

HOWARD ELLIOTT SAYS REGULATORS SHOULD GO SLOW

Describes Effects on Railroads of Legislative Menace—"President" Roosevelt Their Chief Terror.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Ellensburg, Wash., Nov. 21.—Plain talk regarding adverse railroad legislation in the United States was the speech of Howard Elliott at a banquet following the dedication of the new Northern Pacific depot in this city Saturday night. Mr. Elliott scored the legislatures and congress, which, he said, had been making matters difficult for the railroad companies and for the nation. He stated that the delay in building the proposed Ellensburg-Ritzville cutoff on the Northern Pacific, which was surveyed last spring, was directly due to a hostile feeling expressed by the president of the nation, not the president at Washington, toward the railroads of America.

Judge George T. Reid of Tacoma, general western counsel for the Northern Pacific, emphasized the remarks made by Mr. Elliott, saying in part: "It is the sincere desire of the Northern Pacific to render good service, and better service would be rendered by the road if less limitations were put upon us by the people. Job among growers raise dollars on trees. A railroad cannot do that. It must borrow and it must sell stock."

"There is no depression in the railroad world, but there certainly is a slowing-up, caused by this senseless legislation, which will in time affect all of you. It is bad but true that the meeting of congress and of some legislatures is looked upon with dread, not for the passing of laws but because of the introduction of silly bills by men who do not ride much nor ship much."

"President Elliott and a party of 10 railroad officials, including Henry Blakely, western freight agent, and Judge Reid, H. C. Nutt, G. T. Slade and other prominent men, arrived in the city at noon to open the new \$50,000 depot. They were given a trip over the valley by auto, in the afternoon. At 7:30 p. m. the beautiful new station was opened. An informal reception was held, beginning at 9 o'clock and continuing until 11 o'clock a. m. A banquet was served at the Hotel Antlers.

RICHTER PROVES HIMSELF A GENIUS

Recital at Heilig Yesterday Showed How Blind Pianist Has Gained in Art.

By J. L. W.
Francis Richter covered himself with glory in his piano recital at the Heilig yesterday afternoon. His interpretation of the big classics was so clear and definite that it is doubtful if after the first few numbers many in the audience gave any thought to the fact that this young performer at the instrument was blind—totally blind.

His remarkable performance compels one to believe that he sees infinitely more than can be distinguished by the great majority of artists having the full use of their eyesight, for his reading and technique must be accepted as phenomenal.

Yesterday afternoon was stormy; the rain fell in sheets just as it was time to start for the Heilig, yet the audience that gave the performer an ovation, as he stepped upon the stage, numbered nearly 500. It should have been three times that large for the theatre holds that many, but 500 was not bad, considering the weather and the fact that the seats were not auctioned off at \$5 or \$10 apiece. The affair netted about \$460, a neat little sum, but about \$600 short of what Richter needs to start on a tour of the country. It is hoped the balance will be obtained so that arrangements may be completed as originally intended, which include a trip to Europe next spring to study under Paderewski, this world famous artist having consented to accept the Portland boy as a pupil, an honor that falls to few, since Paderewski does not teach or coach for money.

Getting back to the program, it may be referred to as perhaps a little too classical, and consequently somewhat tiresome, excepting to piano students or classic enthusiasts. But, be that as it may, certainly young Richter wielded a hypnotic influence over his audience, which was decidedly musical, among them being most of the recognized artists of the city.

It would be difficult to say which was the star number, the program including the "Fantasia and Fugue in G Minor," by Bach-Liszt; Beethoven's "Waldstein Sonata, Opus 53"; Schumann's "Etude Symphonique"; Chopin's "Nocturne, Opus 15," two mazurkas and "Scherzo in B Minor"; Saint-Saens-Richter's "Fantasia on Samson et Delilah"; Moskowski's "Nachtueckel" and "Jongleuse," and Liszt's "Mazepa." The Schumann number, especially, was brilliantly rendered.

To illustrate the performer's wonderful ability to memorize and improvise, Paul Kreider, a pianist, was invited to play a theme not familiar to Mr. Richter. Hardy had Mr. Kreider left the piano before Mr. Richter reproduced the theme as conceived by the composer, from the score, and then drifted into a tumult of variations that only one thus exceptionally talented could dream of. It proved a fitting climax to a wonderful performance and brought a storm of applause.

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While being driven down Washington street at an early hour yesterday morning an automobile belonging to the Portland Gas & Coke company skidded into a telephone pole near the intersection of Ella street and was completely demolished. The occupants of the car, George E. Higgins, assistant superintendent of the Portland Gas & Coke company, and two companions, a man and a woman, were thrown out and badly bruised.

Higgins, when asked this morning concerning the accident, said he didn't know he had ever been in an accident or that there had been an accident. It was noticeable, however, that in walking he had a decided limp. Other than that statement Higgins refused to say anything, either concerning the cause of the accident or of the identity of his companions.

According to Superintendent McDonald of the gas company, Higgins uses the car in the mains and service department. Their business hours are from 8 a. m. till 5:30, however, and no explanation of Higgins having had the car out after hours was given.

The accident happened at 3:30 Sunday morning. Higgins was driving. According to the only witness of the affair, John Wolff, a stationary engineer who was at work nearby, the car came down Washington street at a speed which he estimated to be at least 40 miles an hour. At Ella street a taxicab turned into Washington street and Higgins in attempting to avoid this car skidded into a pole. The car, a \$1200 two-passenger affair, was badly smashed. The frame was broken and the wheels turned so that but little remains but the engine.

White Salmon Wants Water Plant.
White Salmon, Wash., Nov. 21.—If a petition signed by the people of White Salmon has any weight the boundary of the town will be extended on the south clear to the water's edge of the Columbia. The town is located on the bluff, with a rich agricultural flat between it and the river, and it is now deemed wise to take this in and thereby get a water frontage for future commercial use.

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HETTY GREEN AT 75 ACTIVE IN BUSINESS

New York, Nov. 21.—Mrs. Hetty H. R. Green, American's most prominent woman financier, reached her seventy-fifth anniversary today and also rounded out her forty-fifth year as a business woman, during which she has accumulated a fortune variously estimated at from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

The wealthiest woman in America started with a fortune of \$9,000,000, left her by her father. This fortune she has increased many fold by shrewd business deals and far-sighted investments. Her wealth is widely diversified. She has real estate holdings in nearly every section of the country and her mortgages embrace some of the safest properties in a chain of cities extending from coast to coast. Railroads, steamboats, mines, telephones and telegraphs also contribute to her income.

Some time ago the report was circulated that Mrs. Green intended to retire from the active management of her affairs and the arrival of her son, R. H. R. Green, in New York tended to confirm the report. But the son has returned to Texas and Mrs. Green, from all appearances, is as active as ever, so that the rumors of her prospective retirement probably had no better foundation than similar reports which have been circulated periodically ever since the famous financier reached her sixtieth year.

TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT BANQUET

New York, Nov. 21.—Prominent shippers, who are understood to be opposed to any increase in freight rates and representatives of the railroads, who declare that an advance in rates is an absolute necessity, are to gather about the banquet board at the Waldorf-Astoria tomorrow night and engage in an informal discussion with a view to bringing about a better understanding in regard to the problem. The occasion will be the annual dinner of the Railway Business association, an organization formed two years ago by manufacturers and dealers in railway supplies. Foremost among the speakers at the dinner will be Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission; Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and John Claflin, president of the H. B. Claflin company of this city.

FORT WALLA WALLA FURNITURE IS SOLD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 21.—All the equipment that has been left at Fort Walla Walla, including furniture, office fixtures and everything not taken by the cavalry when it left here, is being auctioned off at the fort this week. These auctions are occurring daily, from 9 a. m. until noon, and will be continued until the last article belonging to the government is disposed of.

Forger Pleads Guilty.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 21.—Sterling Stiles, arrested Saturday morning by Sheriff Haviland, and charged with forgery, this morning pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to an indeterminate period of from one to two years in the state reformatory at Monroe.

Stiles had cashed two checks, one for \$5 and one for \$15, on local saloons. His invoice name was forged the name of the sheriff or chief of police of towns he visited.

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