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Millions Made in Ore for Stockholders.

COMMITTEE QUIZZES

Big Corporation "Scared to Death," Observes Magnate.

HE, WITH IRON LAND, GAY

Rich Tracts Bought for Small Sum, Leased to Trust, Shareholders of Great Northern Benefited, Says Rail Millionaire.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 .- James J. Hill, chairman of the board of the Great Northern Railroad, told the Stanley steel trust investigating committee today a story of himself in the role of a philanthropist to the stockholders of the rallway company.

Mr. Hill told how he had bought properties for more than \$4,000,000, turned them over for that amount to the Lake Superior Company, limited, as trustee for the railroad stockholders, and presented the stockholders with pro rata certificates for the increased value of the property, which accumulated rapidly and amounted to mil-

Leases Inquired About.

The railroad magnate was questioned at length regarding the lease of these ore lands to the United States Steel Corporation for development, a lease which the corporation recently decided to cancel January 1, 1915. In this land there are estimated to be about 500,000,000 tons of ore, which the steel corporation values at \$1 a ton. "I wouldn't take \$1 a ton for the

ore," said Mr. Hill. The ore freight rate from the Lake Superior region to the Pittsfaury Or trict, which the United States Steel Corporation recently reduced to 10 cents a ton, Mr. Hil declared to be the cheapest in the country.

Lower Rate Predicted.

"And it will be still lower," said he. "The next rate will be 60 cents." Why did they cut the rate?" he was Why, I think the steel corporation

just got scared to death," he replied. That's all there was to it."

"Hut you got your royalty, just the samel" asked Mr. Young.

"And when the lease runs out you've got the ore?"

"Yes," Mr. Hil replied, "What difference does it make? I'll have the ore and it doesn't go out of fashion and the fire risk is quite low."

Stockholders Reap Benefits. Representative Gardner asked the witness why he had turned over the properties to the Lake Superior Com-

pany for the benefit of stockholders. The trustee company paid me what I paid for the property, a little over \$4,000,000, with 5 per cent interest," said Mr. Hill. "Those properties immediately took on considerable additional value and could make money for the stockholders. There was nothing to conceal about it. Wherever I saw I could make money for the stockholders that way I did it."

"Did the stockholders of the Great Northern Railroad pay anything to the Lake Superior Company?" asked Mr. Gardner.

Interests Are Gift.

These interests were a gift to them." "Why did the stockholders get this gift?" asked Mr. Beall.

"I got back all I had paid and the stockholders of the railroad got the benefit of the additional value," said Mr. Hill.

"If I could make money for myself, I could make it for the stockholders. I was in a measure dealing with myself. bought the property to get control of the transportation of the ore in the Lake Superior region. Subsequent developments showed the property was worth much more than \$4,000,000.

"I bought the properties as an indi-Mr. Hill continued, "because as a railroad company I do not think the Great Northern would have the legal right to own and operate mines."

Hill Defines Rights.

But you, as president, could own and operate mines and distribute the stock to the railroad stockholders?" asked Chairman Stanley. Yes, or give it to the poor," said Mr.

You were party to the lease between the United States Steel Corpora-

tion and the Hill ore lands?" asked hand she took to manicure as belong-Stanley, the chairman.

the Mesaba Range?"

The first was properly that came with the Duluth & Winnipeg, a bankrupt railway."

"How much land was there?" "About 15,000 acres. That deal was made in 1506."

"What part of those lands was turned over to the United States Steel Corpora.

"I guess about 5000 acres. Whatever (Concluded on Page 5.)

CRIMINAL CONFESSES. Positive Identification" of ex-Convict Leads to Reincarceration of Blameless Californian.

> SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12 .- (Special.) -John Ward, alias Jack Bodie, a victim of "positive identification" by the bewildered victim of a holdup in Watconville in 1903, is to be released from San Quentin, after serving nine years of a 10-year sentence for a crime he did not commit and knew nothing

> Ward had served a term in state prison and was trying in Watsonville to live down his past. He was the only known convict in the town and as such was the object of unpleasant in terest. Naturally, when a drunker townsman was "rolled" one night, the ex-convict was suspected. The police thought he must be the man, as a matter of course, and they convinced the victim of the robbery. "Positive identification" followed, resulting in

> onviction Meanwhile the real robber, arrested near the scene of the crime and found to be a resident of Watsonville and a man of good reputation, was re-

> leased without trial. Year after year in San Quentin prison. Ward has been waiting, cherishing a dying hope that something would happen to establish his innocence. It has happened. After nine years of brooding remorse, the actual criminal after moving from Watsonville to San Francisco to try to forget the conse-Today Ward was told of this. "It has been a long wait," he said, quiet-

ly, "and I'm glad its over. I still have some good years left." Ward's release probably will take place within a few days.

MIXED MARRIAGES BARRED

Germany Holds Unions in Samo Degrading to Whites.

BERLIN, Feb. 12 -- Dr. Solf, the new Secretary of State for the Colonies, has lasued an order forbidding for the future all marriages between whites and natives in the two Samoan Islands be longing to Germany. Children of marringes heretofore legally contracted will be regarded as of white birth, but offspring of the other unions customary in the islands will be classed among

the colored or native population. a der comes as a culmination of a long agitation against mixed marringes, into which a large proportion of the white colonists and even of the imperial officials in German Samoa have entered and which were tolerated and even protected by former administra-

tions in the Colonial Offices. The institution is now regarded as a day to German prestige in the isla ... and even as a menace to the future of the colony. According to the official view point, white colonists intermarrying with natives very often sink to the lower cultural level of the aboriginal population, while the children, inheriting the bad qualities of both parents, form an undestrable element of the population.

PARENTS SEE SON DROWN

Log Strikes Boy Surf-Riding Near Cliff House.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12 -- (Special.) -When a log on which he was surf-riding turned, throwing him off and striking him on the head, little 8-yearold Frank Wilkle, son of F. A. Wilkle, was killed in the ocean near the Cliff House yesterday afternoon while his mother and father witnessed the scene,

powerless to save their boy. A few minutes before the accident Frank with two other lads of similar age towed the log out into the surf and waited the incoming of a big breaker. When the prospective breaker arrived Frank straddled the log and started in toward shore on the breast of the surf.

He had proceeded only a few feet when the log turned, throwing the little lad under. When he struggled to the surface one end of the log struck him on the head, rendering him unconscious. With a cry he sank below the surface and his playmates ran to the shore.

The elder Wilkie, who with his wife witnessed the catastrophe, rushed into the water to save his son. When the boy's form arose to the surface the father grabbed up his son and rushed to the shore. Every possible means of resuscitation was resorted to, but in

MOLE REUNITES COUPLE

Manicurist Can't See Husband's Face, but She Recognizes Blemish.

OAKLAND, Feb. 12.-A plain wartlike mole brought two loving hearts together in a local barber shop today when Mrs. H. V. Stapp recognized the ing to the husband who left home a "I was not a party to the lease," said year ago, after a quarrel. Stapp, now a traveling salesman, did not see his "What properties did you acquire on wife when he called for a massage and a manicure. His wife did not notice him as he entered, and as she drew up her table and bowl his face was con-

cealed under hot towels. "Harry," screamed the girl, with a burst of sobs, as she recognized the

mole on the hand. Stapp, startled, emerged from the towels. In the reconciliation that followed even the most confirmed barber felt his eyes grow molst. The Stapps went home together.

PARTY'S NEUROTICS SCORNED BY TAF PREEDOM COMES WHEN REAL

President Breathes Defiance to Democrats.

SPEECH MADE IN NEW YORK

Party of Lincoln, Grant Furnished History, Says Chief.

NOVEMBER VICTORY SEEN

Chief Executive Says He Has Little Time for "Political Neurotics" in Ranks of Republican Party. Day Is Strenuous.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12,-President Taft brought his celebration of Lincoln's birthday to a close here tonight with a political speech to the Republican Club in which he breathed deflance to the Democratic party, declared it was his belief that the Republicans would triumph next November, and made it plain that he had little sympathy with those of his own political faith who call themselves

"progressives," but who are "political otionalists or neurotics" His speech came almost at the end of a strenuous day that took him to Newark and Orange, N. J., and gave him six hours in New York in which to attend the political dinner and drop in at banquets of the Retail Drygoods Association and the Graduates' Club. Leaving for Washington tonight the President is due in the capital early

While at the banquet of the Repubican Club, the President received a telegram assuring him that two delegates to the Republican National conrention from Alaska pledged to sup-

ort him had been elected today. Most of the prominent leaders of the party in the state were present at tonight's banquet. Republican National Committeeman William L. Ward, who refused to attend the President's White House dinner to members of the National committee last December, at-

from Newark, where he was the guest t luncheon of ex-Governor Murphy. ,

Republicans Make History. In his address before the Republican Club President Taft said in part: "Men praise Lincoln today and attack the Republican party, altogether

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SIR EDWARD IS HONORED

Order of Garter Is Conferred Upon British Foreign Secretary.

LONDON, Feb. 12 .- The King has oppointed Sir Edward Grey Secretary of President Taft came to New York State for Foreign Affairs, a Knight formed, after which he shall receive of the Garter.

upon Sir Edward Grey undoubtedly at the Premier's suggestion and is conthe Liberals, on Sir Edward's foreign fices at his ancestral tombs and

WE'VE GOT THE CANAL, THEY'VE GOT THE SHIPS.

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CHINA'S EMPEROR ABDICATES THRONE

Centuries-Old Dynasty Surrenders at Last.

EDICTS PROCLAIM REPUBLIC

Royal Manchus Will Retain Titles and Get Pensions.

TERMS ARE COMPROMISE

Pekin Greatly Relieved at Action of Throne, Which Urges Peace in Sorely Beset Nation-No Provision for Dr. Sun Made.

PEKIN, Feb. 13 .- After occupying the throne of China for nearly three cen turies, the Manchu dynasty, represented by the child Emperor, Pu Yi, abdi-

Three edicts were issued, the first proclaiming abdication, the second dealing with the establishment of the republic and the third urging the maintenance of peace and approving the conditions agreed upon imperial premier, Yuan Shi Kai, and the republicans.

At an audience yesterday, the Em press Dowager thanked Yuan Shi Kai for his successful efforts in obtaining good treatment for the imperial family from the republicans.

Pekin Greatly Relieved. The publication of the edicts has

given profound relief to everyone in Pekin, both foreigners and Chinese The arrangement is considered a satisfactory compromise and it is believed the terms will satisfy the republicans.

The first edict provides that the terms shall be communicated to the foreign delegations for transmission to their respective governments, the object being to record world-wide the republican pledges.

Republicans Make Pleages

The republicans make eight pledges to the Emperor, as follows: "First-The Emperor shall retain his title and shall be respected as a foreign monarch. Second-The Emperor shall receive an annual grant of 4,-000,000 taels until the currency is re-\$4,000,000 Mexican. Third-A tempor-Forbidden City, and later the Imperial family shall reside in the Summer palstrued as the government's answer to ace, 10 miles outside of Pekin. Fourththe attacks, particularly on the part of The Emperor may observe the sacri-

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OFFICIALS FORGET

NO LEVY MADE FOR YEAR, CITY MUST USE RESERVE.

Neglect of Mayor and Council Causes \$1500 Loss-Saloon Licenses Relied Upon.

ESTACADA, Or., Feb. 12 .- (Special.) Residents of Estacada will pay no taxes for running expenses of the municipality this year. No levy was nade, the Mayor and City Council having neglected to report their estimate and levy to the City Recorder, who in turn, reports to the County Clerk,

before December 31, Announcement that the levy had not been made came as a surprise to the taxpayers. The Mayor and Council shared in the general consternation. There is no way of remedying the oversight, it is said, and now Estacada must depend upon the revenues from saloon licenses and on money on hand in the treasury to tide it over until next year. The city officials say they simply forgot to make the levy.

Fortunately the city is fairly well off as regards finances. The running expenses, lights, police and salary of the City Recorder amount to only \$1300 annually. There is still in the treasury about \$1700 in the general fund available for city expenses and about \$3000 in the road and sewer fund with about \$400 not yet turned over to the city for last year's taxes. In addition the licenses of the two saloons expire in August and October and, as they are required to pay a year in advance, about \$3000 more will be available this Summer.

The assessed valuation of Estacada is about \$300,000 and the city charter limits the tax levy for city expense to 5 mills. An amount not exceeding \$1500 is lost to the city through the failure of the Aldermen to make the levy in time.

PERMITS TO WED 2 TAKEN

Portland Man Then Uses Oregon City License, Returns Other.

Augustus B. F. Orr, who gave his address as 203 Commercial block, on December 11, obtained two marriage licenses in each of which he figured as prospective bridegroom. One was taken out in Portland and the other at Oregon City. With the Oregon City permit as his authority County Judge Beatle, of Clackamas County, performed at Oregon City on the same date a ceremony which made Mary A. Burke the wife of Orr and they are now said to be living in this city.

The Portland license, in which Berthi Balger, whose address was given as 30 Milner building, was named as the bride-to-be, was returned to County Clerk Fields yesterday without explanation save "Marriage ceremony not

J. N. Johnson signed as a witness for the Portland license, while Frank Schlegel, a Portland attorney, took the mit View tomorrow and several workoath before the marriage license clerk at Oregon City that the prospective bride was past the legal age and that there was no legal impediment to the marriage. Mr. Schlegel said last night that "there was nothing the matter with the transaction."

Orr is a fraternal insurance agent, and lives at 244 Salmon street, but could not be found yesterday. Mrs. E. F. Humason, sister of Miss Burke, who is visiting at the home of Mr. Orr, from Spokane, expressed entire ignorance of the affair last night.

SHINGLES SOAR IN PRICE Active Demand and Moderate Supply

Cause Five-Cent Rise.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 12,-(Spe cial.) - As a result of an active demand for shingles and moderate supply, the price of stars has advanced 5 cents a thousand, putting the mill price at \$1.40. The demand for shingles is increasing every day and the market is said to be in better shape than it has been in for several months.

F. A. Traill, manager of the Red Cedar Shingle Manufacturers' Association, said today that in his opinion the markets for Washington red cedar shingles are He said a considerable demand for shingles has developed from Tennessee and that Kentucky and even the Carolinas are buying liberally. Mr. Traill expects 1912 to be a good year for the shingle industry.

KNOX IS OFF FOR SOUTH Exact Itinerary of Secretary of State

Not Yet Arranged. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 .- Secretary Knox left Washington tonight for Palm Beach, Fla., where he will remain about a week, and then embark on the armored cruiser Washington for Colon, to begin his diplomatic visit to Central America, South America and the

The exact itinerary of the Secretary's trip has not been arranged. The public will be informally notified in the next few days of the plans of the Secretary of State.

West Indies.

HALDANE WILL NOT TALK Frank Rockefeller in Municipal Court

Real Object of War Secretary's Visit to Berlin Not Known.

LONDON, Feb. 12 .- Viscount Haldane, War Secretary, is steadfast in declining to discuss the objects of his ing that 20 automobile owners in his visit to Berlin. He returned to London today.

Public opinion is inclined to connect the bestowal of the unusual honor of the Garter Knighthood on Sir Edward

TO TAX ESTACADA HAMLET RISES TO CAST OUT LEPER

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Parents Keep School Children Close at Home.

TWO SAID TO BE EXPOSED

Governor Hay and Representative in Congress Asked to Cause John Early's Removal at Once. Wife His Defender.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 12 .- (Speial.)-Government and state authorities were appealed to today because of the presence of John R. Early, the ex-soldier who is believed to have contracted leprosy in the Philippines, at

Summit View, a Tacoma suburb, W. H. Paulhamus, State Senator, who represents the district in which Summit is located, sent telegrams to Stanton Warburton, Representative in Congress, at Washington, D. C., urging the Government at once to take charge of Early and confine him in a suitable institution, and to Governor M. E. Hay, of Washington, asking him to take up the matter with the Federal authorities.

Two Children Exposed.

Dissension over the presence of Early arose so high today that parents in the neighborhood would not permit their children to attend school. They said at least two children had been indirectly exposed to the dis-These two pupils were sens home with instructions to visit the county physician and secure certificates. The children are Charles Wendt, brother of Claire Wendt, a 17-year-old girl who was employed to assist Mrs. Early in housework, and the little daughter of William Bittner, who had worked for Early.

County Commissioner Martin visited Summit View today and made an address at the railway station, saying every precaution had been taken and that Early and his family had a right to live. The Board will take formal action Thursday and hear the pro-

men, who will construct a three-room cottage for the leper, 300 feet from the home where his wife, mother-in-law and children will live. Around it will be a double wire fence, inclosing one acre, and Early will be kept inside the

Neighbors Fear to Converse. "Even if my husband did have it, there would be no danger of contagion," said Mrs. Early today. has been very, very careful. It makes me feel terrible to think that all of these people who used to be such good friends have suddenly turned against Why, they run past our house when they go by. They don't want to even speak to us, now, and not one of them can say that he ever came in contact with my husband or with anything my husband ever touched.

"We don't know whether or not John has it. We hope to God that he has not. But whether or not he has, it is most inhuman and unchristian for them to treat us as they now do."

GOVERNOR HAY ORDERS ACTION Secretary of Board of Health Is In-

structed to Investigate. OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 12 .- (Special.)-Governor Hay has telegraphed instruction to Dr. Eugene N. Kelly, secretary of the State Board of Health, to act at once in the case of John R. Early, the leper, found to be living at Summit, just outside of the city

limits of Tacoma. The victim of the disease which he contracted while serving as a soldier in the Philippines, has secured a small tract of land and has fenced a part of it off for himself. He was living quietly with his family near at hand, when his identity was discovered and the neighbors have appealed to Governor Hay to act and he has instructed the State Board of Health to handle the case. The Government is expected to dispose of the matter within a short time.

RICH BROTHERS STRANGERS Frank Rockefeller Says He Hasn't Spoken to John D. in 12 Years.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 12 .- "How much does your brother John D. pay his chauffeurs?" an attorney asked

today. "I don't know," answered Mr. Rockefeller. "He and I have not spoken to each other for 12 years."

Mr. Rockefeller had appeared in court to fight a suit for \$63 brought by his chauffeur. The defendant was testifyfamily paid their chauffeurs only \$60 a month, when the attorney interrupted with his question about John D. Rockefeller. A judgment for \$44.29 was given the chauffeur. Mr. Rockefeller announced that he would appeal