



WIRELESS POLITICS. The Political Linesmen—Where do we come in now?

DANGER FOR IRRIGATION

Large Cattle Owners Furnish Obstructions. FEAR SMALL HOLDINGS WORTHY MEN CHOSEN Principal Difficulty Is in Wyoming and Colorado. CONTROL OF THE RESERVOIRS Cattle Kings Want It to Be Vested in Settlers So They Can Secure Monopolies.

From The Journal Bureau, Room 45, Post Building, Washington. Washington, Dec. 17.—There is a radical difference of opinion between members of congress from the irrigation states over the provisions of the general irrigation bill which these members for a week have been trying to perfect. More than a dozen irrigation schemes have been outlined in pending bills, and these differences must all be removed and the west brought together in favor of some one measure. Night after night the members from western states have been getting together for discussion, and while they are making some progress, it is evident that no bill such as the Hansborough bill, which has been adopted by congress as the basis for argument, can meet with general western approval. And yet the Hansborough bill, with amendments, will finally be passed by the senate. The chief trouble is in Colorado and Wyoming, which, in truth, are not strongly in favor of any form of government irrigation, because it will give the small farmers an opportunity to acquire holdings along the rivers and streams, which are now given over to grazing. Both of these states are range states, and since stock raising is very profitable, there is no real desire to interfere with it, unless in some way which will add directly to the benefit of local interests.

A COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS

Commander Torrance Makes Important Appointments. WORTHY MEN CHOSEN Among Them They Represent All Parts of the Country. PRESENT SITUATION IS DELICATE

The Committee Is Expected to Consider All Aspects in Making Recommendations. Commander-in-Chief Torrance of the Grand Army of the Republic this morning appointed the committee on pensions. The notice will appear in General Orders No. 3 from national headquarters. The committee on pensions will be constituted as follows: Colonel Robert B. Beath, Philadelphia, Pa. General John C. Black, Chicago, Ill. General James R. Carnahan, Indianapolis, Ind. Ex-Governor W. H. Upham, Marshallfield, Wis. Judge Charles G. Burton, Nevada, Mo. Henry E. Taintor, Hartford, Conn. John C. Linehan, Peacock, N. H. These gentlemen will take up the pension question and in view of the present discussion and the dissatisfaction with the pension office at Washington that prevails at the present time among disabled veterans of the civil war, the committee is one of great importance. The commander-in-chief has endeavored to appoint a committee that will look at the question in a proper light as regards the management of the pension office in Washington and also consider the interests of the government as well as those of the soldiers of the civil war. Commander Torrance does not occupy a position of hostility to the present management of the pension bureau but wishes to see that the old soldier is protected as the law provides and that he gets just what a liberal government desires he should have. Under the authority of the national encampment at Cleveland the whole question of pensions was referred to the commander-in-chief and this committee which was appointed to-day.

"D'R I AND I" THE WHOLE TRICK

Darius Miller, Ostensible Traffic Manager of The Burlington, Expected "to Whisper" to Other Merger Roads.

Senator E. J. Jones of Morris Emphatic in His Declaration That the Deal Must Be Headed Off.

Darius Miller's election to the Burlington directorate, and his choice as traffic manager of the Burlington system, is the most significant move since the resignation of Hill from the Northern Pacific board. It's "D'r I and I," now for J. J. Hill. It will soon be followed by Mr. Miller's resignation from the Great Northern. He will remove to Chicago and assume charge of the traffic operations of the Burlington system. This is taken by northwestern railroad men to mean that Miller will become in actual fact the traffic director of all the merger roads. His connection with the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific and the Union Pacific will be "advisory," but his word will be final. His will be the master mind which will settle all intricate problems arising from the new order of things. This is Hill's way of accomplishing some of the aims of the merger in spite of the governors and the courts. Miller will have no visible connection with any company but the Burlington. He will sit behind the scenes and give directions, sotto voce, to the rest. Senator E. J. Jones Alarmed. The intense feeling among business men, who are for the most part silent, was expressed to-day by E. J. Jones, a leading merchant of Morris. Mr. Jones is a member of the state senate and a leading man in the republican party of his section. He is at the Windsor hotel to-day, and speaking on the question of the merger said: "I believe the consolidation should be prevented at all hazards. I do not pretend to be a lawyer, and know nothing about the legal points involved, but every business man and shipper in the northwest is interested in preventing a consummation of the deal. We cannot tell what will happen to the shippers if it is not stopped. The power of the combination over the business interests of the northwest would be limitless. It could make and unmake business men in every community along the two great lines of road."

Special to The Journal. New York, Dec. 17.—The recent rise in New York Central stock was due to talk that the plan for a Vanderbilt Securities company would be brought out without awaiting a decision in the Northern Securities case. These reports were probably incorrect. The Vanderbilt interests have always been thoughtful of public opinion and careful not to pursue a course calculated to arouse antagonism. It would be a reversal of this policy to bring out a securities company intended to produce another large railway trust at a time when the west is stirred up on the question and when the difficulties of the way of such an enterprise are so great.

N. P. PREFERRED Argument Heard on Proposed Junction to Prevent Retirement. Special to The Journal. New York, Dec. 17.—Justice Scott, in the supreme court, has granted an order of counsel in return of the order issued by Justice Beach Dec. 10, directing the Northern Pacific to show legal cause to-day why the temporary injunction issued Dec. 10, restraining until further order of the court the company "from retiring the preferred stock of the said Northern Pacific Railway Company on the first day of January, 1902, under or pursuant to the resolutions of its directors, adopted Nov. 13, 1901," should not be continued. The suit for injunction was brought by George E. Hackett and Charles A. Chase, of Pennsylvania, and by Wolf Bros. & Co., of this city. Wolf Bros. & Co. asserted the firm holds shares of preferred stock of the Northern Pacific. Hackett said he held 600 shares of the company's preferred stock. Chase said he held 1,000 shares. The plaintiff also asked the court to issue an order "requiring that preferred stockholders shall have equal rights and privileges with common stockholders in buying bonds to be issued by the company under resolution of its directors, adopted Nov. 13." Cochran, Moore & Smith appeared as counsel for the plaintiffs.

To Help the State Fight. Whatever counsel Attorney General Douglas is to have, no other attorney has yet appeared in the case. Commencement of the suit has been postponed until after the holidays, and meanwhile it is believed that counsel will be retained. Some prominent twin city attorney will probably be called in from among the large number who have been informally consulted.

"Oh, Please, Mr. Governor." The governor's mail continues to be flooded with letters of advice and commendations, but from eastern financial centers have come several letters urging the governor to call off the dogs of war, in the interests of business. They plead that his attitude has depressed the markets by hurting stocks, and will inevitably cause a falling off in stock trading unless he reconsiders. These communications do not come from parties directly interested, but from brokers and speculators indirectly affected.

MELLEN REMAINS IN Denial That Underwood Will Be Northern Pacific President. Special to The Journal. New York, Dec. 17.—There is no present foundation for the report that President Mellon of the Northern Pacific is to resign and be succeeded by President Underwood of the Erie. Mellon is not in the city, having left Saturday for St. Paul after being in New York since the October meeting of the directors; but it can be stated on the best authority that Mellon's resignation from the Northern Pacific at this time is most improbable, and Underwood has no idea of leaving the Erie.

PHILIPPINE FINANCE Effort to Keep Gold and American Bills in the Islands. Manila, Dec. 17.—The Philippine commission has finally decided not to interfere again with the importation of exportation of gold or silver unless absolutely compelled to do so by force of circumstances, but beginning with the year 1902 the commission will alter the two-to-one rate, in accordance with the existing ratio, in the hope of preventing the further export of gold and American bills. The reports from the provinces of the earthquake of Sunday last show that they suffered more severely than Manila. At Batangas, a soldier was killed by falling masonry.

BLOW WAS FATAL A Sioux City Saloonkeeper Kills an Armour Man With His Fist. Special to The Journal. Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 17.—Frank Cain, owner of the Eagle saloon, last night knocked down Pat Maloney, a butcher of Armour's, because he was trying to buy drinks from the bartender without paying. Maloney died in bed last night, blood running from his nose and mouth. Cain has been arrested charged with murder.

IDENTIFIED Knoxville Prisoner Declared to Be Harvey Logan. Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 17.—Lowell Spence, a Pinkerton detective, arrived this morning from Chicago. He positively identified the man under arrest here as Harvey Logan, one of the alleged Great Northern express robbers. Mr. Spence had in his possession a photograph of Logan which is an exact likeness of the man held at the Calumet and Hecla mine in Nashville with the woman who was arrested there with Montana bank money. The man still refuses to talk.

EXPLOITING SIBERIA Representatives of American Firms Are Getting Busy. St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—A number of experts representing big American firms have arrived at Vladivostok en route for Siberia, where they will build factories and exploit the agricultural and mineral wealth of the country.

OCEAN VESSELS. New York—Arrived: Vadeland, from Antwerp; Amsterdam, from Rotterdam; Marquette, from London. Liverpool—Arrived: Cervic, from New York. Bremen—Arrived: Bremen, from New York.

ADMIRE MONTANA CONDITIONS. The larger portion of the good farming land in Montana, along the rivers, was being grabbed up by speculators under the desert act, and it is possible, in following the usual roads, to drive for one or two days in that state without getting a view of a single acre of good farming land. It is such a condition which the cattle owners of Colorado and Wyoming wish to see brought about in those states, and since these interests are very wealthy, they help most local public sentiment. At the meeting of western members one night last week the question of whether the general government should acquire the reservation lands, or whether they should be turned over to the several states; and to the settlers, was argued for three hours. The proposition to turn the management of the government land into the hands of the government was finally carried by a large majority. The members who opposed it were the members who represented the grazing interests. The Hansborough bill provides that no settler on irrigated government land can acquire more than eighty acres; this will be sold to him for \$5 per acre, and he will have five years in which to pay for it. There is also a provision that while the government, itself retaining the title, may, in the discretion of the secretary of the interior, turn the management of the main ditches and lateral connections over to the settlers, it shall forever remain in full control and active possession of the reservoirs.

COPPER CUT NO REMOVAL Calumet & Hecla Responsible for Prevailing Low Prices. Special to The Journal. Boston, Dec. 17.—In local copper circles it is well known that the Calumet & Hecla management is responsible for the recent cut in the price of refined copper. This company, the second largest producer in the United States and the world, has persistently refused to enter an agreement of any nature to curtail the output of copper and help maintain prices. It is stated that when the price of copper started on its great advance four years ago the Calumet and Hecla did everything in its power to stem the tide. This statement is confirmed by the annual reports of the company.

TACOMA REPORT CONCERNING JUDGE NOYES DECLARED UNTRUE. From The Journal Bureau, Room 45, Post Building, Washington. Washington, Dec. 17.—Attorney General Knox to-day denied explicitly that he and President Roosevelt have decided to remove Justice Noyes, as reported in a special dispatch to The Journal from Tacoma. "Judge Noyes' case has not been a subject of discussion between the president and myself at any time since he has been in office," said the attorney general, "neither have I begun to consider the case. I am waiting for the conclusion of proceedings before the circuit court of appeals at San Francisco in order that I may get the benefit of the evidence presented there."

FIGHTING FOR HARDING. Senators Gamble and Kittredge have taken the case of Major J. W. Harding, recently removed from the Indian agency at Yankton, S. D., to the president. They had an interview with the president regarding the action of Secretary Hitchcock a few days ago and again to-day. The conference was short, but there probably will be another in a few days, at which the case will be discussed more fully. The South Dakota senators are prepared to fight to the last to have Harding reinstated, or at least have his record clear of charges which they believe to be untrue.

SOUTH DAKOTA BILLS. Senator Gamble to-day introduced a bill providing for the taxation of lands embraced in Indian allotments, such taxes to be paid by the federal government. He also introduced a bill for a \$200,000 building at Yankton and to pension F. F. B. Coffin of Huron \$50 a month. Thomas Feneran of Madison \$30 a month. George W. Graham of Woonsocket \$45.

ABOUT 1,200 NEGROES IN JAMAICA AND ADJACENT ISLANDS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED TO HELP BUILD A RAILROAD FROM QUINTO TO THE COAST OF ECUADOR.

A HEARSE SENT FOR A LIVE MAN. Norway, Mich., Dec. 17.—As a result of a mistake made by a telegraph operator, a Norway man returning home was met at the station by a hearse under the supposition here that he was a corpse. Recently William Olson was badly injured by a blast at the Aragon mine. He was sent to Milwaukee for treatment and was so greatly benefited that he was discharged. The telegram notifying the mine officials of his prospective return requested that a carriage be at the station to meet him. However, the operator, knowing that the man had been seriously hurt, read the message carelessly and substituted the word hearse instead. The funeral vehicle, accordingly, was at the station when Olson arrived, and the mistake was made an embarrassing one all around.

INQUIRY BY CONGRESS Demand Therefor Overwhelming. But There Are Obstacles. From The Journal Bureau, Room 45, Post Building, Washington. Washington, Dec. 17.—Public opinion is practically unanimous here that congress will investigate the navy department. An investigation would lay all the secrets of the navy department bare before the country, exposing the cabals, the petty hatreds and jealousies, the countless games of cross purposes, and the malodorous schemes of bureau officials, which are directly responsible for the Schley affair, and have scandalized the department since the Spanish war. Such an opening of the whole question, it is claimed, would be directly in the interest of fair play.

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SCHLEY CASE IN CONGRESS Resolution for Investigation Offered in the House.

VOTE OF THANKS, TOO Matter Fast Assuming a Partizan Political Aspect.

HIT MCKINLEY ADMINISTRATION Democrats Attempting to Involve It in a Colossal Naval Scandal.

WASHINGTON, DEC. 17.—Representative Wheeler of Kentucky to-day introduced a resolution to investigate the conduct of Rear Admiral Schley from the time he took command of the flying squadron up to and including the destruction of the Spanish fleet July 3, 1898. It recites the action of the court of inquiry and declares the American people desire an investigation by citizens not connected with the navy department.

Representative Mudd of Maryland introduced this resolution: Resolved, That the thanks of congress and of the American people are hereby tendered to Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley and the officers and men under his command for their victory over the Spanish forces and the destruction of the Spanish fleet in the naval battle of Santiago de Cuba, July 3, 1898.

Mr. Mudd says the resolution is not the result of any concerted action by the Maryland delegation and represents his individual view.

Representative Cooper of Texas introduced a resolution declaring Schley in command and entitled to credit for the victory at Santiago, and directing that he be placed on the active list with the rank he held before retirement.

Representative Norton of Ohio introduced a resolution proposing the restoration of Admiral Schley to the active list.

Secretary Long this afternoon informed Senator McComas that he would grant Admiral Schley's attorneys an extension of twenty-four hours of the time originally allowed for the submission of their statement. This will make the time expire Thursday at 4 o'clock.

Stanton & Moore, who appeared before the court of inquiry as attorneys for Admiral Sampson, have applied to Secretary Long for permission to be heard in protest against the approval by the secretary of the minority report written by Admiral Dewey. The secretary has consented to receive any papers they may care to submit.

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