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## BOUND TO SUPPLY CHEAPER LIGHTS

Eastern Capitalists Will Operate  
Under Minnesota Power &  
Trolley Franchise.

## COKEFAIR PARTY HAS CLOSED THE BIG DEAL

Power at Elk River Will Be De-  
veloped and Brought  
Here.

Cheaper electric light and electrical power for Minneapolis.  
This is the promise held out by the announcement that a body of eastern capitalists will expend \$3,000,000 in developing the Elk River properties of the Minnesota Power & Trolley company and will operate in Minneapolis in competition with the Minneapolis General Electric company, under the ordinance of the Minnesota Power & Trolley company, passed by the city council fifteen months ago.

As was announced in The Journal some time ago, the Cokefair interests of Duluth have the same time been planning to enter the Minneapolis field, either by bringing power from the St. Louis river developments at Duluth or by taking over the closer property of the Minnesota Power & Trolley company, in the Mississippi river near Elk River.

## Take Over the Franchise.

The latter course has been adopted. C. C. Cokefair of Duluth and a party of eastern capitalists were in the city this week and completed the preliminary arrangements. They will begin work at once. The new organization acquires the properties and franchise of the Minnesota Power & Trolley company, and will operate in Minneapolis, it is stated, under the ordinance of the Minnesota company.

The terms of this franchise are exceedingly favorable to the city and to consumers of light and power, but the company itself is bound by rigid restrictions. The cost of electric light to the city will be slashed from the present price of \$94 a lamp a year, to \$58.50 a lamp. Even under the proposed reduction of the Minneapolis General Electric company to \$84 a lamp after June 1, the city will be saved thousands of dollars in the low rate of the Minnesota company.

Under the Minnesota ordinance the company is bound by the following restrictions:  
A gross receipts tax of 1, 3 and 5 per cent for successive ten-year periods of the thirty years of its existence. The same to be waived when the city is receiving light or power from the company.  
A fixed scale of lighting rates to private consumers ranging from 10 cents a kilowatt hour to consumers whose annual bill is \$100 or less, to 5 cents a kilowatt hour on contracts amounting to \$2,000 a year.  
A power scale of 5 cents a kilowatt hour on \$100 contracts, 3 cents a kilowatt hour in excess of \$500.  
All rates to be subject to revision after ten years, at each five-year period.  
The city to have the right of purchase after ten years of all property of the company in the city.  
The city and consumers to have the right to demand extensions in certain limits.  
The plant to be complete and in operation by Nov. 1, 1907.  
Preliminary Work Done.

The Elk River property has been held some time by local capitalists and investors organized as the Minnesota Power and Trolley company. Surveys and engineers' estimates have been prepared and all fluvial land bought outright at a cost of \$75,000. The work up to the present time has been done by local people, but will now be taken up by the new organization financing the deal. All existing management contracts will be in the hands of the men comprising the new company.

It is not possible to state at the present time the exact nature of the development that will be made. The company may decide to enter the power business only and may not attempt to enter the lighting field as a competitor of the General Electric company as it can under its ordinance. In either case, however, a great saving to the city will be effected.

The engineer of the eastern concern is on the ground and upon his report will depend the details of the development. At the point selected for the improvement, the village of Otsego, twenty-five miles north of Minneapolis, an effective head of thirty-five feet can be secured. The development will call for the erection of a twenty-foot dam across the river and a powerhouse, a transmission line over a private right-of-way mission line over a private right-of-way must be secured from the plant to the city. The local work will consist of substations, pole lines and conduits, all of which under the ordinance must be of the most modern type.  
There is practically no limit to the use that may be put to the power that will be secured. An immense development of 20,000 to 25,000 horsepower is planned. During high stages of the river an excess of power may be secured, which may be used as relay in plants equipped with steam developing electricity. Much power can be marketed in the smaller cities north of Minneapolis and the development may be the means, it is stated, of bringing about trolley connection between these towns and Minneapolis.

General Alexander Hughes of Minneapolis is in Washington on personal business.

## ROOSEVELT, ELATED, SEES RATE VICTORY

## 10 HURT IN CRASH OF TRAIN AND CAR

Passenger Train Runs Into Trolley  
Car on a Crossing in  
Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Feb. 24.—A passenger train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, due here at 9:30 from Chicago, ran into a South Milwaukee street car at the Kinnickinnic avenue crossing, near the Thomas furnace plant, injuring ten persons and completely overturning the car and delaying railroad traffic for more than an hour.  
William Rogals, the flagman at the crossing, alleges that the signal to lower the gate was given him too late by the operator at the Becher street crossing on the road, and to the fact that the smoke and steam from the furnace had obscured the train, the accident was due.  
Following is the list of the injured: John Callihan, conductor in charge of street car.  
Anton Fung, 347 Virginia street.  
Carl Ludwig, South Milwaukee.  
John Hain, St. Francis.  
H. C. Graham, Northwestern Fuel company.  
William Fifield, Janesville, visiting in Milwaukee.  
Martin Wasnki, 577 Third avenue.  
Jacob Poppit, 936 Holton street.  
A. Lane, street railway employe.  
Charles G. 581 Grove street.  
Harry Copper.  
Two of the injured were taken to the hospital.

## COLLIER TO PUSH BLACKMAIL WAR

New Yorker Declares the Manns  
and the Town Topics  
Papers Must Go.

Journal Special Service.  
New York, Feb. 24.—Peter F. Collier declares he will continue the war against blackmailing publications, and adds that Deuel must leave the bench.  
"I am going to continue the war against Mann and Town Topics," he said. "I believe the blackmail evil—that infamous traffic—has received a deadly blow. There will no let up in the fight until we know that particular class of publication, which thrives on infamous insinuations against young girls and preys on the frailties of others, is crushed to rise no more."  
"I personally know of two young and innocent women of high social standing in this city, whose lives have been irreparably blighted and ruined by the publication of their names. Their names were not mentioned, but society read between the lines. The names of two society scamps were connected with theirs, and the girls had never been in the company of these men once, and less than five minutes."  
"There are other cases. We have spent \$75,000 in the fight and we are willing to spend as much more."  
"We take no delight in trying to send Colonel Mann to prison, for he will be dead in five years; that will be an instant in our work. As to Justice Deuel, he must go from the bench; I am surprised he has not resigned."

## LONGWORTHS MAY JOIN REX'S FLEET

Bride and Bridegroom to Take  
Part in Mardi Gras at  
New Orleans.

Journal Special Service.  
New Orleans, Feb. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth will be the guests of the city of New Orleans during the carnival season, according to the information received here today by the Morgan Steamship company officials. Arrangements have been made in Havana to book passage for Mr. and Mrs. Longworth on the Morgan liner Prince Arthur, which sails from there tonight and which will reach New Orleans about noon on Monday. If the ship be on time, the entrance of Rex into the city will be delayed for a short time in order that the ship carrying the president's daughter and her husband may join in the procession up the river.

## In Demand at Capital.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Young Mrs. Longworth and her husband may be compelled to order from an engraver a form of card that has "Regrets" in one corner, for it seems every hostess here is eager to entertain them when they return from their honeymoon, and as nobody has found a way to make (even for a newly-wedded pair) the Longworths will find it an impossibility to accept every invitation.  
It has taken almost the entire week to make an inventory of the gifts bestowed on the White House bride. They never could be displayed in one place unless a hall were hired. Presents continued to arrive on the early days of the week, but were not opened in the absence of the owners.  
In plate the president's daughter can make a great showing. She received ten solid silver tea sets and six dozen solid silver dinner plates. Dishes of assorted sizes in the sterling white metal were more than fifty. These included fish platters, compote and pudding dishes, nut and fruit stands and silver and crystal vases for flowers, and some of the finest are yet on the way.

## VANDERBILTS ARE MOBBED IN ITALY

Mr. and Mrs. W. K., Jr., in Peril  
on Auto Tour After Run-  
ning Down Boy.



W. K. VANDERBILT, JR.,  
American Millionaire Auto-Tourist,  
Mobbed in Italy.

Florence, Feb. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and their chauffeur were mobbed at Pontedera yesterday, and the two men were arrested.  
The trouble was due to an automobile accident by which a boy was injured, but not seriously. Mr. Vanderbilt drew a revolver, and both Mr. Vanderbilt and the chauffeur were arrested and taken to the police station. Mrs. Vanderbilt was escorted to the best hotel in the place, where, according to the latest advices, she was awaiting developments.  
The Vanderbilt automobile was not going at excessive speed, but when turning a sharp street corner in Pontedera, it ran down a child, a boy about 5 years old, and injured him about the head. The boy was not seriously hurt, his face was covered with blood. The automobile, which was stopped as soon as its occupants noticed that an accident had occurred, was soon surrounded by a crowd of excited people, who indignantly and threateningly berated its occupants.  
In the midst of the excitement the report came that the child was dead, and the townspeople became so enraged that they attacked the chauffeur.

## Drew a Revolver.

Matters reached a very critical stage, and Mr. Vanderbilt, believing that the lives of the party were in danger, drew a revolver. Before he could use the weapon, however, several men jumped into the automobile, disarmed Mr. Vanderbilt and kicked and cuffed him.

## Joy for the President.

But Aldrich has done much more than this and it is this "much more" that is causing the president so much joy today, and causing joy also to Dulliver and Clapp.  
Aldrich's action has consolidated the democrats of the senate in support of the bill. With Tillman leading the fight, or some name of it, for the bill's passage, it will be out of the question for Gorman, or any other railroad man on the democratic side of the chamber, to get up a diversion. The senate democrats are now believed to be just as solidly committed to the Hepburn bill as the republicans.

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## PELEE HORROR AGAIN PERILS WEST INDIES

Earthquakes and Volcanic Eruptions Such as  
Preceded Martinique Disaster Augur  
New Horrors in the Island.

Special to The Journal.  
New York, Feb. 24.—A Barbadoes cablegram to the Herald says that Mont Pelee, the volcano in the island of Martinique, is again in eruption, and the inhabitants are in horror of a recurrence of the great disaster of May 8, 1902, when 25,000 persons lost their lives in the destruction of the city of St. Pierre.  
Most of the residents of the towns have fled for shelter behind the mountains to the southward.  
Many houses have been demolished by earthquake shocks and the walls of many others are tottering.  
A trading schooner which arrived here today reports that Mont Pelee is in violent activity. By day the column of heavy black smoke, several miles high, rising from the crater, was visible to those aboard the schooner thirty miles away, and at night the flames could be plainly seen for a greater distance as they burst from the volcano's mouth and spread in a great sheet of fire from the peak of a pillar of flame-shot smoke.

## Lava Torrents Flowing.

Before the crest of the volcano itself fell below the horizon sailors aboard the vessel saw molten sand or lava pouring over the lips of the crater in overwhelming masses and rolling down over the plantations on the eastern slope of the mountain and presumably flowing over the twice-buried city of St. Pierre.

In sympathy with Mont Pelee, La Soufriere, on the island of St. Vincent, is in more violent eruption than at any time since a considerable part of the island was devastated in the spring of 1902. So far the damage inflicted has been slight, but the residents of Kingstown are fearful of the worst and are in hourly terror of an earthquake which will wreck the city, even if it is spared by the volcano.

## Severe Earthquakes.

In Martinique, St. Vincent, Guadeloupe, St. Lucia and Dominica the earthquakes have been more severe even than during the period of intense activity four years ago.  
The earthquake shocks in all these islands have been frequent since Jan. 31, and for two weeks in February cable communication between St. Vincent and Barbadoes was cut off. Much damage was done at Point-a-Pitre and Basse Terre, on the island of Guadeloupe, during the month.  
At Fort De France, on the island of Martinique, a severe earthquake shock was felt on Feb. 17. This was followed by three lighter shocks early in the week. Walls of buildings were badly damaged.  
As the shocks become more powerful and frequent the residents of the towns in all these islands are verging on a state of terror, and are fleeing to the country in fear of being buried beneath falling walls.

## Sinking Beneath the Sea.

Most alarming and significant to those who recall the predictions of some of the scientists who visited the islands after the eruption in 1902, that some day one or more of the islands would sink beneath the sea and the inhabitants be swallowed up without an instant's warning, is the situation in St. Lucia. At Castries, the port of the island, the wharves already have sunk five inches, and continue to subside, even when the earth seems for the moment to be still. Business in Castries is entirely suspended. The cathedral

and the bank building have been all but wrecked. The walls of many buildings are cracked and the sides of many houses are bulging over the sidewalks. All vessels left the roadstead loaded with as many passengers as could be taken aboard, and the vast majority who had been left behind are in terror of what will happen next.

## The St. Pierre Disaster.

The destruction of the town of St. Pierre on May 8, 1902, was the greatest disaster of modern times, and followed a series of earthquakes similar to the ones now in progress throughout the entire West Indies group.  
In 1902, in the present year, the seismic disturbances had continued for several weeks before Mont Pelee showed signs of activity. Then on May 5 it suddenly burst into violence, pouring out great quantities of lava and smoke day and night. Still there was little alarm, as the people of St. Pierre had become accustomed to the activity of the volcano.

At 8 o'clock in the morning of May 8, after the volcano had been quiescent for nearly eighteen hours, there was an explosion within Mont Pelee, which from a new vent on the side of the crater forced a great blast of flame down the side of the mountain, over the city of St. Pierre, and far over the harbor.

That fearful blast of flame brought death to every person in St. Pierre save one, a prisoner confined in a basement cell of the prison. The town itself was destroyed and the flame even destroyed the shipping in the harbor, one steamer being able to escape half burned.

## CEMETERIES SHUT OUT HOCH'S BODY

Remains of Modern Bluebeard to  
Be Buried in the Pot-  
ter's Field.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—The body of Johann Hoch lay today in a county morgue at Danmug, while the undertaker, who had agreed to inter the corpse at his own expense, and the two clergymen, who were on the scaffold yesterday when Hoch was hanged, vainly tried to find a burial place.  
The authorities of Waldheim cemetery refused to allow Hoch to be buried there, as did the officials of Forest Home cemetery and those of St. Lucas cemetery. Today cemetery after cemetery was asked by telephone to permit the burial of Hoch, but all of them refused, saying that the owners of cemetery lots objected to the interment of murderers. It was not expected that objections would be offered at Waldheim, as in that cemetery Spies, Parsons, Engel and Fischer, the executed anarchists, are buried, but the officers of the Waldheim cemetery were adamant. They declared that the burial of the anarchists had brought such unfavorable notoriety to their cemetery that under no circumstances would they ever allow a person who had been executed to be buried in the place.  
After repeated efforts to secure a final resting place for the body of Hoch in one of the city cemeteries, and shortly before noon the body was interred in the potters' field adjoining the county poorfarm at Danmug.

## FISH AND MORRIS QUIT THE MUTUAL

Roth Resign Trusteeships in In-  
surance Company—War in  
Illinois Central.

Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—Effingham R. Morris of this city announced today that he had resigned his trusteeship in the Mutual Life insurance company of New York. Mr. Morris gives as a reason for his resignation the pressure of business. He is the president of the Girard Trust company of this city.

New York, Feb. 24.—Stuyvesant Fish, who resigned last week as a member of the Trustees investigating committee, has now resigned as trustee of the Mutual Life insurance company. When he retired from the investigating committee it was the purpose of Mr. Fish to remain a trustee, but the punitive campaign to dislodge him as president of the Illinois Central made his position as a trustee untenable.  
Two of the directors of the Illinois Central road who are lined up in the fight to drive Mr. Fish out of the presidency of the company are Mutual trustees. They are Charles Peabody, president of the company, and John W. Auchincloss, who is also a member of the Trustees committee. A third director of the Illinois Central, Cornelius Vanderbilt, is also a Mutual trustee. He is one of Mr. Fish's supporters.

Mr. Fish sent his letter of resignation to President Peabody and a copy of it to every trustee. He has to take this course, there being no way to deliver his resignation, as President Peabody refused to call a special meeting of the board.

## HEADS THETA DELTA CHI.

Boston, Feb. 24.—Rev. George H. Spencer of Everett today was elected president of the Theta Delta Chi college fraternity at its convention. Mr. Spencer is a graduate of Boston university and is a prominent Methodist minister. Horace Dawson of Evanston, Ill., was elected secretary, and Charles A. Stewart of New York, treasurer.

## DEATH AND PANIC IN SCHOOL FIRE

Flames Destroy Kenyon Military  
Academy in Gambier,  
Ohio.

## THREE ARE MISSING, THREE FATALLY HURT

One Cadet Leaps Into Blanket,  
Which Gives Way Under  
Weight.

Gambier, Ohio, Feb. 24.—The buildings of Kenyon military academy burned at an early hour today and are a total loss.  
Three cadets are missing, and at least eight are injured, three of whom will probably die. The names of the missing have not been given out by the academy authorities.

## The Injured.

Rupert Stearns, Cincinnati, burned about the face; not serious.  
Hart Shannon, New York, arms and body badly burned; may not recover.  
Harry Bates, Cleveland; probably fatally injured.  
Bennox Baxter, Cleveland, slightly burned.  
William M. Nicholson, Steubenville, badly burned and will not recover.  
J. D. Dorsey, Dallas, Texas, slightly burned about face and head.  
Homer Schurmeier, Oak Harbor, Ohio, slightly burned.  
S. R. Salaway, business manager of military academy, badly burned about face and hands.  
Several others were slightly burned in escaping from the buildings.

## Leaped; Fatally Hurt.

Barnes was one of the last to leave the Delano hall, and jumped from the fourth story window into a blanket. The blanket gave way and he was precipitated onto the pavement, sustaining injuries to the back. One leg was broken.  
Eighty-five boys were in the dormitory when the fire broke out. An effort was made to effect a military formation, but the younger students forgot their military training and rushed about the burning building in a panic, shrieking and crying for help. The buildings destroyed were Delano hall, Milner hall and the annex. The losses on the buildings and their contents will probably aggregate \$50,000. The insurance is slight.

## Second Fire Loss.

The origin of the fire is unknown. This is the second time the Kenyon academy buildings have been destroyed by fire.  
The recent sensational hazing case, as a result of which it was alleged that a student from Cincinnati lost his life, took place at Kenyon college, a separate institution from the military academy which was destroyed today.

## WARNS AMERICANS OF CHINA'S PERIL

Secretary of State Tells Mission-  
aries Not to Delay in Seek-  
ing Refuge.

Journal Special Service.  
Cincinnati, Feb. 24.—The Foreign Christian Missionary society has received the following letter from Robert Bacon, acting secretary of state:  
"The conditions in China are causing this government much anxiety, and while nothing is known here that would justify the immediate withdrawal of missionaries, it would appear prudent for the heads of missions to warn all outlying stations and to advise them to remove to places of safety at the first cause for alarm, even if such cause should appear insignificant and danger not imminent. In case of outbreak, protection will be much easier if American missionaries are congregated in accessible localities."

## American Army Preparing.

Manila, Feb. 24.—Active preparations continue here for a possible emergency in China. Major General Leonard Wood has postponed his contemplated trip to Mindanao.  
A list has been circulated among the packers and teamsters of this city requesting the names of those who are willing to enlist for service in China. The necessary outfits will be issued to them.

## No Trouble Reported.

Washington, Feb. 24.—A cablegram was received at the state department today from the Chinese minister at Peking referring to some routine matters of business, but not touching upon the state of affairs in China. This is regarded as the state department's first sense for alarm, even if such sense should appear insignificant and danger not imminent. In case of outbreak, protection will be much easier if American missionaries are congregated in accessible localities."

## VOTE REFORM BILL IN SWEDISH RIKSDAG

Stockholm, Feb. 24.—The government's franchise reform bill, presented to the Swedish parliament today fixes the membership of the second chamber at 165 rural and 65 urban representatives. All men of good character and 24 years old are entitled to vote. Candidates for election must be voters in the constituency for which they are nominated.

## DEATH IN DOCTOR'S ERROR.

Woodsboro, Ohio, Feb. 24.—Dr. Hugh J. Sullivan, coroner of Payne county, took a fatal dose of poison by mistake early this morning and died a few hours later. Sullivan arose during the night to take some medicine, but took hold of the wrong bottle by mistake.  
Plymouth, N. H., Feb. 24.—The paper mill of J. E. Henry & Sons at Lincoln, was burned today. The loss is \$150,000, covered by insurance.



THE FARMER'S STRIKE.  
If he ever does take a swat at it there'll be something doin', but the farmer always has too much work on his hands to spend any time on these fancy exercises.