

TRICKY FINANCE RAILROAD CHARGE

Texas Line Simulates Poverty
to Avoid Improving, Com-
missioner Tells.

CONDITIONS ARE SERIOUS

Kansas Corporation Sells Poor
Equipment to Subsidiary and
Dodges New Work, Testifies
William H. Williams.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Railroad condi-
tions in Texas were described as serious
by William H. Williams of the Texas
Railroad Commission, who testified
today before the Railroad Securities
Commission.

"If the farms in Texas were as poorly
managed as the railroads in that state
the farmers would have to go out of
business," said Williams.

"The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Rail-
road of Texas is owned by the Missouri,
Kansas & Texas Railroad of Kansas.
The Texas corporation has to buy from
the Kansas corporation poor equipment
at whatever price is asked. The motive
is to put as little money into the Texas
road as possible and thus by diminishing
the apparent prosperity prevent the
Commission from compelling improve-
ment."

"The management of the road in our
state is a mere joke."

The Securities Commission, which was
appointed by President Taft, concluded
its Chicago sessions today.

John Moody, an authority on railroad
securities, told of the danger to the
finances of some railroads resulting
from their methods of keeping equip-
ment accounts.

Mr. Moody testified that many roads
were paying interest on stock issued
for equipment long after the equip-
ment had worn out and after assets
for the stock had ceased to exist. The
new equipment with similar results,
the witness said, was lending some of
the weaker roads "up a blind alley."

"But," declared the witness, "if a
proper system of equipment accounting
were enforced, many roads, as a conse-
quence of their present methods, would
be thrown into bankruptcy."

BATTLE FOUGHT ON BORDER

Peru and Ecuador Come to Blows
and Mediators Are Busy.

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Jan. 27.—Two
hundred Peruvian soldiers attacked the
village of Chacras, Ecuador, near the
boundary. Three Ecuadorians were
killed and eight others wounded.

LIMA, Peru, Jan. 27.—Rumors of an-
other encounter between Peruvians and
Ecuadorians on the frontier near Za-
runza, Ecuador, were confirmed today.
At last midnight the Peruvian cruiser
Almirante Grau sailed from Callao for
Payta, on the northwest coast, carrying
200 infantry to reinforce the frontier
guard.

Senior Aparicio, Minister from Ecua-
dor, called on Foreign Minister Marti-
nez yesterday and subsequently the re-
presentatives of the mediating powers,
the United States, Brazil and Argenti-
na, were received by President Legui-
ta. The results of these conferences were
held secret. There is much uneasiness
here.

MOB CHEATED OF SLAYER

Deputy Sheriff in Oklahoma Spirited
Prisoner From Jail.

GUYMON, Okla., Jan. 27.—News was
received tonight from Canadian, Tex.,
that H. T. Fifer, a rancher of Hanford
County was brused today in the
custody of Deputy Sheriffs and United
States Marshals who had spirited him
away from Hanford to prevent a mob
from lynching him for having killed
Sheriff R. F. Martin.

The killing occurred last night when
Martin accompanied the United States
Marshal from Amarillo to arrest Fifer
for having disobeyed a Federal Court
order.

According to information given out by
the officers, Fifer, who was in his barn
when he saw the Sheriff and the Mar-
shal coming. As they drove into his
yard he opened fire with a shotgun and
Martin received a charge in the stom-
ach. He died in a few minutes.

INDIANA CHANGES RUM LAW

County Local Option Is Superseded
by Proctor-Kenney Measure.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 27.—The county
local option law was superseded today
by the Proctor-Kenney measure when
Governor Thomas R. Marshall affixed
his signature and made it a law.

Under the operation of the law, 32
counties held special elections on the
liquor question, 29 voting dry and 13
wet.

Under the Proctor-Kenney measure
elections will be held by cities and
townships instead of by the county as
a whole.

LAW IS TO WATCH POLLS

(Continued from First Page.)

Second Precinct of the Seventh Ward
at the November election. For three
days he has been under cover.

Friends of the city official declare
that he has decided not to be the "goat"
of men higher up, and will go before
the inquisitorial body and tell all Jones
has been closely associated with those
in control of the Republican machine.

Rumors tell of canceled checks for
goodly amounts which Jones has care-
fully treasured. Other evidence is said
to be in his possession. Whatever
Jones may have in his possession, the
politicians have been fighting to pre-
vent his appearance.

VOTERS COLONIZED IN JERSEY

City Employees Say Strangers Reg-
istered From Their Homes.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 27.—
Police, firemen and employees of the
street department appeared today before
the House committee of the New Jersey
Legislature which is investigating alleged
illegal voting in this city in the Novem-
ber election, and testified that men were
registered from their homes who were
not legal voters.

A challenger of the Democratic party,
Dr. Lake, who says he was poisoned by
a drug placed in water given him while
he was in the polling place, swore that
Alfred Gillison, city building inspector,
carried the water into the voting room.

IDAHO SENATOR ASSISTED BY LEGISLATURE IN HIS STAND AGAINST DIRECT ELECTION OF SENATORS.



W. B. HEYBURN.

HEYBURN ON GRILL

Senator's Slur Resented by
Idaho Legislature.

DIRECT VOTE IS ISSUE

Memorial Pledging State's Support
of Popular Election Referred to
Slightly, Contend Leg-
islators at Boise.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 27.—(Special.)—
It is possible that the 11th Legislature
of this state will repudiate Senator
Weldon B. Heyburn through adoption
of resolutions for his slighting refer-
ence to the memorial it passed pledging
the state's approval and support of the
bill pending in Congress for the elec-
tion of United States Senators by di-
rect vote of the people.

Unanimous support was given a mo-
tion made by Senator MacBeth, that the
Secretary of State be commanded to
deliver to the Senate a letter written
by Senator Heyburn to the former ac-
knowledging receipt of the memorial. In
this letter the senator Senator re-
ferred to the memorial and Legislature
as follows:

"I cannot conceive that the Legisla-
ture intended in adopting this resolu-
tion to confess its inability to honestly
perform its constitutional duty in elect-
ing United States Senators, or that it
intended to suggest that future legisla-
tion would not be as honest or com-
petent."

"In my judgment it is not true that
the people of Idaho desire any change
in the Constitution upon a fair and in-
telligent consideration of the question.
I am unwilling to indorse any legisla-
tion that would indicate it was not
satisfied to the confidence of the peo-
ple."

Prolonged applause greeted the warn-
ing served by Senator Lee, Republican,
when the Senate considered the resolu-
tion calling for the creation of Heyburn
Park on the shores of Lake
Coeur d'Alene, he would move to amend
the bill to change the name of the
lake to "Dixie."

WATER-FLYER SUCCESS

CURTIS DIPS AND SOARS IN
FANCY FLIGHT.

Aviator at Long Beach Further
Demonstrates Practicability of
His Hydro-Aeroplane.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 27.—In a four-
mile flight from the water today, Glenn
H. Curtiss, for the benefit of the San
Diego public gathered along the water
front and on the Long Beach of Cor-
onado, further demonstrated the success
of his hydro-aeroplane.

He brought out his water-flyer about
half past one o'clock this afternoon
and rose from the water with the ease
that the aeroplane rises from land. He
circled twice around the revenue cut-
ter Bear and the repair ship Iris in the
harbor, turning in a shorter range than
he usually turns in the regular aero-
plane, and dropped down on the water
in front of his headquarters without
even a splash.

The demonstration today was
watched by many people, both afloat
and ashore, and the water-air craft
circling around the bay caused the
plain water craft to set their sirens
screaming as if in envy of the strange
machine that could both float and fly.

When he landed today, Curtiss de-
clared he was satisfied and added:
"The equipment I have used is of
course crude, but I shall make some
improvements and perfect others. The
main problem is solved. I will now
be possible to have a machine that can
be used either on water or on land,
landing at will on either. Water always
affords an opportunity for a flat space,
while it is not always easy to come
down on land."

BARRY FORCED TO RESIGN

Charges by Officers Cause Total
Severance From Navy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—By direc-
tion of the President, Rear-Admiral
Edward B. Barry, the former command-
er-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, today
submitted his resignation "for the
good of the service." It was imme-
diately accepted. The enforced resig-
nation is the outgrowth of charges
which have been in circulation affect-
ing the moral character of the naval
officer.

The resignation severing the officer's
connection with the American Navy, was
received today and his name was at once
stricken from the list of naval officers.
This action naturally terminated his sal-
ary from the Government.

In response to a telegraphic request,
Admiral Barry was placed on the re-
tired list of the Navy on January 14,
several months in advance of the date
on which he would have retired by op-
eration of law.

Later, however, reports began to em-
anate from San Francisco that Admiral
Barry's retirement was forced by a de-
mand that he resign on account of al-
leged scandalous conduct. It was added
that the officer of the cruiser West
Virginia, Admiral Barry's flagship, were
not satisfied with retirement, but insist-
ed on his resignation. The Secretary of
the Navy called on Captain Orchard, of
the West Virginia, for a formal state-
ment. Captain Orchard's report was re-
ceived by the Navy Department several
days ago, when it was submitted to the
President and the enforced resignation
followed.

HARPER MAY LOSE JOB

PILES REFUSES TO SUPPORT
FORMER ASSOCIATE.

Washington Senator Seeks Position
of Collector of Puget Sound
for His Own Brother.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—President
Taft today sent to the Senate the nomi-
nation of Frederick C. Harper as Col-
lector of Customs, District of Puget
Sound, Washington.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—
The delay in the appointment
of a collector for the Puget Sound col-
lection district caused much anxiety on
the part of the friends of Collector F.
C. Harper, the incumbent. The recent
reappointment of P. S. Malcolm as col-
lector for the Port of Portland against
the expressed wishes of the Senators
from Oregon, and upon the recommen-
dation of the Secretary of the Treasury,
who urged Malcolm's record as a reason
for his retention, was what gave them
hope.

Senator Piles, who brought about the
appointment of Mr. Harper, originally,
this time recommended the appointment
of his own brother.

It was understood that Senator Jones
was not taking an active part in the
appointment of a collector, and the
President might have made an ap-
pointment until Senator Poindeexter
took his seat. In that case, the chances
for the reappointment of Mr. Harper
would have been slim, as Mr. Harper,
during the last campaign, lined up with
Judge Thomas Burke and used his per-
sonal and official influence to effect
his nomination at the primary elec-
tion.

Senator Piles cannot oppose Harper's
confirmation, for Harper was president
of the business men's committee that
handed the Piles campaign in 1904 and
stole only at Clackamas, Oregon City,
Canby, Aurora, Hubbard, Woodburn,
Salem, Albany and Junction City. Ar-
rives Eugene 10:45 P. M. A strictly
high-grade local limited train.

TAKE THE EUGENE FLYER

Rush to Oregon Predicted.

W. B. Jerome, special western agent
of the New York Central lines in charge
of outside agencies and with headquarters
in Chicago, arrived in Portland yesterday
on his regular visit to the local office and
spent the day with local representatives
of the company. Mr. Jerome, who comes
closely in touch with railroad interests
everywhere, reports that the interest of
Eastern people in Oregon and the North-
west never was greater and that the
Chicago offices are receiving inquiries
daily from people who contemplate locat-
ing in this portion of the country. The
Pacific Coast tourist business throughout
the winter has been the greatest this year
in the history of western railroading and
a similar rush westward, but with Oregon
as the destination of the travelers, is
predicted for the coming Spring and
Summer.

STEAMSHIP LINES NOT DISCOURAGED

Trans-Pacific Shipping Un-
profitable, but Companies
Will Enlarge.

HOPE OF FUTURE BASIS

Statements of Consul Anderson at
Hongkong Indicate Boat Barons
Expect Trade Will Event-
ually Justify Expenditures.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, Jan. 27.—The Trans-Pacific
shipping lines exist on the Pacific Ocean.
It is understood that at least two of the
three lines which afford the bulk of the
passenger accommodations across the Pa-
cific from American and Canadian ports
have not been profitable for several
years, and yet all three lines announce
their intention of immediately construct-
ing larger, faster and better ships for
the trans-Pacific service.

The foregoing statement is made by
Consul-General George E. Anderson, of
Hongkong, in a report to the Department
of Commerce and Labor on impending
improvements in trans-Pacific shipping.
Continuing, Mr. Anderson says:

"The first announcement was made by
the Toyo Kisen Kaisha (Japanese), which
has a sailing from San Francisco to
Hongkong once a month on an average,
with the two fastest ships on the Pa-
cific, each of 21,000 tons displacement,
turbine engines, and luxurious accommo-
dations. The company is building a third
ship of the same class, slightly larger,
with turbine engines and superior ac-
commodations, and its announced policy
is of further construction after the new
ship is launched next July."

New Alliance Made.

"These Japanese ships have always
had a freight traffic agreement with a
joint passenger schedule agreement with
the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, the
American line operating the chief pas-
senger and freight service between San
Francisco and Hongkong by way of
Honolulu and Japanese and Philippine
and Chinese ports. In July last, the
Japanese company withdrew from the
agreement and established a freight
traffic agreement with the Western Pa-
cific Railway, the new transcontinental
line in the United States."

"The Pacific Mail Company then com-
menced constructing two new steamers,
larger, faster and better than anything
else on the Pacific, of the George Wash-
ington class of German ships, the At-
lantic. They are to be of 40,000 tons dis-
placement, will carry over 500 first-class
passengers, and are to be in service
within three years. The company is con-
structing two new ships of the same
class, and the company is operating
has created a sensation in Far Eastern
shipping."

The Canadian Pacific Railway an-
nounces that the Empress Line, Japanese
and Chinese ports and employing British
mail, to be augmented at once by
constructing two new ships of size and
speed equal to the Empress ships on the
Atlantic, with still larger and faster
ships for the Atlantic trade. The trip
from Yokohama to Vancouver would thus
be made in considerably less than 10
days.

Business Is Unprofitable.

"The Toyo Kisen Kaisha has been un-
profitable for several years, although it
enjoys a subsidy from the Japanese gov-
ernment of \$2,500,000 annually for the
American line alone, or \$4,000,000 for all
its lines. The loss is partly ascribed to
the attitude of the Chinese people toward
that line and partly to general business
conditions. The company's deficit at the
beginning of its current season amounted
to \$2,000,000. It is now reported as
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ROBBER'S EXPLOIT BRIEF

HE HOLDS UP TRAIN, SHOT ENDS FLIGHT, HE YIELDS.

Quick Pursuit of Detective Followed by Wound in Wrist, Disarming and Surrender.

PUEBLO, Colo., Jan. 27.—A lone robber, who at first gave his name as Al Buckley, held up the passengers of a southbound Colorado & Southern passenger train No. 2 a few minutes after it left the Union depot here at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, was wounded and surrendered.

After securing \$117 and some jewelry from the passengers he leaped from the train. Special Agent William McCafferty followed and opened fire. Buckley returning it, Buckley was shot through the right wrist, and when his revolver dropped from his hand he surrendered. All the money and valuables were recovered.

Buckley is supposed to have boarded the train at the Union Depot here. When it reached Bessemer, a southern suburb, he pulled the bellcord, stopping the train. Then, revolver in hand, he commanded all the passengers to hold up their hands and "dig up."

Buckley is a well-dressed young man about 25 years of age. He refused to talk about the hold-up or his past record. Tonight the hold-up said his right name was Al Bane, alias Al Bettle. He gave his home as Athol, Kan., where he said his parents and wife resided. He said he formerly was a Santa Fe engineer.

Bane claimed that he was intoxicated when he held up the train.

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TAFT WILL TOUR SOUTH

Itinerary of Journey in March Partly Arranged.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Early in March, immediately after Congress adjourns, President Taft will make a short swing through the South, winding up at his home town, Cincinnati, where he will spend several days before returning to the National Capital. While the exact itinerary has not been arranged, the President expects to be away from Washington about a week, and the places at which he expects to stop are Anderson, S. C.; Atlanta, Ga.; Nashville, Chattanooga and Cleveland. He will be in Atlanta on March 10, when he will address the Southern Commercial Congress at the closing session of its convention. In Cincinnati he will speak to the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick on March 17.

Horses Stolen for Rebels.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 27.—A posse of cowboys and residents from Lordsburg, N. M., is scouring the country between that town and the international line for a band of horse-thieves. More than 100 horses have been stolen in the vicinity of Lordsburg during the last few nights.

ROLLER SKATING

Season On

Record-Breaking Crowds attend Oaks skating rink. Band music every afternoon and evening. Roller skating a clean, wholesome exercise.

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'Tis a used piano, but use has only mellowed the tone and it has been refinished and rebuilt. A truly superb piano, in a mahogany case—one that most any piano house would unhesitatingly ask you \$300 for. True, it has been used, but—

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The peerless quality, the richness of tone, the piano perfect that Kimballs are famous for is still here. On sale now for \$167.

OTHER BARGAINS in USED PIANOS

Hallet & Davis Piano for	\$145
Nearly new Sterling Piano for	\$185
Steinway & Sons Piano, this week	\$ 60
A. B. Chase Piano, nearly new, for	\$205
Mahogany Case Player Piano for	