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**ILLINOIS CENTRAL
IN HUGE LAWSUIT**

**Stockholders Sue Directors for
Many Millions**

Attorney, Holding Proxies, Gains Access to Meeting and Serves Subpoenas on All.

Chicago—Stockholders of the Illinois Central railroad company were given a lively half hour at their annual meeting through the efforts of Attorney Maxwell Edgar.

Holdings representing 784,866 shares of stock were present. Mr. Edgar arrived, armed with proxies for 60 shares, which enabled him to take part in the meeting. He was accompanied by two deputy sheriffs, who added to the confusion by serving subpoenas on the various directors in every lull in the meeting.

The subpoenas were in a suit for \$10,000,000 damages, which Mr. Edgar, constituting himself an attorney for the road, started in the Circuit court when he filed a praecipe in the case. The defendants to the suit are directors of the road whom Edgar seeks to hold responsible for alleged financial loss through car repair "graft," general mismanagement and alleged rebating.

While the two deputies were making things interesting in the meeting, half a dozen others guarded exits from the Park Row building, Mr. Edgar fearing that some of the directors might attempt to evade service. This precaution proved superfluous.

Three resolutions were introduced by the militant attorney. All were lost by overwhelming votes. He denounced the present management of the road, made the charge that its directors are incompetent and that its financial statements are juggled, and that its officials are dishonest and violating the interstate commerce law.

His first resolution was in support of these charges and called for an independent investigation of the board by a committee of prominent stockholders. He was voted down. A second resolution demanded that all directors who were not residents of Illinois be ousted on the ground that the constitution of the state prohibits the present proportion of outsiders on the board. This resolution was voted down without the formality of a roll call.

On his third and last attempt Mr. Edgar proposed a resolution asking that suit be brought against James T. Harahan, president of the road, and the estate of the late Ira G. Rawn, who was vice president before the car repair scandal came to light, on charges of gross neglect, criminal laxity and culpable negligence. This resolution was buried under another avalanche of contrary votes.

MANY SHIPS WRECKED.

Gulf Coast Storm Plays Havoc With Shipping.

Key West, Fla., Oct. 20.—Three vessels sunk, one steamer ashore and another disabled is a total of the disasters to shipping in the tropical hurricane which swept the West Indies and the southern section of the United States reported here. Several lighthouses along the coast have been reported dark.

Here and at St. Augustine the storm is abating, but no word has been received from other places and conditions are not known. This city has not been in communication with Southern Florida points for three days. Much anxiety is felt about Miami. The wind was still blowing 75 miles an hour here today, but the barometer was rising.

Early this morning the sloop Frolic was dashed to pieces against the sea wall and a power launch was sunk, but no lives were lost.

The Norwegian steamer Fos, from Port Tampa, October 12, for Europe, via Norfolk, is ashore off Boca Grande island. Her crew of 18 has arrived here. The American steamer Herman Frasch, from New York, for Sabine, Tex., is disabled off Alligator Key lighthouse.

Arizonans Would Be Radical.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Making up for time lost in getting ready for business, delegates in the constitutional convention introduced 28 proposals. One of these would render all public offices subject to recall. Two provide drastic incorporation regulations designed to curb trust combinations and stop the thriving trade in Arizona charters. Others will limit the number of bills introduced in the legislature and restrict the railroad commission of the new state to five members, who would not have free transportation.

Slayer of Empress Dies.

Geneva—Luigi Luccheni, who assassinated the empress of Austria in 1898, committed suicide here in prison. Two days ago Luccheni went violently insane.

BALLOONISTS MAY BE LOST.

Three Racers Have Dropped in Lakes or in Canadian Wilds.

St. Louis, Oct. 22.—Relief expeditions to search for the pilots and aides of the three missing balloons, Azorea, Dusseldorf II and America II, which started in the international race here, will be started from Toronto tomorrow if no news is received from the aeronauts before that time. This announcement was made tonight by officials of the Aero club of St. Louis.

The situation in reference to the unreported balloons assumed a most serious aspect tonight. It is believed here that the men have landed somewhere in the wilds of Canada, where they may be the victims of starvation before succor can reach them.

The German balloon Germania, Captain Hugo von Abercron, pilot, and August Blankertz, aide, landed at Cococash, Quebec, 179 miles north of Quebec, Wednesday morning. This is approximately 1,195 miles and may mean that all world's records have been broken.

The Aero Club tonight called upon General James Allen, chief of the United States Signal corps at Washington, D. C., to have the revenue cutters patrolling the Great Lakes look for wreckage in Lake Huron. Steamship companies which have vessels plying Lake Huron and Georgian Bay have been requested to join in the search.

The Ontario government, through its lieutenant governor, J. M. Gibson, tonight notified the club that it would assist in the search for the missing men. The Hudson Bay company also has replied favorably to the request for assistance sent from here today.

It was announced tonight that a representative of the Aero Club would be sent to Toronto to organize the relief expeditions.

FIFTY MEN STILL MISSING.

Reports Received So Far Show Total of 13 Drowned in Shipwrecks.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 22.—Only the disasters at sea remain to be counted in obtaining complete reports of the damage done by the great hurricane which swept this state early this week. Although wire and rail communication has not been restored to many cities in the state, including Miami and Key West, all points for which fears were entertained have been heard from and all weathered the big blow in fairly good shape.

Thirteen drowned in shipwrecks is the most authentic count at hand, including those reported on both coasts of Florida.

Word came from St. Augustine that three dead had been found in the wreck of an unidentified four-masted schooner near Detray.

The missing total at least 50, including the crew of nine on the oil barge Dallas, which broke adrift from her tow in 100-mile blow.

ATHLETIC FAN IS SUICIDE.

Boy Quits Job to See Game; When Parents Scold, Hangs Self.

Philadelphia — Excitement over the world's series between the Chicago Nationals and the Philadelphia Americans, it is said, was the cause of suicide of Frank Ayers, 15 years old. Ayers was a delivery boy in a department store, and when he was refused permission to absent himself to see the game here, the boy gave up his position. When his parents learned that the lad had quit work, the boy was sent to bed without his supper. Later, he was found hanging to a balustrade, having used a sheet for a noose.

Airship Scares Fishermen.

Noank, Conn.—When the auxiliary fishing schooner Ada Bell put in here the crew told of a narrow escape they had, of being hit by the equilibrator of the Wellman airship. Captain Christophsen said that they were fishing on Nantucket shoals when a large dark object appeared, which they took to be a heavy bank of fog. As the object approached, however, they saw something bumping along on top of the water, and the motor was started just in time to get the boat out of the way as the airship passed.

Famous Hotel Bankrupt.

New York—The Hoffman House, at Broadway and Twenty-fifth street, one of New York's most famous hotels, was thrown into bankruptcy. Judge Bolt, in the Federal court, appointed a receiver with authority to continue business, and it was said that the whole matter soon would be adjusted by a reorganization.

Fifty Drown in Shipwreck.

New Orleans—A cablegram from Rio Janeiro to the Picayune says: "The steamship Wally was wrecked near the lighthouse at Arrosales, off Para, and is a total loss. Some of the passengers were rescued, but it is believed that nearly 50 were drowned."

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