

GEORGE VANDERBILT DIES OF OPERATION

Appendicitis Takes Youngest and Least Known Son of Late Financier.

MODEL TOWN HIS CREATION

Student and Traveler, Scion of Noted House Cared Little for Business or Wealth Except to Lavish It on Carolina Estate.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—George W. Vanderbilt, of New York, died here today from the effects of an operation for appendicitis several days ago.

Mr. Vanderbilt's death came unexpectedly. He was operated on last Tuesday, and reports issued from his residence were that his condition was improving and that no alarm was felt for his recovery.

Not until today did the nature of his illness become generally known. The physicians who performed the operation withheld all particulars, and information of only the most meager character was obtainable at the residence.

Estate Chief Interest. George Washington Vanderbilt was the youngest and probably the least known of the great late William K. Vanderbilt. He never took an active part in the business and financial world.

Mr. Vanderbilt was born in the old Vanderbilt home at Newdorp, Staten Island, November 14, 1852. In 1885 he became interested in the wild mountain region of Western North Carolina, and by successive purchases accumulated an estate of 100,000 acres on the French Broad River, and had there a vast park and erected buildings on a scale which has seldom been equaled in this country.

Model Town Built in Valley. Mr. Vanderbilt devoted most of his time to the personal supervision of his estate. In the valley he built a model town and called it Biltmore. His farms were filled with blooded stock, and he devoted many thousands of dollars to the scientific conservation of the forests with which he covered the greater part of his property.

George Vanderbilt's fortune was never a factor in Wall street. He was supposed, however, to be one of America's wealthiest men. He had several charities and he spent money without stint on the development of his mountain estate. He seldom came to New York, but spent part of his summers at Bear Harbor, Me., where he had a handsome home.

Mr. Vanderbilt married Miss Edith Stuyvesant Dresser in 1898. Mrs. Vanderbilt and one child, a daughter, survive him.

GRAZING BILL IS FAVORED

Livestock Men Quoted as Converts to Leasing System.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The Kent bill for regulating and improving grazing on public lands was approved by several stockmen today before the House public lands committee.

H. Crabbe, of Dillon, Mont., president of the Coccoconio County Cattle-growers' Association, said the small cattlemen of the Southwest were converted to the plan by its success in National forest reservations.

E. W. Tomlinson, secretary of the National Livestock Association, and C. B. Selway, of Dillon, Mont., said 90 per cent of the cattlemen and sheepmen of Montana and the Northwest favored a leasing system for the control of the public range.

ALUMNI FOURTH LAWYERS

Harvard Graduates Take to Agriculture as Close Second.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 6.—More than one quarter of the 21,738 living alumni of Harvard University are engaged in the practice of law, according to figures announced today.

Agriculture work is a close second with 4322. Other occupations have a considerable following, including medicine with 246, business with 1909, manufacturing with 1809 and the ministry with 1100.

INDIRECT ACT CONSIDERED

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The same two broad grounds set forth in the President's message, general international comity and the immediate foreign situation confronting the country. Representative Knowland, of California, who led the opposition in the committee, has three days to file a minority report and Chairman Adamson was authorized to urge the rules committee to report by special rule to hasten the bill through the House.

The subject will be pressed at once and it is expected a rule will be brought into the House, probably by Thursday of next week.

Underwood With Opposition. Representative Adamson will take charge of the situation in the House, as Majority Leader Underwood, for the first time during the Administration, finds himself on the anti-Administration side of the question. Representative Underwood has announced his intention of not only voting against the bill, but also of making a speech against it. Despite this, however, the leaders of the repeal forces asserted today they were assured of a substantial majority to carry out the President's will.

In its report today the committee, which provided for uniform tolls in the canal act as originally reported, reiterated its position.

"We deem it proper now," said the report, "to consider the international situation and our obligations and policies in relation thereto. True, there has been as yet no friction, nor even strained relations with foreign governments, but we are advised the opposite party to the principal treaty under which the canal was constructed fails to approve our action in providing for the exemption or to concur in our construction of the treaty.

Other Nations Opposed. Other maritime nations hold the same dissenting opinion, and in the whole family of nations we stand alone in our contentions. In some situa-

tion it is not always necessary or wise to urge our contention, even though convinced of our abstract right. We are not disturbed by the taunt, made for a purpose, that repeal would be trucking and yielding to foreign demands. A similar taunt could be lodged against any man or nation honorable enough to promote friendly relations by according respectful consideration to views of the opposite party."

After a discussion of the provisions of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and the declaration that the coastwise trade of the United States does not need the assistance of exemption from tolls, the committee report said:

"The foreign governments objecting to our construction of the treaty can find a hundred points in the world's commerce to retaliate and discriminate where we may blunder into using one. Our resources, genius and geographical position equip us to defy the world to outstep us on fair and equal terms.

Members of the House and Senate who will aid in the repeal fight announced tonight that they had made a roll of Congress and that a large majority in both houses was ready to vote for a flat repeal measure immediately.

Lafferty Does Not Attend. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 6.—Representative Lafferty failed to attend today's session of the House interstate commerce committee, and did not vote on motion to report bill repealing the coastwise exemption clause of the Panama Canal act.

12 ROADS CONTROL 606

SOME INDEPENDENTS SAID TO BE "COMICALLY DEPENDENT."

New York Central Said to Dominate 204 and Pennsylvania 245 Through Ownership of Stock.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Evidence submitted today to the Interstate Commerce Commission by Frank Lyon, representing the Pittsburgh Coal Company, and compiled by Frank J. Warne, from the Commission's records, were intended to show that the hundreds of railroads in the East were controlled as to their financial operations, rates and practices through ownership, lease or interlocking stock ownership by a few great systems. It was Lyon's contention that such control was inimical to the shipping public, because, he asserted, it practically eliminated competition.

In the Eastern territory there are approximately 897 separate railroad companies. Of these the tables showed 496 are controlled by 12 systems. The control of the other roads, Warne said, was in the hands of "nominally independent lines, some of which are comically dependent on the larger systems."

The total number of transportation companies in which the New York Central exercises a majority or minority interest through stock ownership, through lease, contract or agreement, is 204.

The total number of transportation companies in which the Pennsylvania has a majority or minority interest through stock ownership or through lease, contract or agreement, is 245, of which 123 are controlled through majority interest and 107 through minority interest.

It was contended by Warne's statement that all the directors of the several large systems also were directors or officers of from five to 50 to 60 separate corporations subsidiary to the parent corporations.

GARLAND THOUGHT DYING

ALLEGED SWINDLER IN JAIL DECLARED SERIOUSLY ILL.

Action of Washington State Supreme Court on Appeal of Case May Come Too Late.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 6.—(Special.)—W. H. Garland, 65, who was arrested four years ago on fraud charges in connection with the sale of mine stock, may not live to hear the result of his appeal to the United States Supreme Court. He has been in the County Hospital three weeks. Today hospital officials sent him to the county jail, saying he was able to go to jail officers say the old man is dying.

"What to do with the poor old fellow is a problem," said Jailer O'Brien. "He is so weak and excited I don't know what to do."

Garland was too weak to talk when he reached the jail, but mumbled that he was hungry and glad to get out of the hospital. He grew weaker, and Jailer O'Brien summoned Dr. W. W. Crooks, the jail physician.

After an examination the physician said he believed Garland is a victim of tuberculosis.

Garland at the time of his arrest was living luxuriously in a hotel. He was out on \$1000 bond until last December, when his bondsmen surrendered him to the county.

W. H. Garland is well known in Portland. He attempted to establish a daily newspaper here about three years ago, but assembled a part of a plant and employed several men in various departments of the proposed paper, but before he was able to issue the first copy, creditors forced him to close the business.

He has been interested here in various other ventures, none of which, it seems, have proved successful. It is said that he has taken more or less interest, also, in politics.

After exhaustive research in Paris a famous French scientist has discovered a diet equally divided between meats and vegetables as the best for working people.

MANIPULATION LAID TO MILWAUKEE RAIL

Book Accounts So Kept as to Mislead Public and Affect Market Is Charge.

FINANCIAL STATUS IS O. K.

Interstate Commerce Commission Report Citing "Serious Irregularities" Tends to Blame Executives Rather Than Controller.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Charges that the book accounts of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company and of its subsidiary, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway Company, have been so manipulated as to mislead the public and tend to create a more favorable market for the securities of the roads were contained in a report made public today by the Interstate Commerce Commission after an exhaustive investigation of the financial affairs of the road.

While criticizing and condemning the accounting methods followed by the companies, however, Commissioner Harlan, who prepared the report, said: "We do not mean to be understood by anything here said as intimating that the St. Paul company is not a valuable property and is not achieving the results reasonably anticipated from the extension of its lines to the Pacific Coast."

Irregularities Held "Serious." The disclosures by the investigation of what Mr. Harlan describes in the report as "serious irregularities," in the accounting system of the roads, were regarded by the Commission as indefensible, although the officers of the St. Paul company explained that they "resulted from negligence, inattention and a lack of familiarity on the part of the controller and those under him with the requirements of the Commission."

"There is no sufficient basis of report," says the Commissioner's report, "to enable us to condemn or acquit the controller, either of full responsibility or of his share of responsibility for the condition of the accounts of these companies; but there are grounds for thinking that his responsibility was materially qualified and minimized by the instructions given by the executive and other officials. Whatever may be the fact in that regard the Commissioner now feels that a new arrangement of our rules and regulations is pronounced for the future. This we confidently anticipate will be realized."

Future Policy Announced. A general admonition contained in the report made it clear that the Commission hereafter will hold the controller accountable for the accuracy and truthfulness of the statements contained in the reports of the financial condition of the roads.

In some instances today's report explained "a financially strong road making large net earnings would not hesitate to conceal the facts by adding to its operating expense accounts sums disbursed in improving its property; on the other hand, a financially weak road, seeking to conceal its losses, would show, in its operating results, sums expended in its property accounts sums expended in operation."

"Desired Showing" Made. "The result was that a carrier's annual report often reflected nothing more than the particular showing desired by its executive," continues the report. "These reports were often given for speculative purposes and the stockholders and the general public were left without any assurance as to whether the earnings declared were paid from income or surplus or out of capital.

"The delinquencies in the accounting of the Puget Sound company are of great significance. A large trade was offered to the Puget Sound line as soon as it was opened and the evidence before us leads us to think that a correct showing of the operating results of the first year would have been most satisfactory. Not content, however, with a statement of the facts, the income of the Puget Sound was greatly overstated, a variety of expedients having been resorted to for this purpose."

Specific Instances Cited. Specific instances of "wrongful" accounting are contained in the report, which points out that if the different items had been stated properly during the first year of operation of the Puget Sound company "the income of the Puget Sound company for that year, reported at \$2,255,446.18, would have been practically annihilated."

"The unlawful practices just described were continued after June 30, 1912, and the fictitious showing of income for that period was used by the officers of the Puget Sound company to aid in the sale of its bonds."

"The last report of the Puget Sound company to this Commission as a separate property covered the period from December, inclusive, of the year 1912. The earnings for that period show a very substantial growth. After making all due allowances for undetermined misstatements in the reports, the showing of results of the operation of the new line must be regarded as very favorable. It is probable, however, that the accounts of the St. Paul company are being recast to bring them into harmony with our rules and regulations so far as is now possible."

EARLING MAKES EXPLANATION Reason for Increasing Stock From Three to Hundred Million Given.

CHICAGO, March 6.—An explanation of conditions on which were based charges by the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company tonight by A. J. Earling, president of the road. Mr. Earling gave the reason for the apparent over-valuation of the investment in the Puget Sound extension and asserted there had been "no intention to make other than accurate statements of its operating or financial condition for the purpose of promoting the sale of its stock or for any other purpose."

The statement says that the original stock of the Puget Sound company was \$3,000,000. When the construction of the extension was nearly completed it was found that a mortgage for \$200,000,000 would be needed to complete the construction and for equipment and to provide for future extension. A mortgage for \$200,000,000 was issued. The statement says the laws of the State of Washington, in which the Puget Sound line was incorporated, provide that bonds issued by railroad companies at no time should exceed double the amount of the capital stock. Accordingly the capital stock was increased from \$3,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

"It was carried on the books of the Puget Sound Company at \$100,000,000 in order to make it valid stock under

the laws of Washington. While this was not in strict compliance with the accounting rules of the Interstate Commerce Commission it was necessary under the laws of Washington in order to make it valid stock, and it was necessary that this stock be valid in order to give validity to the bonds.

"About a year ago the Commission called attention to the accounts of the Puget Sound company in connection with its construction and early operation. Practically all the accounts have been revised in conformity with the requirements of the Commission.

"These differences in accounting occurred during the transition of the Puget Sound line from a construction to an operating condition. Construction and operating work was carried on simultaneously, necessarily leading to accounting discrepancies in auditing reports of large numbers."

ONCE ASYLUM INMATE SUES

Illegal Incarceration Is Charged by Pearl Jones Holmes.

SALEM, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—The State Board of Control was notified today by Superintendent Steiner, Dr. Steiner said that the woman was committed regularly to the asylum February 27, 1913, and was discharged as cured three weeks later. He also said that the mother testified the lunacy inquest that she was insane. Judge Teal presided at the inquiry, and Dr. McCallon also testified.

BAKER FIRST WITH TAXES Payment to State Treasurer Not Due Until April 1 Anticipated.

SALEM, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—State Treasurer Kay today received \$10,000 from the Treasurer of Baker County, which is to make a payment this year on the first half of taxes. The first half of the taxes is not due until April 1, and Mr. Kay says he does not expect many remittances until the middle or latter part of that month.

The Treasurer of Hood River County sent the State Treasurer \$4600 today, the state's part of the last half of the taxes of the county for last year. Mr. Kay said Hood River was the only county in arrears for last year's taxes.

Warrenton against state which says outstanding total \$1,100,000 and will be paid from the money derived from taxes at the first half-yearly payments.

LIVING COSTLY IN 1913 High Mark for 24 Years Reached in November Department Finds.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Food prices in the United States reached the highest level in 24 years November 15, 1913. Since that date there has been a slight decline, but prices are still higher than they were at that time.

The Department of Labor today made public a report showing the results of a survey of the cost of living in 40 of the most important industrial cities of the country.

Both Earle and Miss Herman displayed cheerful demeanor. Earle told the court his principal grief in this affair was that he might lose the affection of his son. The courtroom was crowded with prominent residents of the city, including many women. Both sides were represented by distinguished lawyers from Paris. The principal of the school attended by the boy related the circumstances under which his pupil had been taken away. He spoke in the most cordial terms of Miss Herman, who he said had inspired him with complete confidence.

Madam Marie Emilie Fischbacher, first wife of Earle, and other members of her family testified concerning Earle's marriages and divorces.

SALEM, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—The Salem Lodge of Elks has elected the following officers: Milton L. Myers, exalted ruler; George C. L. Snyder, secretary; A. L. Anderson, esteemed leading knight; Harry Wendorroth, esteemed loyal knight; Arthur Wagoner, biggest cougar ever slain in this community. The animal measured 19

Big Cougar Killed by Homesteader. FOSTER, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—Leslie L. Courtmanche, a "12-4" homesteader, holds the distinction of killing the biggest cougar ever slain in this community. The animal measured 19

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ASHLAND BOYS' CLUB ENTERS SPORTS. ASHLAND, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—The Boys' Vocational Club will enter athletic lists, more particularly sports field. Professor Vining, the director, has scheduled a Marathon race for the city, and junior classification. The course for seniors will be looping "The Horn," a section of a familiar highway east of the city, the distance being 10 miles. The prizes will be two silver cups. Training features will be supervised by Dr. Jarvis, himself an athlete in amateur circles while a student of medicine in Philadelphia.

ALBANY PYTHIANS TO DEDICATE HOME. ALBANY, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—April 25 has been set as the date of the dedication of the new \$40,000 Knights of Pythias building in this city. Many of the officers of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, Knights of Pythias, will be present to conduct the dedication exercises and hundreds of members of the order from this section of the state will attend. Plans for the dedication are being inaugurated now by the members of Laurel Lodge, of this city, which erected the building.

INSPECTOR TO SEE SUSPECT. ROSEBURG, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—Postoffice Inspector Morse, of Roseburg, and C. C. Cain, special agent for the Wells-Fargo Express Company, left today for Redding, Cal., where they will attempt to connect Fred Martin, under arrest there, with the holding up and robbing of the Shasta Limited and California Express trains in Douglas County in June, 1911.

UNION WOMAN BURIED AT LA GRANDE. UNION, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—Mrs. Rose A. Conlon, of this city, was buried in La Grande yesterday. Mrs. Conlon was 85 years old, and had been ill for several months. Services were held in this city, after which the body was taken to La Grande for interment. Six children, four sons and two daughters, survive.

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EARLE IS CHEERFUL

Artist on Trial in France for Kidnaping Own Son.

FIRST WIFE IS WITNESS

Other Members of Family Tell of Marriage and Divorce in Career of Man Who Gave "Affinity" New Meaning.

ROMORANTIN, France, March 6.—Ferdinand Pinney Earle, the American artist, took the witness stand in his own defense today, when he and Miss Charlotte Herman were brought to trial for kidnaping Earle's son by his first wife. Earle is the man whose adventures were represented by distinguished lawyers from Paris. The principal of the school attended by the boy related the circumstances under which his pupil had been taken away. He spoke in the most cordial terms of Miss Herman, who he said had inspired him with complete confidence.

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