

JAY GOULD'S GREAT SCHEME.

A COLOSSAL RAILROAD SYSTEM FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN.

It Includes About Everything Worth Having South of the Pennsylvania and Eastern Pacific Systems and a Good Deal Elsewhere—The Pennsylvania Paralleled, Surrounded, and Criss-Crossed—An Option on the Baltimore and Ohio.

The Sun is now able to lay before its readers the full particulars of Jay Gould's scheme for a colossal railroad system, reaching from ocean to ocean. The Sun last week described the plan of Mr. and Mrs. Huntington to unite the great Southwestern roads under one management, and the plan of Mr. Gould to consolidate the Richmond Terminal, Louisville and Nashville, and everything of any account south of the Ohio River, with a probable alliance of these roads with the Baltimore and Ohio to gain an entrance into New York. The two schemes are now connected, and the Mississippi River were to work in harmony as a great Southern Transcontinental route. This was only half the story. Mr. Gould's full plan is far more comprehensive. It includes entrance into Philadelphia and New York, besides a continuation of roads north to the Pennsylvania and the Erie and Chicago, Pittsburgh, and western New York, and a series of routes north and south. This is the reason why President Roberts of the Pennsylvania system was disturbed by Jay Gould's trip South and challenged the Gould-Inman party to get the Pennsylvania into a hole. Mr. Gould's combination will be the largest kind of a competitor to the Pennsylvania Railroad, paralleling it, surrounding it, and crossing it again and again.

Mr. Gould has secured an option on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. It was done so quietly, through Mr. Inman, that it may be seen even to this day. Mr. Gould's option on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, secured a large interest in the B. & O. last June, when E. B. Bacon, representing a mysterious syndicate, acquired a controlling interest in the road by pooling with the Garrett family. President Charles F. Mayer represents the Garretts, and his consent must have been obtained by Mr. Gould's option. The parties in control agreed to stand together for a period of three years. Mr. Bacon bought about 47,000 shares of B. & O. stock last June for the syndicate back of him and the Garrett family owns 48,000, making 95,000 shares in the road. It is said that Mr. Gould has been negotiating with the syndicate, and that the syndicate has been exchanged for them. Probably the original syndicate has not changed since last June. It then included Messrs. Inman, Thomas, and Erie of the Richmond Terminal; Andrew Carnegie and H. W. Oliver of the B. & O.; Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania; and Messrs. Beady, and some in Northern Pacific. All but the last of these are in line with Mr. Gould's consolidation scheme.

Messrs. Erie and Thomas are acting as lieutenants of Mr. Gould and Mr. Inman in preparing the establishment of a strong alliance between the Pennsylvania and the Erie and Ohio systems. The Baltimore and Ohio system is to be made a part of the consolidation, and make most of the other trunk line systems seem small in comparison. This work Messrs. Erie and Thomas have done thus far without exciting the least suspicion of Mr. Gould's purposes. The Baltimore and Ohio system is to be made a part of the consolidation, and make most of the other trunk line systems seem small in comparison. This work Messrs. Erie and Thomas have done thus far without exciting the least suspicion of Mr. Gould's purposes.

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THE FAIR IN A VERY BAD WAY

CHICAGO'S PROPOSED SHOW NOT FAR FROM UTTER COLLAPSE.

Five Millions Must Be Raised Already Known How Many Thousands Already Spent and the Site Question Not Yet Settled—Disgraceful Quarrels in the Management—Looking to Congress.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—This is the true situation of the World's Fair: Every officer of the National Commission is on the point of resignation, with the understanding that the deserted posts shall remain vacant. The local directors, on which the management of the Exposition would fall, is already confronted by an apparent deficiency of \$3,000,000, which may be swelled to an actual shortage of \$5,000,000. The Exposition is nearer an utter collapse today than it has ever been before, and such conservative business men as H. N. Higginbotham, Marshall Field's partner, says the Board can never pull through unless Congress make a donation of \$5,000,000 at the next session.

The gravity of the situation has just dawned upon the directors. Officers of the National Commission would be sustained by the Commission itself in any movement hostile to the Fair that they might make. Humiliated, dejected, and despairing, the directors are unable to advise the Commissioners to adjourn this session at the April session and wash their hands of the entire enterprise. The only way to estimate the ability of the local Board to carry out the Fair is to judge by what has been accomplished to date.

Five millions and thousands of dollars have been wasted in quarrels over the site question. To-day nobody knows whether all of the Fair will be held at Jackson Park or whether five buildings will go on the lake front. There is just as much uncertainty now about the final apportionment of buildings as there was six months ago. At the end of the session the directors will not be settled before the next election of directors in April. Most members of the present Board are so busy getting proxies to elect themselves that they have little time for the actual business of the Fair. With a salary list of \$250,000 a year, \$150,000 of which is paid to the directors, the directors are showing a single result of the first year's work except plans for two sheds now used as tool houses. The funds are being dissipated among friends of the directory in the most lavish and reckless manner. Small stockholders are enraged, and at the coming election will make an issue of the directors' extravagance. The two influences have combined to scandalize the Exposition. The first was the vulgar quarrel among real estate speculators over the site, and the second was the disgraceful fight to deprive the National Commission of its authority and influence. For the latter scandal Benjamin Butler is the principal actor.

Mr. Butlerworth's election as Secretary of the local Board was not accomplished harmoniously. The Democratic press of Chicago united in denouncing his election as a triumph of the gang Republicans and a serious menace to the Exposition. Yet there is no politics in the Fair. The directors are not for or against any party. Mr. Butlerworth's election as Secretary of the local Board was not accomplished harmoniously. The Democratic press of Chicago united in denouncing his election as a triumph of the gang Republicans and a serious menace to the Exposition. Yet there is no politics in the Fair. The directors are not for or against any party.

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LEWY BREKES SUMNER.

But Judge Brady Gets Him Free Again This Time Morning.

Ferris H. Sumner was arrested yesterday morning by his officers, Judge Andrew Brady, on a warrant issued by Coroner Levy, charging him with contempt of court in refusing to appear as a witness before the Coroner at the inquest into the death of the Astor House suicide. Sumner was taken to the Coroner's office, and he sent for his counsel, Ambrose H. Purdy, by whose advice he has secured the Coroner's subpoena. Before the case was called in the Coroner's office a writ of certiorari was served on Coroner Levy, calling for Sumner's production in the Supreme Court in the afternoon.

As soon as Sumner was arrested Lawyer Purdy applied for a writ of habeas corpus in Supreme Court, Chambers, and secured writs of certiorari and habeas corpus. Both were made returnable before Judge Brady in Oyer and Terminer within twenty-four hours. The writ of certiorari was a once served on Coroner Levy, and the writ of habeas corpus was served on the Coroner's office. Sumner was taken to the Coroner's office, and he sent for his counsel, Ambrose H. Purdy, by whose advice he has secured the Coroner's subpoena. Before the case was called in the Coroner's office a writ of certiorari was served on Coroner Levy, calling for Sumner's production in the Supreme Court in the afternoon.

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DYNAMITE PLOT IN CHICAGO.

REMARKABLE STORY TOLD BY AGENTS OF THE TREASURY.

Their Arrest Secretary Gibson of the Distillers' Trust and Accuse Him of Scheming to Blow Up Shufeldt's Distillery—He is Said to Have Promised a Gang \$25,000 to Destroy the Property.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—If the story told by the agents of the Treasury Department, now in this city, is true, one of the most terrible of dynamite plots has been discovered and its consummation prevented just on the eve of putting it into effect. The Western Distillers' and Cattle Feeders' Association, better known as the Shufeldt Trust, is a corporation with capital stock of \$35,000,000, and controls the price of high wines throughout the country as it controls the distilleries with two or three exceptions. The most important distillery outside of the combination is that of H. H. Shufeldt in this city, and it was against this concern that the plot was laid. The exposure of the conspiracy occurred this morning. George J. Gibson of Peoria arrived here at 6 o'clock, and on complaint of Solicitor-General Hart of the Treasury Department, who came here from Washington for the purpose, was arrested as he alighted from a car at the door of the Grand Pacific Hotel. He was hurried across the street into the Government building, where he was locked up. The arrest was made as quietly as possible, and the fact was not made public till some hours afterwards. The charge laid at Gibson's door is that he offered Government agents to blow up a certain man at Shufeldt's distillery, a bribe to blow up the distillery with dynamite. Solicitor Hart tells the story of the plot as follows:

"Some months ago the Washington department was assured that things were not just straight, from the fact that the trust people were not to have a certain man appointed inspector of the department for this district. We set a watch. Soon this man Gibson began a correspondence with Dewar. We have the correspondence. Gibson felt his man cautiously, telling him at first that Shufeldt's concern was in the way, and that they were trying to get the man out of the way. He told Dewar that he had a dynamite machine that could be placed just outside of one of the large tanks so that a few moments after it was exploded the distillery would be a ruin. There would be plenty of time, Gibson told Dewar, to get the dynamite, because he was the only man who could place it, because, as a Government officer, he had access to all parts of the plant.

"The result would have been that the machine would explode between two of the machines, leaving a hole in the wall, and leaving a sea of alcohol on fire. Gibson told Dewar that he would be paid \$25,000 for the job. Dewar was not to be paid until the job was done. Gibson was to be paid \$10,000 for the job, and the rest was to be paid to the other men who were to be in on the job. Dewar was to be paid \$10,000 for the job, and the rest was to be paid to the other men who were to be in on the job.

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GEN. SHERMAN VERY LOW.

HIS DOCTORS HAVE LITTLE HOPE THAT HE CAN RECOVER.

The Old Soldier Lying in a State of Semi-Stupor, with Occasional Moments of Apparent Rallying, but with No Real Signs of Improvement in His Condition.

The attack of erysipelas which prostrated Gen. Sherman on Sunday last is the third severe attack that he has had. The first occurred in 1863, and was very severe. The second attack grew out of a cold which he caught while viewing a performance of "Door Jonathan" from a box in the Casino. The next day he attended the wedding of Col. Elliott F. Shepard's daughter, and while in the church he again contracted the disease. He had an engagement to dine out on Friday, but as his throat by this time was affected, he had to send his regrets. He had invited a number of gentlemen to meet Lawrence Barrett at dinner at the Union League Club, but he was unable to be present.

On Sunday morning signs of erysipelas appeared on his face, and the disease took a firm hold on him. Gen. Sherman's old army friend, Dr. Alexander, was at his bedside on Wednesday night, and when Dr. Janeway called at 9 1/2 o'clock morning following he found the general in a state of semi-stupor. At this time the general's condition was such that he could not be moved, and he was unable to take any food. The general's condition was such that he could not be moved, and he was unable to take any food.

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THE FORGED PAPER OF M'NEANE & CO.

All Persons Concerned with Work Tracking the Author and His Methods.

There were no new developments yesterday in regard to the forged paper of Henry McNeane & Co. The syndicate has been discovered in circulation. At the office of the Atlantic Trust Company and of Post, Martin & Co., the two concerns which handled the paper, it was said that neither was a loser, as the paper had passed through other hands before coming to the syndicate.

It could not be learned who were the original holders. The attorneys of Post, Martin & Co. and the trust company were hard at work yesterday trying to find out who they were. What discoveries they made they kept to themselves. News was obtained from the up-town or the down-town office of the New York Smelting and Refining Company, whose lithographic forms were used by the forger. At neither office could information be obtained as to how the forged paper had got hold of the syndicate. The syndicate is said to be in the hands of the syndicate.

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BLAME IN THE HOP DISTRICT.

Fier Brothers and the Patent Cereals Company Burned Out.

Water Tower No. 1 did good service at a fire yesterday morning at 39 Pearl street. The building, a five-story brick structure, was destroyed. The fire started about 9 1/2 A. M., and in two hours the interior of the building and hundreds of bales of hops were destroyed.

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