# HARRIMAN GREATEST CONTROLLER OF CAPITAL

## French Writer Interviews Famous Railroad Builder and Financier—Does State Invite Quarrels as Pretext to Intervene?

By Stephane Lauzanne, in Paris "Le Matin". Translated for the Wall Street Journal.

I have just seen Edward H. Harriman, the king of the railroads of the new world. It is hard for me to apply such an epithet to such a man. Mr. Harriman is more than a king; he is the greatest controller of men and capital of his age. He is the genial manipulator of the modern force which is called the railroad. I was looking a few moments ago in his office on Broadway, at the map of his kingdom. This kingdom is larger and more durable than that of all the sovereigns of old Europe. It extends from the shores of Lake Michigan to the shores of the Pacific, and from the coast of California to the coast of the Gulf of Mexico. It comprises two gigantic trunk lines: The Union Pacific at the north, and the Southern Pacific at the south, which traverse the width of America, somewhat as the great arteries traverse the human body. Mr. Harriman has united these two great lines; he formed them from a heterogeneous mass of debris, falling into ruin, and which when he breathed on them suddenly sprang up full of blood and life.

**Builder of Great System.**

He formed of them the two pillars of the arch of the United States, and along the rails which form his infinite domain, passes three-quarters of the traffic of a whole world. Mr. Harriman is just 60 years old. He is small and delicate, and speaks in a low voice, but rapidly. His whole face is in his eyes, which behind his glasses, look at you, fix you, read you and seek like two gimlets to pierce your thought. Well—this was the beginning of our conversation: "Have you already seen any of our railroads?" asked Mr. Harriman. "I have seen some, but not traveled on them." "And what impression did they make on you?" "Mon dieu! a complicated one. I saw one the other day, along the Hudson. It seemed to me badly built, rude embankments, bridges made of great beams, and aqueducts without grace. Yet, on this rough way, over these rude bridges I saw passing with stately motion, wonderful trains drawn by formidable engines. All this produced a strange effect on me, for with us in France all is the reverse."

**Practical, If Not Artistic.**

Mr. Harriman had on his thin lips the shadow of a smile, and in a caustic tone said to me. "It is true, perhaps, that our railroads are lacking in artistic effect; that is a thing which, in a little country like England or France, there is time to see to. We shall see later to beautifying our railroads, in a hundred or two of years. Remember, sir, that for Americans there is one thing that equals beauty, and that is facility. We are a people who care little that life should be beautiful, but we demand that life shall be easy. Now the railroad is the first of the facilities; the chiefest of the commodities of life. You have just said that you admired the number, the swiftness, and the control of our railways. Notice, sir, that these railways are only in their infancy. In 20 years from now the population of this country, which is now 80,000,000, will reach the number of 200,000,000. We will need, therefore, in 20 years, twice the number of railroads, capable of transporting twice the number of persons, and with twice the amount of comfort.

**Formidable Work Ahead.**

"But we have before us a formidable work to accomplish; for each child that is born, a rail must be laid." Mr. Harriman had said all this in his low, deep voice, still in his monotonous accent there was something of a sharp eloquence. "Yes, we have before us a formidable task," he went on; "but can we accomplish it? Up to the present the obstacle which impeded our way could have been surmounted. Two classes of men at present exist; there are the capitalists and the wage earners. I myself, belong to neither class, or I belong to both; I have a duty to perform toward those who bring me their money and I have one toward those who bring me their labor. This double duty is neither contradictory nor difficult. If I make capital bear fruit, I make the wages yield fruit also; if the revenues diminish there is the risk of a reduction in wages.

**Troublesome Thing, the State.**

"The whole thing is to maintain fair and just relations between those who bring the power of their money and those who bring the power of their muscles. I repeat it, it is easy. But this is the least of it. Between the two classes of men there abruptly rises a third power—the state. It entangles everything, embroils everything, confounds everything; it menaces these, and stirs up those; it invites quarrels in order to have a pretext to intervene. It brings down its fist on the fragile chessboard upon which men move their pieces with care. It legislates in accordance with its caprice, and renders decisions in accordance with its fancy, and in all this confusion, indifferent to the interests of the one side, as well as to the interests of the other, it seeks no interests but its own, and heeds no desire except to advertise itself. Ah! my dear sir, who will ever rid us of this troublesome thing that one calls 'the state?'"

**Injurious Governmental Intervention.**

"Is it that, Mr. Harriman, that you consider responsible for the recent crisis which has befallen New York and America?" "And what else should it be? Who has wished," he continued, "to restrain industry? Who has menaced it? Now listen to me—everything counts. When you restrain by an injurious governmental intervention the industry of the country, you frighten the people who have put their capital into that industry. You make them more unreasonable. You decrease the revenues, you lower the salaries. From the top to the bottom of the social ladder you cause a nervous contraction, which results in disorder, then in panic, then in chaos. You have fallen into chaos.—!"

**Absolute Coordination Essential.**

"You are emerging from it...." "We will not have emerged from it completely," replied Mr. Harriman, "until the population of the country will first understand that between the different factors of its industry it is necessary to have a perfect cohesion and absolute coordination; when finally they will be in a position to require that the laws be made in the interests of all, and not only in the interests or caprices of some. You understand me thoroughly." Mr. Harriman had made himself so well understood that I judged it unnecessary to insist.

# WILL CONTINUE FIGHT MONDAY

## Roosevelt's Recommendation for Four Battleships Will Be Considered.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

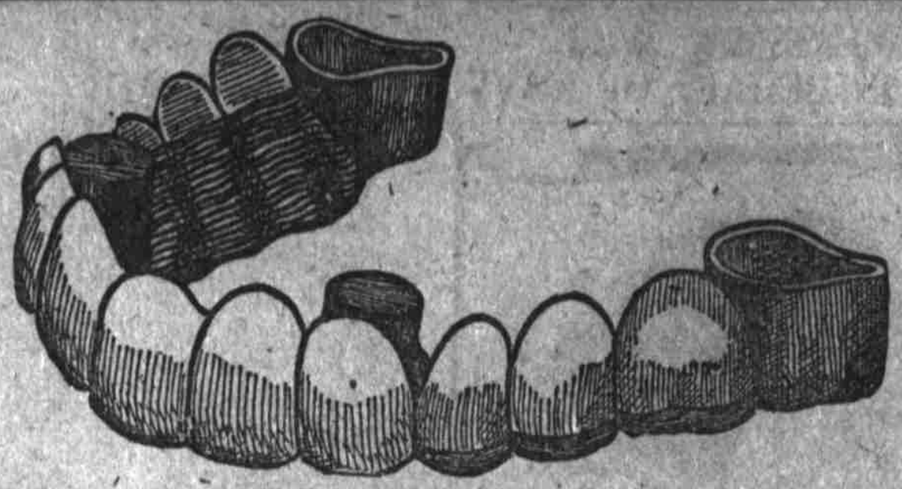
Washington, April 25—The fight in the senate over whether congress should authorize only two battleships or accede to the president's request for four, is not yet finished.

After nearly five hours' debate today, in which much feeling and some bitterness developed, it was ascertained that some of the senators still desired to speak. Rather than resort to a long night session an agreement was reached to postpone further discussion until Monday with the understanding that a final vote on the bill and all amendments shall be taken before adjournment on that day.

The senate will meet at 11 o'clock and proceed immediately to the consideration of the bill limiting speeches after 4 o'clock in the afternoon to 10 minutes each. A final vote may be reached by 6 o'clock.

No more bitterly contested fight has engaged the attention of the senate this session. On the one side is arrayed the younger element of the senate, backed by the president, in his desire for a larger navy; on the other hand is the powerful naval committee of the senate, which is supported in its contention that this is no time for extraordinary expenditures for ships by practically all of the old leaders. It is believed the latter will win. They concede less than 20 votes for the four battleship plan. It is said, however, that President Roosevelt has suggested a compromise, whereby congress could authorize four battleships, while only appropriating money for two.

Just what strength this shrewd proposition will have, was not apparent. The leaders do not know. It is probable that it was a desire to know their relative positions on this new plan that dictated the postponement of the vote.

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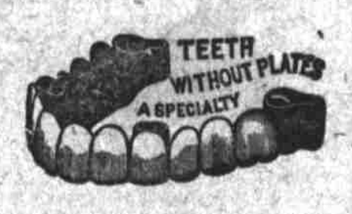


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# FIRST GUN FOR BRYAN IN OREGON

## Douglas Democrats Send Delegates to Portland Instructed.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Roseburg, Or., April 25.—Douglas Democrats in mass convention today selected delegates to the state convention that will meet at Portland June 9, as follows: G. W. Wonacott, W. W. Elder, Dexter Rice, O. P. Coshow, I. J. Norman, Roseburg; Dr. E. J. Page, Oakland; W. G. Hill, Wilbur; Ira Wimberly, Drain. These delegates will favor the election of national convention delegates who will support W. J. Bryan.

Resolutions were adopted supporting "the undying principles of self-government established by the immortal Jefferson and fearlessly enforced by the invincible Jackson," and demanding equal rights for all. They also unanimously favor the direct primary law and require all candidates to the legislature to subscribe to Statement No. 1.

## DEMOCRATS OF LANE INSTRUCT FOR BRYAN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Eugene, Or., April 25.—The Lane county Democratic central committee met this afternoon. L. M. Travis was elected chairman, M. S. Wallis secretary and S. J. Spencer treasurer. The committee discussed plans for the coming campaign. It decided to accept Statement No. 1 as the paramount issue on the legislative ticket. The officers of the central committee were empowered to select delegates from the county to the state convention. It was voted that the delegation be instructed to use all honorable means to have the state convention instruct the delegates to the national convention to vote for Bryan for nomination for the presidency.

# SEES MORE TROUBLE FOR UNITED STATES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Des Moines, Ia., April 25.—In a speech here tonight before the supervisors of the Iowa troops in the Spanish war who placed their battleflags in care of the state, Congressman J. A. T. Hull, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, said:

"In the war with Spain we kept the Philippines and Porto Rico, but gave Cuba its liberty. I think this was a mistake and that in a very little while we will also have Cuba. We are now occupying the islands and some $20,000,000 has been accumulated in their treasury. We will soon leave, the Cubans will spend the money and then go to war with themselves, and when we intervene again it will be for the purpose of annexation."

**Dentist Arrested.**

Dr. W. K. Haviland, a dentist, against whom charges have been preferred by his wife, gave himself up at the police station last evening, and in default of $1,500 bail he was locked up until he can be heard in the municipal court Monday.

**Caldwell Brought Here.**

Harry Caldwell, wanted here on a statutory charge, was brought to the city by Detective Tichenor, arriving late last night from Merced, California, where Caldwell, who is well known in Portland, was arrested a few days ago.

# WOMAN FASTS FORTY-ONE DAYS

## Mrs. May Volen Believes She Has Cured Indigestion by Heroic Treatment.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, April 25.—After having fasted 41 days in an effort to cure indigestion, Mrs. May Volen this morning broke the fast by drinking a small glass of buttermilk. She believes her health is greatly improved.

## COWLITZ THREE-LINK PEOPLE CELEBRATE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Kelso, Wash., April 25.—The people of Cowlitz county today celebrated at Kelso, under the auspices of Cowlitz lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F., of Catlin, Washington, the eighty-ninth anniversary of Odd Fellowship in the United States. The weather was all that could be desired and there was a large crowd in attendance.

The exercises this afternoon were held in Kelso's new operahouse, which was pretty well filled with an audience of over 800 people. The address of the afternoon was delivered by C. L. Hughes of Centralia, this was followed with a literary and musical program furnished by local talent.

This evening there was a banquet for all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs present at the celebration and a grand ball for the general public at the operahouse.

Tomorrow morning there will be a special union service at the Methodist church, where Rev. Moore will deliver an "Exposition on the Good Samaritan."

## CHICAGO POLICE TO PROTECT POLITICIANS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Ill., April 25.—One hundred pickpockets and strong-arm men were rounded today by the police, as the beginning of a bitter crusade to rid the city of crooks before the Republican convention.

Captain O'Brien instructed the detective force to make daily round-ups of the criminals, so that every known thief may be either sent to prison or driven from the city. The last convention was marked by an unusual number of robberies.

For a week past there has been an influx of unemployed.

# ROBBER TRIES TO HOLD UP SALOON

## Fires Shot at Proprietor, Then Frightened, Runs Out Back Door.

A masked man attempted to hold up the Old Corner saloon, at Nineteenth and Umatilla streets, Sellwood, at midnight last night. He fired a shot at the proprietor, William Gottschalk, narrowly missing his intended victim, who had disobeyed the command to hold up his hands.

Four men were in the saloon when the gunman entered from the rear door. He wore a red handkerchief that completely covered his face. When he gave the command to hold up hands, Gottschalk and the three customers in the place started to run away. As Gottschalk ducked out of a side door the man fired, the shot missing him by a scratch. Then the robber, apparently alarmed by the commotion he had caused, ran out the back door without attempting to secure any booty.

Gottschalk describes the man as about five feet, eight inches tall. The police station was promptly notified and Sergeant Johnson was assigned on the case.


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