

JOSEPH RAMSEY, JR., A DYNAMO OF ENERGY, IS NOW ENGAGED IN THE GREATEST FIGHT OF HIS BUSY LIFE

With an Experience Back of Him Remarkable for Big Achievement, the Wabash President Now Undertakes to Complete the Great Work He Began--Mr. Ramsey Has Been for Thirty-Six Years an Active Factor in Railroad Building in the Middle West.

Ramsey at Work

A switchman "cussed" the president of the Wabash, but his work was always well done. When an underofficial wanted to "fire" the switchman, Ramsey said: "I don't care what he says about me, so long as he's a good switchman."

"Hello! Is this Mr. Ramsey's residence?" "Can I speak to Mr. Ramsey, it is very important?" "Yes, I know it is after midnight and that he is in bed, but I am very anxious to speak to him. Awfully sorry to disturb you."

The newspaper man in due time received a full explanation and is satisfied. RAMSEY MUCH LIKE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. The president of the Wabash Railroad resembles in a startling degree, as far as his personal characteristics are concerned, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States.



THIS IS THE LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF JOSEPH RAMSEY, JR.

Born, April 17, 1859, at Pittsburg, Pa. Entered railway in 1875 in engineering corps of Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railway. Appointed chief engineer Pittsburg Southern in 1879. Chief engineer and general manager of the Pittsburg, Charlevoix and Youngblood railroad in 1883, and was also chief engineer and general manager of two other roads and of the Charlevoix Block Company. In 1880 he was appointed assistant to the president of the Big Four. In 1887 elected general manager of the Terminal Association of St. Louis, and in 1895 elected vice president of the Wabash and in 1901 elected president and general manager of the Wabash.

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Ramsey at Play

When a friend who frequently played golf with Ramsey asked him what he'd better do about taking a new position the Wabash president wired: "If it won't affect your golf average, better take the job."

Some time last year the Wabash and Chicago and Alton decided to reduce the time between St. Louis and Chicago on day trains. It never has been clearly defined which of the two lines did it first, but both did it, and both President Felton of the Alton and President Ramsey of the Wabash were sorry that they did it as soon as it was done.

Then the question arose which would undo it first, and there they deadlocked. It is recorded that for several weeks both of these chief executives indulged in verbiage to a pronounced degree, trying to induce the other to go first. Finally it was settled, and even as there is cloud of uncertainty upon the original act, so there remains a verbiage as to who first ordered the resumption of the regular schedule. This is characteristic of Ramsey, and was another trait which frequently caused him to clash with Gould.

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RESTAURANT AND BAR AMONG ENTERPRISES OF EQUITABLE. Various Activities of the Life Assurance Society Are Known to Have Included Savarin's, a New York Place Where the Swiftest Caterers and Drink Dispensers Were Employed—How Accounts Were Charged on Books of Company Not Clearly Explained, but May Be Investigated by the Committee.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE WANTS M'CALL TO EXPLAIN. New York, Sept. 23.—In an open letter to President John A. McCall, of the New York Life Insurance Company, Franklin Leonard Jr., a defeated Democratic candidate for Congress in the Seventeenth District of this city today, had asked Mr. McCall how much of his money, paid on a life insurance policy, had been used to defeat him.

WINISTER SECURES BROTHER'S PARDON. Joplin Pastor, Instrumental in Sending Relative to Penitentiary, Persuades Governor Folk to Commute Sentence. Joplin, Mo., Sept. 23.—Governor Folk today commuted the sentence of Minor Baker to expire tomorrow. Baker was serving a sentence of five years for highway robbery, and had completed about eighteen months of his term.

ENTERTAINS MISS ROOSEVELT. Japanese Minister in Korea Is Her Host. Seoul, Korea, Sept. 23.—H. Hayashi, the Japanese Minister, today gave a luncheon in honor of Miss Alice Roosevelt and her party.

OFFICERS OF COMPANY IN CHARGE OF THE RESORT. INVESTIGATORS TO PROBE RESTAURANT ENTERPRISES. New York, Sept. 23.—It is expected that at the next session of the New York Legislative Insurance Committee, investigating committees, which will be held Wednesday, the question of the Equitable's taking part in restaurant and bar enterprises will be gone into thoroughly. President Morton of the Equitable admits that the subject is puzzling him, and when the searchlight of the investigation is turned on starting conditions may perhaps be revealed.

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