



ILLINOIS CENTRAL VICTIM OF FRAUD

Leak Traced to Bill for Repairs.

LOSS MANY HUNDRED THOUSAND

Charges by Osterman Company Said to Be Excessive.

STOCK HELD BY WORKMEN

Detective Burns, of Land-Fraud Fame Uncovers Conspiracy, Which Bids Fair to Assume Gigantic Proportions.

CHICAGO, April 13.—(Special.)—Detectives in the employ of the Illinois Central road for the last two months are said to have disclosed a conspiracy to defraud by which the company has lost a large sum of money.

It is declared, and not denied by officials of the company, that a number of arrests will soon be made. President Harahan refused either to affirm or deny that there had been a defrauding.

It was learned positively that an investigation has been in progress for some time by the National Detective Agency, at the head of which is W. J. Burns, the man who investigated the San Francisco fraud cases.

Fraud Is Far Into Thousands. The best information obtainable tonight was that the company has been defrauded out of several hundred thousand dollars in connection with repair work.

Charges For Lumber Excessive. The Illinois Central had not gotten far with its large collection of bad-order cars before it was discovered that the Osterman Manufacturing Company was charging the company big prices for the lumber used.

Shopmen All Stockholders. About this point, it is said, some complaints were made as to the repairs, and an investigation was begun.

How much of the bill is questioned, if any, by the company is not known. The investigation was begun months ago.

MOFFAT ROAD PARALLELED

Union Pacific Surveys Follow Line of Present Railway.

DENVER, April 13.—The Post says: The Union Pacific Railroad is preparing to build a new line into Colorado, invading the territory of the Moffat road in Routt County.

John R. Mallin, a Chicago promoter, who has just come from Routt County, is authority for the statement. According to him, the Union Pacific already has made surveys for a line of the Union Pacific in Wyoming, down the Snake River Valley to a point paralleling the Moffat road and from there on to Salt Lake.

Astoria Mills Busy. ASTORIA, Or., April 13.—Local lumber mills are working full capacity and some of them are turning down orders.

GIRL-MOTHER PUZZLE TO DOCTORS

RECORDS SHOW CHILD WAS BORN DECEMBER 14, 1899.

Physician in Charge of Hospital Says Similar Case Unheard of Except in Tropics.

CHICAGO, April 13.—(Special.)—Chicago physicians declared today that the birth of a baby girl to Annie Epp, 30 years old, at the County Hospital, is without precedent in medical records for a resident of other than tropical or Oriental lands.

Specialists in caring for children were skeptical of the age given, and insisted that an investigation would disclose a greater number of years in the life of the child-mother than the figure she gives. County Hospital records show she was born December 14, 1899.

MERGER MAY BE FOILED

Ohio Attorney-General Aims to Stop C. & O. Combine.

COLUMBUS, O., April 13.—Attorney-General Denman last night issued an order to the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Lake Shore, the Nickel Plate, the Hooking Valley, the Toledo & Ohio Central, the Zanesville & Western and the Kanawha & Michigan railroads, requiring their officials to appear before him April 19.

Merger Plans Denied. CHICAGO, April 13.—"I certainly do not agree to be known or regarded as the successor to Edward H. Herriman in the railroad world."

TIME ALLOWS MARRIAGE

Mrs. Depew and Captain Potter Wed When Limit Passes.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., April 13.—After a delay of 48 hours, due to legal complications, Mrs. Grace Goodyear Depew and Captain Ashton Potter were married at the bride's residence here tonight.

POST'S SALE CRITICISED

Department Blamed for Money Spent at Fort Walla Walla.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The War Department today came in for condemnation at the hands of several Senators in connection with a bill which was passed providing for the sale to Whitman College at Walla Walla, Wash., of the lands embraced in the old Walla Walla military reservation.

New York to Try Goats' Meat.

NEW YORK, April 13.—Independent cooperative meatshops are to be tried on the East side by Jewish housewives, in an attempt to enforce their strike against the kosher butchers.

6500 Trainmen Get Raise in Pay. SCRANTON, Pa., April 13.—The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company today announced a 5 per cent increase in wages to all employees operating between Hoboken and Buffalo.

STEAMER SINKING OFF HUMBOLDT BAR

Santa Clara in Peril, Passengers Leave.

TUG HASTENS TO RESCUE THEM

Vessel Strikes Bar and Gives Signal of Distress.

WATER QUENCHES FIRES

Starting From Eureka for San Francisco, Steamer Is Thought to Be Hopeless Lost—Boats Seen to Have Saved All.

EUREKA, Cal., April 13.—With 50 passengers on board and carrying a crew of about 25 men, the steamer Santa Clara, bound from Portland for San Francisco, struck the bar in passing out from Eureka harbor this afternoon and is in distress six miles south of here.

In response to a wireless call for assistance the tug Ranger went out and just before darkness fell it could be seen passengers were being transferred to the tug.

The steamer is anchored about a half mile off shore and it seems that the tug has a line to her. A very high sea is running, which made the task of transferring the passengers in two small boats, that could be made out passing back and forth between the steamer and the tug, one of great difficulty and danger.

PLATT MANAGEMENT TO GO

Mrs. Harriman to Help in United States Express Shake-Up.

NEW YORK, April 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. E. H. Harriman has started housecleaning and the old Platt management of the United States Express Company is to be cleaned out.

DISCOURAGING THE GRAVEYARD BUSINESS.



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40 MORE MILES OF GRADING ORDERED

Oregon Trunk to Build to Klamath Lake.

LINE TO HIT NORTHERN END

Klamath Falls May Not Be Goal This Year, or at All.

273 MILES ROAD'S EXTENT

President Stevens Says Rails Are Likely to Reach Lake This Year. Steamer Service From Lower End Is Probability.

The contracts for the construction of 40 miles of railroad grade in addition to that for which bids will be opened April 18, will probably be let before long, was declared yesterday by John P. Stevens, president of the Oregon Trunk Line, who returned in the morning from a business trip to Chicago.

The construction of the 40 additional miles will take the road to the north end of Klamath Lake.

It is out of the range of possibilities that the road will be built to Klamath Falls this year, if we decide to go to that point at all," said Mr. Stevens yesterday.

273 Miles Its Extent. The construction of this additional 40 miles will give the Oregon Trunk Line Railway about 273 miles of railroad, which is pretty good for one year's work.

While Mr. Stevens said nothing concerning the possibility of establishing a steamer service on the lake, a connection of that kind with Klamath Falls upon the completion of the 273 miles of railroad, is well within the range of possibilities.

Capitol Scandal Grows Apace. HARRISBURG, Pa., April 13.—At the trial today of Joseph M. Huston, the Capitol architect charged with defrauding the state, Deputy Attorney-General Cunningham offered to disprove statements made in a letter by Huston to the effect that he had reduced bills for desks for the new building.

Discouraging the Graveyard Business. A hand is shown holding a shovel over a skull in a casket labeled "JULY 4th FIREWORKS".

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TWO JAPS FIGHT GORY PISTOL DUEL

ONE DEAD, OTHER DYING IN HOSPITAL FROM WOUNDS.

Long-standing Feud Settled for Good When Enemies Meet in North End Lodging-House.

One killed and an other mortally wounded was the toll of a pistol duel fought between S. Murakami and K. Ogata, Japanese cannery men, in a rear room of a lodging house at 271 Everett street at 9 o'clock last night.

Murakami fell with a bullet in his heart and died before he could be placed in an ambulance. Ogata is hovering between life and death at the Good Samaritan Hospital. A bullet entered to the left of his heart and plowed its way through his body.

Hartridge Loses Suit. Perjury Charge May Be Brought Against Thaw's Former Attorney.

NEW YORK, April 13.—Clifford W. Hartridge, one of the attorneys who defended Harry K. Thaw in his first trial for the murder of Stanford White, failed today in his efforts to collect from Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, the prisoner's mother, a balance of \$92,000 for counsel fees and disbursements.

Babes Record Runaways. Children of 3 and 4 Found on Way to Blue Mountains.

DAYTON, Wash., April 13.—(Special.)—Buster Royle, aged 3, and Virg McMorris, aged 4, hold perhaps the world's record as "soldiers of fortune."

Cody Resents Pennies. Cody, Wyo., April 13.—Cody has a grievance and its against your Uncle Sam. The Government has forced pennies on Cody—a place which has no more use for pennies than Rome has for fans in January.

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