

## RAILROAD MAGNATES

### HILL AND HARRIMAN APPEAR BEFORE THE INTER STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

### BOTH TESTIFY THIS AFTERNOON

First Two Witnesses Today Swear That the Proposed Merger of Interests Would Make Little or No Difference in Question of Rates.

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Jan. 24.—What is expected to be one of the most interesting sessions of the inter state commerce commission ever held began here today.

The promised presence of James J. Hill and E. H. Harriman, who are supposed to know all about the community of interest plans of the railroads and who are expected to enlighten the commission on various points concerning the plan, brought a crowd of curious people, chiefly traction men, into court.

It is the expressed purpose of the commission to discover, if possible, what changes, if any, have been created between the general public and the railroads by reason of the "associate management" of the latter.

The commissioners desire to find out if the carrying out of the community of interest idea has affected the rate situation in a way contrary to law, or, as claimed, if it is likely to affect the stability and non-discrimination of and in rates for which the commission has long battled.

### Hill and Harriman Present.

Mr. Hill and Mr. Harriman both reached Chicago during the morning, and Mr. Hill, accompanied by Mr. Grover, his attorney came at once before the commission. Chairman Knapp, being appealed to, stated that Mr. Hill would be allowed to testify at a time which would permit him to take a train for New York tonight.

Mr. Hill would not talk to reporters who sought an outline of his testimony. Darius Miller, first vice-president and traffic manager of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and former manager of the Great Northern, was the first witness.

In answer to questions by Mr. Day, attorney for the commission, Mr. Miller stated that the Burlington was absolutely independent in its operations and in making of rates.

"Have you received instructions from either Mr. Hill or Mr. Harriman, in regard to making rates?" Mr. Day asked. "I have received none," the witness answered.

Commissioner Prouty asked the witness to what extent the Northern Pacific and Great Northern were competitors, and Mr. Miller put the competitive traffic at about 25 per cent.

He declared that the Burlington was not a competitor of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific. He said the two northern roads had made frequent agreements to maintain rates, but said he knew of no penalty having been imposed for violation of agreements.

### Stubs on the Stand.

J. C. Stubbs, traffic manager of the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific, followed Mr. Miller. Mr. Stubbs stated that E. H. Harriman was chairman of the board of directors of both roads, but he was appealed to only in extreme cases.

Mr. Stubbs said no such case had arisen since his appointment, and that he had proceeded under his general instructions from Mr. Harriman.

He said that rates generally had been fairly well maintained, but that there had been demoralization in Colorado and Utah.

He declared that the Southern Pacific and Atchison were competitors.

"Is there no agreement between you and the Santa Fe road as to a division of the oil and sugar traffic?" asked Mr. Day.

"No," replied the witness. "There is a division of the orange traffic, but this is due to the fact that about 50 per cent of the crop is tributary to each line."

The witness averred that the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific were competitors. Although he admitted that he believed the Union Pacific controlled the Southern Pacific, he declared that this control could not have any effect on rates.

"A look at the map will show you what this competition is," Mr. Stubbs observed parenthetically.

At 12:40 the commission took a recess until 2 p. m.

### FAREWELL TO SHAW.

Many of His Old Friends Wish Him God-Speed. (By Associated Press.) Dennison, Ia., Jan. 24.—More than 1000 people crowded the Denison Opera house last night to attend a farewell reception to Gov. Leslie M. Shaw, the new secretary of the treasury.

People from all the surrounding country were in attendance. Old-time farmer friends without regard to politics, drove 20 miles to bid the governor God-speed.

Governor Shaw received a tremendous ovation when he arose to speak. Secretary Shaw left for Des Moines this morning.

### M. Beau at Pekin.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 24.—A dispatch has been received at the foreign office from M. Beau, the French minister at Pekin, informing the officials that he had presented his credentials. The message does not contain any particulars, but the foreign office presumes that M. Beau had previously received satisfactory assurances from the Chinese officials regarding the pending missionary questions.

## PRELIMINARY REDUCTION OF BUTTE ORES BEGAN TODAY IN ANACONDA'S GIANT SMELTING PLANT.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

ANACONDA, Jan. 24.—Today will mark an important epoch in the history of Anaconda, for the reason that this is the date upon which the first ore was started on its way through the new reduction works.

The first car load of ore was dumped into the concentrator bins yesterday afternoon.

This was followed by others, aggregating altogether over six hundred tons.

Today another train load arrived, and shortly afterwards the machinery of the immense plant was started in motion and the first pound of ore was dropped into the crushers. No special ceremony marked the occasion, but there was present to witness the event officials of the various departments. The start today is only a preliminary run. It will be some days yet before everything will be in readiness for steady operations. However, from 500 to 1000 tons of ore will be received daily and everything is in shape to handle a greater tonnage. Officials of the company are much pleased with the plant.



THE NEW CONCENTRATOR—LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

## SEISMIC SHOCKS

### ST. LOUIS IS VISITED BY TWO DISTINCT EARTHQUAKES EARLY THIS MORNING.

### PEOPLE RAN OUTSIDE IN FEAR

Was a Rumbling Sound and Extremely Severe at Clifton Heights, Although No Actual Damage Resulted.

(By Associated Press.) St. Louis, Jan. 24.—Two distinct shocks of earthquake were felt in St. Louis and vicinity this morning. The first shock was light.

The second was more severe. It awakened persons who had slept through the first shock, and got them out of bed.

The shocks were accompanied by a rumbling sound, and occasioned the rattling of crockery and swaying of pictures.

At Clifton Heights the shocks were very severe and several persons went into their yards, fearing the houses would be shaken down.

The shocks were felt distinctly in the tri-cities across the river in Illinois. In Venice, buildings shook and windows rattled so that residents believed an explosion had occurred in the neighborhood.

### Shock at Quincy.

(By Associated Press.) Quincy, Ill., Jan. 24.—There was a pronounced earthquake shock here at 4:40 o'clock this morning. The seismic disturbance lasted nearly a minute and the oscillation was from east to west. The shaking of walls was perceptible in many brick residences.

### Felt in Kansas City.

(By Associated Press.) Kansas City, Jan. 24.—What is believed to have been an earthquake shock was experienced in the northeast extremity of the city early this morning. The movement was slight, and no damage resulted.

### STEAMSHIP MEN ARRIVE.

### Reports of Consolidation Schemes Without Foundation.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 24.—The White Star steamer Celtic arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown. Among her passengers was a number of English shipping men, whose mission, it was rumored, was to form a combine of trans-Atlantic passenger and freight lines.

The party included the Right Hon. W. J. Pirrie, chairman of the Harlan and Wolf Ship Building company and director of the Leyland and White Star lines; Henry Wilding of Richardson, Spence & Company, English agents of the International Navigation company; and who succeeded J. H. Ellerman as chairman of the Leyland line, and J. Bruce Ismay and W. S. Graves, directors of the White Star line.

They are accompanied by Ralph Neville and John Dickinson, maritime lawyers.

Mr. Ismay, when seen at quarantine, said: "These same rumors were current one year ago, but there is nothing in the reports. My visit here is to study the Celtic and Elther for a trip to the Mediterranean. I can give no other statements at this time."

### EXTENT OF FLORIST INDUSTRY.

### Statistics About the Raising of Flowers Are Given Out.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—The extent of the florist industry of the United States is shown by the final census statistics as announced on the final estimates, making the cultivation of flowers and ornamental plants their principal business.

These figures show for the United States a total of 6119 such establishments, cultivating and using in their business 42,647 acres, of which 34,692 is improved land.

The value of the land and buildings used by these establishments is \$50,619,000, of which \$22,674,356 represents the buildings alone.

The value of the implements and machinery for these establishments is 1,267,087. The value of all the products, including the flowers grown in their greenhouses and fields and the various farm crops on the lands controlled by them is \$15,287,429.

The amount expended by all these establishments for fertilizer was \$318,293 and for labor \$4,125,739.

More than one-half of the establishments are located in the North Atlantic division of states.

### SAVED BY AN OFFICER.

### Would-Be Assassin After King George of Greece.

(By Associated Press.) Vienna, Jan. 24.—The Neu Erie Presse today prints an unconfirmed story of an attempt to assassinate King George of Greece. According to this report his majesty was walking in the park at Phaleron, when a man brandishing a knife, rushed upon him. A park inspector jumped between the man and the king. The would-be assassin was arrested.

### Pass Pure Food Bill.

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Jan. 24.—State Pure Food Commissioner A. H. Jones, who has just returned from Washington, says he is confident of the passage of his bill to establish a food bureau in the United States department of agriculture.

## BOZEMAN COURTS

### JAMES ERICKSON FOUND GUILTY OF GRAND LARCENY.

### STOLE A HORSE LAST SPRING

### Case of the State Against Ed Alderson for Killing Elk Is Now on Trial

—Bozemanites Expect a Storm.

(By Associated Press.) Bozeman, Jan. 24.—The jury in the case of the state vs. James Erickson returned a verdict in court this morning finding him guilty of grand larceny.

He stole a horse last summer from Joseph Dringie and took it over to Livingston and sold it to Billy Miles for \$15.

He will be sentenced Monday. The case of the state vs. Ed Alderson, in which the defendant is accused of killing game out of season, is now being tried.

A strong east wind is blowing with the thermometer registering 10 below zero.

The snow is beginning to fall and there is every indication of the coming of the worst blizzard of the season.

### MARKET WAS STAGNANT.

### Some Few Gains But on the Whole a Poor Day.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 24.—Price changes in the opening dealings were of little significance and exceeded half only in a few cases.

On manipulation Metropolitan, Manhattan, Sugar, Copper and Gas advanced 1 to 1 1/2, but trading became almost stagnant on attempts to realize.

Large blocks of copper were taken around 72 and a later rise in sugar to 12 1/2 caused a steadier tone elsewhere. Distilling preferred and Pacific coast second preferred gain 1/4.

The market was very dull but prices dropped generally to below last night. The reaction ran to 1 1/2% for Sugar, Metropolitan, Missouri Pacific, Union Pacific and St. Paul, and carried Reading a point under last night, the second preferred 1% and Lackawanna 2%.

Bonds were less active and irregular.

### MAKING CLOSE INQUIRY.

### Desmond Takes Personal Charge of Cooper Murder Case.

(By Associated Press.) St. Louis, Jan. 24.—Chief of Detective Desmond started out today to personally investigate the mysterious murder of Alexander Dean Cooper, the wealthy business man who was killed at the Vista Turkish Bath house night before last.

After questioning Brother, the negro attendant at the bath house, for four hours without result, Chief Desmond decided to take him to the scene of the crime and have him re-enact his movements on the night in question.

The inquest into the death of Mr. Cooper has been postponed until tomorrow when it is hoped to have more evidence to present to the coroner's jury.

### ISSUE HABEAS CORPUS WRIT.

### Nellie Graham Will Have a Hearing Before Judge Leslie.

(Special to Inter Mountain.) Helan, Jan. 24.—The supreme court today issued a writ of habeas corpus requiring Sheriff Thomas Clary of Fort Benton to appear before Judge Leslie January 28 and show cause why he should not release Nellie Graham, who is serving a sentence for selling liquor without a license.

The petitioner secured the ear of the court through Attorney F. E. Stranahan, and alleges that no public offense was charged in the complaint upon which she was convicted.

She further alleges that the justice court at Fort Benton had no jurisdiction in the case.

## MORE MURDERS

### SAN FRANCISCO HAS ANOTHER MYSTERY ADDED TO LIST.

### PROBABLY DONE BY FOOTPADS

### Joseph Pedro, Foreman of Contracting Firm Is Found with a Bullet in His Brain—No Clue to the Murderer.

(By Associated Press.) San Francisco, Jan. 24.—Another murder, supposedly the work of footpads, was committed in the Mission district early this morning, the victim being Joseph Pedro, foreman for a large firm of contractors.

Pedro's corpse was discovered on the sidewalk on Seventh street, by two policemen about 4 o'clock, with a bullet hole on the left side in the region of the kidneys.

He had apparently been dead but a short time for the body was still warm. The deceased recently came here from the interior of the state, where he leaves a wife and child.

There is no clue to his murderer.

### FIRST RAILROAD

### PROBABLE THAT AMERICANS WILL BUILD IN CHINA.

### ELECTRIC ROAD IN SHANGHAI

### Propositions for Trolley Road 23 Miles Long Will Be Received Up to March 2 of This Year—English Company After It, Too.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 24.—It is likely that American capital will build, equip and operate the first electrical railroad in China.

It has been learned that prominent banking houses in this city, interested in local traction companies were preparing to invade Shanghai.

That city asked for proposals to build and operate a 23-mile railroad there. The Shanghai officials stipulated that propositions must be made before March 2, of this year.

Electrical companies immediately began to consider the proposition, but because they were averse to operating in addition to constructing and equipping the plan was conceived to form a separate company.

This firm does business in China and one of its members lives in Shanghai. He already has been appointed Chinese agent for the International Banking corporation.

A London company probably will compete for the contract.

### HIGHWAYMEN ARE CAPTURED.

### Outlaws Who Killed Sheriffs Smith and Beck Behind the Bars.

(By Associated Press.) Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 24.—Word reached the United States marshal's office here yesterday that two of the highwaymen that figured in the fight at Anadarko when Sheriffs Smith and Beck were killed last week were captured yesterday afternoon on the Kaw Indian reservation, 15 miles northwest of Newkirk, O. T.

The capture was made by Sheriff Bell of Kaw county, and a posse.

The two men tally exactly with the description of the highwaymen who killed the Anadarko officers, and there is no doubt in the minds of the authorities that they have the right men. One gave the name of Copper and the other Charles Moffitt.

They have been in hiding in that vicinity for two days and are now in jail at Newkirk.

They were heavily armed, having 200 rounds of ammunition. The third highwayman is known to be badly wounded.

## FARMERS KILLED

### ROBBERS IN AN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE KILL TWO MEN.

### WERE IN A FORTIFIED CAVE

### Posse Is Now Tracking the Desperadoes Who Have Gone Further—Robbed a General Store—Secured But Little.

(By Associated Press.) Hutchinson, Kan., Jan. 24.—According to a report received here, two men have been killed and a third wounded in a fight with robbers who looted Gross & Richards general store at Tecumseh, securing about \$100 worth of goods.

In getting away from Tecumseh, the robbers crossed the Spikes brothers' ranch, where they were attacked.

Dick and John Spikes were killed and Fred Spikes was wounded.

The sheriff's posse, in tracking the robbers found a fortified cave filled with hides and supplies, but the robbers had left, going further south.

### HOMESTEAD LAW NEEDED.

### Secretary Root Before the House Committee on Insular Affairs.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—Secretary Root yesterday appeared before the house insular affairs committee to urge the enactment of a homestead law for the Philippines.

He said there would be legislation to enable the Filipino to acquire title to property, and the denial of that right was, in his opinion, the cause of much of the present disturbance.

He thought a homestead law should be passed to permit the natives to make entry of 100 acres of land as the maximum, the local government to fix the minimum.

He urged the repeal of the Spooner amendment prohibiting the cutting of timber and granting of franchises. He said that industry in the islands should be promoted, not prevented.

The islands needed railroads to develop their abundant resources of timber, coal and other minerals.

### DOUGHERTY KNOCKED OUT.

### Defeated in Mill With Forbes, for the Bantam Championship of America.

(By Associated Press.) St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 24.—Danny Dougherty of Philadelphia was knocked out in the fourth round by Harry Forbes of Chicago, at the West End club last night in what was scheduled as a 15-round bout at 115 pounds for the bantam-weight championship of America.

Both men were in first-class trim and the fight was fast and clean. Dougherty did not show in the shape hoped for by his friends, his leads being ill judged and his blows lacked steam.

On the other hand, Forbes showed to superb advantage. Dougherty did some good work in the third round, but Forbes did not mind his punches in the east and the round ended with honors even.

In the fourth round, at the termination of a lively exchange, Forbes feinted with his left and then sent a straight right to Dougherty's jaw, giving him his quietus.

### Bookwalter Elected President.

(By Associated Press.) Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 24.—The warring factions in the American Bowling congress came together last night and settled their differences. Mayor Charles A. Bookwalter of Indianapolis was elected president of the congress for the ensuing year. The convention and tourney of 1903 will go to Indianapolis. McLean and Steers of Chicago won first prize in the two-men class. Their score of 1237 is a new record. Krug and Dwyer of Los Angeles, California, won second prize, with a score of 1220.

### State Entomologist.

St. Paul, Jan. 24.—The state board of regents of the University of Minnesota today elected Prof. L. L. Washburn of the Oregon State university, to succeed the late Otto Luggler, as state entomologist.

## MINERS ENTOMBED

### EXPLOSION AT LOST CREEK, IOWA, A TERRIBLE AFFAIR.

### SIXTY-TWO IN THE MINE YET

### It Is Almost Impossible to Get Particulars But It Is Feared That There Are Many Dead—Thought to Be Dust Explosion.

(By Associated Press.) Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 24.—News was received at 1 o'clock of a terrible mine explosion at Lost Creek, Iowa, ten miles south of Okaloosa. Seventy miners are reported to be missing.

Particulars are hard to obtain owing to the fact that the mine is ten miles in the country and there is but one telephone line to it.

The disaster, it is said, was caused by a dust explosion and took place at 12:15.

There were 300 miners in the mine at the time, and all have got out except 60, who are entombed in the back part of the side shaft.

Sixteen bodies have been taken from the Lost Creek mines all horribly burned, according to a telephone message received by the Daily Capital.

The east end of the mine is on fire and it is stated that there is little hope now of saving the 30 or 40 miners entombed.

### MONROE WINS THE RACE.

### Victorin Motor-Paced Race at Philadelphia Last Night.

(By Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—Benny Monroe of Memphis carried off the honors last night in the motor-paced bicycle race with Howard Freeman of Portland, Ore.; Otto Maya, Erie, Pennsylvania, and A. Rutz, New Haven, Connecticut, at the Second Regiment armory.

Freeman captured second and Maya took third money. The race was run in two heats of five miles each and two finals of ten miles each. Monroe and Freeman were pitted against each other for first money.

Freeman led the first mile and then Monroe caught him, and went to the front. The latter gained steadily and on the sixth mile lapped his opponent.

### GOVERNMENT'S RULE COERCION.

### John Redmond makes a Fiery Speech in House of Commons.

(By Associated Press.) London, Jan. 24.—The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was resumed in the house of commons yesterday by John Redmond, the Irish national leader. He moved an amendment including the whole question of Irish grievances.

He declared instead of remedying admitted wrongs the government had fallen back on the old methods of coercion. The Irish people would yet teach Mr. Wyndham (chief secretary for Ireland) to repent his refusal to grant the reasonable demands of Ireland in regard to the compulsory sale and purchase of land.

There was no country in the world where crime was less frequent than in Ireland, yet the coercion act had been resurrected after a decade and had been ruthlessly applied.

Scores, including members of the house of commons, had been unjustifiably imprisoned, and trial by jury had been abolished.

### Oklahoma Hearing.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—The hearings on admitting Oklahoma to statehood began yesterday and will continue tomorrow. Delegate Flynn made the presentation, speaking for separate statehood for Oklahoma. He was supported in his views by Sidney Clark and others.