

RAILROADS.

QUINTET TO CONSOLIDATE

SUCH THE RUMOR BASED ON CALL FOR ALTON STOCK.

Minneapolis & St. Louis and Iowa Central Said to Be Two of the Five Factors in the Deal—Minneapolis Railroad Officials Look Upon Report With Doubt.

It is reported in Chicago that the formation of a committee to receive deposits of Alton stocks and the election of T. P. Shonts as president of the Clover Leaf are mere steps toward the consolidation of five roads, Kansas City Southern, Alton, Iowa Central, Clover Leaf, Minneapolis & St. Louis.

The influential backers of the plan are said to be E. H. Harriman, J. W. Gates and Edward Hawley Messrs. Gates and Hawley came into control of the Clover Leaf by the purchase of General Hubbard's holdings.

Messrs. Harriman, Gates and Hawley, as well as John J. Mitchell, have deposited their Alton holdings with Kuhn, Loeb & Co. the bankers, which will receive all of these securities as the preliminary to further negotiations.

It is understood that General Hubbard's Clover Leaf shares were sold at 50 and 50 for the preferred and common, respectively. The general stipulated that outside holders who wished to sell should receive the same price and from Hawley and Gates.

In Minneapolis, railroad officials say the story sounds like a pipe dream. T. P. Shonts was president of the Indiana, Illinois and Iowa railroad prior to its absorption by the Lake Shore. The control of the Clover Leaf is in a voting trust. Mr. Shonts has lived in Chicago many years and will assume his new position Jan. 15.

LOREE'S NEW PLACE

Head of R. I. Holding Co.—Murray Succeeds Loree.

L. F. Loree, formerly of the Baltimore & Ohio, was yesterday elected president of the Rock Island company of New Jersey, the holding company of Rock Island properties. W. W. Lewis, resigned as president of the Rock Island company, was elected chairman of the board of directors, a position hitherto unfilled.

George T. Boggs was made assistant secretary and assistant treasurer in New York city; C. P. Hixon, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer in Chicago and H. E. Yarnall, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer in Chicago.

Oscar G. Murray, first vice-president of the Baltimore & Ohio, was elected president of the company, succeeding L. F. Loree.

FIGHT ON DEMURRAGE

Cincinnati Company Makes an Appeal to the I. C.

Washington, Dec. 30.—If the interstate commerce commission takes cognizance of a complaint filed yesterday by the Fred H. M. Clark company of Cincinnati, Ohio, against the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway company, all the questions involved in the maintenance of demurrage rates will be subject for the first time to general investigation through the application of interstate commerce regulations.

The complainant has protested against the payment of car service charges on its own cars, which were delayed in the unloading, or loading, or unloading, or the consignee, of the contents of the cars. Similar protests have been made to the courts several times and the railroads have been upheld. A different aspect is given to the complaints, however, in the presentation which has been made to the interstate commerce commission and the case promises to draw the attention of shippers and railroad officials.

NO HITCH IN S. A. L.

President of Road Talks About Reported Resignations.

New York, Dec. 30.—John Skelton Williams, president of the Seaboard Air Line, was asked to-day regarding the reported impending changes in the official staff of that system and said: "No resignations have been offered or will be. The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held by the board of directors within the next thirty days. No changes are expected to take place before that meeting. The members of the board are working together in entire harmony and if working changes should be made, they will be such as will meet the views of the whole board and will be satisfactory to all concerned. The reports that there have been any hitches in the negotiations recently consummated with the Ryan Coalidge interests are unfounded."

WIRELESS DANGER SIGNAL

Invention that is Intended for Use on Locomotives.

Wireless telegraphy may become useful in the operation of trains. Francis J. Greene, inventor of a wireless operating plan, explained the system yesterday in Chicago. Mr. Greene believes that the block system will be superseded and that his plan will prevent all collisions. He has organized the American Engineering company with a capital of \$2,500,000. An instrument in the engineer's cab notifies him of the approach of a train within a mile. This is shown by the putting out of a white light, the lighting of a red lamp and the ringing of a bell. In addition an instrument will record the approach of a train on a tape record, giving the registering time.

FEW R. R. FORECLOSURES

Record for 1903 the Best in United States History.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The Railway Age to-day says: The year 1903 takes the palm for the smallest record of foreclosure sales in every respect, number of roads, mileage, bonded debt and capital stock. Since the year of greatest activity in bringing bankruptcy roads to the block, 1902, when the sales included fifty-eight roads, with 18,079 miles of line and \$1,150,000,000 of bonds and stocks, the decrease in foreclosures has been constant and remarkable. In 1902 the totals were thirteen roads, mileage 555, bonds and stocks \$15,885,000.

\$250,000,000 ON PAPER

Pan-American Railway Company Incorporates in Oklahoma.

The Pan-American Railway company, which is to build from Port Nelson on Hudson's bay, to Argentina, was chartered yesterday at Guthrie, Okla., with \$250,000,000 capital. The road is to run from Port Nelson by way of Winnipeg, thru the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian

Territory, Texas, Mexico, Central America, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina, a branch running thru Chile to Valparaiso, 10,000 miles altogether.

STRIKE AFFECTED WIS. CENTRAL

Falling off in Earnings Attributed to Light Flour Shipments.

The financial statement of the Wisconsin Central shows that the road suffered from the mill strike. The gross earnings for the period from July 1 to Dec. 1 show a gain of only \$17,019, while the operating expenses increased \$111,860, and the net earnings decreased \$94,841. This decrease is attributed to the Minneapolis mill trouble. The officials give no reason, however, for the November deficit.

Hot Springs Information.

The Rock Island has issued a booklet on the Arkansas Hot Springs. It is bound in heavy brown paper with an artistically decorated, three-color cover. The pages are of heavily calendared paper making the booklet very expensive. The country surrounding Hot Springs and the immediate vicinity is illustrated. The word painting is done by Paul Cushing, who compares the famous resort with those of foreign countries, favorably to the former. A hotel list is given and all the required information about the place.

Ocean Business Not Settled.

The question of the ocean passenger business of the railroads was not settled yesterday at the Chicago conference. The plan to organize a pool was knocked out because differential lines refused to give up business to the standard lines and the latter refused to allow business to be divided among the differential roads.

Range Extensions.

The Great Northern, among other extensions in the Mesaba range next year, will build to the Franzi mine at Buhl and to the Yates mine at Lunknow. These projects are being developed by the underground system. They are controlled by the Consumers' Ore company.

No Successor for Noonan.

With the resignation of W. T. Noonan as superintendent of the Minneapolis & St. Louis that position is to be abolished. Jan. 1 officials and employees who reported to Mr. Noonan, as superintendent, in the future will report direct to General Superintendent M. Sweeney.

Useful Eric Calendar.

The Erie is again giving to ticket agents thru the country a calendar made especially for their convenience showing each day of the time of expiration of limited tickets of from two to nine months.

Mr. Meilen Paid for Ticket.

When C. S. Meilen, president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford, left St. Paul last evening for the east with his family he paid for his tickets. This is taken to indicate that the eastern lines will cling to the agreement against the distribution of space to representatives of western lines.

Trains Delayed by Storms.

The Soo, Great Northern and the Northern Pacific trains have been interfered with seriously in their running time because of bad storms in the northwest.

Cloaks, Costumes, Furs, Etc.

Annual Plymouth Reduction Sale.

Golden State Limited—For First-Class Passengers Only.

The Golden State Limited has accommodations for only about seventy passengers.

That means that if you want a "lower berth in the center of the car" you should reserve it as far in advance as possible—two, three, even four weeks before you expect to leave for California.

In service daily, Dec. 20 to April 14, from Chicago and Kansas City to Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and San Francisco.

Standard and compartment sleepers, diner, buffet-smoking-library and observation cars.

Hunter's Hot Springs.

On the Northern Pacific in Montana, is a good place to spend the holidays and renew your strength if you are a little weary from the strenuousness of a year's work. Elevation 4,000 feet, splendid hot mineral baths, comfortable accommodations, good fishing, fine scenery, glorious climate, reasonable rates. Inquire of Charles S. Fee, General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, Minn.

All cases of weak or lame back, backache, rheumatism, will find relief by wearing one of Carter's Smart Weed and Belladonna Backache Plasters. Price 25 cents. Try them.

Let the little Journal want ads help you get your want. They are the cheapest and best helpers, and cost but 1 cent a word—not less than 20c. Cheap enough.

NICKEL PLATE SHOE CO. 307 Nicollet Ave. See the Bargains in Our Windows.

Clearance Sale

A Grand Clean-up Sale of broken sizes, odd lots and short lines in Fall and Winter Shoes. New, stylish, up-to-date Footwear at tremendous reductions.

LADIES' SHOES Ladies' \$3.50 vici kid box calf & wax calf fall and winter shoes, cut for this sale to \$2.85 Ladies' \$5.00 calf bluchers, calf lace & finest vici kid lace; highest grades in broken sizes, reduced to \$3.65 Ladies' fine vici kid Goodyear welt extension sole fall & winter shoes, good styles, cut from \$3 to \$2.48 Broken sizes in Ladies' \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50 shoes, short lines and odd lots—cut to close \$1.98

New Year's Ice Cream

New York and Vanilla with Crushed Straw- 35c Quart, 2 Quarts, 60c, berries \$1.20. Dozens of Other Varieties at Regular Prices. Orders Received as Late as New Year's Eve.

CRESCENT CREAMERY CO.

618-620 Hennepin Ave. Both Phones 610.

ROOSEVELT AS WITNESS FOREIGN FLASHES Will Be Called Upon to Testify in \$200,000 Suit. Havana—The Cuban minister to Spain is said to have gone insane. Tegucigalpa, Honduras—A revolution is imminent. Martial law prevails in the central provinces. Dublin—The Marquis of Sligo died to-day at Westport House, Westport, County Mayo. He was born in 1824. London—Andrew Patullo, a member of the Ontario legislature, killed himself here last night by cutting his throat. Rome—at the next meeting of the propaganda, the question of dividing the dioceses of Dubuque, Iowa; Helena, Mont., and Hartford, Conn., and the creation of a new diocese between Boston and Providence will be discussed. Hunter's Hot Springs, On the Northern Pacific in Montana, is a good place to spend the holidays and renew your strength if you are a little weary from the strenuousness of a year's work. Elevation 4,000 feet, splendid hot mineral baths, comfortable accommodations, good fishing, fine scenery, glorious climate, reasonable rates. Inquire of Charles S. Fee, General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, Minn. Two Trains Daily. St. Paul and Minneapolis to Butte, Helena, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, via the Northern Pacific. "North Coast Limited" leaves at 10:45 a. m.; Pacific Express at 10:45 p. m. Pullman, tourist and dining cars, steam heat and wide vestibules. Electric lights on the "Limited."

For "Goodness" Sake Get Karo CORN SYRUP. The Great Spread for Daily Bread. A new table delicacy that coaxes the appetite and makes you eat. Nutritious as well as delicious. A pure, wholesome, tasty syrup fit for any stomach or any age. Unlike molasses which is the residue left in the conversion of brown into refined sugar, Karo Corn Syrup is the pure essence of the corn kernel, absolutely free from any adulteration. A safe, reliable food article. Sold in airtight, friction-top tins which make handy household utensils when empty. At all grocers, 10c, 25c and 50c. CORN PRODUCTS CO., New York and Chicago.

Be in California before New Year's. If you are going to California—everybody who can spare the time is going—you will find it to your advantage to be there before New Year's. It is then that the flower festivals begin. They are a notable feature of mid-winter life in Southern California. You really ought not to miss them. Don't hesitate to go because "California is so far away." It isn't. Call or write—and let me tell you how quickly and comfortably the trip is made via the Rock Island System. F. D. Lyon, District Passenger Agent, 322 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. Rock Island System

A Winter Vacation on the Gulf Coast. The Gulf Coast offers many attractions to the winter tourist; Pensacola, Mobile, Ocean Springs, Biloxi, Pass Christian, Bay St. Louis, New Orleans. Choice of routes, either via Chicago or the "World's Fair City," St. Louis. Why not investigate? Let us aid you. Ticket Offices: 414 Nicollet Ave. and Union Depot. F. M. RUGG, N. W. P. A., St. Paul, Minn. The "Burlington Chicago Limited" daily at 7:50 p. m. Burlington Route

Second Annual White Sale Begins Monday, Jan. 4th. STORE HOURS—Beginning Monday, Jan. 4th: Open at 8:30 a. m.; close at 5:30 p. m. SEE SATURDAY AD Open Saturday night until 9 o'clock. Linens, White Goods, Muslin Underwear, Laces, Embroidery, Lace Curtains, Collars and Cuffs, White Shirts, etc.

Dayton's Daylight Store. Formerly Goodfellow's. Seventh St. and Nicollet Ave. Silk Leaders of the Northwest. Handkerchiefs Women's Handkerchiefs of pure Irish Linen, some embroidered initials, some plain hemstitched, all full laundered. Thurs. 5c. Women's Underwear Fine ribbed worsted Underwear "Setsnug" Pants. Thursday. 39c Fine combed Egyptian Cotton Vests, silk trimmed; 50-cent grade. For Thursday. 25c Heavy silver gray wool Union Suits, \$1.50 quality. Thursday \$1.39 The Block Light equal to 300 candle power. equal to four other mantle burn's lights—uses one mantle, which is very durable. a great economizer of gas—diffuses a soft radiance. fine for reading and writing. costs \$1.50 and up. See it burn. In the Bright Basement.