

STANDARD AIMS TO RULE THE WEST

Forced Nominees on Santa Fe Board.

BUYING CONTROL BY DEGREES

Already Owns at Least One-Eighth of Stock.

SOLE RIVAL TO HARRIMAN

Ripley Frankly Unfolds Moves Which Put Rogers and Frick Among Directors of Both Har-

himan and Santa Fe Roads.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—(Special).—That the money and power of the Rockefellers and of the other Standard Oil interests are being used to aid Edward J. Harriman in an attempt to throttle railroad competition in the territory west of the Missouri River to the Pacific Coast was demonstrated today before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The latest step in the perfection of this plan to become dictator of freight and passenger rates in a vast territory, it was intimated, was a secret buying of Santa Fe stock with a view to removing that road from the field of competition.

Competition Is Eliminated. Through Mr. Ripley, attorneys for the government sought to show that by the purchase of the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific, together with the Oregon Railroad & Navajo Company and Oregon Short Line, Harriman had removed a great deal of the competition with which the Union Pacific Company formerly had to contend. The government counsel implied by their questions that the Harriman people now had control of the main traffic gateways west of Chicago, clear to the Gulf on the south, and by their combination of lines were enabled to lessen competition on traffic originating as far east as Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

Standard Reaches for Control. The developments of the day lent color to the suspicion that the Harriman and the Standard Oil "community of interest" in the Santa Fe property is being enlarged rapidly, with the possibility that in time it will overshadow the present control. Mr. Ripley, who was the first witness, was questioned by F. B. Kellogg, acting for the Commission.

Wanted Rogers as Director. "When did you hear of a desire on the part of the Union Pacific people to be represented in the directory of the Santa Fe?"

"Some time ago. Certain parties in New York intimated a desire to represent certain holdings of stock in our directory, and I said that it would be agreeable to allow them two directors, provided they were not officers of competing lines."

"Why did you object to the officers of competing lines?" "I did not consider it desirable to have them on the board."

"How much of the stock of the Santa Fe did they hold?" "About one-eighth or one-tenth."

"Whom did they ask to have elected?" "H. H. Rogers and H. C. Frick."

"You understood those were directors of the Union Pacific?" "Certainly, I did."

The witness said that he had no personal knowledge whatever of the acquisition of the Santa Fe stock by the Union Pacific.

No Pooling Agreement. "Has the Santa Fe any agreement with either the Union or Southern Pacific for maintaining certain rates, or is there any pooling agreement?" "There is no pooling and no agreement regarding rates."

while acting as directors of the Santa Fe, discovered any desire to injure it in favor of the Union Pacific.

"None at all," replied Mr. Ripley. "They are as good directors as we have."

"Before the combination of the Santa Fe and the Union Pacific, were those roads competitors of the Santa Fe?" asked Commissioner Prouty.

"No more than at present."

"You said you would admit a representative of Mr. Harriman as a director but not an officer of the Union Pacific. What is the difference?"

"I said we objected to the election as a director of an officer of the Union Pacific as a personal representative of Mr. Harriman, because we did not desire an officer of another road in our directory."

Mr. Millburn asked a number of questions intended to show that the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific systems were linked in a railroad chain and not essentially active competitors throughout their entire length.

On re-direct examination Mr. Kellogg asked:

"Was the only reason why you prefer Messrs Rogers and Frick as directors instead of Mr. Harriman that they were not actively interested in the management of the Union Pacific?"

"They were not officers of any other road, but simply represented certain holdings of stock."

The examination of Mr. Ripley concluded with a series of questions put by Messrs Kellogg and Millburn regarding through traffic to the Pacific Coast, Mr. Kellogg desiring to show that the Union Pacific, the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific are competitors and Mr. Millburn to show the reverse.

At the conclusion of the testimony of Mr. Ripley the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

OPPOSED TO TWO-CENT FARES Railroad Men Predict Bankruptcy as Result of Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Sherman bill for universal interchangeable railway mileage books at the rate of 2 cents a mile was the subject of a hearing before the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

A score of railway men attended the hearing.

Mr. Nicholson, third vice-president of the Santa Fe, said the bill was so drafted that it practically attempted the fixing of 2 cents a mile as the maximum rate for all passenger business, and urged that it would work great hardship on many railways to make such a reduction in their earnings.

Mr. Nicholson discussed railway rates at length and urged that the new anti-passenger law should not be given as a reason for the reduction of railway fares. He said that his railway found that 1 1/2 per cent of its passenger traffic in June of last year was on passes to railway employees, but that of the same class only 2 per cent was on passes.

Ex-Representative Payson spoke for the Union Pacific Railway. He contended that the Sherman measure was not constitutional.

J. M. Johnson, vice-president of the Denver & Rio Grande Railway, urged the bill be passed in its present form, by the greater on mountain roads and other difficulties in transportation through rough country render it impossible for railroads through such country to reduce their rates.

John Sebastian, passenger traffic manager for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, also spoke against the bill. He said that the bill would reduce rates to a point where they would be unable to maintain their lines.

Counsel for the railroad argued that the state could not prevent the issue because the railroad had the right to the original contract of the Minneapolis & St. Cloud Railway to issue with the state law.

Attorney-General Young, speaking for the state, said the right of the commission to give authority for the stock issue went to the vitals of the situation in respect to the protection which the state wished to grant the people.

He said it was not for the railroads to say that because the law had been violated in one instance, it might be disregarded in another. The law, he said, had never been repealed and the record of the railroads had been violated in one instance, it might be disregarded in another. The law, he said, had never been repealed and the record of the railroads had been violated in one instance, it might be disregarded in another.

NEGRO SOLDIERS' PLOT TO MURDER

All the White Officers Doomed to Death.

MACKLIN ONLY THE FIRST

Discharged Men of Twenty-fifth Suspected.

MORE ARRESTS PROBABLE

Investigation at Several Army Posts Points to at Least Five Others as Conspirators—One Arrested in Colorado.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(Special).—Another red-hot presidential message is being prepared at the White House. It will deal with the Brownsville affair and is scheduled to reach the Senate the first of next week. Accompanying the message will be the new evidence gathered in Texas by Mr. Purdy, assistant to the Attorney-General, which will show to all probability that there is no need of a Congressional investigation.

It is understood that it will come pretty near clinching things as far as the facts are concerned and, unless the Senate acts on the Foraker resolution this week, the main fight for the Ohio Senator probably will have been in vain.

Every effort has been made by the officers at the post to keep the alleged conspiracy a secret, but it is learned that an investigation is being made at several Army posts, and within a short time several arrests of members of the troop recently discharged in disgrace are expected to follow.

Information was received here tonight that the arrest of a negro soldier had been made at La Junta, Colorado, today. Suspicion rests upon members of the troop at Fort Niobrara, Nebraska, and at three other points. The arrest of these men has been postponed until the hearing in the case of Corporal Knowles, which concluded today at Fort Reno, when it was hoped that some further information would be secured tending to implicate other persons.

Following the hearing of Knowles, United States Marshal Menden secured a warrant for the arrest of one of the witnesses for the defense, charging perjury. The man was apprehended, but his name could not be learned. Twenty witnesses, testifying for the most part for the defense, were examined at length. No two of their stories coincided.

POISON IN THE CONSTITUTION Carmack Denounces Negro Suffrage as Danger to Republic.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 8.—In an address at a dinner here tonight, United States Senator W. T. Carmack, of Tennessee, dealt with the race problem. He declared that there is "enough poison in the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States to destroy the whole world."

"We are told that revolutions never go backward, but if the revolution which established an enlightened free government upon this continent is not to go backward, we must protect the Republic from the corruption of its governing citizenship. It is the duty of every patriotic citizen to look this question squarely in the face and demand that cool reason shall at least have its opportunity to review the work of hot blood."

He referred to the Brownsville incident, as a result of which President Roosevelt apparently discharged three negro companies stationed at Fort Reno, and declared that to be the only course open in such cases.

Five Negroes Under Suspicion. LENOIR, Va., Jan. 8.—As a result of an attack made on Mrs. Gladys Shelton, of Monroe, yesterday by a negro, five negroes are under arrest. The young woman is in a serious condition.

DREADNAUGHT IS COMING

British Leviathan Will Stand Test of Atlantic Storms.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The British battleship Dreadnaught is about to make a cruise across the Atlantic, which will take her to West Indian waters at about the time Rear-Admiral Evans' squadron will be in the same vicinity, thus affording the American officers a possible opportunity to see the latest marvel in naval architecture.

The purpose of the cruise is to test the seaworthiness of the battleship during the worst of the Atlantic seas and also test her batteries under adverse sea conditions.

FIERCE STRUGGLE FOR BALLOT BOXES

Jackson Raids Election Board's Haunts

SOME OF THEM NOT FOUND

Contempt Charge Against McClellan's Men.

FOR DISOBEYING COURT

New York Majority Contest Received in All Its Fury—"Law With Mask and Jimmy."

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—A number of boxes containing ballots cast in the late Majority election could not be found up to 10 o'clock tonight. Attorney-General Jackson, into whose care the ballots were ordered by the Supreme Court, may bring contempt proceedings against the Board of Elections unless they are found. The board ordered the ballots stored after election and according to the Attorney-General, now refuses to tell where they may be found.

Mr. Jackson, to prevent possible tampering with the Hears-McClellan ballots, which may be needed by the state in the action to oust Mayor McClellan through a recount, caused raids to be made early today on storage places throughout Greater New York in search for the ballots. This was done in accordance with the Supreme Court's order. A large number of boxes were found.

Dowling Disobeys Order. It was toward night that a hitch developed in Manhattan, and the deputies assigned to the work reported that many boxes stored in that borough could not be located. Later Commissioner Dowling was found at the office of Corporation Counsel Eilston and formally served with a copy of Justice Hendricks' order commanding those in custody of the ballot boxes to deliver the same to the Attorney-General. Mr. Jackson says the Commissioner refused to obey the court order, but declared the order will have to be respected.

Law With Mask and Jimmy. Eugene L. Richards, Jr., of Mayor McClellan's counsel, issued a statement today in which, in reference to the seizure of the ballots, it is declared that the action "adds a chapter to a work which could be properly entitled, 'How to Practice Law With a Mask and Jimmy.'"

Removal of Boxes Enjoined. Justice William Gaynor, of the Supreme Court, on application of the Eagle Storage Warehouse Company, of Brooklyn, issued an order tonight enjoining temporarily the removal of the ballot boxes stored with the company, on the ground that the Board of Elections is the legal custodian and that

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ICE 10000 50 INCH

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DRYDEN HAS CLOSE CONTEST

Colby Confident of Beating Insurance Man for Senator.

WILL TEST BAILEY FOR OIL

Texas Legislature to Investigate Evidence Against Him.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 8.—The 13th session of the Texas Legislature met today. It is understood as soon as organized the Legislature will try to secure an investigation of the alleged connection of United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey with oil.

As Bailey has questioned the authenticity of documents which the Attorney-General holds in connection with the suit of the "Standard Oil Company" from the state, which he alleges connect Bailey with the company, Attorney-General Davidson has demanded an investigation as to the truthfulness of the assertion that they are genuine. Bailey has opened headquarters here. The election of a United States Senator will occur January 22.

Kansas Caucus Deferred. TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 8.—The indications are tonight that the Republican caucus for the nomination of a candidate for United States Senator will be held this week, probably Friday.

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