

Great Rail Merger is Planned by Big Roads

NEW YORK, Jan. 14, (U. N.)—Wall street today pondered over the latest development in the railroad world—the proposal to merge the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Colorado Southern railroads into the greatest railroad system in the world, as announced exclusively in the Klamath News Thursday.

Additional details of the merger plan given out today showed that it contemplated the formation of a holding company to lease the roads involved, but beyond that details were not revealed. It was said that the terms upon which the various roads would enter the merger could not be determined until next week's conference of the rail chiefs in New York, although other major details have been tentatively agreed upon. It was also said that whether the final merger would include the Burlington and the Colorado Southern remained uncertain. These roads, financial men believed might not be included in the merger and still might be leased by the holding company.

There were indications of opposition to the merger by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, on the ground that it would leave that road in an unfair competitive position.

In 1924 the St. Paul was understood to have sought for itself consolidation with either the Hill lines or with the Union Pacific. Arthur C. James, now known as the heaviest holder of railroad shares in the country was considered the man who possibly would dominate the proposed merger. He is a heavy owner in all of the railroads involved, as well as in the Southern Pacific and the Western Pacific railroads, which serve large amounts of western territory.

GREAT TAX CASE IS ADJOURNED TO MONDAY

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 14, (U. N.)—The golden aura of finance will be dimmed over the week-end as counsel for petitioners and the government which hopes to get more than \$30,000,000 in additional taxes from the petitioners, prepare for the more significant developments in the greatest tax case in history.

CELLO DEFEATS OFFERMAN
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14, (U. N.)—After knocking down his opponent in the first, third and fourth rounds, Tommy Cello, veteran San Francisco lightweight, was declared the winner over Sammy Offerman on a technical knockout here tonight.

Offerman was badly outclassed and after the fourth round knock-down the referee stopped the bout. The bout was scheduled for six rounds.

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Cardinals Defeat Klamath Quintet

Klamath county high school quintet, winners of last year's county league basketball cup, went down to defeat last night at the hands of the veteran Cardinals whom they met on the Vet floor. The score was 25 to 19, following a fast game before a crowded house.

Stars were few and far between, although the younger men kept up their fight to the last. Orrell made a number of brilliant tosses for the high school men and he bids fair to hold a place on the all county team if he continues as he started last night. Barnes and Hall played brilliantly, though not consistently, but will probably be whipped into better shape as the season wears on.

The game was scheduled between Henley and Klamath, but illness of the Henley men made the game impossible and the Cardinals, who have taken every trophy thus far, offered to substitute.

Klamath Fighter Is Making Good

Local fight fans following the ring career of Larry Serrati, heavyweight boxer, hailed as the Jackson miner, and for several months last fall a figure in Klamath Falls boxing circles, were yesterday discussing the fighter's sensational knockout scored on Steve Ramos in San Francisco Wednesday night.

Ramos, who comes from Fresno, California, gave Serrati considerable punishment during the first round of the ten-round main event fight in which the two were engaged, according to reports, but about the middle of the second round, Larry gave the Fresno battler a wicked right to the head which sent the Californian out for the full count.

Since leaving here in November, following a main event fight here with Earl Ritchie in which the fighter, more inexperienced Serrati was given a draw decision, the Jackson miner has been creating quite a furor in San Francisco fight circles and is declared to be fast gaining recognition from leading fight promoters of that city.

FAIL OUT OF DANGER
EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 14, (U. N.)—Expecting a slow convalescence, Dr. H. T. Safford, personal physician of A. B. Fall, today announced his patient out of danger from his attack of pneumonia.

Look! You will not regret hearing G. R. Pollock's lecture on a "Standard of the People," at American Legion hall, Monday evening, at 7:45. Seats free.

Catalina Channel Swim Interesting

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 14, (U. N.)—Catalina channel, separating Catalina Island from the mainland of California, will become the English Channel of America tomorrow when 133 men and women take off from the isthmus of the island in attempts to win fame and fortune in an ocean marathon, which is attracting world-wide attention.

It will be the first Catalina swim. William Wright, Jr., who made a tremendous fortune by catering to the American sun chewing habit, has offered \$40,000 in prizes for the merman and mermaids who accomplish what many believe an impossible feat.

The fisher folk, whose craft ply the cold channel and who know more about the treacherous waters than anyone else, believe few, if any of the swimmers will reach the lighthouse at San Pedro harbor. Betting odds here are 5 to 1 that no one negotiates the cold Pacific waters. Some odds were offered Friday at 10 to 1.

Experts and those who profess to be such, point out that the channel is five to ten degrees colder than is the English channel in the summer time. There are shifting currents to contend with.

And there are voracious, pike-like barracuda. The fish is no imaginary menace, according to those familiar with the California coast. They are as dangerous as sharks, often reaching six feet in length.

Even if no swimmer actually is attacked, presence of the vicious fish will affect the morale of some contestants, it is believed. As the crowd flies, the distance between the island has been estimated at approximately 23 miles, but the crowd doesn't have shifting ocean currents to contend with. Some swimmers may have to paddle as far as 40 miles if they are to complete the marathon.

Most of the contestants are going to travel with as little impediment as possible in the form of clothing. Mrs. Charlotte Schoemmel, well known New York stroke artist, is expected to enter the water clad only in a generous coat of axle grease as a protection against the penetrating cold.

Norman Ross, the "big moose," may undertake the swim without even the axle grease covering.

Some 21 women will compete. The rivalry between Miss Clarabelle

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Dundee is Awarded Bout With Roberts

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, New York, Jan. 14, (U. N.)—Joe Dundee, Baltimore welterweight, joined the ranks of those few gallant ringmen who have come back after being knocked out, to defeat their conqueror, when he outfought Eddie Roberts of Tacoma before 8,500 screaming fans in Madison Square Garden Friday night.

The oriole boy had to take another knockdown from the husky Tacoma terrier before he won his fight and re-established himself as the leading contender for Latro's laurels.

LONGFELLOWS PLAN DANCE ST. VALENTINE NIGHT

St. Valentine's Day will be celebrated by the Longfellows of Klamath Falls, Order of Tall Men, according to announcement made yesterday by E. O. Nord, president, who announced a basket social and old fashioned dancing party to be given in the chamber of commerce rooms February 15.

The wives of the Longfellows are bidden to the affair which promises to be one of the most interesting of that holiday week.

SACASA WON'T QUIT

PUERTO CAPEZAS, Jan. 14, (U. N.)—Despite what he referred to as a blockade by the United States navy and the neutralization of large sections of Nicaraguan, President Juan R. Sacasa, liberal leader, has no intention of quitting office, he told the United News tonight.

Barrett and Mrs. Schoemmel, both from New York, will be one of the features of the race.

A prize of \$15,000 has been set aside for the first woman to complete the distance.

Among the men who are conceded a possible chance to finish the swim are Henry Sullivan and Charlie Toth, both of whom have conquered the English channel; Mark Wheeler, a Los Angeles policeman, and Leo Purcell of San Francisco.

The weather bureau has forecast light, variable winds for tomorrow. The swimmers will take off at 11 a. m. It may be early Sunday morning before the first contestant reaches the goal, if any achieve the feat.

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Another Scandal Comes to Surface

NEW YORK, Jan. 14, (U. N.)—More dirty linen flapped on the flagpole of organized baseball today, but the latest scandal involved the world series between the Giants and the Yankees in 1922, was ancient history to most of the fans.

Judge denied in Chicago that he was investigating the winning of that series by the Giants in five games, one of which was a tie. Earlier in the day, however, the high commissioner's office had let it be known that the judge had let the facts and accusations before him.

As far as is known, one player, a pitcher, was involved in the allegations. This pitcher was understood to be indebted to bookmakers and to have "thrown" two games to the opposition.

The accused player is still in the big leagues. Judge Landis' attitude toward the affair, however, is that the evidence against him was insufficient and the commissioner is hoping that this is one scandal which will not require formal investigation.

A detective who spied upon the pitcher is understood to be ready to repeat allegations of crookedness.

The Yankees were not themselves in that series, however, and the Giants were immeasurably superior. Evidence of this may be gathered from the fact that the United News sports editors, after looking over the two teams in the first game, promptly picked the Giants to win the series without losing a game.

COUNTY TREASURER'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the County Treasury for the redemption of General Road Warrants protested on or before the first of January, 1927.

Interest on same will cease from this date.

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HONEY—Strained, pure, packed in Ball jars, pint 32c; Quart 53c

CORN—Canned, Standard Royal Cream, sweet, 2 cans 25c

CAMPBELL'S BEANS—"The Big Tin of Beans with the rich Tomato Sauce," three cans 25c

SARDINES, Maine—Packed in Salad Oil, five cans 25c

MILK, Libby's—The nearest to fresh cream, tall cans, four for 39c

RAISINS, Sunmaid—Puffed or seedless; 15-oz. package, 12c; 35c for 3

MATCHES, Searchlight—Noiseless, non-poisonous, large, full size, full count boxes, box, 5c; carton of six boxes 25c

SHORTENING—Best vegetable, in bulk, 3 pounds 49c

CREAM OF WHEAT—Package 24c

CORN MEAL—Fresh stock kiln dried, white or yellow, 9-lb. sack 35c

OIL, Wesson's—Excellent for frying and baking as well as for making mayonnaise, quart can 49c

SMALL WHITE BEANS—Twice cleaned; new crop Californias three pounds 27c

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