

# PLAN TO DISBAND WHEN STOCKS TURNED INTO MONEY

### in Thousand Dollars to Be Sent at Once to San Francisco.

## FOUR THOUSAND FOR REFUGEES IN PORTLAND

### City Treasurer to Be Custodian of Lewis and Clark Certificates—Public Accountant to Examine Books of Relief Committee.

When the Lewis and Clark exposition stock held by the San Francisco relief committee is turned into money the relief organization will be disbanded, according to the report of the finance committee which was adopted at the meeting of the general committee yesterday afternoon.

Mayor Lane had called the meeting to hear the report of the finance committee. Peace returned supreme, and not a word was spoken which intimated that any friction had occurred between the mayor and the members of the finance committee. The session lasted but a few minutes. The finance committee's report was simply adopted and the members left.

There is still \$16,537.73 cash on hand, and of this \$10,000 is to be sent immediately to San Francisco. To Mrs. Lela G. Baldwin will be given \$4,000 for the relief of refugees coming to Portland.

Wishes to Hold Stock. City Treasurer Werlein will be the custodian of the Lewis and Clark stock until it is sold. City Auditor Devlin will audit the books of the committee. Following is the report of the finance committee:

Hon. Harry Lane, Chairman General Relief Committee—Sir: Herewith please find report of the finance committee, showing amount of cash collected and expenditures to date, to-wit:

Cash Collected ..... \$221,645.88  
Cash expended ..... 208,027.63  
Balance cash unexpended, \$13,618.25

In addition, your committee has 7,366 1/2 shares of stock of the Lewis and Clark exposition.

To line with the suggestions of the finance committee, at the meeting of June 27, and the course followed since then, your subcommittee on finance believes the time has now come to submit to the general committee the following recommendations:

Cash for Refuges. "First—That of the unexpended cash balance (\$13,618.25) there be placed at the disposal of Mrs. Lela A. Baldwin the sum of \$4,000, to be expended in

local relief of San Francisco refugees who may come to Portland.

"Second—That of the balance remaining \$10,000 be forthwith sent to James D. Phelan, chairman of the San Francisco relief fund.

"Third—That the certificates of stock of the Lewis and Clark exposition be placed with the treasurer of the city of Portland in trust, the proceeds of which when available, to be remitted by the said treasurer to James D. Phelan.

"Fourth—That the accounts of the finance committee be audited by a public accountant and report of such accountant in duplicate be filed with the chairman of the general relief committee and the finance committee. After the accounts of the finance committee have been audited and approved, whatever balance of cash there shall still remain on hand shall be forwarded to San Francisco.

"Fifth—That with such distribution of the cash and securities of the general relief committee there remains no further reason for the continuance of the relief organization; therefore, that all subcommittees be discharged and the general relief committee be dissolved upon the filing and acceptance of the accountant's report. Respectfully,

R. R. HOGE,  
A. L. MILLS,  
W. M. LADD,  
T. E. WILCOX.

Following is the summary of the itemized report also submitted by the finance committee:

CASH. Cash disbursed as per itemized list: Provisions committee ..... \$ 58,099.34  
Supplies committee ..... 84,082.88  
Local aid committee ..... 4,082.88  
Women's relief committee ..... 2,221.03  
Oregon relief bureau, Oakland, 2,208.08  
Expense of distribution ..... 141.21  
Oregonian relief fund ..... 6,055.99  
Santa Rosa ..... 2,000.00  
Individual relief ..... 2,756.12  
San Francisco County Medical society ..... 1,000.00  
San Francisco relief and Red Cross funds ..... 40,000.00  
Total cash disbursed ..... \$208,027.63  
Cash received as per schedule, 221,645.88  
Cash disbursed ..... 208,027.63  
Balance on hand ..... \$13,618.25

SUPPLIES. Supplies, etc., donated as per schedule ..... \$ 50,761.53  
Supplies, etc., forwarded as per schedule ..... 50,761.53

STOCK. Lewis and Clark stock donated, 7,366 1/2 shares, as per schedule herewith, valued at 100 per cent ..... \$ 18,418.25  
Cash, stock, supplies, etc., as above ..... 291,548.14  
Expended by Oregonian relief fund prior to transfer ..... 9,904.90  
Total received from all sources ..... \$301,237.94  
Received from outside of Portland ..... 40,619.27  
Portland's total contribution ..... \$260,618.67

as we had, but they have no right to come here and saw us up the back as they propose to do in this manner. "I don't want to put obstructions in the way of any other roads coming here, but I don't think it is right for the city, or anybody else, to injure our property for some one else's benefit. You are asking us to buy our own right of way, our own terminals, and then to move off. I don't think you ought to ask us to furnish a right of way for someone else. You ought not to try to drive us into that position. If you do we will have to resist it.

"They are wanting this council to give them something they can trade off with us, but we will not trade with them. They are trying to get Seattle to give them a club to hammer us over the head, but we don't propose to be hammered.

"If the city council wants to kill Seattle, let them go ahead and do it by giving them a franchise on Fourth avenue. If the council wants to put Seattle in a position where it can advance, let them refuse the franchise."

## BIG FIRE LOSSES.

### Millions of Dollars Go Up in Smoke Every Year.

During the past five years the annual fire loss in the United States has been \$2.60 per capita as compared with 23 cents per capita in the larger European countries. During the last 10 years the total fire losses in the United States amounted to \$1,550,000,000. The insurance companies paid out during this period \$57,000,000 and it is reasonable to assume that the premiums paid by the people of the country during the same length of time for protection against fire exceeded these figures. The old proverb about the relative value of an ounce of prevention and a pound of cure would seem to have some application to the situation.

The amount of money spent by the people, individually and collectively, in repairing temporary structures of doubtful value is also colossal. The government is now expending \$20,000,000, and the country \$1,000,000,000 yearly in building and construction work. Judged by the lessons of the last decade, much of this sum will go up in smoke or collapse in indistinguishable ruins before all of us are dead.

It is clear, therefore, to every thinking man—excepting only that miserable band of humanity whom we may call "the real estate pirates"—that two things are needed. They are (1) revision of the building laws and (2) accurate knowledge concerning the strength fire-resistance and other properties of building materials.

The United States geological survey has made certain tests of structural materials, especially cement and concrete, during the last few years. Its work in this direction might be greatly enlarged with untold benefit to the nation. It is estimated that investigations such as it proposes to make would lessen the quantity and improve the quality of materials used and cause a saving of fully 1 per cent of the total expenditure. This would amount to a saving of \$1,000,000 yearly in the work of the government alone, and certainly many millions of dollars annually in work by the states, cities, and people of the country. Indirectly we may knowledge obtained from such investigations would save many more millions by diminishing the cost of insurance and preventing much of the terrible loss of life and property from fire.

It is proposed that these investigations be conducted by members of the geological survey, but under a board on which are representatives of the navy department, the war department (isthmian canal commission and corps of engineers), the treasury department (superintending architect) and the national engineering and architectural societies of the country. This arrangement will prevent the duplication of such work in different departments.

Nearly all crazy people insist that they are sane.

## TO CONVICT STANDARD OIL BY AID OF RAILROAD

### Immunity to Be Granted Erie Officials Who Turn State's Evidence.

(Journal Special Service.) Cleveland, July 17.—The Plain Dealer today states: "Basing his opinion upon the testimony already submitted to the federal grand jury in this district, Attorney General Moody believes that the government has at last secured the evidence which will bring the Standard Oil company to its knees. The return of District Attorney Sullivan this morning from an all-day conference with the attorney-general yesterday will make a complete change of the government's policy in connection with the fight to stamp out trade discriminations in favor of giant corporations.

The change of plans includes a complete reversal regarding C. J. Grammar, vice-president of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway. Grammar will not be indicted in this or any other federal district. Instead, he will be asked to assist the government in forging a chain of evidence about the necks of some of the biggest Standard Oil officials in the country.

## LUCULLUS' RIVALS.

### Enormous Sums Spent for Food in London Society.

From the London Express. There seems to be no falling off in the practice of spending enormous sums in private society entertainments. The manager of one of the largest catering houses has remarkable extravagances to cite.

"The cost of ball and 'at-home' suppers varies according to the season of the year," a representative of the firm says. "A leader of society gave a small dinner party last winter which cost her 90 guineas per head, exclusive of wine.

"Young green peas were valued at 7s 6d a spoonful, and asparagus at 6s a stick. Each had Virginia hams, with brandy and champagne sauce, cost half a guinea a plate. New potatoes were 1s each. The strawberries and peaches worked out at 3 guineas per head."

"We have just sent in a bill for 238s to a hostess who gave a dinner party," said the manager of a west-end firm of florists to an Express representative recently.

"The sum represents only the floral decorations, which consisted of pale pink roses and lilies of the valley. The roses cost 2s 6d for each bloom, and they were used not only on the table but for massed effects on the staircase and rooms."

One evening's musical program may cost anything from £300 to £500. "Many hostesses pay a first-class artist from 300 to 500 guineas," said the representative of a well-known agency. "The services of other performers must also be engaged, so you can readily see that music is a very expensive item."

It is suggested that entertainments can be made considerably cheaper, and yet be seemingly extravagant. For instance, a talking-machine can be hired for 3 guineas a night, and concealed in a bank of greenery. None of the guests would suspect its presence until a bowler of roses fell to the ground suddenly rang out in "Vol che sapete, or Melba trilled the valse aria from 'Romeo and Juliet,' or Caruso pealed out in 'Di quella pira.'"

"Why should not hostesses invest in the finest artificial flowers, which can be used again?" the superintendent of a charitable school of artificial flower-makers asked.

"We can produce most perfect specimens of the Caroline Testout rose, for which florists are charging 2s 6d, at 6d each. "It is impossible to detect these artificial flowers unless they are handled, especially if arranged with real foliage. We sent the blossoms with rose perfume."

"We decorated a dinner-table recently with mignonette and yellow roses, with trails of real smilax and maidenhair fern. The hostess was asked how she had obtained mignonette so early in the year. The flowers cost 15s, and can be used on many occasions."

Marked by Fate. From the Kansas City Independent. D. Piszczek, the grain man, is firmly of the opinion that the fates have it in for him and are working 35 hours out of the 24 in an endeavor to humiliate him.

"It's no use," he sadly protested to some friends the other day. "I can't lift the hoodoo. Take my golf playing for instance. Nine times out of ten I miss the ball when driving off from the first tee out at the Elm Ridge club. Every one of those nine times I look around and find the veranda lined with people, all possessed of large eyes that look like porcelain plaques on a plate rail. The tenth time, however, I hit the ball. I knock it to a speck. Then I turn proudly around, my chest swelling with pride. There's not a single soul on the veranda. Everybody has just gone in."

Maryland Wears Black. At the recent Confederate reunion in New Orleans, says the Times-Democrat of that city, "Maryland, My Maryland" was sung by a woman dressed in deep black.

A woman in the audience, evidently a stranger, turned to her neighbor and said: "How very sad it is that this young lady is in heavy mourning and yet appears in public. I should think the effect would be too much for her."

The second woman being a southerner, was well enough informed on Confederate matters to be able to reassure the visitor. She explained that the

young woman's mourning was not personal. Maryland in Confederate times is always so represented.

During the war, when entertainments were given in the south for the benefit of the soldiers and hospitals and the

southern states were represented by women, Maryland was always in mourning, because that state did not succeed in getting into the confederacy, though of course, it furnished many soldiers to the cause.

## HILL OPPOSED TO FRANCHISE

### Great Northern Magnate Warns Seattle Councilmen Against Harriman Request.

### WOULD RESERVE LAND FOR WAREHOUSE DISTRICT

### Declares That Fourth Avenue Franchise Will Kill Seattle by Giving Harriman a Club to Force Compromise.

Seattle, Wash., July 17.—Before the city council corporations committee, J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, made a two hours' plea last night requesting that Harriman be denied the franchise on Fourth avenue, south, to reach his depot site. Hill stated that the property lying east of the Great Northern terminals should be reserved for warehouse purposes, and suggested that Harriman secure a depot site on First avenue and enter on Colorado or Whatcom avenue. Hill stated:

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