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## FIGHT IS FOR CONTROL OF NORTHERN

That is the Way J. J. Hill Has Harriman Sized Up Regarding Latter's Action to Regain Shares.

Adds The States Affected Would Oppose Such Ownership, However.

EFFORT WOULD BE FUTILE

Should Views Regarding Redistribution of Stock Be Sustained by Courts Scheme Would Fall Through.

Chicago, April 8.—In an interview relating to the Northern Securities matters, the Record-Herald quotes J. J. Hill, who was in Chicago today, as follows:

"Harriman undoubtedly is trying to secure control of the Northern Pacific. That is easy enough for one to see. However, the states through which the Oregon Short Line and Northern Pacific run are unanimously opposed to such ownership, and I presume he would be prevented from accomplishing his purpose."

Asked whether Harriman would secure control of the road in the event of the court's decree to sustain his views regarding the redistribution of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific stock, Hill replied:

"He would not, in my opinion."

Speaking generally of the supreme court decision, Hill said:

"In order to comply with the terms of the decree the Northern Securities Company is making a rate to enable the distribution of its railway stocks. In view of the fact that there were over 60,000 transfers and re-transfers this is the only equitable distribution that could possibly be made. That question will, however, be determined by the courts. Every stockholder has the right to have his legal status determined by the court if he sees fit."

### ELIHU ROOT RETAINED.

New York, April 8.—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Elihu Root to represent the Northern Securities Company in its fight to pre-

vent E. H. Harriman from obtaining control of the Northern Pacific railroad as the result of a distribution of the Northern Securities assets. Mr. Root will be the second ex-member of the cabinet to represent the Northern Securities Company as special counsel, in co-operation with the regularly employed attorneys of the corporation. When the government case was first argued John W. Griggs, attorney-general in the first McKinley cabinet, represented the Northern Pacific railroad merger as special counsel. With John G. Johnson of Philadelphia, he also represented the corporation before the United States supreme court.

The case in which Mr. Root will appear is to be argued before the United States circuit court in St. Paul next Tuesday.

### CAPTAIN CLOKE COMMENDED.

Praised by General Story for Accuracy in Handling Guns.

Captain Harold Cloke, formerly stationed at Ft. Stevens, well known in this city, has recently achieved considerable distinction in the army. Mr. Gus Carruthers, formerly of Astoria, but now a resident of Kissimmee, Fla., sends The Astorian the following excerpt from the New York Evening Post:

"Captain Harold E. Cloke, Sixty-first company, coast artillery, stationed at Fort Baker, Cal., has been highly praised by General John P. Story, chief of artillery. His communication from Washington addressed to Captain Cloke reads as follows: "You are complimented upon making the best record in the army for accuracy and rapidity of fire with the heavy caliber guns, both those mounted on disappearing or non-disappearing carriages."

"Captain Cloke had already achieved fine record as tactician. He is ordnance officer and also instructor in schools for commissioned officers."

### Irish Fugitive Lost.

Chicago, April 8.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Indianapolis, Ind., says:

James Lyncheaun, the Irish fugitive, whose extradition case is pending in the supreme court of the United States, has disappeared from this city. He was supposed to be waiting the result of the appeal which the government took to the highest tribunal after United States Commissioner Moore ruled that his offense was political and not extraditable, but it is said he has not been at his home since two days after his release. Lyncheaun's wife is still here, but members of the committee of Irish-American citizens who conducted his defense say they do not know where Lyncheaun went to.

## LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR BILL APPROPRIATING \$475,000 PASSES IN THE HOUSE

Measure Considered Under Special Bill Introduced by Dalsell and Passed After Spirited Opposition.

Reason for Not Inserting Sunday Closing Amendment Explained by Tawney Chairman of Committee—Georgia and Indiana Members Oppose Bill on Principle—Passing of Measure Greeted With Cheers.

Washington, April 8.—The house today passed a large number of bills, including the bill appropriating \$475,000 in aid of the Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition to be held in Portland, Ore., in 1905. A special rule for the consideration of the bill was presented to the house by Dalsell of Pennsylvania. After a brief opposition by Dearmond of Missouri, the rule was adopted by the vote of 156 to 89. The bill was then called up by Tawney.

Tawney spoke for 10 minutes, explaining the bill. He said his committee was opposed to inserting the Sunday closing amendment to the bill. If congress inserted the Sunday closing provision, and then there should be a deficit after the exposition closed, he said Portland would come back to congress and say if it had not been for that restriction there would have been no deficit.

Bartlett of Georgia and Robinson of Tennessee were opposed to inserting the Sunday closing amendment. There was a large attendance in the house during consideration of the bill, and close attention was given the speakers. Passage of the bill was greeted by loud applause on the republican side.

The house next passed the Philippine shipping bill. The only amend-

ment made was one extending until July 10, 1906, the time when the law shall become operative. The bill provides that no merchandise or passengers except supplies for the army or navy shall be transported by sea in any except vessels of the United States. The law does not impair or affect any privilege guaranteed to Spanish ships and merchandise by the Paris treaty of peace.

### In the Senate.

Washington, April 8.—Contracts for cancelling machines used by the post-office department was debated at length in the senate today in connection with the postoffice appropriation bill. Culberson introduced an amendment reducing the rental of machines, and democratic senators charged that rentals now paid are the same as paid under contracts made by George W. Beavers and are excessive. Lodge denied the charge, saying there was no truth in it. The postoffice bill was still under consideration when the senate adjourned.

The first hour of the session was devoted to a discussion by Patterson of the Chinese question, in which he maintained that the exclusion law was ineffective after December 7 unless there was additional legislation.

### SQUAW ACCUSED OF CRIME.

"Buckskin Jim" Said to Have Been Decapitated by Woman.

Tekoa, Wash., April 8.—"Buckskin Jim," an old Indian, who lived on the Coeur d'Alene reservation, seven miles from Tekoa, was brutally murdered by his squaw three weeks ago, although the murder has just come to light, the Indians being inclined to keep the matter secret. When the old couple, each of whom was over 60 years of age, returned to their camp from Spokane, where they had gotten gloriously drunk, it is said they quarreled and, in a moment of rage, the squaw killed the old man with an ax, completing her act of vengeance by cutting his head off.

In an evident desire to conceal her crime she attempted to burn the dead Indian, and during the cremation she was discovered by other members of the tribe. The Indians were horrified, but gave the dead buck a decent burial. For unknown reasons, the squaw was unmolested, no attempt being made to bring her to justice.

The story was made public today by Mrs. Mason, an intelligent halfbreed. The squaw is known as one of the worst and most dissolute of her tribe. "Buckskin Jim" and his squaw were well known in Tekoa, having been jailed many times for drunkenness.

### TURNED OVER TO SHERIFF.

Arthur E. Bell Will Be Tried for Forging Names to Checks.

Tacoma, April 8.—Arthur E. Bell, the mail pouch robber, was turned over to the sheriff today to be tried in the state court for forging names to checks he obtained from mail sacks at Seattle. Bell says Scribner, his partner, who was also arrested, is a young boy who was bringing him a message from his wife, and claims he is not a party to any of his crooked transactions.

### MURDER ENDS QUARREL.

After Terrible Struggle Tailor Kills Woman and Himself.

San Francisco, April 8.—L. Carsagni, a tailor, this afternoon shot and mortally wounded Mrs. Weimer, a young woman who had been in his employ for some time. The woman had a child 9

years old, but was separated from her husband. When officers entered the shop they found Carsagni dead. Mrs. Weimer died later at an emergency hospital. The room bore evidence of a terrible struggle, the walls being splattered with blood everywhere. Neighbors state that Carsagni had been very attentive to the woman and are convinced the shooting followed a quarrel.

### TRAIN LEAVES TRACK.

Sixteen Passengers Injured in Wreck in Kansas.

Kansas City, April 8.—Missouri, Kansas & Texas flyer No. 5, which left St. Louis last night for the south, was wrecked four miles south of Fort Scott, Kan., at 4:30 this morning, by the rails spreading. The engine left the track first, and following it the baggage car and the mail and express cars piled up. The smoker and chair car also were overturned and badly damaged. Sixteen persons were injured, but no one fatally.

As soon as the first excitement following the wreck had subsided, those of the passengers and crew uninjured set to work to aid the unfortunate who were laid beside the track until physicians arrived from Fort Scott. Two physicians left Fort Scott for the scene on a handcar, and following them closely was a working train borrowed from the Frisco railway started for the wreck. The injured were taken to Fort Scott.

### WORST STORM OF WINTER.

Blizzard Raging in Nebraska That is Disastrous to Ranchmen.

Omaha, April 8.—A storm of rain, sleet and snow prevailed tonight, at times reaching the proportions of a blizzard, according to dispatches from Norfolk, this state. The reports say that the worst blizzard of the winter is raging with the probability of serious loss to ranchmen. Storms also extend over western Iowa.

### Snow in St. Paul.

St. Paul, April 8.—A sticky snow-storm descended on St. Paul from the northwest late this afternoon, which is the forerunner of a storm which has been general in the Dakotas and Mon-

tana for the past 48 hours. In South Dakota the storm was severe, accompanied by rain and snow driven by a high wind. Telegraph companies had much trouble with wires north of here. The Northern Pacific road has only one wire working to Helena, Mont.

### FINANCIERS CONVENE.

Convention of American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Philadelphia, April 8.—A convention of national importance, especially to industrial interests, began here today, the occasion being the eighth annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. Nearly all great corporation interests were represented. The chair was occupied by Frank A. Vanderlip, former Assistant secretary of the treasury.

The subject under consideration during the morning session was "The Government in Its Relation to Industry," which was subdivided and taken up in detail. The first branch of the topic was "The Government Regulation of Banks and Trust Companies."

Addresses were delivered by William Barrett Riddle, controller of the currency, who spoke on the "Control of National Banks;" Frederick D. Kilburn, New York state superintendent of banks, on the "Control of Trust Companies;" and Professor Frederick A. Cleveland of the New York university, on the "Financial Reports of National Banks as a Means of Public Control."

### CHINESE LABOR SCARE.

San Francisco People Get Men for Northern Canneries at Seattle.

Seattle, April 8.—(Special.)—One hundred Chinese were shipped from here to San Francisco today to be sent from there to the Bristol bay, Alaska, canneries. Owing to the scarcity of Chinese cannery labor in San Francisco people who own Bristol bay canneries have been compelled to come here to get the men wanted. Conditions showing the decrease in San Francisco's Chinese population, because of the exclusion laws, are considered remarkable.

### Baseball Scores.

Los Angeles—Seattle 1, Los Angeles 2.  
San Francisco—Oakland 5, Portland 0.  
Fresno—San Francisco 2, Tacoma 8.

### Turko-Bulgarian Treaty.

Sofia, April 8.—A telegram received here from Constantinople announces that the Turko-Bulgarian treaty was signed today. No details were given.

### Alfonso Goes to Gerona.

Barcelona, April 8.—King Alfonso left Barcelona today on a visit to Gerona. He will return to Barcelona Saturday.

## DETERMINED TO OUT DO THE ENEMY

Russia Purposes to Have Naval Force Superior to That of Japan by the End of July.

French Agent Negotiates With Argentina for Purchase of War Ships.

### JAPAN'S FLEET IS ENGAGED

Arrangements for Fresh Landing of Troops Being Covered by Fighting Force on Sea—Guard of Port Is Lax.

Paris, April 9.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says that a French agent is negotiating for the sale of Argentine warships to Russia which is determined to have superiority over the Japanese fleet by the end of July.

London, April 8.—The correspondent of the Times at Wei-Hai-Wei cabling under yesterday's date says:

"The result of a week's cruise leads me to believe that the Japanese fleet is engaged in covering arrangements for the new landing of troops recently mobilized. A close blockade of Port Arthur is not maintained, presumably because of the information regarding the state of the channel. Certainly up to the present time no Japanese transports have entered the Gulf of Pe Chilli."

Paris, April 9.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says that Admiral Makaroff went out from Port Arthur this morning, the Japanese squadron having been sighted in the offing. It is rumored, he says, that a sea fight took place.

Barcelona, April 8.—King Alfonso left Barcelona today on a visit to Gerona. He will return to Barcelona Saturday.

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