

NEW FRISCO PLAN

Second Reorganization Scheme Put Up to Commission.

This Authorizes Capitalization of Nearly 250 Million.

ASSESSMENT OF \$5 A SHARE

Estimates by 1924 Earnings Will Be 20 Million a Year.

Includes Voting Trust Once Rejected by Board.

Jefferson City, May 18.—The second reorganization plan of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad submitted to the Missouri public service commission today proposes a capitalization of \$249,818,218 with a provision that additional securities may be issued with the consent of the commission. The first plan, which was rejected by the commission, called for the issuance of \$219,000,000 in securities.

A hearing on the plan was granted today by the commission for May 31. It came to Jefferson City by mail from a New York letter which was the first of a series of letters and the plan, as was the first of J. and W. Sellman, and Speyer and Company, constituting the reorganization committee.

Will Have Three Million Left. The plan as submitted to the committee sets forth that the receivers after paying all operating expenses, will have the sum of \$2,193,000 on hand July 1, 1916. It is stated also that the net fixed earnings are now \$11,162,492, and constitute more than enough to pay the fixed charges and return of more than 4 1/2 per cent upon the entire capitalization.

By 1924 the earnings will net \$29,000,000 a year and keep up all improvements. The plan provides for a voting trust practically the same as in the one first submitted and which was rejected by the commission. It is to continue for five years and be composed of James W. Lusk, one of the receivers, Francis J. Wolfe, a local representative of the stockholders, and Frederick W. Allen, Charles H. Sabir, James E. Spyer, and Eugene V. Thayer, all of New York.

Provides for Mortgage Sale. It is provided the properties of the roads shall be sold under foreclosure of the refunding mortgage bonds, creditor bills, etc., and a successor to the old company shall be organized whenever the reorganization committee shall determine.

The Chicago & Eastern Illinois and the New Orleans, Texas & Mexico are to be divorced from the roads as the first plan provided. The Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis is to be retained, and there will be left undisturbed securities amounting to \$14,790,000, which constitute gold interest-bearing bonds falling due within the next few years.

The preferred stock which will exceed \$200,000,000 at any time and must never draw more than seven per cent, is to be retained. The plan for new is the same as under the first plan, requiring a deposit of \$5 a share.

French Owners Silent. The amount to be paid the reorganization committee is not fixed but to be determined by the president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford, the Columbia Trust company, and the Equitable Trust company, all of New York. It is to be charged as a part of the reorganization expenses.

The new plan differs from the former it is stated, in the large per cent of bondholders who have assented to it. The French holders of securities, having it is understood about \$40,000,000 of the roads' securities, had been assented or objected, the plan states.

JAPAN IS BOOMING

War Responsible for Sudden Business Ascension.

Washington, May 18.—Japan's industries have received a powerful stimulus. Consular reports today said industrial investment during the first and present quarters had been heavier than at any time since the industrial revival of 1906. New investments largely are for iron and steel, ship building, paper, mill, dye and drug manufacturing and other chemical industries.

Business slumped in Japan for a time after the war began and according to the consular reports investment in business enterprises began to increase only last October. Prohibition by the British government of importations of luxuries is said to have hurt certain lines of manufacturing in Japan.

AT THE THEATERS

At the Orpheum. Billy Burke is the big attraction at the Orpheum today and tonight. The same special program rendered before, including selections by an augmented orchestra, cello solo by Steffen and "Peggy" sung by Miss Marguerite Gohlke will be given. The evening performance of "Peggy" will begin at 7:15, then will follow the regular scheduled program showing Norma Talmadge in "The Children in the House" and Keystone comedy.

Those attending the Orpheum production are invited to remain throughout the entire evening. Because of the many requests for return, the Orpheum management arranged the re-engagement for the one day only. According to the Orpheum schedule this is the last opportunity to get this remarkable picture for Topeka, and will positively not be shown in any other theater in this city during the season.

At the Iris. Kitty Gordon in "Her Maternal Right" is the principal feature at the Iris today and tonight instead of "The Feast of Life," starring Clara Kimball Young, as previously announced. It is proposed to associate Kitty Gordon with the newest styles of fashionable costumes and those who see the "Feast of Life" tonight will not be disappointed. She will be there with her frills and finery as well as superb acting and splendid dramatic effect if advance notices are correct.

Monarch paint at Forbes.—Adv.

Additional Sport

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BIG GOLF TOURNAMENT

Many Stars Gather for Play at Garden City Course.

New York, May 18.—More than 130 golfers have been entered for the Garden City invitation tournament which started this morning.

Among the prominent players are: Max Marston, New Jersey champion; Walter J. Travis, former national and international champion; Fred Herreshoff, twice runner-up in the national amateur championship; Henry J. Topping, former Connecticut champion, who won the Ardley tournament last week; Reggie Lewis of Wykesville and Charles W. G. Carter, metropolitan junior champion, and North and South amateur champion.

BIG MONEY FOR WELSH

Champion Will Receive \$25,000 for Buenos Aires Fight.

New York, May 18.—With the exception of minor details, the 20-round championship bout between Freddie Welsh, light heavyweight title holder and Charley White of Chicago, to take place in Buenos Aires in July or August has been arranged.

Welsh will receive between \$25,000 and \$30,000 as his share of the purse and that White will receive \$7,500; both men to have \$1,000 for expenses.

Baseball Invades London.

London, May 18.—Baseball league is being formed by Canadians stationed in London. It will include a United States team made up of munition workers and others.

Sioux City Releases Two.

Sioux City, Ia., May 18.—Manager Harry Gasping of the Sioux City West-End league team has released Whitey Henning, infielder, and "Spikie" Kelly to the South Bend club of the Central league.

"Peaches" Graham to Moline.

Moline, Ill., May 18.—"Peaches" Graham, Chicago Cub catcher, and last year captain of the St. Joe club in the Western league has been signed by the Moline club of the Three I league.

AERO FIGHT SEASON ON

Verden Region Battered by French Planes—Austrians Busy in Italy.

Paris, May 18.—During the night of May 16-17 French aviators conducted numerous bombardments along the front to the north of Verdun. Fifteen shells of larger caliber were thrown down upon an important depot of munitions on the railroad station at Sedan, where a fire broke out and fifteen tons of munitions not far from Amannes. During the same night two French aeroplanes threw down eight shells on the railroad station at Metz.

PREPAREDNESS DAY

Saturday June 3 Will Be Celebrated in Chicago.

Chicago, May 18.—Saturday, June 3, will be "Preparedness day" in Chicago. It is the purpose of the committee organizing the demonstration to make it a national rather than a local event and the co-operation of the mayors of the largest cities in the country has been requested. If the responses are favorable, the city of more than 1,000,000 inhabitants will be asked to observe the day with suitable exercises.

THREE BODIES FOUND

American Mining Prospectors Missing Since Battle of Glenn Springs.

Marathon, Tex., May 18.—The bodies of three American mining prospectors, missing since the battle of Glenn Springs, have been found near San Vicente, in the Big Bend desert country, by a posse of cattlemen, according to William Sonson, a rancher, who arrived from the border today. Their names are Harris, Woodson and Bosworth.

NO BISHOPS ELECTED

Methodist Conference in Deadlock After Fifth Ballot.

Saratoga Springs, May 18.—The third day of voting for seven new bishops of the general superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal church opened today with the announcement that no election had resulted from the fifth ballot, which was cast late last night.

Before proceeding with its legislative business the sixth ballot was taken.

Enginemans' Convention. Detroit, May 18.—Addresses by Warren C. Brown, president of the chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and W. S. Carter of Peoria, Ill., president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemans, are expected to feature the sessions of the national convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen here today. Members of the ladies auxiliary of the trainmen will attend a ball tonight.

IN AIR BATTLES READY TO DOATE

U. S. Aviators Cover Themselves With Glory at Verdun.

Three German Machines Are Brought Down in 30 Flights.

WILLIAM K. THAW A HERO

He Brings Damaged Machine Safely Back to French Lines.

French-American Squads Big Aid to the Allies.

Paris, May 18.—Fight after fight in the air, with American aviators covering themselves with glory, overshadowing the rest of the day's news on the western front.

Verden claims the center of interest as the hottest field of aerial as well as of terrestrial battling. Thirty-three air combats took place in that region Wednesday and three German aeroplanes were brought to earth without the loss of a single French pilot.

Beyond all other records of this kind stand out the exploits of the newly formed Franco-American flying corps. The first mission was on the first time, although most of its members have been doing good service for the French army for a year or more.

Thaw's Narrow Escape. The corps took the air before sunrise for a reconnoitering expedition over the German front. For two hours they cruised over the German lines, heavily shelled by anti-aircraft guns. A shell smashed the tail piece of the machine piloted by William K. Thaw, of Pittsburg, now a lieutenant in the French army. Another shell damaged his propeller. Nevertheless, Lieutenant Thaw returned safely to the French lines.

So did all his comrades, some of whom had similar narrow escapes to report. One of them was Corporal J. M. McConnell, of Carthage, N. C. He remarked that the Germans are working with anti-aircraft guns with greater range than ever. Shells burst around him continually at an altitude of 12,000 feet.

Corporal Victor Chapman was missing for a long time after the other American aviators had returned to their base and there were grave fears that he had been winged by the Germans. He turned up later, however, unhurt but with a damaged machine and reported that he had been driven out of his course.

Other Americans in It. Among the other American flyers who took part in the reconnaissance were Sergeant Norman Prince, of the 78th Aero Squadron, organized into three more Franco-American air squadrons. In other reports the French and the British official reports indicate great aerial activity.

Dead Man's hill and Hill 304 continue to be the scene of active artillery work on both sides.

AUTHORS INTO UNION?

League Considers Joining as "International Pen Pushers Union."

New York, May 18.—The Authors' League of America, of which Winston Churchill is the president, and Theodore Roosevelt the vice president, is considering the advisability of joining the American Federation of Labor under the name of the International Pen Pushers' union, or something like that.

It is the purpose of those suggesting the idea to make the Authors' League a union organization in every sense of the word, that is, as much a union as the structural iron workers, the hod carriers, or any of the rest of them. There is no objection to any man's desire to better the condition of authors in their dealing with publishers or theatrical managers, but there is a decided conviction among the boosters of the scheme that the moving picture men should be forced to grant "higher wages and better working conditions."

A special committee has been set up for a week to find out from every city of more than 100,000 in the American Federation of Labor what can be gained by affiliating with that organization. The members of this committee are: Thomas Buchanan, chairman; Rex Beach, Elliot Parker Butler, George Creel, Walter P. Eaton, George Barr McCutcheon, Lewis Sherwin, Leroy Scott and Frederic C. Howe.

TEUTONS SPOT PANAMA

Isthmus Has Been Searched by German Agents, Is Common Belief.

Panama, May 18.—In many circles, as well as outside, the belief prevails that the isthmus has been thoroughly searched out by German agents in the past year.

They can be found in all parts of the interior and, although ostensibly representing other vocations, have interested themselves to an unusual extent in the Jay of the land. Members of the German crews of four interned ships in Colon harbor have been allowed to scatter without an effort being made to keep them under surveillance.

Army officers admit that Germans have been seen on trails and military roads while making reconnaissances.

SHIP NOT TORPEDOED

American Consul Reports Eretria With Americans Aboard Hit Mine.

Paris, May 18.—It has been definitely established that the British freighter steamship Eretria sunk on Friday last went to the bottom as a result of striking a mine of the He d' Yeu according to Kenneth S. Patton, American consul at Larochele.

The first report was that the Eretria which had three American citizens on board, had been torpedoed.

NEED 40,000 MEN

Wheat Growers of Kansas Will Want Harvest Help.

Barton County Alone Asks for 4,000 More Hands.

OTHER COUNTIES BADLY OFF

Cutting Is Expected to Begin June 10 in South.

Northern Counties May Be as Late as July 1.

At least forty thousand men—probably more—will be required to harvest the Kansas wheat crop. That was an estimate made today by C. H. Danner, in charge of the state free employment bureau. Danner's prediction is based on returns from a number of large wheat producing counties of the state.

Following inquiries sent to wheat producing counties two weeks ago, Danner today issued a follow-up letter in which he sought to gain detailed information concerning the number of men needed, wages, time of harvest and condition of the growing crop. The estimate of at least 40,000 men is based on existing conditions. The demand for harvest hands will in all probability exceed the present estimate.

One letter came today from Barton county where 4,000 men will be needed. Similar conditions exist in other large wheat counties of the southwest. In Reno, Ford and other counties, the demand for harvest hands will range from 5,000 to 4,000 in each county. The harvest will start early in June—probably June 10—in a number of the counties of the southwest.

Harvest Will Be Late. In the northwestern section of the state, the harvest will begin later. Many of the northern counties will begin the cutting of wheat as late as July 1.

"If conditions continue as at present, at least 40,000 men to gather the wheat crop," said Danner today in discussing returns from the big wheat growing counties. "Returns from letters sent today will give a detailed and comprehensive view of the situation. But on these reports, I will issue a bulletin late this month or early in June. While I am confident that 40,000 men will be needed, my opinion is that the demand will greatly exceed this number."

Efforts have been made to secure special railway rates for harvest hands. These efforts, however, have failed and men from other states who come to Kansas to help in the harvest, must pay full passenger rates.

REV. BERNARD KELLY

An Active Man, Busy in Good Work at Seventy-seven.

Bernard Kelly's many friends in Kansas will be glad to know that he has fully and perfectly recovered from his severe illness. Kelly is a busy man now at seventy-seven. He has been in charge of the prayer meetings at the First Methodist church in the absence of Dr. Younkers since Sunday. He aided Mr. Bowman at both the services. Last Sunday he dedicated a church at the First Methodist church, Topeka, at 11 o'clock, and at 8 o'clock he preached at the First Methodist church, Topeka. On Sunday, May 23, he is to preach the Memorial service at Euclid Avenue church, Topeka, to which all soldiers and citizens are invited.

He will deliver the Memorial address at Sterling, Kan., on May 30. The committee of Lincoln post was anxious to have Mr. Kelly deliver the Memorial address in Topeka, but the invitation from Sterling came some time ago, and as he had accepted the invitation, was compelled to decline the one from Topeka.

SET G. O. P. CONTESTS

Eight States Have Scrap on Over Delegates—Hearings Begin June 1.

Chicago, May 18.—Secretary James B. Reynolds of the Republican national committee today notified all delegates interested in contests over delegates to the party convention to be in Chicago ready to present the evidence at the hearing before the national committee June 1. On that date Chairman Hilles and members of the Republican national committee will convene several days in Chicago for hearing the contests.

Secretary Reynolds has received official notification of contests in eight states and the District of Columbia, involving the seating of 43 delegates as follows: Georgia 17; Louisiana 12; Virginia 1; South Carolina 2; Florida 1; Mississippi 1; Oklahoma 4; Missouri 2, and the District of Columbia 2. Unofficial notice of a contest in Texas involving three delegates has been received.

MRS. "TOP" SOME SHOT

She Busts Bricksbats Just Like They Were Blue Rocks.

Adolph Topperwein, billed as the greatest living rifle, pistol and shotgun shot with rifle, pistol and shotgun, accompanied by his wife who is one of the few women capable of being as proficient as he is, became more to powder with shooting irons, are in Topeka today, the guests of the Topeka Gun club, and this afternoon at 3 o'clock they were scheduled to give an exhibition at the club grounds for the benefit of local shooters and all who are interested in preparedness of the kind they practice.

As might be expected, the Topperweins hail from Texas, and it is probably that they became proficient in the use of firearms practicing to defend themselves against greaser bandit raids. However, they became so proficient that it became more profitable for them to go on the road giving exhibitions than to remain on

UNFAIR TO KANSAS

College Annuals Sent-Printing Work Out of State.

Will Kelley Protests Against Action of Schools.

MAY OPPOSE APPROPRIATIONS

Business Men Will Retaliate Against State Schools

If Unloyal Business Methods Continue to Exist.

Charging unfairness to Kansas industries, Will Kelley, secretary of the Commercial club and chairman of the Merchants' association, today wrote letters to Chancellor Strong of Kansas university, R. E. Busenbark, business manager of The Jayhawker, and H. J. Waters, president of the State Agricultural college at Manhattan, criticizing the action taken by student publishers, in sending their work out of the state. Mr. Kelley in return for the printing of the annual, that not a Topeka engraver or printer, and so far as he knows, none in Kansas, was given an opportunity to bid on printing the 1916 college annual, The Jayhawker.

Mr. Kelley further charges, from information received, that an editor on the college annual has been placed on the payroll of the Missouri printing firm. In regard to this, Mr. Kelley writes:

"On Pay Roll to Get Job? "Because some printing establishment in Kansas City may see fit to place the editor of a Kansas college annual upon its payroll evidently with no other purpose than that they may get the work of publishing the annual, I do not justify the act of going outside the state to have the work done. "I assure you that the organizations of the various cities of the state that are trying to build up the state industries find very little encouragement in that kind of co-operation of colleges."

Right Back at 'Em. "Business men in Topeka this morning, informed of the action of the management of the Jayhawker in shutting out competitive Kansas bids, were indignant. It was pointed out that beyond a doubt the student body of Kansas university and all other colleges maintained by the state would this year, the same as in years past, invade legislative corridors urging loosening of Kansas purse strings for big appropriation.

A number of the business men stated that if such a state of affairs continued to exist, Kansas university and other colleges maintained by the state would be so completely bankrupt that they would be insistent that the state county legislators vote upon any income tax appropriations for Kansas university or any other school which pursued such tactics. It seemed the consensus of opinion that other counties throughout the state, made cognizant of the students' attitude toward Kansas industries, would exact similar policies from their representatives.

TAKE REVENUE DEPUTY

Collector at New York Arrested for Alleged Tobacco Graft.

New York, May 18.—Christopher J. Fortman, for more than ten years a deputy internal revenue collector, was arrested on the charge of accepting a bribe of \$20,000 for making false reports to the government. His arrest will be followed by that of several other collectors. It was announced by Assistant United States District Attorney McDonald, in an effort to break up a system of alleged grafting which, he said, had cost the government more than \$300,000 within the last ten years.

FAMOUS PICTURE HERE

Copy of a Raphael Madonna to Be Shown at City Library.

A picture will be placed on exhibition in the city library today, which should be seen and studied by all art lovers of Topeka. It is a copy of Raphael's famous Madonna of the Temple—Madonna of the Tempi family—which hangs in the Pinacothek or art gallery, of Munich, Germany.

The picture is the property of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Johnstone, late of the City of Mexico, and now living in Port Smith, Ark. It is known to be more than two hundred years old, and there is reason to believe it was made during the life time of Raphael; perhaps by the great master himself. It is a masterpiece of art, and the Johnstone family for more than a century. Their home was in Charleston, S. C., and in the forehead of the virgin is a small hole in the canvas made by the bayonet of a Union soldier during the Civil war.

The painting dates its great age is remarkably well preserved. The colors are clear and bright and there are no cracks in the canvas. The work is a most excellent copy of the original, both in drawing and color. It is about two by three feet in size and mounted in a handsome Florentine rocco frame which alone is worth a careful examination. The frame is of elaborately carved wood heavily gilded. It was secured through a careful search extending over a period of six months. The picture will remain at the library for about two weeks.

Mr. Johnstone, who is a mechanical engineer, and was in business in Mexico City for many years, has returned to the United States, until conditions become more settled in the southern republic. He owns a large art collection, which was brought to the United States several years ago. His pictures are now in Topeka, and at least one other will be exhibited with the Madonna di Tempi. It is a copy of Sir Henry Reardon's portrait of Mrs. Frugburn, a famous Scotch beauty of the early nineteenth century. The original hangs in the National gallery at Edinburgh.

TOPEKA MAN IS NAMED

Amos Goodman Vice Grand Chancellor of K. P. Lodge in Kansas.

Manhattan, Kan., May 18.—Amos Goodman, of Topeka, was elected vice grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Kansas at the closing session of the convention here. The next meeting of the grand lodge will be held in Atchison in May, 1917.

Other officers elected were Frank S. Sullivan, Meade, grand chancellor; The Rev. W. T. Williams, Kinsley, grand secretary; L. H. Hays, Kansas City, Kan., grand keeper of records and seals; F. E. Wilcox, Abilene, grand master of the exchequer; J. C. Carter, Fort Scott, grand treasurer; arms; Carl Peterson, Irving, grand inner guard; and Arthur Rathbone, Manhattan, grand outer guard.

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