NEW TRAFFIC AGREEMENTS

Harriman Lines and Milwaukee & St. Paul

ENTERED INTO AGREEMENT

Whereby the Milwaukee Road Would Operate Through Coast Trains

THE OREGON SHORT LINE RAILROAD WILL ADOPT PENSION SYSTEM SIMILAR TO THAT OF UNION PACIFIC AND SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROADS.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 3.—The traffic agreements between the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Oregon Short Line Railroads, composing the Harriman System, and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad were concluded at a protracted meeting held here today between the general and operating officials of the systems interested.

It was announced after the meeting by President A. J. Farling, of the Milwaukee road, that on and after January 1st, the Milwaukee road would operate through chair cars and sleepers from Chicago to the Pacific Coast.

The new through service is to be operated on an agreement similar to that which existed for years between the Chicago & Northwestern and the Union Pacific systems.

Short Line Adopts System.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 3.—Following close upon the announcement that the Union Pacific Railroad would pension its old employes, General Manager Bancroft, of the Oregon Short Line, today issued a circular stating that on January 1st the Oregon Short Line will establish a pension system. A fund will be provided for the purpose, the benefits of which will accrue to those employes who have been in the service for twenty years continuously, and who have reached the age necessitating retirement from service.

The plan is the same as that to be adopted on the same date by the Union Pacific Company, the Southern Pacific and the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company.

HUNTER WAS MURDERED

GUATEMALA DOCTORS FIND THAT HUNTER SHOT FITZGERALD FROM BEHIND.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—According to the New Orleans correspondent of the Record-Herald, a letter has been received by J. A. Snyder from Henri Barthels, in Guatemala City, a member of the firm of Snyder & Barthels, managers of the Central American Improvement Company, in which Dr. Godfrey Hunter is supposed to be interested, stating that at the coroner's inquest, held on the body of William A. Fitzgerald, who was shot and killed a week ago last Friday, by Godfrey Hunter, Jr., the physicians decided that the shots were fired from behind and that Fitzgerald came to his death by assassination.

SALES OF A RAILWAY

PORT JERVIS, MONTICELLO & NEW YORK SOLD TO SATISFY A MORTGAGE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The Port Jervis, Monticello & New York Railroad has been sold at foreclosure to satisfy a judgment for $319,736 in favor of the Central Trust Company of New York, says a Times dispatch from Port Jervis, N. Y. The only qualified bidder was R. D. Rickard, of New York, of the purchasing committee for the bondholders, and treasurer of the Ontario & Western Railroad. The referee knocked down the property to him for $250,000. The road will be consolidated with the Ellenville & Kingston Railroad, and will shorten the distance between Port Jervis and Albany by twenty-six miles.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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PEACE IN MOROCCO.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Telegraphing by way of London from the camp of the Sultan of Morocco, near Mekinez, the Times correspondent says the Berber chiefs have taken refuge in a sanctuary near Mekinez. Peace negotiations are likely to be successful. The Sultan's army will remain among the Berbers until the terms of the peace treaty are carried out, when the court will return and winter at Mekinez.

The terms which the Moorish Government will accept include a heavy fine in money, a large number of hostages and payment of several years arrears in taxes. The entire district is deserted, the enemy have taken refuge with the women and flocks in the mountain districts, where attack during winter weather is very difficult.

REED IS IMPROVING

HIS CONDITION VERY ENCOURAGING WITHOUT SIGNS OF IMMEDIATE DANGER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Doctors Gardner and McDonald, after a visit tonight to ex-Speaker Reed, issued the following bulletin, giving his condition at 10 p. m. "Temperature 101; pulse, 80; retains nourishment. Is much more comfortable in every way."

Mrs. Reed and Miss Reed, wife and daughter of the ex-Speaker, arrived here this evening from New York. Dr. Gardner tonight reiterated the statement made by him during the day that all cases such as that of Reed are to be regarded as serious, but, adding, that he could not say he saw any immidiate danger that need be apprehended.

AN EXPLOSION OF OIL TANK

In Steamer Progresso Causes Fatalities

ELEVEN OF CREW MISSING

And Score of Workmen More or Less Seriously Injured

STEAMER WAS BEING CONVERTED FROM COAL TO OIL BURNER AND WAS PREPARING FOR TRIAL TRIP WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCURRED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 3.—While the steamer Progresso was lying at the wharf of the Fulton Iron Works, at Harbor View, this morning, an explosion occurred, as a result of which eleven men are missing, a score were more or less seriously injured and property to the value of $100,000 was destroyed. The missing:

First Assistant Engineer Sparks, Jose Rex, Chas. Glenn, Howard Dowe, Jas. Cavatt, Dan Gallagher, Jos. Maguire, F. Nelson, C. C. McGregor, Jack Strand and Jack Ashton.

First Assistant Engineer Sparks, Jose Rex, Chas. Glenn and Howard Dowe, of the crew of the Progresso, were shipped only this morning.

The list of the seriously injured includes: Henry Conama, aged 19, arm amputated; Robert Gibson, both legs broken; A. Kane, fractured leg and foot; B. Rucoll, fracture of left wrist; Geo. McNerney, severe burns; J. Morgan, injured about the arms and legs; T. McGill, severely burned; Willie Van Tarset, contusion of the hip; Peter Hanson, fracture of the right leg.

The disaster occurred at 9:24 o'clock while forty men of the Iron Works and twenty employes of the ship were on board. Below the decks the mechanics were completing the work of converting the vessel from a coal burning, coal carrier to an oil burning oil carrier, when suddenly one of the oil tanks blew up. Men were hurled against the steel walls and a sheet of flame came sweeping into their faces. On the upper decks the men were hurled into the afr or thrown into the water.

Three sailors engaged in washing the paint outside of the pilot house disappeared as the cloud of black smoke came up from the ship, and were seen no more. Following the explosion, the ship sagged in the center, showing that she had been broken in two. In the office of the Iron Works, twenty feet away, every window was shattered and the flying glass cut the faces and hands of many.

A stream of burning oil, running from the tanks, spread out until the ship lay on waves of fire. As the ship was built of steel, the fire on the ship was nearly all below decks. There were fourteen oil tanks, containing about 400 barrels of oil in all, and despite the efforts of the fire department, this continued to burn for hours after the explosion. Numerous minor explosions, due to the fire going from tank to tank, occurred at short intervals.

Superintendent Spiers of the Fulton Iron Works, stated tonight that he believed three or four names would be added to the list of eleven victims when all of the workmen were checked up.

LOOKS LIKE FIGHT

GERMANY AND GREAT BRITAIN HAVE SENT SQUADRONS TO VENEZUELA.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Great Britain and Germany, according to official statements made here, have commenced punitive measures against Venezuela. German war vessels, it is stated, are already on the scene of the contemplated action, and Great Britain expects to have a squadron there soon capable of coping with any resistance that Venezuela might offer. Meanwhile the Associated Press correspondent is informed that no definite answer has yet been received from Washington by the financiers here who wish to bring about a pacific settlement. Important communication, one way or the other, is expected from Washington tomorrow.

Saved at Grave's Brink.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsom, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Eelectric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of indigestion, waterbrash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 25 pounds." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver and kidney troubles, Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at Dr. Stone's Drug Store.

ANTHRACITE COMMISSION

Is Again in Session to Adjust Differences

MINERS AND OPERATORS

Could Not Arrive at an Agreement Outside of the Board

SOME MORE RUMORS OF SETTLEMENT, BUT ARE UNFOUNDED. MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION EXPRESS HOPE THAT IT WILL BE BROUGHT ABOUT.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 3.—The anthracite coal companies and their employes having failed to come to an agreement during the Thanksgiving recess of the Strike Commission, the hearing of the miners' side of the case was continued today and, unless something is done by the lawyers on both sides to curtail matters, the proceedings will surely run into next year.

With the reassembling of the Commission today, however, there was a revival of the talk of a settlement "out of court."

Nothing definite has been done and neither side has approached the other so far as can be learned regarding further negotiations, but, as one prominent attorney expressed it, "there is something in the air."

The lawyers on both sides have heard the rumor, but profess to know nothing about it. Chairman Gray, speaking for the Commission today, again expressed the hope that efforts would be made by both sides to agree on as many points as possible, and that the Commission was ready to lend any conciliatory help to bring about that end.

STREETER'S REIGN ENDED

MAN HOLDING PART OF CHICAGO LAKE FRONT FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—The jury in the Streeter case rendered a verdict this morning, finding Captain George Wellington Streeter, Henry Hoeldtke and William McManners guilty of manslaughter, and fixing their punishment at imprisonment in the Penitentiary. The jury recommended clemency in the case of Hoeldtke. The three defendants were accused of the murder of John S. Kirk, a watchman for Henry W. Cooper, to whom were entrusted the interests of the Lake Shore property owners, whose land adjoins the renowned district of Lake Michigan, over which Streeter's claim of rulership has given the police all kinds of trouble. Kirk was shot in a fight between the Cooper and Streeter forces on February 11th. The three men were tried last July for the murder of Kirk, but the jury disagreed after many hours of deliberation.

SURGEON LORENZ'S WORK

EMINENT AUSTRIAN HAS LEFT CHICAGO FOR BALTIMORE AND THE EAST.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—A farewell luncheon has been given to Dr. Adolf Lorenz, the Vienna surgeon, and his assistant, Dr. Frederich Mueller, at the Chicago Athletic Association. Dr. Felipe Kreisel, who was Professor Lorenz's fellow student in Vienna, was the host. The surgeon and his assistant left for the East immediately after the luncheon. Drs. Lorenz and Mueller will perform no operations in Washington, but from there they will go to Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston, where they will conduct clinics in orthopedic surgery. They will sail from New York in the latter part of the month.

ANOTHER NEW RAILROAD

LINE BUILDING FROM OAKLAND EAST IS SAID TO BELONG TO THE GOULDS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—The San Francisco Terminal & Ferry Company, which recently secured an entrance into Oakland and to the water front, is now preparing to build from Stockton to Sacramento and through the Beckwith Pass eastward, making Oakland the terminus of a transcontinental railroad. The Call says that it is not the Santa Fe system that is behind this line, but it is generally believed that the Goulds are interested, and that the line will form a connection with some of the Gould lines in the Rocky Mountain region.

LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR

EVERY STATE WEST OF MISSISSIPPI TO BE ASKED TO EXHIBIT.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 3.—The board of directors of the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition this evening decided to invite every state west of the Mississippi to participate in the centennial. Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, California and Nevada will be urged to make appropriations for state exhibits, while every Western state will be asked to transfer their exhibits from St. Louis in 1904 to the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Congress will be asked to appropriate $2,000,000.

RUBLEE ON WAY TO HAVANA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—United States Consul General Rublee, who succeeded to the late Rounsevelle Wildman's post at Hong Kong, has arrived here on his way to Havana, Cuba, to relieve Consul General Bragg. He will go to his old home in Milwaukee, and there await specific orders from Washington as to his subsequent movements.

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HOUSE PASSED BILL APPROPRIATING $50,000 TO COAL COMMISSION—BILL TO REGULATE CURRENCY IN PHILIPPINES INTRODUCED IN SENATE BY LODGE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The Senate today began the real work of disposing of the business before it, although the session lasted only an hour and a half. Mr. Nelson, from the Committee on Territories, reported a substitute for the Omnibus Statehood Bill with the recommendation that Oklahoma and the Indian Territory be admitted into the Union as one state under the name of Oklahoma.

Commission Bill Passed.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The House today passed a bill appropriating $50,000 to defray the expenses of the anthracite coal Commission and then adjourned until Friday. There were two hours of discussion on the Commission Bill, during which the President's course in creating the Commission was highly commended except by Benton, a Missouri Democrat, who contended that the Commission was created without the authority of the law or the Constitution.

To Change Age Limit.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Senator Hale today introduced a bill fixing the age of admission to the Naval Academy at between the age of 17 and 20 years. The present limit is 15 and 21 years.

To Regulate Currency.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Senator Lodge, Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Philippines, today introduced a bill for regulating the currency in the Philippines. The bill provides that the currency in the United States shall be a legal tender in the islands, and makes the gold dollar the unit of vaue, but it authorizes the coinage of silver pesos of .416 grades, which is to be paid in sums of less than 100 pesos when demanded. The Philippine Government is authorized to take such measures as it considers necessary to maintain the parity of the peso with the currency of the United States at the rate of two pesos for one dollar.

ENGLISH STEEL MERGERS

WORK OF AMALGAMATION IS GOING STEADILY FORWARD—RECENT CONSOLIDATION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Work of consolidating and amalgamating the various firms engaged in the iron and steel industry in this country is proceeding steadily, cables the London correspondent of the Tribune. It is officially announced that Lloyd & Lloyd of Birmingham, have been absorbed by Stewart & Menzies, of Glasgow, which company possesses the largest iron and steel tube works in Great Britain.

FEED IS SCARCE.

ELMA, Wash., Dec. 3.—Considerable inconvenience, it is feared, will be suffered this coming winter in this section of country from scarcity of feed and the high price of that to be had. The great forest fire of September burned a great many barns and with them nearly the whole year's crop. Quite frequently when the house escaped the barn would be burned. Partly because of this shortage of stock feed, horses are cheap, and often when old or disabled to any extent the owners are glad to give them away. Butter, eggs, and nearly all farm produce are higher than ever before in the history of this country. Milch cows can hardly be found for sale, and when they are upon the market the price is high. An average cow brings from $50 upwards, often going for as high as $75.

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HENRY NICOLAUS CLEARED

JURY RETURNED VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY UPON THE COURT'S INSTRUCTIONS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 3.—Henry Nicolaus, the millionaire brewer and director in the Suburban Street Railway Company, who was on trial today on the charge of bribery in connection with the passage of the Suburban bill in the city council, was acquitted tonight under instructions from Judge Ryan, who sustained the defense's demurrer to the state case, and ordered a verdict of not guilty returned.

GOVERNMENT LOST CASE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—A decision has been handed down here by United States Circuit Judge Wallace, wherein he decided a question of importance to importers, particularly those who store goods in the bonded warehouses. The plaintiffs imported sugar from Porto Rico in April, 1899, which was stored in a bonded warehouse. On April 6, 1901, the sugar was withdrawn for consumption. In the interim the peace contract between the United States and Spain was ratified, and the sugar was entitled, according to later decisions of the United States Supreme Curt to admission duty free, under the insular decisions.

It was to recover $1,442 duty assessed that the plaintiffs sued. The Government interposed a demurrer, alleging that the goods were not assessable at the time they were withdrawn, but at the time of their importation. The court overruled the demurrer and decided for the plaintiff.

CORNELL IS OUT OF IT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—It seems likely that Cornell will drop, for the present, all plans for sending a crew to England to engage in the Henley regatta, says a Tribune special from Ithaca, owing to the rule under discussion by the regatta stewards which would bar from competition all crews coached within a month by professional trainers.

"We are not so anxious to win the cup," says the Cornell Sun, "that we would enter into any controversies or quarrels with our English brethren, and should the rule in question be adopted, it would be best probably to drop further discussion of the subject."

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MAHER KNOCKED OUT.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 3.—Kid Carter tonight knocked out Peter Maher in the second round at the Pennsylvania Art Club.

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