

# HILL SPEAKS ON RAILROADS

Says Railroads Cannot Keep Up With Growth of Shipping Business.

## GREAT EXPENSE BORNE

Five Billions Spent In Five Years—Increase Demands 50 Per Cent Additional.

Kansas City, Nov. 19.—James J. Hill was the principal speaker at the 13th annual dinner of the Commercial Club in this city tonight. Hill discussed the question "Commercial development of the Mississippi Valley," and gave a comparative history and review of the industrial conditions as they exist today, stating that transportation facilities are at present unequal to demands. He said that unless they can be made equal to the burdens they bear, the country cannot prosper. He declared the railroad managements have used every effort to increase shipment and efficiency in operation and have accomplished wonders. The problem now is to bring construction up to the needs of our immense commerce. The speaker noted the constant reduction in rates, until now the passenger rate averages two cents a mile. The total dividends of all railroads in the United States in 1906 were but four per cent. On 33 per cent of the roads, no dividends were paid. Notwithstanding this, the railroad systems are not a failure; on the contrary, they are the most conspicuous success ever achieved in this country.

Railroad men have the right to feel proud of their record, but the people should realize there is a physical limit to the capacity of a railroad. Railroad men of the country struggled for fifteen years to move the load which increases annually 10 to 15 per cent with engines whose power increases about 2 1/2 per cent per year. The whole system, therefore, declared he, must have more lines, more double tracks and more facilities. A year ago the speaker said he stated it would require \$5,500,000,000 or \$1,100,000,000 a year for five years to make the railroad facilities equal to the demands. Although the amount suggested has been collected and spent, the railroads have barely held their own and the future remains to be provided for. In the opinion of competent judges, more, perhaps 50 per cent, must be spent annually for five years to come.

Only two reasons, the scarcity of money and the reluctance to invest, overshadow the outlook. The most serious factor in the present situation is the shock to confidence in our investments all over the world and consequent limitations on that account. It is easy to impair credit to such an extent as to take half a generation to rebuild it. Political campaigns, the speaker contends, in many states have been an issue on the integrity of railroad management and property. Following these, came a wild raid in which more than 170 acts, more or less confiscatory of railroad property, were enacted. The consequences have already made themselves evident and the country suffers under the blow. If this policy continues there will presently be no power short of a pledge of credit by the government itself that will enable securing the funds necessary to provide more tracks. Before we again realize a favoring disposition to invest, Hill predicted, there must be a different temper, a larger view of justice, a settled policy and reasonably liberal treatment. We read, he said, of the conflict between tightness and business. There can be no such conflict unless there is fraud at the business end or hypocrisy at the righteousness end; if a man or corporation sins against the laws let him be punished, but put an end to wholesale proscription, destructive of all credit and repugnant to all sense of justice. In conclusion, he said, it is time the whole country sobered down and think about the problems before it. A hearty union of all interests. Broad understanding and more cautious attitude in our public acts will most effectually promote success in industry and sanity and permanence to the nation.

### Better Days in Sight.

A canvass of the local bankers and business men yesterday developed the general belief that the president's decision to issue Panama bonds and a great sum in currency will have the effect of quickly lifting the embargo on money.

## WOULD EXTERMINATE THE REVOLUTIONISTS

Prisoners in Siberia Are Executed to Make Room for Other Unfortunates.

London, Nov. 19.—Compared with today's condition in Russia the French revolution was child's play, according to information smuggled by the St. Petersburg correspondent of a London newspaper to Eydtkuhen, East Prussia, and thence telegraphed here.

The outside world, says the correspondent, knows practically nothing of the truth. So strict is the censorship even Russians are ignorant of what does not concern them personally. The government is literally attempting to exterminate the revolutionists. The latter, it must be remembered, are not the hotheads who figure in the anti-government movements elsewhere throughout the world, but the very flower of the rising generation. Many are of noble blood, rich and highly educated.

The revolutionists, on their side, are not idle. Not a day passes without its list of officials slain by assassins or maimed by bursting bombs or pistol shots.

There is official authority for the statement that 13,000 political exiles are in the northern part of Tobolsk alone. It is one of the coldest inhabited regions on earth, yet the prisoners are without sufficient clothing or food. It is certain that many must freeze or starve to death. The correspondent sends with his own story a copy of a letter written by a student in the exile prison at Riga in which a description is given of the manner in which the cells are kept from overflowing.

"Every day fresh batches of prisoners are brought in and to make room for them it is necessary to get rid of the old ones," says the letter writer. "The recently organized war courts arrange this. Through our prison windows we can see the church yard. It is another night. Lights are moving outside, a long grave is being dug. Close to the prison wall appear soldiers, officers, prison officials and last of all the victims."

"They are bound to stakes set to keep them from falling. The superintendent draws a sack over each head. The air is rent with the cries of the men about to die. A volley crashes. Another volley. The officers advance and, with their revolvers accomplish any work the rifle bullets left unfinished."

"This sanguinary tragedy has been enacted every night for a year and a half. Accusation, investigation and execution take about 24 hours."

—Great reduction in Millinery for the next ten days at Mrs. A. G. Aiken's.

### HINDUS ARE BARRED.

Citizens of Marshfield Refuse Passengers on Alliance.

Hindus are throwing their money away if they spend it for transportation to Coos Bay. This was demonstrated upon the arrival there a few days ago of the steamer Alliance which landed eight of the dark-hued men at Marshfield. Their arrival there caused a mass meeting and they were promptly ordered out of the city.

The Alliance returned here last night after the remarkable run of 25 hours from Coos Bay bar to Portland, including the stops at Astoria and Goble, and the officers tell of how the Hindus were received.

"There is certainly no use of these dark fellows trying to establish themselves in the vicinity of Marshfield," said one of the officers, "because they will not be tolerated. On our last trip down we had eight of them—and they traveled first class, too—but I never saw such excitement as was created when they stepped ashore. The citizens immediately called a mass meeting and ordered them out of town. They explained that they had come to work and that they were law abiding, but it helped not. To avoid trouble the Hindus left for Coquille, where I presume they were permitted to remain temporarily."

The Alliance landed at Couch street at 6 o'clock last night. She brought 52 passengers and considerable freight. Efforts will be made to get her away Monday night, although she is now two days behind her schedule. This is due partly to being fog-bound in the Columbia river.—Oregon Journal.

## WOULD DIVORCE RICH HUSBAND

Wife of Warren Barnhart of Chicago Begins Suit in Pasadena.

Los Angeles, Nov. 19.—Mrs. Rose L. Barnhart, wife of Warren Earle L. Barnhart, wife of Warren Earle has filed suit for absolute divorce and division of her husband's extensive

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property, estimated at \$250,000. She charges cruelty, and her action is a surprise to the couple's friends, because there has been every outward indication of complete happiness in their marital life. They have been occupying a fine residence in Pasadena, where Mrs. Barnhart is well known and popular in exclusive society circles. Her principal allegation is that her husband was cruel in that he falsely accused her of being on too friendly terms with a well known Pasadena physician whose name is not mentioned.

Barnhart is well known here and in the East. He is a member of the wealthy Barnhart family of Chicago, his father being a member of the firm of Barnhart Brothers & Spindler, manufacturers of printing supplies.

## EXPECTS STOCKS TO RISE RAPIDLY

James B. Haggin Says He Has Mortgaged Home For Money to Buy With.

New York, Nov. 19.—"Buy stocks for a rise," is the advice James B. Haggin, the veteran mining man, gave today. "I don't see how the market can go much lower. It is so far down now that many stocks that bring handsome dividends are selling away below their intrinsic value. While they are cheap is the time to buy. That's why I bought them."

Mr. Haggin's confidence in the coming boom of securities is so great that he admitted having mortgaged his home at No. 587 Fifth avenue for \$22,000 and his Franklin street property for \$75,000 in order to put some of the cash into stocks.

Mr. Haggin's vast mining properties in the west, he said, were all turning out full "crops."

## ALABAMA SENATE FOR PROHIBITION

Unusual Scenes Enacted in Senate Chamber When Bill Passes—Will Go to House.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 19.—Unprecedented scenes were enacted in the senatorial chamber today when the statutory prohibition bill was passed. Women and children thronged the corridors and galleries and even invaded the sanctity of the floor itself, pushing senators from their seats and giving vent to their that reached through the building, enthusiasm by shouts and cheers. Senators who opposed the bill were hissed down when they arose to speak against the measure. The amendment will be sent to the house and be put on record without a fight.

### Gus Pedersen Will Move.

—Gus Pedersen, of Empire, was in Marshfield yesterday and was seen by a reporter. Mr. Pedersen has fitted up the "Old Corner" in Empire and will move into it on Saturday of this week. He has arranged the building for a saloon and has very fine furnishings. Gus has made considerable of a success in Empire and this move is one of progress. His many Marshfield friends always receive a hearty welcome at his hands when they pass that way.

## HITCHCOCK IN COURT, REFUSES TO ANSWER.

New York, Nov. 19.—Raymond Hitchcock, actor, refused to answer questions put to him during the trial of a criminal libel suit instituted by former Congressman Chanler against William Hearst. Hitchcock based his refusal upon personal rights, as he himself is under indictment and could not be compelled to answer questions which might tend to incriminate or degrade him. The court sustained the witness.

## ADAMS SPENDS DAY ON WITNESS STAND

Darrow Failed To Open Question of Confession—Adams Will Resume Stand Today.

Spokane, Nov. 19.—A special to the Spokesman-Review from Rathdrum, says, Steve Adams was on the stand almost the entire day, and when court adjourned, Prosecutor Hawley was not nearly through cross-examining him. Until noon, Darrow led him through the events of his life, up to the time he was arrested at Haines, Oregon, for alleged complicity in the Steunenberg assassination. He stood up pretty well under the direct examination, but when Hawley took him in hand he became somewhat mixed in details. In the main, however, he must have made a good impression on the jury. Hawley did not get to the confession today. He proved by Adams that the latter was always liberally supplied with money, but the explanation as to where he got it was vague. He told Hawley of a trip to California in 1903, to look at mines, but could not or would not say whether they were quartz or placer. Upon his return from his trip to Ogden, he wired Pettibone at Denver for \$75 to get back. He said he got \$75 from Pettibone, "I borrowed it." Harry Orchard's story details this incident. In many instances like this Adams held to the details of his confession.

—A. H. Eddy for plans and specifications of your new home.

## GERMAN-AMERICAN HOSPITAL ORGANIZED

—Mr. John B. Goddard, who has been on the bay for the past two months in the interests of a syndicate, and who has successfully organized the German-American Hospital Association, has resigned as secretary and general manager of the same, because of pressing business he has to look after in other lines.

This association has been launched for the purpose of making contracts with sawmills, logging camps, factories, the unions, families and individuals, to provide them with protection in the way of medical and surgical attention, medicine, dental work, hospital, ambulance, and burial in case of death. The system is being very generally accepted and is sure to be successful.

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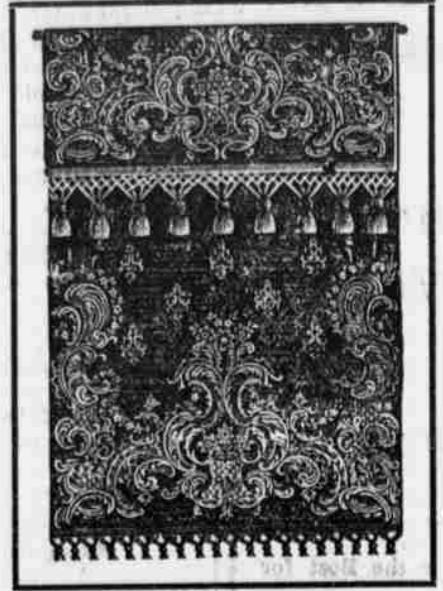
—Masquerade Ball, at Sumner, November 23. Good music.

### WASTED FISH

Everybody has heard about "fisherman's luck," but this one is a new one. It is an old saying that "it is hard to teach an old dog new tricks" and more especially so an old "sea dog." Jim Ellerby is always looking after anything good in the fish line, or "on the fish line," for that matter. Coming up the bay yesterday he saw an old fisherman about to throw overboard a 20 pound ling. "Hold on," says Jim, "do you want to sell that?" "Sell him! Yah. How much you give?" "Four bits" says Jim. "Do you want any more?" says the fisherman. "All you can catch" says Jim. "Ach, mein gott, I shust throwed \$3 in the bay."

The truth of the matter is that the old fisherman did not know that the fish were good to eat. He supposed they were "bull heads." To be can-

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—You will reach the ducks if you use Milner's shells.

Muskogee, Okla., Nov. 19.—There was a large number of delegates here today when David R. Francis, former governor of Missouri, called the 13th annual meeting of the trans-Mississippi congress to order. In a few well chosen words, he welcomed Oklahoma into the Union of the states, and declared the meeting formally opened. Maty Tiger, one of the chiefs of the five civilized tribes, delivered an address of greeting to the congress. Maty Tiger spoke in his native tongue. President H. D. Loveland then delivered his annual address, dwelling at some length upon federal improvement of water ways.