

ROGERS BECOMES HELPLESS WRECK

Master of Standard Oil Is Paralyzed.

ILLNESS CAUSED STOCK PANIC

Inside Information Used Against Holdings.

THEN CAME HIS COLLAPSE

Left Side Useless, Speech Affected and Face Distorted, Say Relatives—Admits to Son-in-Law Is "About Done."

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Information from a thoroughly reliable source reached Chicago friends today that H. H. Rogers has suffered a stroke of paralysis. The president of the Amalgamated Copper Company has been reported ill for about two weeks following his recent return from Europe, where he went some months ago for his health. But, despite the trip abroad and the temporary retirement from all business affairs, the Rockefeller chieftain grew worse, the illness culminating in the stroke of helplessness.

It is said that the magnate has been generally "incommunicado" for a fortnight, only his near relatives and friends being permitted to see him. The recent order to close the Montana mines of the Amalgamated Copper Company is supposed to have been given by William G. Rockefeller, who will take the position formerly occupied by Mr. Rogers as the field-general of the Rockefeller party. Even should Mr. Rogers recover, it is believed he will not return to his place in the directorates of the various corporations with which he has been identified.

It develops that the sensational slumps in all the securities controlled by the Standard Oil clique were due largely to inside knowledge of what had happened to Mr. Rogers. A few friends, knowing what had occurred, took advantage of their information to sell stocks. Amalgamated Copper in those two weeks dropped about 15 points, Anaconda ten, St. Paul eight and the rest of the Rockefeller properties in proportion.

The decisions against the Standard Oil Company and the failure of the Rockefeller to stem the tremendous slumps in their companies are supposed to have been contributory causes to Mr. Rogers' condition.

ROGERS TOO ILL TO TESTIFY

Standard Chief's Son and Son-in-Law Testify at Trial.

BOSTON, Sept. 16.—That Henry H. Rogers is in very weak physical condition; that his face is distorted and his speech affected; that his left side is not in its normal state, and that he is unable to transact any business or even discuss ordinary affairs, was the substance of testimony given by Mr. Rogers' son-in-law, Urban K. Broughton, in the Supreme Court this afternoon.

H. H. Rogers, Jr., testified that his father had signed but three checks and a power of attorney to open a vault since July 21. His condition, Mr. Rogers, Jr., said, had shown some slight improvement in the past few weeks.

Mr. Broughton testified that recently Mr. Rogers had told him to take up the business where he had left it, as he, Rogers, was "about done."

After hearing the testimony, Judge Hammond denied the motion to bring H. H. Rogers into court for the purpose of showing that he was capable of testifying.

CHAMPION AMONG FLYERS

World's Aeronautic Contest at St. Louis Will Decide.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 16.—Monday, October 21, marks the opening in this city of a week of the greatest aerial competitions ever held in this or any other country. The carnival will be international in character; the various contests being open to the world; and the results will be keenly watched by every civilized government, as well as by the leading scientists of all nations. People from every quarter of the globe will assemble in St. Louis to witness the events.

WORST OFFENDER HARRIMAN LINE

O. R. & N. Co. Is Not Equipped for Traffic.

VERDICT OF FRANKLIN K. LANE

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Talks Frankly.

LOOKS INTO CAR SHORTAGE

Thinks Shippers Have Legitimate Cause for Complaint Against Western Roads—Traffic Managers Confess Plight.

FRANKLIN K. LANE'S VIEWS ON THE CAR SHORTAGE.

The situation in this state is most serious and shippers have a just cause for complaint. The O. R. & N. Company is the worst equipped railroad in the Pacific Northwest as to freight cars. Its facilities are wholly inadequate to the demands upon an initial line. It cannot more than keep within "feeling distance" of the traffic it is called upon to handle. The road has failed to secure a number of freight cars at all adequate to the demands made upon it. The only apparent remedy is for the Western roads to provide themselves with more equipment.

That the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company is not adequately equipped to handle the traffic entrusted to it, and that it is the worst offender in the respect in the entire territory of the Northwestern lines, is the verdict of Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane, whose investigations in Portland yesterday included a look into the car shortage. He found the outlook very gloomy in this state. He talked with lumbermen and other shippers during the day, and expressed himself freely on this subject last night.

"The car situation is very serious," said he. "Shipper have a legitimate cause for complaint at their inability to get equipment. The railroad men themselves admit they are unable to handle the traffic offered. The O. R. & N. seems to be the worst road in this territory as far as car supply goes."

Must Buy More Cars. "There is some complaint of discrimination in the matter of cars. It is charged that the eastern end of the system is favored as against this end. There is no way to remedy this, except for the roads to get a larger number of cars. Of course the question is still unsolved whether the O. R. & N. is using all its equipment to the best advantage, but there is no doubt that for an originating road, it has too little equipment."

The Northern Pacific last year put into service four times as many new cars as the O. R. & N. owns today. The O. R. & N. had on its line in June of this year about 842 cars, of which 490 were borrowed and 352 its own. The Oregon Short Line owns 7000 cars and had in June approximately that number on its tracks. The O. R. & N. has 500 cars ordered, and the Oregon Short Line 600. "The managers have on the Southern

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Pope Issues Encyclical Against It.

EXPEL MODERNIST TEACHERS

Their Ideas Denounced as Leading to Atheism.

ONLY CHURCH IS TO TEACH

Pius Sums Up Catholic Teachings on Religion, Science, Philosophy. Modernism Does Not Mean Modern Physical Inventions.

ROME, Sept. 16.—The Osservatore Romano, the organ of the Vatican, today issued an important encyclical of Pope Pius X, on "Modernism," which really is a completion of his recent syllabus. The document sets forth that modernism is a serious danger to the church, refers in detail to the various features of modernism, condemns it as dangerous in philosophy, faith, theology, history, criticism and reform, and arrives at the conclusion that modernism is a synthesis of all heresy, and must logically lead to atheism. The encyclical makes the following provisions:

First—The teaching of philosophy, positive theology, etc., is to be carried on in the church schools and universities, but in a Catholic spirit.

Second—Modernists are to be removed from professorships and the direction of educational institutions.

Third—The clergy and faithful are not to be allowed to read modernist publications.

Fourth—A committee of censorship is to be established in every diocese, to pass upon the publications which the clergy and faithful shall be permitted to read.

Fifth—The encyclical of the late Pope Leo XIII prohibiting the clergy from assuming the direction of publications without their bishop's permission and providing for supervision of the work of ecclesiastical writers, is confirmed.

Sixth—Ecclesiastical congresses, except on rare occasions, are prohibited.

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HERO'S LAURELS ALL PULLED OFF

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CRUSHING EVIDENCE IS GIVEN

Misrepresented Condition in Telegram to Czar.

FEARED PERSONAL HARM

Though He Had Plenty of Men, Food and Ammunition, He Gave Up Port Arthur and Enabled Japan to Take Mukden.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—On the great charge against General Stoessel, fallen hero of Port Arthur—the premature surrender of the vast fortress—he has virtually no defense, for his best supporters cannot deny that the fortress could have held out at least a week longer. This puts Stoessel technically in the wrong—the law saying that a fortress must not be surrendered till the means of defense are quite exhausted—and, moreover, really and practically in the wrong, for even a week would have meant that the Japanese could not have brought all their re-enforcements to Mukden before the thaw had set in, and the issue of the war might accordingly have been different.

At 5 o'clock in the evening of December 29 began the last meeting of the council of defense. Stoessel asked each of the members to express his opinion whether they could hold out longer or not. Sixteen members thought they could, only Fock, Reis and Dmetrevsky hinting more or less obscurely at surrender. In an able technical speech Smirnov pointed out that it was possible to continue the defense.

Stoessel Feared 3rd Treatment. Replying, Stoessel began by pointing out that it would be "very difficult" to hold the second line in the "present frosty weather," owing to the absence of barracks and houses there. He threw out all sorts of damning suggestions about the lack of provisions and the desperate condition of the fortress, finally winding up with hinting that if only the Japanese broke into the town they would mutilate the wounded and commit all sorts of atrocities.

The fear that the Japanese or his own men would treat himself and Mrs. Stoessel in an undignified manner if he allowed things to go too far seems to have haunted the general day and night, and to have really been the principal reason for his premature surrender. Even after he had surrendered he was in a ridiculous state of excitement about his goods, his 46 trunks, his furniture, curios, etc., so much so that he wished to bury them all under ground, and expressly stipulated that the Japanese were to protect him and his property. To Mr. Levitoff, who worked on the Novik-Kral, he remarked immediately after the capitulation: "If I hadn't capitulated our own soldiers would have cut all our throats."

Damning Telegram to Czar. Finally the meeting of the "Council of Defense" came to an end, and Stoessel dispatched his celebrated telegram to the Czar. That telegram alone would damn him. It ran as follows:

"The fortress can only hold out a few days. We have hardly any shells left. I will take measures to prevent any massacre in the streets. Scoury has made great ravages among the garrison. I have under arms at present from 10,000 to 11,000 men, but they are not in good health.

As a matter of fact Stoessel had at that time 204,644 shells and 76,532 healthy soldiers, as is shown by the official documents relating to the surrender. In the way of provisions he was also well off—so well off, in fact, that I cannot find space to give even a quarter of the list of good things he had. I may mention, however, 159 tons of flour (700,000 portions), 20 tons of sugar (1,400,000 portions), biscuits, 43 tons (700,000 portions), and salt, 233 tons. In addition to this the fleet had 700 tons of flour, 40 tons of sugar and two tons of meat (not counting potential meat belonging to the army in the shape of about 2000 horses, afterward handed over to the Japanese). To cook these provisions he had 35,776 men, and to defend them nearly 5,533,000 rounds of cartridges, not to speak of 546 guns in perfect condition.

The above telegram was written before the council met, but Stoessel dated it a day later so as to make it appear to be the result of the council's deliberations.

Determined to Force Surrender. Meanwhile all the other Generals save the very few who were in the Governor's confidence, thought that the defense would be continued; but Stoessel had evidently determined to force a surrender by the simple process of placing some vitally important position in the hands of the Japanese. January 1, therefore, General Fock astonished General Gorbatovsky, who occupied Kurovpatkin's, dunette and two other points, by ordering him to evacuate them. Gorbatovsky remonstrated, and

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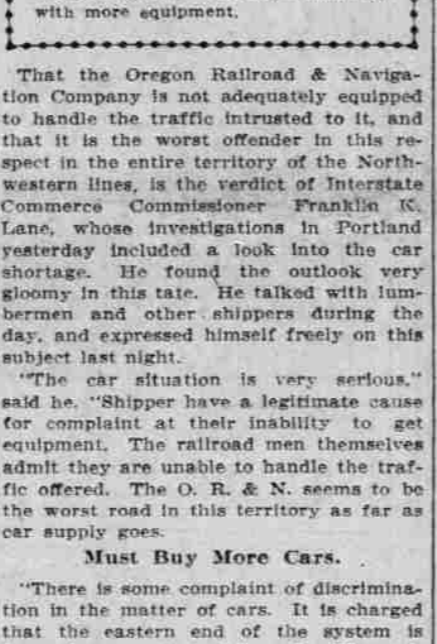


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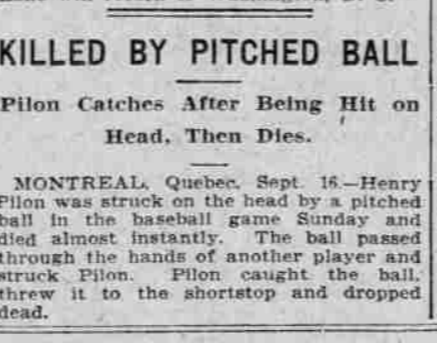
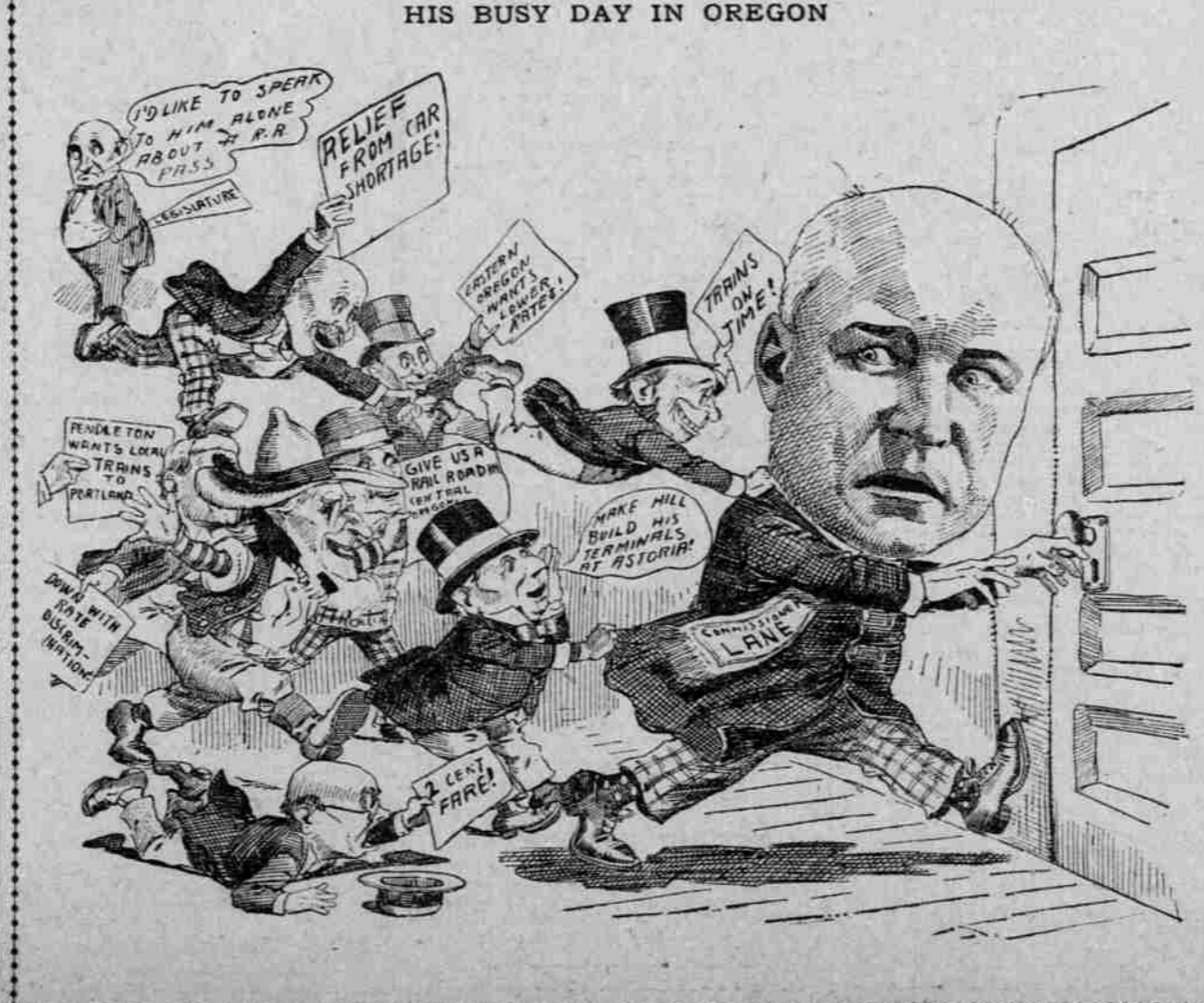


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