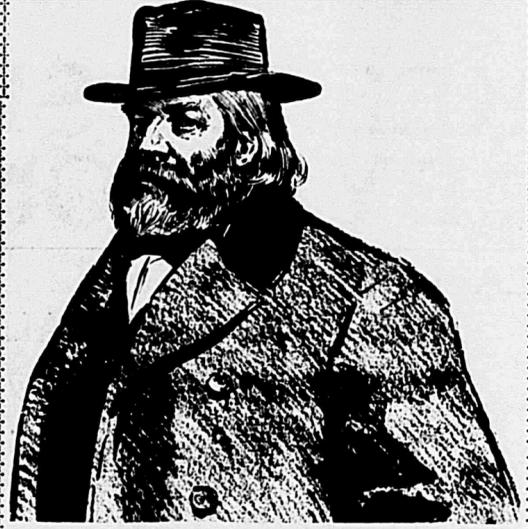


PRESIDENT HILL TALKS TO THE EVENING WORLD.

Not Here to Form a Combination of Railroads He Says, But to Promote Agreement Between Western Roads.

Comes Also to See Contractors About Building Fleet of Ships for Lake Traffic—May Not See Morgan While in Town.



MR. J. J. HILL, THE RAILROAD GENIUS.

President J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern road, at 2.30 this afternoon dictated the following statement to an Evening World reporter: "I did not come here to consult with J. Pierpont Morgan or any of the others mentioned in connection with my visit. In regard to any syndicate or railroad combine. "It is also untrue that I contemplate any such deal as that credited to me. "I do not expect to see Mr. Morgan today, to-morrow or any other time. We are friends, but I am not here to visit him. "One of the purposes of my visit to New York is to consult with the contractors who are to build the ships for our lake traffic. We need a large fleet and I propose to have these ships built for the traffic is growing enormously. "I am also here to prevent friction and to do what I can to promote harmony in the Western roads.

RAILROAD BOOM IN WALL STREET.

Record Sale of 25,000 Shares in Union Pacific Issue.

Speculative excitement was renewed on the Stock Exchange to-day under the influence of violent upward movements in Missouri Pacific and some other stocks. The speculators bought stocks with confidence and wiped out the earlier losses, due to the continuance of profit taking.

The course of prices made it evident also that yesterday's reactions had been caused by some large short selling on the part of the bear element. The demand from the bears for borrowing stocks was so large in some cases that the interest rate on loans where these stocks were included as collateral was foregone.

The resumption of the bull manipulation for the advance made itself evident first in Missouri Pacific, but the large stock made the opening transactions run up to 25,000 shares at an extreme advance of 1/2. There was also a wide opening in Missouri Pacific, but the large selling to realize for the price back 3/4 under last night.

An enormous demand then developed which carried the price upward on the buying tide to 8 3/8, thus crossing Union Pacific. The stock then fell back under the leadership of this aggressive advance of other points of strength developed. The Southwesterns were all more or less affected, and Louisville rose 90 on the expectation of an increase in the dividend rate.

The most notable decline at the opening was in National Tube, which broke 4 points, and the preferred stock 1/2 on the announcement of the project for a large computing plant by the Carnegie interests. Both stocks had a good recovery and the Steel group generally developed strength. Notable advances were made by Third Avenue, of 3 1/2 points; Delaware & Hudson, of 2 1/2; and a number of other stocks 2 points or more.

Table with columns: Amal. Copper, Am. Cotton, Am. Lumber, Am. Steel, etc. listing various stocks and their prices.

INSTALLED A DEAD MAN.

Proxy Served for Midgeley at Lodge Ceremonies.

While he lay dead at his home in West Hoboken last night, Walter S. Midgeley was publicly installed as an officer of the Sons of Veterans in Union Hill. Death came just before he was about to start for the lodge rooms, and the family didn't think to notify Ellsworth Camp.

GRIP IS EPIDEMIC.

Interest manifested and sent his assurance that he was feeling better and hoped soon to be able to resume active duty.

GRIP CRAZED, SHE KILLED TWO.

Mrs. Baird Turned on Gas—Found Dead with Husband. While temporarily insane from grip Mrs. Baird, wife of George Baird, a well-to-do wholesale oyster dealer in Manhattan, turned on the gas in their flat on the third floor of the apartment-house 45 Sumner avenue, Brooklyn, and both were found dead there early to-day.

LONDON STOCKS IMPROVE.

British Securities Firmer on the Monetary Outlook. General improvement in the monetary and political outlook added firmness to British securities in the London stock market to-day.

WHEAT MARKET WEAKER.

Opening Was Lower but Prices Rallied Somewhat Later. Owing to rather free selling of wheat by foreign houses the local Produce Exchange opened weak but rallied later with the Western markets.

WHAT DOCTORS SAY OF THE GRIP.

Agree That It is Singularly Prevalent and is Spreading. Among expressions of medical opinion on the present grip epidemic secured to-day from prominent New York physicians by The Evening World are the following:

MANY BROOKLYN MEN HAVE GRIP.

Six Deaths There from It Reported Since Sunday. Since last Sunday there have been six deaths reported in Brooklyn, due directly to grip. A great increase of pneumonia cases results indirectly from the epidemic.

BURGLAR'S BOLD ESCAPE FROM SING SING PRISON.



Disappeared in a Cloud of Steam and Got Around the Stone Wall on the Frozen River.

Otto Schaefer, the "Church Mouse," serving an eight years sentence for burglary, escaped from Sing Sing Prison at 5 o'clock this morning and is supposed to be on his way to this city. Warden Johnson has notified Chief of Detectives Titus to look out for him.

BIG STEAMER SLOWLY SINKING.

Life Savers Unable to Rescue Passengers of Rusic. MARSHFIELD, Jan. 9.—Despatches from the village of Paramaribo, which the French mail steamer Rusic, when Oran, Algeria, stranded Monday in a violent storm, with fifty passengers and a crew of forty on board, say that all efforts to reach the steamer have failed, owing to the tremendous height of the seas which are running.

SAVED SHIPWRECKED CREW.

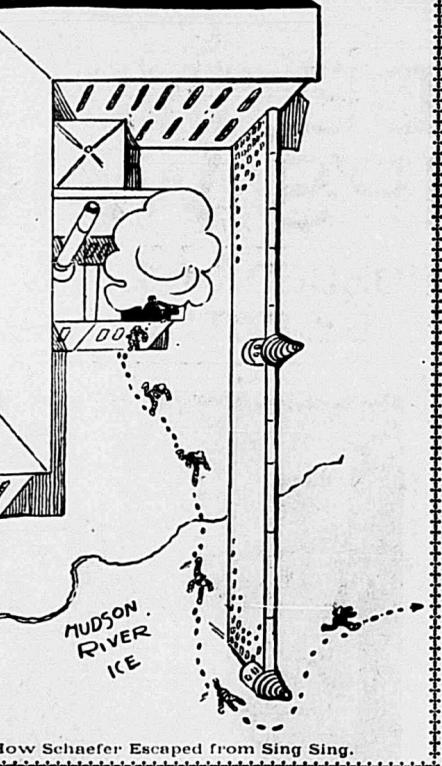
Niagara Brings Seaman of the Schooner San Andreas. The Panama Railroad Steamship Company's steamer Niagara, which arrived to-day from Colon, brought five seamen of the schooner San Andreas, of Baltimore, which was lost on Old Providence coast in January, 1899.

STEAMER IN THE ICE.

Tillamook, from Alaska with Fifty Passengers, Held Fast. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Advices from Seattle say that the overdue Alaskan steamer Tillamook is hemmed in in the ice floating in Saldoya Bay, in the Cook Inlet country. She has fifty passengers on board.

ANOTHER DURYEA FIGHT.

Daughters Again Attack the Will of Edgar Duryea. A copy of the complaint in the new action brought in Nassau County by the sisters of Walter E. Duryea to break the will of Edgar E. Duryea was filed to-day in the office of the County Clerk in this city. The case comes up for the first time in March at Mineola before Justice Hirschberg.



How Schaefer Escaped from Sing Sing.

Church Mouse," belonged to the old town of Westchester. He is a German, only five feet in height, and spare of frame. He is thirty-one years old. He belonged to the Ben Fadden gang which worked the upper east side and gained his sobriquet, "the church mouse," by his cleverness in escaping conviction for his crimes. Well known to the police as a crook, they could never fasten a case on him, while his companions were successfully rounded up. Schaefer worked steadily as a baker and could convince a police magistrate that he was a hard working man when arrested. His suspicion was finally landed for a job in Westchester and sentenced to eight years on June 15, 1897, by Judge Sweeney.

HAVEMEYER ON SUGAR POLICY.

Life Savers Unable to Rescue Passengers of Rusic. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Sugar Refining Company was held to-day at the offices of the company in Jersey City. President Havemeyer presided and made his annual report.

WILSON'S POLICY.

During the year an increase had been made of the margin between raw and refined sugar. The company was in a sound and strong condition. Its policy had been to acquire all the appliances that might be needed in the interests of economy. This policy would be continued.

MONKS GETS A PLUM.

Son of Ex-Dock Commissioner Assistant to Philbin. District-Attorney Philbin announced the appointment this afternoon of Jerome Monks, a member of the law firm of Russell, Tucker & Monks, of 45 Broadway, as Deputy Assistant District-Attorney. The salary was not stated.

READ OF LOVE AND MAKE \$100.

Guess Who Wrote "An Englishwoman's Love Letters."

The literary public of two continents are utterly puzzled as to the authorship of a book that has suddenly sprung into world-wide fame. The book is entitled "An Englishwoman's Love Letters."

The outline of the story is as follows: An English girl, jilted by the man she loves, dies at twenty-two, of a broken heart. The publication, after her death, of the love letters written by her to the faithless man amply avenges her. The letters are ardent, passionate, yet brilliant. They hold the reader enthralled. Their style stamps the author as a genius.

The Evening World will give a prize of \$100 to the person who successfully guesses the name of the author. If you are an inveterate reader you may recognize the style of the "Letters" and win in that way. If not, a lucky guess may win you \$100. Remember, "An Englishwoman's Love Letters" will begin in to-morrow's Evening World.

ASTORIA GAS GRANT VALID.

Appellate Court Decides Against the Dock Board. ALBANY, Jan. 9.—The Appellate Court to-day sustained the Commissioners of the Land Office and the Attorney-General in the Astoria Gas case.

PHILIPINO AGENT IN LONDON.

Two Runaway Boys. Otto Meinecke, fifteen years old, disappeared from his home, 23 East Seventy-eighth street, yesterday and has not been seen since. He told several playmates that he was going to Buffalo. A companion, John Hamill, was also disappeared.

Mechanics' Strike Ended. HORNBELLVILLE, N. Y., Jan. 9.—The differences between the Erie Company and the striking mechanics have been amicably settled. All the men returned to work to-day.