



SENSATIONAL DISPUTE

Harriman Tears up Hill's Railroad Track.

ALSO BURNS BRIDGE

Dispute Over Whether Hill Will Cross O. R. & N Right-of-Way.

RESTRAINING ORDER SERVED

When Hill Officials learned of Action of O. R. & N., They Procured Injunction But by Time it Was Served, the O. R. & N. Had Built Length of Track

PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—The controversy between Harriman's Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company and Hill's Portland and Seattle Company over the crossing point of the railroads just north of Portland assumed a sensational aspect today.

Several weeks ago the O. R. & N. Company commenced condemnation proceedings against the College Endowment Association. About the same time (both contestants claim priority of date), the Portland and Seattle purchased a right of way across the association's land and built the grade. Today the circuit court granted the O. R. & N. a verdict of condemnation against the College Endowment Association. About 6 o'clock tonight a gang of men, under the direction of the alleged O. R. & N., went to the disputed point, and tore up a hundred feet of track and burned a bridge which the Portland and Seattle had constructed across the O. R. & N. Company's right of way.

Williams, Wood and Lintichum, attorneys for the Portland and Seattle, soon as they learned of the O. R. & N.'s action, immediately applied for a restraining order against the company. However, it was a matter of considerable work to prepare the necessary papers and get them to the disputed point, and when the O. R. & N. desisted in pursuance of the injunction at an early hour Wednesday morning, it had finished the cut several feet in depth and had already laid the rails.

It is understood the O. R. & N. will fight the injunction on the ground that no one in Oregon has authority to make application for an injunction in behalf of the Portland and Seattle line. J. Couch Flanders, the statutory attorney, being in California on his honeymoon.

KILLS HIMSELF.

Leland Prior, Noted Financier, Commits Suicide in Hotel.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 9.—Leland W. Prior, one of the best known men in financial circles in Cleveland and the junior member of the stock brokerage

firm of Denison, Prior and Company, shot and killed himself at the Hollenden Hotel this afternoon.

George B. Denison, a brother of the senior member of the firm, said he could not understand Prior's desire to end his life. Prior was president of the Cleveland Stock Exchange, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, Chicago Stock Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade.

Charles Eli Denison, the senior member of the firm, said:

"I believe it will be found that the large stock transactions were the cause of Prior's act."

It is believed by persons acquainted with the amount of business done by the firm of Denison, Prior and Company, that it is involved in the stock market to the extent of at least half a million dollars.

SEATTLE TO BE TERMINAL FOR HARRIMAN ROAD

Big Real Estate Deal Indicates Harriman Will Parallel N. P. R. R. Tracks to Puget Sound.

SEATTLE, Jan. 9.—A prominent real estate firm of Seattle has taken an option on the Seattle Tidelands approximating \$1,500,000. These lands are close to the holdings of the Chicago & Milwaukee and have been purchased for Joseph Hallen and Frederick Knickerbocker, two New York men who arrived in the city Saturday. Coming on the heels of the purchases is the news from New York that Harriman will parallel the Northern Pacific to Puget Sound. These movements in real estate point that Harriman has men behind Hallen and Knickerbocker.

GOVERNMENT CALM

Believed Worst in Russia is Now Over.

UPRISING IS NOW UNLIKELY

Revolution is Now Thought To Be Completely Crushed in Northern Provinces—In the Baltic Region, However, Anarchy is Yet Rampant.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 9.—The success which has thus far attended the campaign against the violent revolutionists has plainly encouraged the government to believe the worst is over for the winter. Except in the Baltic, Caucasus, and Don regions, where the prevailing anarchy is likely to continue indefinitely, a semblance of order is being gradually restored. Socialists stoutly maintain the present hull is only a truce over the holidays and from mysterious sources the leaders will continue to issue orders and refuse all compromises with imperialism, boycott and the national assembly, and will prepare for a great armed insurrection. The government, however, professes confidence that the revolutionists will not quickly recover from the losses recently sustained. Disorders on a small scale are expected and something like a general demonstration is anticipated on January 22d, but a great uprising in the immediate future is regarded as impossible. The next real crisis is not expected until the national assembly meets or spring sets the peasants in motion.

WOULD CALL PRESIDENT TO ACCOUNT

FOR APPOINTMENT TO MOROCCAN CONFERENCE

Bacon Introduces Resolution to That Effect and Propriety of Discussing the Matter in Open Senate is Argued at Length.

FINALLY DECIDED NOT TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Spoooner Declares the Adoption of Such a Resolution Would be an Encroachment on President's Constitutional Rights and Virtually His Powers as Chief Magistrate—Bacon Takes Offense at Remarks and Says he Does Not Purpose to be Charged With Insulting the President.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The propriety of discussing in open Senate a resolution introduced by Senator Bacon calling upon the President for an account of his appointment of delegates to the proposed conference on Moroccan affairs at Algieria was considered for four hours today and then by strict party vote it was decided the resolution should be regarded as executive business.

Senator Spoooner declared the adoption of the resolution would be an encroachment by the Senate upon the constitutional rights of the President and virtually of his powers as chief magistrate. Offense was taken by Bacon at the remarks of Senator Spoooner, the former declaring emphatically he did not purpose being charged with insulting the President. Spoooner said he did not mean to imply it was an insult to introduce the resolution, but it would be an affront to the President to adopt such a measure which questioned the executive on a matter on which he was well within his own rights.

Spectators were excluded from the Senate at 1:20 p. m. upon motion by Lodge, who objected to Bacon making a speech on the resolution in open session. Ostensibly it was to settle that point the doors were closed, but the merits of the resolution were threshed out so thorough, that it is unlikely they will again be gone into. Every Republican Senator voted against considering the resolution in executive session.

The Senate today adopted two resolutions of inquiry, one authorizes an investigation by the committee on inter-oceanic canals into the general conduct of affairs in the Panama canal, and the other in the finance committee into the question of the exchange rate on money on the Isthmus. The remainder of the open session was devoted to a speech by Morgan on the railroad rate question. He advocated a settlement of all differences over the rates in the courts according to the common law methods as calculated to do away with much awkward machinery.

JUDGE TRENCHARD HELD UP

PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—Judge Trenchard, a prominent lawyer of Astoria, was severely beaten and robbed of \$75 about 7 o'clock this evening while traversing a principal thoroughfare of Portland. The Judge was on his way from the hotel to the depot to catch the Astoria train. While going along Sixth street, at Ankey street, a man asked him the time, following the question with a stunning blow in the face, which felled him to the sidewalk. The thug pounded his victim into insensibility, and abstracted his money from his pocket and fled. Judge Trenchard was painfully bruised but not seriously injured.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO CALL.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 9.—Governor Pennypacker today issued a supplementary proclamation to his call for an extra session of the legislature which conveys on Monday, so as to include, among other things, a uniform primary election law and civil service for the state officers.

PERSISTENT RUMORS.

Report That Hendricks Will Not Accept Re-appointment.

ALBANY N. Y., Jan. 9.—Persistent reports that Francis H. Hendricks, state superintendent of insurance, would not accept re-appointment when his term expires in February next are given fresh impetus here by the publication of a statement that there are five candidates in Syracuse alone for the position. The matter was brought to the attention of Governor Higgins last night and he was asked whether Superintendent Hendricks had indicated to him that he did not desire re-appointment, and whether he had decided upon his own action in the case.

"It is news to me," the Governor said, "that there are five or any other number of candidates for the position. Superintendent Hendricks has not resigned, his term of office has not expired, and there is no vacancy in his office. That is all I care to say."

DROPPED FROM BOARD.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—James W. Alexander and J. H. Hyde until recently president and vice-president, respectively, of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, today were dropped from the Board of Directors of the Franklin National Bank in this city.

SMALL NUMBER.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 9.—During the past year but sixty-four Chinese entered Canada, all being former residents. None paid the poll tax of \$500, although two steamship companies which allowed Chinese to escape, were mulcted out of \$1000.

RAISING CAIN.

Revolutionary Peasants Continue Their Work of Destruction.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The Moscow correspondent of the Times says it is reported that eighteen revolutionaries were executed Saturday last and among them was Mr. Schmidt, owner of the celebrated furniture factory in the Presna district.

RIGA, Jan. 9.—Although the troops are operating energetically in all directions, the revolutionary peasants are continuing the work of devastation, wandering in groups through the provinces, cutting railways wherever the opportunity is offered and attacking trains and passengers.

BIG CONVENTION.

Many Prominent Speakers at Kansas Freight Rate Conference.

WICHITA, Jan. 9.—Many delegates have arrived to attend the State Freight Rate Convention tomorrow. The convention purposes forming a state organization to influence freight rates legislation both in the legislature and Congress. It is expected 1000 will attend. Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota, Governor Hoch, and Speaker I. L. Lenroot, of Wisconsin and many prominent Kansas men are among the speakers.

NATIONAL STRIKE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—A national strike against employers in the Allied Building Trades will be ordered Thursday. It will affect 10,000 structural iron workers and indirectly throw more than 200,000 workers out of employment.

PHILIPPINES BILL

The House Discusses Philippines Tariff Measure.

BILL IS STRONGLY OPPOSED

Speeches Uniformly Against Measure and No One Answers Opponent's Arguments—Goulden, of New York, Would Remove Dingley Rates.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Philippine tariff measure was the single topic of consideration today in the house. The speeches were uniformly against the measure and allowed, in general, to go without an answer. A digression was made in the form of tariff revision by Gillette, of Massachusetts, who favored the Canadian reciprocity. Bonyage, of Colorado, discussed the bill from the standpoint of the beet sugar industry. Burgess opposed it on constitutional grounds and had a lively colloquy with the minority.

Leader Williams charged the Democrats to be consistent and should oppose anything but free trade with the Philippines on the ground of American possession. Williams defended his position stating the bill was as near free trade as it was possible to obtain from the majority. Cassell, of Pennsylvania, and Henry spoke in opposition to the bill in behalf of the tobacco raisers in their district. Goulden, of New York, closed the day with a brief reference to taking the protection of the Dingley rates from the "giant trusts."

DECLINES TO ANSWER

Rogers Maintains Sphinx-Like Silence.

CAUTIONED BY HADLEY

Warned By Prosecutor not to Treat Investigation as "Funny."

BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court Will Decide if Rogers Must Answer Prosecutor Hadley's Questions—Subpoena Server Cannot Find Men Wanted to Testify.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The question whether Henry H. Rogers will be compelled to tell Attorney-General Hadley, of Missouri, whether the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey owns or controls the three oil companies which are selling oil in Missouri as separate companies, will be placed before the Supreme Court tomorrow. All the important questions which Rogers declined to answer during the past three days were presented to the Supreme Court today by counsel acting in behalf of Hadley and the court asked for an order for Rogers to show cause why he should not answer them. The interesting feature of the hearing today was the invitation by Hadley to Thomas W. Lawson to come here and testify. When the hearing adjourned Lawson's answer was not received. While Rogers was on the stand today he was severely cautioned by Hadley to treat the hearing seriously and not as "funny." The subpoena server who has been trying for several days to summon H. Clay Pierce to testify, today notified Hadley he was unable to get Pierce, who, he said, had sailed away on his steam yacht. John D. Archbold, vice-president and director of the Standard Oil Company and William G. Rockefeller, nephew to John D. Rockefeller were present at the hearing today. They had been subpoenaed as witnesses but are not yet called to testify.

Rogers was interrogated at length by Prosecutor Hadley, of Missouri, in the hearing before Commissioner Sanborn today, but he failed to answer any of the numerous questions put on direct examination. His stereotyped reply to every question of Mr. Hadley was "I decline to answer," which he occasionally supplemented with the words "on advice of counsel." Certification was made of every refusal for use before the Supreme Court. Mr. Rogers was ultimately excused, without having thrown any light on the connection between the trust and its various "dummy" companies.

Prosecutor Hadley has telegraphed to Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, requesting him to appear and give testimony before Commissioner Sanborn.

DANGER NOT YET OVER OF ANOTHER LANDSLIDE

HAVERSTRAW, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Tonight seventeen persons are missing and are believed to have gone to death when the thirteen houses on Rockland street in Haverstraw tumbled over last night into the pit sixty feet deep, which had been cut by clay diggers. Twelve of the persons who are missing were occupants of the fallen houses, five among the rescuers who went to the aid of their neighbors after the first house fell and were carried down when the twelve other houses went crashing over the precipice. Tonight there is grave fear of another cave in along the same street and the occupants of the seven or eight houses have moved away. Others are keeping an all night vigil, ready to alarm their neighbors in case of impending danger.

SILVER CITY UNION WILL NOT DEFEND ORCHARD

BOISE, Jan. 9.—A Silver City special to the Statesman says the Silver City Union was not authorized to have retained John F. Nugent, as counsel for anyone charged with the assassination of Steunenberg. The Union deeply deplores the crime and hopes the criminal who perpetrated it will be dealt with according to law. This statement was made by R. J.

Hanlin, financial secretary of the union. Hanlin received a dispatch from W. D. Heywood, secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, asking to have this union retain Nugent for the defense. Hanlin consulted with the members of the union the result of their sentiment being given in this statement. As a result Nugent, nor anyone else has been, or will be, asked by this union to take up Orchard's defense.