



COMMISSION AT HARRIMAN

Investigates Holdings of Railroad King.

STUPENDOUS PROFITS

Union Pacific Line Alone Showed Fifty Million Annually Clear Gain.

MANY LINES UNDER CONTROL

Oregon Short Line Pays Dividends on Stock Held by Union Pacific—Curious Things Are Brought to Light.

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THE UNION PACIFIC OWNS \$28,123,100 WORTH OF STOCK OR 29.58 PER CENT OF THE CAPITALIZATION OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILWAY. THE UNION PACIFIC ALSO OWNS \$5,082,300 WORTH OF STOCK OF THE ST. JOSEPH AND GRAND ISLAND, WHICH IS 37.37 PER CENT OF THE WHOLE. THE OREGON SHORT LINE OWNS \$39,540,600 WORTH OF STOCK IN THE BALTIMORE & OHIO, OR 18.62 PER CENT OF THE WHOLE. OF THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL, THE OREGON SHORT LINE OWNS \$3,690,000, OR 3.42 PER CENT OF THE WHOLE. THIS COMPANY ALSO OWNS \$2,572,000 OR 2.58 PER CENT OF THE STOCK OF THE CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN, TEN MILLIONS OF THE PREFERRED STOCK OF THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE, BEING 4.28 PER CENT, AND \$14,285,745, OR 7.97 PER CENT OF THE CAPITAL STOCK OF THE NEW YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON. OF THESE HOLDINGS, BY THE HARRIMAN COMPANIES, THE STOCKS OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL, THE BALTIMORE & OHIO, THE NEW YORK CENTRAL, THE CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN, THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL, THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE AND THE ST. JOSEPH & GRAND ISLAND, AGGREGATING IN VALUE \$103,293,745, WERE ALL BOUGHT SINCE JULY 1, 1906.

"Where did the money come from?" asked members of the commission. In reply it was stated that the Union Pacific's last annual surplus of \$51,000,000. The Oregon Short Line declares a dividend of 50 per cent on its stock held by the Union Pacific and also contributed out of its general assets to the purchase money.

PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITIES.

Latest List Gives Governor Hughes a Prominent Place.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: For some reason the inaugural message of Governor Hughes of New York seems to have stirred the Republican leaders here to an extraordinary degree. When he was first elected they did not enthuse over him at all, they insisted that he was cold blooded and that the candidate for the presidency would have to come from the West, anyway. But there is no denying that the governor's inaugural speech has benefited him wonderfully, as far as opinion of mere politicians goes. In both branches of Congress his name was constantly referred to yesterday. One of the old timers in Congress made up a list of eleven men, one of which he predicted would surely be the Republican candidate for the presidency to succeed Theodore Roosevelt. His list included Governor Hughes of New York; Secretary Taft and Senator Foraker of Ohio; Governor Cummins and Secretary Shaw, of Iowa; Senator Fairbanks and Senator Beveridge of Indiana; Speaker Cannon and Governor Deneen of Illinois; and Senators LaFollette and Spooner of Wisconsin.

FIREMEN TO STRIKE

Upon Order of Brotherhood Will Tie Up Oregon Lines.

ROADS PREPARE FOR FIGHT

Assert That They Have Practically Engaged Men Enough to Fill the Places of Engineers Should They Walk Out.

PORTLAND, Jan. 4.—That a strike of locomotive firemen on the Harriman lines in the Northwest is looked for is evident from the unusual activity displayed by officials in charge of the operating department. An air of unrest prevails about the company's terminal yards and while firemen decline to discuss the proposed strike, it is apparent that they are ready to walk out any time the order comes from the headquarters of the Brotherhood in the East.

In anticipation of the strike, railway officials are engaged in practically employing men to be placed on the engines to succeed that who may quit work. It is asserted all the men needed can be obtained and when the walkout takes place the new men will be immediately assigned to the engines deserted by the firemen.

If a strike is declared by the Brotherhood, and many are of the opinion that one will be ordered during the next 48 hours, it will affect not only the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, but the entire Harriman system reaching to the O. R. & N., Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific. So say the firemen. The Brotherhood has discussed the situation secretly and declares it will head a call for a walkout if Grand Master Haurahan issues one. On the side of the Harriman interests the aspect is so serious that every precaution is being taken.

UNIONS DECLARE BOYCOTT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The local carpenters' union declared a boycott against the Japanese. Any member of the union who employs Japanese labor, patronizes Japanese merchants or purchases goods from employers of Japanese, is to be fined ten dollars.

WILLAMETTE OVERFLOWS

Waters Rise Rapidly and Do Much Damage.

WORST IS NOW OVER

Rains of Recent Big Storm Raise the River Three Inches an Hour.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TIED UP

No Trains Leave Portland in Twenty-four Hours—Reports from Southern Points Indicate Greatest Damage is Now Past.

PORTLAND, Jan. 4.—The storm-flooded waters of the Willamette are welling up at the rate of nearly three inches an hour, a rise more rapid than any previously noted this season. During the past 24 hours ending at 5 o'clock this morning it had increased in height at Portland 4.5 feet.

No trains are operating over the Southern Pacific today out of Portland, and the first to leave for 24 hours will get away this evening, though the time of departure is not known.

On the Southern Pacific there is a complete tie-up, with the principal trouble centered at Comstock, north of Drain.

Reports from various points in the Willamette Valley tell of a sharp cold snap, which set in this afternoon and indications are that the flood situation has been materially bettered. The storm of the past few days has been the worst of the season, filling mountain streams and valley rivers to overflowing and doing great damage in some sections. Bridges are washed out in many places, the Southern Pacific being the heavy sufferer from the turbulent waters, but a greatly diminished rainfall today, followed by the cold snap of tonight, will doubtless save the entire Willamette and Rogue River valleys from what would have been great floods.

Several valley towns are inundated, but since morning the river situation has been greatly improved. At Eugene, the Willamette has fallen a foot and seven-tenths; at Barton, on the Clackamas river, the waters have dropped one foot and six inches and at Tualatin, it is on a stand at ten feet. Elsewhere the rise continues, being three and eight-tenths feet at Albany since 8 o'clock this morning; two and seven-tenths feet at Salem and only three-tenths of a foot at Portland.

Unless there is resumption of heavy rains, the crest of the high waters will reach Portland Sunday night or Monday morning, and it is not expected that any serious damage will be done, although it is possible that some of the lower docks may be covered.

EJECT THREE THOUSAND.

United States Marshall Has Big Job Meted to Him.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The Chronicle today says: On six United States deputy marshals was placed yesterday the responsibility of serving on 3,000 defendants notices of ejectment in a suit recently filed in the U. S. circuit court by Sydney Smith, of Cambridge, Mass., who seeks to possess himself of South Side property valued at approximately \$40,000,000. The deputies who were especially appointed for the task, which is one of the largest problems that has ever

confronted United States Marshal Hoy, met with many experiences during the day. These they reported to the marshal at his office in the Federal Building over the telephone. Mr. Smith claims absolute title to all the land bounded by Thirty-fifth street on the north to Thirty-ninth street on the south and from Grand boulevard on the west to a line running north from Cottage Grove and Thirty-ninth street on the east. He asserts that an ancestor settled on the land in 1834 and filed a claim to it, but died before obtaining a patent to the property. In order to obtain standing in court it became necessary to include as defendants to the ejectment proceedings all persons living within the boundaries described in the plaintiff's bill.

WILL PRESS QUESTION.

Department of Justice Will Renew Japanese Agitation in 'Frisco.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—It has been learned from trustworthy but unofficial sources that the Department of Justice will file in the United States courts of San Francisco a bill in equity asking the court to enforce the provision existing in the treaty between the United States and Japan, which in effect, it is asserted, guarantees to the Japanese children the same rights in the public schools of the United States as are accorded the children of American parents.

TOO MUCH FOR PARIS.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The chief of police has stopped the performance of "A Dream of Egypt," with Marquise De Morny in the principal role.

FOR THE PRIZE APPLE

All Oregon Will Enter Contest to Secure Coveted Honor.

FRUIT GROWERS WILL DECIDE

Meeting of State Horticultural Society in Portland Next Tuesday—Will Select the Best Apples of the State.

PORTLAND, Jan. 4.—Keen rivalry between the apple-growing sections of the state is expected during the three days' session of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, which will hold its annual meeting in Portland January 8, 9 and 10. The meetings will be held in the new Woodmen of the World Temple.

Hood River, Southern Oregon and the Willamette Valley will hold the center of the stage, for at this meeting awards will determine, in the judgment of experienced fruit-growers, which section produces the best apples.

Awards and prizes have been arranged for the best exhibits of apples, pears and walnuts, but the principal features will be apples and pears.

During the three days' session there will be numerous speeches and papers by the best-known authorities of the state and fruit-culture and the growing of other staple Oregon products. The first three days of the session will be at the hall, but on the third day there will be an open-air session, where the practical side of spraying can be demonstrated.

DESERT BANDIT CHIEF.

TANGIER, Jan. 4.—Many of the former friends and supporters of Ralsull, who is at Zinat, have, it is stated here, deserted the bandit chief. Ralsull has discarded all the signs of his former position, including the robes of a Moorish official. He has again donned his mountaineer's costume. Nearly all the tribes in the neighborhood of the mountains, it is announced, have made submission to the Sultan.

PASSENGERS HELD LOST

Wreckage From the City of Panama Washed Up.

PORTLANDERS ABOARD

Four Prominent People of the Metropolis Were on the Vessel.

CARRIED SIXTY BESIDES CREW

Life Rafts Came Ashore at Wardell Beach, California, Bearing Steamer's Name—May Have Been Washed Overboard.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—A report was received in this city late tonight that several life rafts and other wreckage with the name "City of Panama," on them, came ashore at Wardell Beach this evening. The City of Panama sailed from here on December 31 for the Isthmus. Among the passengers were Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, of Portland, Oregon, booked through to New York. Mrs. Coe is said to be with him and a number of other prominent Oregonians. In addition to the cabin passengers, the City of Panama carried 25 Chinese and 20 in the steerage. Her cabin passengers were James Bowbry, W. G. McPherson, R. G. McPherson, Dr. E. Rutherford, Mrs. Rutherford, Dr. H. W. Coe and wife, T. E. Prince, Frank J. Glauyas, Thos. Clarke, Charles L. Spaford, J. V. Cooney, Harry Cooper, wife and child. Wardell beach is on the coast of Santa Cruz county, twenty miles north of Santa Cruz City and very remote from any telegraph or telephone line.

News of wreckage being washed ashore at that point was brought to Pescadero tonight. Pescadero is about fifteen miles north of Wardell Beach. A heavy southeastern gale has been blowing for several days and it is possible that the wreckage found on the beach was washed overboard.

PORTLAND, Jan. 4.—Dr. Coe and wife, R. G. McPherson and W. G. McPherson, the latter two in the furnace and plumbing business. W. G. McPherson is a member of Mayor Lane's executive board. T. E. Prince accompanied the McPhersons, but nothing can be learned tonight as to his identity.

RAN BY STOP SIGNAL.

Testimony Tends to Throw Blame on Engineer of "Dead" Train.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The coroner's inquest investigating the Terra Cotta wreck Sunday night on the Baltimore & Ohio, heard testimony all day from telegraph operators and others at the Silver Spring, Takoma and University Stations, all of which show that the two trains received a white light at Silver Springs; that the passenger train cleared Takoma for University and that the "dead" train ran by the red light at Takoma. The Takoma operator was corroborated by four eye witnesses in his statement that he gave the "dead" train a stop signal. The inquest will be continued tomorrow.

MONSTER GERMAN CRUISER.

Kaiser Seized with Popular Fancy for Unwieldy Men of War.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail says the Kaiser has decided to eclipse the world

so far as armored cruisers are concerned. After the elections the government will ask for authority from the reichstag to greatly increase the tonnage of such a cruiser already mentioned, so that the new ship will have a displacement of 20,000 tons. The vessel is to have turbine engines, which it is planned, will make her the speediest cruiser in the world. It is also designed to make the ship more powerful than any existing battleship.

EDWARD IS PEACEMAKER.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—In speaking of the reported separation of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, the Throne says: "A reconciliation has taken place between the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, and on Boxing Day they came together again. King Edward has extended the area of his influence and his functions as peacemaker have been chiefly instrumental in effecting the reunion."

CANNED BEANS KILL.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—Three persons are dead here as a result of ptomaine poisoning from eating canned beans. Henry Carter of Ontario, his daughter Mabel, and Charles E. Abbott partook of beans on a camping trip and were almost immediately taken ill. They returned home and died of the effects.

FIGHT WAS FIERCE.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—Jim Flynn won the decision at the end of the twentieth round over "Jack" (Twin) Sullivan. It was a terrific fight.

OWL TRAIN WRECKED

Running at Fifty Miles an Hour Passengers Not Hurt.

FUEL OIL THROWS INTO DITCH

Only Spark Needed to Set Coaches on Fire and Roast the Inmates Alive—Wreck Caused by Burst Tire.

TRACEY, Cal., Jan. 4.—The Owl train from Los Angeles was wrecked at Manteca Station, five miles south of Lathrop, early this morning, while running at a speed of 50 miles an hour. The baggage car and three of the forward sleepers were ditched. The second sleeper was thrown on its side crosswise of the track, yet not a single passenger or trainman was injured, beyond a few minor scratches. A tramp riding on the rear of the tender escaped with a broken arm and some bruises.

The chair car, the diner and the Fresno sleeper, all of which were in the rear, did not leave the track. The forward truck only of the next sleeper left the rails. The balance of the train was badly shattered. The engine and tender were almost buried in the earth. The fuel oil ran out into the ditch and only needed to be ignited to have set fire to the wreck. Many of the passengers had to be assisted to gain their freedom from the coaches and a fire would have caused a terrible holocaust.

The accident was caused by the bursting of the tire on one of the wheels of the engine tender. The broken wheel dropped into a cattle guard and the crash came. The passengers were brought North on another train after a delay of two hours.

CONDITIONS MORE NORMAL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The labor situation in San Francisco is rapidly assuming normal conditions, according to investigations made by the California promotion committee. There is still great demand for ordinary laborers, not only in San Francisco, but throughout the state.