

# HARRIMAN LOSES IN STRUGGLE

## Control of Milwaukee Road Slips Through His Fingers and Independents Win

### Hill, by Means of Independent Directors, May Again Be Able to Dictate Position of the Road in the Transcontinental Traffic War.

In a desperate struggle for control of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul in Wall street yesterday, the Harriman party is believed to have lost the day, and it is said the stock is now divided in such a manner that the independent directors of the road, aided by Hill, can again assume the right to control the Milwaukee's policies and dictate the position of the property in the transcontinental traffic war.

Hill and Harriman factions fought for possession of shares that soared in the stock market to 192 1/2, a new high-water mark for these stocks. Shares were purchased in blocks of 1,000 to 2,000, by a house closely affiliated with Hill.

The operations on the exchange yesterday marked the climax of a fight which began early last summer for control of the property, and to dictate the route of the northern lines. The independent directors of the road, aided by Hill, can again assume the right to control the Milwaukee's policies and dictate the position of the property in the transcontinental traffic war.

### Expected Complete Control.

Through control of the Milwaukee, Harriman expected to practically control traffic conditions in the United States, with three Pacific coast outlets, direct lines to Chicago, St. Paul, Kansas City, Memphis and the Gulf, and an Atlantic seaboard connection through the Baltimore & Ohio.

His failure to resist the Hill party's Wall street attack yesterday will, if reports are true, be of great benefit to the Pacific northwest. It will place the Milwaukee road in the position of a free lance in coast traffic, enabling it to choose by its own motion whether it shall divide territory in any particular place with Hill or Harriman lines. Should it choose to come into Portland over the tracks other than its own, it may have the choice between the Northern Pacific or the proposed extension of the Southern Pacific. It can bargain for the best terms, and these terms will in the nature of things be always more or less competitive.

Future full of uncertainty. While the Pacific northwest will within the next two or three years enjoy the benefits of increased railroad facilities, by construction of transcontinental lines, the future is full of uncertainty as to the relations these roads will bear to each other. The relations of the railways and the public is a panorama that is changing every week.

It is one question that the Harriman and Hill groups of railroads believe the western country have formed combinations that eliminate competition in their respective fields. While the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific systems do not run parallel, they tap the same terminal regions, and control transcontinental freight and passenger rates in those regions. It is a well known fact that the transcontinental freight and passenger associations, that meet periodically at Chicago and fix the carrying rates that the public must pay would not put in any rate for Pacific coast territory that the Harriman lines did not consent to and endorse. The same is true of the territory further north where the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington lines form a merger for all practical purposes in freight and passenger traffic today, despite the fact that the supreme court was supposed to have dissolved the merger.

These railroad groups are still struggling for mastery in their respective fields. Whether they will win out against each other and continue to control irrespective of government regulation or law, or whether they will ultimately combine with all transcontinental roads in common cause, as against the government's attempt to regulate, are questions that the future only can answer.

Meanwhile investigations by the government will tend to strengthen the Milwaukee in its effort to stand alone. The interstate commerce commission will probe the alleged unholy alliance between the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific systems by which competition between them is eliminated from Pacific coast territory, and the same commission will try to ascertain why the Northern Pacific-Great Northern-Burlington merger continues in effect, despite the order of the supreme court dissolving it. The Milwaukee warehouse commission has also taken a hand in the game by calling the Great Northern to show why it should increase its capital stock by a \$50,000,000 issue, announced to take place on January 1. Thus far no opposition has developed to the proposed increase of stock of the Northern Pacific, which will, on January 7, announce a plan of increasing its capital from \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000. A special meeting of stockholders has been called for that date to authorize the issue. Stockholders of record December 31 are to have the right of subscribing to \$22,000,000 of the new stock at par, in amounts proportionate to their present holdings. Adoption of the plan will be a signal for lining up the rival Hill and Harriman forces to secure the bulk of the stock offered. A similar contest will occur when the Milwaukee opens subscription books January 1 for disposal of \$75,000,000 shares of new preferred. All these stock issues have a direct bearing on the Pacific northwest traffic and development situation. The money to be realized from them is to be used largely in extensions throughout this territory. Under the arrangement for construction of the north bank line and for Oregon and Idaho extensions of the Northern Pacific, that company pays two thirds and the Great Northern one third of the cost, and the New lines are operated jointly.

### LUMBERMEN

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track its entire system across the continent.

Trains to Tacoma. We traced a train of 48 cars from Seattle to Ellensburg, a distance of 124 miles, and it required 30 days to make the trip. One car was 47 days in covering the distance from Centralia to Tacoma, a distance of 50 miles.

All of these things go to show that we have prepared our evidence beforehand and will be prepared to win our cases when they are brought into court. We expect to have both of the roads in the hands of a receiver and, if we do, we will be able to show that the neglect of the public welfare has been a feature of the roads' administrations. The Great Northern owns a great majority of the stock of the Northern Pacific and it would not be surprising to see the Northern Securities case dragged out to the coast.

Mr. Beckman will leave for Seattle tonight. He refused to disclose more about the receivership case for obvious reasons. He is very confident that the shippers will be victorious and his confidence is well borne out by the presence in Portland of many shippers from Washington and Oregon who are being roughly aroused at the action of the railroads and who are in hearty accord with the method of securing relief—namely, that of asking for a receiver.

### MUSIC TO CHEER ENTOMBED MINER UNDERGROUND

#### Phonograph Set to Work to Brighten Buried Man's Hours—Fed by Tube.

(Journal Special Service.) Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 15.—To distract the mind of Hicks, the entombed miner at the Edison works, from the seriousness of the situation, and to save, if possible, his reason from the terrible strain, a phonograph has been placed over a pipe leading to his living tomb, 43 feet below, and day and night strains of popular airs are transmitted to him by this means. The various workers are confident they will be able to reach the buried man by Sunday, and to make his confinement in the heart of the earth as comfortable as possible, heating apparatus has been prepared, and drafts of hot air will be forced through the pipe to his cavity. He is still being fed on milk, of which he consumes about two quarts daily, and has been able to report that he has burrowed an opening in which he is able to sit upright.

### ATTORNEY HOGE SEVERS CONNECTION WITH BAR

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 15.—A certified copy of the resignation of Martin G. Hoge of Medford as attorney has been received by the clerk of the supreme court. The original copy was previously filed with the county clerk of Jackson county.

Hoge was formerly city attorney at Medford, but is now serving a sentence in the Multnomah county jail for complicity in the government land frauds. Disbarment proceedings have been instituted against Hoge, and an answer is due from him December 18. It was generally understood that Hoge would resign as a member of the Oregon bar soon after he was convicted, and would not face the charge of disbarment.

### HUNDRED MEN AT WORK ON THE UNION COMPANION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Baker City, Or., Dec. 15.—Twenty miners from the Coeur d'Alene in Idaho have gone out to the Union Companion mine in the Coronado range, six miles east of Baker City, where they will swell the force to 100 men. It is the intention of Mr. Searies to keep that number of men busy all winter. The ore is rich free milling and concentrating.

### SALEM MAN FALLS OFF TRESTLE—BADLY HURT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 15.—A. M. Nasker, while walking on the trestle of the Oregon Electric railway on Broadway in the northern part of the city, fell through and was seriously injured internally. He was in such a condition that he could not tell how he fell or how badly he was hurt. He was taken to the home of his father-in-law, H. K. Richmond.

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### STANDARD OIL PROFITS FOR YEAR ARE \$40,000,000

Trust Distributes Ten Per Cent Quarterly Dividend—Half Goes to John D.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 15.—Among the 4,500 persons who are fortunate enough to be stockholders of the Standard Oil company there was distributed today the sum of \$10,000,000, representing a quarterly dividend of 10 per cent. This is the final dividend for 1906 and brings the total dividends for the year up to 40 per cent, which is the same as was distributed last year. In the seven years since the formation of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey in 1889, the enormous total of \$301,000,000 has been paid in dividends. Of this total it is estimated that more than \$126,000,000 has gone to John D. Rockefeller.

### SAYS HIS WIFE STOLE HIS UNDERWEAR AND FARM

Seattle Man Comes Out of Hospital to Find Spouse Gone With His Property.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., Dec. 15.—Charged with having taken advantage of her husband's confinement in the hospital to steal a suit of underclothes, a set of tools, \$15 in money and a farm, Mrs. Minnie Blocker is wanted by the county officers. Her husband, C. B. Blocker, has filed the complaint in Judge Davis' court charging his wife with the theft of underclothes, the tools and the money. The further complaint that she sold his farm for \$2,400 and made off with the money will be filed this afternoon.

Blocker is a man of 50 years of age. He thinks that his wife intended to leave town with another man. For several weeks Blocker was in the hospital suffering from a disease that he recovered and was discharged as cured. He went to his home only to find that he was a grass widower and penniless.

### AMERICANIZED GERMAN KAISER'S ARCH-ENEMY

(Journal Special Service.) Berlin, Dec. 15.—The emperor is confident he can carry the country at the elections, which will probably be held in January.

The man of the hour is Bernard Dernberg, a young banker and business man who was trained in America. Dernberg led the anti-Catholic branch of the reichstag and stiffened the backbone of the government for its radical move.

It is reported that when told of the reichstag's decision the emperor remarked: "This is a fine sort of government. It will scatter the whole tribe to the four winds."

### COURT-MARTIAL FOR OFFICERS OF NEGROES

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The war department has announced that Major Penrose and Captain MacInn of the Twenty-fifth Infantry battalion, who were discharged by the president, will be court-martialed as a result of the rioting at Brownsville, Texas.

### CALIFORNIA PROMOTION COMMITTEE IN SESSION

(Journal Special Service.) San Diego, Cal., Dec. 15.—Many prominent men united by their common interest in the welfare of their state filled the ball room of the Hotel Coronado this morning at the opening of the fifth annual meeting of the California Promotion committee. The initial session, following the welcomes and responses and the work of organization, was given over to the discussion of the harbors of California, which was selected as the main theme of the conference. The meeting concludes tonight with a banquet, for which the necessary preparations are being completed. The large and representative attendance gives promise of a most successful meeting.

### TRACK MEN OF UNITED RAILROADS OUT AGAIN

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Declaring the United railroads had broken faith, and demanding \$2.50 a day, all the tracklaying gangs quit work and marched from place to place where other gangs were employed. Twenty-five hundred went out. After the recent cleanup the trackmen submitted their grievances to a joint arbitration board, which has not yet reached a decision. The men assert that the company is slow in taking up their claims, and that they are not being treated fairly. The men are now getting \$2.25 a day.

### LA GRANDE COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) La Grande, Or., Dec. 15.—The La Grande commercial club has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, William Miller; first vice president, F. S. Ivanhoe; second vice president, George Stoddard; secretary, Turner Oliver; treasurer, J. J. Scroggins; board of managers, A. V. Andrews, E. E. Bagge, John Collier, George L. Cleaver, J. B. Gillham, F. L. Myers, Dr. F. E. Moore, Turner Oliver and J. D. Slater.

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# COAL MINES ARE BLAMED NOW

## Local Dealers Lay Responsibility for Coal Famine at Their Door.

### FIGHTING RAILROADS TO GET LOW TARIFF

Result is Dearth of Coal in Portland and Other Northwestern Cities, and Advance in Price of Fuel—Relief Must Come Soon.

That the coal mines, especially of Wyoming, are directly responsible for the present fuel famine in Portland and throughout the state of Oregon and Washington, is the opinion of some of the prominent fuel dealers of the city. But the dealers do not believe that the mineowners are holding their coal for the purpose of boosting the price but in order to force from the railroads a reduction in the high tariff of \$4 a ton which now prevails.

While the present famine conditions in the local market are not looked upon with any great degree of complaisance by the dealers, at the same time they are not anticipating any absolute dearth of coal, although admitting that what foreign coal is now in the market is held at such high prices to the dealer as to practically shut it out of the selling list, except in cases where it absolutely has to be used.

### Mines Run Full Blast

The Wyoming mines are said to be running full blast and are piling up coal on the dumps at the rate of several thousand tons per day. It is argued that the mines will not long be able to follow this policy and if it is true as supposed that the mines are fighting with the railroads for lower rates the strife will have to be ended in a short time, and will be by the shipment of coal whether any tariff reduction is made or not.

"In my opinion," said M. R. Van Horn of the Star Coal company this morning, "the present agitation is more a scare than otherwise. It is true that the price of coal is too high, so high in fact as to be practically out of the market. There is Australian coal in the city, however, and more consignments are coming and will be here in a short time.

"The Wyoming mines are running full time and it will be but a short time until they are forced to ship. It is not a question of car shortage, in my mind, but of some difference between the mines and the railroads over rates. There are plenty of cars which could be used but the rates are charged so high as to take all the profit away from its handling. It is my opinion therefore that the mines are trying to bear down the freight rates. But they cannot hold out on that program for very long and I think Portland will have plenty of coal by a short time after the holidays at the longest."

Other dealers are of the same opinion, though some are not so optimistic. All think the present conditions are serious but hope for relief by or soon after the end of the year.

### APPROVAL OF VALE BANK'S APPLICATION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The application of S. D. Simpson, John Ennis, W. R. Wilkerson, J. P. Dunaway, H. R. Ennis and J. T. Morrison to organize the First National bank of Vale, Oregon, has been approved by the comptroller of the currency. The J. T. Morrison named is ex-Governor Morrison of Idaho.

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### BURNS MASONRY HOLD SESSION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Burns, Or., Dec. 15.—Burns lodge No. 97, A. F. and A. M., has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: S. S. Geer, W. M.; I. Swartz, S. W.; Sam Mothershead, J. W.; A. C. Welcome, secretary; J. C. Welcome Sr., treasurer; J. E. Logan, tyler. Installation will be held December 17.

### OFFICERS OF SYLVIA LODGE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Baker City, Or., Dec. 15.—Sylvia lodge R. D., No. 43, I. O. O. F., has elected the following officers: N. G. Alice King, V. G.; Ella Mothershead; secretary, Mrs. Robert Irving; financial secretary, P. O. Jackson; treasurer, J. M. Dalton.

### NORWEGIAN ROYALTIES GUESTS OF THE KAISER

(Journal Special Service.) Berlin, Dec. 15.—The emperor today received King Haakon, Queen Maud and Prince Olaf at Potsdam. Festivities are planned. Their royal couples will attend church together Sunday.

### FOUR INCHES OF SNOW OVER GILLIAM COUNTY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Arlington, Or., Dec. 15.—Four inches of snow lies all over this county, the weather is calm and the thermometer at 25 degrees. Indications are for more snow.

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(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Dec. 15.—The war department denies emphatically that there is any truth in the story printed at San Francisco that the government would send two regiments to the Hawaiian islands to thwart the Japanese.

### German Elections January 25.

(Journal Special Service.) Berlin, Dec. 15.—It is officially announced today that the elections will be held January 25.

### Service for the Tennessee.

(Journal Special Service.) Hampton Roads, Va., Dec. 15.—In the presence of the Tennessee delegation, guests and officers and crew of the new cruiser Tennessee, Governor Cox today presented to the vessel in the name of the people of Tennessee a magnificent silver service of 80 pieces.

### New Cure for Epilepsy.

(Journal Special Service.) J. B. Waterman of Watertown, O., Rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best body cleansers and life giving tonic pills on earth. 25c at Red Cross Pharmacy drug store.

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