

BURLINGTON DEAL SURE.

EX-PRESIDENT PERKINS FAVORS ACCEPTING OFFER OF \$200 TO BE PAID IN JOINT 4 PER CENT BONDS.

Boston, April 18.—The first authoritative announcement concerning the negotiations for a purchase of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railroad companies was given this evening from the office of the Boston News Bureau, in the form of a statement from Charles E. Perkins, a director and formerly president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company. The statement follows: Mr. Perkins says it was practically settled this afternoon that a formal offer of \$200,000,000 to be made in the course of a week or two, payable in the joint 4 per cent bonds of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific companies, and Quincy stock in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be made in behalf of a syndicate, will offer to buy \$200,000,000 of the bonds at par. Mr. Perkins says that personally he is in favor of the proposition.

Robert Bacon and Charles Steele, of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., are in this city in the interest. It is understood, of the new Burlington bond issue, and are endeavoring to interest some of the large local banking houses in a syndicate to underwrite the new 4 per cent bonds. Local bankers refuse to admit that they have been approached on the proposition, but say that they believe Boston will have a large slice of the proposed bond issue.

It is said that certain Boston houses have made application to J. P. Morgan & Co. for underwriting, and that to the application the reply was given that "the baby has not been born yet."

The negotiations for the purchase of the Burlington by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern have been in progress for many weeks, having begun, it is understood, at about the time it became evident that control of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul could not be secured. The offer which has proved acceptable to the representatives of the Burlington stockholders is the latest and most liberal of three or four which have been submitted. The last preceding offer was of 3 1/2 per cent bonds at 25. There has all along been uncertainty in Wall Street as to the extent of the guarantee, an uncertainty which has been removed by the announcement of ex-President Perkins that the bonds are to be guaranteed jointly by the two purchasing roads. The outstanding capital stock of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy is \$100,000,000, so that the bond issue will equal the par value of \$218,412,800. The underwriting syndicate announced by Mr. Perkins as having been formed by J. P. Morgan & Co. is reported to include also the First National Bank, the National City Bank, the Chase National Bank and Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

It is said that the Burlington directors will be reorganized in a few days by the election of representatives of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern, but that President Harris and the executive staff will be retained.

Burlington closed yesterday at 103 1/2, a net gain of 1/2 per cent. The stock advanced about fifty points since the present negotiations were entered upon, but has been rather weak and inactive during the last few days, owing to the delay in the appearance of an official statement regarding the purchase. The Northern Pacific had a similarly large advance, and is now above par, closing yesterday at 103.

HILL SAYS NOTHING YET CONSUMMATED. Seattle, Wash., April 18.—J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, was in this city today on a pleasure tour, and friends were asked if he had anything to say touching the reported merging of various railway corporations in which he is interested to a great syndicate, he said: "I have read the various statements published, and while I am a clean-cut statement of facts there are about a dozen different versions of the same character. It is true that several large railroad corporations are endeavoring to make closer traffic arrangements and that such arrangements involve the Burlington, but up to the present time there has been nothing consummated upon which to base correct statements."

NO SUCCESSOR TO ALDACE F. WALKER YET. The executive committee of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company met yesterday, but, according to report, took no action regarding the selection of a successor to the late Aldace F. Walker as chairman of the board. Reports of an alliance with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company lack confirmation in high circles, but there is nevertheless ground for believing that Pennsylvania interests are likely soon to enter the Atchison board.

RATES FOR EPISCOPAL CONVENTION. Delmonte, Cal., April 18.—The Transcontinental Passenger Association, in session here, has decided that the rate from Chicago to San Francisco and return for the Episcopal convention, which is to be held in San Francisco, shall be \$50 for a round class ticket. The rate from the Missouri River will be \$45 and from St. Louis and New-Orleans \$40. Tickets for this convention will be on sale east of Colorado from September 23 to 27. The round trip rate from California to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo will be made on a basis of \$60 to the Missouri River, and it is expected that may be made east of the river. It was decided to abolish skeleton tickets. The following roads have joined the association: The Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern, the Burlington and Northern, and the Keokuk and Western. The association now numbers thirty-one roads. It is expected that the number may be increased to forty-five at the next meeting. The Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Canadian Pacific are still out of the association.

MISSOURI RIVER BRIDGE PIERS SOLD. Kansas City, Mo., April 18.—At public auction today, Winsor & Co. sold the Missouri River bridge and other terminal properties of the Kansas City and Atlanta Railroad were sold to Theodore C. Bates, of Worcester, Mass., for \$190,000. The sale was made to satisfy a mortgage for about \$100,000, held in trust by the Massachusetts Loan and Trust Company of Boston, and the property was purchased in the interests of the bondholders. The sale will end the receivership of the property and will terminate ten years' litigation. Mr. Bates is at the head of an Eastern syndicate controlling the property, and which will, it is said, begin a reorganization of the terminals that will result in the building of a large passenger station affording means for an entrance into Kansas City of the Baltimore and Ohio, the Chicago and North Western and other railroads. The bridge will also be used, it is said, to bring in suburban electric roads. The sale was conducted by the master in chancery at Harlem, a small station on the road across the river to Kansas City. Besides Mr. Bates, the only others in attendance at the sale were George A. Goodwin and the Pennsylvania lines, who are all interested in the Eastern syndicate. Mr. Bates made the only bid. The sale will have to be confirmed by the Federal Court.

ARBITRATING DIFFERENTIALS AT PITTSBURG. Pittsburgh, April 18.—An important meeting was held in this city today, at which the Big Four, Vandalia, Cleveland, Akron and Columbus, Erie, Washab, Clover Leaf, Nickel Plate, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern and the Baltimore and Ohio and other railroads, were represented. The question of arbitrating the differential rates of the new Buffalo connection of the Pennsylvania system from Akron, Ohio, to Buffalo, was left to D. B. Martin, manager of passenger traffic of the Baltimore and Ohio road, as arbitrator, who heard the representatives of all the interested lines today. It is understood that the Pennsylvania road has asked for lower differentials than those of the competing lines. The points affected are St. Louis, Cincinnati and Columbus. The matter was referred by the Central Passenger Association to J. F. Goodard, chairman of the trunk line committee, who in turn suggested a board of three arbitrators to adjust the matter, the Pennsylvania road to name one arbitrator and all the competing lines to select another, and these two arbitrators to choose the third. When it was learned that E. A. Ford, general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania lines west, had selected Mr. Martin, the other lines decided that the whole question be submitted to him as arbitrator.

DE ORO WINS POOL CHAMPIONSHIP. Washington, April 18.—The three days' pool tournament between Alfred De Oro, the Cuban, and Frank Sherman, the American, for the world's championship, ended to-night in a victory for De Oro, who made a final defeat against Sherman for his opponent. The championship medal won by Sherman in Boston last February was presented to De Oro.

TO COMPETE WITH STEEL TRUST.

CLERGUE SYNDICATE ASKS SWEEPING CHARTER FROM CONNECTICUT LEGISLATURE.

New-Haven, Conn., April 18 (Special).—The State Senate today received the favorable report of the Committee on Incorporations on the amendments asked for by the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, better known as the Clergue Syndicate. This company is capitalized at \$20,000,000. It secured a special charter from this State in 1897 and has since been developing power and nickel and iron ore mines in Canada and Michigan and is operating power canals on both sides of the Sault Ste Marie. The company is now building a railroad from the Straits to a junction with the Canadian Pacific, but owing to the restrictions of its charter is unable to operate the railroad except through another company.

The amendment gives the Clergue syndicate the right to own and operate railroads of its own, steamships and sailing vessels; to purchase the plants or securities of other concerns in the same business, to carry on its business in any State or Territory in the United States or in Canada, and to increase its capital stock to any amount deemed necessary providing two-thirds of the stockholders vote for the same. The restriction is made, however, that the company shall not operate in this State unless through a special charter. The amendment gives the company all the powers the company would have if organized under the general law of 1890.

The amendments are asked for in order that the transportation business and the mining and manufacturing departments of the Clergue syndicate may be consolidated. One of the corporations in this State says that the Clergue syndicate is now operating the only important open mines in Canada, that it is to compete with the Steel Trust in this country, and that its ores will be largely consumed in their own works for the manufacture of steel for export to Europe. Nickel steel, wood pulp and steel rails are the main products of manufacture by the syndicate, and to transport these to the consuming stations the new railroad will be used, as well as sailing and steamship lines on the lakes. The company as a possible rival of the Steel Trust may be important to American manufacturers, as it now has a large market both in this country, Canada and Europe.

"COMMUNITY" IN EXPRESS LINES. WEIR, FARGO AND STETSON IN THE UNITED STATES DIRECTORY.

L. C. Weir, president of the Adams Express Company; James C. Fargo, president of the American Express Company, and Francis Lynde Stetson have been elected directors of the United States Express Company, of which Senator Thomas C. Platt is president. There have been rumors from time to time for several months of a coming consolidation of the large express companies, but these reports have been as often denied. The announcement yesterday of the entrance into the United States Express Company's board, however, of Presidents Weir and Fargo, and Mr. Stetson, the personal counsel of J. Pierpont Morgan, was naturally taken by Wall Street as proof that plans had been matured for a closer association of the express companies.

Mr. Fargo could not be seen yesterday, and Mr. Stetson was out of town. President Weir of the Adams Express Company said: "Senator Platt invited me to enter the board of the United States Express Company, and I was very pleased to do so. It does not portend any express company consolidation or combination. There is no deal behind it at all. I have simply made an investment in the United States Express Company stock, because it was possible to get a fair return on my money from such an investment. I bought the stock some time ago. I also own stock in the American Express Company, bought as an investment. I presume that the interest of Mr. Fargo in the United States Express Company was obtained for the same investment reason as in my case."

In reply to a suggestion that there might be a "community of interest" among the express companies, Mr. Weir said: "That is not so. I will have no more voice than any other large stockholder in shaping the policy of the United States Express Company." He added that he knew nothing about the significance of the entrance of Francis Lynde Stetson into the United States Express Company's board. Mr. Weir takes the place in that board made vacant by the death a few months ago of George W. Blandford. The stocks of the express companies have been strong and advancing for many weeks. Yesterday United States Express made a net advance of 8 1/2 points, closing at 98 1/2. American Express, which also is traded in on the New-York Stock Exchange, gained 1 1/2 per cent, closing at 200.

MORSE MAY LEAVE ICE TRUST. PROBABLE REORGANIZATION WITH OFFICIALS FREE FROM PUBLIC CRITICISM.

It was reported yesterday that Charles W. Morse had resigned as president of the American Ice Company, and that sweeping changes in the management of that corporation were to be effected. An important meeting was held at the office of the company, Lexington-ave, and twenty-third-st., yesterday afternoon, at which the proposed changes are said to have been discussed. When the meeting was adjourned an effort was made to see Mr. Morse, but he excused himself. Mr. Scott, secretary of the company, also refused to talk, and other officers were equally reticent.

It was said yesterday by one familiar with the American Ice Company that recently Mr. Morse, John F. Carroll and others in control of the company have quietly been unloading stock and preparing to withdraw. The reason for this, as outlined, is that under the management of Mr. Morse and his associates the company has come in for such sweeping denunciation from the public that certain interests thought it would be better to have Mr. Morse, Mr. Carroll and some others withdraw from the ostensible management of the company. Recently Mr. Morse has become active in other directions, and has acquired a large interest in the Bank of New-Amsterdam. It is said to be his intention to withdraw entirely from active management of the ice company, and to devote his energies elsewhere. Mr. Scott, the secretary, and other officials are also said to be in line for resignation, and a reorganization with officials less handicapped by the public criticism that has been passed upon the company will be effected.

WAITER HAS JEWELS WORTH \$2,000. POLICE ARREST HIM AND FIND RINGS AND OTHER DIAMOND ORNAMENTS IN HIS POCKETS.

Detectives Butler, Cronin and Hennessey, of the Detective Bureau, last night arrested George Wilson, twenty-eight-year old, a waiter, of No. 129 East Twenty-seventh-st., in the Bowery, and took him to Police Headquarters. He had one woman's ring, set with two diamonds and an emerald; one sapphire; one emerald ring, set with a turquoise and pearl; one pair diamond screw earrings, each diamond weighing 1 1/2 carats; one small diamond stud, one gold peacock brooch, one small ring, fly shape, set with four diamonds and three rubies; one watch, set with a diamond; one woman's gold hunting case watch, Illinois Watch Company, makers, and one woman's gold hunting case watch, with double gold rope chain and diamond buckle, set with small diamonds. The jewelry is valued at \$2,000. No answer for the property has yet been found.

COTTAGES DAMAGED AT CAYUGA LAKE. Syracuse, April 18.—A special from Seneca Falls says a stiff south wind is driving the water of Cayuga Lake high on shore, undermining the foundations of the numerous cottages. One building has fallen, and much damage is expected to result.

MAY WAR ON RACETRACKS.

POOLSSELLERS WILL ASK MURPHY TO ENFORCE THE LAW. COMMISSIONER SAYS THE FIFTEEN'S RAIDS DO NOT SHAKE HIS FAITH IN THE INTEGRITY OF THE POLICE CAPTAINS.

Police Commissioner Murphy is a man of wonderful faith. Notwithstanding the demonstration made on Wednesday by the Committee of Fifteen that poolrooms were running in many parts of the city, he refused yesterday to believe that his captains had wilfully deceived him when they had told him that the poolrooms were all closed. In his efforts to prevent this confidence from seeming ludicrous he was driven yesterday into declaring that he believed the seven poolrooms entered by the Fifteen on Wednesday were law abiding clubs, and in his effort to escape from the fulfillment of his own promise to "break" captains who failed to close poolrooms he declared that even if the "clubs" on which raids were made by the Fifteen were proved to be poolrooms he would not "break" the captains, unless it could be clearly proved to him that the captains knew them to be such.

WARRANTS FOR BOOKMAKERS. Since nobody is likely to take the trouble to prove that to him—though efforts are being made to prove it to the grand jury—the Commissioner must have drawn a sigh of relief when he finally shielded himself behind that barrier, and hoped for a little of that peace which he used to enjoy in the sleepy Health Department. But new troubles are preparing for him. Benjamin Steinhardt, counsel for the poolsellers, says he will request Commissioner Murphy to do his sworn duty by causing his police to eject from all racetracks within the city the men who gamble there. If Murphy fails to do this, warrants will be procured against the bookmakers at the coming races on the Morris Park track. Murphy seems to have inspired the poolsellers with the hope that he will act when he replied yesterday to this question: "What do you think of the statement of De Lacy, the pooling king, that he and others intend to keep right on in a quiet way until the courts have decided their rights?"

"De Lacy never said any such thing," replied the Commissioner hotly. "What he did say was that he would fight the principle involved till all men were treated alike." "And would you welcome any such decision as he seems to favor?" "I would welcome anything that would give peace to this department and give it an opportunity to do legitimate police duty. It doesn't seem that it is equality of law that a man may be in one part of the State and guilty in another."

SAY LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. Murphy referred to the contention of the poolsellers' counsel that the law providing penalty through a civil suit only for betting on the racetrack is unconstitutional unless the same penalty be provided for betting off a racetrack. Mr. Steinhardt, however, will base his claim for warrants by Murphy against the racetracks on that section of the Percy Gray law which says that the police must eject them from the race grounds all together, and take them at once to the nearest magistrate, for the infliction of the penalty referred to. Instead of doing so, Mr. Steinhardt declares, the police actually eject the bookmakers at the tracks by keeping the crowds in line before their stands. He will ask Murphy to order the police to eject the bookmakers, and if the police do not he will then proceed against them individually.

HOW MURPHY IS BADGERED. Under these conditions, badgered by the poolsellers on one side, the racetrack people on the other, the Committee of Fifteen in front, and just behind him Richard Croker, demanding that he make a good impression on the entire public for the next election, peace seems far away from the Commissioner. That the political side of it is weighing heavily on his mind was proved yesterday, when he accused the Fifteen of making their raids for political effect only, and said that the committee would drop out of existence entirely were it not for the desire to make political capital for use in the coming campaign. The committee contains Republicans, Democrats and Labor men, but Murphy did not dwell on that.

The Commissioner affected to regard as beneath his notice the charges that some of his police "tipped off" the poolrooms to be entered on Wednesday. When told of a rumor that Governor Odell was about to remove him from office, he replied to them do so. They have the power. Let them do so if they want to."

ROOSEVELT WAITS ON NEWSBOYS. VICE-PRESIDENT COMES FROM WASHINGTON FOR THAT PURPOSE—TELLS THEM ABOUT HIS MOUNTAIN LIONS.

Vice-President Roosevelt came to the city yesterday so quietly that he was here several hours before anybody but his most intimate friends and relatives knew of his visit. He made the trip from the capital for the purpose of acting as a water for a lot of ragged newsboys who were the guests of his sister, Mrs. Douglas Robinson, and her husband, in the West Side Boys' Home, at Seventh-ave. and Thirty-second-st.

After carrying turkey and cranberry sauce, ice cream and other good things around, the Vice-President made a speech. He told of recent talks he had with Governor Brady of Alaska and Governor Burke of North Dakota, and touched on his recent hunting trip in the West. "The truth is," he said, "that the biggest lion I killed, my dog and I together, only weighed 227 pounds."

After the address the newsboys gave an entertainment. They sang and gave buck and wing dances. Miss Elizabeth Brinsmade sang for the boys and E. J. Wendel sang and played the piano. The Vice-President was driven to the home of his sister after the entertainment was over.

UNION OF WATCH COMPANIES. SYNDICATE NOW CONTROLS FOUR LARGE MANUFACTURING PLANTS.

Waltham, Mass., April 18.—Negotiations were completed today whereby the plant of the United States Watch Case Company of Riverside, N. J. The officers of the Philadelphia Watch Case Company are: President, T. Durbridge; Secretary and treasurer, H. R. Roberts; manager, W. W. East. It is stated that the new management in-bidings will be effected, and that additional by a syndicate, and now controls the original Philadelphia Watch Case Company's plant at Riverside, N. J.; the New York Watch Case Company, of Jersey City; the Keystone Watch Case Company, of Philadelphia, and has now acquired the United States Watch Company, of Waltham. While the purchase price is not made public, it is understood to be about \$125,000.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB DINNER. LIEUTENANT-GENERAL MILES ONE OF THE SPEAKERS.

The Automobile Club of America held its second annual dinner last night at the Waldorf-Astoria. President Albert R. Shattuck presided and T. C. Martin was toastmaster. At the table for the more distinguished guests were Albert C. Bowditch, Thomas M. Moore, Captain Edgar Jadwin, R. D. Budd, Congressman J. S. Sherman, Lieutenant-General Miles, Colonel J. J. Astor, General R. Stone, E. A. Bond, Dr. H. H. Kane, J. Dunbar Wright and H. B. Fullerton. Captain Jadwin represented the Automobile Club. The toast and speaker responses were: "The trusts and speak responses were: 'National Highway Commission.' Lieutenants-General Miles; 'Present

Necessities for State Aid in Highway Improvements." State Engineer E. A. Bond; "Ideal Automobiles." M. J. Verery; "The Press and the Automobile." E. F. Young; "The San Francisco Chronicle"; "The Pan-American Exposition," Congressman J. S. Sherman; "Federal Paying," Dr. George Stone; and "Our Friend the Horse," Dr. Kane.

HERE'S FLYNT, MR. MURPHY YOUR DETECTIVES COULD HAVE FOUND HIM AT THE MURRAY HILL HOTEL LAST NIGHT.

Joseph Flynt, for whom Captain Titus of the Detective Bureau is searching the city, by order of Police Commissioner Murphy, was at the Murray Hill Hotel calling on friends last night. He sat in the lobby of the hotel facing the entrance, and in plain view, for more than an hour. On Wednesday night, his friends say, he, with four friends, occupied an arena box at Madison Square Garden, and was in plain view.

Yesterday afternoon Captain Titus sent one of his men to the office of "Collier's Weekly" to get Mr. Flynt's address. Mr. Flynt, it is said, passed the detective, and spoke to him, but the detective did not recognize him.

It was said last night that Mr. Flynt came to this city several months ago, and has been here almost continuously since. He was here when the first of his articles which attracted Commissioner Murphy's attention appeared in the April number of "McClure's Magazine," and he was here when the article in "Collier's Weekly" aroused the Commissioner's interest, say those who know him. He can be found at a well known hotel here, or called up on the telephone, by those whom he trusts with the address. He passes under many aliases, and is known at many hotels under different names. All the time the police have been looking for him he has kept in constant communication with the force. It is said, and has been known as much about the progress of the search as the police have. He does not believe the police can find him.

SUB-CALIBRE GUN A SUCCESS. LIEUTENANT-GENERAL MILES SAYS THE TESTS AT SANDY HOOK ARE SATISFACTORY.

The Board of Ordnance and Fortification headed by Lieutenant-General Miles went to Sandy Hook yesterday to test the sub-calibre tubes, fuses and a plotting board invented by Captain Phillips.

General Miles said last night that the tests were very satisfactory. The test of the sub-calibre was for the purpose of determining the type and the size and the number which may be needed. The sub-calibre tube is a device which may be placed inside the high power guns, guns from 4 1/2 inches up, for practice purposes. The expense involved in the firing of large guns is so great that the government cannot have them used for practice with the regulation charges. The firing of a single shot from one of the largest guns costs hundreds of dollars. By means of an inner tube, the calibre is temporarily reduced, so that a three-pound shot may be fired. By means of the sub-calibre it is possible to provide for frequent practice in aiming and in handling the loading and firing mechanism. All the batteries along the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts will be furnished with these tubes.

The board finished its duties last night, and some of the members went to Washington. General Miles will remain here until tomorrow. He is stopping at the United League Club. The other members of the board were Brigadier-General John M. Wilson, Brigadier-General A. R. Bullington, Colonel John T. Rogers, ex-Representative Thomas J. Henderson, Colonel Randall, Chief of Artillery; Colonel Story and Captain Isaac Lewis.

General Miles said that the test of field guns, which includes the gun made on the lines of the French gun, will probably not be made before June. At that time several guns of American and foreign make will be tested. "The big 16-inch gun will not be tested for some time. It has not been mounted yet. One thousand revolvers of a new design have been purchased for a service test."

BIG WORSTED MILLS CLOSED. TROUBLE WITH WEAVERS SAID TO BE THE CAUSE—THIRTEEN HUNDRED PEOPLE OUT OF WORK AT FULTON.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 18.—A dispatch to "The Post-Standard" from Fulton says that the big mills of the American Worsted Company were closed today, and 1,200 operatives are out of work. At noon the weavers were informed that the doors would be closed against them for an indefinite period, and all hands were ordered out. What the real cause of the trouble is no one seems to know positively. The generally credited rumor is that the operatives have for some time been disturbed because so many "weavers" had been brought into the weaving sheds and the weavers compelled to teach them, and by so doing suffer considerable loss, as they received no recompense for the instructions given. To-day this state of things reached a climax, it is said, when one or two "weavers" were introduced. The weavers positively refused to instruct them, preferring to quit than submit to what they deemed to be an injustice.

When Superintendent Wendt discovered the situation he conferred with the men, and finding it impossible to bring about a settlement, he telegraphed to Boston for instructions. "The result was a peremptory order to shut out all hands in every department and close the mill indefinitely. Another report is that the trust or combine of which these mills are a part intended to close them for reasons not known here. The contemplated closure was hastened by the attitude of the men. Mr. Wendt to-night admitted that the mills were closed indefinitely, but refused to give further information. The mills employ about thirteen hundred persons, and a complete stoppage of work will be a catastrophe to the twin villages of Fulton and Oswego.

OFFICES OF STEEL PLANTS AT PITTSBURG. SYSTEM TO BE ADOPTED BY THE NEW CORPORATION TO PROMOTE BUSINESS.

Pittsburg, April 18.—"The Dispatch" says that it is understood to be the intention of the United States Steel Corporation to make Pittsburg the peacocks centre of its great system of plants, and it is probable that the offices of as many of the plants as possible will be removed here. It is probable that the offices of the American Sheet Steel Company and American Wire Company, both of which were taken some time ago, there. There is also talk that Pittsburg will be made the headquarters of the National Steel Company and the American Tin Plate Company. It is the purpose of the combination to keep each of its underlying companies intact, reduce the board of directors to a small group of active men, and to hold the presidents of each company responsible for the conduct of affairs of the separate concerns. The same apparent competition will result, without, however, the price cutting, and the ambition of each president to make the best show for himself. The report had that a new street 110 feet wide, to cost \$20,000,000, would connect the Manhattan end of the bridge with the Bowers and Broadway ends across Livingston, Nassau, Nassau, First, Second, Third and Fourth sts.

RUMOR OF A NEW STREET NOT CREDITED. Surface railroad officials attach little importance to a report circulated yesterday to the effect that the surface roads of Manhattan and Brooklyn are to unite in running over the New East River Bridge and that there is to be a five cent fare to all parts of both boroughs as soon as the bridge is completed. The report had that the new street 110 feet wide, to cost \$20,000,000, would connect the Manhattan end of the bridge with the Bowers and Broadway ends across Livingston, Nassau, Nassau, First, Second, Third and Fourth sts.

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ALABAMA STORM SWEEP.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY GALE—ENGINEER KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK. EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE. CONFINED CHIEFLY TO UNROOFING BUILDINGS—HEAVY RAIN AT NEW-ORLEANS.

Montgomery, Ala., April 18.—A heavy storm passed over Montgomery last night. The wind's velocity reached thirty-four miles an hour. While no serious damage was done in the city, from all the surrounding territory reports come that trees were uprooted and other damage inflicted. Communication with North Alabama was suspended for many hours. No loss of life is reported.

Briggsport, Ala., April 18.—Every factory here was compelled to close for repairs on account of the storm. Three were completely unroofed. In the storm here the steamboat City of Charleston was sunk in its dock. No lives were lost.

Selma, Ala., April 18.—A terrific wind and rain storm here early to-day damaged the electric light plant and several other buildings and uprooted several great oaks in the heart of the city. A freight train on the Mobile and Birmingham road was caught in the storm near Jackson and was almost destroyed. The engineer was killed and a brakeman badly hurt.

CHURCHES WRECKED AT CHATTANOOGA. Chattanooga, Tenn., April 18.—This region was swept by a terrific gale early to-day. Much damage

was done to property, but no lives were lost. Two churches in the suburbs were completely wrecked. The Richmond spinning mill was unroofed, the Vance cotton mills were damaged. Congressman Moon's house was unroofed. Lookout Inn was partly unroofed and much damage was done to railroad and telegraph wires.

Louisville, Ky., April 18.—The principal damage done by the wind and rain storm that swept over many of the Southern States last night and early this morning seems to have been the unroofing and damaging of factories, churches and residences. The temporary flooding of streets in cities and the interruption of telegraphic communication. A severe gale at Carrollton, Ala., unroofed the jail, courthouse, several houses and a church. The drug store of H. B. Upchurch and a large mill were demolished. A gale swept Gadsden and Guntersville, Ala., doing considerable damage. Three churches and twelve cottages were almost destroyed. New-Orleans was partially flooded by a rainfall of 5.8 inches. Frost and ice formed all over the northern section of Texas last night, but cotton has not yet made its appearance in the belt covered by frost. Fruit, it is generally agreed, was not injured.

The Macmillan Company's LIST OF NEW AND IMPORTANT BOOKS.

The Evolution of Immortality By Reverend Samuel McConnell 12mo. cloth, \$1.25.

FROM the point of view of the naturalist, man is differentiated from all other creatures, but psychologically this division is misleading. The psychic life called the soul in man, instinct in the beast, and affinity in the general cell, is the same thing. Unless, therefore, this psychic life in man is capable of reaching some higher stage, so that it can subsist in spite of the disintegration of the body, man is not immortal, but at best only "immortal"—that is to say, capable of becoming immortal. This is the pivot on which Dr. McConnell's argument turns. Man is potentially immortal, but not all men reach that stage where they may be said to possess a soul. —New York Tribune.

Politics and the Moral Law By Gustav Ruemelin Edited by F. W. Holls 16mo. cloth, 75 cents net.

THE translation has been made by Dr. Rudolph Tombo, Jr., of Columbia University, and the introduction and notes are by Frederick W. Holls, Esq., late member of the Peace Conference at The Hague. In the notes striking passages of parallel reasoning from John Stuart Mill, Lord Lytton and others are quoted, and interesting examples of modern statesmanship, notably of Bismarck and Gladstone, are given with some detail.

Talks on Civics By Henry Holt 12mo. cloth, \$1.25 net.

THIS book was written in the hope of doing a little something to develop in young people the character of mind which is proof against political quackery—especially the quackery which proposes immediate cures by legislation for the abiding ills resulting from human weakness and ignorance.

A Year in China By Clive Bigham 8vo. cloth, \$3.50.

IT was the author's privilege to serve under both Sir Claude Macdonald and Admiral Seymour, having accompanied the latter on the first relief expedition. He gives an excellent account of that exciting episode.

The Working Constitution of the United Kingdom By Leonard Courtney 8vo. cloth, \$2.00, net.

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