

RAILROAD CHIEFS DIVIDED SOUTH BETWEEN THEM

Presidents Smith of the L. & N. and Spencer of the Southern, as "Pizarro and Cortez," Partitioned Railroad Properties of Southern Atlantic States.

(By GILSON GARDNER) WASHINGTON, May 16.—How two railroad presidents met in a private car at a little town in Georgia, October 25, 1894, and comparing themselves to Pizarro and Cortez dividing the western continent between them, proceeded to divide the railroad properties of the South Atlantic states, is told in a series of letters just dug up by the Interstate Commerce commission, which passed between Milton H. Smith, president of the Louisville & Nashville railroad and the late Samuel Spencer, then president of the Southern railroad. These letters are marked "personal and confidential." The first is dated "On Pennsylvania R. R. train No. 21, Feb. 22, 1895, and was addressed by President Smith to President Spencer, 80 Broadway, N. Y."

Pizarro and Cortez. "Dear Sir: Pizarro—How shall we divide the new world?" "Cortez—I will take North America and you can have all of South America except ———. And neither of us will do anything to the Indians without notice and cooperation of the other."

"Pizarro—While Patagonia is not a very large or important part of the world, yet perhaps it is as much as I can take."

"Refer to typewritten report of our interview at Kennesaw, Ga., on October 25, 1894, and to the interviews and correspondence that has taken place since that date and to that portion of our interview of this morning relating to the future of certain railroads that are or may be tributary or competitive with roads controlled by the L. & N. R. R. and the Southern Railway. May it not be well to review the subject and perhaps make our understandings more specific. Your affairs since our interview in October, 1894, progressed with rapidity and without so far as I know, encountering serious difficulties. You have acquired the U. S. & F. Atlanta & Florida and the Central Railroad has been reorganized in accordance with your plans."

Some Railroads Killed. And so on for about 2000 words of great detail, going into every small piece of track in the territory south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers. As to some of the roads, the agreement provided that the roads be kept alive, while others were to be allowed to die of lack of sufficient freight. The great detail with which the agreement was carried out is shown by the following quotation from one of President Smith's letters: "I was greatly disappointed to learn from Mr. Gault that the T. C. & I. R. R. Co., and especially Mr. Nat Baxter, Jr., who had endorsed for Mr. Jere Baxter to the amount of \$75,000 would, under the arrangement, be paid in full. As you know, I was very desirous that these parties should lose their investment. The relations of Mr. Nat Baxter, Jr. as president of the Tennessee C. & I. R. R. Co., to the Southern, N. C. & St. L., and the L. & N. roads, are such as to justify retaliation for any such aid to the construction of a line intended to injure a line in which upon the important interests that have gone and are going much to promote the interests of the T. C. & I. R. R. Co."

In one of these letters, President Samuel Spencer, writing to President Smith from New York, February 29, 1895, refers again to the Pizarro-Cortez agreement as follows: "Dear Sir: Your interview of the 25th 1894."

"Pizarro: How are you getting along? How the division of the new world between us has come some progress."

Agreement Between Lines. "Cortez: Yes, and soon I have acquired Patagonia and I have secured a considerable part of North America which included my former territory, but it seems to me you have acquired a considerable part of the territory which is the connecting link between us. Was it understood that connect by links which linked both of us should be a matter of consultation before giving effect?"

"Pizarro: I agree that it is desirable to review the subject if practicable, to make our understandings more specific. The principles on which I think this understanding should be based are: 1. That neither the L. & N. nor the Southern shall acquire the territory of the

FIFTEEN YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT FOR SLAUGHTER

OROVILLE, Cal., May 16.—Rev. Madison Slaughter, convicted here of assault upon 15-year-old Gertrude Lamson, was today sentenced to fifteen years in San Quentin prison. Judge Gregory denied a motion for a new trial. W. H. Schooner, attorney for Slaughter, said he would appeal the case immediately, one of the grounds being that the jury was influenced by newspaper and public opinion.

The minister received his sentence calmly. His wife, daughters and women sympathizers burst out crying when sentence was pronounced.

Is Second Trial. Slaughter's first trial ended April 2 in a jury disagreement.

Slaughter was found guilty last Saturday with a recommendation of mercy at the end of his second trial. The troubles of the minister began late last year when he read out of his church a woman whom he declared a neopagan. Shortly after Gertrude Lamson told her story of attacks upon her by Slaughter, whose church she attended. The evidence was placed before a grand jury, where Fred Lamson, the girl's father, and her mother repudiated their daughter as a liar. They reported their repudiation on the witness stand at both trials. Almost since the beginning Gertrude Lamson had been held apart from her parents in a detention home.

Mother Helped Defense. It was brought out in the first trial that the girl's mother listened in the next room and took notes for the defense when prosecuting attorneys interviewed her at her home.

During the first trial public opinion one way or the other over the pastor's dilemma led Judge Gregory to forbid all pulp sermons or public lectures on the Slaughter case. After the first trial Slaughter was hung in effigy at a public street corner in Chico.

There were five counts in the indictment found against the minister last June, all charging illicit relations with Gertrude Lamson, both in the parsonage and in the girl's home. Mrs. Lamson testified that Gertrude had been sent to the minister for instruction.

LACK OF DYESTUFFS AFFECTING HOSE

PHILADELPHIA, May 16. Lack of dyestuffs, the scarcity of needles, the need for commercial preparations to meet new conditions at the close of the war, and the doing away with fixed prices in the knit goods industry among subjects to be discussed at the convention of the National Association of Hose and Underwear Manufacturers, which opened here today.

The convention includes allied lines, such as machine and needle manufacturers, dye firms and rubber houses. The delegates represent an industry in which more than \$200,000,000 is invested and with a payroll of \$70,000,000 a year.

It is noted that lines connecting with or touching one and not the other shall be regarded as in the territory of the one with which they connect or touch. That neither will acquire lines allied to former ownership, those or otherwise in the other and which at the moment are not controlled by reason of pending reorganization or other cause. That neither will acquire lines which connect with or touch both, whether directly or through subordinate controlling lines without ratification and approval of the other.

That neither will transfer the control of any lines to the competition of established lines into the territory of the other, nor shall any other with reference to such lines, subject to such changes as may be agreed upon with each other as possible.

Will you please consider this and see if such a declaration of intention is satisfactory.

These include a long discussion of specific lines to be acquired or retained.

CUT-OUT JAPAN FROM PROVISIONS EXCLUSION BILL

WASHINGTON, May 16.—To meet Japan's objection to having the so-called gentlemen's agreement for the restriction of immigration enacted into law in the pending immigration bill, the senate immigration committee today agreed upon an amendment which removes the Japanese entirely from the bill, but accomplishes Asiatic exclusion otherwise by a specification of latitude and longitude which will take in China, Siberia, India and the islands of the Malay archipelago with the exception of the Philippines. It leaves immigration from Japan to be governed entirely by the Root-Takahira agreement. The change is understood to be satisfactory to the state department.

Repugnant to Japan. Representations were made that the enactment into law of an agreement which Japan had engaged upon honor to fulfill was repugnant to the Japanese government, as was the classification of Japanese with Hindus and others to be excluded.

The senate committee adopted this provision: "Unless otherwise provided for by existing treaties, persons who are natives of islands not possessed by the United States adjacent to the continent of Asia situated south of the twentieth parallel of latitude and north of the sixteenth meridian of longitude east from Greenwich and north of the tenth parallel of latitude south, or who are natives of any country, province or dependency situated on the continent of Asia west of the eleventh meridian of longitude east from Greenwich, and east of the fifth meridian of longitude east from Greenwich, except that portion of said territory situated between the fifth and the sixteenth meridians of longitude east from Greenwich and the twenty-fourth and thirty-eighth parallels of latitude north."

Persons Only Admitted. From the great block of territory in central Asia, the only country excepted from the blanket exclusion is Persia. Restriction on immigration from Persia is imposed, however, by a special treaty. That portion of China along most of its western coast is not included in the "excluded" territory, but the Chinese exclusion laws of this country, it is explained, could be applicable to Chinese.

Why Smoke Not Cigars When La Gondas are only 10c.

DOUBLING YIELD OF ALFALFA TO BE DEMONSTRATED

Professor F. C. Reimer of the experiment station, and C. C. Carr, the county agriculturist and pathologist, will conduct an automobile excursion to several alfalfa farms near Medford, to show farmers the remarkable increases in alfalfa yields being obtained with various sulphur fertilizers. To results being obtained in these experiments are among the most remarkable ever obtained with fertilizers anywhere in the United States. These tests will demonstrate conclusively that the total alfalfa yield of this valley can readily be doubled at comparatively small expense. They will also show that alfalfa can be successfully grown on rocky soil.

These results should also be of special interest at this time because of the large sulphur deposits in the Blue Lodge districts. Every farmer and business man interested in the welfare of this valley should make a special effort to attend.

The party will leave from the Commercial club building at 2 o'clock next Friday afternoon, May 19. Every man should bring his automobile and be prepared to take along as many others as possible who do not have automobiles. The entire trip will not consume more than two or three hours. The start will be made at 2 o'clock sharp.

IRISH SHIP BLOWN UP

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southwest coast of Ireland when we sighted a ship flying the Norwegian colors. We signalled her. She replied that she was the Aud, bound from Bergen for Genoa. At that time we were about 130 miles west of Queenstown.

"We ordered the Aud to follow us, but she did not do so until we fired a shell. Then she proceeded with us. When we got near Dunn's Rock the Aud stopped her engines. The Blue Bell was then a cable length away from her and we saw white smoke coming from her aftership. Two German engines were run up on her foremast. The Aud lowered two boats, which were rowed toward the occupants put up their hands. They were made prisoners. They proved to be nineteen or twenty German bluecoats with three officers. Ten minutes later the Aud sank about a mile and a quarter from the lights."

ASK DEMOCRATS TO WRITE NAMES TO COMPLETE BALLOT

The following notice has been issued by the democratic county central committee requesting democrats to write the following names in on the ballot at the primary election May 19, to complete the ticket:

For representative in congress, Mark A. Weatherford of Albany. For representatives eighth representative district, Jackson county, Marvin B. Towne of Phoenix, H. L. De Armond of Medford. For representative ninth representative district, Douglas and Jackson counties, J. K. Howard of Douglas county. For county clerk, W. H. Miller of Gold Hill. For county treasurer, Charles J. Numan of Jacksonville. Help fill in the ticket. Yours respectfully, W. H. Canon, state committee man; C. B. Wolf, congressional committee man; J. E. Barclay, chairman county committee.

VAN FLEET CALLS IN ANOTHER JUDGE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—Judge William C. Van Fleet of the United States district court disqualifies himself today in fixing the sale price of the Western Pacific railroad, and announced that he would either call in another judge or ask the senior judge of the United States circuit court of appeals to make the appointment.

A FEARLESS PHYSICIAN

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Gardner on Registration Law

Prior to the recent amendment of sec. 2, art. II of Oregon Constitution which requires all persons to be citizens of the United States before they can vote; a person, foreign born, could vote on his first papers, but since the enactment of said section such person must be a citizen to have the right of suffrage, which means that he shall have complied with the naturalization laws and received his final papers.

The permanent registration law of 1915 provides, that a foreign person registered; shall state: "Whether naturalized, if naturalized, the time, place, and court of naturalization, as evidenced by the final citizenship papers or a duly authenticated copy or certificate thereof, made by the proper officer of the court where issued and exhibited by the elector." A provision is made that a person heretofore registered as fully naturalized shall not be required to exhibit his citizenship papers when registering under said act, which could apply only as shown by the records of previous registrations, and as there were no distinctions made as to declarations or first papers and naturalization or second papers as shown by the records, it is necessary to have the final papers exhibited now in order to comply with the law.

In referring to the registration of foreign born persons, the attorney general in an opinion, recently said: "As applied to the registration of such citizens, clearly he cannot furnish the final citizenship papers for the inspection of the county clerk as provided in sec. 2 of chapter 225, laws of 1915, and in the absence of any showing in the former registration books of the county, whether an elector there registered was naturalized or not, it is apparent that he cannot comply with either of the qualifications and that it will be necessary for him to comply with the naturalization law."

In cases where the records of former registrations have shown the person fully naturalized his registration has been accepted without the exhibit of papers.

When the present registration is completed the records will show everyone registered as "Fully Naturalized" and it will not be necessary for persons re-registering to exhibit their papers.

The registration law has been administered in the other counties of Oregon as in Jackson county, exhibit of papers or exact dates being required. The county clerks of the state having assembled and worked out the registration law, will say that the law as first drawn required only evidence for proof of naturalization, the requirements for the exhibit of papers being tacked on by the legislature over the protest of the county clerks.

Considerable has been said by the Mail Tribune as to the registration of certain persons, among them being Mrs. Bellinger of Medford, whose card was returned for correction only. Mr. Judge Mr. Ashpole and Bert Hines, all of whom have been registered as well as some of the others mentioned by the Mail Tribune.

A special effort has been made to get in touch with the records of those affected, many being able to find a record of their citizenship papers, while others find they are not citizens, but have been voting on either their own or their father's first papers, which was proper up to this year.

As to Mr. Ahrens' case: Mr. Ahrens said: "Mr. Putnam had the law there and said I could be registered, that it was not necessary for me to exhibit any papers." I am not aware as to what part Mr. Putnam has in the registration, outside of his liberal criticism, of which I have no objections were it all the truth.

As to Mr. Kelly's opinion in the matter, I do not think the public will take seriously Mr. Kelly's opinion when opposed to that of the attorney general of the state, and I have conscientiously striven to follow the law as construed by that officer.

G. A. GARDNER. (Paid Advertisement.)

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