

HOTEL FRACTIONS
THE PORTLAND
HOTEL

Normans Preparing Way With
Stock Bought in England to
Go Into Courts for Settlement.

Which of the warring factions of stockholders in the Portland Hotel company has a control of the capital stock of the famous hotel, is the question of the hour in Portland. In clubs, cafes, hotel offices, in fact everywhere that men are accustomed to meet some one will ask whether the Day-Joseph combination is still supreme in the management of the property or whether the Normans have succeeded in making a combination that will oust their adversaries.

Not in many a day has Portland known such a bitter fight to be waged for possession of a corporation as is now going on for control of one of its leading hotels. The Normans, the Spokane hotel men, who bought the stock of the hotel last February and later let the Day Brothers in on the deal, are combing the world over in order to find some way to overthrow the Day-Joseph management and regain possession of the property.

Quarrel Soon Arises.
Soon after the hotel was taken over by the Normans and Days a quarrel arose over a division of the stock of the company, an agreement having been made to divide the stock equally between them. The upshot of the controversy was that the Days pooled their holdings with George Joseph, who as trustee held the shares which gave him a combination of a majority of the outstanding stock. The Normans were put out and the Day-Joseph coalition took charge.

Having possession of the old books of the hotel company the Normans found out that several small blocks of stock which were subscribed for by the company were not paid for in full and had never been delivered to the original subscribers. They set to work digging up the facts and have succeeded, it is said, in buying the rights of several of these subscribers. They even went so far as to send Attorney H. M. Calk to London to buy out a stock subscriber, and it is reported that Mr. Calk was successful in his mission.

Will Tender Unpaid Balance.
The next move on the part of the Normans, it is said, will be to make a tender of the unpaid balance due on the stock together with interest to the secretary of the hotel company, which offer to pay will be followed by a demand that the stock be issued to them. This demand will in all probability be ignored by the company now in control of the company. The courts will then be appealed to, say the legal representatives, and the whole question will then be fought out.

The Day-Joseph faction laugh at the whole proceeding and are severely confident that they are thoroughly entrenched in possession of the property. "All of these old unpaid subscriptions to stock in the hotel company were cancelled years ago," said a member of the Day-Joseph faction. "We have an absolute majority of the shares in the company that were paid for."

"Those shares that were not paid for were never issued and were legally cancelled. The books of the company make it plain that this action was taken."

MEXICAN TROOPS
SUFFER BIG LOSS
ON BATTLEFIELD
(Continued from Page One.)
Navarro's forces marching from Chihuahua.

Today orders were issued throughout the state of Chihuahua by the chief of villages and towns instructing all men having arms to come in and register them and give an account of why they are in their possession.

Mexico is determined not to further permit the Federal army to keep their alleged compact with the insurgents to refrain from hauling troops into the affected region of Chihuahua. This is shown by the attempt being made here to secure an American engineer to handle the American troops in the battle of Pedernales and La Junta. When the inspectors took that section the owners of the Mexican Northwestern road made an agreement not to haul troops if the inspectors would not molest the trains.

The Mexican officials tentatively agreed to this, but on Friday troops were taken south from here over another branch of the Northwestern to the Mormon colonies and today Francisco Portillo, mayor of Jaurez, advertised for an American engineer to handle the American troops in the battle of Pedernales and other stations in the disturbed region.

The trouble has grown too serious to wait for reinforcements to march to the front. This is taken here as a verification that the federal troops are in serious straits.

TWELVE INDICTMENTS
AGAINST IMMORALITY
Twelve indictments were returned yesterday afternoon by the December grand jury against men and women running disorderly houses in the north and south ends of the city. The information surrounding these indictments is closely guarded, and until a late hour last night warrants had not been issued by Presiding Judge Cleland.

Henry Bush, bailiff for Judge Cleland, said that the judge did not intend to issue the warrants until Monday, as he did not wish to keep the men and women in jail over Sunday.

In anticipation of the warrants being issued, however, Deputy Sheriff Archie Leonard arranged to serve them on the people charged, but at midnight had made no arrests. The warrants are for persons under fire of the November grand jury, and are supposed to be against men conducting lodging houses and allowing women in them for immoral purposes, male parasites and women who have been conducting disorderly houses and selling liquor.

FOREST RESERVES
PACTATE 099 635

Snug Sum to Be Used by State
for School and Public
Road Purposes.

(Salem Bureau of the Journal.)
Salem, Or., Dec. 17.—Oregon's share from the sale and lease of lands in the government forest reserves within this state for the year ending June 30, 1910, was \$39,635.87, according to an official notification received yesterday by the executive department here. This payment represents the state's proportion of the receipts from the sources named, being 25 per cent of all the money received from each forest reserve during the year, to be used by the state for school and public road purposes, to be distributed among the counties for those purposes in which the forest reserves are located and which are to compensate partially to those counties for what they lose in taxes on account of the forest reserves.

The act of congress, approved May 23, 1908, under which this appropriation is made, provides as follows: "That hereafter 25 per cent of all money received from each forest reserve during any fiscal year, including the year ending June 30, 1908, shall be paid at the end thereof by the secretary of the treasury to the state or territory in which such reserve is situated, to be expended as the state or territorial legislature may prescribe for the benefit of the public schools and public roads of the county or counties in which the forest reserve is situated; provided, that when any forest reserve is in more than one state or territory or county the distributive share of each from the proceeds of said reserve shall be proportional to its area therein."

The amounts collected from each of the reserves situated in Oregon, which go to make up the total of \$39,635.87, are as follows: Cascade, \$2579.12; Crater Lake, \$1319.19; Deschutes, \$2833.22; Fremont, \$4507.02; Malheur, \$4009.39; Oregon, \$2960.20; Siskiyou, \$423.36; Umatilla, \$53.06; Umatilla, \$1629.09; Umpqua, \$1583.67; Wallowa, \$6752.84; Wenaha, \$1648.27; Whitman, \$4268.36.

WOODROW WILSON
IS DETERMINED
Governor-Elect of New Jersey
Maintains Defiant Attitude
Toward Party Bosses.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Dec. 17.—Frankly admitting that he was nominated and elected by the Democrats' state machine, Woodrow Wilson, governor-elect of New Jersey, in an interview published in the World tomorrow, declares he will give no heed to the mandates of the politicians "because I did not ask them for their support."

Referring to the fight he is making against the election of James Smith, Democratic "boss" of the state, as United States senator from New Jersey, Wilson said: "I suppose Smith did nominate me. At least the votes of the delegates he controlled probably Smith did not consult me about it, though. I told the public frankly what I would do if I were nominated and elected. There was no concealment about it."

"What did Smith think?" Wilson was asked. "That you were an innocent college professor and that he could put things over without your discovering what was up?"

"I don't know," he admitted, "perhaps that was it."
Wilson is quoted as declaring that the reform measures promised in the Democratic platform will surely be enacted into laws.

"You know bills are sometimes blocked in committees for some mysterious reason," he said. "Was it in such a case a speech or two by the governor in the home neighborhood of the chairman of that particular committee might release the bill."

STRIKEBREAKERS ON WAY
TO CANADA HALTED
(United Press Leased Wire.)
St. Paul, Dec. 17.—Five hundred strikebreakers enroute from Chicago to Winnipeg, to take the places of striking coal employes in the Canadian city, were halted in St. Paul tonight by an order of the Canadian immigration bureau, which warned their sponsors that the strikebreakers would not be allowed to enter Canada.

The strikebreakers were put aboard a special train tonight and sent back to Chicago.

It is said that effort will be made to get them into eastern Canada as individuals or small groups, with the idea of assembling them again in Winnipeg.

AGED AND WEALTHY
WOMAN IS DIVORCED.
(By the International News Service.)
Seattle, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Mattie Thomas, reputed to be worth \$1,000,000, in land holdings in the state of Washington today won her divorce before Judge C. H. Neal, for the annulment of her marriage to J. W. Phillips in Victoria, B. C., and for the restoration to her name of her individual property, accumulated before the alleged union. Mrs. Thomas is 60 years of age and Phillips is 10 years her junior. The aged plaintiff contended that Phillips was not legally divorced when he wedded her in Victoria and that he afterwards defrauded her of the value of her holdings up to \$250,000.

LOS ANGELES MAY GET
25 STORY SKYSCRAPER
(By the International News Service.)
Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—A 25 story skyscraper modeled along the lines of the great Singer building in New York, approximately 320 feet in height from the curb to the top of the tower, and costing \$2,000,000, will be erected by the Los Angeles Investment company on the northeast corner of Eighth and Broadway, providing the height limit of buildings is removed by the city council. This announcement was made tonight by President Charles A. Elder following favorable action of the building committee of the investment company today.

PERSONAL
"Jack" Morback, a well known Columbia river logger, and wife, start to-day for Moscow, on a steamer to his old home, after an absence of 24 years. Miss DeVos, formerly connected with the Open Air sanatorium, has opened a private hospital for the general care of the sick at 492 East Twenty-third street.

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OF LINES
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Reported That New Transcontinental Route to Compete
With Union Pacific Will
Soon Be Established.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Denver, Dec. 17.—An supreme test of strength between James J. Hill and the Harriman railroads for supremacy in western transportation affairs is believed among Denver railroad officials to be imminent. Reports that Denver is to be placed on a new transcontinental route from the east to Colorado, composed of the Hill and Gould railroads, is considered the rumbling of the approaching storm.

The Burlington, controlled by Hill; the Denver & Rio Grande and Western Pacific, controlled by Gould, and the Colorado Midland, jointly owned by the two interests, are the lines which figure in the alleged struggle.

It became known in Denver today that the Gould lines have been unable to arrange for the sale of round trip tickets to the coast routed over Western Pacific one way and Harriman lines the return trip.

The Gould lines therefore tried to turn to Hill and entered into the new combination with his roads as against the Harriman lines.

The proposed through train service will include the requirements of equipment for 21 trains which will cost not less than \$5,000,000. These will include ten for the Burlington, four for the Rio Grande and seven for the Western Pacific.

AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR
MAY RESIGN HIS POST
(By the International News Service.)
Vienna, Dec. 17.—It is rumored that Baron Hengelmueller, Austrian ambassador to the United States, who was recently criticized by the Austrian press on the charge of neglecting the interests of his compatriots in America, will resign shortly.

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Congressman From New Jersey
Would Have Billions in
Bonds Issued for Road Mile
Wide on 35th Parallel.

By John E. Lathrop.
Washington, Dec. 17.—Congressman James A. Hamill of New Jersey is an enthusiast on the subject of good roads. He endorses the proposed automobile highway through the states of Washington, Oregon and California from the Canadian line to southern California. He said:

"It is a project which should be carried out. The plan should be applied in all parts of the country, and it should be under a general plan of road improvement, all parts of which should be in harmony with the whole."

Mr. Hamill has introduced a bill to provide for a national automobile highway along the thirty-fifth parallel, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. If it became a law it would set a work 15 survey corps to run a preliminary line; it would require right of way one mile wide, the highway proper to be 1,430 feet wide, with two macadam surfaces each 20 feet wide, carrying steel tracks for electric cars, two tracks for passenger cars and two for freight cars; with various paths for fast and slow automobiles, bicycles, and vehicles. The ultimate working out of the plan would provide the adornment of the highway with trees and buildings and resorts.

Bond Issues to Pay for It.
He would finance the scheme by the issue in series of \$1,000,000 each of bonds to be bought by the secretary of the interior with highway notes. The bonds would bear 4 1/2 per cent interest. The maximum cost he would have at \$200,000 a mile, and fares for passengers would be not more than 1 1/2 cents a mile for less than 100 miles, and 1 cent a mile for over 100 miles.

General Auto Coach Service.
Mr. Hamill is also pushing a bill for an experimental automobile postal coach for rural service. He proposes to appropriate \$60,000 to try the experiment on macadamized roads and it would carry mail, merchandise and baggage, and provide shelter for travelers at post cabins at stated intervals, two auto coaches to pass each way every day.

Mr. Hamill is enthusiastic over his plan and, while he does not feel justified in ordering a sectional study of the matter into law, he believes that eventually such plan will be adopted. At any rate, he purposes to agitate the matter and bring it forward at every opportunity.

FRENCH SOLDIER
DIES BY ROADSIDE
Punishment Administered Too
Much for Man on Long
March.

By Paul Villiers.
(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.)
Paris, Dec. 17.—There may be an inquiry into the case of a private French soldier who was left to perish in Morocco. Last June the Third mounted company of the First regiment of the foreign legion left Porthouss for Tauri. Owing to the scarcity of animals, there was but one mule for two men, who walked and rode alternate stages.

On the third day of the march named Westrock, whose father distinguished himself under the French flag in 1870—refilled his water bottle during a halt. Lieutenant Savarin gave orders that water was not to be taken from the stream, for fear they were dangerous to health.

Westrock's disobedience was detected and he was ordered to walk. Being new to the service, Westrock felt his punishment, for his feet were bad and he found it impossible to keep up with the column. He begged for mercy and was ordered to march another stage, making three in succession. Out of pity, his comrade offered to let him ride, but Westrock was told he must walk.

Seeing the man's plight, however, a corporal took him to hold to the tail of his companion's horse. This kindness did not meet with the approval of the lieutenant, and calling Westrock a foul name, ordered him to walk alone. The man obeyed, but soon collapsed. When his absence was noticed the lieutenant ordered a corporal to find Westrock and take his rifle from him. This was done, and nothing has been heard of the legionary since, who, it is said, was attacked by hyenas and in his feeble state, without a weapon to defend himself, was easy prey.

France has many remarkable women, all self made. Madame Curie stands at the head. She has been quietly continuing her work since her husband's death. There is a question of electing her member of the Academy of Sciences, an unprecedented election, for heretofore when a woman was mentioned the male members had an eloquent smile which meant "never." Indeed, a law of the academy has to be repealed if Madame Curie is elected. Another idea of women ought to prevail. The great emperor said: "A woman's mission was to be a good housekeeper, spend her time in having children, and rearing them." It seems a curious incident, but Madame Curie, if elected, will occupy the chair of her dead husband. She participated as much as he in the discovery of radium. In fact, since she is alone, she has made new discoveries which prove that her brain is equal to any man's in that academy.

Aged Sleep Walker Frozen.
Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 17.—Sitting motionless on a block of ice on the lake front, her head bowed forward so that searchers thought she was going out over Lake Michigan, Mrs. Ferdinand Casner, aged 60, was found frozen to death. It is believed she left her home while in her sleep.

Deep breathing, which draws the blood from the brain to the lungs, is one of the most effective cures for insomnia.

WOMAN'S SCALP IS
TORN FROM HEAD
Wife of Seattle Contractor at
Death's Door Through
Horrible Accident.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 17.—A scalp torn from her head, Mrs. A. W. Millroy, of 5602 Fifteenth avenue Northwest, wife of a well known Seattle contractor, lies at death's door in the Providence hospital as a result of an accident this afternoon. She is unconscious and attending physicians have little hope for her recovery.

Mrs. Millroy was preparing to take out her automobile for the afternoon and had just finished oiling the car when she detected a grinding sound in the motor. In endeavoring to locate the trouble she peered under the car and her hair caught in the shaft drive, tearing her scalp from her head. With a shriek she fell to the floor of the garage. Her young daughter, who was in the tonneau of the machine, seeing the plight of her mother, rushed for assistance, and the unconscious woman was rushed to the hospital, where she was immediately operated upon. Her condition is critical, however, and it is doubtful if she will survive the night.

The unfortunate woman was an apt operator of an automobile, and today was the first accident she ever had with the machine. Her husband, who was in Pasco, Wash., today on business, has notified and is hurrying home in a race against death.

AEROPLANE INDUSTRY
SUFFERING SLUMP
Paris, Dec. 17.—The aeroplane industry in France is at present suffering from a severe slump. Within the last few months orders for the construction of aeroplanes have just discharged no fewer than