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MELLEN BARES 'HIGH FINANCE' OF WALL STREET

STARTLING DISCLOSURE PROMISED OF HOW WALL STREET BOUGHT LEGISLATURE.

WAS MADE NEWHAVEN'S HEAD BY J. P. MORGAN

Had Millions at Disposal to Buy Shares from "Persons of Influence"—Promises to Be the Most Amazing Story Ever Told the Public—Mellen Collecting Evidence.

Washington, May 14.—Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New Haven railroad, began before the interstate commerce commission today, what promises to be the most startling revelation of high finances ever related to the public. He publicly declared that he had planned to reveal the entire plot, whereby state legislatures and governments were purchased, and entire railway systems were manipulated for the benefit of the Wall street financiers. Although he was interrupted at the beginning of his talk, Mellen showed that he had personally paid out more than a million dollars for railroad certificates which were now worth less than ten cents per hundred. Mellen merely laid the groundwork for the story today. He was excused to go to New England for the purpose of getting documentary evidence. He will continue the story Tuesday.

The principal fact developed was that Morgan had put him at the head of the New Haven. The witness wanted to tell about the agreement which made him the guiding spirit in manipulating New England railways, but Solicitor Folk shunted him from this line, and questioned him about such minor transactions as to the acquisition of 24,000 shares of stock of the New York and the Westchester Boston railroad. Mellen admitted that the directors of the New Haven had put at his disposal \$1,200,000, to be used for the acquiring of stock from "persons of influence."

Music Teacher Leaving.

Miss Lenore Buchanan has accepted a position as director of music in the Boise public schools. During her stay in La Grande, pupils, parents and the school board were much impressed with her work, and several public student-body functions have been successfully arranged by her. The matter of a successor is now before the school board.

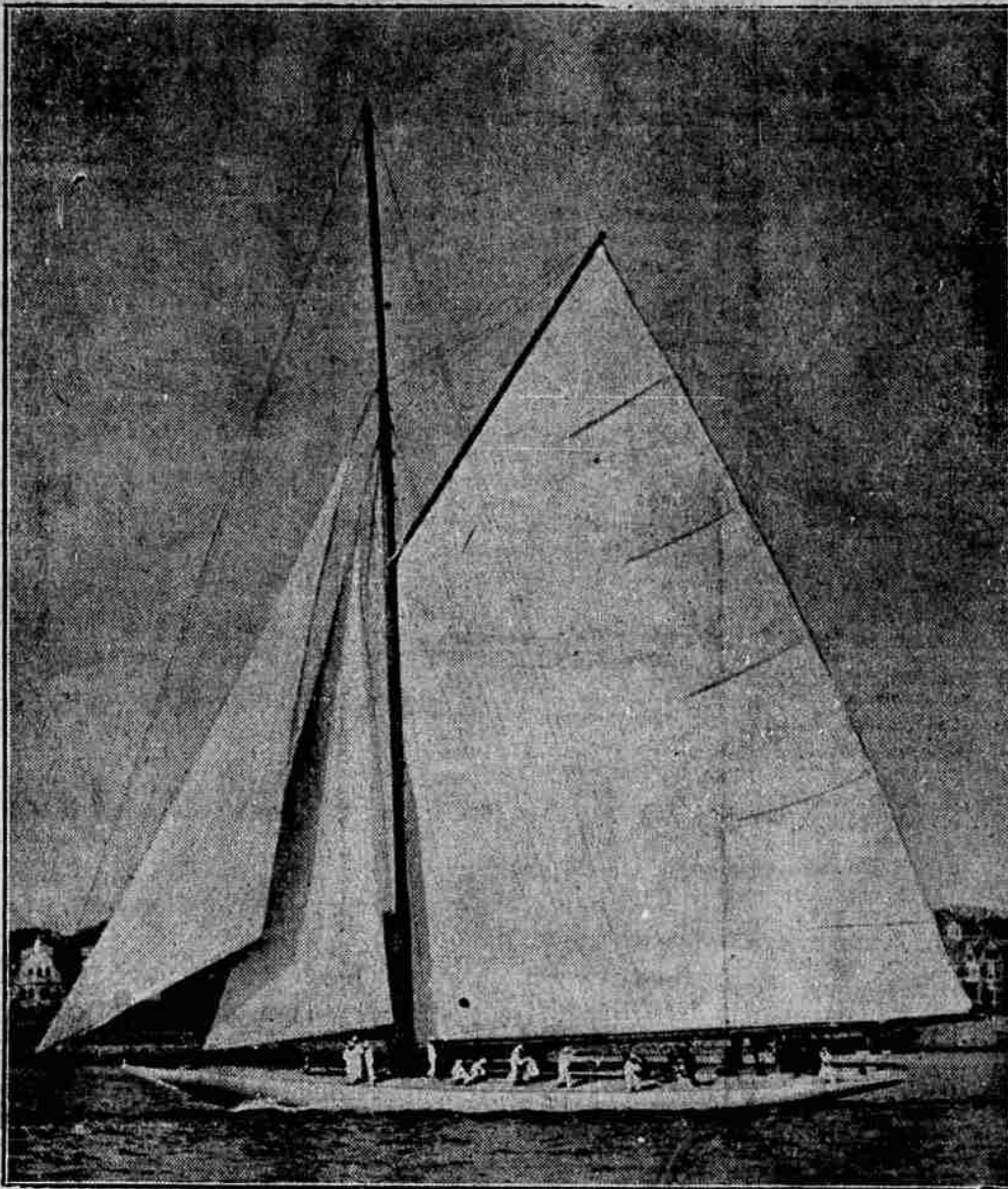
PANAMA CANAL TRAFFIC OPEN

FIRST WATER-BORNE TRAFFIC STARTED.

New York Office Report from Panama Railroad.

Washington, May 14.—According to reports received at local headquarters of the Panama railway, in New York, water-borne traffic is now passing through the Panama Canal for the first time in history. An exhaustive report of the introductory shipping has been received by the company.

RESOLUTE, CUP DEFENDER CANDIDATE, ON FIRST TRIAL SAIL OFF RHODE ISLAND.



The Resolute, one of the three candidates for the defense of the America Cup against the invasion of Sir Thomas Lipton, had her first trial off Rhode Island, and though it was unsatisfactory because of minor acci-

dents she is said to have behaved well while under sail.

Her rig showed a larger fore triangle than was expected with her short bowsprit, which extends outboard only twelve feet.

Resolute's extremely large mainsail

for a boat of her overall length is a striking feature. Her boom measures about seventy-six feet and her gaff about fifty feet. Upon that and a large club topsail Herreshoff undoubtedly figured the boat's driving power.

HOKE INJURED IN A RUNAWAY

MEDICAL SPRINGS MAN'S ESCAPE NARROW.

Broken Arm and Wrist Follows Runaway—Autoist Refuses Aid.

Baker, May 14.—(Special)—John G. Hoke of Medical Springs, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers' association, met with a very serious accident while returning from Pleasant Valley and the mishap is likely to incapacitate him for some time, as his left wrist was dislocated and the left forearm broken.

Mr. Hoke was returning to this city with Thomas Huillit, the latter driving a team of high spirited horses. Several times they attempted to run away and the last time, when apparently beyond the control of the driver, Mr. Huillit told Mr. Hoke to jump. The latter did so, sustaining the injuries above noted. Mr. Huillit stayed in the rig and finally succeeded in stopping the team by driving into a wire fence, without serious harm resulting.

The driver of an auto passing at that time refused to bring Mr. Hoke to Baker, although he was badly hurt, but Mr. Huillit had the horses pretty well subdued by this time so the injured man was brought back and his fractures reduced.

Corner Stone Plans Ready

SUPREME JUDGE WILL OFFICIATE AT FUNCTION.

W. W. COTTON IS COMING

Big Corner Stone Laying Program Is About Complete.

At 2:30 p. m. on Sunday, May 24th the Y. M. C. A. corner stone is to be laid. H. C. Grady, chairman of the committee on arrangements for this function announces a high class program. Judge R. S. Eakin, chief justice of the supreme court, who for many years made La Grande his home, is to lay the stone. Hon. W. W. Cotton, general council for the O-W R. & N., of Portland, and one of the most able speakers on the Pacific coast has consented to deliver the principal address of the afternoon.

"This event will mark one of the most important steps in the construction of our local association," said Mr. Grady today, "and for that reason we are making every effort to make it a big day in the history of the Y. M. C. A. Within the next few days we shall be able to give you for publication the complete program for the day."

JUNE 20 MADE PIONEER DAY

PRESIDENT BROOKS SELECTS DEFINITE DATE.

Walter M. Pierce Will Be Principal Speaker for Pioneers.

Saturday, June 20 has been finally set as the date for the annual pioneer reunion, to be held this year at Imbler. President S. L. Brooks of Imbler today announced the definite date.

Walter M. Pierce is to be the principal speaker to the pioneers this year, and others will of course be heard during the day. Final arrangements and details of the program are to be announced as soon as the executive committee can formulate them.

Haines is Victorious.

Baker, May 14.—(Special)—Haines was selected by the Grande Ronde Baptist association convention as the place for the meeting next year after a spirited contest with La Grande which sent a big delegation to Baker in the effort to get the meeting there next year. The choice of permanent moderator was Rev. A. Lawrence Black, of Baker. Other officers elected were: Rev. R. E. Close of La Grande, clerk; John Richmond of Baker, treasurer and J. W. Oliver of La Grande, historian.

ENGINEERS STUDY SNAKE RIVER POWER

TRIP BY BOAT UP SNAKE WILL BE STARTED NEXT SUNDAY.

HOPE TO REACH AS FAR AS COPPERFIELD

Wonderful Power Facilities in Snake River Canyons Will Be Investigated by Party of Twenty Including State Engineers—Eight Hundred Thousand Horsepower Believed Possible.

Salem, May 14.—State Engineer Lewis had announced that arrangements have been made for an examination trip to start Sunday, with the object in view of learning first hand what the possibilities are for Snake river power development.

The trip will be made by boat up the Snake river from Lewiston to Copperfield, if possible, or at least as far as boats can go. About 20, including State Engineer King of Idaho, will be in the party.

Lewis believes that 800,000 horsepower can be developed in that district, hence the inspection of the possibilities.

FIELD DAY SATURDAY.

M. I. A. to Have Big Celebration, Morn. Afternoon and Night.

The L. D. S. Young People of the Union Stake will hold their annual field day next Saturday. The morning exercises will be held at the Chataqua park, after which luncheon will be eaten. Then they will go to the fair grounds for their athletic sports. In the evening they will play a basket ball game at the high school gym commencing at 8:00 p. m. At 9:30 a dance will be enjoyed at the Ward hall, corner Fourth and N Avenue.

They expect crowds from Union, Baaker, Imbler, Mt. Glen and Cove. The people of La Grande are invited to attend and join them in their good times. Everyone will bring their lunches though there will be candies, fruit, ice cream, etc., sold on the grounds. But the lemonade will be free. There will be no charge for admission to the exercises only to those who may dance in the evening, this to cover the day's expenses, such as pennants, lemonade etc. The program will be published tomorrow.

Old Settler Here.

Mr. Shoemaker, who many years ago lived at Cove, but now of Santa Barbara, left today for Union to visit his sister Mrs. Goodbrod. He is a brother of Mrs. O'Connor of this city.

C. A. JOHNS SEEMS TO BE IN LEAD IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Portland, Ore., May 14.—(Special)—Sentiment has changed here rapidly in the gubernatorial contest and it is generally admitted throughout the business section of Portland this morning that Charles A. Johns will carry Multnomah county.—WILLIAM POLLMAN.

The above dispatch was received

HUERTA SAID TO BE FLEEING TOWARD COAST

GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, NOT INCLINED TO BELIEVE UNOFFICIAL REPORT.

REBEL BELLIGERENCY MAY BE RECOGNIZED

Prompt Attack on Mexico City Could Be Made Possible by Importation of Arms, and Uncle Sam May Consent to It—Tampico Quiet Today—Wounded Soldiers Removed

Washington, May 14.—American ships up the Panuco river this afternoon found Tampico quiet.

San Francisco, May 14.—President Huerta is reported to be headed for the west coast of Mexico. Private dispatches received here tell of this and the messages indicate that Admiral Howard's fleet is aware of the report. The cruisers Cleveland, Denver and Maryland are watching for his arrival.

Report Is Scouted.

Washington, May 14.—The report based on private messages, received from San Francisco, to the effect that Huerta was on his way to the coast, wasn't seriously considered by officials here.

Washington, May 14.—Tampico having fallen into rebel hands late yesterday, it is said in official circles that there is a possibility now of speedy recognition by the United States of the rebels. The constitutionalists Junta is urging General Carranza to demand it, and it is expected he will act on the suggestion. Unless Uncle Sam recognizes the belligerency the government cannot permit importation of arms or ammunition. They must have ammunition to hurry the campaign against Mexico City. This the administration is anxious for them to do, and it is believed recognition will be the next step.

Ships Receive Wounded. Washington, May 14.—Secretary Daniels has authorized Admiral Mayo by wireless to enter the Panuco river. If he saw fit, to receive those who were wounded in the battle of Tampico yesterday. He may also help representatives of oil interests. Mayo officially reported that rebels seem to have control of the city which the federals have evacuated.

The White House today announced that Carranza has authorized entrance of foreign civilians into the Tampico oil district to operate the wells which have been deserted during the arrival of the rebels.

by the Observer about noon today. William Pollman, of Baker, has been in Portland several days on business and while not taking interest in the political situation other than from the standpoint of a business man of the state, his conclusion is that Mr. Johns has decidedly the best of the fight in the metropolis.