

# FEAR OF ROADS IS BAR TO BIG FLEET

## Baker Tells Senators Why Plan Failed—No Threats Are Disclosed.

### RATE CUTS HELD MENACE

#### Promoter of Atlantic and Pacific Company Says Railroads' Power to Kill Water Competition Is Blow to Scheme.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 20.—In his testimony today before the Senate committee on interstate commerce, Bernard N. Baker, of Baltimore, attributed his failure to finance the Pacific Steamship Company not to any direct and illegal influence of the railroads, but rather to a general fear that his company, if formed, would be crushed out by competition from steamship lines which transcontinental roads might build and operate at a loss for the specific purpose of wiping out injurious water competition through the Panama Canal.

Mr. Baker testified that the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, owned by the Southern Pacific, had not, in his judgment, been a money-maker, but had been maintained to protect the rail business of this corporation.

#### Shipping Rates Cut.

In times past, he said, these steamers had carried freight at ruinously low rates, long enough to stifle competition, as had some lines on the Atlantic Coast, and when competition was driven out rates had been restored to a point where railroad business was not impaired.

His said feeling was general both among bankers and among individuals ordinarily inclined to invest in large enterprises that his steamship company might meet this fate, and it was this fear of railroad influence that had thus far rendered his enterprise unsuccessful. The Pacific Mail Company, he said, is now building several new steamers for the Panama route.

#### Lack of Evidence Admitted.

Though repeatedly pressed for evidence that would show that improper influence had been exerted by the railroads, Mr. Baker admitted he could not prove railroads had made any illegal or improper move against him, nor could he prove that railroad influence had prevented American shipyards from bidding on the construction of ships for his line. On the contrary, he admitted that if his company was adequately financed, he believed American yards would build ships for them.

Mr. Baker explained that he had contemplated forming a \$15,000,000 corporation, but he could have gone ahead had he been able to raise \$2,000,000 to start with. This would have enabled him to build four ships and have them ready when the canal opens, provided he secured the Government mail contract, which carries an annual subsidy of \$750,000.

#### Bids to Be Opened Soon.

Bids will be opened for this mail service next Saturday and he had little hope of securing sufficient financial backing by that time to enable him to bid. If given another six months, however, he thought he could raise \$1,000,000. He now has positive pledges of \$1,125,000 and thinks he is sure of another \$250,000, but does not know where he could immediately raise the other \$1,500,000. He said \$100,000 had been subscribed in Portland, Or., with promise of other subscriptions totaling \$250,000, and Seattle had subscribed \$500,000. San Francisco and Los Angeles had given him no financial support.

#### Plans Are Disclosed.

When asked how he hoped to make his corporation successful, if it met with out-throat competition from the Pacific Mail Company, which is a railroad-controlled line, he explained that his steamers would be 16-knot ships, faster than those of the Pacific Mail and if he had the Government subsidy of \$750,000 annually, he believed he could successfully compete, especially on higher classes of freight.

He strongly urged that Congress expand the power of the Interstate Commerce Commission so it can regulate rates in coastwise trade passing through Panama Canal and that it be given power to fix minimum as well as maximum rates in order to prevent out-throat competition. With a Government line in operation, he believed there would be no such competition from the railroads.

### BAD FOOD IS TURNED AWAY

#### San Francisco Health Officers at War With State Board.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Dr. George Eaton, president of the San Francisco Board of Health, has thrown down the gauntlet to the State Board of Health and proposes to assume jurisdiction over foodstuffs coming into this port.

A recent shipment of spoiled salmon from Alaska, which was discovered by Health Officer McNutt and his deputies, brought the situation to a climax. "The State Board of Health has been lax in handling foodstuffs coming into San Francisco," said Dr. Eaton today. "I intend to take hold of this situation and see that such stuff is turned away. We have the power, and shall exercise it, to prevent the shipment here of such stuff."

### CABINET CRISIS IMPENDS

#### Japanese Finance Minister Insists on Cutting Expenses.

TOKYO, Nov. 20.—Minister of Finance Yamamoto is determined to compile his pending budget on the business principle of curtailing expenses as much as possible. His uncompromising attitude, it is feared, will cause a Cabinet crisis.

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### CHINESE CITY WHERE GREAT BATTLE IS SAID TO HAVE BEGUN, AND TWO PROMINENT FIGURES THERE.



### DEAL HANGS FIRE

#### Millions Will Change Hands if Socialism Is Defeated.

### VOTE WILL DECIDE TRADE

#### "Lucky" Baldwin Acres Will Be Bought by Los Angeles Investment Company if Election Goes Against Job Harriman.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—A \$7,250,000 deal for the purchase of 23,000 acres of the "Lucky" Baldwin estate by the Los Angeles Investment Company depends upon the re-election of Mayor Alexander and the success of the remainder of the Good Government ticket on December 5.

Charles A. Elder, president of the company, made this announcement today. Mr. Elder said his concern has long desired to acquire the Baldwin property in question, but the heirs were at variance with the company in point of the purchase price. "Two months ago," said Elder, "we made the Baldwin estate a proposition upon the 23,000 acres. The heirs considered the price too low. Immediately after the primary they were ready to accept our offer."

### ALARM GROWS; PIPE DRY

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The small towns between here and Tacoma and many farms are ruined.

### LINEMAN LOST IN CASCADES

#### Superintendent of Milwaukee Heads Rescue Party.

ELLENBURG, Wash., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—A Milwaukee railroad telegraph lineman has been lost in the Cascade Mountains since Friday, at which time he left Laconia to search for wire trouble between Laconia and Elensburg. A party of six started to search for him today. It is feared that he may have either been caught by a landslide or drowned in one of the mountain streams which became threatening torrents in a short time Friday night following the chinook winds. This is the same locality where a Postal lineman lost his life last winter while searching for wire trouble and is in one of the most rugged parts of the Cascade Mountains and miles from any house or settlement.

Superintendent Pearson of the Milwaukee is directing the search. The cutoff is through a neck of land 80 rods wide, and shortens the distance from Mount Vernon to Sedro-Woolley three and a half miles and gives a good steambot channel where a long and dangerous ledge existed before. Bellingham is still without train service, and some promises before tomorrow night or Wednesday.

### FREAK FLOOD SAVES MILLION

#### Channel Proposed by Government Made by River Overflow.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 20.—A freak of the flood in the Skagit River has done work contemplated by the United States Government at a cost of \$1,000,000 and a year's labor of big engineering crews, and it was done in 24 hours without a cent of cost. The stream cut through Sterling Bend, above Mount Vernon, Skagit County, where a channel now runs 100 feet wide and 20 feet deep.

For 17 years the Federal Government has considered this improvement. The cutoff is through a neck of land 80 rods wide, and shortens the distance from Mount Vernon to Sedro-Woolley three and a half miles and gives a good steambot channel where a long and dangerous ledge existed before. Bellingham is still without train service, and some promises before tomorrow night or Wednesday.

### PEOPLE RESCUED FROM ROOFS

#### Families at Everett Are Cared For by County Officers.

EVERETT, Wash., Nov. 20.—Fifty persons were removed today from their imperiled homes on Ebey Island, oppo-



site Everett, where the waters of the Skookumchuk River broke the dike last night. In places on the island water is reported to be 10 and 12 feet deep. Families were driven to the roofs of their houses, remaining there until rescued. Some houses have been wrecked, including a schoolhouse. One man is reported missing. Valuable cattle have been lost.

The flood victims, as far as they are brought to safety, are being cared for by city and county authorities. The new Milwaukee branch has been damaged in the Cherry Valley country. The flood shows no sign of abatement.

### TACOMA TRAINS ARE TIED UP

#### Passengers Are Conveyed Over Foot-bridge to Special Cars.

TACOMA, Nov. 20.—Traffic on the interurban electric line between Tacoma and Seattle has been suspended today, due to the flooded track between Kent and Riverton, on the Seattle end of the line. Service on the Tacoma-Puyallup Short Line was suspended at 9 o'clock last night, but was expected to be resumed this afternoon. A wash-out 40 feet long near Waverly was repaired with temporary piling. Water in the Puyallup River had fallen three feet up to noon.

The approach to the county steel bridge over the Stuck River at Sumner was washed away and a temporary trestle at Buckley is gone. The county road is badly washed out half a mile below McMillan. Northern Pacific trains, westbound, due in Tacoma at 11:30 A. M. and 5:15 P. M. Saturday, are still stalled near Lester. A footbridge has been built over the break for passengers and they will be brought to Tacoma on a special train tonight.

### Gale Reported on Coast.

Unusually high winds prevailing along the Coast yesterday prompted the Weather Bureau to order storm warnings on all the Puget Sound ports and at the mouth of the Columbia River. The rainfall was light in all places, but the wind blew with tremendous force all day. The highest maximum velocity of wind was registered at Tatoosh Island, where the gale blew at a rate of 68 miles, from the south. At Blaine the wind was blowing at an estimated velocity of 50 miles an hour at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Weather forecasts announce a continuance of the wind storm today along the Northwest Coast, with rain. The storm appears to be confined to the West Coast, no unusual weather conditions occurring in the eastern sections of the United States.

### Chehalis Lands Flooded.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—The lowlands of the Chehalis and Newaukum valleys in this section are flooded, but the water is doing no serious damage. The Cowlitz Valley also reports high water, with no serious results so far as known. This afternoon the weather is threatening and more rain is expected.

### JOHNSON FOR LA FOLLETTE

#### California Governor Says He Will Be Fair to Taft Men.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 20.—Governor Johnson came out squarely for La Follette for President and a direct statement issued today. Declaring that while a joker in the power full right to send a solid delegation for La Follette, the Governor indicated that he was sacrificing politics to principle and would insist that the people be given the right to name first hand their choice for President.

### ENGINE BOILER BLOWS UP

#### Locomotive Hurlled 50 Feet by Explosion; Trainmen Scalded.

OGDEN, Utah, Nov. 20.—The boiler of an engine pulling Overland Limited, No. 2, on the Union Pacific, blew up early this morning near Rawlins, Wyo., se-

Above, Scene in Canton. Below, Rear-Admiral Murdock, Commander of American Fleet, and General Chang, Commander of Chinese Imperial Troops Engaged.

rarily scalding Engineer Cornelius Ryan and his fireman. The locomotive was blown 50 feet from the track and the roadbed was torn up for 100 feet.

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