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CAR COMPANY'S STOCK DECLINES

Stockholders in Philadelphia Traction Company Growing Alarmed.

BIG MASS MEETING TODAY TO URGE CONCESSIONS

Company's Securities Depreciating—25,000 Shares Dumped on Market Yesterday—Strikers Attempt to Make Demonstration—Police Use Clubs to Break It Up—'March on City Hall' Is Slogan—Business Men Want Peace.

Philadelphia, March 11.—Stockholders in the Philadelphia Street Car company are alarmed today by the depreciation in value of the company's securities. It has declined several points since the strike began. Over twenty-five thousand shares were dumped on the market yesterday.

Commercial interests today continued their efforts to find a way to settle the strike. The meeting is scheduled this afternoon to discuss the situation, which is growing worse daily.

The sixth day of the general strike witnessed an attempt to make the center of the city the scene of a big demonstration.

The police blocked the move by exercise of "high handed methods" and "brutal, unwarranted force," the strike leaders claim in statements issued last night.

"March on the city hall," is a slogan that has been heard before in disturbances here. Suspecting that the crowd of 10,000 or more who had been prevented from holding an open air meeting in the national league park would take up the indicated line of march the authorities took measures to prevent the invasion of the city's central districts by what it was feared might prove a turbulent mob.

Police Check Marchers. Lines of police with active clubs partially checked the marchers on their way down Broad street more than two miles from the objective point. A mile farther down they broke up the parade altogether. Half a dozen persons were injured in the onslaught and succession of arrests were made. Crowds of unwonted proportions thronged the spaces about the city hall until nightfall, but there was no organized demonstration.

Last night at meetings of workmen in various parts of the city and in statements by the strike leaders incidents of the meetings were used as arguments to convince men who are still sticking to their jobs that the time has come for all workmen to stand together.

There were a few scattered points where disturbances of minor character broke out today.

STRIKE IS IMMINENT.

Firemen on Railroads in West, Northwest and Southwest of Chicago. Chicago, March 11.—The 25,000 or more firemen on the 130,000 miles of railroads, west, northwest and southwest of Chicago, who, by their vote, authorized their national officials to call a strike if the railroads refuse to grant wage concessions, will receive their answer from the railroads today.

At that time the general managers of the railroads will formally notify W. S. Carter of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen of their position in regard to the demands. It may be several days before the union officials and the rail-

CROWD HOOTS PATTEN FROM COTTON EXCHANGE

Manchester, Eng., March 11. James A. Patten, the Chicago grain speculator, was hoisted from the cotton exchange here this afternoon. After he left the exchange a crowd followed him along the street. He was finally forced to take refuge in an office of the building. The crowd was angered by the belief that Patten is here to repeat his alleged market "rigging."

Patten went to his hotel after the police had dispersed the mob.

road managers again meet to determine what shall be done. This arrangement followed a conference yesterday of Mr. Carter and the firemen's delegation and the railroad managers' committee, of which W. S. Nixon, general manager of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, is chairman.

Managers of nine other western roads were present. The firemen presented their vote showing that 86 per cent of their membership were against accepting an agreement for improved working conditions without an increase in wages. The railroads were told that the vote authorized a strike should the union officials decide it.

Confidence was expressed on both sides that a strike would be averted. A prominent railroad official said tonight it was unlikely that the railroads would grant the wage demands.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE FELT IN CALIFORNIA

SEVERAL CITIES SHAKEN BY HEAVY TREMORS

San Francisco, Stockton, San Jose and Other Cities Feel Earth Shakes—People Are Frightened and Rush Into Streets.

San Francisco, March 11.—A sharp earthquake, in some parts of the state the severest shock since the big earthquake in some parts of the state throughout the central part of California last night about 10:54 o'clock. The vibrations were long and undulatory but slow and the duration up to midnight. The shake was felt as far south as San Luis Obispo, but did not extend far north of San Francisco.

Two pronounced heavy movements with a slight interval of undulations between, were felt, but no damage was reported.

In San Francisco the people were generally aroused and in the Western Union office virtually every operator left his key and got to his feet, which caused a report to come from Portland that some of the San Francisco wires had been interrupted. In two of the local theaters where the last act was just about closing, scores of people jumped to their feet and in one of them there was a decided movement from the galleries toward the exits which was promptly stopped by a policeman.

In an Oakland theater there also were a number of timid persons who started for the doors, but cries of "sit down," promptly stopped them.

People Run Into Street. At Modesto and Watsonville people ran into the streets and at the latter place some crockery is reported to have been broken. The shock was particularly severe on a line running north from Monterey through Watsonville, Santa Cruz and San Jose and it also was felt in Santa Rosa.

In San Francisco immediately following the shake, the small and badly frightened force of operators in the telephone centrals and long distance were fairly overwhelmed with the calls that came in from every direction. The huge board suddenly became fairly alive with the little lights calling for central.

According to the seismograph record at Chabot Observatory, the shock was only one and a half seconds in duration in Oakland.

both timber claims and homesteads. A total of 46,000 acres or exactly two townships are included in these claims, thus indicating the rapidity with which the government land is passing into the hands of individuals.

Another significant feature of the records in this connection is the showing that a total of 2040 acres of allotted Indian lands have come into the possession of white farmers. This land is of the average value of \$40 per acre and is also to be added to the taxable property of the county.

BAKER CITY MEN INDICTED

Officers of Lumber and Railway Companies Held for Violating Land Laws.

WILL BE RELEASED ON BONDS OF \$5000 EACH

Grant Geddes, Joseph Barton and James R. Smurthwright, Officers of Oregon Lumber Company and Sumpter Valley Railroad, Indicted for Illegal Acquisition of Valuable Timber Lands—Other Defendants Named But Names Are Kept Secret.

Portland, March 11.—Grant Geddes, Joseph Barton and James R. Smurthwright, all of Baker City, officers of the Oregon Lumber company and Sumpter Valley railroad, who were arrested on an indictment returned yesterday by the federal grand jury for alleged violation of the land laws, are expected to deposit bonds of \$5000 each today. Other defendants were named in the indictment, but acting under instructions from Judge Bean, the court officials refused to divulge their names until the warrants were served. The same instructions applied to the character of the charge contained in the indictment. The defendants arrested are associated with David Eccles, the Salt Lake millionaire, in the lumber business in eastern Oregon and the indictments resulting from an inquiry by government officials into the manner of acquisition of hundreds of acres of valuable timber lands by the lumber and railway companies of which Eccles is president.

MINERS CARRY ON WINTER SLUICING; CLEAR UP FORTUNE

Seattle, Mar. 11.—For the first time in the history of placer mining in Alaska, winter sluicing has been successfully carried on in the Tanana district, word to this effect having been brought to Seattle by Knute Larson and Albert Halfinner, two miners who came down on the steamer Victoria and deposited \$175,000 in gold in a local bank yesterday. The gold brought down by the miners represents their winter's cleanup, and came from a claim on the tributary of Estero creek in the Fairbanks district, where Larson and Halfinner sluiced throughout the winter without interruption.

Larson and Halfinner worked continuously in October and November and in the latter part of the month.

MRS. CUDAHY HAS OFFERS.

Would Go On Stage But Children Are in the Way, She Says. Kansas City, March 10.—Mrs. Jack Cudahy, whose husband attacked Banker Lillis Sunday morning, said today she had received a score of offers to go on the stage but had declined them all.

"Really, though," she added, "if it were not for my children, I would go on the stage. The stage always has appealed to me. Not the glamor of the footlights or the plaudits of the people, but the life and the people. It is the goodfellowship you find among the members of the profession that appeals to me."

Mr. Lillis today was quoted as saying Mrs. Cudahy had been unjustly accused of misconduct. He is said to be improving rapidly.

DEGENERATE FATHER TRIES TO SELL HIS DAUGHTER

Stockton, Cal., March 10.—The arrest of James Davis, a resident of French Camp, on a charge of contributing to the alleged delinquency of his daughter, has brought to light an attempt said to have been made by Davis several months ago to sell the girl to a sheepherder for \$2. The matter was brought to the attention of Superior Judge Frank H. Smith, who ordered the child brought to this city and placed in an orphanage. Davis, it appears, disregarded the courts order and his arrest has resulted.

FRIENDS AND FOES OF APPLE BOX BILL MEET COMMITTEE

Washington, March 11.—Commissioners favoring Lafean apple box bill appeared yesterday before the house committee on agriculture and later in the afternoon the opponents of the measure came before the committee and declared it to be unconstitutional. The hearings will not be finished for several weeks.

Jockey Fined \$100.

Oakland, Cal., March 10.—Jockey Taplin was fined \$100 for rough riding at Emeryville today. Finding himself in close quarters near the finish, Taplin struck Jockey Glass on Warner with his whip. Taplin landed Blaised a winner by a narrow margin.

NORTHWEST COMPANY SOLD

H. M. Byllesby and Company of Chicago Buy Big Light and Gas Company.

HAS POWER PLANTS IN MANY CITIES INCLUDING PENDLETON

Reports That Are Corroborated Say That Northwestern Corporation Has Sold Out Entire Holding to Chicago Capital—Properties Involved Are All Over Northwest—Officials Refuse to Confirm Statements—Local Office Knows Nothing.

Portland, Mar. 11.—Corroboration was obtained here today of the reported sale by the Northwestern corporation of its numerous gas, water and electric light, power plants in Oregon and Washington to H. M. Byllesby and company of Chicago. It is understood the new owners will add to their holdings in the northwest by purchase and by the extensions of the railway systems acquired. The price paid is not announced. Among the properties involved are the electric light systems at Pendleton, Corvallis, Dallas and Monmouth, Oregon; the gas plants at North Yakima, Lewis-ton and Eugene, the street railway system at Walla Walla and the valuable water power sites along the Kenzie river and in Umatilla county.

In addition Byllesby & Co. are said to have obtained a sixty day option on the North Coast railroad, paying a hundred thousand dollars for it.

The first reports of the sale of the Northwestern corporation holdings came from Walla Walla yesterday afternoon, the first intimation that the deal had gone through having come from Colonel F. J. Parker, formerly of Walla Walla, but now of Portland. The Chicago capitalists who are said to be behind Byllesby & Company are not known.

Walla Walla officials refuse to confirm the statements made by Parker but they admit that Chicago capital is soon to enter the northwest field. The Pendleton office, of which Dr. F. W. Vincent is the manager has received no official notice of the sale.

Colonel Parker stated yesterday that Manager A. L. Welch, of the Northwestern Corporation told him the entire holdings of the company had been sold and that the same capitalists held a 60 day option on the properties of the North Coast railroad, for which they paid \$100,000. Welch is now in Chicago winding up the deal.

When shown the story yesterday Manager George O'Connor of Walla Walla, said, "I know nothing of it whatever. It is all news to me." When asked if Mr. Welch was in Chicago Mr. O'Connor said he thought the manager was in Portland, the central office. He admitted however that for some time back efforts had been made to purchase the corporation, but he said he knew of no such deal having been consummated. Possibly just Pendleton and Walla Walla.

An entirely different light was thrown on the matter yesterday afternoon when one of those who is intimate with the workings of the company gave out a few facts. These are that H. M. Byllesby & Co., the Chicago capitalists do not intend to purchase the entire holdings of the Northwestern corporation, but merely the holdings of the company in this city and Pendleton. They also wish to purchase and have made frequent proposals to Robert Strahorn, owner of the North Yakima electric company to purchase his holdings in North Yakima. It may be possible that these facts have either been misunderstood by Welch or Parker, and that but the two deals are pending. Strahorn has frequently denied his holdings in North Yakima are in any way connected with the North Coast, saying that the electric plant is entirely separate. It is the intention of the Chicago men to complete the feed lines from North Yakima to Pasco and furnish the necessary power for several large irrigation projects now under way in that part of the Walla Walla valley.

The right of way for these lines has already been secured by Strahorn, who is now so much engrossed in the North Coast he has let the Pasco project go by default. It is not known what the intentions of Byllesby & Co. are as to the Walla Walla-Pendleton plants, but it is surmised that the intention is to have Walla Walla, North Yakima and Pendleton, included in one gigantic electric system.

The holdings of the corporation in Walla Walla and Pendleton are estimated worth more than a million dollars while the Strahorn plant is probably valued at about one-fourth that sum. The Byllesby Co. has recently purchased the electric systems in Olympia, Vancouver, Wash., and also owns a plant in Seattle.

SEATTLE-TACOMA CAR COLLIDES WITH FREIGHT

Seattle, March 11.—In a dense fog at midnight the Seattle-Tacoma limited on the interurban railway, crashed into a freight train two miles south of Kent, injuring three of the 39 passengers and one of the trainmen. Mrs. W. J. Gross of Tacoma, was cut about the head and face and an unknown man was severely injured internally. Both trains were Tacoma-bound and the passenger ran into the rear of the freight.

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In speaking of his knowledge of the transaction, Colonel Parker said: "Last Wednesday I called on Mr. Welch and asked if the corporation had been sold. He denied all knowledge of any such deal, and said that he did not think it was so. He offered, however, to give me \$40 a share for all the stock that I held. I refused. On Friday he called me again, and offered me \$47.50 for my stock. He then told me that the deal had gone through, and that there were but two blocks of stock, my own and that of E. R. Allen of Walla Walla, that the corporation could not get in. He said I. W. Anderson had telegraphed to get hold of all the stock and that the deal had been successfully made. I again refused to sell."

"Later I was told on what I know to be reliable authority, that the same Chicago interests that bought the corporation, had taken a three days' option on the Strahorn holdings for \$100,000, extending it to 60 days for \$100,000. Operations that have tended to show that another deal on in Pasco was made when certain concessions were made to me for a right of way through my land there. This is also still pending.

"But you can quote me as saying that the deal for the sale of the Northwestern corporation has been consummated, and that according to Manager A. Welch, a Chicago firm took the entire holdings in the northwest."

Nothing to Say. "I have nothing to say and will have nothing to say on American or foreign politics," declared the colonel. Then turning to the United Press correspondent, he said, "I want to ask you to state once more, through your association, that I will grant no interviews and make no statements of any kind on American or world politics. The public can accept as false as soon as it appears, anything purporting to be an interview with me relative to such subjects."

NEGRO'S WIFE SAYS PEARY IS INGRATE

MATT HENSON'S WIFE DENOUNCES POLE FINDER

Says the Commandeer Has Done Nothing to Reward Her Husband for His 23 Years of Service and Sacrifices—Forgets Obligations in Lust for Money.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 11.—Commander Peary is accused of ingratitude today by Mrs. Matt Henson, wife of the negro who accompanied Peary on his dash to the north pole. "Since returning from the pole, Peary has dropped my husband entirely," she said. "He hasn't done a thing in recognition of his 23 years of service, to say nothing of having saved Peary's life on more than one occasion. As far as Peary knows or cares, Matt might be starving to death. Probably Peary, who is getting all the money, hasn't time to think of the man who helped make him famous."

Increase Oats Stock.

New York, Mar. 11.—At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Quaker Oats company today the common stock was increased by \$1,000,000, from \$4,500,000 to \$5,500,000. Only half of this increased amount will be disposed of this year. It will be disposed of at par to the holders of common stock. Last year the company opened a mill in Hamburg, and a new mill is soon to be erected.

To Charter Rockefeller Foundation.

Washington, D. C., March 11.—A favorable report on the bill to authorize the chartering of the Rockefeller foundation was decided upon today by the senate committee of the District of Columbia.

INJURED VICTIMS OF AVALANCHE TO SEATTLE

Spokane, Mar. 11.—Eighteen injured victims of the Wellington wreck arrived in this city today. The train was transferred to the Northern Pacific and the injured were taken to Seattle.

ANOTHER GAMBLER LOSES MONEY IN POLICE COURT

Charles Estes, one of the gamblers who was caught in the raid made by the police on room 9 in the Taylor & Brownfield building several days ago, spent a few hours in the city jail this morning. Later his brother came to his rescue and paid the \$25 fine which had been assessed against him. Estes failed to appear in police court Monday when the cases were brought up against the other players. Since that time he is said by the police to have been in hiding. Chief of Police Gurdane has been on the look-

T. R. PUMPS INTERVIEWERS

Newspaper Men Who Seek to Make Roosevelt Talk Have Tables Turned.

TEDDY WON'T TALK ABOUT POLITICS IN AMERICA

Swarm of Press Representatives Besiege ex-President When He Quits Steamer—Refuses to Discuss Public Issues—Shoots Many Questions at His Interviewers—He and Kermit in Perfect Health But Others Suffer.

(By Staff Correspondent U. P.) Renk, Soudan, March 11.—Colonel Roosevelt has absolutely nothing to say regarding American politics. All efforts to induce him to discuss matters now before the public failed today. Looking bronzed and healthy he arrived on the steamer Dal today and was immediately besieged by a group of newspaper correspondents. He greeted them with characteristic enthusiasm, all being his personal friends.

But it was Roosevelt who did the questioning and newspapermen who unburdened themselves of comments. The colonel professed a greedy listener. He and Kermit appeared in perfect health, but Cunningham, Loring, Heller and Mearns showed the effects of their recent escape from fevers. Roosevelt plans to spend eight days on the trip from Kharطوم to Cairo. He will sail for Naples April 1 and from Naples a number of sightseeing trips will be made and then the party will journey to Rome, Vienna and Budapest.

He expects to arrive in Paris April 23 and then will go to Berlin and London.

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REPRESENTATIVE WHO WAS OPPONENT OF T. R. DIES

Washington, March 11.—Representative James Perkins of New York, died early today after a long illness. During the closing days of the sixtieth congress, Perkins was leader of the opponents of Roosevelt's secret service recommendations.

Teddy and Wife Meet Monday. Kharطوم, March 11.—Roosevelt will arrive here Monday, three days ahead of his schedule. Mrs. Roosevelt will arrive only a few hours ahead of her husband.

JACK JOHNSON READY FOR ROUGH TRAINING

Chicago, Ill., March 11.—Jack Johnson, looking capable of doing rough training, is making preparations today to assemble his corps of trainers preparatory to leaving for the coast. He will probably occupy quarters on Ocean Beach at San Francisco. He desired to cut short his preliminary training here and to hasten to California in order to become acclimated. Johnson weighs 225 pounds.

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UMATILLA PUBLIC DOMAIN IS FAST PASSING AWAY

Judging by the records in the office of County Assessor Strain, the forest service and Pinchotism are not serving to prevent the public domain in Umatilla county from passing into the hands of actual settlers. According to these records the aforesaid domain is rapidly disappearing and is being added to the taxable property of the state and county.

During the year a total of 231 final proofs were made, the 231 claims being represented thereby including