

IS FLETCHER TRYING TO HAMPER NYE?

Washington Report Says He's Rolling Rocks in His Successor's Path.

Has Asked Other Minnesota Members Not to Support Postoffice.

Finds Little Support in Plan to Magnify His Own Services.

By W. W. Jermans, Colorado Building, Washington, D. C. Representative Loren Fletcher of Minneapolis, now closing his congressional career, has been trying to secure promises from various members of the house...

At the same time, it must be apparent to everybody who is posted, that Mr. Nye is to have the time of his life when he gets down to business on an appropriation for a new postoffice building...

It is also apparent, to judge from what Minneapolis men are saying, that it is the expectation that the new postoffice building will be a very elaborate and imposing structure...

It may be as well to say now as later on that no matter who is the fifth district congressman, the building will be ornate, but its street frontage will be limited to two stories...

Washington, Dec. 20.—Representative John E. Andrus of New York, the richest man upon the floor of the house and gladdened the hearts of the page boys, the doorkeepers, the ushers, the waiters, and, in fact, every one...

Mr. Andrus evidently had a good time. He was as popular as a circus parade, the page boys and others who had visited upon him his honor following around and keeping in touch at all times...

Another thing which ought to be understood: Any money subscribed for the purpose of bringing block 38 within the appropriation of congress, \$350,000, will not be returned to the subscribers by the government...

Washington, Dec. 20.—As a result of the action of the president and the secretary of the navy with Senator Hale and Representative Foss, chairmen of the senate and house naval committees, the program for naval construction to be voted during the present session has been determined upon...

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St. Paul Runaway Is Untied to Parents After Two Years.

Fergus Falls, Minn., Dec. 20.—A telegram was received from St. Paul this week to arrest and hold Roy Dose, or Dauchaux, until the arrival of his parents. He was found in school here and taken into custody. He says he ran away from home about two years ago, and has been here a year or more...

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British Political Leader's Past Is Said to Be Complete Blank to Him.

London, Dec. 20.—The long retirement of Joseph Chamberlain, owing to gout and other ailments, has led to constant assertions and contradictions regarding the gravity of his condition. The Chronicle states that he greatly overtaxed his strength at the celebrations in honor of his 70th birthday at Birmingham, with the result that he lost his memory completely...

Other reports of hasty return of stolen property were almost immediately made and soon all who had lost anything had found the missing property. The search was immediately stopped and the keys to trunks returned to the students. Last night the students were allowed to leave. The school faculty and some students are said to know the culprit, but the identity is concealed.

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ICE FAMINE SCARE FAKE, HE CHARGES

New York Trust Misrepresented Conditions to Raise Price, Mayer Says.

Attorney General Demands the Dissolution of the Powerful Octopus.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Attorney General Julius Mayer today began an action against the American Ice company in the supreme court for the dissolution of the so-called "ice trust."

It is charged that by the time the ice reached the poorer customers it cost at the rate of from \$10 to \$14 a ton. Correspondence of the company with its agents and others is quoted to show that at the very time when the company was urging its customers to be careful in their purchase and consumption of ice, owing to the shortage of supply, it was informing its agents that the ice situation from the company's standpoint was satisfactory and that offers were being received from various sources, especially from Maine, independent producers of ample supplies were refused.

It is contended that the efforts of the company were designed to create a popular impression that an ice famine was impending in order to forestall public clamor against contemplated enormous increase in the price to consumers, which increase did, in fact, take place.

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THE TON-MILE PLAN IS A FOE TO GOOD SERVICE

RAILROADS RUSH COAL NORTHWEST

Fuel and Transportation Companies Bend Every Energy to Hasten Relief.

Upon the mere freakish whim of the weather depends human comfort in the northwestern villages which have been feeling the menace of a fuel famine. Where reports of tardy arrivals and of hope for relief are coming in today testify to the mild weather prevailing throughout the region, tomorrow may renew the menace if the weather turns cold and blizzards set in. Meanwhile, the railroads are bending every effort to rush coal into the imperiled district.

In the main, the condition seems better today. Everybody concerned is working to render the condition of affairs safer and to relieve all pressing cases. Every interest in the coal business, from the big dock companies to the smallest retailer, is doing everything possible. There is still great difficulty to be encountered in getting cars, shippers are inclined to credit the transportation companies with doing all they can. Not enough cars are available to satisfy the demands, but cars loaded are moved from the docks without delay. It is believed, too, that there is a considerable amount of fuel in transit.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Railroads that are managed from Chicago, in so far as the testimony appeared in the freight congestion inquiry today, have abandoned the ton-mile theory of operation because results, so far as adequate and satisfactory service to shippers is concerned, have not been satisfactory.

It was the positive testimony of a Rock Island operating official that his road, familiar with the tonnage theory from study and actual experience, had discarded it because whatever benefits resulted from it were more than offset by its disadvantages. His company considered first efficiency of operation and reasonable service, with allowance for the views of the shippers in this respect, and had a secondary interest in the question of maximum tonnage per train. He believed that any plan of operation which took any chance of overloading was short-sighted.

These views were directly opposite to those of northwestern railroad operators who testified in Minneapolis yesterday; they were confirmed by the operating heads of the Rock Island, the Milwaukee and the Chicago & North Western.

Commissioners Lane and Harlan and Attorney Marble were on hand early. The ton-mile question was up early. W. E. Biddle, traffic manager of the Rock Island, and E. W. McKenna of the Milwaukee were first to appear.

It developed that when complaint came to the Rock Island of grain accumulating on the company's line in South Dakota, the road went as far as Indian Territory and hauled empties to these South Dakota points, thus preventing congestions that appeared elsewhere.

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Railway Officials in Chicago So Testify Before Interstate Commerce Commissioners.

GOV. JOHNSON IS STRONG FOR RECIPROCAL DEMURRAGE

There should be means provided by law to protect the shippers, so they will not suffer in the future thru no fault of their own. Present conditions are deplorable. The trouble this year has emphasized the necessity for a reasonable reciprocal demurrage law that will give the shipper his rights. I shall recommend such legislation in my message to the legislature.

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STOCK MEN COMPLAIN

Shortage of Cars in Southwest Discussed at Kansas City Hearing.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—The interstate commerce commission freight blockade hearing began in St. Louis was taken up today by Commissioner Prouty, aided by P. J. Farrell for the commission.

J. R. Crowe, president of the J. R. Crowe Coal & Mining company of Kansas City, testified that S. T. Fulton of Chicago, assistant to Commissioner Prouty, of the Rock Island railroad, holds 10,000 stock in the Crowe company. He admitted that Mr. Fulton had received this stock without paying for it, but said that the stock before he was employed by the Rock Island.

Murdo Mackenzie, president of the American Live-stock association, testified that he had received many complaints from the southwest of financial loss resulting from shortage of stock cars.

What is the reason for this shortage? asked Commissioner Prouty. "The railroads use the cattle cars for other commodities," replied Mr. Mackenzie.

Sheep Held Weeks.

Mr. Mackenzie said he had known of sheep being held for six or seven weeks waiting for cars and finally they were driven from Albuquerque to Kansas in order to get them to market. The shippers had experienced more or less delay every fall, but this year the delay was the most severe yet.

In one case it took four days to get cattle from Texas to Kansas City, and in another instance cattle shipped from Texas to Kansas City had been sidetracked in Oklahoma for twenty-one hours.

Denies That He Is Dead

American Reported Executed in Honduras Returns to Show Struggle.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 20.—Colonel Charles A. Loud, late of Georgia, now a resident of Honduras, is in Mobile. Colonel Loud was reported to have been executed by command of the Honduran government on Oct. 17. At the same time it was reported that General Lee Christmas was shot.

Colonel Loud says that he is authorized by General Christmas to deny the report of his death and that (Colonel Loud) desired it published that no attempt was made to take his life by the officials of Honduras. Colonel Loud says:

Honduras is now president of Honduras and General Lee Christmas was commander-in-chief of the army. The form of government is similar to ours. The people are allowed a representative and alternate for every 1,000.

They Abandon Demand for Navigation of the Amur.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—The Russian-Japanese treaty is nearing completion. Japan has abandoned her demand for international navigation of the Amur river and generally the treaty of Aigun is revoked only in so far as it concerns the navigation of the Sungari river, which is entirely within Chinese territory in Manchuria, and is without access to the sea thru the Amur.



THE SHORTAGE EXPLAINED. Tailor Jim Hill—You've outgrown yer pants. Uncle Sam—Durn it, I know it! Hain't you got some more of the same goods?