

# RUSSELL SAGE TO THE RESCUE

## Forms a Syndicate to Bid for the Union Pacific.

### WAS INVITED BY M'KINLEY

#### Government Claims Will Be Satisfied in Full—Seventy-Five Millions Already Subscribed for It.

New York, Oct. 25.—Russell Sage created a sensation in Wall street late yesterday by announcing that he had been invited by President McKinley to form a syndicate to bid on the Union Pacific railroad on the basis of satisfying the full government claim in the Union Pacific. Mr. Sage invited subscriptions to a plan to be hereafter brought out by him. The payment of the government claim in full is understood to be the first condition in this plan. Mr. Sage's representative announced last night that he had received subscriptions for over \$75,000,000 within two hours of his announcement. It was said that he would continue to receive subscriptions until his plan was subscribed at least three times over. As to the bond transactions, Mr. Sage thinks there is unlimited capital available for settlement of the Pacific road debt without loss to the government. Among the subscriptions reported to Mr. Sage's Union Pacific scheme were the following:

Mr. Astor's subscription is said to have been received by cable. Some of the names are said to represent other interests besides the subscribers. It is said a large insurance company will subscribe \$10,000,000.

Mr. Sage goes to Washington today to confer with the president and the attorney-general, at their request.

## LAUNCH BOILER EXPLODED.

### Accident to One of the Boats of the Texas.

Boston, Oct. 25.—The boiler of one of the steam launches of the battleship Texas blew up while it was alongside the battleship, and a number of men, including two officers and a surgeon, were injured, none fatally.

The explosion occurred just as the launch reached the side of the ship, having towed down two ship's boats full of men who were engaged in the naval parade. On the launch at the time were 35 men, including Lieutenant-Commander Delahanty, Lieutenant Bristol, Ensign Wadhams and Dr. W. R. Dubose, the ship's surgeon. The smokestack, the top of the boiler and part of the canopy over the boiler were blown into the air, and what was left of the launch caught fire from the flames that followed the bursting of the boiler, but the fire had little to burn.

In the pit with the boiler John Phillips, an oiler, and John Fisher, a coal passer, were thrown violently against the wooden partition. Fisher was badly injured internally. Phillips escaped with severe bruises. The Coxswain, Thomas Sullivan, was thrown against the side of the launch, but was only bruised, and the sailor with him was completely blackened by soot, but unhurt. Dr. Dubose had two front teeth knocked out.

## BONES WERE MOVED.

### Marcus Whitman's Grave at Whitman Mission Opened.

Walla Walla, Wash., Oct. 25.—This afternoon Marcus Whitman's grave, at Whitman mission, seven miles west of Walla Walla, was opened, preparatory to the erection of a mausoleum of brick and granite thereon by the Whitman Memorial Association. President Penrose, of Whitman college; a few students and newspaper men only were present, besides the contractors.

Near the surface of the mound in one corner, four skulls nearly intact were discovered; also a number of minor bones. The skull of Dr. Whitman was recognized by the gold filling in one of his teeth and a tomahawk wound at the base of the skull.

Dr. Whitman, his wife and 11 associates, massacred 50 years ago, are supposed to be buried in the grave.

The bones were brought to this city this evening, to be classified by physicians. After being placed in a glass case for inspection for a few days, they will be returned to their resting place, and the mausoleum of brick and granite erected over them.

## The Yerkes Telescope.

Williams Bay, Wis., Oct. 25.—Charles T. Yerkes' splendid gift is now in the possession of the university of Chicago. Shortly after noon, Mr. Yerkes formally presented to President W. R. Harper the keys to the observatory which contains the Yerkes telescope. The ceremonies covered two hours, and the greatest refracting telescope in the world, having a 40-inch lens, is dedicated and ready to be used by astronomers from every part of the globe.

## Sherwood Depot Burglarized.

Sherwood, Or., Oct. 25.—The Southern Pacific depot at this place was entered by burglars Sunday night, and a box containing about \$20 in cash and all the tickets belonging to the office were taken.

## STARVED TO DEATH.

### Out of a Population of Twenty-Five Hundred, Only Five Survive.

New York, Oct. 25.—A Herald dispatch from Havana says: A local newspaper publishes and vouches for the following: At Chascapela, in the district of San Julian, belonging to the municipality of Melana del Sur there were concentrated 2,500 persons. These reconcentrados were the only inhabitants of the place. Now there are only five survivors, the rest having died of hunger and fever. In Havana city it is no unusual sight to see 10 or 12 dead on one plaza early in the morning. The employers employ regular roundmen to remove bodies from the parks.

There is no abatement in the activity of the rebels in the western provinces. The special regiment of Veragua on its way to the Rubi hills in Pinar del Rio, stumbled across a dynamite bomb and lost 10 killed and 41 wounded. Further on they came across another, but it failed to explode. The soldiers became terrified and refused to proceed.

In Havana province 100 rebels of Raul Arango's command entered and raided a town. They carried away a quantity of clothing and provisions without a shot being fired by the garrison. Near Artemisa, Havana province, a band of insurgents under Aeon attacked and mached the Spanish guerrilla force stationed on the Neptune estate.

In a railroad collision between Artemisa and Mangas several soldiers were killed.

Inhabitants of a suburb of Havana report hearing firing just outside the town last night. The firing continued for several hours, and this morning some wounded troops were brought in. No details of the fight have been obtained.

## Another Flibuster.

New York, Oct. 25.—The Herald has made investigation into the alleged departure of the filibustering expedition from New York on the schooner Silver Heels last Saturday. As to the suspicious circumstances attending the departure of the vessel, H. P. Brown, her agent said: "There is nothing suspicious about the sailing of the Silver Heels. She took nothing which could be regarded as contraband goods. She sailed for Norfolk and Charleston in search of a charter. As her agent, I should certainly have known if she had taken cargo from this port."

Despite the emphatic denial of Brown, the Herald learns from other sources that the Silver Heels did leave New York Saturday night loaded with arms and ammunition, and that she went direct to sea. At some point on the high seas she is expected to transfer her cargo to another craft which would have armed men on board, whose destination is Cuba. Tomas Estrada Palma, the Cuban representative, said:

"I am positive that no armed expedition left this port for Cuba."

## Hold-Up on Siskiyou Mountain.

Ashland, Or., Oct. 25.—D. C. Pitzer, a gardener, living four miles south of Ashland, came to town this morning and reported that, while returning from a trip to Northern California, where he had been with a load of produce, and while on Siskiyou mountain, near Steinman, where the stage road crosses the railroad, at 7 o'clock last evening, he was stopped by two highwaymen, who ordered him down from his wagon with drawn revolvers, after which they rifled his pockets of a sack containing \$48 in silver, but overlooked \$30 in gold in a trousers pocket. The robbers then told him to get on his wagon and make himself scarce, which he did in a hurry, reaching his home at 8 o'clock, and not reporting to the local authorities until this morning. The authorities are now investigating the case. Pitzer is not able to give a very complete description of the highwaymen.

## Cherokees Are Arming.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 25.—A special to the Gazette from Fort Smith says: It has leaked out here that the full-blood Cherokees have been secretly arming themselves and securing large quantities of ammunition for several weeks, but it has been especially brisk since the return of the attorney sent to Washington to enjoin the Dawes commission from proceeding to make the citizenship rolls. The majority of the Cherokees are opposed to the treaty, but the most bitter feeling is among the ignorant full-bloods. They are prepared to resist any attempt to change their tribal government. No immediate outbreak is anticipated, but a great deal depends upon the action of the council next Monday.

## Tacoma Woman Kills Herself.

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 25.—Mrs. Frank Alwyn, wife of a saloon-keeper, shot herself in the breast at an early hour this morning, dying almost instantly. The act was committed in St. Joseph's hospital, where she was admitted last night. She carefully planned for her death, wrapping herself in a rubber blanket, so the bed clothing would not become bloody. She left a note saying she was tired of life with directions for her funeral. In a bureau was found a shroud, made by herself, with a card pinned on it upon which was "Bury me in this." Mrs. Alwyn was 26 years old.

## FIGHT IN THE HILLS.

### Brave Charge of British Troops on Samara Range.

Simla, Oct. 22.—According to advices from Fort Lockhardt, the tribesmen having occupied Dargari ridge, which commanded Chagru, on the Samara range, General Biggs sent the second division this morning to dislodge them. The position was a very strong one, on the summit of a precipitous hill, reached by a single path along which the attacking force, consisting of the Guerka regulars and the Dorsetshire regiment, was obliged to climb in Indian file, three batteries meanwhile shelling the ranges.

The British suffered a temporary check when they reached the open space, and were exposed to an accurate fire. After a prolonged artillery fire, the Guerka were reinforced by the Gordon Highlanders. Then followed a magnificent rush across the open space, in the face of a murderous fusillade. The enemy stood their ground until the British reached the rocks below, down which the tribesmen could not see to fire, and they fled pell-mell. The losses of the Guerka and the Highlanders were severe.

According to later advices, General Biggs advanced at daybreak, by way of Chagru Kotal, with Brigadier-General Kemster's brigade leading. It was nearly 10 o'clock when the enemy began a long-range fight. The three mountain batteries massed on Chagru Kotal replied, while the Gordon Highlanders pushed through to support the first line, firing volleys at long range. The tribesmen reserved their fire until the Guerka reached the zigzag path under the perpendicular cliff, where Major Jennings Bromley was killed on Monday in the fighting between the Biggs brigade and the insurgent tribesmen from Chagru.

Three British companies crossed the zone of fire at a rush, sustaining heavy losses, while the remainder deployed to the left to intercept a flank attack threatened by some 7,000 of the enemy from that direction. The Dorsetshire regiment attempted to support three companies of Guerka, but was kept back by the enemy, who remained cool, and reserved their fire until the British were well exposed.

At 1 P. M. matters looked serious, as the gun fire, though maintained by a mountain battery from Fort Gulistan, had failed to dislodge the enemy. General Kemster thereupon went forward in person, moving up the Gordon Highlanders and the Third Sikh regiment into the fighting line. A systematic assault was then organized, and 2,000 men, with fixed bayonets, stood waiting for the order to advance.

Three minutes before the word of command was given, General Kemster telegraphed back instructions to the artillery company to concentrate their fire. Eighteen pieces of artillery responded, and, under cover of this fire, the leading company of the Highlanders, amid perfect silence, rushed into the fire zone. Half of the men dropped, but the remainder pushed gallantly on until they reached the cover where the Guerka lay. The rest of the force streamed after them and the tribesmen, seeing that most of the troops had passed the fire zone, fled up the hill, and collected under cover of the cliffs.

The Highlanders and mixed regiments, after pausing a moment to take breath, again advanced to the assault and 20 minutes later the position was won. The ridge was stormed at 3 o'clock. From noon until that hour, the tribesmen, sheltered in the sagars, stood the bombardment, beating their drums, waving their standards, shouting defiance, and maintaining a hot fire on the advancing soldiers.

General Biggs will continue the advance so as to hold the frontal hills and push on to Kharappa, where he will be joined by Sir William Lockhardt.

## HUGE GAME PRESERVE.

### A Missouri Sporting Club Will Establish It Shortly.

St. Louis, Oct. 23.—Deeds will be signed today completing the purchase of the last 780 acres of a tract of land in Iron county, Mo., that is designed to form one of the greatest game preserves in the United States. Purchases of land in the vicinity of Ironton, Mo., have been preparing for several months until there has at last been quietly bought enough land to serve the purpose indicated.

The purchaser is the Mountain and Lake Hunting and Fishing Club, including in its membership many well known men in St. Louis. Charles Lewis, ex-member of the city council, is vice-president, Charles Huff, secretary and John W. Peckington, treasurer. The tract selected for the purposes of the club is in the richest game portion of Missouri, in a valley surrounded by the Ozark mountains.

The intention of the club is to present the preserve to the state at the expiration of 50 years, provided the plans of the club successfully carry out. Within 50 years it is believed by the club, the preserve will be the most extensive and richest in game in the United States.

As soon as the papers are drawn up work will be commenced in anticipation of favorable action by the legislature.

## RELEASED BY WEYLER.

### Evangelina's Accomplices Freed From the Isle of Pines.

Havana, Oct. 21.—General Weyler has ordered the release from the Isle of Pines, the Spanish penal settlement, off the coast of Cuba, of 11 prisoners, who were, it is alleged, concerned in the uprising which resulted in the imprisonment of Evangelina Cossio y Cisneros, who recently escaped from the Casa Recogidas, in this city, and who is now in New York.

The release of Abram Sohas, Juan Esperto Torres, Jose Bestard Godoy and other political prisoners has been also ordered by General Weyler.

The Spanish general, Jimenez Castellanos, accompanied by his son, Lieutenant Castellanos, Captain Pedro Aquilas, his aid de camp; 29 other officers and 70 sick soldiers, have arrived here from Puerto Principe.

Three additional survivors of the wreck of the coasting steamer Triton, which went ashore between Dominica and Mariel, on the coast of the province of Pinar del Rio, on Saturday last, have arrived here. The scene among the men, women and children, the survivors state, was terrible. When the Triton foundered there were 230 persons aboard, passengers and crew, and so far only 49 of this number have been heard from.

## Starved in Havana.

New York, Oct. 21.—A special from Havana via Jacksonville says: W. H. Hughes, correspondent of Black and White, of London, was found dead on the Prado in this city Thursday night. He recently visited Pinar del Rio with a pass from the military governor. A party of Spanish guerrillas, however, maltreated and robbed him. Ragged and starving he eventually managed to reach Havana. Having lost his passport he could neither establish his identity nor cable his friends. The British consul was unable to assist him, and, being practically a stranger, he existed on the streets until he was found by the police, starved to death.

Hughes earned considerable reputation as war correspondent both in Western Africa and Egypt. He was a son of Surgeon Hughes, a retired officer of the British navy.

## GEORGE M. PULLMAN DEAD.

### The Palace-Car Magnate Expires of Heart Disease at Chicago.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—George M. Pullman, the palace-car magnate, died at his residence, Eighteenth street and Prairie avenue, this city, at 5 o'clock this morning. Mr. Pullman, who was in his 66th year, had not been enjoying his usual good health during the summer. The extreme heat of last week greatly aggravated his disease, known to medical science as angina pectoris, but no serious trouble was anticipated. Mr. Pullman was at his office in the Pullman building yesterday, and dined with his friends at his club. Later in the evening he remarked having a slight pain in the back. He retired at his usual early hour.

At 4 o'clock this morning his household was awakened by a disturbance in Mr. Pullman's chamber, and, upon entering, found him standing in the corner of the room, dazed and apparently suffering excruciating pains in the region of the heart.

Rev. H. M. Eaton, who was visiting Mr. Pullman, called Dr. Frank Billings, the family physician. Restoratives were applied, but to no purpose, and at 5 o'clock the millionaire passed away without speaking, and with scarcely a struggle.

## DYNAMITE IN HIS POCKET.

### Terrible Effects of an Explosion in a Youngster's Clothes.

Springfield, Mo., Oct. 21.—Raymond, the 12-year-old son of A. D. Allen, stenographer in the circuit court, went to school this morning, carrying a portion of a stick of dynamite. The explosive, which the boy had found in a stone quarry, was in his pocket with a knife, top, marbles and a quantity of other things common to a boy's pockets. In getting into his seat, the boy banged his dangerous collection of old junk against the desk, causing an explosion which will probably cost him his life, and which was heard for several blocks. The child's right hand was blown off and in his right groin a terrible wound was inflicted, from which the surgeons say he cannot recover. The teacher, Miss Mack, was close by, and had her dress torn into shreds, but she was not hurt. The explosion caused a panic among the other children, and several were hurt in trying to get out of the building.

## Killed by an Unknown Man.

Bakersfield, Cal., Oct. 21.—J. C. Mavis, a well-known barber of this city, was assassinated last night by some unknown man. The weapon used was a pistol, fired at close range, the ball entering the left cheekbone. The pockets were pulled out a little, as if rifled. His watch was not taken, and the pistol he carried was still in his pocket.

## Poisoned by Verdigris.

Genoa, Oct. 21.—Four hundred emigrants on board the Italian steamer Agordat, have been poisoned by verdigris, which had become attached to vessels in which their food was cooked. It is expected many sufferers will lose their lives as a result of this accident.

## WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

(Office of Downing, Hopkins & Co., Chicago Board of Trade Brokers, 711-713 Chamber of Commerce Building, Portland, Oregon.)

The past week has been a very quiet one in the grain trade, with narrow fluctuations. Europe took 6,300,000 bushels of our wheat, and from other countries about 3,000,000 bushels.

A dispatch to the London Times from Buenos Ayres says that there have been good rains in the south and a slight rainfall in the north, so that the harvest is now secure. It is estimated that 1,000,000 tons of wheat will be exported.

Broomhall, a commercial authority of Liverpool, cabled that a special agent investigated crop conditions in Russia and pronounced the spring wheat crop in the important southeast district to yield not over 50 per cent of last year.

The receipts of spring at Minneapolis by the flouring mills have been very large, running as high as 1,100 cars in one day. The American visible supply increased 1,136,000 bushels, and now totals 23,930,000 bushels. A year ago today the visible increased 2,411,000 bushels and totalled 54,858,000 bushels.

Regarding the fall wheat. Much relief in the drought regions has been experienced by quite extended rains, which in many places were fairly liberal, and in others less important. The effect has been to revive cheerfulness and confidence where the seriousness of drought conditions was having a discouraging influence. These rains have not accomplished all that is needful, but if they be soon followed by more moisture there will be much done to overcome the drawbacks which have been attending autumn seeding operations.

It is yet too early to offer an explicit opinion as to the probable relative area of autumn sown wheat, but it now seems practically conclusive that there will be shown considerable gain over last year. It is in evidence that October sowings of wheat if followed with ordinary favorable conditions may be expected to result well, and in fact the wheat sown as late as the middle of November has possibilities favoring a good yield.

The rains have had the effect to weaken the market sentiment to some extent, and wheat values have receded. Other influences have also had more or less bearing in the same direction. The large foreign demand which served in an important degree to stimulate the advancing tendency of values some weeks ago has been modified, as might have been expected as a natural result to follow that abnormal activity.

## Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 79@80c; Valley and Bluestem, 82@83c per bushel. Four—Best grades, \$4.50; graham, \$3.70; superfine, \$2.50 per barrel. Oats—Choice white, 33@34c; choice gray, 31@32c per bushel. Barley—Feed barley, \$19@20; brewing, \$20 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$14 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$15.50. Hay—Timothy, \$12@12.50; clover, \$10@11; California wheat, \$10; do oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per ton. Eggs—30c per dozen. Butter—Fancy creamery, 45@50c; fair to good, 35@40c; dairy, 25@35c per roll. Cheese—Oregon, 11½c; Young America, 12½c; California, 9@10c per pound. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.00@2.50 per dozen; broilers, \$1.50@2.00; geese, \$4.00@5.00; ducks, \$3.00@4.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 8@9c per pound. Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 35@40c per sack; sweets, \$1.40 per cwt. Onions—Oregon, new, red, 90c; yellow, 80c per cwt. Hops—8@15c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 6@7c. Wool—Valley, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 7@12c; mohair, 20c per pound. Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, \$2.50@2.60; dressed mutton, 5c; spring lambs, 5½c per pound. Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4.50; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$5.50@6.00 per 100 pounds. Beef—Gross, top steers, \$2.75@3.00; cows, \$2.50; dressed beef, 4@5½c per pound. Veal—Large, 4½@5c; small, 5½@6c per pound.

## Sentle Market.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 23@25c; ranch, 19@21c. Cheese—Native Washington, 10@12c; California, 9½c. Eggs—Fresh ranch, 26c. Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 10c; spring chickens, \$2.50@3.00; ducks, \$3.50@4.00. Wheat—Feed wheat, \$27 per ton. Oats—Choice, per ton, \$21@22. Corn—Whole, \$22; cracked, per ton, \$22; feed meal, \$22@23 per ton. Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$22; whole, \$22. Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef, steers, 6c; cows, 5½c; mutton sheep, 6c; pork, 6½c; veal, 6c. Fresh Fish—Halibut, 4c; salmon, 4@5c; salmon trout, 8c; flounders and sole, 3½@4; ling cod, 4@5; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 2½@3c.

Fresh Fruit—Apples, 40@65c per box; Salaway peaches, 50@60c; citings, 30@40c; prunes, ½@¾c per pound; pears, 75c@\$1 per box.