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USE BOMBS TO KILL CAPITALISTS OF WALL STREET

SUCH IS MOTIVE OF INFLAMMATORY CIRCULAR.

Galleries of Stock Exchange in Wall Street Crowded With Spectators Today, Following Rumor That Bomb Placards Calling for Indiscriminate Destruction of All Financiers Have Been Circulated—Police Working on the Affair—Death Call is Broad and Merciless.

New York, Feb. 20.—On the heels of the report that "Black Hand" threats have been made against J. P. Morgan and following a crowded stock exchange gallery, because of a rumored blackmailing and a threat that bombs would be hurled on the floor of the pit, Commissioner Bingham has made public the action he has in contemplation relative to the inflammatory circular which has been distributed, advocating a slaughter of financiers and advising workmen to march in force upon Wall street.

Squads of detectives have been sent to trace the circular to its source and make arrests.

Placards headed "Workingmen, help yourselves," is the climax of reputed threats launched against speculators during the last 24 hours. The placard calls for the wholesale destruction of capitalists and financiers, without regard to their standing in the community.

Bone for Musical Critics.

New York, Feb. 20.—In "Pelleas et Melisande," Debussy's lyric drama, which was given its American premiere at the Manhattan opera house last evening, musical critics have been given a new bone to pick which promises to result in as interesting a controversy as that which raged about

"Salome." Upon its first production in Paris the singers were almost hissed off the stage, despite the fact that Mary Garden appeared in the role of Melisande.

"It took four years to establish 'Pelleas' in the repertoire at the Opera Comique," said Miss Garden. "At first it was anything but a success and it could be only given once in two weeks. 'Aphrodite' was a success from the start, and I played it 50 times without stopping, three and four times a week. That never could have been done with 'Pelleas.' It was revolutionary and needed cultivating. The American public, which, I am told, is fond of Maeterlinck, may appreciate its subtlety at once, but they didn't in Paris."

Destroyers Reach Chile.

Washington, Feb. 20.—According to reports received at the navy department, the destroyer fleet is expected to reach its next port of call, Talcahuano, Chile, today.

UNION PACIFIC TO SELL BONDS

MAIN LINE AND THE BRANCHES THEN MORTGAGED.

Since Securing a Mortgage on the Main Line of the Union Pacific in 1897, Several Branch Lines Have Been Built and It is Reported Today That the Latter Class Will Be Heavily Mortgaged Soon—Bonds Will Be Used to Pay Off Debt.

New York, Feb. 20.—Directors of the Union Pacific railroad have decided to sell at once, according to a well-founded report, not less than \$35,000,000 of bonds to pay off a floating debt.

It is said the bonds will be secured on 1800 miles of track in Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Colorado. There is already a mortgage on the main line of road, secured in 1897. Since that time the lines about to be mortgaged, have been built.

JAPS ASSUME THE AGGRESSIVE

EVANS' FLEET REACHES CALLAO IN SPLENDOR.

Salutes and Replies Thundered Over the Waters of Callao Bay This Morning When the American Fleet Enters the Harbor—Japanese Situation in Diplomatic Circles Changed Since Advent of New Ambassador at Washington—Uncle Sam is Alert.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Diplomatic circles are greatly interested in the curious change in relations between America and Japan since the departure of Ambassador Aoki and the arrival of Takahira, the new ambassador. The diplomatic situation is now reversed and Japan is on the offensive.

The Manchurian question has come to the front with startling suddenness and is increasing dissatisfaction in the state department with reports of Japanese aggression in Chinese Manchuria. The administration is alert for it will not tolerate any action on the part of the Japs in closing entrance into Manchuria.

Fleet at Callao.

Lima, Peru, Feb. 20.—In single file, presenting a magnificent spectacle, Rear-Admiral Evans' fleet of 16 battleships steamed into Callao this morning. Thousands of people lined the shores cheering as the great vessels passed in solemn grandeur. Salutes were fired by Peruvian warships in the harbor, Evans' guns booming out America's reply to the southern republic's compliments.

Blockade Lifted.

Omaha, Feb. 20.—The 48-hour blockade on the Rock Island road was raised today and six stalled passenger trains were released. The blizzard has blocked all traffic.

HARRIMAN IS KING IN TRUTH

COURT OVERRULES FISH IN BALLOT OF SHARES.

After Months of Bitter Fighting E. H. Harriman Proves the Winner in the Control of the Illinois Central Fight—Judge Ball Favors Union Pacific in His Decision—Adjourned Meeting of Directors Will Be Held March the Second.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—The long and bitterly fought contest between E. H. Harriman and Stuyvesant Fish for control of the Illinois Central was decided in favor of Harriman this morning by Judge Ball.

The decision, which favors the Union Pacific railroad, a Harriman enterprise, upholds the right of corporations outside of the Illinois Central to control and vote the stock in Illinois corporations.

In sustaining the right of a New Jersey holding company of the Union Pacific, Judge Ball dissolved the temporary injunction granted Fish to prevent Harriman from voting contested stock in the annual election last fall.

The suit was instituted by Fish and others to restrain the voting of 281,331 shares of stock in the Illinois Central Railroad company, at the annual meeting of the corporation last fall. The adjourned meeting of directors will now be held March 3, it is announced.

Today's decision will have an important bearing on the outcome of the battle for supremacy and control of the Illinois Central. The decision was contrary to the general rumor that Fish would be sustained in the contention.

RUEF IMMUNITY CASE IN HEARING

SHARP CONFLICT AT OPENING OF CASE.

Evidence on the Immunity Contract Granted Ruef for His Confession on Trolley Line Bribery Were Taken Today—Judge Lawler Settles Dispute by Excluding Arguments and Witnesses Relative to Objection—Submit Evidence to Court.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Taking of evidence on the immunity contract granted Abe Ruef to determine the legality of his arraignment on the trolley bribery case was begun this morning in Judge Lawler's court.

Members of the graft prosecution and Rabble Nieto and Kaplan, who were prominently identified in securing Ruef's consent to the confession in return for immunity, were in court. Ach, for the defense, opened the proceedings by attempting to read Kaplan's affidavit, but the prosecution objected on grounds that time for summoning witnesses has not arrived. Ach protested and said that after he had finished the reading of the affidavit, he would call witnesses. F. J. Heney declared that Ach's statement was a bluff. Lawler then settled the argument by taking up evidence already tendered, and after excluding all witnesses and arguments in relation to objection of the prosecution, reading of affidavits were begun. It was finally stipulated that affidavits should be submitted to the court.

View Yale Statue of Hale.

New York, Feb. 20.—A private view of the model of the heroic statue of Nathan Hale, which the Yale alumni propose to erect on the Yale campus, at an expense of \$50,000, was given this afternoon at the studio of the sculptor, William Orway Partridge. Ten years have been spent by the sculptor in completing the statue of the revolutionary hero who gave up

his life for his country. Another private view for Yale alumni will be given next Thursday.

It was while serving the cause of the revolution that Hale was captured by the British and executed as a spy.

Mr. Partridge has preserved the schoolmaster's garb in which Hale was captured. The statue represents a young man in his strength and comeliness—the athletic Hale history records performed feats of valor at New Haven—calmly moving on to his fate. He stands firmly on the right foot, the left foot thrown back and just leaving the ground. The hands are caught loosely behind a rope hanging from his wrists.

It is expected that the model will be cast in bronze and placed on the Yale campus within a year. Among the prominent men, in addition to Yale alumni, who subscribed to the \$20,000 necessary to erect the statue, was Andrew Carnegie.

SOUTHERN SOLON SUCCUMBS TODAY

WAS COLLEAGUE TO SENATOR BEN TILLMAN.

Asbury Churchwell Latimer Dies in Washington This Morning, Following Operation for Appendicitis—Term Would Have Expired on March 3 Next—Was Prominent Farmer of His State—Had Served in Congress Several Terms—A Democrat.

Washington, Feb. 20.—United States Senator Asbury Churchwell Latimer of South Carolina, colleague to Benjamin Ryan Tillman, died this morning in the Providence hospital following an operation for appendicitis.

The deceased solon was born in Abbeville, S. C., in 1851, and a large part of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits. He took an active part in the campaign of 1876 and was prominently identified in democratic politics in his state in 1890. He was elected to the 53d and 57th congresses, and then elected to the senate to succeed John L. McLaurin. He took his seat in March, 1903, and on March 3, next, would have given up his seat again.

He secured his education in the common schools, which existed at that time, and when a middle-aged man moved to Benton, his present home. In his last political campaign he defeated J. G. Evans by a majority of 17,700 votes.

Michigan Opinion Molders.

Saginaw, Mich., Feb. 20.—Molders of public opinion to the number of over 100 are here today for the mid-winter meeting of the Michigan Press association. Addresses on newspaper topics will be made by some of the state's leading editors. A banquet at the East Saginaw club will be tendered the visitors. The convention will continue through tomorrow.

HOUSE NUMBERS NEED ATTENTION

FREE MAIL DELIVERY SERVICE MEANS CORRECTION.

Now That La Grande Has Been Promised Free Mail Delivery System, It Becomes Necessary to Make Every Trivial Correction in the House Numbering System at Once—Fourth Ward Especially Full of Mistakes—Many Houses Not Numbered at All.

There is urgent need of immediate and effective effort to perfect the numbering system in the city of La Grande, if the promised free mail delivery system is to be established on May 15th, as arranged for by Representative W. R. Ellis, and announced in The Observer last evening.

When postal officials inspected La Grande's streets and house numbering last year, they found many defects and a large majority of them have not yet been straightened out. This is especially true in the Fourth ward, or North La Grande. Streets are named and for the most part posted, but the houses are in error in many cases and in some instances there are no numbers at all. The latter condition is more or less true in all parts of the city.

It is a well known fact that these numbers must be correct and on every residence before the mail service can be instituted. Therefore something should be done at once.

Various Plans Advanced.

There are several plans unofficially being advanced for straightening out the tangle. The most current one is for the council to name an inspector to be kept at work until the numbering system is correct. He would have to work on a dual plan for where there are numbers, but wrong ones, it is hardly just to the property owner to be put to the expense of renumbering his house when he placed one there in good faith. Hence it is suggested that the inspector correct such numbers at the expense of the city, when he should find a house not graced with a number, he could be authorized to place the correct number at the expense of the property owner. This would prove an effectual and equitable scheme.

The announcement in last evening's Observer met with general comment and declarations of delight, for the goal towards which La Grande has worked so consistently since the post-office receipts justified the system, came as a surprise, notwithstanding that the system has long been sought.

However, the advantages cannot be enjoyed until the city has met every requirement of the government postal authorities.

Parties who are in doubt can reduce the cost of eventual perfection to a large degree if they will inspect an official plat of the city, which can be

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