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JAY GOULD'S GALL.

A Rumor that He Gobbled the U. P. Road.

The Canard Used as a Bull in Wall Street.

Gould Denies that He Has Acquired a Controlling Interest.

But He Says the Stockholders Are Ready to Rebel Against President Adams' Ruinous Rule.

Associated Press Dispatches.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—One of the most important instruments used for effecting a rally in stock values, today, was the theory that Jay Gould had acquired control of the Union Pacific railway, based on rumors printed in a morning paper. A Tribune reporter saw Mr. Gould this afternoon, and he denied the truth of the published story.

"Have you or your associates made purchases which give you control of the Union Pacific?" was asked.

"I have nothing to say about my private business transactions," Gould replied. "All that I ever said to anybody was that what stocks I purchased I paid for."

"Will you exert an influence upon the Union Pacific management, or in any way, directly or indirectly, effect a change at the next election?"

Mr. Gould smiled and hesitated before his reply.

"I am acquainted with some of the largest stockholders in the country," he said. "I might have some influence if I chose to exert it. There is a great dissatisfaction over the conduct of many of the railroads. There is an uprising which ought to effect great reforms in the management, for the roads have enough business to give them large profits if they can obtain proper rates. In the southwest we have made progress toward securing an agreement which will establish stable rates. There has been no conference today that I know of on the subject. The progress reported as made today is probably the result of a previous conference. The stockholders are aroused and indignant over the result of warring rates. The best way to express the situation might be to say that if the railroad elections were to take place now, the results might be as surprising as were the recent political elections."

Rockefeller Denies the Rumor.

William Rockefeller, whose name was connected with the fictitious interview, said: "So far as I am concerned, there is nothing in the story. I have not seen Gould, and have no interest in the Union Pacific."

Much was made in Wall street on what was said to be an evasion of the direct issue as to the Union Pacific's control, when questions were asked of Gould. The Union Pacific has long been the subject of speculative rumors. The Vanderbilts have been said to be seeking its control, in spite of the official denials given by them. The suppositions contest for its control, between the Vanderbilt and Gould legions, has failed to save Union Pacific stock from sharing liberally in the late slaughter of values. It is common talk in Wall street that there will be a change in the Union Pacific management at the next election, next March. Dissatisfaction is frequently expressed with the present managers, and many stockholders accept implicitly the allegations of the railroad rivals, that by its surrender to the Chicago and Northwestern, the Union Pacific has contributed the principal demoralizing element to the western railroad situation. Some Wall street persons go so far as to say that the dissatisfied stockholders of the Union Pacific are sufficiently powerful to force the resignation of Adams as president. As yet there is no open evidence of organization for this purpose.

The Bogus Interview.

It was the Times that published the bogus interview; it said in its issue this morning: Jay Gould has got control of the Union Pacific Railway company. Interested with him in the deal are, according to his own statement, William and John D. Rockefeller. Gould said: "The Union Pacific has come under our control. I will probably take the presidency myself. Mr. Adams has been managing the property after a fashion which set the business control wholly at naught, and under his direction the Union Pacific, more than any other railroad in the west, has disturbed and upset harmony and forced the handling of business without profit. The Union Pacific will not hereafter be a disturber of western railway peace. The Union Pacific-Northwestern combination will be no longer able to prevent the maintenance of harmony among the leading western railways."

Mr. Gould was represented as saying further that he had in view a new plan of operation for the western railways, including those of the southwest and northwest, which would be much more effective than that of any other association ever in the field.

Russell Sage Believed the Story.

George Gould refused to talk this morning in regard to the report that his father had secured control of the Union Pacific. Russell Sage expressed the belief that Gould had obtained control of the road, and said it was just what was needed to straighten out the railroad situation.

Dissatisfied Stockholders.

The Evening Post says: "The story about the Union Pacific passing into the control of Gould, not only lacks confirmation, but we have most positive and unquestionable proof that the whole story is merely an invention. Nevertheless we have also good reason for believing that a majority of the stockholders are dissatisfied with the present management, and that a move will soon be made to break up the contract with the Northwestern.

Adams Ignorant of the Facts.

BOSTON, Nov. 12.—President Adams, of the Union Pacific, in an interview with an Associated Press reporter, in regard to the statement published this morning that Jay Gould had secured control of the Union Pacific, said he was absolutely ignorant of the alleged facts in Gould's interview, and greatly questioned whether Gould ever made the remarks attributed to him.

A director of the Union Pacific said he did not believe one word of the story.

The Facts Borne Out.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—The Times this morning, in an article on the financial situation, says in substance, that Mr. Gould's denial of the story printed in the Times yesterday morning, does not deny the truth of the assertions, and points to the statements of Russell Sage and others, and that Union Pacific stock went up on the strength of it, to bear out the facts in the matter.

Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The bureau of ordnance expended during the last fiscal year $2,289,920, leaving a credit in the treasury of $3,994,484.

The amount of silver offered to the treasury today was 862,000 ounces; the amount purchased, 737,000, at $1.032 and $1.035.

The total gold in the treasury is $293,514,150; gold certificates in the treasury, $39,437,550; gold certificates in circulation, $135,963,760; net gold in the treasury, coin and bullion, $157,550,381.

The remains of the late Major-General Crook were brought to the city this morning, and interred with military honors in the national cemetery at Arlington.

Fixing Texas Rates.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 12.—Today's session of the southwestern railway and steamship association was occupied, principally, with Texas rates. A committee was appointed to confer with a committee of the central traffic association, on plans for mutual interests.

IT LOOKS PLAUSIBLE.

HUNTINGTON GIVES CREDENCE TO THE JAY GOULD STORY.

He Is Willing to Consolidate the Southern Pacific With the Atchison and Other Lines, and Has Offered to Do So.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—C. P. Huntington, president of the Southern Pacific company, when asked his opinion of the report that Gould was to assume control of the Union Pacific, said: "It looks plausible, and if true will give the road a wise administration. He is a practical railroad man, and like myself wants to bring about a stable condition of things among the great western roads."

"If Gould assumes the presidency of the Union Pacific, does that mean progress toward a big combination that shall include the Southern, Union and Missouri Pacific roads, and the Atchison," was asked.

Mr. Huntington replied: "I am in favor of consolidation, and have gone so far as to offer to consolidate the Southern Pacific with the Atchison. I told the Atchison people that I was willing to combine all our respective properties and let them decide on a name for the joint company. The Atchison people have not accepted the proposition, and I cannot say if they will."

Speaking of the rumor that the Standard Oil company was about to buy a transcontinental road, Mr. Huntington said: "The Standard Oil company has made no offer to buy into the Southern Pacific. No one else is trying to buy that I am aware of. Our figures are too high."

EASTERN ECHOES.

The Pith and Point of Many News Dispatches.

The first Wyoming state legislature is now in session.

Judge Sandel, associate justice of the supreme court of Arkansas, is dead.

D. Appleton, the well-known publisher, is very low from a stroke of apoplexy.

James S. Goodwin, a cartoonist on Puck, was struck by a train, Wednesday night, and killed.

The seventy-second annual meeting of the general missionary committee of the Methodist Episcopal church, is in session in Boston.

William Hastings, John Whalen and Thomas Wadsworth were drowned in Ipswich bay, Mass., Monday night. Whalen belonged in California.

A passenger train on the Reading road jumped the track near Arville, Pa., and went down an embankment. Seven persons were seriously but not fatally injured.

Lieutenant Turner, adjutant of the Eighteenth infantry, U. S. A., who embezzled band funds, has been found guilty and sentenced to dishonorable dismissal from the army.

The board of managers of the Adams Express company has adopted a resolution making the postoffice department regulations as to the application of the anti-lottery law applicable to its employes.

J. A. McKay, the Farmers Alliance candidate who was elected judge in Kansas, and never studied law, will be sent to Ann Arbor, by his alliance, to study for sixty days and prepare himself for the bench.

The Denver and Rio Grande and Colorado Midland management have announced the opening of the broad-gauge line for through business, Sunday, November 16th. Arrangements have been completed to run through cars between Denver and San Francisco.

Revolution in Progress.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—A telegram dated Guatemala city has been received from Mizner, United States minister to Central America, stating that a revolution is in progress in the capital of Honduras. The president of the republic has been driven from the city, but is collecting troops, and is expected to make a fight for the recapture of the government.

Serious Charges of Fraud.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—Attorney-General Hunt filed a bill this morning to wind up the affairs of the Mutual Fire Insurance company of Chicago, and set aside the deed of assignment executed a few weeks ago, on the ground of fraud. Serious charges are made against the officers and directors of the company.

RAN OFF A BRIDGE.

A Terrible Railway Disaster in Oregon.

A Southern Pacific Train's Frightful Leap.

Several People Killed and a Long List of Wounded.

Hardly a Passenger Escaped Without Receiving Serious Injuries—Particulars Meagre.

Associated Press Dispatches.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 12.—News has been received here that a south-bound passenger train on the Southern Pacific, run off a bridge between Salem and Turner. Particulars are meagre.

A wrecking train with physicians left here about midnight for the scene of the wreck. It will, however, not reach there until late, as the distance is about sixty miles.

One report received says every car in the train, except one Pullman sleeper, went off the bridge.

A reporter from Salem went to the scene, but has not yet returned. It is reported here that the engineer and fireman were both killed, and many of the passengers injured.

News from the Wreck.

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 12.—News from the wreck has been received. Engineer John McFadden, Fireman Finneal and an unknown man, riding on the front platform, were killed. In all about a dozen were seriously injured. Nearly every passenger on the train was injured. Conductor Conser C. Griebel was badly wounded.

A Long List of Injured.

The wounded and injured are:

Captain Jack Crawford, the poet scout, bruised.

Charles Vaugn, Forest Grove, leg broken.

Frank Cleaves and wife, formerly of Salem, backs hurt.

R. F. Dodd, Victoria, B. C., broken leg.

John Pengily, Tacoma, hips out of joint; wife also hurt.

W. S. Bowen, Portland, shoulder probably broken.

Captain Evell, San Francisco, both legs broken near ankle.

Myer Wolheim, Mt. Vernon, Washington, tongue, side and hand bruised; mashed in the fall. His tongue was almost bitten in two.

Samuel Anson, New York city, side and back sprained.

Mrs. T. C. Berley and May and Willie Boyle, Missoula, Mont., the former badly shaken up and the latter uninjured.

Wilson Berry, North Dakota, throat injured, but not fatally.

C. M. Burrough, Ellsworth, Kansas, back sprained.

Fred Waite, Ellsworth, Kansas, back broken.

Waite's injuries will probably be fatal. He was en route to Eugene.

Miss Laura Eckfeldt, of San Francisco, hand broken.

Sallie Eckfeldt, not hurt.

Clara Hamlet, Tacoma, arm broken.

Dr. Hamill and wife, Philadelphia, both spines badly hurt; just returning from a trip around the world.

I. L. Kimberle, Neenah, Wis., back badly hurt.

Mrs. Canneng and infant—Mrs. Canneng very badly hurt.

C. Griebel, a drummer for the Val Blatz Brewing company, Milwaukee, thigh broken.

"Pete" B. Beckley, of Oakland, Ore., ribs broken and back injured.

Hannah Fisey, North Dakota, spine injured; also side.

Arthur Erron, Seattle, collar bone broken; cut and bruised about the side and body.

Eugene Fish, Tower, N. D., leg sprained and side bruised.

Miss Nellie Starkey, Portland, perhaps fatally injured internally.

Charles Berry, Tacoma, badly bruised.

J. Jay Nestel, New York, back hurt.

Lera Berry, Tacoma, side injured; not fatally.

G. G. Newham, Pheasant Fords, Canada, painfully injured about the throat.

J. B. Roach, Tacoma, left side bruised and face bruised and internally injured.

Jas. McGarry, United States Marshal from Salt Lake City, nose broken, leg probably broken and body injured internally. Fears are that he will bleed to death.

W. A. Freak, Portland, ankle broken and probably his leg.

BLOODY FOOTPRINTS.

The Officers Thought to Have a Clue to the Ivett Murder.

MERCED, Cal., Nov. 12.—Who murdered John Ivett, the wealthy rancher at Snelling, is still unknown. Ivett was found lying upon his face in a pool of blood, with one foot in the cellar door, and under him was a piece of whip which none of the ranch hands recognized. Doctors Cassidy and O'Brien state that every bone in the murdered man's head was broken by the force of the blow he received. The key of the cellar and a lamp were found beside him. The murderer had struck the blow just as the old man opened the door, it is supposed, to treat his guest to wine. In Ivett's study was found a half-finished letter to his young wife who was in San Francisco, but has now returned. At the inquest, the ranch hands testified that Ivett left them after supper Sunday evening, to go to his residence. August Olsen, Ivett's brother-in-law, had been on the ranch since Thursday afternoon. Later he left, saying he might return that night or go to his mother's, near La Grange. Ivett insisted on his returning to the ranch, and this Olsen admitted on examination. He also admitted that he carried a hammer to Ivett's on Friday, but claimed that he lost it from his saddle, where it had been tied. He identified as his a rope bridle which was shown him, and when asked how he accounted for the spots of blood on the rope, said he did not know. On being asked if he had cut a finger lately, he said: "I don't know; yes, I did scratch my finger; it might be from that."

The coroner's jury returned a verdict, after an hour's deliberation, that Ivett was murdered by some person unknown to them. The sheriff and officers are, however, still on the ranch, and it is believed they have a clue, as the bloody footprints of the murderer have been accurately measured.

A New River Commission.

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 12.—Chairman Dixon, of the executive committee of the river convention, has received notice of the appointment by the secretary of war of a commission authorized by congress to examine the Sacramento and Feather rivers, ascertain what need for improvement there is, and report fully to the war department for the information of congress. The executive committee of the river convention will meet in this city Friday night to arrange for laying before the new commission data concerning the rivers. At that meeting several assemblymen and senators-elect will be present.

A Fatal Hotel Fire.

BIGGS, Cal., Nov. 12.—The Hamilton hotel block, a three-story frame, with a two-story addition, burned this morning. The fire started in a millinery store in the addition, and spread to the main building. Two dwellings, hay sheds, a livery stable, Arow's saloon and a number of other places were consumed. A north wind was all that saved the entire town. The losses aggregate about $18,000; insurances, $10,000. A boy, aged about fifteen, registered as Kohn Beck, perished in the flames.

Shipping News.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—H. M. S. Warspite arrived this morning from Esquimault, and the U. S. S. Gedney from Shoalwater bay. The British ship Hazelbank was paid for today by the marine underwriters as a total loss.

A SAPIENT RULER.

EMPEROR WILLIAM CONVENES THE PRUSSIAN DIET.

His Speech From the Throne Warmly Applauded—Many Wholesome Reforms Advocated and Intelligently Outlined.

BERLIN, Nov. 12.—The emperor opened the diet of Prussia today. In his speech from the throne, he said, in view of its friendly relations with all foreign states, which were further strengthened this year, the country could look forward with confidence to the perpetuation of peace. The speech also announced that bills would be introduced for reform in taxation, the organization of provincial councils and the establishment of elementary schools.

The speech emphasizes the necessity for improving direct taxation. An income tax bill will be submitted to the diet, intended to effect an equitable distribution of taxation by compelling all persons to make a declaration of their income. It is calculated that by an extension of the legacy duty, combined with the repeal of the duty on small bequests, funded property may be brought more within the reach of taxation.

The condition of the nation's finances, the speech declares, does not demand any immediate augmentation of revenue, while on the other hand it will not permit any reduction in receipts. The increased revenue from direct taxation will be devoted to lightening the burdens upon communes, land and building taxes being handed over to the communal authorities. Elementary education will be made wholly free.

The speech says the development of regulations affecting the workingmen demands attention, and an increase in supervisors, and the reorganization of the system of trade inspection is necessary.

The speech was frequently interrupted by applause. The emperor's pacific declarations regarding Prussia's foreign relations were especially approved.

THE WINE INDUSTRY

Recovering from the Depression Caused by Overproduction.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—The annual report of Isaac De Turk, president of the state viticultural commission, will show that the wine industry of the state is recovering rapidly from the depression caused by overproduction. The report says: While demand for California wines is growing, it will not warrant such extensive planting as has been going on during the past few years. The Anaheim disease cleaned out about 12,000 acres of vines in Southern California and Napa and Sonoma counties. The report shows that the product of wine for 1890 will be 15,000,000 gallons, and that the raisin crop will be 1,400,000 boxes. A recommendation is made that the efforts of the commission be directed toward promoting the demand for and sale of California wines in the east.

Powderly Will Succeed Himself.

DENVER, Nov. 12.—In the Knights of Labor general assembly today congratulatory telegrams were received from various other bodies of organized labor, and a delegation from the W. C. T. U. called and delivered an address of welcome, from a temperance standpoint. Various reports were read and committees appointed. There is no talk yet of candidates, but it is the universal feeling that Powderly will be re-elected.

Preferred Death to Disgrace.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 12.—The stockholders of the defunct Hall-Willis hardware company held a meeting yesterday, and examined the books, finding a shortage of nearly $100,000. Shelby Jones, treasurer of the concern, was charged with the responsibility of the shortage. He denied it. Last night he suicided, leaving a note that he could not stand the unjust accusation. The stockholders all say he was responsible.

Wind at Vacaville.

VACAVILLE, Nov. 12.—A heavy wind last night and this morning did considerable damage to trees and fencing throughout the valley. A section of the tin roof of Odd Fellows hall was torn off.

Stillman Sentenced.

FRESNO, Nov. 12.—Joseph L. Stillman, convicted of murder for killing John D. Fiske, was today sentenced to imprisonment for life, and will be taken to San Quentin on Friday.

DAVY JONES' LOCKER

A British Naval Vessel in the Maw of the Sea.

A Torpedo Cruiser Swallowed by the Waves.

Of the 250 People on Board Only Three Are Saved.

News of the Disaster Creates Consternation in England—The Lost Vessel's Faulty Construction.

Associated Press Dispatches.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—The British torpedo cruiser Serpent foundered off the coast of Spain. The fate of the crew is unknown. The Serpent was a twin screw vessel and carried six guns.

Terrible Loss of Life.

Later—The Serpent was lost twenty miles north of cape Finisterre. Out of a total of 250 souls on board, only three were saved. The Serpent went on the rocks during a storm Monday night. Owing to the severity of the storm, it was impossible to send assistance from the shore. Tremendous seas swept the decks of the doomed vessel, carrying away group after group of the unfortunate men on board. The Serpent's complement was 170 officers and men. The others were going to relieve men now on the African station.

Later dispatches say the three survivors are of the opinion that none of the others got ashore. Four bodies have come up on the beach, three of them women.

The News Creates Consternation.

The Duke of Edinburgh was attending a Patti concert at Plymouth when the news of the disaster reached town. He was immediately informed, and at once left the concert hall. After reading all the dispatches that had been received concerning the disaster, he went directly home without returning to the concert hall. He expressed the utmost sorrow. The newspaper offices at Plymouth were besieged by crowds of people anxious to hear news of the disaster. Among these were many of the wives and daughters of the lost seamen.

The Serpent's Defective Build.

The Serpent was built after the idea of Admiral Cooper Key, who insisted upon immense horse-power, which, according to previous notions, was out of all proportion to her displacement. She could maintain a speed of 17 knots an hour. Lord Bassey, in the Naval Annual, adversely criticised the vessel. He said economy of weight had been carried to excess in her construction; that her plating was too thin and her armament overdone. In sailing her heavy top weight would be a detriment to her speed, and would unduly strain the hull. The vessel was 225 feet long, while she had a draught of only 14½ feet.

She Was Unseaworthy.

Relatives of the crew at Plymouth and the dock-yard people are full of gossip of the lost cruiser. It is claimed that she was unseaworthy, and broke down on her trial trip. The Serpent has a bad record. She broke down more than once in the maneuvers of 1888. Several admirals condemned vessels of her class.

Lloyds' agent at Corunna telegraphed: "It appears that the Serpent was running for shelter in one of the bays north of Finisterre. If she foundered, nobody need be surprised but the admiralty. If she grounded on the reefs, she could not stand a minute's battering in a heavy sea."

Ill-Timed Levity.

Lord George Hamilton, first lord of the Admiralty, on rising to speak at a Conservative banquet at Acton this evening, announced the loss of H. M. S. Serpent. The announcement caused a sensation, but no action was taken to postpone the banquet. Lord George Hamilton led off in the toasts with an unusually jolly speech. The news of this affair reached the London clubs and excited much adverse criticism. It is considered that Hamilton's conduct may cause a scandal against himself and the tories.

CONDENSED CABLEGRAMS.

Bits of News Flashed From Foreign Shores.

The bishop of Rio Janeiro is dead.

Dr. Hannay, secretary of the Congregational union, is dead.

Queen Emma has been appointed regent of the Netherlands during the illness of King William.

Reports from the Russian provinces indicate that the Tolstoi government reforms have proved a failure.

Justice John O. Hagan, head of the Irish land commission, is dead. He was well known as a poet and author.

The flour mills at Oporto are closing in consequence of a decree prohibiting the importation of foreign wheat.

A dispatch from Rosario, Argentine republic, says serious election disorders have occurred in that city. Several persons were killed and a number wounded.

Princess Margaret, sister of the German emperor, will wed the Prince of Naples, heir to the Italian throne, within a year. Princess Margaret will become a Catholic.

Baron Wessman, who has left for Zanzibar, declares that he does not intend to renew hostilities with the natives, but to organize the country and establish a civilized form of government.

A PHENOMENAL CATCH.

Special to the HERALD.]

REDONDO, November 9th.—The citizens of this place were thrown into a state of great excitement this afternoon by the strangest catch ever known in these waters. The angler, a well-known resident, was armed with a bamboo rod of only ordinary size. He had waited in vain for a bite for nearly half an hour when he felt, at the end of his line, a fish evidently endowed with enormous strength. The battle which ensued has probably never been paralleled in piscatorial annals. It attracted two-thirds of the population of the village, so rapidly was the exciting news circulated. The beholders could scarcely believe their eyes when, as the finny monster was drawn out of the water, its side was found to be adorned with the business card of the LONDON CLOTHING CO., whose bargains are now attracting almost as much attention as the fish itself will receive from anglers all over the country.