

WANT THE MERGER

Petition Protesting Against Governor Van Sant's Fight

BY MINNEAPOLIS BUSINESS MEN

They Say the Proposed Arrangement Will Be More Beneficial to Shippers Than Present Conditions.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 25.—A petition has been signed by grain men, lumbermen and merchants and shippers of Minneapolis, to be presented to Governor Van Sant, asking that the proposed arrangement for the control of the proposed merger of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington roads be discontinued. The petitioners state that it is their belief that the proposed arrangement for the control of the proposed merger of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington roads be discontinued. The petitioners state that it is their belief that the proposed arrangement for the control of the proposed merger of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington roads be discontinued.

MARKET-STREET RAILWAY DEAL.

Syndicate May Fall to Take Up the Bond.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—There is a growing probability, says the Chronicle, that the pending negotiations for the sale of the Market-Street Railway will not be closed within the time limit of the option given to the syndicate of Baltimore capitalists which desires to obtain the property. The New York banking-house of Brown Bros. & Co., acting for the Baltimore syndicate, it is learned, is undertaking to raise \$2,000,000, which amount is intended to pay for a three-quarters interest in the Market-Street Company and for the acquisition of other San Francisco street-railways, notably the Union Trust Company, the California street which is the California-street system.

GOULD PUSHING WESTWARD.

Rio Grande Systems Seeking a San Francisco Outlet.

DENVER, Jan. 25.—The News today says: "Surveys are being made and rights of way secured in the district west of Salt Lake City to San Francisco by agents representing George Gould and his associates, which indicate that within another year the Rio Grande systems in Colorado and Utah and the Gould interests east of this state will, together with a new line west of Salt Lake City, form a great transcontinental route to rival the Union Pacific and Santa Fe Roads. The route of the proposed new line west of Salt Lake will be from Salt Lake across the desert through Eureka, Nev., to Walker, then to the Colorado River, the Kern River, up the Tulare Valley to San Francisco. The line will pass through 40 mining camps of Utah and Nevada, including the districts in the Deer Creek, Utah, vicinity. The survey across the desert in Utah leading to Walker's Pass in the Sierra Nevada Range is 100 feet lower than any other pass in the upper country."

Discrimination Against New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Counsel for the New York Produce Exchange are in cooperation with a committee of the exchange preparing a bill for presentation to the Legislature designed primarily to stop railroad discrimination against the port of New York. The committee on freight rates, which has been investigating the proposed plans for restoring the ground lost to this port, and is of the opinion that the railroads are largely responsible. The bill which will be introduced at Albany will greatly enlarge the powers of the State Railroad Commission, giving to that commission the power to fix its own recommendations. At present the commission can investigate and recommend, but has no legal power to enforce its opinion.

Pennsylvania Line to London.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 25.—From Montauk Point, L. I., to Milford Haven, England, in the Pennsylvania Railroad's own steamship, the Pennsylvania Line, which runs between London and the Northwestern Railroad, is the great international route which has been mapped out by the Pennsylvania Railroad for service as soon as arrangements can be made. It developed today that the trip of President A. J. Cassatt and his assistant, Robert F. Johnson, to England last summer was largely for the purpose of completing plans for this route. Few details of the plan are known, but it is a well-known fact that the Pennsylvania Railroad has been aiming for some time past to develop the foreign coal trade, and this movement is believed to be a part of the scheme.

To Connect With Northern Lines.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 25.—The Journal says: "It is learned that plans for a connection of the Burlington Railway system and the Great Northern-Northern Pacific systems at Sioux City are being developed. The plan provided for an extension of the Burlington's Schuyler branch to Sioux City and the building of a cut-off from Schuyler down the Platte Valley to the Burlington's main line to the West. Construction of the extension and the cut-off will begin early in the Spring."

Ticket Brokers Are Fined.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Judge Mackay, of the Superior Court of the City and County of San Francisco, has imposed fines of \$150 and \$50 on three San Francisco ticket brokers for contempt of court in disobeying a restraining order issued by him, at the request of the railroads, prohibiting scalpers in dealing in the special-rate tickets sold to delegates to the general convention of the Episcopal church, held in San Francisco in October last.

Filmore's New Position.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—J. A. Filmore, for many years general manager of the Southern Pacific, from which position he resigned some six months ago, was today appointed general manager of the North Pacific Coast Railway.

The Telephone.

Toledo Blade. It has not been many years since a noted scientist, in an exhaustive article, advised himself and thousands of others that the telephone could never be brought to practical use. Today it is estimated there are 1,250,000 telephones in use in the United States alone. No man attempts to do business now without the aid of the

THE IOWA MINE HORROR

CORONER'S INVESTIGATION OF THE LOST CREEK DISASTER.

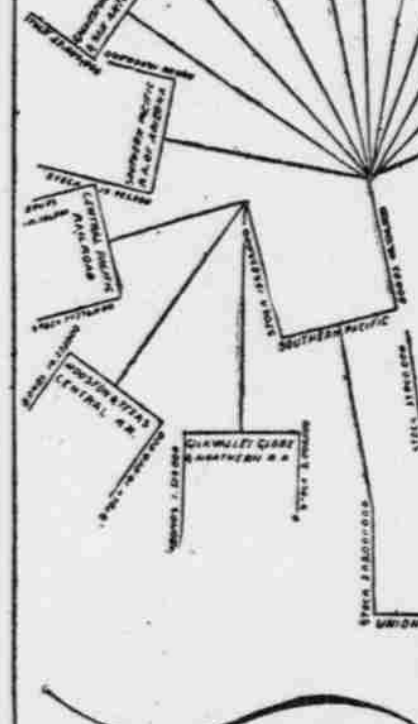
Twenty-one Dead Bodies Taken From the Shaft—Eleven Injured Are Improving.

STATUS OF MINERAL LANDS

Opening of Spokane Reservation Rests With Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Senator Turner has received a number of inquiries from persons living in Eastern Washington as to the exact status of the mineral lands on the Spokane Indian reservation. In order to obtain this information Senator Turner addressed a letter to the Interior Department, inviting attention to the fact that his reservation is rich in

HOW UNION PACIFIC DOMINATES A BILLION



The New York financier has compiled a chart to show the growth of the Union Pacific Railroad system, which with its \$100,000,000 capital, is able to control \$1,000,000,000 of road. It says: "The public furnished \$100,000,000 in money, for which it received an equal amount of collateral trust 4 per cent bonds, while the Union Pacific secured the control of the Southern Pacific, and through the recent settlement of the Northern Securities stock. All of this was accomplished, it must be remembered, without any increase whatever in the capital stock of the Union Pacific. The interests who were in control of that property have secured in addition the control of the other roads without expenditure. The roads represented have a total capitalization of over \$1,000,000,000. To this must be added something over \$50,000,000 of Northern Securities stock, making a total of \$1,050,000,000. On this \$1,050,000,000 investment in railroad and steamship lines, and which, as brought out by the table, are absolutely controlled by those who own the controlling interest in the Union Pacific. The mileage of the railroads controlled is over 23,000 miles. During 1896 and 1897, when the present interests acquired control of the Union Pacific, the stock of the company sold around 3 1/2 and 4. At these prices the control of the property could have been purchased for less than \$100,000,000. By taking a more liberal estimate of the value of the property, the Union Pacific cost the present interest over \$30,000,000, and yet it is seen that they control railroad and steamship lines capitalized at over \$1,200,000,000."

minerals and suggesting that the opening the same to mineral locations would add greatly to the mining resources of the state, and at the same time work advantageously to the Indians located on that reservation. He stated that the reservation is surrounded by mineral country on every side, and that the people of his state were anxious to have the same course pursued with reference to the reservation that was followed in the case of the Colville reservation, that is, throw the same open to mineral locations with out abrogating the reserve, or destroying the right of the Indians thereon. The Senator asked whether it would be possible, by executive order, to have such action taken. In his reply the Indian Commissioner pointed to the fact that the reservation was created by executive order of January 1881, which provided that the lands may be allotted to the Indians in severalty whenever such action is deemed desirable. The Assistant Attorney-General two years ago rendered a decision, later approved by the Secretary, in which it was held that the Indians had the same rights in a reservation created by Executive order as if the same had been made by treaty or act of Congress. This leaves the clear title to the land with the Indians.

The Spokane Indian reservation was created prior to the general allotment act, and the Indian office is of the opinion that it should not be opened to mineral exploration and location without appropriate legislation by Congress. It says that good faith and fair dealing with the Indians would require that their consent be first obtained before such action is taken. The order creating the reservation is held by the Indians under a strict and unyielding rule, and to permit mineral prospectors to go upon the reservation for the purpose of locating mineral claims and prosecuting operations would be a greater or less extent interference with the rights of the Indians in their use and occupancy of the reservation. In the case of the Colville and other reservations, where mineral prospectors have gained admittance, it has been next to impossible to protect the Indians. It is thought the Indians, many of whom have selected lands on the Spokane reservation, should be protected until the same can be fairly allotted to them. The Spokane lands are unsurveyed and individual allotments at the present time could not be made. Senator Turner, in view of the reply, intends to take the necessary Congressional action to sanction the location of mineral claims on the reservation.

Explosion on a Spanish Gunboat.

VIGO, Spain, Jan. 25.—The obsolete Spanish gunboat Condor has been towed into this port in a damaged condition, due to the explosion of her boiler, which killed seven officers and crew members, including the commander of the vessel. The boat is practically a wreck.

Memorial Window Unveiled.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—At the Museum of Art and Industry today a memorial window, designed at the command of the Emperor, by Professor Elwald, in honor of the late Emperor and Empress Frederick, was ceremoniously unveiled, this being the anniversary of their marriage.

Privy Chamberlain to the Pope.

ROME, Jan. 25.—J. P. Farrally, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the American College here, has been appointed privy chamberlain to the pope.

For Galveston's Protection.

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At the Friday night meeting of the Portland Whist Club, last week, a committee composed of Messrs. Holmes, chairman, Nixon, Levinson, Craft, Sydney, Walter, and Donaldson, was appointed to formulate plans and make all the necessary arrangements for the coming whist tournament to be held in this city during the early part of April. Teams will enter from Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia, and Portland will be represented with teams from the Portland Whist Club, Commercial Club, Arlington Club, and Multnomah Athletic Club. Judge Barin's team were the victors in the duplicate whist game, with a score of plus 5. They won three matches out of four played. The teams were: L. T. Barin, captain; A. K. Slocum, Charles Gritzmacher, C. A. Craft, F. P. Holmes, captain; L. Therkelsen, A. W. Sydney, Frank Poirer, W. E. Thomas, captain; J. W. Sweeney, John Cran, M. W. Gorman, F. G. Donaldson, captain; N. J. Levinson, M. Best, Levinson, Craft, Sydney, L. G. Gurnett, captain; C. M. Dewey, F. K. Arnold, F. W. Valle. Team Score.—Barin's team won 4, lost 1. By tricks, plus 5. Holmes' team won 2, lost 1. By tricks, plus 1. Donaldson's team won 2, lost 2. By tricks, minus 1. Gurnett's team won 0, lost 3, tied 1. By tricks, minus 7. Holmes and Therkelsen tied with Barin and Slocum for the high pair score, north and south, with plus 4 to their credit. Craft and Gritzmacher won out on the east and west side, scoring plus 5. A game was projected for these promising young players. The pair score is: North and south—Gain. Loss. Barin and Slocum..... 4 .. 2 .. Donaldson and Levinson..... 2 .. 2 .. Thomas and Sweeney..... 2 .. 2 .. Gurnett and Poirer..... 0 .. 3 .. East and west—Craft and Gritzmacher..... 5 .. 0 .. Cran and Gorman..... 3 .. 1 .. Arnold and Valle..... 2 .. 2 .. Sydney and Ford..... 1 .. 3 ..

Baske-Ball Game Arranged.

ORION, Jan. 25.—Physical Director Wilson today completed arrangements for a game of basket-ball at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium next Friday evening between the ladies' team of the association and the Turn Verein ladies' team. The ladies' team of the Y. M. C. A. has won its first game, but Mr. Wilson has great faith