

Good Morning

The Weather—Partly cloudy, with showers; cooler; north to east winds.

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ROCKEFELLER PEACHES OUT TO ABSORB WITH MIGHTY CLUTCH ENTIRE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY SYSTEM

BATTLE OF RUSSIANS MUST WIN MILLIONS

Mr. John D. Rockefeller Has His Grasp on the Northern Pacific.

Prince Khilkoff Just Returned From Seat of War So Declares.

ORDERS AN INSPECTION

WINTER IS THEIR ALLY

Confidential Expert Earling Traverses Route and Returns to Make Report—Errand Kept a Secret.

Lake Balkal Ice Railway Has Been the Means of Transporting Thousands of Freight Cars.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, April 9.—John D. Rockefeller may soon control the Northern Pacific railway. If Harriman wins his suit to compel the distribution of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern stock as it was held prior to the formation of the merger, the Hill-Harriman-Gould alliance will hold a majority of the Northern Pacific stock and the big Gould system will have an outlet to the Pacific coast through the north-west. The investigation, the condition of the Northern Pacific Mr. Rockefeller sent President A. J. Earling, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, to the coast, though it was not known until now why he came nor why he made such a careful investigation of the road's properties.

(Copyrighted Hearst News Service by Leased Wire to The Journal.) St. Petersburg, April 9.—A high official of the war office said tonight that persistent rumors had been received that the Fort Arthur squadron had captured several Japanese transports. The steamers were loaded with troops and ammunition and were bound for Chemulpo.

Two weeks ago Mr. Earling left for the east, and he is in a position to talk to Mr. Rockefeller. He investigated every phase of the commercial situation, the Oriental trade outlook, the terminal facilities at Seattle and Tacoma, and the equipment of the road. He came ostensibly on a pleasure trip and traveling quietly, was able to secure his information much the more readily. He saw no newspaper men, and he talked only about the affairs of his own road to the business men whom he met.

St. Petersburg, April 9.—Prince Khilkoff, the minister of war and communications, has returned to the capital after an inspection of the Siberian railroad and directing the construction of the Balkal lake. The prince, thanks to his American experience, believes in seeing and doing things himself. He was granted an audience by the czar and personally reported the condition of the railroad. The czar is thoroughly satisfied with the program of the difficult engineering task of constructing the railroad around Lake Balkal. The prince on Monday begins his return journey to Balkal. He said today:

When the merger was formed, Hill and Morgan secured control of the two northern transcontinental lines through an exchange of stock with the Harriman interests, which owned large blocks of Northern Pacific. Mr. Harriman now wants this stock returned to the original holders, and this will give him a controlling interest in the Northern Pacific.

"The railroad around the lake is a difficult undertaking. Nevertheless it will be ready before the time fixed. The winter is really a friend, because the temporary railroad across the ice, although not used to convey troops, has enabled us to transport 2,300 freight cars, 20 passenger coaches and 65 locomotives, which will be used on the other side of the lake on the road to the front.

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FULL DRESS MOB AT A DOG FIGHT

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.) Buffalo, N. Y., April 9.—With more than a hundred members of several of Buffalo's most exclusive clubs crowded about the pit-side, some in full dress, the most ferocious dog fight ever witnessed in this section of country was pulled off in a suburban hotel last night.

"Five thousand horses are working on the lake conveying troops and military stores. The railroad around the lake is completed as far as Kulkuk and I am hopeful the entire line will be working by the end of July. You know I received much of my practical knowledge of railroading in Argentina. I drove an engine between Rosario and Cordova for three years. Afterward I spent years in the United States climbing the ladder, where railroading has been elevated to a science.

And while the two bulls battled \$5,000 was wagered in bets on the outcome, while the stake between the owners amounted to \$1,500. The struggle for supremacy was between the famous Buffalo bull "Bob" and an aggressive bull from Erie, Pa., known last night as "King Dog." The referee was a hotel man of Buffalo.

"The Siberian road is sound. The reports that it there will cause trouble on the line is unfounded. A small portion of the track may be relied, but this is unavoidable because of the great length of the line. The road is well built. It will be of tremendous commercial assistance to the country, which is rich in minerals and agriculture.

The two brutes had fought more than 15 minutes, when "Bob" got a neckhold and after choking the Erie animal for two minutes more, was declared the winner.

"When the thaw begins the ice-breakers will smash the ice preparatory to steamship traffic. Most of the difficulties of the lines have been overcome. It will be plain sailing henceforth. I am sure American railroaders will appreciate the Balkal line when they see it, although they are accustomed to great engineering feats.

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HOW JEFF MYERS DEFEATED THE BIG APPROPRIATION

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., April 9.—The truth is out at last. It has been known for some time past that some mysterious influence had prevented the Lewis and Clark exposition from receiving at the hands of the industrial arts and exposition committee of the house of representatives the recommendation of a more liberal sum. It can now be stated on the best authority that Jefferson Myers is the party who is responsible for the cut in the amount carried in the senate bill.

HERMANN ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY IN FRAUDS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Washington, D. C., April 9.—If Attorney General Knox acts upon the recommendation made in a recent report of Inspector A. K. Green to Secretary Hitchcock, Binger Hermann may be indicted for complicity in the timber land frauds now under investigation by the government.

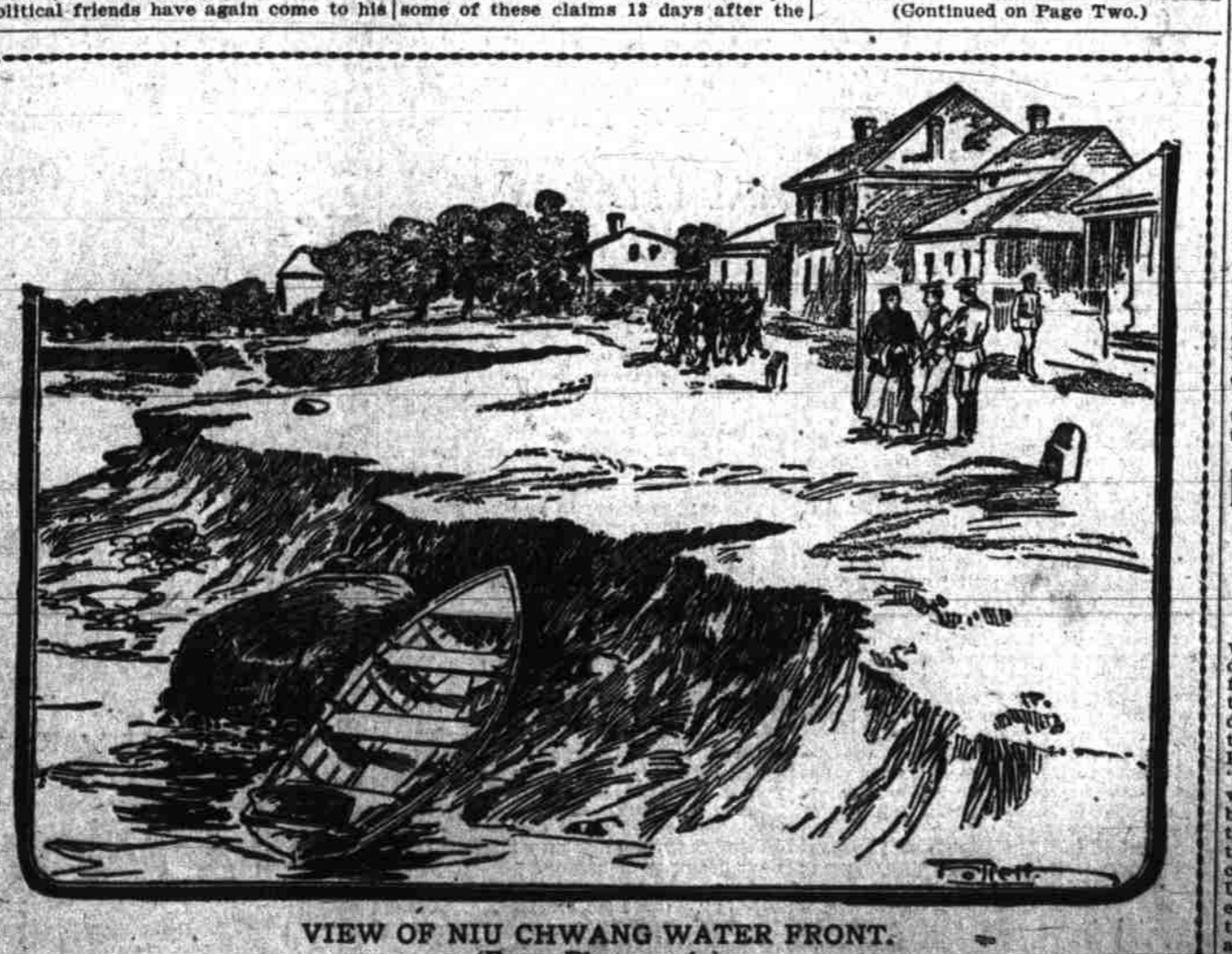
Inspector Green Files Charges Which May Defeat Candidate.

Hermann's acts while United States land commissioner have been the subject of several investigations and reports by Inspector Green. It was Green who caused Hermann's removal from that office by the revelations made in a report to the secretary of the interior in 1902. The contents of that report have always been kept from the public, but a government official who has read the paper is authorized to state that if its charges should become known, Hermann would be forced to resign his seat in congress.

Recent reports from Oregon indicate that Hermann will probably be renominated, and it has been said that he is so distasteful to the president that the contents of the Green reports may possibly be made public, in order to prevent Hermann's return to congress.

Powerful political influence was brought to bear upon President Roosevelt and Secretary Hitchcock to induce them to refrain from making this report public, and through their reluctant assent Hermann was able to re-enter public life as one of Oregon's congressmen. It is well known that the president looked upon his candidacy for congress with extreme disfavor, and it was this which was chiefly responsible for the manner in which Hermann was ignored by Speaker Cannon in his distribution of committee appointments.

Some of the statements in the foregoing dispatch are corroborated by the evidence that has been brought forward in cases now pending in the United States circuit court of this district. The homestead claims which led to the indictment of Marie Ware, Horace McKinley, S. A. D. Pater and Emma L. Watson were all of them rushed through the land office with extraordinary speed. Hermann was then land commissioner. Patents were issued upon some of these claims 13 days after the



VIEW OF NIU CHWANG WATER FRONT. (From Photograph.)

FIENDS AT THE PRISON IS A STAR BIGAMIST

Salem Penitentiary the Objective Point For Two Dynamiters.

Los Angeles Editor Confesses to Having Four Wives.

A PLOT FRUSTRATED

ADMITS 36 ENGAGEMENTS

Vigilant Guards Intercept Ex-Convicts Found Within the Walls Carrying Secreted Explosives—Men Escape.

While Awaiting Trial For Bigamy Naively Exploits His Different Affairs of the Heart—Gives Method.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., April 9.—Officers of the state penitentiary here are wrought up to a high state of excitement over what they believe to have been a dastardly attempt to dynamite the prison.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.) Los Angeles, April 9.—In a signed confession given to the Examiner this afternoon Hastings Thomas Jones-Bateman lays bare the life he has lived in Los Angeles since 1900. He declares that in that time he has been engaged to 20 young women. He also says he was forced into marriages with Florence Bird of 2623 North Griffin avenue and with Katherine Quinn of Pasadena. He charges Captain of Detectives Bradish with having compelled him to marry Miss Bird by drawing a revolver and saying that unless the marriage took place Bradish would kill him.

The plan was frustrated by the diligence of the officials of the prison who had been notified by Southern Pacific workmen to be on their guard.

By Hastings Thomas Jones-Bateman. "In the past 14 years I have been engaged to more than 20 young women right here in Los Angeles. I was engaged to four at one time. I am now in the county jail awaiting trial upon the charge of bigamy, preferred against me by Mrs. Bateman No. 2. She was Katherine Quinn of Pasadena and she had me arrested after she heard that Mrs. Bateman No. 1, who was Florence Bird of 2623 North Griffin avenue, was in existence.

Each carried a package tied in brown paper under his coat. When their business was asked by the bridge foreman they hurried from the vicinity of the railroad approach.

"Believing that what I may have to say about myself and the young women to whom I have been engaged, will be of service to young women as well as to young men who may go through these young women, I have consented to tell my whole story through the Examiner. Before I begin the recital of the facts which I am inclined to think place my career a bit outside of the usual, I want

While the guards were in the act of examining the suspicious looking packages the men slowly drew away from them, and gaining a safe distance, quickly disappeared down the railroad track.

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\$50.00 FOR THE ASKING

On Saturday evening next, between the hours of 5 and 7, a man—just a plain, ordinary sort of a man—will go up or probably down Washington street, between Third and Sixth, with \$50 of The Journal's money on his clothes. The first person who asks him the question, "Have you The Journal's \$50?" will be halved with the reply, "Have you today's Journal?" Right then and there the exchange will be made—\$50 for a copy of The Journal! Easy, isn't it? Remember you must have a copy of The Journal to effect the exchange. Remember, the man who is to carry the money will not be distinctive in any respect; neither will he be an employe of The Journal, but he may be your neighbor or associate. Remember, also, that you must have a copy of The Journal of that date (April 16) or you won't have the opportunity of being the lucky individual.

If you need the money, be on hand Saturday evening promptly at 5 o'clock—ask every man you meet between the blocks named, and your prospects will be good. Don't think for a minute that you will be the only one who will do the asking; a few—only a few—others will make the effort, and there may be some fun.

IOWA DELEGATES IN FAVOR OF HEARST

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Council Bluffs, Ia., April 9.—In a convention where fully three-fourths of the delegates were in favor of instructing for William R. Hearst, the Pottawatomie county Democrats today sent a delegation to the Iowa state convention evenly divided, ten of them being Hearst men, while the remainder were "Reorganizers," but refused to say for whom they stood. This result was brought about through the desire of the party for harmony on local issues, the Democrats just having captured the county offices in an election last week. Using this as a lever, the "reorganizers" succeeded in securing one-half of the delegates to the state convention and preventing a rousing endorsement of William R. Hearst for the nominee of the party.

Men, women and children will participate in the game and it will be fair to all. Begin practicing at once—Have you The Journal's \$50?"