

WHO BACKS IT?

Oregon-Idaho Railroad
Veiled in Mystery.

WOULD AID SEVERAL LINES

Huntington and Lewiston the
Points to Be Connected.

LOOKS LIKE HILL-HARRIMAN

Territory to Be Tapped Is a Rich One,
and They Evidently Will Keep
Out Competitors, but They
Won't Admit It.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—(Special.)—Considerable interest attaches to the building of a more or less mysterious railroad north from Huntington to Lewiston, Idaho, the financing for which is said to have been completed. The New York Securities & Trust Company is to be the trustee of a first mortgage to an amount not exceeding \$4,000,000, which will supply the funds for building the 150 miles in question.

The line as projected will connect the Northern Pacific at Lewiston, with the Oregon Short Line and Oregon Railroad & Navigation at the junction point, Huntington, Or. The new line runs directly north and south, apparently following the Snake River Valley, and touching a rich mineral and lumber territory.

Who is Backing it?
The question is "Who is backing the road?" Some two months ago, when it was first projected, it was ascribed to E. H. Harriman, but the bankers of that interest are not inclined to encourage this belief. They say that new lines are being projected, but are not willing to tell just where.

The new road is apparently a part of a rather ambitious project to build a semicircle of railroad, touching Wenatchee on the north and some point in Northern California on the south. It does not appear that in either direction it will serve as part of a new East and West trunk line. It is rather a feeder to the Southern Pacific on the south, Union Pacific in the center and Northern Pacific at the north.

It is quite possible that Messrs. Hill and Harriman are in league for the building of this road. It would bring new tonnage to both systems, and would not threaten the position of either in the benefit of the other. It is quite certain that the two great interests in the Northwest are anxious to develop the resources of that territory as much as possible for the sake of keeping strong new interests out. They will not stand for invasion by any one else.

Much Business to Be Developed.
There is a tremendous new business to be developed in the country lying south of the Hill lines and north of the Harriman system, and the complete harmony that now exists between these two interests will probably lead to further opening of this debatable territory. It is therefore natural to suppose that the new project is certainly not inimical to either Hill or Harriman.

There is no probability that the Santa Fe will reach upper California or Oregon within the next four years. This statement is made on official authority. The road has gone ahead and secured its Northern California beginning, rights of way and disconnected lines merely for the sake of keeping them from falling into the hands of E. H. Harriman, who would in that case have made very difficult the final plans of the Santa Fe.

FIREMEN BURNED TO DEATH.

Four Caught by Falling Timbers in
\$300,000 Blaze at Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 26.—Four men were burned to death and property loss amounting to \$300,000 is the result of a fire which broke out about 3 o'clock this morning in the wholesale grocery store of Allen Bros., corner Ninth and Jones streets.

In addition to the big fire, the building occupied by Allen Bros., that occupied by the Pacific Storage Company adjoining was also consumed. The four firemen killed were:
WILLIAM BURMASTER,
L. W. GOLDSBOROUGH,
L. W. LESTER,
WILLIAM A. BARRETT.

The fire is presumed to have originated in the furnace-room of Allen Bros. building. The flames were first seen when they broke out on the second floor, this part of the building containing the heaviest part of the wholesale grocery store. The buildings were filled with the most inflammable class of material, and after the roof fell in the blaze shot far into the air and dense volumes of smoke, illuminated by the fire, rolled still higher.

The firemen were working about 30 feet inside Allen Bros' building when the floor above unexpectedly collapsed, catching the men with no chance of escape. Their bodies were not recovered from the burning building.

COLORADO HERO ILL.

"Paul Revere" Will Be Given a Benefit by Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—Leo Loeb, the "Paul Revere of Colorado," whose wild ride before the wall of rushing water saved the lives of hundreds, has been operated on for paralysis at St. Luke's Hospital. Five separate operations were performed, and Dr. Frederick Mueller, Dr. Lorenz follower, who performed the operations, is hopeful of a complete cure. His body is now tightly bandaged, and he will wear the bandage 16 weeks before the result will be known. A benefit entertainment to aid Loeb will be held on December 29.

Throws Cold Water on His Exploit.

DENVER, Nov. 26.—The Times today makes the following comment concerning Leo Loeb's alleged exploit in Colorado:

"Leo Loeb is well known in Denver. He has dubbed himself the 'Paul Revere of Colorado,' and has traded on the name ever since he says he rode to Manitou to warn the people of a flood. There was a cloudburst in the canyon that night, and a cloudburst was not in Denver. Loeb did not ride before a wall of water, because there was no wall of water. His paralysis did not come from the ride."

Noted Expert Treating the Kaiser.
BERLIN, Nov. 26.—Emperor William's massage and voice treatment have been placed under the direction of Dr. Gustav Spiess, of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, a former assistant of Dr. Moritz Schmidt. Dr. Spiess has written numerous valuable works on the throat and nose diseases and of recent years has become a specialist of diseases of the vocal organs of singers and officers. He lately supplied the military authorities with directions for the use of the voice issuing commands.

College President Seriously Ill.
ALLENTOWN, Pa., Nov. 26.—Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Sit, president of Muhlenberg College, and member of the State College and University Council, was stricken with apoplexy today and is in a critical condition.

WILL RATIFY IT.

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strong. I do not think there is any danger. When I failed no one knew exactly what action had been taken by the United States. The action of the United States has been against the treaty of 1846. The government of this country guarantees the peace of the isthmus. Under that treaty the United States had no right to prevent the landing of Colombian troops, for she goes there to pacify, to put down an insurrection and to restore peace.

United States to Blame.

"The United States has caused all the trouble in Panama. It is she who made the Republic of Panama, and she who did not prevent the landing of our troops. Colombia does not want war; she wants to relate Panama."

"The canal decision was not brought about by any consideration of money to be paid Colombia, but was a question of sovereignty of the United States over the canal strip. The United States wanted full sovereignty and that was the beginning of the trouble."

"It is not true Colombia took nearly all of the revenue from Panama. The Government of Colombia took only the revenue tax of the nation. Panama got all the tax of the state."

"The motives of the members of the Panama junta are wrong. They have no rights. From the year 1850 to this date, Panama has been governed by the Liberals and the Conservatives. When under the government of the Liberals there were errors and many scandals. These acts were approved by certain persons connected with the Conservatives. It is these persons who have approved the revolution and have made separation possible. Colombia is now asking but justice."

"The trouble, however, was not brought about by either Colombia's greed, nor by her taking the revenue from Panama. If matters were left to us we would have no trouble. Panamanians have declared they could put 10,000 men in the field against us. Well, that is certainly so; the next day we could put 100,000 men in the field against them."

SPITE TAKEN OUT ON CANAL.

American at Cartagena Is Subjected to Many Indignities.

COLON, Nov. 26.—The Royal Mail steamer Trent returned here today from ports on the Coast. She landed some of the Bolivarian commissioners at Savannah. Shortly after the arrival of the steamer closing that port to vessels to and from Colon, which is published, and sailed hence for Cartagena, where she was only allowed to communicate with the shore because she had the Cartagena commissioners from Colon aboard. The authorities refused to clear the Trent for Colon, but suggested that she clear for Port Limon, Costa Rica, which the Trent accepted, knowing there would be no difficulty at Colon. No mails, passengers or freight from Savannah or Cartagena destined for Colon were permitted to be taken on board.

It is said from a good source of information that much bitter recrimination is still indulged in at Cartagena against the American Consul there. When on the point of going on board the Trent at Cartagena, in company with the captain of the vessel, he was hindered by the police and turned back. It is understood the Consul is protesting against the indignities to which it has been subjected.

The German steamer Scotia, on her arrival at Cartagena, was not allowed to communicate with the shore and turned back.

WILL NOT LET CANAL BE SOLD

Colombia Warns Its Owners Against American Negotiations.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The Colombian Government has notified the Panama Canal Company of Paris that it will not allow it to transfer its privileges to the United States, and in case the concession expires the privilege must belong to Colombia, says a Bogota dispatch to the Herald. It is also stated that the isthmians have always enjoyed the most ample guarantees, and have never been in any way disturbed.

A Panama dispatch to the Herald, commenting on the Bogota information, says: "The foregoing dispatch is considered on the isthmus as mere Colombian bravado. It is not believed here that the French Government would countenance these pretensions on the part of Colombia."

The Hay-Bunau-Varilla canal treaty has been published here in English and Spanish. It is generally satisfactory.

DESIRE TO JOIN AMERICA.

Danish West Indies Take New Hope Since Panama Branching Out.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 26.—The government officials deny the reports published abroad of a revolutionary movement in the Danish West Indies in consequence of dissatisfaction with the Commission's recommendations on the subject of improvements in the islands. That dissatisfaction exists is admitted, and it is recognized that the prosperity of the new Republic of Panama will conceivably improve the condition of the inhabitants of the Danish West Indies and strengthen the desire in some quarters to come under the American flag.

The government fully realizes the great difficulty of legislating and helping the islands to their satisfaction. The people and Government of Denmark approve of the United States' action in recognizing the Republic of Panama, and request for similar recognition from Denmark will undoubtedly be granted.

Amador in Lead for President.

PANAMA, Nov. 26.—El Cronista, an old newspaper of the conservative school, publishes a long article on the career of Dr. Manuel Amador, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Panama, in which it is proclaimed that the doctor is the only possible candidate for the Presidency of the republic. It is predicted that Dr. Amador will be elected the first President of the republic by an overwhelming majority.

Official Decree Closing Ports.

COLON, Nov. 26.—The text of the decree closing the ports of the Department of Bolivar, reached here today. It prohibits until further notice all traffic or business between the ports in that department and the "rebel department" of Panama, and says:

"The Department of Panama having declared itself free and independent, and having taken arms against the National government in efforts to destroy Colombian integrity, dignity and honor, Colombia requires the employment of



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FOR
THE
CLOSE
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BEAUTIFUL
PIANOS
LEFT

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such measures as are indispensable for the punishment and suppression of the rebels. The act closing the ports mentioned is taken by the Government of Bolivar, independent of the Bogota Government. Bolivar can do all she considers necessary for the defense of the state, and among the measures which the legitimate ends of war warrant is the depriving of the enemy of resources and the free trade of commerce."

The decree provides also that neutral vessels having called at Panaman ports shall be refused admission to ports of Bolivar.

New Editor for Firemen's Paper.

PEORIA, Ill., Nov. 26.—The grand trustees of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen today elected W. S. Carter, of Indianapolis, editor of the Firemen's Magazine, secretary-treasurer to succeed Frank Arnold, resigned. George W. Goding, of Chicago, was elected editor of the magazine to succeed Carter.

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WILL TRY TO FREE OUTLAW

FRIENDS OF TOM O'DAY ARE EN ROUTE TO WYOMING JAIL.

Sheriff Swears in Numerous Deputies and Is Confident He Can Hold His Man.

CASPER, Wyo., Nov. 26.—A report reached this place tonight that friends of Tom O'Day in considerable number had left the Hole-in-the-Wall and headed in the direction of Casper, presumably bent on delivering him from the County Jail.

O'Day is the alleged leader of horse thieves who were arrested near Lost Cabin several days ago and brought to jail here. Fearing that the report of an intended attack was true, Sheriff Webb swore in more than 100 deputies to defend the jail, and tonight the Courthouse square is surrounded by a complete cordon of guards.

A number of citizens have armed themselves, and will assist the Sheriff in defending the jail if necessary. A report says that O'Day's friends were seen passing a ranch between the Hole-in-the-Wall and Casper before noon, all armed and riding slowly in the direction of the town.

Sheriff Webb thinks his present force sufficient to repulse any attack, and will not call on the Governor for troops. The desperadoes are not expected to reach Casper before tomorrow morning, as the Hole-in-the-Wall is 70 miles from town, and the gang was reported riding slowly.

The Hole-in-the-Wall has been a celebrated resort for desperadoes in the past, and during the past two or three years gangs have congregated there.

It is known positively that when the news of O'Day's capture spread had men from all parts of Central Wyoming headed for the Hole-in-the-Wall for the purpose of laying a plan for his release. Some of these men captured the stolen horses found in O'Day's possession from the Sheriff and ran them off in the direction of the Hole-in-the-Wall. The roads leading into Casper are guarded, and the approach of the gang will be reported by couriers mounted on swift horses.

Multi-Millionaire Gaddis.
NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 26.—E. J. Gaddis, aged 77 years, a director of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and a multi-millionaire, died suddenly today.

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