

LAKE SHORE MERGED WITH CENTRAL LINES

\$300,000,000 Consolidation Effected—Every Share of Lake Shore Stock Traded for Five Shares of New Corporation—Hundred Million Bonds Issued.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 22.—Consolidation of the Lake Shore Railroad company with the New York Central Railway company was effected here today at a meeting of Lake Shore stockholders when they ratified action taken by New York Central stockholders July 20 last. The merger involves \$300,000,000.

Under the plans for the merger, every share of Lake Shore stock will be traded for five shares of stock in the new corporation. The Lake Shore was incorporated on August 14, 1869, in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania and New York. It was a consolidation of the Buffalo & Erie, Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana, Cleveland, Painesville & Ashtabula and the Cleveland & Toledo railroads. It comprises 1872 miles of road, extending from Buffalo to Chicago, with many branches.

Subsidiary Companies

The entire stock of the Lake Erie, Alliance & Wheeling Railroad company, the Lake Erie, Alliance & Wheeling Coal company, the Toledo & Ohio Central railroad and the Chicago, Indiana & Southern is said to be owned by the Lake Shore road.

While the Big Four has been operated on an independent basis since May 1, 1914, the Lake Shore is said to retain control of a majority of the Big Four capital stock.

Other holdings of the Lake Shore are: Majority of the capital stock of the Nickel Plate, Lake Erie & Western and the Pittsburg & Lake Erie. Jointly with the Michigan Central, the entire capital stock of the Battle Creek & Sturgis railway, the Detroit, Toledo & Milwaukee railroad and the majority of the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad, and jointly with the Pittsburg & Lake Erie, the entire capital stock of the Pittsburg, McKeesport & Youghiogheny Railroad company.

Own Reading Company

In January, 1903, the Lake Shore and Baltimore & Ohio acquired a substantial interest in the capital stocks of the Reading company. Figures for the period ended December 31, 1912, show that the Lake Shore owned Reading stock valued at \$30,332,500, thus divided \$6,065,000 first preferred, \$14,265,000 second preferred and \$25,500,000 common.

The Lake Shore late yesterday filed a deed of record here to the Central Trust company and G. F. Littleton, trustee of New York, securing an issue of \$100,000,000 twenty-five year 4 per cent gold bonds, covering all equipment, real estate, etc. It is dated July 1, 1914. This is one of the first legal steps taken in conjunction with the merger.

BURGLARS SLAY TEXAS MILLIONAIRE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 22.—William Montrose Alexander of Dallas, Tex., said to be a millionaire, was shot and killed today by one of two burglars whom he discovered in his home. W. M. Alexander, Jr., endeavoring to go to the aid of his father, was shot in the right breast. A bullet also tore off the index finger of his left hand.

Miss Penelope Alexander, one of the daughters, heard the shots fired by her brother and rushed to his aid. With a silver backed hairbrush she beat the burglar upon the head as he struggled to free himself from the grasp of her wounded brother. The burglar finally broke away from young Alexander and his sister and escaped.

Alexander practiced law in Dallas twenty years. He removed to Washington, D. C., three years ago, where his daughters, Penelope and Louise, attended school. The family spent last year in Europe and had occupied their home here but a week. Physicians say young Alexander is not seriously wounded.

Portland Livestock Market

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts 38; steady. Hogs—Receipts 105; unchanged. Sheep—Receipts 469; strong.

SEEK WITNESSES FOR PROSECUTION OF MURDERER

Names of witnesses who are alleged to have heard Loris Martin, game poaching murderer of Game Warden A. S. Hubbard, make death threats against his victim, are being collected by the prosecutor's office to appear before the February grand jury. Some of these witnesses come from Ashland, some from this city, and some from Gold Hill, and will be but one of the links in the chains of evidence the state will wrap around the notorious defier of game laws.

Though Martin is safe behind the bars of the county jail, his influence is still felt in the Trail district. Residents of that section gave Coroner Kellogg valuable tips, but always with the admonishment that their names be withheld, for fear of the wrath of Martin's friends, and those who hold the same contempt for the game laws. Martin's boastings of his prowess with a gun were regular features of his rare visits to civilization from his mountain cabin.

In one of the local banks, it is said, Martin has on deposit between \$2000 and \$3000, his life savings from the sale of skins and poaching, and this amount he will spend in trying to escape a life term in state's prison.

Close examination of the coat Hubbard wore when he met his death shows that it was buttoned on the throat, a bullet hole passing through both lapels, with a downward slant, disproving Martin's contention that he saw the butt of Hubbard's revolver, when he fired.

The funeral services of Game Warden Hubbard were held from Ashland Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the Elks, many attending from this city.

A steel bridge is to span the Umatilla river at Mission.

REGISTRATION THOUSAND SHY

Registration for the election and vote upon the new charter January 12, closes tomorrow night at 7:00 o'clock, and up to noon today, was over 1000 shy of the normal registration, the total being but 689. The registration for the last city election was 1776 1978 more than registered. City Recorder Foss, said today that unless unprecedented rush the closing day, the registration would not be much in excess of 1000.

All good citizens are urged to register, this afternoon and tomorrow. The books are open in the city hall from 1 p. m. to 7 p. m. daily. Unless registered regularly, to vote at the city election, requires a trying amount of red tape.

DISPUTE POPULATION OF MEDFORD CITY

Resumption of the hearings of the suit of the California-Oregon Power company against the city of Medford brought out the interesting query, "What is the population of Medford?" The city, whose testimony is now being offered, maintains 12,000, and the power company holds there are only 9000. To controvert this contention, Special Counsel Gus Newbury introduced a letter written by an official of the company saying that there were 12,000 people in the city. This letter was afterwards designated by the company's attorneys as "boosting literature."

The completion of the taking of the testimony is expected to be concluded tomorrow morning or late this afternoon, when the evidence will be transcribed and submitted to Federal Judge Wolverton for a decision, which in the ordinary course of business will not be rendered before the May term of court.

WILSON REFUSES TO ENTER PATRONAGE FIGHT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson is disinclined to look upon differences with the senate over appointments as a patronage fight and told chatters today the administration was concerned with larger questions. He indicated there would be no moves in the interests of men whom he has nominated and the senate has rejected.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO ERECT FINE BUILDING AT FAIR

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Housed in an imposing two story structure, seventy feet in height, and occupying in ground space an area almost equal to San Francisco's new million dollar auditorium the Southern Pacific company's exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International exposition promises to be one of the most attractive on the 1915 grounds. The location is ideal. The Southern Pacific building will be in the heart of the grounds, at the head of Palm avenue. It will adjoin Machinery Hall and the Panama Canal exhibit, and be at one end of the concessions district.

The architecture of the building will be Renaissance. The front will be set off by a series of Corinthian columns and there will be six entrances, the three main ones being on Palm avenue. The interior will include what is to be known as the "Sunset Theater," where visitors will find an abundance of varied entertainment. The theater will have a seating capacity of four hundred. The central or main exhibit room, two hundred feet square, will be devoted to a unique and instructive exhibit pertaining to the Southern Pacific company's business. While the specific nature of this exhibit has not been revealed, the promise is made that it will prove an exceptionally interesting and instructive one, both to the Pacific Coast resident and to the visitor who comes out here from other climes. Between the entrances and the exhibit sections there will be spacious and highly decorated lobbies.

The company has stipulated with the exposition people to reserve between thirteen and fourteen thousand feet of space in on wing of the structure for such space as may be desired by other transportation companies, rail or steamer, and offices of this kind will be confined to this building. The convenience to exposition visitors of concentrating the transportation offices in this manner is obvious. In addition the building, which was designed by the Southern Pacific Maintenance of Way department, will have rest rooms for men and women, a smoking room for men, and an information bureau for the convenience of all visitors, and a ticket office. The exterior will be prettily set off by a parking arrangement for the exploitation of California's trees and flowers.

AUSTRIA REFUSES TO PAY INTEREST

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Austria-Hungary will pay no money, for the present, at least, to alien enemies who hold her 4 1/2 per cent notes, due January 1 next, according to announcement made here today by Dr. Constantin Dumba, Austria-Hungarian ambassador to the United States. Dr. Dumba said that the redemption of notes held by citizens of countries at war with Austria-Hungary "will be temporarily suspended."

Other holders of such notes, it was announced, must accompany the notes by affidavits assuring the government that no alien enemies have any interest in the securities to be redeemed.

INDIAN WAR PICTURES ON STAR THEATER PROGRAM

The war pictures that were produced by the United States government last year are being shown at the Star theatre today for the last time. The pictures are very interesting and were produced at great expense as it was necessary to secure the assistance of several of the old Indian fighters from different parts of the country, and some of the Indians that took part were from almost every one of the western states. About 5990 Indians and United States soldiers are used in the production.

The Star is giving away souvenirs this week each night at 8:45 and last night a capacity house was on hand to see the excellent program that has been arranged for the first two days of the week and enjoyed the entertainment very much.

The Star will give a continuous performance daily this week commencing at 1:15 p. m. and running until 10:45 p. m.

CANADIAN PACIFIC BUYS FOUR STEAMERS

LONDON, Dec. 22, 2:30 p. m.—A message to the Evening Star from Belfast says that the Canadian Pacific Railway company has purchased four ships which are being constructed at Belfast and Glasgow. Their cost is said to be in excess of \$7,500,000.

BROKEN RAILROADS NORTHERN FRANCE BEING REPAIRED

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 22, 8:43 a. m.—The Telegraf learns from Berlin that the Germans have restored the railways from Charleville, in the department of the Ardennes, opposite Metz, to Rheims and from Hirson, in Alsace, to Montmedy, in the department of Meuse, twenty five miles north of Verdun, which the French destroyed when retreating early in the war.

The railways to Givet, in the department of Ardennes, on the Belgian border, according to the same dispatch, will be opened shortly, while the bridges over the Meuse near Lumes, Filze and Donchery, all southeast of Metz, are again open. Blocked tunnels near Montmedy and Mohon, the last named point just south of Metz, also have been put into condition to be utilized.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Christmas exercises at the Presbyterian church commemorative of the birth of Jesus Christ will be as follows: On Thursday at 2:30 p. m. the primary department of the Sunday school will give its program. There will be class exercises, recitations and songs by the little folks. To these enjoyable things all the parents, and every one that loves the children and is interested in their moral training, are invited. The children will bring their offering to foreign missions. At 7:30 the other department of the Sunday school meets with all the people of the church to enjoy a service of song and readings. There will be the giving of gifts.

PRESIDENT NEUTRAL UPON WAR SHIPMENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson has taken no stand on pending bills to prohibit export of war munitions to belligerents in Europe, and told callers today he had not expressed any opinion to congressmen.

DRINK HOT TEA FOR A BAD COLD

Get a small package of Hamburg Brest Tea, or as the German folks call it, "Hamburger Brust Tee," at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of the tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teaspoon full at any time during the day or before retiring. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores of the skin, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus driving a cold from the system.

RUB BACKACHE AND LUMBAGO RIGHT OUT

Rub Pain and Stiffness away with a small bottle of old honest St. Jacobs Oil. When your back is sore and lame or lumbago, sciatica or rheumatism has you stiffened up, don't suffer! Get a 25 cent bottle of old, honest "St. Jacobs Oil" at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it right into the pain or ache, and by the time you count fifty, the soreness and lameness is gone. Don't stay crippled! This soothing, penetrating oil needs to be used only once. It takes the ache and pain right out of your back and ends the misery. It is magical, yet absolutely harmless and doesn't burn the skin. Nothing else stops lumbago, sciatica and lame back misery so promptly!

CZAR WELCOMED TO MOSCOW BY CIVIC AUTHORITIES

MOSCOW, via Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The arrival of the emperor and empress here Monday was marked by an enthusiastic reception at the railway station. The emperor was welcomed by the civil and military authorities and the delegates of the Zemstvo.

M. Telchukoff, the new lord mayor of Moscow, in presenting bread and salt to the emperor, took occasion to deliver a speech of welcome, in which he pointed out the loyalty of the people to the emperor, and thanked him for the benefits arising from the abolition of the government monopoly on vodka, which was largely due, he declared, to the efforts of the emperor.

The lord mayor spoke of the brave fight the Russian army was making in the field and predicted a victory and a resurrection of justice for all Slavs and for all peoples. The emperor thanked the lord mayor for the sentiments expressed.

NEWLANDS HARBOR BILL TO BE DELAYED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson does not think it possible to pass at the present session of congress the Newlands bill, creating a commission for the systematic co-ordination of rivers and harbors improvements. He declared today he thought it too large a subject to be disposed of in a short time.

The Chewaucan press says several hundred thousand dollars worth of property is awaiting action of the desert land board that has been delayed several months.

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GERMAN SOCIALIST TO FIGHT FOR FRANCE

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 22, 9:04 a. m.—A Berlin dispatch published in the Telegraf confirms the report that Dr. Georges Weill, the socialist member of the reichstag for Metz, who was with Jean Leon Jaurès, the French socialist leader, when the latter was shot in Paris, volunteered for service in the French army August 5 last. Dr. Weill's disappearance from Germany has caused considerable comment.

The Vorwaerts, the organ of the German socialists, strongly condemns the action of Dr. Weill.

FOR CHRISTMAS

Nothing nicer for Christmas than Governor Johnson and Mt. Pitt cities in Christmas boxes.

MORE EQUIPMENT FOR XMAS MAIL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—To handle the greatest volume of Christmas mail in the history of the post department, it has been found necessary to purchase additional equipment in the open market.

The department has been supplied with two thousand mail bags a day for six months, but yesterday, to provide increased equipment particularly for use in large cities, 175,000 burlap bags were purchased and another large order probably will be placed today.

Additional transportation equipment, including cars, automobiles and wagons, as well as several thousand emergency employes in the railway mail service and city delivery service, has been put into operation.

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Roquefort and Tillamook Cheese.	Richardson & Robbins Plum Pudding
Pate de Fois Gras	Heinz Bulk Mince-meat
Deviled Sardines	Crystallized Stem Ginger
Anchovy Paste	Pressed Figs
Shrimp Paste	Fard Dates
Caviar	Pecan and Walnut Halves
Whole French Quail, truffled, stuffed with Fois Gras	Almond Meats
Cresca Whole Roast Chicken	Cresca Malaga Table Raisins
Anchovies in Oil	Cresca Stuffed Prunes
Olives, stuffed with Anchovy	After-Dinner Mints
Olives stuffed with Olives in Oil	Walnuts, Almonds, Brazil, Pecans and Filberts, Popcorn, Candy, Oranges, Florida Grape Fruit, all Fruits and Vegetables in Market.
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