

LOSE IN GAMBLE

Many People Suffer by the Soo Crash.

WILD DREAM OF PROMOTER

Millions Pour in and Are Spent with Lavish Hand.

LABORERS MAY BE OUT \$200,000

Consolidated Lake Superior Company Must Pay Them at Once, or Government Will Revoke Its Land Grants.

FINANCES OF COMPANY.	
Capital stock	\$117,000,000
Paid-up stock	30,000,000
Due stockholders	200,000
Due laborers	200,000
Character of concern—Owner and operator for six years of mines, pulp works, stores, great power plant at Sault Ste. Marie, railways, car shops, etc.	
Promoter of the project—Francis H. Clergue.	

SALT STE. MARIE, Mich., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Recklessness, bad management, incompetency, too much money, and probably stockpiling, brought about the ruin of the great Consolidated Lake Superior Company, which was capitalized at \$117,000,000, and into which Eastern investors put \$30,000,000 in cash. No other explanation of the crash that occurred early this week is to be found here, where the properties of the company are looked upon as investments that in the future, under economical and progressive development, may earn something. But, as regards the past and present, it is clear that another Napoleon of Finance has met his Waterloo. And it is the old story as regards the losses—the fall on the creditless investors led up to the brink of ruin by a plausible promoter, who had visions of developing an industrial empire, but whose plans were out of all harmony with sound business practice.

Large Sum Due in Wages.

There are more important losses, so far as this community is now concerned, than those of the stockholders. More than \$200,000 is owing to the thousands of employees of the company in mines, iron works, lumber camps and railroads. For a month and a half no wages have been paid, and the desperation of hunger has seized many of these men, remote from possibilities of other employment and with families to support. Most of the men have time checks, which are worthless at the stores or banks. There is much bitter feeling against the company among the Michipicoten miners, who have been coming into this town for several days, and unless some definite arrangements are made for early payment of the wages due them, trouble is almost certain to follow. According to the miners' statement, they have been encouraged to buy their winter's supply from the company's stores. These supplies are worthless except in the mines. The miners' transportation from the mines here has also been deducted by the company, so that few of them have checks for more than \$25.

Government to Relief of Men.

There is some hope for the men in the statement of Premier George W. Ross, of the Ontario government, that if the wages due are not paid to the employees of the company by Monday they will withhold all certificates of land grants due the company on account of the construction of the Algoma Central Railway. The \$0 miles already built would entitle the railroad to about \$60,000.

Industrially, the collapse means the abandonment of high hopes entertained by thousands of residents of Northern Michigan and the adjacent province of Ontario. Under the alluring plans of Francis H. Clergue, the promoter of the enterprise, all this region was to be made the greatest mining, wood-pulp making and manufacturing district in the world. At the Soo a great power plant was constructed to develop flood horsepower, with one of the most expensive equipments in the world, the work costing \$3,500,000. In the development of the company's property the credulous investor poured millions, which were spent in the wildest fashion under the direction of Mr. Clergue.

Then Came the Crash.

Then came the crash. The directors were forced to admit that they could not pay a loan of \$5,000,000, three months overdue, and Steyer & Co., the New York bankers, who held, as collateral, securities of the companies subsidiary to the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, announced that the latter would be sold at public auction October 1. Meanwhile a receiver for the company has been appointed, B. F. Frankenthal, Jr., president of the Thomas Iron Company, of Easton, Pa. On behalf of the receiver, Attorney Bickell, of Toronto, has arrived here, and is now in charge of the company's local affairs.

Where did the money that has been spent by Clergue go to? A good part of it went into the water power development plant; millions more were spent for docks, wharves and railroads. For nearly six years the Sault Ste. Marie region has been largely subsisting off the Consolidated Lake Superior Company. There is something to show for the money; the power plant exists, besides the railways, rolling mills, car shops, pulp works and numerous other structures. The presence of raw material in the region is undeniable, and, under a prudent, conservative management, something may ultimately be recovered from the wreck.

Woodsmen Inclined to Be Ugly.

The woodsmen from the north were inclined to be ugly upon their arrival last night because of what they termed the double-dealing of the company in not having anybody at the train to meet them, as they said they had been promised before leaving the woods. A mass meeting of the woodsmen was held, and Mayor Plummer addressed them. He urged the men to take the employment

offered them in other camps, leaving their time checks with responsible persons to collect the money when payment was made and forward it to those to whom it is due. He also told the men that the company would provide food and shelter for those who needed it, and as a result a large number of them slept in the car barns last night. They were fed at various restaurants, and, although feeling angry over the unjust transaction, seem inclined to be peaceable.

If the miners and other woodsmen who come in tonight are as peaceable as these are at the present time, trouble of a serious nature may be avoided.

DOCTOR IN BAD LIGHT.

Coroner's Investigation of Sudden Death of Woman in Hospital.

DENVER, Sept. 26.—The news says today the police and coroner's office are investigating the mysterious death of Mrs. Hattie Nelson, of 5135 Calumet avenue, Chicago, who died yesterday in the private hospital of Dr. Frederick Clark, at 943 Broadway, in this city. Mrs. Nelson arrived in Denver about a month ago alone, and went to the Clark home and, with the exception of a day that she spent in the emergency hospital, where she was taken by Dr. Clark's orders upon becoming suddenly very ill, she has remained at Clark's place ever since. During the temporary absence of Dr. Clark yesterday Mrs. Nelson was taken suddenly worse and the nurse, becoming alarmed, summoned the police surgeon. When the latter arrived, Mrs. Nelson was dead.

Dr. Clark asserts that Mrs. Nelson was a sufferer from Bright's disease, and her death was due to uremic poisoning, superinduced by kidney trouble. His wife came to Denver upon the advice of her Chicago physician.

Mrs. Nelson was a daughter of S. H. Nelson, a wealthy real estate dealer. The latter and Mrs. Nelson's mother were notified when her condition became alarming and started for Denver at once. Dr. Clark indignantly protested against the action of the police, and says that Mrs. Nelson's death was due to natural causes.

IN RACE TO STAY.

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missionary into Eastern Washington to sound the sentiments of the people and to spread the story of his candidacy. Other representatives journeyed into different sections of the state to carry the same news.

Humphries is a Seattle attorney, possessed of a comfortable sum in currency and a desire to start a conflagration if there is any promise of results. He has appeared periodically as a candidate for office in the Superior Court bench, but that place has been denied him regularly. His fight for Governor is a variation of the Humphries political boom.

At one time Humphries was a partner of Will E. Humphrey, member of Congress from this county. He is well known as an attorney and has considerable acquaintance throughout the state.

Though Humphries has little or no opposition from another gubernatorial candidate at home, King County politics have been trying to get away from that office, claiming it would injure their chances to capture other important places on the state ticket or elect a Senator from this county if the Governor were to be a Seattle or King County man.

Hare Out for Governor.

An interesting bit of gossip in connection with the Governor's office comes from Yakima County, where the story that W. H. Hare, Speaker of the last House of Representatives, is a candidate for Governor on the Republican ticket. Hare has denied the story.

It is probably true that "Doc" Hare is willing to be called on as a candidate for Governor. Not that he is anxious to gain the office, but it does not injure him in any way to be discussed in that connection, and he believes he might gain strength in different directions that would be useful to him.

Among the intimate friends of Hare it is understood that he wants to go to the State Senate. It is likely he will make his first fight along this line, capturing the nomination for that office if possible, and, if endorsed by his county for Governor, will go to the state convention with whatever strength he can muster and await developments. Though he has no fixed determination to make a fight for the gubernatorial nomination, support for that office might come in handy later on.

If he would accept a renomination, the Democrats would undoubtedly nominate State Senator A. J. Splawn to succeed himself from Yakima County. Splawn, however, resists there is big Republican support in Yakima to overcome and attributes his election last year to the fact that there was a split in the Republican party. Should another fight of a similar character develop, Splawn might enter the fight again, but, as that is unlikely, it is improbable that he will allow the Democrats to name him.

Rival Boomers of State Fair.

The possibility that Splawn and Hare might be opposing candidates for the State Senate gives the State Fair at North Yakima this week additional interest. Both men are connected with that enterprise and each is eager to make a record for himself before the people of Yakima County. Each was anxious during the last Legislature in behalf of all matters pertaining to Yakima County, and both worked along the same lines. The fact that they are again before Yakima people in a public capacity interests politicians in the outcome.

Splawn wanted, at one time, to give way on the State Fair Board to Hare. He is president of the organization, but Governor McBride would neither name Hare as a director nor permit Splawn to give up his place for the Speaker. Hare is an enthusiastic horseman and he was placed in charge of the racing and kindred departments of the State Fair. Now that politics may cut some figure in the success of the enterprise, the possibility that both men will want to show in front of a decided success is attracting attention.

Bacteria Too Small for Microscope.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—Dr. Ludwig Hektoen, of the University of Chicago, has announced a general conclusion that the physical causes of hydrophobia, vaccinia, smallpox and yellow fever are not toxic, or from inherent poison, but are infectious.

These transmissible diseases, says the doctor, are caused by minute living organisms, capable of proliferation, "bacteria" so small that they were their way through the best-made filters of the laboratories and so minute that they cannot be detected by the strongest microscope in existence.

Arrive to Study American Ways.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Among the passengers who arrived tonight on board the White Star Line Arabic, from Liverpool and Queenstown, were Sir David Harcourt, Lord Ribblesdale, George Gibb and Sir Dickson Poynder, members of the subcommittee of the Royal Commission on London street traffic, who came to this country to study the American street-railway system.

TRIES TO STEAL GIRL

Oldest Daughter of Governor Mickey Nearly Abducted.

REVENGE SOUGHT ON FATHER

Convicts Entertain a Feeling of Ill Will Against the Executive Because He Would Not Save Man From Gallows.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 26.—It developed today that an attempt was made last night to kidnap the 8-year-old daughter of Governor Mickey. While out of the Governor's children were playing in front of the mansion an unknown man came along and tried to carry the oldest girl away. The other children clung to their mother, and the man fled. He was so badly frightened when he saw neighbors coming that he dropped the child and ran.

Governor Mickey says the warden of the penitentiary, Mr. Boomer, reported to him twice that a kidnapping attempt had been prophesied by the convicts. One convict said some time ago such a plan had been formed by the convicts to take revenge upon the Governor for his refusal to interfere when William Rhea was hanged last summer for murder. A convict today said that one of his fellows was to be released from the penitentiary, and that a plan was on foot. He declined to discuss the possibility of his acceptance.

Maryland Democratic Campaign On. BALTIMORE, Sept. 26.—The Democratic state campaign was opened today in the presence of about 800 persons, at Mount Airy, in Howard County, a railway point at which four of the candidates, and the state candidates and the leading Democrats of Baltimore city and Maryland were present. Among the speakers were Captain Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia; Edwin Ward, of Maryland; and John Miles, an ex-Congressman from Virginia. The burden of all the speeches was the race issue. In his remarks, Mr. Ward declared "the race and the color problem of the day, not only in Maryland, but in every section of our common country, North as well as South, East as well as West, is the negro question, and it cannot be put off."

SUSPECTS PROCLAIM INNOCENCE.

Developments Are Few in Case of Contractor Who Was Blown Up.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Sept. 26.—Today there were no further developments in the murder and robbery of Contractor Ferguson on the West Middleton Road yesterday.

The two men apprehended as suspects were identified at Frank Francis and Joseph Huston, former employees at the Ferguson camp. They disclaim knowledge of the crime and say that Thursday night they slept in McCloy's schoolhouse, about four miles northwest of this place and on the main road to West Middleton. They say they can prove they had nothing to do with the robbery of the train, which was entered by the men who fixed the fuse that blew Ferguson to death.

The abandoned mine on the Patterson farm, near the scene of the tragedy, which was supposed to have been used as a refuge by the criminals, was closely guarded all night and this morning was thoroughly explored, without any evidence being discovered that the men had been hiding there.

Early today John Welsh, a resident of West Middleton, found the satchel in which a great deal of money was carried, which was supposed to have been used as a refuge by the criminals, was closely guarded all night and this morning was thoroughly explored, without any evidence being discovered that the men had been hiding there.

General Manager Norton, of the Ferguson Company, said that the two suspects under arrest committed the deed, but believes they know something about it. He is of the impression it was committed by some one employed in the camp and that the money was being carried in order not to excite suspicion.

The dead man was one of the best-known railroad contractors in the country. He was associated with his brother, F. M. Ferguson, in the Ferguson contracting company, the latter brother being president of the company. The Ferguson family came originally from Kansas, and a great deal of railway work has been done in the West by the Ferguson Company.

This afternoon a reward of \$3000 was offered for the arrest of the guilty parties.

NAB COUNTERFEIT MONEY MEN.

Michigan Officers Capture One of the Best Outfits in the Country.

MARIETTE, Wis., Sept. 26.—Officers yesterday near Koss, Mich., on the Wisconsin & Michigan Railroad, confiscated one of the largest and most complete counterfeit money making outfits ever taken in the country. The outfit consisted of a complete set of dies for the manufacture of silver from 10 cents up to \$5, and gold from \$5 to \$20. The coin was well made and hard to detect, both silver and gold being used in the composition. The gang passed as trappers and have for years been passing money to all parts of the United States.

BEATEN WITH OWN BILLY.

Negroes Also Seize Policeman's Gun and Fatally Wound Him.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—Patrolman Dennis Fitzgerald was knocked down and beaten with his own club, and then shot twice with his own revolver, early today, by two negroes whom he had stopped. Later John Johnson and Louis Filzen were arrested as the assailants. Filzen is said to have confessed and implicated Johnson. Before Johnson's arrest he went to a place at Twenty-ninth and State streets and engaged in a fight with a colored man named Moody. Shots were heard and a revolver dropped by Johnson was identified as that taken from the negro last night. Johnson was shot through the jaw by Moody.

Munster's Hearing Continued.

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 26.—The preliminary hearing of Joseph Munster, charged with the murder of the late members of the "Marked for Life" company and wounding three of them, was today continued until next Friday. Meanwhile the company is held here as prosecuting witnesses.

Charged With Shanghaiing.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Sept. 26.—Harry Olsen and Jack Johnson, a sailor boarding-house keeper and his assistant, were arrested today by United States authorities charged with forcibly taking eight negroes of this city and putting them on board a Russian bark as sailors. The men are now penniless in London.

Fate of the Crew in Doubt.

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 26.—A Government message to the Norfolk Observer states that the wreckage ashore off Coffey's Island is undoubtedly that of the missing steamer Beatrice, from Cape Charles. Nothing has been learned as to the fate of her crew.

Fendit Taken to Another Jail.

CYNTHIANA, Ky., Sept. 26.—Curtis Jett, sentenced to be hanged December 18 for the assassination of James Cockrill, was today taken to Louisville for safekeeping.

Negro Lynched in Virginia.

THOMASVILLE, Va., Sept. 26.—A negro was lynched this afternoon about five miles north of Whigham, a town in Decker County, 20 miles west of here. The negro is alleged to have assaulted a small white girl.

Detective's Injuries Are Fatal.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 26.—Charles Marshall, a detective, died today from the effects of injuries sustained in an

NO MERCY TO TAMMANY

King County Democracy Will Fight McCellan for Mayor to the End.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—After a long conference today, it was decided that the Kings County Democratic organization should name a city ticket on the floor of the convention, and combat the nomination of Mr. McCellan to the bitter end. The leaders expressed their determination to fight it out with Tammany.

At the close of the conference, it was announced that such men as Judge Edgar M. Cullen, Lewis Nixon, Judge Geiger, Joseph C. Hendrix or Edward M. Shepard would be acceptable to the Kings County organization. Unanimously the organization opposed to the nomination of Mr. McCellan.

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A large number of Indians, descendants of the tribes that formerly lived on the present site of the city, are camped in Lincoln Park and will remain throughout the celebration, which is to last with intervals of more or less intensity, until next Thursday night. There are to be aquatic sports in Lincoln Park, a parade, receptions to old settlers and banquets.

Tomorrow, when, according to the official programme, the feature will be "divine services in the churches," the weather is promised.

Nine hundred tablets were put in place during the day.

DEAD LETTERS INCREASE

Receipts for Year Just Closed Were Largest in History of Nation.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The annual report of the operations of the dead letter office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1903, has been prepared and will be embodied in the forthcoming report of First Assistant Postmaster-General Wynne. The report states that it is made to appear that there has been a large and steady increase in its annual receipts, which is due, it is said, to the great and constant increase in the volume of matter passing through the mails.

The total receipts for the year were something over 10,000,000 pieces, the largest in the history of the office, exceeding those of the preceding year by some 850,000 pieces. Of the aggregate number, 8,886,336 pieces were opened. The money found in opened letters amounted to \$48,644, but this sum included money (generally coin) found loose in the mails or in postoffices and consigned to the dead letter office. Commercial paper found, such as drafts, checks, money orders, etc., represented a face value of \$1,453,583.

BARNETT TO SUCCEED COWLES.

Moody Will Name New Assistant Chief of Bureau of Navigation.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Secretary Moody is expected to announce shortly the appointment of Commander William J. Barnett, of the General Board, to succeed Captain W. Cowles, as Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

Captain Cowles is to command the battleship Missouri, now nearing completion at Newport News. The Missouri will be the first of a new class of battleships, the first of which will be the USS Oregon, now under construction at the Puget Sound Navy Yard.

Torpedo Flotilla for Asiatic Station.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Orders were issued at the Navy Department today detaching the first torpedo-boat flotilla from the Atlantic station to the Asiatic station.

In case Congress does not pass the bill creating a naval general staff, Rear-Admiral Taylor, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, will ask for an additional assistant chief.

Soldiers Can Take Federal Offices.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Judge Advocate-General Davis, of the Army, has rendered an opinion that there is no legal objection to the acceptance by an enlisted man of the office of postmaster, or to the Federal Government, the duties of which are not incompatible with his military duties. The question arose in the case of the appointment of an ordinance Sergeant at Fort Fremont, S. C., to be United States Postmaster at that place.

Maine to Try Her Guns.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 26.—The battleship Maine today passed down the Delaware river from the League Island Navy yard, on her voyage to Culebra, in the West Indies. The Maine was recently repaired at Cramp's shipyard. Upon her arrival at Culebra the battleship's guns are to be thoroughly tested, and if they are satisfactory the Maine will be sent on a long cruise.

New Postal Treaty Put into Effect.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—First Assistant Postmaster-General Wynne has issued an order putting into effect the terms of the new postal treaty between the United States and Cuba on October 9 next. The treaty provides for the transfer of mail from the country to the other at domestic rates.

Lambton Sails for South America.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Rear-Admiral Lambton has sailed for South America to command the South Atlantic station. Under instructions from the Navy Department at Washington he will prepare the squadron for participation in the Winter maneuvers in the Caribbean Sea.

Louisiana Supreme Judge.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—William Gillespie Wylie, of New Orleans, Justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, aged 72 years, died of pneumonia, on the steamer St. Louis about midnight last night. Judge Wylie was ill when he boarded the steamer, which arrived here today from Southampton.

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NATAL DAY OF CITY

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USHERED IN BY GREAT STORM

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