

DEFENDS THE MERGER

HILL TALKS TO FARGO FARMERS ABOUT THE BIG DEAL.

Survival of the Fittest is Inevitable in the Railroad World—Some Flattering Resolutions.

FARGO, N. D., Jan. 10.—The features of the Tri-State Grain and Cattle-Growers' Convention here today were the address of President J. J. Hill and the adoption of resolutions commending him for his work on behalf of the North.

"The natural and logical line of transportation for the products of the Northwest American States is from the nearest point on the Pacific Coast to the next nearest market on the Great Lakes, through and traversing the great basin of the Upper Mississippi, the Valley of the Red River of the North, the headwaters of the great St. Lawrence, the Columbia River on the Pacific Coast. The trade entering the United States and destined for the North, Middle and Eastern States can best reach its destination by this route, and to divert it to the South or encourage its transportation through the provinces of Canada would not only add to the cost of the delivered goods, but would deprive the states from which it would deflect their share of the tax upon the gross earnings of the roads carrying it, and thereby deplete the revenues of the states through which it would be carried, were the ordinary rules of commerce followed.

"It is the sense of this meeting, therefore, that in resisting attempts of the Union Pacific Railroad and its allies on one hand, and the Canadian Pacific and its feeders on the other, to secure control of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and to have the same thereafter controlled by the public service, and once more displayed the far-sighted and business-like policy that has characterized his long career as the great developer of Northwest resources and the most watchful guardian of Northwest interests.

"Mr. Hill built a great transcontinental railroad through the Rocky Mountain region through his efforts into the richest empire on earth, and never asked a bonus or subsidy. He has connected that railroad at one end with a fleet of vessels carrying American goods to the Orient, and at the other end with shipping facilities by water to the Atlantic seaboard. This, too, without a dollar of bonus or the semblance of a subsidy. During the reverses of the country for traffic to justify extension, he has entered sections of the needed transportation facilities constructed often at a loss to himself, lines into sparsely settled and unproductive communities.

"During the past years of railroad-building there has been a regularly marked reduction of freight tariffs, according as the volume of traffic increases warranted it, and uniform disposition to make temporary sacrifice for the permanent improvement of the country. In view of this record, and in recognition of the honorable and upright course of James J. Hill in his dealings with the public, and the Northwest, we congratulate the country on his success in preventing the absorption of the Northern Pacific by the Union Pacific and its allies, and on his confidence in the purpose and ability of Mr. Hill to give to the States of Minnesota and North and South Dakota the best and cheapest transportation facilities to be had by the people of any section of this Nation.

STEARINGS AT HAVANA

HOW NEELY AND RATHBONE CARRIED ON OPERATIONS.

Reeves Gave Damaging Testimony Against the Two Government Officials—Profits of the Deal.

HAVANA, Jan. 10.—When the trials of the cases arising from the Cuban postage frauds were resumed in the Audencia Court today, after having been adjourned since Wednesday on account of the illness of the counsel for Charles W. Neely, W. H. Reeves, one of the defendants, was again called to the stand and testified regarding the stamp-burning incident. He said the stamps were not counted, and that Neely told him Estes G. Rathbone acquiesced in the whole matter.

The Government has finished the examination of Reeves, and tomorrow he will be cross-examined by counsel for Neely and Rathbone. It was evident throughout Reeves' testimony that the charge against all the defendants is based on Reeves' statement.

The conditions of the general railroad situation in the United States at the present time are fully understood. For the year ending June 30, 1901, the tons carried by the railroads was 27,320,000,000, in 1900 it was 24,600,000,000, as shown by the Interstate Commerce commission. This means that the safe estimate will bring this to 155,000,000 tons carried one mile, an increase of 130 per cent in 11 years.

"Careful examination of the railroad problem from a National standpoint will, I believe, show beyond question that the business of the country has outgrown the facilities of most of the trunk lines, and that new facilities that now are apparent will relieve the situation. Rates in the United States are much lower than in other countries. Whereas in these countries change very rapidly, while rates here have been but two in 20 years, all kinds of labor and materials used by railroads are advancing from 30 to 40 per cent. Nothing but the increase volume of traffic has made it possible to reduce rates as they have been reduced. Today we find the volume of traffic so great east of Chicago that the railroads are unable to move it under the present conditions. How will these conditions be changed and at whose cost? Who will build new lines, increase the capacity of old ones, and questions which I will not undertake to answer further than to say that the West must have the facilities or suffer for want of them. The present means by which a bankrupt road cannot furnish good service."

He remarked that "it will be 32 years next March since I first saw the Red River Valley. At that time there was not a single house on the west side of the Red River from the Bois de Sioux to Pembina."

ST. PAUL, Jan. 10.—Governor Van Sant has announced that he will call an extra session of the Legislature for the middle of February, probably about the 15th. While the session is called specifically to consider the report of the Tax Commission just made, it is considered likely that the recent railroad developments will come in for consideration.

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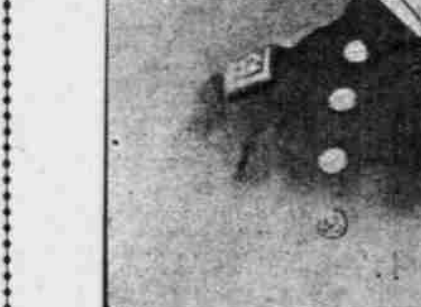
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They regard such agitation as a direct menace to the otherwise favorable prospects for a large increase in our business with China, and as being altogether ill advised. Concerted effort is to be made to present to Washington in proper light the injustice of present agitation, and likewise the injustice contemplated in the proposed action of continued exclusion.

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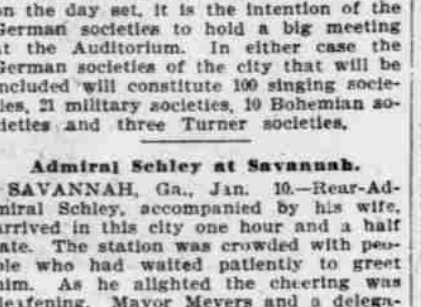
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NEILL GOT THE DECISION. Went Twenty Rounds With Donovan at Los Angeles. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 10.—Al Neill, of San Francisco, was given the decision tonight over Mike Donovan, at the end of a 20-round bout.

Bees at Oakland. OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 10.—Results: Six furlongs, selling—Gold Mine won, Senator Matts second, Eldred third; time, 1:47. Futurity course, selling—Colonial Girl won, Shell Mound second, Tyrannus third; time, 1:31. Six furlongs, selling—Bard Burns won, Marinette second, Modder third; time, 1:34. One mile, selling—Quadra won, Commissioner Forster second, Jangler third; time, 1:47. Six furlongs, Cadmus handicap—Byron Rose won, Eonic second, J. Boggs third; time, 1:31. One mile and 70 yards, selling—Horton won, Wyoming second, Bragg third; time, 1:47.

M. A. C. Admitted. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—The Multnomah Athletic Club, of Portland, was admitted as a member of the Pacific Athletic Association tonight, and an attempt will be made to organize the club as a member of the Pacific Athletic Club meet in competition with those of the Olympic Club.

Cresceus a Money-Maker. TOLEDO, O., Jan. 10.—George B. Ketcham, owner and driver of Cresceus, announced today that during the year he received more than \$70,000 in purses and money for exhibitions given in various parts of the country by Cresceus.

Outrigger by Young Peter. BALTIMORE, Jan. 10.—Jim Austin, of New York, quit in the fourth round of what was to have been a B-round fight with Young Peter Jackson here tonight. Austin was simply outclassed.

Burns Knocked Out Everett. SALT LAKE, Jan. 10.—Jimmy Burns, of Spokane, knocked out "Mexican Pete" Everett in the 13th round of a scheduled 20-round bout at the Salt Lake Athletic Club tonight.

Reciprocity Treaty With Nicaragua. MANAGUA, Nicaragua, December 15.—Baled hay and iron boats or iron for boats are on the list of articles produced in the United States in addition to wine, fruits and flour, previously reported, to come into Nicaragua free of duty, mentioned in the protocol for a reciprocity treaty between Nicaragua and the United States, signed by the Nicaraguan Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Sanchez, and forwarded to the United States by a commissioner at Washington. Nicaragua's sugar is to be admitted free into the

Hawkins Got the Decision. SEATTLE, Jan. 10.—In a 20-round boxing contest at the Seattle Theater tonight before 2000 people Dal Hawkins was given a decision over Perry Queenan. The fight was one of the cleanest and best that has ever taken place on the Coast. Both men had agreed that there should be a decision. The sides which Admiral Higginson will take with him on this cruise will have an unusually large complement of marines on board. These precautions are taken, not with an offensive intent toward Venezuela, but merely to guard against an outbreak of anarchy and rioting in the event that the revolutionists should prevail over Castro's forces in the field.

Washington and the Vatican. NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Although prelates well acquainted with American institutions always have declared to be absurd the idea of having an American representative at the Vatican, as against the spirit of the American Constitution, says the Rome correspondent of the Tribune, a party favorable to the project being advised by Cardinal Satolli, increases in numbers. It is now insisted that the Vatican goes to the House for concurrence.

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