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BAER ON THE STAND

First Denies, Then Admits Then Side Steps

Says Road is Making no Money But Admits He Lied in Report to Commerce Committee

New York, June 9.—Baer was again on the stand in today's inter-commerce hearing of the alleged combine of the coal-carrying roads. He said, although the past 12 months showed an increase in wages alone of over \$1,500,000, freight rates have not been advanced. He declared the money invested in the Reading Railway does not earn, so far as coal carrying is concerned, a fair rate of interest. He finally admitted on the stand that the rates per ton for merchandise to the Atlantic seaboard were lower than that of coal. He gave, as a reason, the expense of building spurs to the mines. He also admitted that the financial statement, as given to the stockholders, differed from that given to the inter-state commerce commission. As a reason he said the statement given the latter was only such as is required by law.

They Favor Ship Canal

Washington, June 9.—A continuous ship canal to overcome the Dalls-Collo obstruction is again proposed by army engineers, and at the same time the Harts plan, which was conditionally approved by congress, is rejected. The water is found to be too deep and swift to make the Harts plan of a submerged dam a success.

A ship canal was favored by the engineers' board, which reported on the improvement just prior to the time Captain Harts submitted his plan. At that time it was estimated the canal would cost \$10,000,000. The present board will discuss this matter prior to making its official report. Had the Harts plan being approved, work would have begun this year. Now it will be delayed until 1904 at the earliest.

The creditors of the Aultman-Miller Company, of Akron, O., have accepted the offer of Judge Vincent, of Chicago, of \$640,000 for the plant and assets.

GREAT FIRE IN PEKIN

Revenue Buildings will Probably be Destroyed

Foreign Soldiers Acting as Fire Brigade and Using Every Effort to Extinguish the Blaze

Pekin, June 9.—The revenue buildings, adjoining the foreign office, are on fire. The foreign troops are acting as firemen, and straining every effort to extinguish the blaze, and prevent its spread to the foreign buildings.

1000 Engines in Six Months.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 9.—If they are not disappointed in their expectations, the Baldwin Locomotive Works will, by the first of next month, have turned out the greatest number of finished engines in any six months in history. The mark fixed by the officials of the works as the production for the six months is 1000 locomotives, which is equivalent to two-thirds of the total output for 1902, when more than 1500 engines were turned out, breaking all former records. Of the 1000 locomotives the great majority are on orders placed last year. The number taken this year will keep the works busy well into 1904.

Orders Countermanded.

Washington, D. C., June 9.—Upon cable advices from the minister at Valparaiso, Chili, that the strike situation was again reassuring, the orders which were issued yesterday to Rear-Admiral Sumner, to take his vessels to the scene of the disturbance, were this morning countermanded.

Politics Weds Machinery

Washington, June 8.—Roosevelt accompanied by his daughter, Alice, and brother-in-law, Cowley, Secretary Loeb and two secret service men, start for Cleveland at 3 o'clock this afternoon, to attend the Hanna-McCormick wedding. The special consists of two cars.

Receivers have been appointed for the City Trust & Banking Company, of Baltimore. The liabilities are \$50,000, which it is believed will be fully met.

TRIAL AGAIN PUT OFF

Lack of Wind Prevents Try-out Race this Morning

Heavy Fog and Dense Smoke From Forest Fires Hang Like a Pall Over the Course

Highlands, June 9.—The Constitution, Relliance and Columbia had nearly reached the starting point at 2:30, when the regatta committee signaled: "The race is off." Light winds was the cause. All forenoon a heavy fog overhung the water. A considerable number of spectators were disappointed.

Boston has a Big Fire

Boston, June 9.—The Brooklyn coeprage plant of South Boston burned this morning, with a quarter of a million loss.

Paper Mills Shut Down

Holyoke, June 9.—Eleven coarse grade paper mills shut down this morning, because the cutter girls struck yesterday.

Explosion on a Cruiser

Gibraltar, June 9.—Seven were seriously injured in an explosion aboard the British armored cruiser Good Hope near here today.

Prohibitionists Are Rampant

Fort Worth, Tex., June 9.—The governor has ordered troops to Hempstead to assist in maintaining order, on account of the prohibition riots.

The Pope is Far From Well

Rome, June 9.—Despite reports to the contrary, the Pope is far from well. His recent indisposition weakened him so that he remains in bed the greater portion of the day.

Strengthening Her Garrisons

Vienna, June 9.—A dispatch received this morning reports great activity among the Russian forces in the far East. There is a great increase in the fleet, and the Russian garrison at Port Arthur has been increased.

Heavy Rains Put Out Fires

Houlton, Me., June 9.—The heavy rains of last night enabled the fire fighters to gain control of the fires in many sections. A report received this morning says that 40 houses at Van Buren were destroyed at 11 o'clock.

Columbia is Booming

Portland, June 9.—The water is still rising, and the government locks at the cascades were closed this morning. Merchants along the river front have had to move and temporary movable wharves are being used by the transportation companies. Up the river the lowlands are flooded, and the farmers are forced to leave. The Columbia is now five miles wide at Vancouver, and many farms are submerged.

KANSAS HAS A FEUD

Fears that Militia Company has Been Overpowered

Chauncey Depew and His Cowboys Arrested for Murder of Berry's May be Free

Atwood, Kan., June 9.—No news has yet been received from the military company escorting Chauncey Depew and the cowboys to St. Francis for the alleged murder of two members of the Berry family. It is believed, if a battle had taken place, the news would have reached here. Roy Berry is still alive at Bird City. It is now stated that the Berry were all unarmed when the attack was made, and were shot down from behind stone walls.

Shamrock Has Extra Spars

Glasgow, June 9.—A duplicate set of spars and masts for Shamrock III will be shipped to New York this week. It is expected the challenger will reach New York about Monday.

Judge Had a Gabfest

St. Paul, June 9.—Judge Younto this morning closed a two-days' speech in defense of the Northern Securities. Throughout his arguments he denied that the Securities Company is in effect a railroad, because it holds railroad stocks.

Jett White Legal Farce

Jackson, Ky., June 9.—The Jett and White trial will not be called this morning, as the elisor has not returned from Magoffin county. One venire man came into court and announced that he had been exposed to smallpox, and was promptly excused.

Went Into The River

Charleston, S. C., June 9.—While repairing a trestle on the Seaboard Air Line over Broad river yesterday afternoon, the locomotive and pile-driver went down, precipitating the engineer and crew of ten men into the river. Three were killed, and the others injured.

The Pacolet Flood Sequel

Columbia, S. C., June 9.—The dead recovered on the banks of the Pacolet river number 59. There is still greater difficulty in giving relief on account of the lack of organization. The railroad blockade is complete, and the damage in middle and lower Carolina is now great. Owing to the overflowing of the river, the entire property loss will be close to \$10,000,000. Another mill at Cowpens was destroyed by the flood.

Says Situation Is not Serious

Washington, June 9.—Gompers today reviewed the building situation. In his interview he says all reports are exaggerated. There is nothing serious in the labor questions, and nothing serious will result. A good many men are out, but all are from local disputes. He says the fact is the employers' associations have been organized to antagonize and crush the unions, and, as a result, every defensive labor movement is heralded in extravagant terms. It is part of the regular campaign against organized labor.

SWELL CLUBS NEXT

Waiters and Cooks will Leave Cholly Boys Tonight

Chicago's Gentlemen of Leisure Will Have to Either Fish, Cut Bait or Cook

Chicago, June 9.—The waiters and cooks in two large downtown catering establishments struck this morning. The Hamilton and University Clubs, two of the most exclusive organizations in the city, are slated for a tie-up this evening.

Chamberlain Stirs Them Up

London, June 9.—There was a large attendance at the House of Commons today, in anticipation of a debate on the financial bill, and the possibility of Chamberlain's Zollverein policy being discussed. The speaker announced that Chamberlain's financial policy would not be relevant to the discussion of the financial bill. The debate was warm, the principal attack being on Hicks-Beach's action while chancellor of the exchequer. Chaplain, leader of the protectionists, said any opposition to Chamberlain would be short-lived.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Ritchie this afternoon announced he would not be able to support Chamberlain's Zollverein scheme.

Every Body Shovels Mud

Topeka, Kan., June 9.—In response to the mayor's proclamation stating that there were not enough day laborers obtainable, 600 business men and clerks are shoveling mud in North Topeka.

J. F. SMITH TAKEN TO SEATTLE

Arrested Here by U. S. Marshal Last Night

Charged With Receiving and Retaining Mail not His Own and also With Forgery

A. A. Roberts, United States deputy marshal, arrived in Salem yesterday from Seattle, and placed J. F. Smith, of this city, under arrest, for wilfully receiving and retaining mail belonging to another. He returned to Seattle last night with the prisoner.

The arrest will come as a surprise to the young man's friends in this city, as he has always borne a good reputation. Not long ago Smith, who was working for the Salem Light, Power & Traction Company, fell from a pole, badly injuring an ankle, and was on crutches when he left the city last night.

It seems that some time ago Smith was in Seattle, and received a letter at the postoffice addressed to one "F. J. Smith," his initials being "J. F." He opened the letter, and found enclosed a draft for \$100, to which he affixed the signature of "F. J. Smith," and cashed the draft. It is thought by many that, besides the federal charge against him, another charge of forgery will be made against him by the state of Washington.

Smith waived examination, and it is said, has confessed, and claims that at the time he was intoxicated.

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