

ARE AFTER HARRIMAN

Interstate Commerce Commissioners Will Probe

HIS RAILWAY DEALS

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CHICAGO, Jan. 8. — The Interstate Commerce Commission in Chicago today will resume its investigation of the Harriman railroad combination. The fact that subpoenas have been served upon a number of traffic managers indicates that today's testimony, and probably tomorrow's will relate to the effects on competition wrought by the consolidations E. H. Harriman has brought about. It has been alleged that they have tended to stifle real competition throughout a large part of the west and southwest. The commission and its council intend to try to find out if this is true. The inquiry in New York developed the fact that the Union Pacific, about \$10,000,000 worth of stock in the Santa Fe and it is generally understood that the Standard Oil interests, whose money Mr. Harriman is supposed to be using extensively, own another big block of Atchafalpa. The commission has summoned E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchafalpa, Topoka and Santa Fe Railroad, as a witness, its object being, doubtless, to find out what influence the relations between the Harriman-Standard Oil interests and the Santa Fe exert in preventing active competition between that line and the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific.

It was learned yesterday that Jacob H. Schiff, James Stillman and D. O. Mills have been subpoenaed to give testimony. NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Commenting on the case, the New York World yesterday said editorially:

"If Mr. Harriman can take the money of one railroad to buy another railroad, if he can take the money of this second railroad to buy a third, the money of the third to buy a fourth and so on indefinitely there is no reason why he or some other E. H. Harriman should not ultimately control all the railroads of the country without investing a dollar of his own money except in the original venture."

MONTREAL STOCKS

A Sharp Break in Montreal Street Railway Follows Recent Rally.

MONTREAL, Jan. 8.—(Special)—Trading was moderate in volume on the stock market today and did not furnish any striking fluctuations. In the case of the Montreal Street Railway the recent rally was reversed, followed by a sharp break, which, however, is not strange, in view of the remarkable fluctuations of that issue in the face of selling or purchasing movements. After moving up to 230 yesterday, the last sale was one point lower, and today trading commenced at 227, from which there was a sharp decline to 220. The stock recently rose from 210, previous to which it had been above 220. Other features of the trading were Montreal Power 93, Detroit 84 to 83 3/4, Toledo 29, Mackay 73 3/4 to 74, pfd. 88 1/2, Mexican 54 3/4 to 55, Dominion Iron 24 3/4, Twin City 108.

The first game in the Jones Cup match series will take place at the St. Andrew's curling rink tonight at 8 o'clock, between eight rinks. If the weather keeps cold there will be something doing in the roaring game from now till the close of the season. Next Saturday the Thistles and St. Andrew's clubs meet for their first annual game. They play a series of three games with 16 rinks outside.

No favoring wind comes to him who will not pull on his oars.

WORLD TOUR FOR PEACE

W. T. Stead On His Way Around the World

A BRITISH PLAN

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman Says Great Britain Will Have Interesting Proposal to Present to Peace Conference at the Hague.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—Wm. T. Stead, the well known English journalist, who arrived here yesterday, says, in an interview, that he is on his way around the world in the interest of peace. He further declares that he is authorized by the British premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, to say that Great Britain, if no other country did so, would at the approaching second peace conference at the Hague, raise the question of taking steps to provide for the maintenance of international peace. This, Mr. Stead says, will be done in the form of several propositions as follows:

First—That each country participating in the conference, appropriate a sum of money to be used in the propagation of the idea of maintaining international peace.

Second—That each country participating in the conference render obligatory the observance of Article VIII. of the act of the second peace conference of 1891, giving power to tender mediation without giving offence, between two disputing powers and also that the participating powers extend the scope of Article VIII. so as to bind the signatories, in case of a declaration of war, not to begin hostilities for a fortnight, in which interim friendly powers would have the right to intervene in an attempt to adjust the quarrel.

GOOD MEN ARE SCARCE

The Entire Province Records a Great Demand for Laboring Men in All Lines.

The scarcity of laboring men is getting to be a serious problem in this province, according to some of the contractors and employers of labor. Miners, lumbermen, men, sailors, excavators, every kind of men in fact are scarce.

The city has had great trouble in securing men to work on Union street, west end, and Contractor D. C. Clark cannot get half the number of men he wants to build the new west side wharf. From all over the province comes the cry for more men and there appears to be no response.

SHAH IS VERY ILL

Persian Ruler Said to Be in Critical Condition This Afternoon.

TIFLIS, Jan. 8.—3:20 p. m.—The Shah's illness took a decided turn for the worse today and at two o'clock this afternoon His Majesty was declared to be in a critical condition.

POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning Michael McCarthy pleaded guilty to stealing two bottles of gin from an I. C. R. car at Long Wharf yesterday and was remanded.

He said he had been drinking and wanted to use the gin because he was sick.

Wm. McCarthy was fined \$4 for being drunk. He leaves town in one of the winterport boats this afternoon.

The annual meeting of the Exhibition Association will be held tonight when reports will be submitted and the board of directors chosen. Subsequently the directors will meet and elect ten more members and after that the full board of directors will elect the officers.

THE STABBING CASE IN COURT

Francis Moore Charged With Stabbing His Friend

IN A MILL STREET BAR

Injured Man Tells His Story of the Affair and Prisoner is Examined—Several Other Witnesses Were Also Examined This Morning.

(See also Page 3.)

The Mill street stabbing affray was aired in the police court, before Judge Ritchie this morning. Michael Comerford, the injured man, told his story, several witnesses were examined, and the case promises interesting developments. Peter Sutton, who was in Rhea's barroom at the time the stabbing occurred, was detained as a witness, and, judging from his honor's remarks, may possibly be in pretty hot water before the hearing is completed.

Comerford, who gave every evidence of intense suffering, and who had to be assisted to and from the stand, said he was a member of the Empress of Britain's crew, and came ashore last night about 6:30 o'clock, in company with Francis Moore and F. McCormick and had two or three drinks of beer. In Rhea's barroom he had stood treat and was talking and sky-larking with Moore, who held a pocket knife in his hand, and stabbed him twice in the leg and once on the rear upper thigh.

No hard words had passed between them and he knew of no ill-feeling between himself and Moore.

Peter Sutton and Felix McCormick, also of the Empress of Britain, were examined.

Sutton told of having had a drink or two before going into Rhea's, and he had stood treat there for three companions. In reply to a question he said the conversation he had was of an ordinary character, and he had not seen any stabbing. As he was going out he saw that water was being passed across the bar and given to a man who was on the floor. He didn't know who it was.

"Didn't you look to see how much the fellow was injured?" asked his honor. Witness, after some hesitation, said he had not, as it was none of his business. "And you didn't look to see if it was a man or a dog, and didn't care?" queried his honor.

Witness said it had not struck him to do so at the time. He declared also that he was not trying to shield Moore.

His honor told Sutton that he was there to tell the truth, the whole truth, and if he (the judge) could prove that he had not done so he would have to answer a charge of perjury and might be more severely punished than might be the case with Moore.

His honor ordered that Sutton be detained and the proprietor and bar-tender of the Yorkshire Bar be called and examined.

While Sutton was giving evidence, Comerford interjected that they were all together in the bar.

McCormick told of being present when Comerford was on the floor and water was being given to him. He declared there was no dispute, that Sutton was at the other end of the bar, and that the injured man walked out of the saloon.

The prisoner was remanded for the present.

The police say that when Sutton was arrested last night he said he knew all about the affair and told Policeman Crawford that Moore reached under the counter and made the slashes in an upward direction.

Patrick Keland, also of the Empress of Britain, who, it is understood, can give important evidence, will be placed on the stand at the next hearing.

Chief Clark who was himself on watch at the floats when the ferry made her last trip, is deserving of much credit for his work in detailing men shortly after being notified. It was remarked this morning that he was always on the spot when duty called, and was quick to act.

Poor Comerford suffered intensely while awaiting the arrival of the ambulance to convey him to the hospital. He was assisted a little past the guard room door

by Sergt. Campbell and Policeman Marshall, but became so weak that he had to be carried from there to the ambulance on the sergeant's back, all the time groaning piteously. Policeman Marshall went with him to the hospital.

OPERATIONS AT BEERSVILLE

Manager Polleys of the Imperial Coal Company Says Things are Booming Now.

Charles Polleys, manager of the Imperial Coal Company at Beersville, Kent county, passed through the city today on his way from New York for Beersville.

Speaking to a Times man, he said the mining operations at Beersville were being carried on as well as could be expected, but there was a great scarcity of labor. The daily output at present is two cars, or about forty tons, but next year they expect to increase the capacity to about five times what it is now. The output of the mines at present is all taken up by the I. C. R. and a number of dealers.

It is also the intention of the company to put in a big brick manufacturing plant next year to utilize the clay that is dug out. This clay will make bricks of a buff color and the company expects to find a ready sale for them in upper Canada. The plant will have a capacity of 20,000 bricks daily.

Mr. Polleys said that they have no trouble in getting their product hauled out from the mines, as the local government had compelled the Beersville Railway to provide accommodation.

JURORS WANT MORE MONEY

Petit Jurors at Fredericton Apply for Increase of Fees—

Timothy Lynch Wins His Suit

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 8.—(Special)—At the circuit court here this morning, the jury in the case of the Southwest River Log Driving Company vs. Timothy Lynch, after being out over two hours, returned a verdict for the defendant.

In regard to the question as to whether or not the defendant had promised to pay the plaintiff a bonus of \$2,050, the jury was unable to agree. A stay of process was granted the plaintiff. The jury memorialized the judge to recommend an increased stipend for petit jurors, and his honor promised to bring the matter to the notice of the attorney general.

J. H. Barry, K. C., was yesterday elected trustee of the Victoria Hospital, in room of T. Sharkey whose term of office has expired.

BIG BOOM FOR MINTO

Predictions Are That Next Summer it Will Be a Very Busy Spot.

W. C. Hunter, manager of the New Brunswick and Atlantic Railway system who has been in the city returned to Norton today. Mr. Hunter reports that the coal mines at Minto are getting out considerable coal and the railway is kept busy hauling it. It is the intention of a number of the mine owners to build houses next spring at Minto for their men. It has been found very difficult to get enough men to carry on the work and it is thought that if houses are provided, the miners can be induced to stay there. It is confidently expected that next summer will see a big boom at Minto, as the building of the G. T. P. in that section will make it a busy spot.

FREDERICTON NEWS

FREDERICTON, Jan. 8.—(Special)—The legislative committee of the city council held a meeting last evening and authorized the city clerk to prepare a bill to provide for the appointment of a chief of police.

A bill will also be presented to the legislature at the approaching session to give order nisi for the appointment of E. F. administration of justice committee.

The city council will meet this evening to consider an offer from Willard Kitchen for purchase of city road plant.

The stockholders of the Fredericton Boom Company are holding their annual meeting here this afternoon. A proposal to wind up the affairs of the company is to be considered.

EQUITY COURT

On application of Rose A. Dooley, of Boston, Mr. Justice Barker granted an order nisi for the appointment of E. F. C. Knowles, H. O. McInerney and C. F. Inches as trustees to the estate of the late Ellen J. Dooley, of Boston. J. Roy Campbell for the petitioner.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of public works will be held this evening. In the absence of Ald. McGoldrick, who is in Boston, Ald. Bullock will preside.

IS SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Portland Oregon Has Very Mysterious Murder

A DOCTOR THE VICTIM

Dr. Johnson's Body Was Found Where it Had Been Thrown From Bridge 117 Feet High --- Police Are Working on the Case.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Jan. 8.—The murder here last night of Doctor Philip Edward Johnson, a physician recently arrived from New York, was one of the most mysterious tragedies that has ever occurred in the northwest. Dr. Johnson came to Portland with his newly wedded wife two months ago to establish his home here and to practice his profession. The couple bought a site for a beautiful home in a fashionable section, Mrs. Johnson before her marriage last fall, was a Mrs. Scarborough. She is a daughter of former Governor Hoadley, of Ohio. Dr. Johnson was a son of Episcopal Archdeacon Johnson, of Staten Island, and a graduate of Columbia University.

Shortly after dining with his wife last night, Dr. Johnson announced his intention of visiting a Dr. Penton, one of the state examining board, against the protestations of his wife, who feared highwaymen. On his way Dr. Johnson called upon his cousin, C. Alvord, assistant cashier in a local bank. What happened at Dr. Johnson's house has not been learned. Alvord refused to make any statement for publication. Alvord's parents, however, told the police that after leaving their home, Dr. Johnson walked toward the Ford Street Bridge, two blocks distant, to go to Dr. Penton's home.

A short time afterward a car conductor found Johnson's mangled body in Jefferson street, 117 feet below the bridge. Johnson's pockets had been turned inside out, and his watch removed. Dr. Johnson's empty pocket-book and keys were found on the bridge above. There was no evidence of a struggle.

Alvord, when first approached by the newspaper men for a statement, was apparently eager to talk, but excused himself a moment, and went to Mrs. Johnson's room. Returning he informed them Mrs. Johnson was prostrated and all further efforts to get him to make a statement were unavailing. The police met with no better results. Alvord later on visited the police headquarters and endeavored to secure possession of some articles found on Johnson's body, but was not successful. A visit to the corner had better results, that official turning over to Alvord several articles. Captain Bruhn of the police department inclines to the murder theory, and yet, according to his statements to newspaper men, he does not believe Johnson was robbed, but intimates his belief of murder with some motive more sinister than robbery.

KINGS COUNTY CIRCUIT
HAMPTON, N. B., Jan. 8.—(Special)—The January term of the Kings County circuit court opened here this morning, Justice Landry presiding. Both grand and petit jurors were well represented.

There being no criminal cases the jurors were discharged. A non-jury case was entered and John Clarke, Wm. Lyons and Maud Lyons, an action of ejectment in which L. A. Curry, K. C., and Alexander Baird appeared for the plaintiff and Judge A. I. Trueman, K. C., and W. H. Trueman appeared for the defendants. The case was stood over until Jan. 24, 1907, 11 a. m., in the admiralty court, St. John.

BUTTER AND CHEESE

MONTREAL, Jan. 8.—(Special)—The cheese market is steady, 13-12 for October's, and 12 cents for September's. Butter is 25 to 25 1/2 for choicest, and 24 1/2 to 25 1/2 for choice.

BELGRADE, Serbia, Jan. 8.—King Peter today authorized a specific denial of the rumors to the effect that it is his intention to abdicate in perpetuity in favor of his family, in consideration of financial compensations.

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FORGAN'S NEW BANK

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The bank will have a directorate of either nine or 11 members, but the names of those selected will not be given out until the list is completed.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS

West India steamer Orinoco, Captain Bale, sailed from Bermuda yesterday at 11 a. m. for this port direct.

Steamer Manchester Importer sailed this morning at 5 p. m. for Manchester. She took 224 cattle.

Battle line steamer Pydna arrived at Buenos Ayres today from Manchester.

Steamship Manchester Trader left Halifax today at 1 a. m. for this port.

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LOCAL OPTION IN ONTARIO

Electors in 111 Districts Voted on Question Yesterday

A HEAVY HANDICAP

The Three-fifths Majority Necessary to Prohibition Was Not Secured in Many Municipalities—Partial Returns Show Honors Easy.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 8.—(Special)—The electors in one hundred and eleven municipalities of Ontario expressed their will on the question of the local prohibition of the liquor traffic yesterday.

The new legislation of the Whitney government which was introduced at the beginning of last session, requiring a three-fifths vote to put the local option bylaw into effect, placed a heavy handicap upon temperance workers. Nevertheless quite a number of towns and townships carried the measure.

In Toronto Junction, where the bylaw was carried three years ago by a majority of 190, the citizens pronounced against repealing the measure by a majority of 333.

In several other places, Niagara on the Lake, and in East Carleton place local option was sustained by large majorities. The bylaw carried by a good majority over the required three-fifths in Midland, Teeswater, Port Carling, Weston, Waterford, and the townships of Arran, Asphodel, Brice, Cramahoe, Innisfail and Norwich.

In Orillia the vote was on licensing the retail sale of liquor in shops, there being one shop in the town, the result was a large majority for no license, 590 to 260.

A number of municipalities called a majority for local option, but not the required three-fifths, including Bradford, Collingwood, Leamington, and Moosford. The bylaw was defeated also in Adelaide, Ailsa Craig, Beeton, Blenheim, Brantford, the township, Brantford East, North Essa, Kings, Kingsville, Markdale, Oakville, Port Elgin, Tiverton and Woodbridge.

A plebiscite in Kingston on the question of license reduction resulted in a substantial majority in favor of the reduction.

The by-law was carried at Ingersoll, New Hamburg, Guelph, Waterloo and Weston.

Woodstock endorsed the Beck scheme by a handsome majority of 677. Paris recorded the smallest majority shown by the returns, 47; Stratford's pronouncement was unmistakable for by-law, as was also St. Mary's.

In the 110 municipalities the number of licenses is 242. Very many public meetings were held throughout the districts interested; Rev. S. D. Chown, Rev. Dr. Abraham, Dr. N. Smith and Rev. B. H. Spence, of Toronto, all gave a good deal of time to the work, and Rev. J. H. Hector, the "Black Knight," with his wife and daughter, were in charge of numerous meetings over a large territory. The Alliance also sent out a large quantity of literature. Over 6,000 copies of The Pioneer were sent out during the month of December, and local committees and Citizens' Leagues circulated appeals specially adapted to their own localities.

"We feel confident," said E. S. Spence, to the News of Toronto, "that we would have carried not less than 75 per cent. if it had not been for the three-fifths vote."

ANOTHER GIFT FROM JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

He Will Endow Chicago University With \$3,000,000 for a Pension Fund.

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WITH FIRE AND RIOTS

Mexican Strikers Riot and Burn a Store

TROOPS CALLED OUT

Textile Workers in Mills in City of Orizaba Burn the Company's Store, Steal Thousands of Dollars and Pillage Houses and Other stores.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 8.—Late yesterday word was received here that the textile workers in the mills in the city of Orizaba, state of Vera Cruz, who are on strike, had burned a company store connected with one of the establishments and were threatening to destroy the mills. Two regiments of soldiers were assembled and rushed to the scene, aboard a special train. The mills where the trouble occurred employ about 5,000 men. For some time none of these have been working because of a dispute with the owners. On last Friday it was announced that the strike of the textile workers, which had spread throughout the republic, had been settled owing to the intervention of President Diaz, and Vice-President Corral.

The working men's committee announced that all of the 28,000 men would return to work today. The first news of the disturbances came in a telegram, which stated that a riot was on and that the company store at the Rio Blancos mills was in flames. Soldiers were then rushed to the scene.

General Martinez is in command of the troops. The owner of the property thus far destroyed is Eduardo Garcia, a citizen of France.

The trouble started on Saturday morning, when 2,000 workmen met in Rio Blanco, near Orizaba, and voted not to accept the award of President Diaz. Violent speeches were made, and the men, arming themselves with sticks and stones, looted the company's store, destroyed it and confiscated thousands of dollars in money and in goods. They then pillaged private houses and government shops.

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STMR. PONCE IS STILL MISSING

But it is Hoped That Another Steamer on Same Route Has Fallen in With Her.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Early today the steamer Ponce of the New York and Pacific Coast Steamship Company, now 8 days overdue, was still missing, but Franklin Moore, general manager of the company, said last night, that a sister ship, the Maracas, which sailed from Trinidad, December 30, was overdue and this might be due to having come across the Ponce in a disabled condition and now having her in tow. The Maracas should have reached this port not later than yesterday.

KILLED BY BURGLARS

Faithful Night Watchman Meets Death While Protecting His Employer's Property.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 8.—Samuel Slater, for 17 years night watchman at the Stylesville Bleachery, was fatally wounded early today by one of two robbers whom he surprised at work on the establishment. Slater had ordered them to accompany him to another part of the building whereupon the burglars drew a revolver and fired, the bullet striking Slater in the stomach. The two men escaped. Before the doctor arrived Slater died. There is no clue to the robbers. Slater was 59 years old and leaves a wife and two daughters.

GANS AND BRITT MATCHED

They Will Meet at Tonopah, Nevada, on March 17, in Finish Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—Articles