



RAILROAD UP DESCHUTES IS HILL PROJECT

John F. Stevens Says He Owns and J. J. Hill Backs It.

AMPLE FUNDS AVAILABLE

Construction of Oregon Trunk Will Be Rushed, Promise of Noted Engineer.

CALIFORNIA IS THOUGHT GOAL

Empire-Builder Expected to Enter San Francisco.

HARRIMAN DOESN'T GIVE IN

O'Brien's Assertion That There is to Be No Surrender to Rival Line Portends Titanic Struggle in Canyon.

Uncertainty as to the actual force behind the Oregon Trunk was removed yesterday when John F. Stevens made the announcement that he had acquired a controlling interest in the project, which, in its execution, is to be financed by J. J. Hill, personally.

HILL PERSONALLY BEHIND IT

"Since then, however, I have acquired a controlling interest in the project, have all necessary financial arrangements completed, and the road will be built as fast as it can be reasonably done with men and money. The matter is a personal one, and I have no objection to saying that J. J. Hill, as an individual, is financially interested to any extent necessary to carry the road through to successful completion.

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CENTRAL OREGON PRESENT GOAL

"Do you expect to build eventually into California?" was the third interrogation. To this Mr. Stevens replied with one of his characteristic smiles and dismissed the inquirer by saying: "Central Oregon is our present objective point."

The value of the Oregon Trunk road to Hill in his desire first to build into this

MISSOURI TRYING HARD TO BE GOOD

BLUE LAWS IN EFFECT TODAY SHAME PURITAN DAYS.

Nude in Art Taboo, No Scandal Must Be Printed and Nine-Foot Sheets Compelled.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—That "sentiment in Missouri is drifting toward the puritanical is evidenced by a glance at some of the 50 new laws passed by the State Legislature last winter, and which become effective tomorrow.

Except on dining cars, no liquor may be drunk on any train within the borders of the state. Colored and white women are to be segregated in the state reform schools.

A law was passed making it a felony to steal electric power.

Any boy under 15 years of age caught smoking a cigarette will be liable to a fine of \$10, and any one selling to such a youth, or giving to him a cigarette or "the makings," will be liable to a fine up to \$100.

A hog, no matter how much of a razorback, is to be held to be worth more than \$20 for criminal prosecution purposes, at least. It will be grand larceny to steal one.

Traveling men will sleep tonight under nine-foot bedsheets, made that long so as to fold back over what in many rural hotels are abominations in the shape of antique unwashed "comforts."

DROWNS WHILE AT PLAY

Child Falls From Houseboat and Perishes in River.

While playing around the outer platform of the Charles E. Ladd boat-house, near Rivers, 6-year-old Arthur Djork, son of O. Djork, a Norwegian laborer, living near Fourth and Columbia streets, fell into the Willamette River yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock and, before assistance could reach him, drowned. The body has not been recovered.

With his parents, young Djork was visiting O. Lyckels, caretaker of the boat-house, yesterday afternoon. He was left to play on the veranda of the boat-house while the older people were inside. The fact that he had fallen into the river was not known until he awoke to the surface the first time and called for help. He was sinking for the last time when his mother ran out to see what occasioned his outcry.

STRIKERS RESUME WORK

Canadian Dock Laborers Agree to Arbitrate Troubles.

PORT WILLIAM, Ont., Aug. 15.—The striking dock laborers of the Canadian Pacific Railway will return to work tomorrow.

A mass-meeting of the strikers and their friends, numbering 5000, was addressed today by Mayor Peltier, who urged the men to return to work and submit their grievances to a board of arbitration.

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The alarm was given just as the guests were entering the dining-room. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

M'DONELL'S BOOKS BEFORE OFFICERS

Checking Up of Funds is Not Concluded.

PROBERS SATISFIED SO FAR

Colonel Fails to Explain in Full at First Hearing.

SECOND INQUIRY LATER ON

Present Investigation is of Regimental Money, and State's Accounts Will Be Taken Up by Inspector-General.

Investigation of Colonel McDonnell's stewardship of regimental funds was begun by six subaltern officers in the Army last night, and at the close of a two-hours' session it was announced by the probers that, as far as they had gone, the financial accounts of their superior were in satisfactory shape. To what extent the checking-up had proceeded was not divulged, but a money bag more than half full on the desk before Captain Bowman indicated a count of coin had been part of the proceedings.

"Colonel McDonnell has assured us everything will be all right," said the probers.

HEARING WILL BE CONTINUED

In his Army quarters sat Colonel McDonnell, a mass of bills and stamped checks before him, as he labored over the statement he promised to place, complete and satisfactory, before his brother officers last night. At 9 o'clock the investigators rested, and it is presumed the scrutiny of accounts will be continued every night until Colonel McDonnell's figures have been checked down to date.

Six company captains comprise the personnel of the investigating board. They are Captain Bowman, of Company C; Captain Wilson, of Company D; Captain Smith, of Company E; Captain Scott, of Company K; Captain Crouch, of Company F; Captain Doble, of Company H. These officers form what is known as the Regimental Board and upon them rests the responsibility of determining whether Colonel McDonnell's admitted negligence as a bookkeeper involved any criminality.

OFFICERS SAY BUT LITTLE

Questioned as to the portent and object of their meeting yesterday, when Colonel McDonnell was summoned before them, none of the half dozen officers would make a statement, save to say the term "protective" applied to the gathering by General Finer was new to them. All declined to discuss details and it was only after repeated questioning that any statement touching on the regimental funds in Colonel McDonnell's keeping was given. All denied having complained to General Finer of Colonel McDonnell, and declarations that "General Finer had nothing to do with the meeting yesterday or their investigation" were given voluntarily and frequently.

That the Regimental Board has not begun a systematic examination of Colonel McDonnell's accounts, but simply aims to make a general survey of the disbursement period extending from January 1, 1909, to date was exemplified by a statement made by Captain Crouch.

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"You say you find accounts satisfactory as far as you have gone. How far did you go, to January or February?" the Board was asked. "We have not begun that way," Captain Crouch replied. "In fact, I think

BURGLARS ENJOY PROFITABLE NIGHT

SNEAK-THIEF EPIDEMIC ON FOR THREE HOURS.

Many Places Looted by Petty Yeggs and Crooks, and One Marauder Is Seen at Job.

Petty thieves and burglars worked freely in Portland last night, and a number of small thefts were reported to the police. Most of them occurred between the hours of 7 and 10 o'clock, when the victims were attending church.

A blue serge suit was stolen from the room of C. T. Edwards, an employe of Eilers' piano house. A handbag containing \$25 in two small purses, several stickpins and other small articles of jewelry were stolen from Mrs. E. McIntyre, occupying room 505, Hotel Perkins. A gold watch was taken from a room at 65 Ninth street, north.

Sneak thieves at the Union Depot snatched a suitcase containing some clothing, a razor and a Colt's 4-caliber revolver belonging to Frank C. Brown, 541 Lexington avenue. Six or seven people living in the vicinity of East Fifth and Belmont streets reported the nightly visits of milk thieves, who took milk bottles and cans as well as the milk.

Shortly before midnight a burglar broke in the window of the Western Supply Company, 44 Second street. He was seen by A. G. Benden, of 311 East Ninth street, and G. A. Apothky, of 1629 Belmont street, passersby. They shouted at the fellow and he ran. They notified the police.

CANADA CAN FEED BRITAIN

Grain Crop of Dominion Reported Greatest in History.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—From all points in Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia the unanimity of opinion points to the anticipatory result of this year's harvest as being the greatest in the history of the Canadian West. In some places, such as Southern Alberta, the phenomenal growth makes it hard for the people to conceive such prospects. Farmers are now busy gathering the hay crop, which is a heavy one. The grain harvest will be general during the latter part of the present month.

To gather this anticipated harvest there has been a report in circulation to the effect that 30,000 extra men would be required. From governmental sources information, however, the department learns that such a report is very much exaggerated. The statement is made on good authority that the completed Grand Trunk Pacific Railway from Winnipeg to Edmonton is tributary to wheat lands capable of feeding the whole people of Great Britain and Ireland in case of need.

LAW HINDERS CIGARETTES

Consumption Among Canadian Boys Largely Decreased.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 15.—The consumption of cigarettes in Canada, which for a number of years past has been increasing at an alarming rate, substantially decreased during the last fiscal year ending March 30. It is believed the decrease is altogether among boys under the age of 16, and is directly due to the stringent anti-cigarette legislation passed by the Dominion Parliament, which became effective on July 29, 1908.

Before this law went into effect there had been an annual increase in cigarette consumption, which amounted to over 75,000,000 in six years. If it had not been for restrictive legislation, there would have been an increase of a good many millions in cigarette consumption in the last year.

OMAHA HEAT KILLS SEVEN

Temperature in Nebraska City Reaches 96 Mark.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 15.—Seven deaths from heat occurred here today. The maximum temperature was 96.

MONETARY PLANS TO BE TAKEN UP

Commission Meets in New York Today.

GIGANTIC PROBLEM AHEAD

Scheme Drafted Will Be Basis of Work by Congress.

CENTRAL BANK SUGGESTED

With Headquarters in Washington All National Banks of Country Will Carry Stock—Cabinet Members in Directory.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Steps will be taken tomorrow in New York for the marking out of the lines on which the monetary commission will draft a new monetary system for the United States. Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island, the chairman, and Representative John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, left Boston tonight to attend the session at the St. Regis called by Mr. Aldrich.

At this meeting, which is likely to extend into Tuesday, it is thought the commission will complete the plans along which it will work out one of the greatest legislative problems of recent years. It is regarded as a much bigger question than the tariff, which has held business at a standstill for six months or more, and unrivaled by any legislation since the change in the National bank act.

Work of Prime Importance. The meeting tomorrow is regarded as the most important which the commission has yet held. Its purpose is to adopt a plan of work in gathering the material from which the recommendations will be to Congress, and upon this plan hinges very largely the new system which will be urged upon Congress.

Great interest will undoubtedly be aroused by the report that it is the purpose of some of the members of the commission to propose a central bank. Some of the most practical men who have been at work upon the investigations are convinced that this plan is the best plan, and will fight for the introduction of the system adopted by France and other foreign countries. This does not meet with the approval of the majority of the committee. It will be met with counter-suggestions, and it is possible that the difference of opinion may prevent agreement.

SCHEME OF CENTRAL BANK

Proponents of the central bank proposition, contemplate a great bank at Washington, in which National banks will hold stock and through which they will do their business. This bank will issue all currency, secured by the approved paper of its branches. It has been proposed that it be limited to this kind of banking business, with the addition that it will be the bank through which the Government will transact all of its fiscal business.

A board of directors is outlined to include the Secretary of the Treasury, the Controller of the Currency, the Treasurer, with perhaps some appointees of the President, and the remainder elected by the constituent institutions. To meet the objection that such a bank might be subject to the control of Wall street, the stock issue would be controlled by the board and sold only through it. Every National bank would be required to hold

FIRE SINKS LINER AT ENGLISH DOCK

STEAMER LUCANIA IS LATER RAISED BY TUGS.

Flames Start in Kitchen, and, Shooting High in Air, Attract Crowds to Waterfront.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 15.—The Cunard line steamer Lucania, which lay submerged today at the Huskisson dock, seriously damaged from a fire which broke out on board Saturday evening was re-floated late tonight with the aid of salvage tugs and powerful pumps. She will be dry-docked and towed to Glasgow, for repairs.

The flames are supposed to have originated in the saloon kitchen. They gradually worked forward until they reached the stowage, consuming every particle of the woodwork, and then played havoc with the forehold. The heat was tremendous and the flames, shooting high into the water, were seen by thousands of persons to the river.

At 5 o'clock this morning it was decided to flood the vessel by admitting water from the dock. Soon she heeled over and her funnels came in contact with the cranes dock and were badly damaged. A half dozen firemen, who were on the gangway at this time, were thrown into the water, but all were rescued. It was 10 o'clock this morning before the fire was under control.

The second-class quarters and the whole after part of the boat, including the engine-room, escaped injury and comparatively little damage was done to the exterior of the vessel.

TABOO IS PUT ON POLITICS

Taft Serves Notice to Men Who Will Take Census.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 15.—In a letter addressed today to Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, President Taft served notice that any man employed in taking the thirteenth census who engages in politics in any way will immediately be dismissed. Outside of casting their votes, the President believes that census supervisors and enumerators should keep clear of anything that savors of politics, National, state or local.

Mr. Taft says that in appointing census supervisors it has been found necessary to select men recommended by Senators and Congressmen in their districts. He says he realizes that this method of selection might easily be perverted to political purposes, and it is to take the census out of politics, so far as the actual work is concerned, that he has explicitly expressed his desire regarding regulations.

Joseph Perrault, Jr., today was appointed supervisor for Idaho.

13TH HOODOO IF DAY LATE

Rather Than Ride, Man Walks, Pistol Drops, Is Shot.

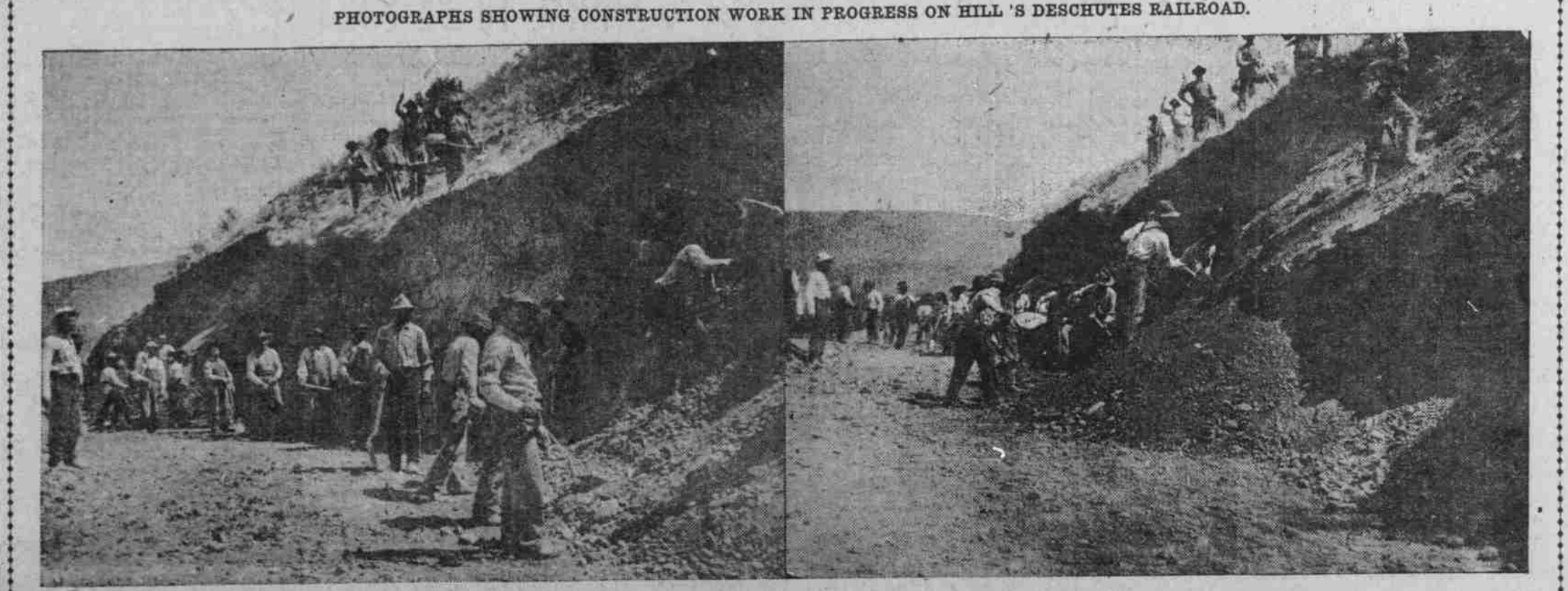
MARYSVILLE, Cal., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Miscalculating the days, and believing yesterday was Friday, the 13th, and believing something serious would happen to him, Fred Emely, a well-known mining man and horseman, decided to discard his automobile, in which he was riding yesterday afternoon. In walking down a steep hill his foot slipped and a pistol he had in his pocket to bring to this city fell from its scabbard, hit the ground and exploded, the bullet passing through his left leg at the instep.

He was hurried to this city by automobile and is now in a hospital, confident that the 13th, when it falls on Friday, is a hoodoo to him, even if he was a little late.

ORANGEMEN HURL STONES

Make Savage Attack on Hibernian Excursion From Dublin.

DUBLIN, Aug. 15.—An excursion party, made up of members of the Ancient Order Hibernians, was attacked today at Port Adown, Armagh, by a mob of stone-throwing Orangemen. Six hundred policemen were employed in suppressing the rioting, during which many persons were injured.



TWO GROUPS OF LABORERS GRADING BELOW THE DEAN RANCH.

TROOPS DRIVE MOB INTO OHIO RIVER

Beat Down Strikers at Pittsburg.

FOREIGNERS FIRE ON STEAMER

Boatload of Laborers Taken to Steel Works.

GATLING GUNS MOUNTED

Lead Will Be Pumped Into Men if They Insist on Harassing Strike-breakers—Company Finds Its Tactics Very Costly.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 15.—(Special.)

Rioting again broke out at Schoenville this evening and before a mob of 3000 foreign strikers could be dispersed many of them were driven into the Ohio River. The strikers, massed to prevent a boatload of strike-breakers being taken into the panned steel car works, fired on the P. M. Pfeil, a steamboat now doing duty as a ferry. The boat was driven out into the stream and the strikers took possession of the company wharf.

The full force of state troops rode into the crowd, swinging their maces on the heads of the men. Shots were fired at the strikers, and the troopers then began firing with their service revolvers. The strikers retreated toward the river, followed by the troopers, who spurred their horses until hundreds were forced into the river to escape being run down. When the mobs dispersed 230 strike-breakers, enlisted in Philadelphia, Chester and Newark, were taken into the works. The steamer then went up stream to the city wharf, where more men were taken on-board. The steamer Steel Queen also is loaded with men who will go into the works tomorrow. Altogether there are now 1000 men ready to be taken into the plant. They are nearly all Americans.

The boats carrying the men to the plant are mounted with gatling guns, and the company officials say these will be used if the strikers continue their efforts to prevent men being landed. The company now claims to have 1300 men at work, while the strikers place the number at 400. The company also says that cars will be turned out on Wednesday.

Breaking the strike is proving costly, for the company now realizes that to accomplish anything they must employ men who have a knowledge of mechanics, and foreigners are not taken on because of the desertions of the last few days. The plant is being guarded against any possible attack for the purpose of destruction of property.

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