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EASTERN RAILROAD COMBINE.

Many-Leading Roads to Pass Under One General Management.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The Tribune says:

"An important railroad conference has been in progress in this city for the last two days at the Waldorf-Astoria. M. F. Ingalls, president of the Big Four and Chesapeake & Ohio systems; Henry Fink, president of the Norfolk & Western, and A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania system, have all been in attendance. John K. Cowan, president of the Baltimore & Ohio, is also said to have been present. One important matter disposed of was the rate for hauling coal for the coming year; but this is said to have been only an incident of the meeting.

"For sometime it has been known that the Vanderbilt-Morgan interests were in control of the Big Four and Chesapeake & Ohio. There have been persistent rumors, too, regarding a combination between the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore & Ohio systems and of these two roads with the Vanderbilt systems. A man usually well informed said that he had been given to understand that in the near future a great combination would be effected and that the following roads would be in it:

"The Boston & Maine, which, as it owns the road, also means the Maine Central north of Boston; the New York, New Haven & Hartford, which on account of its ultimate traffic relationship with the Pennsylvania could not well stand aloof, and the Boston & Albany, now controlled by the New York Central—these roads practically covering the field of New England.

"Besides those the speaker named the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore & Ohio, the C. & O., the Big Four, the Norfolk & Western, and the New York Central system, including the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and the Michigan Central, as well as the Nickel Plate and West Shore. He added that he was not informed as to what the exact form of the combination would be—whether it would amount to actual consolidation or not—but it would certainly be of such a nature as to prevent future competition and a consequent cutting of freight and passenger rates. This, he thought, however, was only the beginning and it was his conviction that other roads may be taken in later, both in the south and west.

"For two or three days there have been persistent rumors in Wall street that a railroad combination of the first magnitude was impending, but there has been much mystery as to the identity of the roads concerned.

"A year ago the New York Central interests secured control of the Rutland railroad. The Rutland road is intimately connected with the Fitchburg and later the New York Central made overtures toward obtaining a lease of the latter property. These negotiations were not successful and the

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\$15,000, confinement in jail during the session of the legislature and the forfeiture of suffrage. A similar charge will be filed in the house and a joint committee to investigate the charge is asked.

ROBERTS' ARGUMENT.

He Concludes His Plea for Admission to the House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—When the Roberts committee resumed its session today, Roberts went on with his argument, begun yesterday. He reviewed the action of the constitutional convention of Utah, urging that this carried out the requirements of congress for the admission of Utah as a state, namely, that polygamous marriages should no longer be contracted. In particular, Roberts contended there was no requirement by congress or in the constitutional convention that previously contracted matrimonial associations should be interrupted.

In the course of his argument, Roberts said he had observed that the ladies involved in this question of plural wives were quite generally received in the circles of Gentile ladies in Utah. He vehemently denounced what he characterized as a sensational crusade made against him, and also the effort to arouse public feeling by saying the American home "was in danger." "If necessary," he exclaimed, "I could call attention to ten thousand evils which threaten the country without going to the state of Utah."

In closing Roberts said that the patriotism of the Mormon church toward the country could not be questioned. When a fund was raised for the survivors of the battleship Maine, the Mormon church had contributed one-fifth of the entire amount. When the country's authority in the Philippines was questioned "Utah's guns, handled by Utah men had been in the front of the fray."

Schwarz, the Gentile representative, stated that no further point would be made on Roberts' naturalization papers, as it was desired to exclude him from congress, specifically and solely on the ground of his being a polygamist.

At 12:30 the arguments on both sides were closed and the committee went into executive session. The committee afterward adjourned until Wednesday.

CAPTAIN LEARY'S REPORT.

Gratifying Progress Made in the Civilization and Sanitation of His Native Subjects.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The secretary of the navy has received a most interesting report from Captain Leary, the governor of Guam, recording his achievements in the matter of civilizing the natives and cleaning up the island.

The report says: "People appear to be grateful for what is being gratuitously done for them and seem to appreciate the importance of co-operating with us, not only in our medical work but in our efforts to make sanitary improvements."

WILL SELL THE VESSEL.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—The survey board which has been conducting the examination of the double turreted Miantonomah has found that \$50,000 will be required to place the monitor in condition. The board will, it is believed, recommend the sale of the vessel.

TENEMENT HOUSE FIRE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—A tenement house fire in East Ninety-second street early today resulted in three deaths and seven persons being badly injured. The dead are:

Mrs. Mary Sutherland, widow; Frank Sutherland, 9 years old; James Sutherland, 21 months old, both sons of Mrs. Sutherland.

Injured—Harry Sutherland, 5 years old, critical; Raphael Pittzo; Fire Lieutenant Stone; M. A. Dean; Michael Sullivan; Charles McCarthy; Martin O'Leary, overcome by gas and smoke.

When the fire was about to enter the building they found the dead body of Mrs. Sutherland lying face down with her dead baby in her arms. A few feet from her on the floor lay the half-burned body of her boy Frank.

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7:45 a. m.	For Portland & Inter. 11:20 a. m.	
6:10 p. m.	Intermediate points	10:20 p. m.

Leave	SEASIDE DIVISION	Arrive
6 a. m.	Seaside	6:30 p. m.
6:30 11:30	Ar. Astoria	Ar. 7:40 4:00
6:50 11:50	Ar. Warrenton	Ar. 7:20 3:30
6:50 12:15	Ar. Seaside	Ar. 6:50 3:10
6:50 1:00	Ar. Seaside	Ar. 6:10 2:30

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