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CURTAILMENT OF RAILROAD DEVELOPMENT IS ORDERED

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MANAGERS ARE DEJECTED

People's Victory is Synopsis of Expressions by Shippers Throughout the Country Today—Hill Will Continue Business but Curtail Expansion and Improvement—Pay Less and Buy Less Says one Manager.

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 24—While no definite statement has been made here today, the general impression at the headquarters of the Southern Pacific is that the commission's decision won't affect the road's plans to double track its line west of the Missouri river to Huntington Oregon. None of them would speak officially on the subject however until a full consideration of the situation here, Monday is taken.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 24—Harriman's officials are seemingly unsurprised at the decision of the commission. They intimated they anticipated it. It is generally believed there will be no change in the constructive policy of the system in the Northwest. Joseph Teal, counsel for the Oregon Lumber association and transportation club said the decision was a great victory for the shippers.

Spokane, Feb. 24—The vice president of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company said today the decision of the commission would put a damper on almost every western project but it would not affect the plans of the work already contracted for.

New York, Feb. 24—Elation by the shippers over this country and a cor-

responding dejection by railroad managers is expressed today in telegrams here as comments on the rate decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday.

"It is a people's victory" say the general opinions of shippers while the railroad heads threaten reduction of expense and curtailment of construction and an appeal from the decision.

President Hill of the Great Northern said he would continue business but there would be less improvements and extensions. President Pinley of the Southern railroad said he would appeal and others spoke in a like strain.

President Brown of the New York Central said he would not announce his policy yesterday. Willard of the Baltimore & Ohio said the only thing today was to cut expenses by buying less and paying less; Baer of the Reading said he and his kind had suffered a great blow.

It is evident that the public is out of stocks today. At the end of the first hour a bullish movement developed and prices advanced. The fact they rose despite the aggressive selling, indicated the financiers saw nothing in the decision to warrant the panicky conditions.

Declines to approve increases by railroads in Western Trunk line territory and proposed advances and commodity rate.

Orders carriers in both cases to cancel their advanced tariffs on or before March 10 and restore former rates.

Served formal notice that unless the advanced tariffs are cancelled formal order suspending them and putting the existing rate into operation for at least two years, will be issued.

The entire list of stocks for the first fifteen minutes showed losses and then slowly began recovering as the decision showed the big railroads are in a financial conditions that are excellent.

London Feels Shock. London, Feb. 24—Leading American railroad stocks slumped dangerously at the open market today as a result of yesterday's commerce commission decisions against the railroads in the United States.

MARTIN A. KNAPP.



Formerly Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission Which Started the Entire World by Its Decisions Yesterday, but Who is Now a Member of the Court of Commerce to which will be Appealed the Commission's Decision.

VETO NO HARM TO UNION

LOCAL FAIR ASSOCIATION GUARANTEED APPROPRIATION

Vetoing of all Special District and County Fair Appropriations Vetoed. Salem, Feb. 24—Asserting that the state treasury would be poorer by \$6,000 as the result of appropriations passed by the legislature for the benefit of county and district fairs, Governor West has vetoed three already and will veto all the others.

West's animosity to the fair bills has nothing to do with the joint sum of \$2,000 drawn down yearly by Union and Wallowa counties for an agricultural fair. This county's fair gets two thirds of \$2,000 if Wallowa county holds a fair and if not this county gets it all and the provisions covering this permanent appropriation is not affected by the measures vetoed by Governor West today.

As Wallowa county will in all probabilities continue to hold a fair each year it is more than likely that \$1500 will be the sum total which the local fair commission will get next year, irrespective of the votes on today's bills for they covered only special and minor fair districts.

In this connection it has become apparent that the county court overlooked the appointment in January of a commission of three to act for two years in the distribution and expenditure of the state funds. They will likely be appointed at the next term for the matter will be called to the attention of the county court in time to get the commission going legally. Three from this county and two from Wallowa constitute that board.

elects its officers and works in conjunction with the local fair association. C. D. Huffman, J. D. McFadden and Frank E. Smith of Edgemoor occupy that position. It was largely through the efforts of Fred T. Holmes the former secretary that the appropriation is permanent and arranged under such favorable circumstances.

CALIFORNIA HAS RECALL

Senate Almost Unanimous in Its Action on the Gates Recall Measure

Sacramento, Feb. 24—The senate almost unanimously passed the Gates recall measure early today including the recall of the judiciary. Indications are that the house will also pass it and then it will be submitted to the people to decide whether it shall be an amendment to the constitution.

Portland Employee Crushed.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 24—W. D. Kezar an employe of St. John's planing mills was today caught in the machinery and crushed and instantly killed. He leaves a widow and three small children.

AMERICAN WILL BE SHOT BY FEDERALS

PLAN IS TO SEND HIM TO ENSENADA AND KILL HIM IF TOWN IS ATTACKED

GOVERNOR VEGA REMOVED

Many Small Battles Have Taken Place in the Interior in the Past Few Days and Many Bridges Have Been Burned—Regardless of Investigation of American, Harry Dill, Will be Held as Costly Ransom.

San Diego, Feb. 24—It is officially stated here that Harry Dill, the American, has been taken to Ensenada, and will be tried as a suspected spy and a rebel conspirator and shot to death regardless of the present state department investigation. If rebels attack the city of Ensenada from Mazatlan.

More Bridges Burned. Laredo, Texas, Feb. 24—Passengers arriving here today brought reports of many bridges in Mexico and the burning of bridges by insurgents near Guadalupe, Vellardena, Asarco, Cruces and other small towns it is reported. Both sides lost heavily at La Mancha.

Governor Removed. San Diego, Feb. 24—Angered by humiliating defeat of General Vega in the recent battle of Mexicali, President Diaz has ordered the removal of General Vega as the governor of Lower California immediately. His successor takes office Monday.

Madero's Army in Danger. El Paso, Feb. 24—Hoping to strike a vital blow to the rebel cause by extermination of the revolutionary forces under Madero, announcement was made at Juarez today that arrangements are complete today to surround the Madero troops at Ahumada with a view of ending the revolution. Five hundred federal troops left Juarez last night and are making a forced march on Ahumada.

GRAND JURY IS THROUGH

Believed that Indictments will be Announced Within a Few Days. Seattle, Feb. 24—The grand jury, which has been sitting for five days investigating the charges of corruption in the police department, concluded its work today. It is expected that indictments will follow.

Interurban Lines in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma City, Feb. 24—The building of a network of interurban lines to connect Oklahoma City, Guthrie, El Reno, Shawnee and other central Oklahoma cities is contemplated by the Oklahoma Railroad company, whose stockholders met today to authorize an increase in the company's capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

Y. W. C. A. of Four States

Snoox City, Ia., Feb. 24—Young women delegates representing the college branches of the Young Women's Christian association in Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska assembled today at Morningside College in this city and began a four days' conference.

ELEVEN TAKEN FROM MINE

Tonopah, Nev., Feb. 24—With eleven dead reported recovered and fire in the mine practically extinguished today there is still strong hopes for rescuing the five men still in the mine. There is still considerable gas in the 11,000 levels.

JONES OF WASHINGTON



Washington, Feb. 24—Senator Jones of Washington today came out favoring the Japanese Treaty. He said he was opposed to Japanese labor immigration but believed the new treaty was accomplished the desired effect without any difficulty. Jones' attitude lessens the opposition from the Pacific Coast which was deemed solidly opposed to the ratification of the measure.

SENATE MUST DO ALL WORK

FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL NOT GIVE REPORT

Measure Sent Back Without Recommendations of any Sort Today.

Washington, Feb. 24—The senate finance committee today reported the reciprocity bill without recommendation. The committee voted unanimously not to report for or against the measure and puts it up to the senate.

Washington, Feb. 24—The fate of the Canadian Reciprocity treaty may depend upon how far the conscience of Senator Heyburn of Idaho will stretch. Asked what he intended to do about the president's pet bill, Heyburn said "I will oppose the agreement by every square means as far as my conscience allows." Heyburn would not say whether he would filibuster.

Continuous Session Likely

Threats of a continuous session of congress until the next presidential election are being voiced here today by Rep. Ollie James (Kentucky Democrat) "If Taft calls an extra session," said James. "We will stay here until the election. We will pass fifteen tariff bills, put nine investigating committees at work on the federal departments, the steel trust and pork barrel. We will give Wickersham and Ballinger something to think about."

TWENTY-MILLION FIRM STARTED

British Lumber Concern in Canadian Dominion Launched This Week. Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 24—The largest lumber concern in the Dominion of Canada to be known as the British Canadian Lumber Corporation, and which is capitalized at \$20,000,000 has just been launched. The headquarters of the corporation will be in Vancouver.

British, Canadian and American capitalists are interested in the project. The company has many large timber claims scattered throughout the provinces and it is said the total amount of timber controlled by it exceeds 14,000,000,000 feet. This is 4,000,000,000 more feet than the timber controlled by the Southern Pacific railroad in the United States, one of the heaviest timber holders in America.

Whitman Elects Captain

Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 24 (Special)—Edson Johnson of Vancouver, Wash., a member of the sophomore class, has been chosen captain of the base ball team for the coming season. He is a veteran player and the election meets with universal commendation.

FILIBUSTER ON LORIMER CASE COMMENCED

LOYAL FEW STAND OUT AGAINST APPARENT MAJORITY FAVOR VINDICATION

JAPAN A FAVORED NATION

With Chambers Practically Empty, Loyal Five Commenced Talk Against Lorimer that May Develop into a Filibuster—Galleries Crowded While Five Senators Appear as the Sole occupants of Senate Chamber.

Washington, Feb. 24—Developing into an apparent filibuster, Senator Beveridge's struggle to oust Senator Lorimer was resumed this afternoon. Root, Burton, Owen, Borah, Crawford and Stone appeared ready to talk indefinitely. At 1:45 the chambers were deserted save for the men mentioned, though the galleries were crowded. It is now practically admitted that the senate has a majority who favor Lorimer's vindication.

Japan a Favored Nation

Washington, Feb. 24—That Japan under the new treaty will enter "most favored nation" class as regards the United States is revealed here by the publication of a tariff paragraph of the treaty which says import duties from either country may be regulated either by special arrangements or by international legislation.

Cubans Celebrate.

Havana, Feb. 24—Havana, together with the other cities and towns of Cuba today kept a holiday in celebration of the sixteenth anniversary of the commencement of the revolution which with the intervention of the United States, culminated in the emancipation of Cuba from the Spanish yoke.

Probing Alleged Graft in Illinois

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 24—The Helm committee of the Illinois general assembly, appointed to investigate the scandals of the last legislative session, began its hearings today. Among the first witnesses summoned to testify are State Attorneys Burke of Springfield and Wayman of Chicago who were instrumental in securing indictments against some of the alleged grafters.

Indiana Oratorical Contest.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 24—Many delegation of college students arrived in the city today to root for their favorites in the annual contest of the Indiana State Oratorical Association. The colleges and universities represented include Notre Dame, De Pauw, Hanover, Wabash, Earlham, Franklin and Butler.

SEATTLE OFFICER SHOT DOWN

DUAL IS RESIDENCE DISTRICT MARKED WITH BLOOD

One Dead, a Bandit Dying and Another Hurt in Small Battle.

Seattle, Feb. 24—Patrolman Davis is dead, Alex Hilt, age an alleged holdup man wounded hips, John Ford, a second reported dying this afternoon as a result of a duel last night in the Hill residence district.

Patrolman Herbert Smith tured the men, wounding them they shot down Davns, es scratched. The wen were clothes men on the corner lately commenced firing.

MAIL ORDER HOUSES SURPASS CHICAGO MEAT PACKERS' PROFITS

Chicago, Feb. 24—A decision is expected tomorrow on the application to have indictments against the Chicago Meat Packers quashed or abated. It is expected the prosecution will go on.

Chicago, Feb. 23 (Special)—The meat packers, of the two industries which made Chicago famous, are now far surpassed by the mail order houses in the matter of profits. The recent report of Sears, Roebuck & Company show a net profit for 1910 of \$6,759,876 on gross sales of \$61,479,838, a margin of profit amounting to nearly 11 per cent as compared with less than 3 per cent made on the sales by the packers. The annual sales

of the Armour and Swift packers however, total four times as much as the mail order houses, and it is not likely that in that regard the packers will lose their prestige. The International Harvester company, a western concern "Morganized" reported in 1910 approximately the same sales of Sears, Roebuck & Company but outclassed the mail order house in the matter of margins four to one—the same ration in which the mail order house exceeded the packers. The "Harvester trust" made net over \$24,000,000 on sales of about \$60,000,000 in 1910, or approximately 40 per cent. This is twice as great a margin as made in the United States Steel Corporation.