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FIGHTING THE RAILROAD MERGER

The Northern Pacific is Again Restrained From Retiring Its Preferred Stock—Harriman Believed to Be Behind the Action This Time.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 30.—Judge Elliott, of the district court of Hennepin county, today granted a temporary order restraining the officers of the Northern Pacific Railway company from retiring the preferred stock of that company. The order was issued on the application of Peter Power, of New York, who holds 100 shares of the common stock. It was supposed that the failure of the action brought in the New York courts by holders of preferred stock cleared away the last obstacle to the retirement of the preferred on January 1. Leaving the Hill interest free to act. It is inferred, although it does not so appear, that the present action is brought in behalf of the Harriman interest, to prevent control passing out of its hands for another year or until the legal standing of the Northern Securities company is settled.

The claim is set up by Mr. Power in his suit that the retirement of the preferred stock is in violation of the agreement that such retirement would lay no additional burdens upon the common stock, and he holds that the certificates of debenture bonds to be issued to effect the retirement of the preferred stock would become alien upon the common stock, and thus work an injury to his property. It is understood that the block of 100 shares held by Power is the only block of common not hitherto controlled and definitely located upon one side or the other, the Harriman people or the Hill-Morgan interest.

The restraining order will not only be served on the officials in Minnesota, but will be telegraphed to New York and served on the officials there.

Just after the noon hour today, President Charles S. Mellen, of the Northern Pacific Railroad company, was served with papers which enjoin the company from retiring the preferred stock.

Bad Fire at Victoria.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 30.—Mall advices from Victoria state that a most disastrous fire occurred in that city last night, entailing a loss of \$750,000. The building occupied by Spencer's Arcade, British Columbia's largest department store, was completely gutted by fire, which started at 10 o'clock at night. Before the department reached the scene flames were leaping from every window in the building, and it was with difficulty that the adjoining buildings were saved. The origin of the fire is thought to have been from electric wires. The tin roof covering the building was heavily charged with electricity. The stock was partially covered with insurance, the amount being \$125,000. There will be very little salvage.

Saves Two From Death.

"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland, of Armonk, N. Y., "but, when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had Consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and to-day she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for Coughs and Colds. 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by G. C. Blakeley, the druggist. Trial bottles free.

Two Boys Drowned Near Lakeview.

LAKEVIEW, Dec. 29.—Walter Brown and Fred Snelling, aged 17 and 16, respectively, were drowned at noon today while skating on Goose Lake, ten miles from here. The bodies were recovered and brought here this evening. Brown was the son of a prominent sheepman of this place and Snelling was an orphan and lived with a maiden aunt. They were both employed in the Examiner office.

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THE WATERS ARE RECEDING

Danger From Floods in Pennsylvania Has Passed—Loss Will Not Be Great—Much Damage in the South and the End Is Not Yet.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—From all parts of Eastern Pennsylvania today reports show that the rivers and creeks which became greatly swollen as a result of Saturday night's and Sunday's continuous rain, are steadily falling. There is one exception, however, the lower part of the Susquehanna river being reported to be still rising and close to the danger mark. Although considerable damage was done, the losses will not be great, most of the flooded areas being lowlands along the Upper Schuylkill, Lehigh and Susquehanna rivers. In the anthracite coal districts a few of the mines were flooded, causing a suspension of work for the day. Along the lower Susquehanna there is apprehension that damage will result from ice gorges. The water is said to be rising six inches an hour in that vicinity.

The Schuylkill river in this city rose 18 feet above normal, which rise has been passed only once in 32 years. Manayunk one of the mill districts, suffered most from the flood. Every mill along the river was forced to suspend operations throwing out of work for the day about 8000 persons. The river drives through Fairmount park and several sections of the railroad tracks on both sides of the river between the park and the mouth of the Schuylkill were under water for a short time during the day.

May Have War With Germany.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Commenting on the London Times' statement from Washington that persons of considerable importance in official circles there profess to believe that war between the United States and Germany is inevitable, the St. James' Gazette, though it does not believe that such a disaster will be allowed to occur over a dispute in regard to the debts of Venezuela to Germany, says that if it does, there can be no doubt that English sympathies will be with America. At the same time the St. James' Gazette expresses the hope that the United States will not allow such states as Venezuela to gain the impression that they can reckon on the protection of the Monroe Doctrine if they choose to repudiate their obligations to Europe.

A dispatch to the Central News from Berlin says:

"It is believed to be certain that an ultimatum will be issued within three days and that an attack on Venezuela will follow directly after. In addition to the Vineta, the Falke, two training ships and the cruiser Geler have been ordered to La Guayra. In the meanwhile, I am officially assured that the German Charge d'Affaires has not left Caracas and that diplomatic relations have not yet been broken off. The pour paroles continue.

"An agreement has been reached between Germany and the United States in regard to the German course of action in Venezuela.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The German foreign office authorizes the press to announce that there is no truth whatever in the dispatches from Caracas saying that the German minister has left the Venezuelan capital after a heated exchange of words with President Castro.

"Butcher's" Meat Co.

TACOMA, Dec. 30.—All news agents on the trains of the Northern Pacific are to be discontinued after the first of January. Daily papers will be kept on the dining-cars and supplied by one of the waiters. This means that the train poddler is to go.

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\$12, 12.50 or 13.50 garment for.....	9.85

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