

RIVAL MAGNATES MEET AT SPRINGS

Harriman and Hill Both at Paso Robles.

SUDDEN CHANGES OF PLANS

Hill Calls Conference of Leading Officials.

DEALS WITH OREGON LINE

Veiled Admission of Interest in New Coos Bay Line—Various Interpretations of Movements of Railroad Chiefs.

PASO ROBLES, Cal., March 25.—This town was the scene of several lightning movements of the heads of the rival Harriman and Hill railroad systems, which seem to have a decided bearing on the expected invasion of the Harriman territory by the Hill lines in the Coos Bay region.

Mr. Harriman's special train, bearing Mr. Harriman, Miss Mary Harriman, E. E. Calvin, vice-president and general manager of the Southern Pacific Company, Dr. and Mrs. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Goelet, Dr. McArthur, Superintendent Ahearne, of the Coast division of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and a corps of secretaries and clerks, arrived last night. Mr. Harriman announced his intention of remaining several days to take the baths.

Shortly after Mr. Harriman's party arrived in rolled the private car of Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, bearing Mr. Hill and his family. Mr. Hill brought his automobile, and it was announced that he intended to remain a week or two, automobiling and bathing.

Hill Calls Conference.

But Mr. Hill had not been here a day when he announced his intention to leave here tomorrow morning for Los Angeles to attend an important conference between Great Northern officials which will be held in San Francisco tomorrow, chiefly in reference to the extension of the lines of that company. There was recently incorporated at Tacoma the Pacific Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, and it is hinted that the company may be seeking an entrance into San Francisco, or at least to Coos Bay.

"I can't say anything about the new company," said Mr. Hill this afternoon, "for I don't know enough about it. I will leave Paso Robles Friday morning for San Francisco. That same afternoon there will be a conference with officials of the Great Northern from Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, who are to meet here. I can't give out any statement as to the Coos Bay line or any other proposed extensions. Perhaps after the conference there will be some announcements."

Harriman Hurries Away.

This sudden change in Mr. Hill's plans was followed by a change equally sudden in Mr. Harriman's movements. He will leave for Del Monte early tomorrow in his special car, but expects to remain there but a few days and then go north to Burlington. Mr. Harriman gives every appearance of being in good health. He was about the hotel today and when he stepped upon a scale platform he tipped the beam at 135 pounds.

What Does It Signify?

The question which naturally suggests itself to the inquirers about the hotel is: Was this conjunction of two great planets in the railroad firmament accidental and did they decide to fly in different directions lest they collide, or was it intentional and did they hold a conference which may have a great bearing on the rivalry of the two systems and to which the conference announced by Mr. Hill has some relation? Or did one or both of them learn something of importance about the plans of the other which caused them to get busy?

Mr. Hill's announcement of a conference of Great Northern officials shows that there is more than appears on the surface in the incorporation of the Pacific Oregon Railway & Navigation Company. Whether it is contemplated to run a steamer line to Coos Bay and San Francisco, connecting with the North Bank Road at Portland, or to extend that road down the coast to Coos Bay or up the Willamette Valley and across the Coast Range to that point remains to be developed.

President Clark, of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad, left Portland last night, but it is not known whether or not he left for San Francisco. H. M. Adams, general freight agent for the North Bank road, said last night that he was not aware that Mr. Clark had left the city, nor did he know of any conference being held at San Francisco. He was not aware that any Hill officials had left for San Francisco.

A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific Railway, made a similar statement. General Manager Nutt left Portland Wednesday, but Mr. Charlton believed that he had gone to Tacoma, while saying that he had no knowledge of Mr. Nutt's movements. Judging by the hour that Mr. Nutt left his hotel, it is assumed that he went aboard the Southern Pacific train.

BECKER DROPPED BY WICKERSHAM

NOT SUCCESSFUL IN CONVICTING LAND THIEVES.

Special Prosecutor Will Not Return to Oregon Because Not Up to Standard.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., March 25.—It has been decided by the Department of Justice that Tracey C. Becker, special prosecutor in the Oregon land fraud cases, will not be returned to Oregon and will have no further connection with the Government's land grant suit against the Oregon & California Railway Company, or with any other land cases. Mr. Becker is to be retired from the service.

The Government is not satisfied that Mr. Becker measures up to all the requirements. He has not been successful in securing convictions, nor is it felt that he has had adequate understanding of the issues involved in the land grant case.

Whether Mr. Becker's place will be filled, or whether future prosecutions will be left in the hands of Prosecuting Attorney McCourt, has not yet been determined. It is not known here just what Mr. Becker's plans are.

TEST SPOKANE DECISION

Railroads Get No Encouragement From Prouty's Explanation.

CHICAGO, March 25.—(Special.)—On behalf of the Western railroads involved in the Spokane rate case, J. C. Stubbs today tried to get some light on the decision of the commission. At his request, Commissioner Prouty met him and the various points in the decision were gone over and discussed.

It is understood that the Commissioner informed the railroad men that the decision meant about what it said in a way which, in the opinion of the commission, would make it most difficult to attack successfully. No secret is made of the fact that the railroads have decided to test the order in the courts, because they feel that the struggle between the commission and the railroads with regard to rate principles must be fought out to a finish.

FAMILY FEUD KILLS THREE

Mexicans Dispute Border of Estates in Regular Battle.

VICTORIA, Mexico, March 25.—A feud between the Chavez and the Padilla families, living on adjoining ranches north of Padina, has already resulted in three deaths, and it is feared another outbreak will occur. The trouble originated in a quarrel over boundary lines. In a battle with revolvers two of the Padilla boys were killed and one of Chavez' sons met death. Several fights have occurred between the members of the two families and their cowboys.

SAILOR LOST FAR AT SEA

Wayfarer Drops Man Overboard in Midoccean and Falls Rescue.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Michael Mackelwick, a seaman on the British ship Wayfarer, which arrived today, 10 days out from Newcastle, England, was shaken from his hold in the rigging on September 21 and fell into the sea. His shipmates were unable to reach him before he went down for the last time. The ship encountered rough weather across the Atlantic and was damaged slightly. She was becalmed later for 21 days.

MINISTER IS UNFROCKED

Episcopalian Pastor Dismissed After Charges Are Made.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Bishop Ford Nichols, of the Episcopal diocese of San Francisco, announced tonight that Rev. Payson Young, the pastor of the Church of St. Mark, in the city, is no longer a minister of the Episcopal Church. Rev. Payson Young was accused of various irregularities in connection with his church work after he had been mentioned in connection with the sensational disappearance of Miss Edna Clark. The charges against Young were not specified in the decision of dismissal.

BURIED WEAPONS FOUND

Discovery in Mexico Includes Suit of Copper Armor.

FRONTERA, Mex., March 25.—During the work of excavation going on here, a receptacle with an immense assortment of prehistoric arms was uncovered. The entire deposit is in an admirable state of preservation. A great many of the arms are strange to the collection now extant. A complete suit of armor, made from copper, is among the articles, and many kinds of weapons.

SENATE MODIFIES MEASURE

Colorado Upper House Adds Convention Plan to Direct Primary.

DENVER, March 25.—The direct primary bill, amended to include the convention plan of nomination with the petition feature, passed the Senate on third reading today by a vote of 22 to 13. The bill will now go to the House for concurrence in the Senate amendments, after which it will go to the Governor.

SENATE REVISING NEW TARIFF BILL

Committee to Propose Few Changes.

LUMBER RATES DIFFERENT

Admit Dimension Stuff Free, but Duty on Culls.

WOULD PREVENT WASTE

Dingley Rates on Wool May Be Retained—May Increase Duty on Manufactured Goods—Early Report Is Predicted.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Members of the Senate committee on finance reasserted today that they would be ready to report a tariff bill whenever the House passed the Payne bill. Aldrich said that the Senate committee could be ready in three days, if necessary.

With every day's consideration of the Payne bill, the Senate committee is impressed with the fact that it remains close to the lines of the Dingley bill and as a result the work of the committee is much simplified. The changes to be made will be far fewer than was at first expected. An especial effort will be made to avoid the possibility of under valuation of imports.

Encourage Pig-Iron Imports.

A question which is concerning the finance committee is a re-arrangement of schedules on related articles. Among these is pig iron and manufactured products of pig iron. Under the Payne bill some fear is expressed that there is too great a similarity in the reductions of these related articles and that instead of the desired importation of iron pipes the manufactured products may be imported and thus cause competition with American manufacturers.

Revise Lumber Schedule.

A proposition submitted to the committee on the subject of lumber was received with some favor. It provides for the free importation of dimensioned lumber, but with the continuance of the duty on the cull from which lumber of an inferior grade is manufactured.

For some of the figures it is asserted that the difference between the cost of producing dimensioned lumber in Canada and in the United States is not sufficient to make up for the difference in freight rates between American mills and Canadian mills to the American market. The deduction reached from this is that, even if the duty on this class of lumber should be removed entirely the American lumber producer would not be injured, but at the same time the retention of the duty on culls would compel the manufacture of these culls into inferior lumber for packing boxes instead of paper.

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SPEAKER ACCUSES SENATE OF FRAUD

STARTLING CHARGE AGAINST NEVADA UPPER HOUSE.

Head of Lower House Says Report on Defunct Bank Falsified to Shield Officials.

RENO, Nev., March 25.—Assemblyman Given, late Speaker of the Nevada Legislature, made some startling statements today in an impromptu speech at a luncheon given by the Commercial Club.

During the course of his remarks, which were mostly confined to the work done by the recent Legislature, he declared that but for the "whitewashing and dilatory tactics" of the members of the Senate committee which investigated the State Bank & Trust Company, there was no doubt in his mind that certain State officials would have been indicted in connection with the defunct bank. He felt sure the report of the joint committee which investigated had been falsified by the Senate members of the committee and that the report as it now stood on the record book of the Senate was "false and fraudulent."

It was made, he said, by the Senate members of the investigating committee, who had the report changed at the time it was read to the Senate on the ground that the changes sought to be made were, typographical errors made by the stenographer in transcribing the report.

FALLING WALL KILLS FOUR

Fire-swept Ruins Crash Down on Men Working on New Building.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Four men were killed and five seriously injured today, when a 35-foot brick wall, left standing after a fire a month ago in the butterine plant of Swift & Co., crashed down on them without warning.

The men were laying foundations for a new building a few feet from the tottering wall, which the wind blew over.

The dead: R. A. Schmidt, secretary of the R. A. Schmidt Company, contractors; James Herbert; Two unidentified men.

Two other workmen are missing.

PHYSICIANS ABANDON HOPE

Believe Helene Modjeska's Death Is but Matter of Few Hours.

SANTA ANA, Cal., March 25.—A consultation of physicians was held today over the condition of Madame Helene Modjeska, who is ill at her cottage at Bay Island, near this city. After the consultation, Dr. Boyd, who is the family physician, stated that while Madame Modjeska's condition is no worse than it has been for several days, she is liable to fall into a state of coma at any time and the end may come soon. He held out little hope for her recovery, even if she survives the present attack of heart trouble combined with Bright's disease.

TEMBLOR SPOILS HARBOR

Vera Cruz Waterways Will No Longer Admit Big Ships.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, March 25.—The harbor here has suffered from the recent earthquake by receding waters rendering it so shallow that ships drawing 24 feet of water touch bottom. Dredging will be necessary.

MRS. LORILLARD CUTS LIFE SHORT

Wife of Millionaire Is Weary of Society.

IS FOUND DEAD IN BATHROOM

Turns On Gas and Breathes Its Deadly Fumes.

VAIN EFFORT AT SECRECY

Wife of Tobacco King Returns From Party With Him in Good Spirits. Leaves Note Which Does Not Hint Suicide.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Weary of the gay whirl of society and face to face, as she believed, with years of physical suffering, Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, Jr., aged 48, wife of the tobacco magnate, committed suicide by asphyxiation at her home in this city today. Her tragic death has shocked the social circles of the capital as has nothing else in years.

Tonight the members of the Lorillard family, famous for its wealth, are gathered to mourn over the unexpected blow.

The death was made more dramatic by occurring only a few hours after Mr. and Mrs. Lorillard had been the guests of Mrs. Townsend on Massachusetts avenue at a dinner given in honor of Lady Paget.

Attempts to Revive Fail.

The butler in the Lorillard residence detected an odor of gas this morning. The gas was traced to Mrs. Lorillard's apartments. The butler was horrified on beholding the body of the mistress of the house stretched lifeless on the floor of her bathroom.

The alarm brought Mr. Lorillard from his apartment. The servant was dispatched for a doctor, while Mr. Lorillard attempted to revive his wife by artificial respiration. Two physicians vainly used every scientific method to restore life. Coroner Neville ordered Deputy Coroner Glazebrook to perform an autopsy, on the completion of which the Coroner issued a certificate of suicide by gas poisoning.

Try to Conceal Suicide.

Extreme reticence is being maintained by the Lorillard family and all others who possess information concerning the sudden death. Only a few of the most intimate friends have been admitted to the house since the suicide. Inquiries met with the response that Mrs. Lorillard had not committed suicide. She had died of heart failure, declared the servants.

Mrs. Lorillard left a note, which the Coroner has seen, but which Mr. Lorillard has declined to make public. Mr. Lorillard understood that it contains no declaration of any intention on the part of Mrs. Lorillard to take her life.

The last person to see Mrs. Lorillard alive was her husband, who bade her

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HARPER OFFICIAL IS HELD FOR BRIBERY

SCHENCK ACCUSED OF TRYING TO BUY OFF PROSECUTOR.

Disgraced Mayor's Deposed Police Commissioner Wanted Tenderloin Spared.

LOS ANGELES, March 25.—After an all-day session the special grand jury convened for the purpose of investigating charges made in relation to the administration of ex-Mayor A. C. Harper brought an indictment today against Samuel Schenck, ex-Police Commissioner under Harper. The indictment is based on the charge that Schenck offered a bribe to ex-City Prosecutor E. J. Fleming to induce Fleming to refrain from causing the arrest and prosecution of managers and inmates of disorderly houses in this city. The offense was alleged to have been committed on or about September 14, 1907, which was during the early part of the Harper administration.

Joseph Durand, the recalcitrant witness, who has been confined in jail for 10 days for refusing to answer questions, was released today on \$500 bail, pending a judicial determination of the question of contempt of court.

It is rumored that the principal purpose of the indictment brought by the grand jury supposedly against Nick Oswald, who is a fugitive, was to effect his capture and enable the grand jury to get his testimony in several matters. The indictment is understood to charge perjury, because of Oswald's testimony before the former grand jury.

DOG MAY COST MAN'S LIFE

Edward Gilbert Strikes at Canine and Fractures Skull.

Edward Gilbert, 22 years old, who lives at 1115 East Yamhill street, a driver for Jones' meat market, is in the Good Samaritan Hospital with a fractured skull on account of a dog. He will probably all recover, but his condition is regarded as serious. Gilbert was driving his delivery wagon yesterday about noon at East Nineteenth and Welder streets, when a little mongrel dog began to yelp viciously at the horse's heels. The rumpus of the small canine kicked up frightened the horse a little, and after a short distance Gilbert tried to strike the dog with his whip.

Gilbert stood up in his seat and leaned forward, and as he did so lost his balance and fell out. He struck the street on his head, fracturing the skull just above the eye on the left side. The horse then took flight and ran away. Gilbert was picked up in an unconscious condition and rushed to the hospital, where an operation was immediately performed on him by Dr. Ziegler, the City Physician.

QUAKE MAY START PLAGUE

Mexicans in State of Panic Because Shock Opened Graves.

OAXACA, Mex., March 25.—Consternation exists among the people of this town as the result of an information that the recent earthquake shock cracked the walls of the cemetery and exposed the corpses of many victims of the cholera epidemic of 1851.

In that year the deaths from cholera were so numerous that it was found impossible to bury all in the space allotted for burials, and many corpses were sealed up in the niches in the walls. The natives fear a recurrence of cholera, but physicians declare that all danger has passed with the years. This has not had the effect of reassuring them.

HARRIMAN FACES BIG SUIT

John Donovan Wants \$800,000 Commission for Sale of Company.

NEW YORK, March 25.—A suit for \$800,000 has been begun against E. H. Harriman by John Donovan, who says this sum is due him as commission on the sale in 1901 of the St. Joseph Railway, Light, Heat & Power Company, of St. Joseph, Mo. Donovan declares Mr. Harriman agreed to give him 25 per cent of any sum received for the property over and above \$1,100,000.

He says that Mr. Harriman sold his interest for \$4,400,000 less \$100,000 commission to brokers. Mr. Harriman has filed an answer in which he denies making any contract with Donovan.

SMART SET MAY TESTIFY

Chinese Gambling Case, If Not Dismissed, to Cause Sensation.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Counsel for Ah San, the Chinese clubman captured during a Chinatown raid, who brought into court as witnesses many of the members of the city's most exclusive clubs, argued today for the dismissal of the case. Police Judge Deany took his motion under advisement. Should he decide not to dismiss, the representatives of the leading clubs of the city, ordered to appear and tell of the games of chance played in their respective organizations, probably will be called on Monday.

WOMAN POISONED OVER 300

Made Business of Riddling Wives of Troublesome Husbands.

LONDON, March 25.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that a woman named Popova has been arrested at Samara, charged with having poisoned at least 300 persons during the last 20 years. She made a business of riddling wives of their husbands for a small fee.

LAW WILL BLOCK MESALLANCE HERE

Aoki-Emery Nuptials Under Legal Ban.

COUNTY CLERK GIVES ORDER

Strange, Incongruous Trio Arrives This Morning.

GIRL'S MOTHER IN PARTY

Only Hope Now Left for Gladys and Gunjiro Is to Flee to Washington's Green Where Laws Allow Miscegenation.

Helen Gladys Emery, youngest daughter of Archdeacon John Emery of the Diocese of California, cannot marry her Japanese fiance, Gunjiro Aoki, in Portland, whether the mother of the madly infatuated girl says so or not. When the strange trio of mother, daughter and Japanese lover arrive in Portland on the Oregon Express this morning they will find that the avenues to marriage have been fully and effectively shut off. County Clerk Fields issued positive instructions to all his deputies late yesterday afternoon to decline the couple a marriage license in the event they appear at the courthouse.

"Not only refuse them a license, but if they attempt to argue the matter, throw them out of the office," was Mr. Field's terse and unmistakable order to his office force.

May Invoke Nuisance Law.

Further than this they may get into trouble with the District Attorney's office if they go about in public and attract large crowds of people as was the case in San Francisco, whence they come to escape the antagonism occasioned by their efforts to effect such an alliance. Inasmuch as the victim of this wild love affair is chaperoned by her mother, there will be no charge of impropriety possible, but by arousing wide public interest and adverse criticism they will render themselves liable to prosecution under the public nuisance law. Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald said yesterday that if they pause here for any great period the three of them may be arrested as constituting a public nuisance.

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