



HILL IS CORNERED ON GATEWAY CASE

Takes Short Haul With Canadian Road.

ROUTE IS NOT REASONABLE

Interstate Commission Hears Plea for Opening.

PEOPLE CAN'T SEE COUNTRY

Evidence on Joint Route Via Portland Shows Would-be Settlers on Reclaimed Land Cannot See It on Hill Lines.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The long-standing dispute between the railroads controlled by James J. Hill on the one side and those controlled by Edward H. Harriman on the other over the Portland gateway was taken up by the Interstate Commerce Commission of its own motion today. In the Federal building, Commission Prouty began an inquiry into the facts surrounding the refusal of the Hill lines to accept business through Portland, when it comes from the greater portion of the territory east of Denver and north of the Ohio River.

Plea of Hill Lines.

The determination of the issue depends upon the interpretation which the Commission and the courts may give to the words "reasonable and satisfactory," the law giving the Commission the power to establish through routes only in the absence of reasonable and satisfactory routes. The officials of the Hill lines told the Commission that such routes existed now from all the territory from which they refused to accept business at Portland from the Harriman lines, and that they should not, therefore, be compelled to open this gateway and accept short hauls on passenger business to local points on their lines at the expense of the long haul which they get through St. Paul and Billings.

Clever Play of Harriman.

On the other hand, the officers of the Harriman lines insist that the existing routes are not satisfactory from the public's standpoint for many reasons. Mr. Harriman is cleverly playing the Reclamation Service of the Government against the commission. This was done by E. J. Lomax, general passenger agent of the Union Pacific, when he displayed a map showing that several hundred thousand acres of land had been reclaimed and were being reclaimed along his route to the Northwest, and that large areas of land were under investigation for reclamation. There were, he said, thousands of travelers annually who desired to go to the Northwest by the way of these lands so that they could look them over with a view to future homes. To such travelers the Hill lines did not offer a reasonable and satisfactory route; likewise to the thousands who wished to see the wonders of Colorado, the Hill lines did not offer such route.

Hill Favors Foreign Road.

J. G. Woodworth, traffic manager; A. M. Cleland, general passenger agent; John C. Poore, assistant general passenger agent; and other officials of the Northern Pacific road told the commission that for all business from the territory east of Denver to the points north of Portland they offered the public the best route and one which meets all requirements as they view the situation. Mr. Lomax, however, called the attention of the commission to the fact that the Hill lines accept business from the Canadian Pacific, a foreign corporation, when the business originates in St. Paul and is destined for Portland and Seattle, the exchange being made only a few miles north of Seattle.

A. W. Booth, a business man of Seattle, and S. Sedewick, of Kansas City, told how the public was inconvenienced by not being able to select its own route to the Northwest upon equal rates as to routes.

OPEN GATEWAY IS ASKED

Railroad Commission Telegraphs Interstate Commission.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The Oregon State Railroad Commission today sent to the Interstate Commission the following telegram in regard to the opening of the Portland gateway:

C. A. Prouty, Interstate Commerce Commissioner, Care United States Marshal, Chicago, Ill.—Without attempting to judge controversy before you, in our opinion, opening Portland gateway, if possible, consistent with rights of parties, would be great convenience to traveling public.

OREGON RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Army Medical Officers Changed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—The following changes in stations and duties of officers of the Medical Corps are ordered: Major Edward R. Schreider is relieved from duty at the general hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, and will proceed to Fort Walla Walla for duty, relieving Captain Edward B. Vedder, who will proceed to Fort Stevens for duty.

GRAIN PIT BEARS UNITE FOR BATTLE

MEN OF MILLIONS PLAN ATTACK ON PATTEN.

After Suffering Heavy Loss, Big Dealers Determine to Make Fight to Finish in Wheat.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The bears of the Chicago grain pit, who for several weeks have been fighting the present corner in May wheat controlled by James A. Patten, today began the formation of a combination which, it is declared, will mark the beginning of one of the most sensational battles of millionaires the wheat pit has ever seen.

There is much guessing on the board as to the outcome. Patten is long 25,000,000 bushels of May wheat. The bears, some of the biggest moneyed plungers on Wall street, have taken millions in losses, and expect to take more.

Today it was evident that the bears were "getting together." They have been scattered before, but now a concerted action is to be taken in an effort to break Patten's hand and force him down.

Today opened in the market with Mr. Patten standing practically alone on the bull side. Arrayed against him now in the formation of attack, are J. Brant Walker, Adolph J. Lichtstern and Hal Watson, of Minnesota. All of the bears fighting are men of millions, willing to stand heavy losses to fight a battle to the finish.

BELL GIVES WAR WARNING

Says Hostilities Are More Than Possible and America Unprepared.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Major-General J. Franklin Bell, Chief of Staff, U. S. A., addressing the members of the National Guard Association of the State of New York at its annual dinner tonight, declared that the prospects of war in the future are greater than they have been in the past.

General Bell discussed the lack of military policy in the United States and the need of preparation for war.

"We are proud of our fleet, proud that it has encircled the globe," he said. "Still, if that fleet had started from Hampton Roads in time of war, it would have been very difficult, if not impossible, to have transferred itself to the Pacific."

"Lack of coaling stations, coilers and other difficulties would have made this voyage almost impossible," he said.

TRUE NAME IS BLEDSOE

Garnett, Kansas City Robber, Says He Is Texas Farmer.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 17.—C. M. Garnett, who attempted to blackmail Lawrence M. Jones, a local merchant, out of \$2000 here yesterday, confessed tonight that he is Robert Benjamin Bledsoe, and that he lived on a farm five miles north of Dallas, Tex. He has a wife and two children living there now, he states.

Bledsoe said that he had quarreled with his wife several months ago, and had left her and their two children in Dallas. His father was named Davy Crockett Bledsoe, and was a first cousin of Davy Crockett, famous in Tennessee and Texas history, so the prisoner stated.

TRAVEL 2500 MILES TO WED

Covington Girl Coming to Portland to Become Mrs. Whitmer.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Miss Ruby Colbert, of Covington, O., will travel more than 2500 miles to wed. She will leave on February 20 for Portland, where her fiancé, J. D. Whitmer, formerly of Covington, is located. When she reaches Portland Miss Colbert will become the guest of friends. The wedding will occur within a few days after her arrival.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Ohio State University last year in ceramics and is now superintending the construction of a kiln at Williams, Josephine County, Oregon.

HIGH HONOR TO DR. ANGELL

Resigning President University of Michigan Offered Special Office.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Feb. 17.—Dr. James B. Angell submitted his resignation as president of the University of Michigan today and was offered by the regents the position of chancellor at a salary of \$4000 a year, with the continued free use of the president's mansion. The duties of the chancellorship are to be such as suggested by the new president, and as Dr. Angell may be willing and able to perform.

Dr. Angell recently celebrated his 80th birthday, and has been president of the university since 1871.

GREETING NEW GRAND VIZIER

Turkish Chamber of Deputies Hears Programme for New Ministry.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 17.—The new Grand Vizier, Hilmi Pasha, made his appearance in the chamber of deputies today. He outlined the ministerial programme as a continuance of the existing foreign policy, and the internal reforms at present under way. The chamber voted confidence in the new Grand Vizier by acclamation.

FIVE ARE INDICTED FOR CANAL LIBEL

World and Indianapolis News Accused.

CRIMINAL CHARGE IS MADE

Roosevelt, Tafts, Robinson and Others Slandered.

WILL FIGHT EXTRADITION

Cromwell Says Statements Contained in Articles Came From Criminals Who Tried Blackmail. He Warned World.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Bench warrants were issued today for the arrest of Joseph Pulitzer, Caleb M. Van Hamm and Robert H. Lyman, of New York, proprietors and editors of the New York World, and for Delavan Smith and C. R. Williams, owners of the Indianapolis News, for criminal libel in connection with the publication of charges of irregularities in the purchase by the United States of the Panama Canal property from the French owners.

Accused and Their Accusers.

The indictments were returned today by the United States grand jury sitting in this city. The warrants are directed against all five of the natural defendants of the two newspapers. The summons requires the corporate defendants (the Press Publishing Company), of New York, to appear in court forthwith. Copies of the bench warrants and the certified copies of indictments were placed in the hands of the United States Marshal here, and he will proceed in accordance with the directions of District Attorney Baker.

Theodore Roosevelt, W. H. Taft, Ellihu Root, J. Pierpont Morgan, Charles P. Taft, Douglas Robinson and W. Nelson Cromwell are named in the indictment as the persons vilified.

May Fight Extradition.

Copies of the summons and of the indictment were served this evening upon the Press Publishing Company by service on Otto Carmichael, its agent in this jurisdiction. The certified copies will be filed with United States Commissioner John R. Shields in New York, who will issue warrants for the arrest of the natural defendants of the New York World, who will be brought before him to show cause why they should not be extradited to this jurisdiction for trial.

In the event that the commissioner should hold the indictment sufficient and upon which the defendants may be extradited to this jurisdiction, the defendants may seek a writ of habeas corpus in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, which may appeal to the United States Supreme Court. If the defendants should pursue the course outlined above, at least a year probably will elapse before they are released.

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TAFT SHY ONE MAN FOR HIS CABINET

FILLS ALL PLACES BUT TREASURY BERTH.

Senator Knox Seeks Appointment of Judge Vandeventer, of Wyoming, Who May Get Place.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Feb. 17.—President-elect Taft left Washington today without having selected his Secretary of the Treasury. All other Cabinet officers have been chosen. J. M. Dickinson, of Nashville, Tenn., has accepted the tender of the war portfolio; George W. Wickersham, of New York, has accepted the Attorney-Generalship, and all other selections are as previously outlined.

Senator Knox is strongly urging the appointment of Circuit Judge Willis Vandeventer, of Wyoming, as Secretary of the Treasury; and he now seems the most likely candidate, but is reluctant about accepting the office unless he can receive assurances that he will later be appointed to the Supreme Bench, which is the height of his ambition.

Taft is looking into that problem before announcing his decision.

FORTY WINKS WRECK TRAIN

Engineer's Nap Responsible for Death of 20 Passengers.

BILLINGS, Mont., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Alleging that Engineer Beisinger, of the passenger train which was wrecked at Young's Point on the Northern Pacific Railway on the morning of September 25 last, sending 20 persons to death, was asleep, while the flagman was trying to give him the signal of danger, James T. Hickey and Willard F. Smith, conductor of the freight train, made such a strong defense that they were acquitted of the manslaughter charge tonight, soon after the case was given to the jury.

Head brakeman Polley swore he ran up the track on level 1700 feet, waved a lighted fuse, placed torpedoes on the track, and when the passenger even then did not stop, he threw the fuse at the engineer's cab. Then he ran into the woods because he did not want to see the wreck.

The arrest of Beisinger may follow.

QUEEN TO REBUILD TOWN

Helena of Italy to Give Messina New Lease of Life.

ROME, Feb. 17.—Queen Helena has decided to undertake with her own private funds the reconstruction of a town upon the outskirts of Messina, on the bill where the lighthouse stood. The new community will start with 1000 inhabitants. Her Majesty personally is directing the plans. The name of the town is to be Regina Elena.

CARROLL D. WRIGHT DYING

Mental and Physical Breakdown Is Expected to Cause Early Demise.

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 17.—Dr. Carroll D. Wright, president of Clark College, and ex-United States Commissioner of Labor, lies in a critical condition at his home here, suffering from a mental and physical breakdown. All hopes of his recovery have been abandoned by his physician.

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NORMALS OBLIGE BY THEIR TRADES

Pass Asylum, Fair and Gas-Burners Bills.

RECIPROCITY HELPS NORMALS

Eastern Oregon Men Give Votes on Reconsideration.

BOLDER THAN EVER BEFORE

Three-cornered Arrangement Whereby Eastern Oregon, Seattle Fair and School Supporters "Swap" Votes to Good Advantage.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—In the House old-time trades with normal school forces have been resumed with even more boldness than at preceding sessions. With the normal forces have been consorting the Eastern Oregon lawmakers, who want a new asylum in their part of the state, a scalp bounty and a postage road appropriation. They have found the normal schools ready for their use at each turn.

When the Eastern Oregon members needed House votes to reconsider and pass their \$200,000 bill for a new branch asylum they went to the normal schools and got the votes they needed. When the Seattle fair wanted votes to reconsider and pass its \$25,000 appropriation it got the votes it needed from the normal schools and Eastern Oregon.

When the normal schools had to have votes to pass their three bills carrying \$18,000 last week they got them from Eastern Oregon. When Representative Hughes, of Marion, who is fathering a bill for "safety" gas burners, needed votes to reconsider and pass his measure he went to Eastern Oregon and the normals.

NORMALS HELP SEATTLE FAIR

Last Monday the Seattle Fair appropriation went down to defeat in the House with only 26 votes in its favor. Late Tuesday night it passed with 43 votes. Six of the changed votes came from the normal schools—Bonbrake, of Benton; Hawley, of Polk; Miller and Purdin, of Jackson; Smith of Josephine; Jones of Polk; two from Yamhill, which wants a fair appropriation—Bonsa and Corrigan; and four from Eastern Oregon—Braitain of Lake, Brooks of Malheur, Dodds of Wasco and McKinney of Baker. All these gentlemen got together and went to the Seattle fair forces in a body, the normals standing in because they want to continue the normal grab, and Eastern Oregon because it wants an asylum.

Normals Also Aid Asylum.

The asylum appropriation failed to pass last Tuesday, with only 28 votes in its favor. Late last night the House reconsidered the bill and passed it with 41 votes.

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HARRIMAN REACHES SAN ANTONIO CAMP

TENTED CITY IS READY FOR MAGNATE'S VISIT.

Railroad Wizard Will Bathe in Famous Hot Wells to Cure His Rheumatism.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—E. H. Harriman, with his party, has arrived at San Antonio, Tex., where he will remain for some days. According to dispatches received at Union Pacific headquarters today, Mr. Harriman is in splendid spirits and much improved to health. In addition to stenographers, the sole members of his party are his eldest daughter, Miss Mary Harriman, a talented and beautiful young woman, and Robert Walton Golet, a scion of the famous family, a recent protégé of Harriman's. Golet entered the Harriman fold during the Illinois Central struggle with Stuyvesant Fish. Since then he has been an assiduous student of Harriman methods.

Dr. William G. Lyle, of this city, was induced to discuss Harriman's health, in view of reports circulated in Wall street that his wealthy patient really is in poorer health than had been reported.

Mr. Harriman expects to spend six weeks at the hot wells at San Antonio recuperating and sightseeing with members of his party. Eight furnished tents with hardwood floors and every convenience of a home life have been fitted up for him. A telegraph office is part of the settlement.

Speaking for publication, Mr. Harriman said:

"Don't let me give you the impression that the railroads are entirely free from blame. I think they were in a measure responsible for the row raised recently. That is what inclines me to the belief that there is strong need for more cooperation between railroads and the people, and through them the lawmakers."

MONTANA STILL ANTI-JAP

While Miscegenation Bill Falls, Measure on Land May Succeed.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 17.—The House, on its third reading, by a vote of 23 to 24, rejected today the Senate miscegenation bill. Clayberg introduced the bill in the House which would prevent, after five years, the holding of lands in Montana by aliens. It is aimed at the Japanese and is said to be patterned after the measure which caused a protest from President Roosevelt.

The miscegenation bill, which forbids intermarriage between Caucasians and Africans, Mongolians and persons of African or Mongolian descent, was recommended by the House yesterday in committee of the whole, but many who had favored it were absent today, or had changed their votes. A strong effort will be made to have the bill passed at its re-reading tomorrow.

EXTRA SESSION PLANNED

Taft Talks Over Outlook With Party Leaders.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—It developed today at a conference between President-elect Taft, Senators Knox and Hale and Speaker Cannon that these congressional leaders believe that the work of the special session of Congress to be called March 15 can be finished between June 1 and 15. This situation may be changed, however, by the failure of any of the appropriation bills to pass at the regular session.

Mr. Taft, it is authoritatively stated, regards the outlook for satisfactory tariff legislation as good.

A copy of the first draft of Mr. Taft's inaugural address has been in the possession of Mr. Knox for some days, and his suggestions will be sent to Mr. Taft at Cincinnati. The President's approval of the speech is known to have been most hearty.

BOY FAINTS FROM HUNGER

Runaway Portland Lad in Sore Straits in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Driven almost desperate by the pangs of hunger, Andrew Judge, an 18-year-old Portland lad, this afternoon fell in a faint before a front avenue restaurant within a few feet of steaming viands on the lunch counter and was carried to the Emergency Hospital.

He ran away from Portland six months ago during the absence of his parents. His father is said to be a druggist.

Small sums of money sent by the boy's mother have aided him in eking out an existence, and only during the past few weeks has the lad suffered from hunger. Although he dare not ask his parents for railroad fare, the boy states that he will attempt to get home.

REVIVAL OF HOP INDUSTRY

Large Contracts at Good Price Bring Joy to Oregon Growers.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Hop contracts far in excess of the contracts for a similar period for last year, and advices received by growers and dealers here from every hop center in Oregon, indicate a wonderful revival of the hop industry. The prevailing price in contracts is 19 cents, and thousands of pounds are being contracted for by all the dealers here. Reports from Oregon City indicate a condition even more favorable to hopgrowers than that found in the Salem country.

BITTERNESS FILLS DAY FOR TUCKER

Wife Sues for Separate Maintenance.

SON TESTIFIES AGAINST HIM

Emaciated and Trembling, Colonel Collapses.

REVIVED, DENOUNCES SON

Declares Mrs. Logan Has Instigated Charges Made by Wife and Son. Mrs. Tucker Accuses Him of Drunkenness, Cruelty.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Colonel William F. Tucker, the veteran Paymaster of the Department of the Lakes, will know tomorrow morning how many un-speakably bitter and humiliating experiences may be crowded into a single day.

After he had been obliged to hear his character relentlessly assailed by his wife and son before a group of his brother officers, sitting as a Retiring Board, the Colonel walked across the street to the Union League Club, only to be served with papers informing him that his wife had filed suit against him for separate maintenance, alleging habitual drunkenness, cruelty and desertion.

No mention is made in the bill of Mrs. Tucker's bete noir, Mrs. Myrtle Platt, but the bill may later be amended so as to bring out the Colonel's alleged relations with the woman he met in the Philippines. For the present Mrs. Tucker desires to avoid further exploitation of unpleasant particulars.

Collapses Before Son's Assault.

Colonel Tucker came face to face with his wife today for the first time since the hearing was begun before the United States Army Retiring Board. He collapsed during the hearing and it was necessary to take him from the room and inject morphine in order that he might be able to go through the ordeal.

The collapse came while his son, Captain John Tucker, was on the witness stand and testifying against his father. His face emaciated, his hands trembling and showing plainly his weak condition, Colonel Tucker was taken from the room, and after the drug had been administered he denounced his son and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Logan, alleging that the latter was responsible for his troubles.

Denounces Son and Mrs. Logan.

At first the Colonel talked affably and joked with the newspaper men who surrounded him. He was asked about the proceedings within the board-room. When his son was mentioned, his face clouded

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