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**BIG PERSONAL TAX**

Widow of Russel Sage is Assessed Record Breaking Amount.

IS ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY

Most Millionaires Are Rich in Stocks and Bonds Which Are Taxed in Another Form—Not as Personal Fortune.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The tax list made public yesterday has several interesting features. Chief of these is the fact that the tax assessors have written down the personal fortune left by Russel Sage at \$50,000,000. This is the largest individual personal tax ever recorded on the city's book. Sage in his life time was assessed at \$2,000,000. Mrs. Sage to whom is left practically all of the Sage fortune, is assessed at \$50,000,000 in her own name. If the two statements stand, Mrs. Sage will have to draw her check for the city treasury for something like \$10,000.

Lawson Purdy, president of the Tax Board is quoted as saying that the valuation of \$50,000,000 put on the personal part of the Sage estate was made up from the data furnished by the administrators in connection with the will.

Mr. Sage's fortune was different from that of most of the millionaires of New York city, consisting chiefly of cash.

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Three Great Companies of California Will Consolidate in the Near Future, According to Report from Southern State.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—A financial deal of great interest and importance to San Francisco and California is now being conducted in New York and will probably be consummated within a few days. The transaction will involve the merger of the Western Gas and Electric Company and the Western Power Company, an eastern corporation operating in counties of northern California.

Promoting this vast combination to furnish power, light and heat to all the cities and towns of northern and central California are the Goulds and Edwin E. Hawley in the East and John Martin and Eugene de Sabla of California.

The Great Western Power company was recently incorporated under the laws of California with an authorized capital of \$25,000,000, as the operating company for the Western Power Company of New Jersey. The latter is a holding company with \$18,000,000 authorized capital stock. Edwin Hawley is president of the company.

The Western Power company is the owner of large sources of water supply in counties of northern California and has extensive works for developing power, light and heat at Oroville on the Feather river.

The proposed merger takes in, it is said, the property of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, which includes a combination of the Independent, the California Gas & Electric Company, and other corporations furnishing gas, heat and power in this city, which had been absorbed by the original gas company. The California Gas & Electric Company was controlled by John Martin and Eugene de Sabla. It supplied light and power to several towns and cities in northern and central California, including Sacramento, Oakland and San Francisco. In this city power was furnished to the United Railroads and other large consumers.

The Great Western Power Company has just issued bonds valued at \$25,000,000, in New York for the purpose. It is said of financing the proposed merger.

**KILLED IN WRECK.**

Trainmen Meet Death in Head On Collision Near Leavenworth.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 15.—The trainmen are known to be dead, another trainman is believed to be dead, a fourth is probably fatally injured and several passengers were slightly injured in a wreck at Waldron, 12 miles from Leavenworth, Kan., last night, caused by a head-on collision between Rock Island passenger train No. 25 and a freight train.

The dead: ENGINEER JAMES MCQUEEN of the freight train. BAGGAGEMAN CHARLES HART, of Kansas City. ENGINEER KING of the passenger train, of Kansas City, is missing and is believed to be buried under the wreckage.

Among the injured are: Fireman George Smallwood of St. Joseph, who was badly injured, and will probably die. Mrs. Mark Williams of Kansas City, back bruised. H. H. Long, Belden, Mo., bruised. H. Adams, Waldron, Ill., injuries slight.

Fireman Smallwood of the passenger train, who was taken to Leavenworth at 2:30 this morning was the only one of the injured who was dangerously hurt. The injured passengers continued on their journey.

The freight train had orders to wait for the passenger at Waldron, but the switchman had left the switch open and the passenger running at full speed, crashed into the freight train. The passenger train was scheduled to leave St. Joseph at 7:20 P. M. but was detained there by an accident in the railroad yard.

**INVIDIOUS COMPARISON.**

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Express in an article giving comparisons of the wealth of the United States and other

countries, says that the wealth of Great Britain is increasing at the rate of \$7,000,000 weekly, while that of the United States is growing at the rate of \$10,000,000 daily. Editorially it declares that if the British would cast off the fetters of a worn-out commercial system they would prosper like the Americans and regain their old supremacy.

**OAKLAND HOLD UP.**

Trio Get Over Five Hundred Dollars in Cash and Valuables.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 14.—A holdup took place tonight at the road house kept by Charley Harrison, known as the High Street house at the junction of High Street and the San Leandro Road, in the suburbs of Fruitvale.

While Harrison and five neighbors were sitting in the main room of the hotel the door was suddenly opened and three men, partially masked suddenly entered, and drawing revolvers, which they leveled at the heads of the party, said:

"Hold up your hands or we will shoot."

One of the men stood guard at the door, while another covered the party with two revolvers, and the third proceeded to search the party. They took \$75 from the cash register on the bar, and several dollars worth of nickels from the slot machine.

From Harrison they took \$250, from William Garlick of Fruitvale they secured \$43 and a gold watch and chain and from John Howard, Mark Lorenzo and John Thomas they secured \$100 more.

They then ransacked the place for more money, and finally, after ransacking the party up against the wall back out of the door and escaped.

**HOUSE PRUNES BILL.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The House of Representatives spent almost the entire day considering the fortifications appropriation bill and amended only six pages of it. Amendments looking to the defense of the mouth of Chesapeake Bay and for the purchase of additional ground at Fort Hamilton, N. Y., were voted down. The House also refused to incorporate an amendment increasing by \$1,000,000 the appropriation for construction of sea coast batteries in Hawaii and the Philippines. Speaker Cannon announced the appointment of Representative Sherry of Kentucky to a place on the judiciary committee made vacant by the resignation of Little.

**BODY FOUND.**

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Galveston, Texas, says:

The body of Charles Cogilan, playwright and actor, which has been lost since the storm of September 8, 1906, has been found in its metal coffin on the mainland in an out of the way place. Hunters came on the coffin almost buried in a marsh, hidden by the weeds. It had been lifted by the flood and carried nine miles from the cemetery.

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