

UNWARRANTED DEAL NOT TO COMPETE

Harriman and Santa Fe Pull Together.

EXTENDS TO ASIATIC COAST

Lane Learns How Competition Died on Pacific.

GRAHAM'S LINE DRIVEN OUT

Independent Steamers From Portland Made Money Till Harriman Canceled Contract, Though

Portland & Asiatic Loses.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Testimony of a sensational character was brought out by the Government at today's hearing of the Harriman merger case before Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane.

Under oath that the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific managements are observing an "unwritten agreement" whereby they share about equally the citrus fruit traffic of Southern California.

R. A. Graham, of New York, ex-manager of the Oregon-Oriental Steamship Company, agreed to produce as evidence a letter which he testified he had received from Benjamin Campbell as traffic manager of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company.

Harriman's Own Steamers

Today's hearing was conducted for the Government by C. A. Severance, R. S. Lovett appeared for E. M. Harriman, and Peter F. Dunne for the Southern Pacific.

R. P. Schwerin, manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, testified that besides the fleet of steamships owned by the company it operates the Mongolia and Manchuria, which are owned by Mr. Harriman.

Coincidence in Raising Rates.

Mr. Schwerin testified that the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company, of which he is president, had recently raised steamship rates, and that at the same time the Southern Pacific raised its rate to Portland.

Mr. Schwerin explained that increased wages to stevedores, etc., made this advance necessary.

Mr. Severance characterized the raise of both rates at the same time as a "coincidence."

"You mean that owing to the poor character of railway service at present, you are doing more business?" asked Mr. Severance.

"I shouldn't say that," answered Mr. Schwerin. "We give better service."

Mr. Harriman's lawyer, R. S. Lovett, then took Mr. Schwerin in hand. He explained that the basis for the differential between railroad and steamer freight business was the fact that the steamer business was next advertised to Mr. Lovett.

Can Do Oriental Traffic at Portland.

made by Mr. Schwerin was to the effect that all trans-Pacific freight could be moved without coming to San Francisco at all, owing to the railroad facilities of the North.

Mr. Schwerin said that he does not consider Mr. Harriman or the Southern Pacific is endeavoring to get business. His freight arrangements with the Southern Pacific are the same as with Stubbins and Mr. Harriman, he said.

Portland & Asiatic Loses.

Inquiry into the affairs of the Portland & Asiatic Steamship Company, belonging to the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, a Harriman property, developed the fact that its monthly steamships are operated at a loss and have been for the past four years, except during the

Senator W. B. Heburn, of Idaho, who attacks President's action in holding up land patents.

Russo-Japanese War. The O. R. & N. maintains the line in order to hold its rail traffic.

"This year," said Mr. Schwerin, the Pacific Mail has lost \$500,000. It would lose like the northern line every year if it depended on freight—it is the passenger business which makes it pay."

Mr. Shotwell, general agent of the Gould lines, was called at the opening of the afternoon session. He testified that the business he is able now to get for the Denver & Rio Grande and connecting Gould lines is less by 50 per cent than it was prior to 1901.

Mr. Shotwell's testimony was corroborated by his assistant, J. D. Mansfield.

No Competition for Fruit.

Mr. Bissell, assistant traffic manager of the Santa Fe, also a director in the Northwestern Pacific, was called by the prosecution. Answering questions by Mr. Severance, he said:

"I don't make any effort to get fruit traffic in Southern California that originates in the Southern Pacific lines—we have been giving all our time to getting our own cars back from the East. The citrus fruit business in Southern California is situated on practically takes care of itself.

Testifying as to the alleged Harriman merger-Pacific Steamship Company pact, Mr. Bissell said that by a three-cornered agreement with the Santa Fe and the Oregon-Oriental Steamship Company, the latter company operated in connection with the Santa Fe, etc., on the coast.

Graham's Canceled Contract.

R. A. Graham, of New York, formerly manager of the O. R. & N., and now of the Oregon-Oriental Steamship Company, testified that the latter company operated in connection with the Santa Fe, etc., on the coast.

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His Steamers Made Money.

CHICAGO FIGHTS INSIDIOUS FOES

Every Family Must Be Shut in Its Home.

ALL GATHERINGS FORBIDDEN

Returns of Epidemic Show an Immense Increase.

CITY'S POWERS OVERTAXED

New Cases in Four Days Equal Whole Month's Ordinary Total.

Its Own Quarantines.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—With a new leap of 300 cases of contagious diseases in the city and a fresh outbreak in the suburbs that brought the total number of victims over the 15,000 mark, Health Commissioner Charles J. Whalen, under fire in the most serious epidemic of a decade, today issued a public proclamation calling on the people of the city to suspend public

social gatherings and thus aid in checking the pest.

Further drastic action may follow, including the closing of all schools of the city, a move which was considered when the epidemic first broke out but was abandoned as unnecessary.

Following generally, Chicago will place an embargo on herself, each family establishing a quarantine, as in a place withering under a plague.

Fearing that the epidemic in violent form will spread into the ghetto and further south into the stock yards districts led to the issuance of the public plea for assistance.

Records of the Health Department show the present epidemic to be one of the most serious the city has known. The records show the number of cases of scarlet fever in the last four days vastly exceeds the total for the whole month of January in a normal year.

DISGUST WITH METHODS CAUSES INSURANCE ELECTION INSPECTORS TO QUIT.

Says Radical Change Is Necessary or Canvass Will Not Be Completed for Months.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Two members of the board of election inspectors of the New York Life Insurance Company have tendered their resignations to Otto Kelsey, State Superintendent of Insurance.

Oregon Legislature.

Bill for purchase of Oregon City locks narrowly escaped death in House; will be amended, Page 10.

Mayor acts on Council appropriation ordinance, Page 10.

Mutual Life Loses London Suit.

Mutual Life Insurance Company of America and the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, in its appeal from the suit of the Mutual Company, asking for an injunction and indemnities, Justice Eady said that he was satisfied that Mr. Haldeman had done nothing inconsistent with his duty.

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ASK ROOSEVELT TO STOP IT Western People Protest Against New Railroad Stock Issues.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—President Roosevelt has received letters from persons inquiring as to whether there was any Federal legislation which might be introduced to stop the issue of additional stock which have been in contemplation by various Northwest and Western railroads.

Oppose Equal Car Distribution.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 30.—That the recent order of the Ohio Railroad Commission regarding the equal distribution of all freight cars, whether the property of the railroads or not, was illegal and unconstitutional was the contention of the Massillon Coal Mining Company in a suit filed in the Federal court today.

Santa Fe Votes New Bond Issue.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 30.—By almost unanimous consent the stockholders of the Santa Fe Railroad Company, in session here today, voted in favor of an issue of \$20,000,000 in bonds.

Reduced Rates in Alabama.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 30.—The Alabama State Board of Railroads today passed a bill providing for the reduction of freight rates on more than 100 commodities.

Charles L. Stevens, Leading Mason.

DETROIT, Jan. 30.—Charles L. Stevens, grand master of the Michigan Grand Lodge of Masons, dropped dead of heart disease tonight. He was the father of Mrs. McLaughry, of Portland, Or., whose husband is secretary of the Embassy, Mr. Hanthard, refused to say what concessions had been promised by this Government, or what would be satisfactory to the Tokio government.

Contents Today's Paper.

YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 30 degrees; minimum, 25 degrees.

Foreign.

French government rejects offer of bishops.

Epidemic expected to follow Chinese famine.

Senator's attack Hitchcock's land policy.

HARMONY IN SIGHT ABOUT JAPANESE

Californians Confident of Solution.

CONFERENCE AT WHITE HOUSE

New Treaty May Provide Exclusion of Coolies.

JAPAN IS QUITE WILLING

Wants Concessions in Return, but Ambassador and President Have Agreed—San Francisco School Officials Are Summoned.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—After two hours' conference at the White House tonight regarding the Japanese question on the Pacific Coast, the California delegation in Congress authorized the following statement:

The California delegation had a very full and harmonious discussion with the President, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Navy on the serious questions relating to the Japanese on the Pacific Coast.

The result of the meeting is that the delegation has tonight telegraphed to the president of the San Francisco Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to come to Washington at once for a conference with the President and the Secretary of State.

Exclude Coolies by Treaty.

The existing treaty between the United States and Japan will expire March 12, this year. President Roosevelt has heretofore assured the members of Congress from California that he would endeavor to form a new treaty with the Japanese Empire which would meet with their entire approval and at the same time prove satisfactory to the Tokio government.

Japan Wants Concessions.

Japan has made it clear that she will only consider a treaty that is mutual and which concessions this Government has been asked to make have not been made public.

Members of the California delegation who participated in tonight's conference have been pledged to secrecy and refuse to talk of the matters discussed with the President, further than what is contained in the statement of the California delegation.

San Francisco, Jan. 30.—School Directors Will Accept No Compromise on School Question.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—School Directors Walsh and Ronovov will leave for Washington tomorrow night in response to President Roosevelt's invitation. They declare that they are determined not to accept any compromise in the matter of Japanese attending public schools other than those set aside for Orientals.

ASK STATE TO DEFER ACTION Congressmen Send Message to Governor, Who Will Comply.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 30.—Governor Gillette tonight received a telegram from Washington signed by the California delegation urging him to ask the Legislature to defer all action on Japanese matters.

Japan Will Await Decision.

Foreign Minister, in reply to a question in the House, expressed deep approval of the sympathetic attitude of the United States Government in the recent trouble in San Francisco.

"Having the sympathy of the American Government," he said, "Japan must remain a looker-on until a decision shall have been reached in the test case in the California courts.

MANY COME UNDER CONTRACT Japanese on Recent Steamers Evade Law by Stop in Hawaii.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The Immigration Bureau today received a long report from Commissioner North at San Francisco reciting the circumstances attendant on the landing of about 800 Japanese immigrants on the steamships "Albatross" and "Korea" last week from Hawaii.

Statements made by the immigrants indicated that perhaps 50 of them were contract laborers, and the Commissioner expresses the opinion that had it been possible thoroughly to examine those arriving on the Korea, a very large percentage would have been found to have been contract laborers.

Denver Women Shy at Shake-Speare True to Life.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—If old William Shakespeare had not put so many cavaliers and courtiers wearing tight-fitting breeches on the stage, the eager Denver public would enjoy the rare treat of witnessing the great production by the Women's Club.

WOMAN SERVES ON JURY Helps to Try Divorce Suits and Embarrasses Judge.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Miss Katha Smith, a reporter, enjoys the distinction of being the first woman to serve on a jury in Denver and probably in Colorado.

What the Army Is Doing.

If you will go to the busy headquarters in your city and ask the field secretary of the Salvation Army for his annual report, you will be astonished at the work its members are doing in this country.

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SALVATION ARMY ACTS ITS RELIGION

War Carried Into Slums of Big Cities.

FIGHTS EVIL WITH ITS FISTS

Girls Rescued From Dives by Devoted Bands.

THOUSANDS ARE RESCUED

Practical Religion Carried to Pook and Vicious by Men and Women Who Forsake Luxury for Love of Mankind.

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(Special Correspondence.)—Hark! The cry is coming Listen to the thump of the drum and the call of the bugle as the balladists and lasses fall in line.

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