead with Proposed Extensions.

RATE DECISION CENTRAL TOPIC

Financial Interests Accept Result with Great Equanimity.

RAILROAD MEETING MONDAY

Heads of Systems Express Resentment Views as to Future and Expect to Appeal to New Commerce Court.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The shippers' victory over eastern and western railroads yesterday's decision of the Interstate Commerce commission... increased freight rates was the axis about which the financial world swung today...

Trading heaviest in years. The trading is said to be the heaviest of any session in London since the Venezuelan panic of 1895...

Many other issues suffered greater losses, among them some standard dividend payers. The early slump was followed by concerted support which appeared to come from the most powerful factors and the market then became dull and partly stronger...

Various expressions of opinion on the decision were uttered by the heads of railroads, most of whom sought to place a most unfavorable and discouraging interpretation on the outcome...

It was pointed out in some banking quarters that the decision more clearly defines the financial status and responsibility of the transportation companies and throws light on certain legal questions which have heretofore been more or less obscure...

There is authority for the statement that the proposed extensions and new contracts on the Harriman lines as recently announced, will not be abandoned. What effect, if any, the decision may have on proposed railway financing did not develop in the course of the day...

Pending Monday's meeting no official action will be taken by the railroads and even then the plans do not seem to be a foregone conclusion. It is pointed out that the commission has not yet issued an order upon which an appeal can be taken and it is understood the fight will be opened with an attack on that part of the Mann-Elkins law which gives the commission power to suspend rates...

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—The Interstate Commerce commission's decision was designated a negative proposition, one which would show its effect in that it would not be apparent to the general public by president H. C. Mudge of the Rock Island railroad system on his return from New York today...

"Extensions will be made, however, if they pay. We are going to put a sixty-eight mile road through to connect the two cities with Kansas City, having bought a title north of these stations. But that will be a paying proposition, you see."

NEW YORK CENTRAL THREATENS President Underwood Says Decision Will Cost Public Dearly.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—"This decision is going to cost the public dearly," asserted President Underwood of the Erie railroad, commenting today on the freight rate decision of the Interstate Commerce commission...

Lieutenant West is Frozen to Death Near Tishou, Alaska

Officer Transferred to Sixteenth Since it Went North Meets Death in Blizzard.

NOME, Alaska, Feb. 24.—Lieutenant S. B. West of the Sixteenth infantry, United States army, of Fort Davis, was frozen to death yesterday, five miles from Tishou, while out on one of the severest blizzards ever known here.

Lieutenant Solomon B. West was 23 years old and a native of New Hampshire. He enlisted in the First New Hampshire volunteers as a private at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war and in 1901 entered the regular establishment as second lieutenant of the Twenty-second infantry...

The announcement that First Lieutenant S. B. West, Sixteenth infantry, had been frozen to death in one of the severest blizzards ever known in Alaska caused much anxiety among many Omaha people. It was thought at first that the unfortunate officer was First Lieutenant John Robert West, Sixteenth infantry, also in Alaska...

Man Who Hauled Beer is Found Guilty

Peter Mabie of Mason City Unable to Convince Jury that He is a Common Carrier.

MASON CITY, Feb. 24.—Special.—The district court made quick work of the case against Peter Mabie, Mabie was indicted for hauling beer from the Great Western depot to alleged customers, and the plea was set up that he became a part of the common carrier and that the goods were in charge of common carriers...

Sutherland Measure Approved by Senate

Upper Chamber Accomplishes Large Amount of Work in Less Than Hour.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—In less than an hour late today the senate voted the Sutherland amendment into the resolution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people...

COLLARBONE IS PATCHED UP

Portion of Tibia Used to Replace Diseased Part and Leg Fine.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. A. C. Loveland of Long Pine is recovering from a remarkable surgical operation performed here. The right collarbone had to be removed because of a tumor of the bone and Dr. R. E. Walker filled the lack by chiseling off a section of the tibia...

Auto Drivers Invent New Game—"Scare the Copper"

"Scare the cop" is the name of a game invented by the chauffeurs of the Automobile show. The game is played at Sixteenth and Farnam streets. W. B. Wilson, traffic officer, is "it."

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SENATE RATIFIES JAPANESE TREATY

Western Men Make No Objection Document in Connection.

EXPRESS THEIR SOLICITUDE Senators Satisfied Change Will Not Menace Labor Situation.

RIGID PASSPORT INSPECTION Diplomatic Notes Pledge Mikado to Prevent Immigration.

CORDIALITY TO BE ENGENDERED Prompt Action in Confirming the New Agreement is Expected to Bring About Much More Friendly Relations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The new Japanese treaty of trade and navigation was ratified tonight after a two hours executive session of the senate at the conclusion of a day crowded with other important matters.

The action in promptly confirming the new agreement is expected to do more to prove the feeling of cordiality that this country has for Japan than anything done for many years. It is regarded as a manifestation of highest confidence in the high civilization of that nation.

When the new treaty was received from the president Tuesday it immediately became the subject of wrangles. Pacific coast senators feared it might have an effect upon the labor situation on the western slope by reason of the omission of the clause in the treaty of 1904...

Western Senators Satisfied. An alien without a passport would, of course, be liable to deportation. The California senators, it is said, became satisfied from the time they left the shipping point to the place of actual delivery.

Supporters of the treaty endeavored to show that the presence of the clause on the subject of immigration in the treaty of 1904 was obnoxious to the dignity and honor of the Japanese empire, especially in any treaty with any other country.

After a full discussion today the western senators said they would not stand in the way of ratification, which was accomplished without a roll call.

TEXT OF THE JAPANESE TREATY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The new Japanese treaty, the text of which was published here today and which now is pending before the senate, comprises sixteen articles. Most of these cover subjects already treated in the existing convention, though in many instances the language of articles is changed to make the provisions conform to modern conditions.

Perhaps the most important feature of the document, which, while not part of the treaty, is attached to it in connection with the correspondence, is the following declaration:

In proceeding this day to the signature of the treaty of commerce and navigation between Japan and the United States, the undersigned, Japanese ambassador in Washington, duly authorized by his government, has the honor to declare that:

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—The rescue party in the Belmont mine, which caught fire yesterday, found the bodies of eleven miners at 1,100-foot level of the mine today.

The War Cloud on the Border



OMAHA SHIPPERS PLEASED

Insist the Contemplated Raise Would Have Been Burdensome.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS RETICENT Shippers Say Railroads Cannot Take a Backward Move Because of the Increase of Their Business.

Omaha shippers are expressing elation over the decision of the Interstate Commerce commission denying the railroads the right to raise their freight rates.

From A. G. Smith, president of the M. E. Smith company, it was learned that the railroads some time ago made overtures to the Chicago shippers to compromise on an increase of 10 per cent instead of the 20 per cent which they had asked permission to establish.

Ship Loaded With Pilgrims Burned at Sea

Rumor that Turkish Vessel Hurried and All Passengers and Crew Lost.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 24.—A local newspaper reports the Turkish steamer Harriet, filled with Moslem pilgrims, was burned at sea. Not one of the passengers and crew escaped death.

CONFLAGRATION IN HAYTI

Aux Cayes, a City of Twenty-Five Thousand, is Practically Destroyed.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Feb. 24.—The city of Aux Cayes has been almost destroyed by fire. The flames broke out yesterday and fanned by the wind from the north spread rapidly through the place.

ELEVEN BODIES RECOVERED

Rescue Parties at Tonopah Find Corpses of Eleven. Foot Level.

Dynamite Explodes at Nehawka Quarries, Killing Three Men

Three Charges of Eight Set Off as Men Are Tamping it and Death is Instant.

NEHAWKA, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Three men were instantly killed at the Nehawka quarries this afternoon when three charges of dynamite of eight that were being put in place, exploded.

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Trousers Skirts Cause Riots in Paris and Madrid Streets

PARIS, Feb. 24.—Incidents of public disturbance accompanying the appearance in the streets of women wearing the new trousers-skirt occur daily.

HOUSE FAVORS THIRTEEN BILLS

Grossman's Measure Exempting Laborer's Wages is Recommended.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The House recommended thirteen bills for passage this morning, none of them arousing any spirited opposition or debate.

FACING VOTE ON LORIMER CASE

Friends of the Senator Say Ballot Will Be Taken Today.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Determination to get a vote before adjournment was expressed today by the friends of Senator Lorimer who were on hand in force in the senate chamber at the beginning of the session.

They made no declaration as to the procedure they would adopt in the furtherance of their purpose, nor did they say just when they looked for its accomplishment.

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SENATE TO BLOCK STUDENTS' VOTES

Bill to Disfranchise Them in Towns Where They Attend School Recommended in Senate.

AFFECTS ALL UNIVERSITY TOWNS Carried in Committee of Whole by Vote of 17 to 15.

STOCK YARDS BILL PUT OVER Senator Ollis Takes More Time to Make Changes.

OMAHA CHARTER BILL REPORTED Measure Comes from Committee to House with Favorable Recommendation—Bill by Bartos Against Bucket Shops.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—A bill to disfranchise students living in Lincoln and other university towns was recommended for passage by the senate this morning after a hard fight against it by the dry forces.

The measure originated with Volpe of Washington and is known as a move to bill the large dry vote, which is cast in Lincoln at almost every municipal election by students. There are several hundred young men in attendance at the state university and other schools in this city, who are counted upon as strong supporters of the dry policy.

Stock Yards Bill Put Over. The settlement of the stock yards fight in the senate, scheduled for today, failed to take place, and the bill over which the senate has fought and scrambled will go over until next week.

At the present time the bill is ready for passage, but the friends of the original measure, Senators Ollis and Kemp and a few of their backers, do not want it passed until it can be changed. The Albert amendment passed yesterday takes away all penalties for violation, which practically nullifies the bill. It can pass in this way, because many enemies of stock yards regulation will vote for it.

Omaha Charter Reported. The Omaha charter bill was reported from the standing committee in the house and went on general file with a recommendation for passage.

Bartos' Bucket Shop Bill. A sweeping bill against bucket shops, which might make regular-board of trade transactions illegal if it passed, was offered in the senate today by Senator Bartos of Saline.

Does that mean a night session? one of his confidants asked. "It means all and everything that may be necessary to obtain a vote," the senator replied. "We have but one purpose and that is to get a vote during the legislative day."

More Speeches Coming. To this end they gave all possible encouragement to the senators who were inclined to speak, and it was announced that after the close of the speech of Senator Beveridge, who yesterday announced his purpose to resume today, others, including Senator Stone of Missouri, would demand to be heard.

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