

FISH MAKES QUEER CHARGE

Says Illinois Central Earnings Were Freely and Fictitiously Padded.

DIRECTED AT HARAHAN

Will Attempt Wrestling Control From Harriman—Exposure a Sensation.

New York, Sept. 26.—Stuyvesant Fish, ex-president of the Illinois Central Railroad, made public today a circular addressed to the stockholders of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, in which he asks for proxies to be used in the annual stockholders' meeting to be held in Chicago, Wednesday, October 16 next.

"The methods pursued by those of your board of directors who act in the interest of the Union Pacific have been so high-handed as to become the subject of wide-spread comment. At a recent meeting of the board I offered a resolution of inquiry into subject matters which should properly be disclosed to every shareholder.

"Such inquiry was necessary. The all-important duties so ably discharged by the late J. C. Welton, who for 15 years as vice-president and director had exercised a close supervision over the accounting department, had been on his death, in November last, delegated by J. T. Harahan to his own immediate assistant, to be performed as incidental to his other work.

"Up to this point I have not asked for a single proxy, nor would I do so now were it for the extraordinary efforts the present management are putting forth, with the evident intention of electing E. H. Harriman and such persons as he may select, backed by the holdings of the Union Pacific Company, which constitute a practical balance of power.

"I cannot conceive of any conditions under which I would be willing to become a candidate," he said. "This determination is not because of any feeling of pique or disappointment at the result of the late election. I am well satisfied to have the efforts of the league through the election of others to promote the principles I stand for.

"The repeated requests of large numbers of stockholders that I not only represent their holdings at the meeting, but also address the stockholders at large in advance thereof is a sufficient excuse for this letter, as well as for the enclosure herewith of a form of proxy running to two of my colleagues in the board, Chas. M. Beach and James D. Cutting and myself.

Mr. Abel Improves. W. M. Abel on Bain street, is improving nicely. He was recently kicked by a horse.

ECHOES OF BALL FIELD.

Tacoma, Sept. 26.—Tacoma 4, Butte 3. Seattle, Sept. 26.—Seattle 6, Aberdeen 1. Portland, Sept. 26.—Portland 10, San Francisco 6. San Francisco, Sept. 26.—Los Angeles 4, Oakland 4. Game called in tenth inning on account of darkness.

THEY HAD USES FOR THE MONEY

San Francisco Supervisors, Though Favoring Trolley, Affixed themselves to Mullally's Money.

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—When the Ford case resumed today former Supervisor Coffey, who previous to his election had been a hack driver, testified that he received from Supervisor Gallagher \$4,000 in two installments to vote for the trolley franchise for the United Railroad. He admitted having an immunity contract with the prosecution and said he favored the franchise before he was bribed.

Former Supervisor Colonen testified to the same effect. He talked with Reuf about the franchise and with Reuf and Gallagher had dined with Thorwall Mullally, assistant president of the United Railroad. The franchise, he said, was not discussed at the dinner.

Former Supervisors Harrigan, Daly Walsh, Nichols, Phillips and Boston were called in succession and examined briefly. Each testified to having received \$4,000 of bribe money from Gallagher. All favored the trolley franchise but did not refuse pay for their votes.

ROOT BACK IN GOOD HEALTH

Plans for the Secretary's Trip to Mexican Capital Are Complete.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Secretary Root, who returned to Washington last night, resumed his work today with a zest that indicates complete recovery from the exhausted condition in which he left Washington at the beginning of the summer. The Secretary appears in fine physical condition. The itinerary for his Mexican trip is complete.

Mr. and Mrs. Root, Miss Root, Mr. Doyle, his private secretary for this occasion, and a personal attendant and a maid left Washington on the Pennsylvania Railroad at 3:40 p. m. on Wednesday via St. Louis for San Antonio, Tex., where they will arrive on the morning of the 28th. They will reach Laredo Sunday the 29th. At this point the party will be taken in hand by the Mexican reception committee, headed by General Limantour, and will arrive in the city of Mexico on the evening of September 30th. Secretary Root expects to spend the first week after his arrival wholly in the City of Mexico.

NO BEE BUZZING IN WILLIE'S HAT

Hearst Finds Amazing Modesty Concerning Himself.—Nomination Has No Chances.

New York, Sept. 26.—In an interview published here, William R. Hearst takes occasion to deny that he is a candidate for the presidency on the Independent League ticket, or on any other ticket.

"I cannot conceive of any conditions under which I would be willing to become a candidate," he said. "This determination is not because of any feeling of pique or disappointment at the result of the late election. I am well satisfied to have the efforts of the league through the election of others to promote the principles I stand for. I dislike holding office, and dislike being placed in a position where the sincerity of my principles can be questioned through campaigning for some office that I don't want and that I would only consent to hold through a sense of public duty, as I would serve on a jury."

Annie Larsen Sails. The Columbia took the Annie Larsen to sea last evening.

MARSHFIELD'S MANY NEEDS

Help Problem to Be Discussed Tonight by Mayor E. E. Straw.

TEAMS WANTED FOR WORK

Diers Will Make Additional Report.—Big Time at Chamber of Commerce.

What Marshfield is doing, and what Marshfield needs, will be set forth by the Mayor at the Chamber of Commerce tonight.

Mayor Straw called on the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday and asked what could be done in the way of adding to secure teams and laborers for the city work. "Come and state your wants and needs before the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow night," was the response, and the Mayor will give a brief review of what the city is doing officially and what needs to be done.

In a growing city like Marshfield, conditions often force themselves on the officials unawares, and the citizens do not realize the strides forward until brought face to face with the new order of things. It is a fact that what would have met the city's needs two years ago, one year ago, or even six months ago, will not answer now.

Stone and concrete blocks going up on three corners within a stone's throw of each other, a \$75,000 building to be started within a few days, the ground broken for the foundation of another large concrete block with others in prospect, has made it necessary to establish fire limits within the city. It has also made it necessary to open up, extend and improve streets, and all have combined to create a demand for labor in excess of the supply. The building and improvements are not keeping pace with the demands and the Chamber of Commerce, after seeing family after family turned away because there are not sufficient living quarters, has advertised for some one to build one hundred new residences, guaranteeing tenants for them all.

Another matter of interest to the citizens tonight will be a second report of H. C. Diers, chairman of the Joint port committee. An exhaustive report was made three weeks ago, but as there is an evident disposition among the people to keep the subject alive until the port commission becomes a legal entity, Chairman Diers will again report progress tonight.

Mr. C. A. Smith, of Minneapolis, head of the C. A. Smith Lumber Company of Coos Bay, is in the city and likely will be present at tonight's meeting of the Chamber also. Topics of interest to every citizen of Marshfield will be up for discussion. The meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

HEADLIGHT WINS SPRINTING RACE

The races at Arago yesterday were attended by a good crowd, something over five hundred people. Results as follows:

Pony race—Cousin Jack, owned by L. J. Simpson, first; Bluebell, owned by W. E. Paul, second.

Buggy race—One mile—George B, owned by A. N. Linegar, first; Pinto, owned by W. W. Gage, second.

Free for all—Running—Headlight, owned by E. P. Norton, first; Hermis, owned by Stewart, second.

Saddle race—The between Evelyn C, owned by John Yoakam, and Greenlaw, owned by F. P. Norton.

Races for Today. Trotting—Three minute class, one mile—Zamook, owned by F. P. Norton; George B, owned by Fred Linegar; Pinto, owned by W. W. Gage. Novelty race—One mile—\$25 at each quarter—Shirley, owned by R. B. Baber; Evelyn C, owned by John Yoakam; Joe, owned by J. C. Engleman; Lady S, owned by Levi Smith. Free for all running—Half mile—Headlight, Butterfy, owned by C. H. James; Hermis, Annie Laurie, owned by L. J. Simpson.

Free for all Foot Race—One hundred yards.

BROKE PROPELLER BLADE ON TRIP

Captain Nicholson of the Launce Fish, on his last trip to Bandon and Coquille, lost a blade of his propeller by coming in contact with a rock. Notwithstanding, he came back to the Bay with the largest load ever carried from that country on a boat the size of the Fish—80 barrels and two large packages. Until the repairs are made the boat can only be used for light towing.

—Buy your groceries at Sacchi's.

DID COVINGTON SLAY HIS WIFE

Young Woman Was Murdered in Her Keswick House Apartments.

LAI D AT COVINGTON'S DOOR

Clew, Which Is Not Made Public, Followed by Seattle Police.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 26.—Mrs. Agnes True McCombs Covington, the trunk tragedy victim, was strangled to death in the apartments occupied by herself and husband and his friend, Charles Burlison, at the Keswick house, at the northwest corner of Ninth avenue and Stewart street.

That Frank Covington and Charles Burlison committed the foul crime is the belief of the police. Telegrams and letters by the dozen have been sent by the police to outside departments asking that the two men be arrested.

The present whereabouts of the two men is as much a mystery now as when the trunk containing its terrible secret was washed up on the beach at South Alki Sunday morning. That they are both fleeing from justice is believed to be certain.

Accused Men Emmeshed. Link by link the chain of evidence is being forged about the two suspected men. That they will be captured sometime Sergeant of Detectives Charles Tennant and Chief of Police C. W. Wapenstein are confident. They say it may take time, but the men will ultimately be brought to justice.

Out of the mass of information bearing on the case a few facts stand out prominently. First, the murder was committed in the Keswick house. The evidence is conclusive on that point. The bed clothing in that house was used to wrap the corpse and it was that bed clothing that was found about the body.

Second, Covington had at times administered severe beatings to his wife and persons living in the house where they had apartments are sure that he choked her at times. Those assaults were usually made in the presence of Charles Burlison, Covington's bosom chum and companion.

Third, at the Keswick apartments Burlison was known as Mrs. Covington's uncle.

Fourth, Burlison's clothing, now positively identified, was found in the trunk with the body of the murdered woman.

Fifth, Burlison's connection with the crime and the motive for it is established by the statement of C. D. Long, who says that Covington tried to force Mrs. Covington to accept the attention of Burlison, his friend, forced upon her. Long overheard a conversation which establishes that fact.

Covington Beats Bride.

The apartments in the Keswick were the scene of several violent rows between Covington and his wife during which Burlison was usually present. The last one occurred on the night of Sunday, September 1. On that night the Covingtons were heard rushing back and forth through their rooms. Mrs. Covington screaming as if she were being beaten. So bad became the row that Mrs. Mackay, wife of the landlord, went upstairs and knocked at the locked door demanding admittance. The noise had ceased and Covington finally came to the door in an undershirt and trousers, his sleeves rolled up above his elbows. He opened the door only enough to talk to Mrs. Mackay through the crack. He explained that Mrs. Covington had been drinking too much and Mrs. Mackay told him he must keep her still.

"She Will Be Still." "She will be still from now on," said Covington as he closed the door. From that time on Mrs. Covington was neither seen nor heard by any one in the Keswick apartments and she may have been lying dead while Covington was telling Mrs. Mackay that "she will be still from now on."

The Covingtons and Burlison appeared from the Keswick apartments between the night of September 5, and the morning of September 6. No one saw or heard them go. Their apartments were in the rear of the second floor, the windows opening out on the back porch. The Covingtons were in the habit of going in and out through a back window instead of through the hall and front entrance and the trunk containing the body was probably taken through this window and carried down the back stairs from the apartments.

This was done probably on the night of September 5 but might have been done on any night between September 1 and 5.

A thorough canvass of the transfer companies and individual expressmen made yesterday and last night failed to locate any man who had taken a trunk from the Keswick apartments on the night of September 5 and it is probable that Covington hired a rig and carried the trunk away, probably with the assistance of Burlison.

Motive Is Vile. The motive found at the house is

vile beyond comprehension. Unmistakable evidence points to the fact that Covington wished his child wife, a bride of less than seven months, to accept the advances of his friend, Burlison.

The girl was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman McCombs of Vernon, British Columbia. At the time of the death of her mother, about two years ago, she came to Seattle and lived with her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, her aunt, Miss Jennie Robinson, and her uncle, who identified the body yesterday.

Burlison is painted by the police as an arch-fiend; is about 5 feet 11 inches tall, of rather heavy build and of dark complexion. He has a cataract in one eye. When married last March Covington gave his age as 21 years.

Covington, the missing husband, told several persons that he came from Louisville, Ky., and it is known that his sister Edith formerly lived there. His father has been missing for several years. He is supposed to have other relatives in Kentucky. He is about 22 years of age, and about five feet four inches tall, weighed about 135 pounds, slender build, dark eyes, hair and complexion. J. B. Covington, a well known grain dealer of St. Paul, Minnesota, is his uncle.

MANY THINGS MADE OF PAPER

German Manufacture Almost Everything from Wood Pulp.

Paper rugs, table cloths, wearing apparel, towels, socks and other articles not usually associated with a paper factory are the latest products to wear the "Made in Germany" mark, since textile factories in Germany have been experimenting with wood pulp paper in the effort to be released from dependence on foreign cotton and jute.

Yarn is now being spun from paper and woven into these commodities, but the German manufacturers say that it makes "fabrics" that would deceive the eye and that will wear as well and look as well as the same materials made out of the sort of yarn that our ancient grandmothers used to spin.

Consul T. H. Norton of Chemnitz, where one of the biggest "paper yarn" plants in Germany is located, has sent samples of some of the products to the bureau of manufactures.

The coarsest is a sacking material and closely resembles ordinary jute sacking in appearance. It is fairly strong, and reliable reports state that it is fully as durable as the article of jute. Some rather tasteful figured stuffs intended for hangings, portieres, etc., are of composite structure, the warp being of cotton and the woof of paper yarn. Heavier materials of this sort are said to render good service for rugs.

The lighter stuffs are apparently too stiff to lend themselves easily for use as wearing apparel. A light, blue stuff with a lustrous surface is, however, not far removed in point of pliability and suppleness from certain grades of American cotton fabrics which find a ready market among the Chinese. A closely woven stuff, upon which designs have been printed, could be used very effectively for a wall covering.

HOTEL AT SCENIC CAVES IN JOSEPHINE

Were Made Famous by Joaquin Miller—Robert Veatch Secures Permit for Hostelry.

Grants Pass, Ore., Sept. 24.—Future visitors to the Josephine County caves, made famous by Joaquin Miller, will not have to endure the hardships past visitors have had to stand in order to view this great natural curiosity. Robert Veatch, of this city, has secured permission from the Government to erect a hotel at these caves and it is his intention to put up a building this season along the lines of the Lewis and Clark Forestry Building. On the stream that flows out of the caves, known as Cave Creek, he will install an electric dynamo and light his buildings and also the interior of the caves.

The natural beauty of the caves has been greatly marred by the smoke from the torches of the visitors, but electric lights will remedy all this. Several of the passages will have to be enlarged, as at the present time a visitor has to crawl for several feet in going from one chamber to another. There are two ways of reaching the caves from Grants Pass. One is to go in by the way of Sucker Creek and Cave Creek, which is a natural water grade. The other is to go in by the way of Williams Creek. The forestry service is planning to improve the roads leading to these caves and they are sure to become popular with the vacation seeking public.

Several years ago one of the large San Francisco papers undertook to exploit these caves, but for some reason the project was given up; but the remains of the old cabins can be seen today.

New Oil Offer.

The old Breakwater wharf is being repaired and the northeast corner is being arranged for a fish market and offices for the Associated Oil Company. Mr. Thomas Berry, of Empire, will conduct the fish market.

Five Blocks Sold. N. T. Throne, of the Coos Bay Townsite Company, reports the sale of five blocks of the company's plat across the bay.

MAY ABROGATE JAPAN TREATY

The Evasive Reply of Laurier to the Demands of Labor.

MUST STUDY THE QUESTION

Government Organ Declares the Dominion's Interests Will Be Protected.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 26.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier today sent a telegram in reply to a request from the Dominion Trades and Labor congress that notice be given to abrogate the Japanese treaty and that in the meantime the importations of Japanese be kept down to the number arranged for some time ago by both countries. He recounts the fact that the present treaty with Japan was negotiated in response to public sentiment, and then says:

"You base your appeal for the denunciation of this treaty on the allegation that a crisis has arisen in British Columbia by reason of the unprecedented influx of Japanese. While it is true that most regrettable incidents have lately occurred in Vancouver, there seems reason to doubt that the cause was the influx of Japanese as I am in possession of a telegram from the mayor of Vancouver, which has been rendered public which expressly avers that the disturbances were directed against Asiatics generally rather than against Japanese. Under such circumstances, and before committing themselves to such a course the government thinks that they should fully investigate into the causes which within the recent past has caused a greater influx to our shores than previously of oriental people."

"Wilfrid Laurier."

The Globe, the most important government organ in Canada, says: "The government has no desire to abrogate the present treaty with Japan, giving unrestricted freedom of access to all Japanese subjects entering Canada, unless it is found that present negotiations prove abortive. Abrogation of the treaty would forfeit special tariff considerations Canada now has from Japan and would seriously militate against the continuance of the rapid growth of Canadian trade with that country. However, if it should become a question of choosing between the continuance of the large Japanese influx of immigrants into British Columbia and the abrogation of the treaty, the government will not hesitate to abrogate the treaty."

London, Sept. 26.—A dispatch to the Times from Peking today says that the labor troubles at Vancouver are being followed with much interest in the far east, where an analogous problem has now arisen between China and Japan. A Japanese imperial ordinance, No. 352, of July 27, 1899, rigorously forbids all foreigners, whether Europeans, Americans or Chinese, from working in Japan as laborers in agriculture, fishing, mining, manufacturing and other classes of industry outside the narrow residential settlements except by special permission of the local authorities. The dispatch adds: "Such permission, we are informed, is never given."

Comes to Rubber.

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—I. Imi, Japanese consulate of Honolulu, arrived here today on the steamer Siberia, having orders by his government to proceed to Vancouver and make a thorough investigation of the recent anti-Japanese outbreaks there.

Goes For Vacation.

Cell Ireland departed yesterday for an extended vacation. While absent he will visit many of the towns of Eastern Oregon, and also Prineville and the other towns of the central part of the state.

Daughter Recovered.

Ed. Colgan returned yesterday from Salem and reports that his daughter who was ill has recovered. The girl had scarlet fever and for a short time her life was despaired of.

Move Into New Home.

H. J. Isaacs and family have moved into their new home at the corner of Sherman avenue and State street, North Bend. The building was completed within a month and it adds one more family to Major Kinney's Plat B.

Ordinance Effective in 30 Days.

E. L. C. Parlin, city attorney, informs the Times that the new ordinance does not go into effect until the expiration of thirty days.

Free to Hammer Again.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, recently committed to the workhouse for disorderly conduct, was released today, her fine having been paid by a friend.

Nineteen for Davy Jones' Locker. Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 26.—It is reported that 19 persons were drowned on the government works in the Tombigbee river near Jackson.