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REASON FOR ABSORPTION

Line From Omaha to Portland Too Long to Be Successfully Operated—Big Chinese Steamer Line.

OMAHA, Aug. 31.—President Burt and several other leading officials of the Union Pacific are holding an executive conference here to agree upon a plan of consolidating the system by closer alliance with the Oregon Short Line. One view is that the Vanderbilt interests propose that the Union Pacific be operated as at present, but that the Short Line become a part of the system from Salt Lake. This is made possible by the Short Line controlling the majority of the Navigation stock.

It is over 1800 miles from Omaha to Portland, Oregon, which is said to be too long a distance for one line to be successfully operated. The other reasons why the consolidation is considered certain, are: Judge Sanborn has discharged a successor of receivers of the Short Line, Oliver W. Mink and Thomas P. Wilson. The sale of the Union Pacific's holdings of Navigation company preferred stock to a syndicate of the Union Pacific interest is officially confirmed at New York.

TO CONTROL CHINA TRADE. Capitalists Will Organize Big Company in San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—The project of certain men here to organize a United States and China trading company to control the bulk of the trade in China has excited much comment among the commercial people of this city, some of whom give the statement formulated by Ho Yow, the Chinese consul general, their unqualified approval. A move has been made to organize the company, which it is understood is liberally backed by the Chinese government, although the consul is acting in his individual capacity. In brief the opinion is that if a company is formed here with from five to ten million dollars capital it can secure from the Chinese government about every trading, contracting and commercial concession that it sees fit to ask for. To prevent total annihilation as a nation, the Flowery Kingdom is obliged to secure a commercial alliance with some other nation, and the only friendly government has proved to be the United States. The manufacturers and producers association has appointed its president, A. S. Barbero, to act in the matter and at a meeting of capitalists and business men, it has been decided to prepare an address to be sent to every commercial body in the Union setting forth the advantages of accepting the offer made virtually by the Chinese government.

REFUSED TO OBEY THE ORDER OF THE COURT. Only Woman President of a Railroad Fined for Contempt of Court and Sentenced to Five Days in Jail.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—The only woman president of a railroad company in the United States was formally committed to the county jail for five days for contempt of court by Judge Trout today. The woman in question is Mrs. Annie Kline Rikert, and the railway corporation of which she is the head is the Stockton & Tualumne Railroad Company. Some time ago Charles Erickson, contractor, sued the company to recover \$5,745 for labor performed and material furnished. When the case came up for trial the court ordered Mrs. Rikert to bring the books into court, without fail. Mrs. Rikert ignored the order and the court fined her \$250 for contempt and sentenced her to five days in jail.

DEWEY DREADS HIS RECEPTION. Olympia Sails From Ville for Gibraltar—Admiral in Perfect Health.

VILLEFRANCHE, Aug. 31.—Admiral Dewey remained on board the Olympia this morning. At 4 o'clock the cruiser sailed out of the harbor for Gibraltar. The admiral says he is in perfect health. He expects to stay at Gibraltar until September 12. He expressed pleasure previous to his departure at his stay here, and dreads his countrymen's reception. The admiral's visit here was the most interesting in the history of the harbor.

PENSION ROLL REPORT. WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The annual report of Hon. H. Clay Evans, commissioner of pensions, shows that during the year there were added to the pension roll 40,229 names and 42,196 were dropped, 34,345 of these by reason of death. There was expended for pensions, \$138,355,062. The roll is made up of 733,451 surviving soldiers, 237,415 widows and dependent relatives and 673 nurses.

TRANSPORT VICTORIA SAILS. TACOMA, Aug. 31.—The transport Victoria sailed tonight with horses, feed and provisions for the Philippines. There are 75 members of the Third cavalry aboard.

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FINDS RELIEF IN TEARS

Dreyfus Weeps at the Recital of His Sufferings.

TEMPTED TO END HIS LIFE

A Witness Tells of His Wife's Intervention—Prisoner and Mme. Dreyfus Weep Together Afterwards.

RENNES, Aug. 31.—Dreyfus had the most trying day he has yet gone through. The strain proved too great for him and for the second time in the course of the trial he gave way to his feelings and sought relief in tears. The generals have branded him as a traitor before the court and their subordinates have pointed the finger of scorn at him. But he only once flinched—when the official report of his treatment on Devil's Island was read before him and the pictures of his sufferings, mental and physical, was thrown vividly on the scene of his memory. Then he hid his features and wept.

He passed through another such crisis today, when, after Captain LeRou Renault and witness after witness had been brought before him that cold January morning, which ushered in the scene of his degradation, Major Fersenetti, a man of heart, told in simple words and unaffected manner the story of Dreyfus' struggle with this maddening temptation to take his life and the intervention of his wife, as an angel, pointing out the road of duty. Then again the prisoner's breast heaved with emotion and tear drops trickled down his cheeks. He rose and after a forced effort to remain calm as he spoke a few words concerning his denial to Colonel Paty du Clam that he wrote the Bordereau, he turned to Fersenetti, with a look of thanks for the consolation so needed. Dreyfus then uttered these words of heartfelt gratitude to his wife for the courage with which she inspired him: "It is due to her," he cried, "that I am alive today."

The prisoner could articulate no more but sat down abruptly to conceal his distress. The proceedings concluded a few minutes later and he was taken back to his prison, where his wife visited him, and in the presence of Mme. Dreyfus and the gendarmes guard he broke down completely. The tension had been too much for him. He sobbed convulsively and the partner of his sorrows joined him in the silence of tears.

WITNESSES FAVOR DREYFUS. Only Three Out of Thirteen Affirm Dreyfus is Author of Bordereau.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The Tribune's correspondent summing up the Dreyfus case says: The preponderance of the testimony of the handwriting experts which closed with the evidence of M. Giry, member of the institute, is decidedly favorable for Dreyfus and judging from the questions put by Colonel Jouanste, Lieutenant Colonel Tirognier and Captain Beauvais, was clearly the impression made upon the court. Of 13 experts, only three—Bertilion and his understudy, Captain Valerio and Teyssonieres—affirm that Dreyfus is the author of the bordereau. Four experts—Giry, Molinier, Meyer and Caravay—are absolutely positive that the bordereau is in Esterhazy's handwriting. Two experts—Paraf Javal and Bernard—have completely demolished Bertilion's theory and declare that the bordereau was written in natural handwriting not that of Dreyfus. Pelletier also agrees with Paraf Javal and Bernard that it is not in Dreyfus' handwriting. Three experts—Varinard, Belhomme and Couard—testify that the bordereau is not in Esterhazy's handwriting but decline to affirm that it is in Dreyfus handwriting.

Of all the expert testimony that of M. Molinier, professor in the school of manuscripts, produced the greatest effect on the members of the court-martial, for besides his conclusive technical demonstrations, Molinier said the involved phraseology and the use of unnecessary words, which are so apparent in the bordereau make it highly improbable that it was done by the tedious process. Measurements from a "keyword" were also ridiculous. Suppose that Dreyfus was the author of the bordereau; he would have wasted the time in committing the handwriting of Esterhazy who was known to be in correspondence with Schwarzkoppen. Molinier's testimony was so convincing that General Mercier, who by a strange indulgence of the court is allowed to

gether with General Rogot to act practically in the capacity of counsel for the prosecution, sprang to his feet and succeeded in making the clerk read the evidence of Grouler, who testified before the court of cassation that Esterhazy had changed his handwriting in 1897, a piece of evidence which points all the more strongly to Esterhazy being the real author of the bordereau and forecasts a change in the tactics of the prosecution.

Since yesterday there is a distinctly new departure in Colonel Jouanste's method of conducting the trial. He now directs the evidence more strictly before the court, namely whether or not Dreyfus wrote the bordereau. The hearsay of the institute who said the Austrian attaché, Colonel Schneider told him in substance that Esterhazy was the real traitor, fell flat on the judges, although the court listened eagerly to General Rogot, who in his role of junior counsel for the prosecution, made a spicy little speech in behalf of French officers as against foreign attaches. The testimony of General Delore, director of the French artillery was favorable to Dreyfus, as showing that an artillery officer, Dreyfus would not have made the technical blunder of referring to the hindo-pneumatic brake of the field gun "12-short," as "hydraulic brake," as the person who wrote the bordereau did. General Delore also showed that the opportunities to secure information enumerated in the bordereau were common to many officers in the line as well as staff beside Dreyfus.

THREE MEN PERISH ON A DESOLATE RIVER. San Francisco Party of Prospectors Ascend Black River, Alaska, and Three Die of Scurvy.

SEATTLE, Aug. 31.—Advice from Dawson state that the news of the death of three members of a San Francisco party of four who wintered on the Black river has been received there. E. F. Amator, Herbert Earl, J. B. McDonald and C. D. Whitmore, known as the Amator party, of San Francisco, left Fort Yukon last fall for the Black river to prospect. They got up the river about 100 miles when winter overtook them and they were compelled to go into winter quarters. All four became sick with scurvy and before the river opened three of them died. C. D. Whitmore managed to rig up a boat and drifted down the river. He was found and taken in by some fishermen at the mouth of the Porcupine in a most helpless condition and was sent to the hospital at Circle City where he is now.

INCREASED ESTIMATES FOR NAVAL SERVICE. The Unprecedented Development of the Navy Show a Large Increase—Vessels Under Construction.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The secretary of the navy has directed that all estimates for requirements for naval service next year shall be submitted by tomorrow, September 1, thus giving him three months for co-ordinating them for submission to congress. The estimates show in general considerable increase all along the line, owing to the rapid development of the navy, the unprecedented amount of naval ship building now in progress and the enlarged demands growing out of the war and the acquisition of new territory. The largest item, \$18,000,000 under the head of increase of the navy, which is \$5,000,000 more than any previous estimate under this head. It is due to the unusual number of warships now in course of construction, aggregating 54 in all classes, the total being much in excess of the number in construction at any previous time in the history of the navy. These include 11 battleships, four monitors, three armored cruisers, six protected cruisers, thirty-three destroyers and torpedo boats and several miscellaneous craft, submarine boats, etc. Admiral Melville will also make estimates for the new engineering plants, equipments, tools, buildings, etc. at Norfolk, Port Royal, Port Orchard and Mare Island. The plants are old and the requirements now made on them induce the chief engineer to recommend the most modern appliances and such remodeling of buildings as will bring them up to date.

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DISPUTE MAY BE SETTLED

Transvaal Sends a Conciliatory Note to Great Britain.

OFFER MAY BE AGREED UPON

Boer Women Arming—Orders for Equipment Issued—Looks Very Much Like War.

PRETORIA, Aug. 31.—The Transvaal's note to Great Britain offering a five year franchise and other concessions was strongly worded and explaining that concessions were made with a sincere desire to fully settle all differences, and to put an end to the strained relations and to avert a disastrous war, therefore, a prompt answer was requested.

The note of Conyngham Green, in reply, was conciliatory and tantamount to an acceptance of the five year offer. It was agreed to waive the suggested commission of inquiry provided a representative to be appointed by Sir Alfred Milner should be given facilities in Pretoria to make an investigation of the franchise question, and provided the report of such representative should prove satisfactory. Otherwise the transvaal government was requested to await further suggestions from the imperial government before submitting new proposals to the Volksraad. Green's note in conclusion suggested a further conference at Cape Town.

BOER WOMEN ARMING. JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 31.—The Standard and Diggers News, of Johannesburg, describes the Boer women as warlike. They are forming rifle clubs in many districts and petitioning the Transvaal government against granting a franchise to the Uitlanders on a basis of a five year residence.

ORDERS FOR ARMS ISSUED. BLOEMFONTEIN, Aug. 31.—It is asserted by a local paper that orders have been given for an immediate supply of equipment and cartridges to the Orange Free State artillery.

LOOKS LIKE WAR. PRETORIA, Aug. 31.—President Kruger today announced to the Volksraad that he received a telegram from the governor of Mozambique, saying the detained ammunition would be forwarded immediately. The entire correspondence between the imperial and the Transvaal governments was read in open session and President Kruger asked Rand to meet secretly tonight for the purpose of considering the reply.

MINISTRY MY BE DISMISSED. LONDON, Aug. 31.—The Daily Chronicle publishes the following dispatch from Cape Town: It is rumored here that Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony, contemplates dismissing the Schreiner ministry under his special powers. If he does, it is feared that a rebellion will break out as the Dutch would believe that Great Britain is again forcing Cecil Rhodes to the front.

MEDALS FOR VOLUNTEERS. OLYMPIA, Aug. 31.—Governor Rogers has asked Mayor Humes, of Seattle, to take charge of the subscription fund to purchase medals for the returning volunteers to be presented on their arrival in Seattle. The design of the medal is a handsome cross made of gun metal suspended from a red white and blue ribbon. It will require about \$500 to purchase the desired number.

BIG FIRE AT BALLARD. SEATTLE, Aug. 31.—A fire at Ballard this afternoon, destroyed the plant of the Bay Lumber & Single Company, public school building and a small dwelling. The total loss is estimated at \$60,000, of which \$50,000 falls on the mill company.