

## UNION PACIFIC CUTS MELON TO STOCKHOLDERS

Directors Approve Distribution of \$80,000,000 Worth of Baltimore & Ohio Stock to Common Stockholders—Dividend Cut to 8 Per Cent.

Preferred Stockholders Secure Injunction to Prevent Distribution—Procedure to Follow Later.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Directors of the Union Pacific company here today approved the plan of the executive committee to distribute more than \$80,000,000 worth of Baltimore & Ohio stock, held by the Union Pacific, to common stockholders.

The directors also approved the recommendation to reduce the dividend rate on common stock from 10 to 8 per cent.

It was rumored this afternoon that the Baltimore & Ohio stock would be distributed to stockholders of record March 2.

The directors' decision was announced by Judge Lovett. He said the procedure of distributing the stock would be decided later.

Judge Lovett denied he had heard of any opposition of preferred stockholders and convertible bondholders to the distribution plan. He said he knew of no reason why preferred stockholders should share in the distribution of a cash bonus.

Suit to prevent the distribution of the stock of the Baltimore & Ohio to common stockholders was instituted against the Union Pacific directors this afternoon by preferred stockholders.

## CARDEN TRANSFER STILL UNDECIDED

LONDON, Jan. 8.—English newspapers referred today for the first time to the possibility of Sir Lionel Carden's transfer from the British legation in Mexico City to some other diplomatic post. That his transfer had been considered was generally agreed, but the consensus of journalistic opinion was that nothing had been decided definitely.

"Not a step in the Carden matter will be taken," said the London Post, "so long as the present indefinite conditions exist in Mexico."

Reuters, the news agency, was "authoritatively informed that whatever transfer may be made, there is no intention to have Carden leave Mexico City in the immediate future, meaning within the next few months. Also there has been no question of his recall."

## WILSON REFUSES TO STAY LONGER

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss., Jan. 8.—President Wilson was asked by a delegation of Mississippians today to delay his departure from Pass Christian until January 18. He declined.

The delegation represented Mississippi valley improvement organizations. It urged the president to make part of his journey to Washington on railroads along the Mississippi river and view the ravages caused by floods. The delegation also asked the president to aid in the fight to have Colonel Goethals and other canal constructors prepare some scheme to prevent further flood damage.

## STEAMER BATTLE ABBEY IS BURNED AT SEA

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 8.—That the steamer Battle Abbey was burned at sea December 31 was the word brought here today by the captain and crew who were picked up and landed here today.

## TWO BRIGADIER GENERALS TO COMMAND AMERICAN TROOPS NEAR THE MEXICAN BORDER



Brigadier-General Hunter Liggett and Brigadier-General Franklin J. Bell have been ordered to Texas City, Texas, to command the American troops near the Mexican border. The order of the war department does not mean a change of policy by President Wilson in regard to Mexico, but should the time come when these troops must act against Mexico they will be in the hands of soldiers in whom the war department has confidence.

## CITY OWNERSHIP OF TROLLEY LINES FOR LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 8.—Ultimate municipal ownership of street car lines in Los Angeles is advocated today in a report on the physical valuation of the Los Angeles railway properties made to the city council by the board of public utilities here. The physical valuation of the properties is placed at \$10,800,000.

The report of the board was made after an investigation of more than a year by a committee of expert engineers. It further declares that the railroad company resorted to "dangerous practices" during the last year by paying a dividend of \$800,000 that "was not warranted by the earnings."

"The city and the company should get together on the basis of protecting the rights of both parties," the report reads. A contract, it urges, should be entered into giving the city the right to purchase the various railway lines at reasonable intervals at a fair price, which is not to include the franchise values.

## HIGHER PRICES RULE IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Prices in a majority of cases were higher at the opening of the stock market today. There was also a good demand for the favorite stocks.

Texas Company, Reading and Erie were bid up a point, and American Snuff and Rumley preferred rose 1/4. American Sugar and New Haven declined 1/4. Later the better feeling which had pervaded the market was undermined by the weakness of New Haven. The latter stock dropped two points on its unfavorable November earnings, and other representative stocks reacted half or more. Bonds were firm.

The market closed steady.

## ANNUAL WAR SCARE SPRUNG BY WOOD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Congressman Bartholdt, the house of representatives' foremost peace advocate, refused today to work up any excitement over General Leonard Wood's plea as chief of the army staff, for \$8,000,000 to buy more field guns and ammunition.

"It's merely the annual war scare," said Bartholdt. "This time they're using the Mexican situation to try and frighten congress into appropriating more. That's the one thing all this agitation is fomented for—the single purpose of influencing congress."

## METHODIST BRANCH IN CONNECTION WITH STATE UNIVERSITY

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Jan. 8.—A denominational religious department in connection with a state university is the unique scheme being perfected today by Methodist leaders of Illinois who are working in conjunction with the officials of the University of Illinois here. Within a few months the Wesley Foundation will consist of a \$200,000 endowment fund for this purpose according to announcement of Executive Secretary McGannon today.

The Wesley Foundation is incorporated under the laws of Illinois. Courses in religious instruction by prominent Methodist divines and theologians will be offered to regular students of the university, and due credit given by the university for the work done. Bachelor's degrees will be given for courses combined from the Methodist department and other departments of the university.

## HOUSE COMPLETES ANTI-TRUST BILLS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—So far as the house sub-committee on judiciary is concerned, the administration's anti-trust legislation program was completed today. Every phase of the trust question had been covered in bills prepared and will be ready for submission to the full committee when congress reassembles Monday.

Representative Clayton of Alabama, chairman of the committee, issued this afternoon the following statement:

"Bills touching every phase of the subject have been prepared. Just as soon as the full committee returns to Washington they will be taken up for consideration."

## IMPRISONMENT FOR GERMAN OFFICERS

STRASSBURG, Jan. 8.—For the army officers before a court martial charged with brutal treatment of civilians at the time of the recent anti-military riots at Zabern, province of Alsace, light sentences would be sufficient, the prosecutor announced today.

He suggested seven days imprisonment for Colonel von Reuter and three for Lieutenant Schad, the former for wrongful imprisonment and the latter for assault.

There were other accusations against the officers but the prosecutor dropped them.

## O'SHAUGHNESSY CONSULTS LIND AT VERA CRUZ

Rumored a Change of Policy on America's Part is Contemplated—Huerta Again Talks of Resigning and Taking Field Against Rebels.

Recall of O'Shaughnessy Denied by President Wilson—Diplomats Credit Rumors.

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss., Jan. 8.—That John Lind's purpose in visiting President Wilson was to recommend Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy's recall was positively denied at the Wilson cottage here this afternoon. On the contrary, it was stated that Lind spoke of O'Shaughnessy in the highest terms, expressing warm appreciation of his work.

Goes to Vera Cruz

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Jan. 8.—Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy of the United States embassy in Mexico City arrived here today to confer with John Lind, President Wilson's personal representative.

O'Shaughnessy brought his wife with him but they left their little son at the capital. It was believed this was to put an extinguisher on reports that they had closed the embassy and left Mexico City for good.

President Huerta offered the O'Shaughnessy's a special train for the trip but the charge d'affaires declined with thanks.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 8.—The report that General Huerta was about to resign the Mexican presidency to take the field personally against the rebels was current again today.

Huerta to Resign? It was unconfirmed but persistent rumors that Huerta himself was telling friends in the Catholic party that he had decided on the step. Diplomats here inclined to credit rumors that the United States was considering adoption of an entirely new Mexican policy. As to what it was, however, none could guess.

The surmise that some change was due in Mexican American relations seemed to be based mainly on Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy's journey to Vera Cruz to see John Lind, President Wilson's envoy, so soon after the latter's return from a conference with the American chief executive. That Lind had brought back fresh instructions was the general opinion.

High Mexican officials denied that any Mexicans accompanied Lind on his trip to Pass Christian.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB BANQUET AND JINX AT MEDFORD HOTEL

Seats for 100 or more have been provided at the Commercial club's annual banquet at 7:30 o'clock at the Medford Hotel tonight. A most interesting program has been proposed and all members of the club as well as any other residents desirous of becoming members are invited. Tickets can be obtained from Secretary Streets at the club building or at the hotel this evening, price \$1.00.

A temporary stage has been erected for the Revolver's club minstrels and a special program of music provided. Short speeches will be made by leading citizens and directors for the ensuing year elected.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—A semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent on its common stock and 2 per cent on its preferred stock was declared here this afternoon by the directors of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

## CARDINAL FARLEY BANS THE NEW DANCES AS IMMODEST



Cardinal Farley and various bishops throughout the United States have declared their disapproval of any entertainment given by Catholics in which the tango, the one step glide or the maxixe are indulged in.

## SULZER THREATENS SCANDAL PROBE IN LEGISLATURE

ALBANY, Jan. 8.—With a well-bossed Tammany senate glaring across the corridor at a defiant republican assembly, the New York legislature of 1914 is in session here today. It is the first New York legislature that ever had an impeached governor in its membership, and the first that has had a free lance assembly, although the republicans elected a majority of the members.

The republicans had looked forward to this session as an opportunity for them to enact such progressive measures as workmen's compensation, direct primaries and reform ballot. A republican conference in New York pledged the assemblymen to these measures, but the democrats forestalled the gathering of this political ammunition by passing these same progressive bills during the final days of the special session of the democratic legislature.

## CURRENCY BOARD MEETS IN BOSTON

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Secretary of Agriculture Houston left for Boston this afternoon. They will hold a currency hearing there tomorrow.

## KRUEGER SIGNS WITH NEW FEDERAL LEAGUE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 8.—A three-year contract with the Kansas City club of the Federal league was signed here today by Art Krueger, a member of the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast league. Krueger is an outfielder.

## SPRECKLES MUST PAY SUBSCRIPTION TO FRISCO FAIR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 8.—By an oral decision handed down here today by Superior Judge Seawell the Panama Pacific Exposition company is victor in its suit against Rudolph Spreckles, multi-millionaire, for \$17,500 as part of a subscription to the fair, subscribed by Spreckles in 1910.

Spreckles made one payment of \$5000 and another of \$2500 on a \$25,000 subscription. He refused to pay the remaining \$17,500, claiming that his contract was abrogated because it was made with the explicit provision that it would become void unless the federal government extended aid.

Judge Seawell ruled that Spreckles waived the original contract in a letter of March, 1911, and in which he inclosed a check for \$2500. This payment was made after the Kahn bill asking for federal aid had been defeated.

## MILITIA REMAINS AT COPPERFIELD

COPPERFIELD, Ore., Jan. 8.—Three militiamen under Sergeant Renard of Portland are maintaining martial law in Copperfield today. All attempt to induce the deposed city officials to resign was made by Col. Lawson and Sheriff Rand. Following their refusal, Colonel Lawson announced that the militia would remain in control in Copperfield until a new city government was established. Colonel Lawson, Sheriff Rand and Attorney Frank Collier, Governor Wes's legal representative are in Baker today.

## WAITRESS LEAPS INTO WILLAMETTE—IS SAVED

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 8.—Leaping into the Willamette river here this afternoon in an attempt at suicide, Miss Hazel Ward, 20 years of age, a waitress, was picked up by several men in a boat after she had floated 1500 feet. She was unconscious when rescued, but was resuscitated. No cause is known for her act.

## ADRIFT AT SEA FOR FIFTY HOURS IN OPEN BOAT

Captain and Crew of British Bark Battle Abbey Forced to Abandon Burning Ship and Escape in Life-boat—Collier Probably Destroyed.

Coal Caught Fire From Spontaneous Combustion—One Boat Smashed in Getting Away 300 Miles at Sea.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 8.—Drifting for fifty hours in an open boat on the ocean, 300 miles off Los Angeles, before being picked up by the German bark Eibek on January 2, was the experience of Captain T. H. Marsters, wife and two children and crew of sixteen men after they had abandoned the British bark Battle Abbey, which was burning fiercely. Captain Thode, in charge of the Eibek, brought the vessel into port today when he and the master of the ill-fated Battle Abbey came ashore and told their story.

In telling of his experience, Captain Marsters said:

"We sailed from Newcastle, October 18, and had fair weather for the first few days. We had been out about three weeks when the coal caught fire. The fire spread and the temperature increased. On December 31 the temperature had risen to 138 degrees, and for fear of an explosion we decided to abandon the Battle Abbey.

"The weather was bad and a heavy sea was running. We attempted to lower two boats, but smashed one in getting it over. We then all got into the one boat, but stove a hole in it in getting it launched.

"We had not sighted shore for several days, but it was thought we were 300 miles out at sea.

"After getting into the boat we headed for shore. We had plenty of water and provisions to last us several days. We put up a sail, but that afternoon we encountered the heaviest gale we had struck on the trip. The waves broke over the boat and we were all soon drenched to the skin. However, all seemed to stand the strain, probably owing to the excitement.

Probably Blew Up "It was about 10 o'clock on Wednesday when we left the vessel and it was just before noon on Friday that we sighted the Eibek. We managed to put the boat around and get in the ship's course, and they had no trouble in sighting us.

"We were mighty glad to be taken aboard the Eibek, and after we had been supplied with dry clothing and hot coffee we felt just as good as ever."

Captain Marsters stated that the doomed vessel was smoking badly when they left and that owing to the gas coal with which it was loaded, it had probably blown up before this.

## MOYER ON VERGE OF TOTAL COLLAPSE

HANCOCK, Mich., Jan. 8.—President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners was on the verge of collapse when he arrived here at noon today. His wounded shoulder had troubled him more than he expected and the strain of his journey told severely upon him.

Thorough preparations had been made to protect him, however. Fifteen deputies were waiting at the South Shore station when his train pulled in, and helping him into a cruiser automobile, the entire party escorted him to the Scott hotel.

At the hotel, after a short rest, he went into conference with Victor Berger of Milwaukee and other socialist leaders. He had an engagement to see Governor Ferris later.