

# NEW HAVEN ROAD OFFICIALS GIVEN AMENDED CHARGE

## Additional Bill of Particulars in Conspiracy Complaint Filed.

# BILLARD CO. BOOKS SOLD TO COVER UP

## Court Order Ignored and Newspaper Subsidized, Says Latest Complaint.

New York, Sept. 11.—Directors of the New Haven Railroad who were indicted Sept. 8, charged with conspiracy to monopolize the transportation facilities of New England got from the government yesterday an additional bill of particulars they had demanded.

The supplementary particulars deal with over 2,300 resolutions, agreements and other corporate actions taken by this railroad's directors since the passage of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law in 1890. They include these specific charges:

1. That the Finance Committee (with William Rockefeller and J. P. Morgan present) purchased control of the New England Railroad Company without authorization of the Board of Directors, and passed a resolution ordering that the purchase of this stock be kept from the board.

2. That the Finance Committee carried the New England Railroad stock purchased by it as collateral for a dummy loan to William E. Barnett to conceal the nature of the transaction.

3. That New England newspapers and newspaper writers were subsidized through loans.

Disobeyed a Court's Order.

4. That the New Haven retained control of the Springfield Street Railway Company and the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company, both Massachusetts corporations, for years after the Supreme Court of Massachusetts had forbidden their retention.

5. That the New Haven formed the United States Transportation Company to drive the competing Empire Steamship Company out of business, and having accomplished this design, disbanded the transportation company.

6. That the Billard Company, by a resolution of March 23, 1914, sold its books and assets to a Canadian corporation.

This supplementary bill was filed by Special Assistant United States Attorney General Frank M. Swacker, in compliance with an order issued by Judge Hunt of the United States District Court. Petition for the supplementary bill was made by William Rockefeller, George Maschhoff, Mortimer Charles F. Brooker, D. Newton Barney, Robert W. Taft, James S. Hoiningway, Lewis Cass Ledyard, Charles E. Pratt, A. Heaton Robertson, Frederick E. Brewster, Henry G. McHarg and Alexander Cochran.

Case May Be Held in October. The bill filed yesterday consists of 61 pages of reference to resolutions passed by the New Haven's board and the directors of some of its subsidiaries. It other delays, which now seem probable, do not materialize, the government will attempt to bring the case to trial in October.

The bill reveals for the first time that the finance committee of the New Haven kept secret the acquisition of the New England Railroad company not only from the stockholders but also from the general board of New Haven directors. This is shown by the minutes of a meeting of the finance committee adopted June 11, 1897. They follow:

"At a meeting of the finance committee—Present, Charles P. Clark, J. P. Morgan, William Rockefeller, George J. Brush and Charles F. Choate, the president (Mr. Clark) reported the acquisition of 224 shares of the preferred stock of the New England Railroad company at and under \$6 a share, that the stock was being carried for collateral to a note of William E. Barnett, and the committee ordered further purchases of the stock at and about the same price, and directed that no mention of the transaction should be made to the standing committee or to the board. And suggested that on or before the 30th of June the amount of William Barnett's note should be paid by check from one of the members of the finance committee to be taken up and released after July 1."

The government charges, in addition, that in order to prevent the loan transaction from being revealed in the fiscal report for the year ending June 30, 1897, Barnett's dummy note was actually paid as proposed and was promptly released again after July 1 of the same year.

Bought Stock of Boston Herald. In support of the charge that the New Haven subsidized New England newspapers and newspaper men the bill cites a resolution passed by the Billard company, a subsidiary, on September 9, 1909, authorizing an increase in its capital stock. This, it says, tends to support the charge of subsidization through loans made to Charles W. Pickett and others and the purchase of stocks and bonds of the Boston Herald.

The bill states that evidence of the retention of the Springfield Street Railway Company and the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Co. in contempt of an order of the Massachusetts supreme court is contained in two resolutions passed by directors of the Billard company on June 6, 1913, authorizing loans to these companies. The supreme court issued its order in 1909.

The New Haven was repeatedly denied that it had any connection with the destruction of the Enterprise Steamship Co. In contravention it filed a resolution of the United States Transportation Co.'s directors of October 19, 1908, authorizing the payment of \$20,000 to John Hall McKay for obtaining the pier leases of the Enterprise Co.

McKay Mystery Explained. This item, it is believed, clears away the mystery created at a hearing of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington by testimony concerning a loan of \$20,000 to McKay. Mr. McKay called for Europe the day before he was to have been subpoenaed to explain it and no one

else would or could explain. The government charges that having suppressed the Enterprise Steamship Co., the Transportation Co. on November 22, 1907, purchased the steamship Kennebec (which ran between this city, Providence and Fall River), as shown by a resolution of its board, and having accomplished its full purpose discontinued business on March 16, 1908; that its property was sold on the same day to the New England Navigation Co. and resold to the Hartford and New York Transportation Co.

Got Books Out of Jurisdiction. Attention is directed to the resolution of the Billard Co. passed by its directors as late as March 30, 1913. This resolution clearly sets forth that the books and assets of this company were to be sold.

Another resolution passed by the directors on March 23, 1914, gives positive evidence that the Billard Co. was determined to get its books and papers without the jurisdiction of the United States, for it authorized their transfer to the St. Lawrence Securities Company, Ltd., a Canadian corporation.

Further light is shed by the assets of the Metropolitan Steamship Company before the New Haven got them, and the sending of this line's best steamers, the Yale and the Harvard, to the Pacific Coast.

It is shown by resolutions that the Billard Company made a loan of \$1,500,000 on March 14, 1910, to the New England Securities Company, which secured it with stock of the Metropolitan Steamship; that on Jan. 18, 1912, a note of the New England Securities Company for \$1,400,000 was surrendered for bonds of the Eastern Steamship Corporation in the amount of \$1,700,000. These bonds, the government contends, are now in Canada.

Cites Resolutions as to Sale.

In support of the Government's charge concerning the steamers Yale and Harvard—that the New Haven had them transferred through the Metropolitan Steamship Company to the Pacific Coast—it cites two resolutions passed on Sept. 18 and Oct. 10, 1908, respectively.

To quote in full the resolutions referred to in the supplementary bill Assistant Attorney General Swacker asserted would require a bill covering over 400 large printed pages. They are mainly indicated by dates and titles.

# PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY PLANS LARGER COURSE

## Interesting Series of Lectures and Discussions For 1915-16.

Preparations for the second year of the Bridgeport Philosophical society have been completed upon lines more ambitious than marked the successful first year of the organization.

Outlines of the lecture course, issued to-day, indicate that the society will eclipse the gratifying results the first year brought its membership. The first meeting of the society will be on Sept. 15, when there will be a reception to new members, and an opportunity for the members of last year to renew acquaintances.

The outline for the season, follows:

Sept. 15. Words of Greeting

W. J. A. O'Hara, M.D., A. L. Eastman

Oct. 6. Political Issues

A Symposium of Party Views

John T. King, Lynn W. Wilson

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Ernest L. Whitney, chairman.

Oct. 20. Mental Evolution to Date

Henry Rowley

Former President Brooklyn Philosophical Society

Laura Cone, chairman.

Nov. 3. Sanitation of the Home

Frederick C. Stanley, Ph.D.

of the Bridgeport High School.

Henry Norcross, chairman.

Nov. 17. Philosophy and Religion of Democracy

Alfred Ward Smith,

Author of "A New Theory of Evolution," etc.

John I. Lindholm, chairman.

Dec. 1. Land Value and National Problems

George L. Rusby,

Single Tax Orator of New Jersey.

Lillian B. T. Kelley, chairman.

Dec. 15. The American Newspaper

Edward Morrison,

Editor Many Years.

Wayne Swartz, chairman.

Dec. 29. Special Date

Musical and Social Entertainment

John C. Custer, Director.

Jan. 5. Suffrage Debate

By leaders pro and con identified with the movement.

Ernest Berger, chairman.

Jan. 19. Liberal Education

Leonard D. Abott

President Francisco Ferrer Schools of New York.

Dr. M. J. Blume, chairman.

Feb. 2. Right Politics for Labor

Moses Oppenheimer

of the Socialist Party of N. Y.

Andrew Gardella, chairman.

Feb. 16. South American Prospects

Francis H. Brewer,

of Fairfield, Conn.

Dr. W. J. Southey, chairman.

March 1. Latest Religious Developments

James F. Morton, Jr., M. A.

Writer and Lecturer of New York

Adolphus Stirn, chairman.

March 15. The Zodiac

A trip around the heavens, illustrated

Joseph D. Hull, chairman.

The officers of the society are:

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# G. A. R. PLANNING BRILLIANT REVIEW IN CAPITAL SEPT. 27 TO OCT. 3



In the accompanying illustration is shown Colonel David J. Palmer, who will lead the hosts of the Grand Army of the Republic on the occasion of the grand review in Washington. There also are a reproduction of the review of 1865 and a characteristic scene of boy scouts conversing with veterans. Fifty years ago the Union army returned victorious to Washington from the battlefields of the south. The grand review of the conquering troops was held on Pennsylvania avenue, and it passed before President Johnson and his cabinet. President Lincoln had been dead but a few weeks. When the Grand Army of the Republic meets in Washington, Sept. 27-Oct. 3, the thin blue lines of survivors of this historic procession will again form at the same spot and pass in review before President Wilson and members of his cabinet.

# County Fish and Game Association To Elect Officers

The annual meeting of the Fairfield County Fish and Game Protective association will be held at the Board of Trade rooms, Newfield building, Main and Golden Hill streets, Monday, at 8:15 p. m. Admiral C. F. Goodrich of Pomfret, member of the Connecticut State Board of Fisheries and Game will speak on "A Sailor's Yarn." County Game Warden Wilbur Smith of South Norwalk will talk on the changes in the Game Laws as passed by the last legislature. Election of officers will take place.

# P. O. Clerks To Have Offices At Capitol

San Francisco, Sept. 11.—The National Association of Postoffice Clerks at the closing session of their convention last night voted to maintain headquarters in Washington, D. C., and selected Memphis, Tenn., as the next convention city. The convention went on record as favoring the Lewis bill providing for the reclassification of clerks at first and second class postoffices and carriers in the city delivery service. It also endorsed a measure known as the Falmer bill to reduce night work. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Arthur L. Honeywell, Davenport, Ia.; first vice-president, Morris Simon, Philadelphia; secretary-treasurer, Thomas F. Floherly, San Francisco.

# THREE KILLED BY BOMB IN SHANGHAI NEWS OFFICE

Shanghai, Sept. 11.—Three persons were killed by an explosion at the plant of the Asiatic Daily News, according to a report today. One member of the staff and two persons passing by were blown to death.

# GOV. GATES' MOTHER DEAD

Franklin, Vt., Sept. 11.—Mrs. L. Rebecca Gates, mother of Governor Charles W. Gates, died today after a long illness. She was 84 years of age. Governor Gates is at Oakland, Cal., where he was to preside at the conventions of the American Road Building and American Highway associations which open tomorrow.

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# EX-GOV. FOSS DEFENDANT IN SLANDER SUIT

Boston, Sept. 11.—A summons charging criminal libel against former Governor Eugene N. Foss, one of the candidates for the Republican nomination for governor at the state primaries on Sept. 21, was issued by the municipal criminal court today at the request of Dennis D. Driscoll, secretary of the Trades Union Liberty League, a labor organization. Judge Bruce, who heard an application for a warrant on Thursday, issued the summons but set no date for a hearing. Driscoll alleges that Foss slandered him in a published article.

# BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

A fire of \$10 was imposed on Steven Rhoads, 43 Johnson street, by Judge Bartlett in city court today, charged with recklessly driving a motorcycle along Connecticut avenue at 3:30 this morning.

A continuance until Sept. 14 was granted by Judge Bartlett in city court today, in the case of Kermit Ohsrnan, 1586 Seaview avenue, charged with recklessly driving a wagon along Barnum avenue last evening. Ohsrnan was released under a bond of \$25.

Judgment was suspended by Judge Bartlett in city court today in the case of Howard Constance, aged 18, of 115 Brooks street, arrested yesterday afternoon by Special Policeman Aubrey Furlison on the charge of drunkenness and breach of the peace.

A fine of \$7 and costs in each case was imposed by Judge Frederic A. Bartlett in city court today, on Joe Costa, 93 Commercial street, and Tony Glory, 1828 Main street, strike breakers at the Whiting street freight house of the New Haven road, on the charge of theft of two baskets of peaches, valued at 50 cents, from a fruit car on a siding in the South End yards.

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