

THREE WESTERN ROADS COMBINE

MISSOURI PACIFIC, WESTERN PACIFIC AND DENVER & RIO GRANDE MERGE.

EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 16TH

Joint Debts to Be Assumed by New Management—Two Roads Recently From Hands of Receivers.

St. Louis, Mo.—That the Missouri Pacific, the Western Pacific and the Denver & Rio Grande railroads, three of the largest systems in the West, will be merged October 16, was announced.

The actual merging of the roads will occur in Denver.

Officials here of the Missouri Pacific refused either to affirm or deny the reported merger, but it was said from authoritative sources in Denver that the consolidation agreement had already been drawn up and only the formality of the union is now necessary.

Until two years ago these three railroads were linked most closely as rumors now have it they are to be after October 16. At the time of the Missouri Pacific receivership the so-called merger then in effect was discontinued.

It is said the merger will occur on the date of the annual meeting of the Denver & Rio Grande stockholders. The \$38,000,000 debt of this road, occasioned by its guarantee of the Western Pacific's bonded debt, was the factor which forced the rearrangement, it is said.

Since the Missouri Pacific receivership and the breaking off of relations between these three systems, several suits have been instituted against the Rio Grande. Judgment was obtained in one instance for \$38,000,000 on the Western Pacific guaranty.

Rumor has it this debt will be assumed by the joint management to be created. The Western Pacific only recently, like the Missouri Pacific, emerged from a receivership.

SEIZE 200 ENEMY ALIENS

Roundup in New York Brings in Tens of Thousands Who Have Violated Permits Issued to Them.

New York.—A roundup of Germans in the five boroughs of Greater New York who have violated the terms of permits granted them to enter zones barred to enemy aliens, or who have gone into these districts without permits, has begun. The arrests were made by policemen co-operating with officers of the navy. It was said more than 200 men were taken into custody.

Fifteen police department automobiles and hundreds of detectives were sent to various parts of the greater city to spread the dragnet. Soon after the hunt started motor cars began returning to police headquarters in the different boroughs, bringing prisoners.

Within a short time nearly 100 men had been assembled in the drill hall at headquarters in Manhattan. The detectives who made the arrests brought with them satchels, suitcases and bags of all kinds, which, it was intimated, contained important documents.

Negro Buys \$36,000 Farm.

Pine Bluff, Ark.—J. A. Clement of this city has sold to Joe Ross, a negro farmer, 604 acres of land on the pike between Pine Bluff and Ladd, for \$36,240.

Dr. Gallaudet, Educator, Dies. Hartford, Conn.—Dr. Edward Gallaudet, former president of Gallaudet college, in Washington, a teacher of the deaf for 64 years and an authority on international law, is dead here.

Muslim Women Win Jobs. Constantinople.—In recent examinations between 60 and 70 young muslim women were successful, and about 50 of them already have been taken into the service of the Turkish government in Constantinople.

French Vote More Money for War. Paris.—The chamber of deputies passed the appropriation bill for the last quarter of the year by a vote of 480 to 4. The bill calls for 12,150,000,000 francs.

Two Theaters Burn. Dallas, Tex.—Fire gutted the Queen theater, the old Newport theater and the Hunt Grocery Co.'s store, on Elm street here. The damage is estimated at more than \$100,000.

Bolivia Plans Copper Tax. La Paz, Bolivia.—The deputies for La Paz submitted to the chamber a bill proposing the establishment of a proportional tax on non-concentrated copper ores and concentrated sulphides.

Yale Undergrads at War. New Haven, Conn.—Yale has given 1,000 undergraduates and 40 professors to war, it was revealed when the university reopened for its autumn semester. Two thousand are registered, including 600 freshmen.

Girls Killed 53 Snakes. Harrisonburg, Va.—Misses Mollie and Virginia Perry encountered a snake in the field near their home at Lacey Spring, Rockingham county. The women did battle, and when the smoke cleared away the snake and 53 baby snakes were dead.

Vatican Denies New Peace Plan. Rome.—The Vatican denies reports that Pope Benedict intends to make proposals for peace negotiations in view of mediation by King Alfonso of Spain.

"WE GERMANS FEAR GOD, NOTHING ELSE"



Inscribed on the rock above this artillery shatter is the avowal: "We Germans fear God, nothing else in the world." The shatter is in the ravine of the Elephas, near Lyons.

NEW LOAN BILL DETAILS S. A. REPUBLICS TO WAR

PLACED ON SALE OCTOBER 1 ALL OVER NATION.

Denominations in Multiples of \$50 and Run 25 Years at 4 Per Cent Per Annum.

Washington.—Secretary McAdoo has announced the details of the second Liberty loan, which were offered to the public October 1. The chief features are:

Amount, \$3,000,000,000 or more, the excess not to exceed one-half of the amount of oversubscription.

Terms of bonds—Maturity, 25 years; redeemable at the option of the secretary of the treasury in 10 years.

Denominations of bonds—\$50 and multiples of \$50.

Interest rate—Four per cent, payable semi-annually on November 15 and May 15.

Terms of payment—Two per cent upon application, 18 per cent November 15, 40 per cent December 15, and 40 per cent January 15, 1918.

The privilege of converting bonds of this issue into bonds of any succeeding issue bearing a higher interest rate than 4 per cent during the period of the war is extended, and through an arrangement under which bonds will be printed with only four coupons instead of 50 (to be exchanged at the end of two years for the bonds containing the full number of coupons) deliveries will be prompt. In this manner the issue of interim certificates will be avoided.

ILLINOIS WOMEN AGITATED

Now United in Support of Suffrage to Go to People for Decision in 1918.

Springfield, Ill.—Friends of the program for a constitutional convention in Illinois for revision of the basic law of 1870, are already actively at work. The Fifteenth general assembly, after various previous attempts, enacted a joint resolution calling for submission of the question in 1918.

Among the chief advocates of such a convention are the suffragists, headed by Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout of Chicago, president of the Illinois Equal Suffrage association, who are confident that a suffrage clause fully enfranchising women can be written into the new Constitution.

Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch of Evanston, who fought hard at the last session of the suffrage association to have that body go on record in favor of an attempt to get a suffrage amendment to the present Constitution, has now, it is reported, agreed to give her support heartily to the constitutional convention campaign.

Mrs. McCulloch's action is said to have united the suffrage forces of the state which for a time threatened to split into two opposing camps.

Deadlocked on Wage Demands.

Washington.—Negotiations of the special committee of coal operators and miners conferring here on wage demands of workers in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania are deadlocked.

Dancer's Death Sentence Upheld.

Paris.—The supreme court has rejected the appeal of the Dutch dancer, Mata Hari, who recently was condemned to death as a spy by court-martial.

Russia Arrests 17 German Agents.

Petrograd.—The arrest of 17 agents of an important German military espionage organization is announced in the newspapers. The agents are all of Swedish nationality.

Tar and Feather 4 I. W. W.'s.

Stuttgart, Ark.—A mob of 150 Arkansas rice farmers took four I. W. W. agents from the county jail and carried them two miles north of town, where they were whipped and tarred and feathered.

Lifelong Smoker Dies at 113.

New York.—Leaving 118 descendants—children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren—Rabbi Barnett Wolinsky is dead at the age of 113 years. He smoked all his life, but never drank.

Beer Drinkers Drinking Whiskey.

Birmingham, England.—"The low quality of the government beer now sold is bringing about a great evil—the change of beer drinkers into spirit drinkers," said Walter Butler, a member of the central control board.

Home Rule Convention in Session.

London.—The home rule convention is sitting at Cork, a hotbed of Sinn Fein feeling. It was stated satisfactory progress has been made in drafting a proposed constitutional government.

TROPICAL STORM ON SOUTHERN COAST

HURRICANE WIPES OUT MANY TOWNS ALONG GULF OF MEXICO.

ISLE OF PINES DEVASTATED

No Definite Word as to Loss of Life and Wires Are Down in and Out of Many Cities—Much Property Destroyed.

Havana.—Refugees from the Isle of Pines report that the hurricane almost annihilated the wealth of the land, mostly American. A relief committee has issued an appeal to the Cuban president and the American public for help for the homeless and destitute.

Many Americans in Pinar del Rio province have been ruined by the hurricane.

One steamer and several sailing vessels were sunk, numerous houses were razed and great damage done by the hurricane.

Advices from Botabano, situated on the mainland, say it is believed there that many persons perished in the islands, although no definite information regarding the casualties has been received here.

Mobile, Ala.—A big British steamer is lying helpless three miles off shore after being battered for many hours by the tropical hurricane which struck the east gulf coast Thursday, according to a wireless message received here. Agents of the ship declined to give out the nature of the trouble, but it is understood the vessel's propeller was broken.

New Orleans, La.—Pensacola was almost devastated and Mobile was badly damaged by hurricane winds which swept in from the Gulf of Mexico and struck the two towns.

Conservatives place the property loss at \$2,000,000 and the loss of life at not less than 20.

ASK TO EXPELL LAFOLLETTE

Prominent Educator Urges Senate to Purge Itself of All Misrepresentatives.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Members of the American Bankers' association vigorously cheered Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, when in addressing them he demanded that congress exercise its constitutional right to expel Senator La Follette.

"We are repelling attacks upon American people, and institutions of two kinds," Dr. Butler said.

"There is a provision in the Constitution that congress may expel a member by a two-thirds vote. What are they thinking of to sit there and permit themselves to be contaminated by La Follette? Gentlemen, you might just as well put poison into the food of every boy that goes to his transport as to permit this man to make war upon the nation in the halls of congress."

EMBARGO ON SOME FOODS

Animal Fats, Vegetable Oils and Soap Also Included in List, Owing to Diminishing Supplies.

Washington.—A virtual embargo on the export of certain foodstuffs and feeds was declared by the exports administrative board. The commodities include food grains and feed grains, oil cake and meal, animal fats, vegetable oils and soap, caustic soda and certain machinery. The embargo, it is said, is because of diminishing supplies and to meet the actual needs of America.

Licenses will be granted for export of these commodities only "when destined for actual war purposes or when they will contribute to the immediate production of important commodities required by the United States."

5 Per Cent Rejected at Camp.

Little Rock, Ark.—About 5 per cent of those drafted men at Camp Pike who have received their final physical examinations have been found physically defective.

Falling Wall Kills Two Men.

Springfield, O.—Two men were crushed to death and 15 workmen are in the city hospital as the result of the north wall and roof of the Columbia theater here collapsing.

Paraffine Discovery in Mexico.

Washington.—Discovery of a deposit of paraffine in Chihuahua, near the American line, is announced. The bed is reported yielding 93 per cent pure mineral.

Women Asked to Register.

Washington.—Plans for registration of the nation's woman power have been approved by the women's committee of the council of national defense. Dates for registration already have been set in 16 states.

Antietam Monument Dedicated.

Hagerstown, Md.—A monument was dedicated on Antietam battlefield to the memory of the One Hundred and Fourth New York regiment, who fell in the battle of Antietam on September 12, 1862.

Couple to Wed by Mail.

Jacksonville, Ill.—Manuel E. Comacho, a Portuguese citizen of Jacksonville, has obtained a license to marry Miss Maralido Nascimento Rodrigues of Puncual, Portugal. The ceremony is to take place by mail.

Government Gets Packers' Records.

Chicago.—For the first time in the packing industry, it is said, the records of the packers have been thrown open to the government and a force of 25 accountants is at work compiling statistics.

QUIZ MAY LEAD TO MORE SCANDALS

GRAND JURY GOING TO BOTTOM OF CROOKEDNESS IN CAPITAL CITY.

LEE JORDAN FURNISHES BOND

Preliminary Hearing to Come in October—True Bill Charges D. C. McClung Was Also Deceived by Lumber Man.

Jefferson City, Mo.

The return of an indictment against Lee Jordan, politician and lumberman, is only a beginning of the sweeping investigation of irregularities at the penitentiary under former Warden D. C. McClung.

Jordan, who was charged with obtaining money under false pretenses in connection with charging the state for cement which he did not deliver, surrendered in open court and was released on \$1,000 bond.

It was indicated that a large wholesale grocery house of Jefferson City might possibly become involved. The probe is destined to unearth more irregularities, it is said, than the coal scandal, which resulted in Scott being indicted seven times for selling several carloads of state coal to state officials and private individuals.

The grocery house for several years has furnished large amounts of supplies to the penitentiary. It is known, too, that the manager of the firm has donated liberally to campaign funds.

The indictment against Jordan covers two counts and charges he was paid \$3,371.50 by the state through false pretenses. When this discrepancy was discovered several months ago Jordan paid \$3,777 into the state treasury.

A peculiar feature of the indictment is that it alleges Jordan deceived former Warden McClung, when he charged for material never delivered to the penitentiary.

Jordan will have a preliminary hearing in October before Judge John Greenleaf Slate.

Road Bonds Registered.

State Auditor Hackman registered \$750,000 road bonds of Scott county, which were voted August 1. The bonds, which bear 5 per cent interest, were brought here by Amos L. Drury, treasurer of Scott county.

W. R. Compton & Co. of St. Louis have bought \$250,000 worth of the issue. The remaining bonds will be held by Drury until the county court disposes of them, as the money is needed for road work.

Work on Highways.

Convicts will be working on the roads of Montgomery county by the latter part of the week, it was announced recently by members of the state prison board.

W. R. Painter and Henry Andrae, members of the board, returned to Montgomery county to complete plans for the camp which will take care of the prisoners.

Governor Gardner is anxious to see the initial plan succeed. He probably will go to the Mineola hills, where the work will start, and lend his personal encouragement.

Gardner Visits Rural Districts.

In line with his policy to visit different rural sections and keep in close touch with the people, Gov. Gardner expects to visit Iron, Crawford, Shannon, Dent, Reynolds and Wayne counties Oct. 7 and 8.

Oct. 8 he will make an address at a patriotic rally at Bunker. This town is in both Reynolds and Dent counties. With this trip the governor will have visited practically every community during the year.

May 'Cuss' Over Telephone.

Under a temporary ruling and order of the Missouri public service commission, effective immediately, irate patrons of telephone companies may "cuss out central," in moderation, at least, and their service cannot be discontinued.

This is the effect of the order which was made in the case of John F. Metzger against the Clinton County Telephone Co.

It appears from the records that Metzger, full of ire and cuss words over some negligence on the part of "central," used strong language over the wire in expressing his opinion of the service supplied him by the telephone company.

His telephone was promptly "cut out" by the company and he brought proceedings before the commission to have it restored. Commissioner Simpson made a trip to Plattsburg to hear the testimony.

Will Inspect All Hotels.

Although curtailed temporarily by turning over \$3,700 to the general revenue fund, the state department of hotel inspection will be able to make the required inspection of all hotels in the state, said Gov. Gardner, after he had received letters from traveling men regarding a report that no more hotel inspections would be made.

He declared that Col. J. H. Dickbrader, chief hotel inspector, reported the new law governing the hotels was working out all right, and that it would be satisfactory.

Observes 100th Birthday.

Sarah Bacon of Linn, Osage county, celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of her birth, and a number of her relatives from long distances were present. Late Bacon, one of the large merchants of this city, and his son were among the relatives to attend the gathering. Mrs. Bacon has lived a quiet and useful life and she is yet quite active for one of her years. She is probably one of the oldest persons in the state of whose birth there is an authentic record.

HAPPENINGS of the week IN MISSOURI

J. P. Tucker of Parkville was elected president of the Missouri Press Association at the recent meeting in St. Louis after the association had adopted resolutions pledging the loyalty of its members to President Wilson.

Other officers named were: S. W. Davis, Butler, first vice president; A. T. Hollenbeck, West Plains, second vice president; John Deal, Mexico, third vice president; E. Ray Franklin, Russellville, corresponding secretary; Lewis W. Lampkin, Lees Summit, recording secretary, and L. W. Moore, Hume, treasurer.

E. H. Carter & Son and William H. Vandewater of Mexico, breeders of big type Poland China hogs, announced recently the purchase of Gertrude Jones, a Poland China boar, for \$6,600, said to be a world record price for a hog. Gertrude Jones was bought from Peter Mow of Orange City, Ia., and is said to be the best hog of any breed ever produced.

Dr. R. M. Hargett, a retired physician, is dead at the home of his son, M. F. Hargett, in Versailles. He was 77 years old and was born in Bracken county, Kentucky. He came to Missouri in 1859.

Elmer Shibley Ridgway, 39 years old, committed suicide at Columbia recently. Ridgway was a victim of tuberculosis and had brooded over his illness.

George Threlkeld, a farmer living near Shelbyville, captured George Solan, a showman, whom he saw fleeing from a crowd at the county fair there. After he had surrendered his prisoner Threlkeld learned that Solan was charged with the murder of his son, Peter Threlkeld, 28 years old, who was shot in defending a woman from Solan's alleged insult. Solan was rushed to jail at Macon, Mo., to escape a mob.

Mrs. Anna Gallagher, 62 years old, fell dead at St. Louis when her son, John Gallagher, who was drafted into the national army, told her he had been ordered to go to Fort Riley, Kan.

Sedalia will vote on saloons as soon after October 23 as permitted by law. This was the decision of more than seven hundred "dry" advocates who assembled in the court house after three hours of parley with representatives of the liquor interests had proven of no avail. The liquor interests had asked for a conference in an effort to get together on the question and avoid the election which has already been ordered by the city council.

Robert Semple of Maplewood, a member of the American expeditionary force in France, has been severely injured by the explosion of an old German hand grenade, according to a letter from him received by his parents.

There was a heavy white frost in the lowlands about Sedalia recently. The damage to gardeners and farmers is considerable.

After a long debate the grand lodge of Missouri, A. F. and A. M., in session at St. Louis adopted a resolution providing for the expulsion of any Mason who signs a petition for a saloon or gives bond for a saloonkeeper. Dr. W. A. Clark of Jefferson City was unanimously elected grand master of the grand lodge.

After the first day of enrollment at the University of Missouri there was reported at the office of President A. Ross Hill a total falling off of 560 from the total for the same time last year.

Judge John A. Hedge, 70 years old, is dead at his home in Lexington. Judge Hedge was recorder for eight years, and has been justice of the peace of Lexington township for four years.

News of the death of Joshua Motter, a St. Joseph wholesale drygoods merchant, at Williamsport, Md., has been received at his home. He was 71 years old. Heart disease was the cause of death.

Mrs. Marion Thurman, 28 years old, committed suicide at Moberly by jumping in front of a moving train. The day before Mrs. Lucy Bernard, 25 years old, drowned herself and baby when Mrs. Thurman quarreled with her. The Thurmans and Bernards were neighbors.

Federal authorities have caused the arrest at St. Louis of William F. Welmyer, 65 years old, a plumber of Quincy, Ill., charged with denouncing the President and threatening to injure him. He had been under surveillance several weeks.

James H. Starr, known as "the sheep king of Missouri," has just returned from Colorado, where he purchased 10,000 head of sheep. Of this number 7,000 were sold to various Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri buyers and the remaining 3,000 Starr shipped to his sheep ranch near Columbia.

Roy Winfrey, a farmer of Buckner, Jackson county, is raising a 25-acre field of corn from which he expects to derive as much profit from the cobs as from the grain. It is the variety from which cob pipes are made.

As a result of disclosures in connection with the draft examinations at St. Joseph, the United States district attorney has directed that every man rejected by the local exemption boards on the grounds of physical disability, be re-examined by the district board.

Brooding over being called in the third contingent of the selective draft from Livingston county, Alta Hicks, 28 years old, committed suicide by drinking a quantity of poison at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Hicks, at Utica.

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Hawaiian Musicians Paroled.

James Brown, a Hawaiian, was paroled from the penitentiary recently. He will go to Sedalia to join a troupe of Hawaiian musicians at the state fair. Brown was convicted in Jackson county in October, 1903, of killing his stepdaughter and got a life sentence. He came to this country with a Hawaiian troupe for the world's fair at Chicago. Later the troupe became stranded and he went to Independence, where he married a negro woman. He was drunk when the crime was committed.