

SCHWAB COMES BACK BRIGHT AND CHEERY

President of Steel Trust Returns From Vacation.

EAGER TO BE AT WORK AGAIN

Laughs at the Idea That He May Regain the Position He Holds—Racing Trips on Lake Geneva a Myth.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the billion-dollar steel trust, who sailed from here on August 21 last, a nervous wreck, returned yesterday.

As he walked down the gangplank from the North German Lloyd liner Kronprinz Wilhelm he seemed more like a rollicking schoolboy returning home at holidays than the overworked head of the greatest corporation in the world.

Asked if he was going to resign from the presidency of the steel corporation, he simply looked his questioner in the face and laughed outright. The idea that such a question could be asked seemed a joke to him.

Asked how he had enjoyed his racing trips up and down Lake Geneva in a launch, it having been reported here that that was one of Mr. Schwab's diversions, he laughed again and replied:

Looks Like an Athlete. "Now, my boy, I know that is a diplomatic way of yours of asking me if I'm crazy. Do you think I look like an insane man?"

No man ever looked saner. Clean shaven, dressed in Paris fashion, he seemed the athlete all over. He was one of the most disappointed people on board the ship when it was found that she would be detained several hours at quarantine.

"You see," he said, "I've been away on the longest vacation I ever had since I first began to work, and I'm happy to get back. I never felt better in my life. I've simply been resting. Always before when I was away on a vacation I could not get myself away from my work. But this time I've let business go absolutely. Succeeded in Resting.

"I simply rested absolutely. Never before had I been able to really rest, but this time I did succeed in getting some real rest. I feel that it was a great thing to have learned to rest."

Mr. Schwab was asked to say something about the new issue of bonds of the steel corporation, but he waved the question aside, saying:

"I do not wish to say one word about steel, and I do not wish to discuss business. I have been away for seven months, and I am not in a position to say one word about business at present."

CONSUL JOHNSON CALLS AT STATE DEPARTMENT

Rumored That His Resignation Will Soon Be Demanded.

Henry A. Johnson, consul at Venice, called at the State Department yesterday and left with Acting Secretary Loomis a letter from Captain Dayton, of the Chicago, commending Mr. Johnson's course and action at the time of the arrest of the officers of the Chicago for disturbances in Venice about a year ago. It has been currently reported that Mr. Johnson will be asked to resign, if such a request has not already been made, because of his alleged neglect of the interests of American citizens in Venice. Captain Dayton's letter states that Mr. Johnson did all in his power to assist the imprisoned American officers, and that his conduct was commendable.

On the other hand, Captain Wynne, of the Marine Corps, a son of First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne, who was one of the officers who suffered from the indignities of the Italians, is disposed to criticize the conduct of Consul Johnson, and intends, it is said, to file with the State Department a statement of his view of the case. Mr. Johnson, it is charged, also neglected to aid another American citizen, who was traveling abroad with his daughter last summer, and became involved in some trouble in Venice. The young woman appealed to the consul for assistance in straightening out the difficulty, but could obtain no satisfaction through him, it is said.

Her second appeal is said to have been repelled to by him. She then mentioned the matter to a Washington man, who happened to be in Venice at the time, and who went to see Mr. Johnson about it. The consul's response was that he could not interfere in the case, as to do so would injure him socially in Venice. This affair has been reported to the State Department. Mr. Johnson is a resident of the District of Columbia. He is at present here on leave of absence.

TROLLEY PASSENGERS HURT IN COLLISION IN NEWARK

NEWARK, N. J., March 12.—A South Orange trolley car stopped near Halsey Street, Newark, at 6:30 last evening and a New York and Newark car immediately behind it crashed into it. All the glass in both cars was broken and two platforms were smashed. There were nearly one hundred passengers in each car and many were bruised and cut by flying glass.

The two most seriously hurt were Leopold Sontag, forty-five years old, of 500 South Twentieth Street, and Elias Greer, forty years old, of 45 Mercer Street. Sontag had two ribs broken and both men were badly bruised and perhaps internally injured.

SHRINERS CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Thirty-five Novices Cross the Burning Desert.

Now, Shriners, gathered 'round the bowl, Let wit and wisdom have full play, And a health to that good saint Who gave us Patrick's Day.

More than a thousand Mystic Shriners gathered at National Rifles' Army last night and paid tribute to Ireland's patron saint by escorting thirty-five novices over the "burning desert" which leads to the entrance of Almas Temple.

Boumi Temple of Baltimore sent 300 Nobles of the Mystic Shrine to Washington under the leadership of Potentate William J. Cunningham. Oasis Temple, of Wheeling, W. Va.; Acca Temple, of Richmond; Lulu Temple, of Philadelphia; Mecca Temple, of New York, and the Imperial Council were also represented at the gathering of dignitaries.

The Baltimore visitors arrived here on a special train yesterday evening and were escorted to National Rifles' Army by Halley's Band and a reception committee headed by Capt. Allison Nalder.

The Shriners' meeting opened at 7:30 yesterday afternoon. After a business session lasting for two hours the initiation ceremony began. At 10 o'clock the great party was seated in the banquet room on the first floor of the armory building and enjoyed a dinner of camel's milk and dishes appropriate to St. Patrick's Day. Shamrocks and the flag of old Ireland prevailed in the banquet hall decorations. The souvenirs for the guests were shamrocks fastened to miniature clay pipes. The menus were printed in green ink and on the front was a figure of St. Patrick, surmounted by the head of Potentate William J. Gude. Blarney stones, Killarney salad and potatoes à la Dublin were among the dishes served.

Potentate William J. Gude, of Almas Temple, presided at the banquet. Potentate William J. Cunningham, of Boumi Temple; Noble James McGee, of Mecca Temple, New York; Carlos Slegmund, past potentate of Boumi Temple; Noble Edwin B. Hay, of Almas Temple; High Priest and Prophet A. P. Clayton, of the Imperial Council, and a number of other Shriners spoke. The meeting closed at 11:30 with the singing of "The Good Old Mystic Shrine," to the air of "The Good Old Summer Time," and 600 of the jolly wearers of the red fez accompanied the Boumi Temple delegation to the Baltimore and Ohio station.

PAPERS IN OLD COAT MAY FREE SIX MEN

Statement of Prisoners Apparently Substantiated by Discovery.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 12.—It was found yesterday that John Carson, William Murphy, Patrick Murphy, William Martin, Patrick Green and John Kennedy, six young men who are serving sentences of ten years each in the county jail for burglary, are likely innocent of the crime. An effort will be made to effect their immediate release. In January, 1901, the home of Jacob Baker and wife was robbed, and he and his wife were tortured. A coat found in the possession of the defendants was said to be the property of Baker, and on this evidence the men were convicted. Papers were today found in the coat showing that it was bought by the prisoners from a Mount Carbon merchant, which is the story they told on the witness stand.

MISSIONARIES KILLED BY BOXERS IN CHI-LI

Chinese Uprising Actuated in Part by Anti-Dynastic Reformers.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—W. B. Bentley, a missionary who has been a number of years in Shanghai, has arrived here. Speaking of the situation in China, he said:

"The latest atrocity committed by the Boxers was the murder of three missionaries in the province of Chi-li.

"The Boxer movement in China has two distinct phases. In southern China the movement is against the dynasty, while in the northern part the cry is 'Down with the foreigners!' The entire movement is not actuated by the Boxers, but by a class known as the reform party.

"The Cantonese in southern China have always been hostile to the present dynasty. This is because the Cantonese go abroad and imbibe foreign ideas. Their movements are anti-dynastic. In the northern parts there is an anti-foreign feeling, mingled with the hatred of the dynasty.

"Throughout China there is a lack of co-operation among the reformers, and probably for some time to come the outbreaks will be of small proportions."

ROCKEFELLER OFFERS DENISON COLLEGE SIXTY THOUSAND

NEWARK, Ohio, March 12.—John D. Rockefeller has notified the faculty of Denison College that he will present to that institution \$60,000, if the faculty and trustees will raise a like sum by January 1, 1904, for the construction of additional buildings on the university and Shephard's College grounds. The new buildings are to be an administration building, Y. M. C. A. and gymnasium and dormitories.

The faculty will accept Mr. Rockefeller's offer.

NEWS OF RAILROADS AND OF RAILROAD MEN

Southern Classification.

The Southern classification committee is still in session and the business before it cannot be completed before tomorrow afternoon. Twenty shippers from Southern States appeared before the committee yesterday to discuss the classification of their goods, and the sessions today were devoted exclusively to routine matters.

A full representation of the roads of the South is present. The following answered Haiden Miller, G. F. A., Mobile and Ohio road; D. W. Longstreet, A. G. F. A., Illinois Central; E. A. Neil, G. F. A., and L. Green, A. G. F. A., Southern; R. A. Brand, G. F. A., Atlantic Coast Line; F. N. House, G. F. A., Old Dominion Steamship Line; C. S. Hoskins, G. F. A., Merchants and Manufacturers' Transportation Line; W. H. McGuffey, chief clerk, Queen and Crescent; W. E. Estes, G. F. A., Central Road of Georgia; C. D. Boyd, A. G. F. A., Louisville and Nashville; L. E. Chalener, A. G. F. A., Seaboard Air Line; E. T. Eekles, G. F. A., N. C. and St. L.; and E. K. Voorhees, A. G. F. A., Frisco lines.

These meetings prove a great source of mutual benefit to the general freight agents of the roads and subjects not before the committee officially are informally discussed by them between sessions. P. J. McGovern, the chairman of the committee, is one of the best railroad men in the South and devotes his entire time to the business of the committee. His headquarters are in Atlanta, but for several years he lived in Washington, where he has many friends.

Interchangeable Mileage Book.

Passenger officials of the trunk line railroads interested in the adoption of the interchangeable mileage book met yesterday at the Hotel Walton, Philadelphia, to perfect the final details preparatory to the issuance of the new book on May 1. The roads represented were the Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio, Erie, Lehigh Valley, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, and Chesapeake and Ohio. In addition to the general passenger agents of these roads there were present at yesterday's meeting the auditors of passenger receipts of the respective roads.

While the Reading, Jersey Central, New York Central, and West Shore are not parties to the arrangement, it was agreed yesterday that the new book to be issued by the Baltimore and Ohio could be used over the Reading-Jersey Central lines, forming that company's New York connection.

The new interchangeable mileage book, which is said to be the conception of J. R. Wood, general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is said to be hedged about by conditions which may make it anything but satisfactory to the public. In the first place, the price of a 1,000-mile book has been fixed at \$50, instead of \$20, the price of the present book. Of this sum \$10 will be refunded when the book has been used up, providing the conditions accompanying its sale have been complied with.

Railroad Clashes With City.

The Baltimore and Ohio road and the city council of Parkersburg, W. Va., have clashed over the right of the railroad to lay tracks along one of that city's principal streets. The railroad placed a large force of men at work yesterday putting down the track. The council ordered the city fire department to rout the laborers with streams of water, which was successfully done. Mayor J. W. Vandivort, who is the railroad's local counsel, ordered

the fire department to desist, but they refused.

As a special meeting of council last night Mayor Vandivort was impeached and the city is in an uproar over the whole affair. The matter was taken into court this morning and a long, bitter legal fight will result.

Elkins Law Causes Apprehension.

The Elkins law has caused a clash in the Western Passenger Association. At a meeting held yesterday in Chicago, the Wabash, Wisconsin Central, and Great Western served notice that hereafter those roads will open their lines to parties of travelers whether they are ball players, theatrical companies, or other organizations.

Other roads have protested on the grounds it will give the scalpers a new lease of life, and that parties of ten and more will be organized by them and thus take advantage of low rates between cities. No adjustment has been made of the trouble, which may cause a general disruption in that association.

Wabash Injunction Case.

The St. Louis courts are now occupied with the Wabash injunction case. Hundreds of affidavits from trainmen and other union laborers are before the court. These were submitted yesterday to the United States judge hearing the case, and he expressed a desire to have the affidavits read. Because of their great number, it will require several days to do this, and in the meantime the taking of other testimony and the disposition of the case is temporarily delayed.

L. E. Chalener Here.

L. E. Chalener, assistant general freight agent of the Seaboard Air Line, with headquarters in Savannah, Ga., is here attending the meeting of the Southern classification committee, and this afternoon called on the local representatives of the road.

Mr. Chalener was with the Ohio River Railroad for three years as general freight and passenger agent, and proved one of the best officials that road ever had in charge of the freight and passenger business. He has had long experience in the railroad business, and has proved his worth to the Seaboard by greatly increasing its freight business.

Mule Almost Caused Wreck.

A mule wedged between the ties of a trestle south of Alexandria car near causing the wreck of a north-bound Southern passenger train last night shortly before 9 o'clock. The mule attempted to cross the trestle and became fastened as stated.

Two men and a thirteen-year-old boy discovered the animal. The lad succeeded in flagging the train in time to prevent accident. It required the united efforts of several men for more than a half hour to extricate the mule.

New American-Grown Cereal.

Chicago has taken up a new American-grown cereal, and in a manner that bids fair to call widespread attention to the recent rapid development of another "infant industry" in the Southwestern States. Over 4,000 people are daily fed in the lately established "rice kitchen" located in one of Chicago's big department stores, where food is prepared exclusively from Texas and Louisiana rice, in two hundred different ways. The novelty of the exhibit has succeeded in attracting considerable notice, for American rice in all stages is shown, from the rough, brownish-yellow grain to the smoking hot food prepared, all embracing an unique exposition of the staple product of the world's developing rice country of Louisiana and Texas.

LAFAYETTE THEATER IN ANTI-TRUST COMBINE

High Priced Plays to Be Staged There.

It was definitely announced yesterday at the Lafayette Opera House that next season the theater will be controlled by influences outside of the theatrical syndicate, and will play the attractions which have been fighting the amusement trust this season.

The opening gun in the fight will be when Louis Mann will appear at the Lafayette on April 6 for one week, in "All on Account of Eliza." That shot will be followed by another on April 13, when James K. Hackett, who has been at open war with the syndicate for months, will appear at the same theater in "The Crisis."

The open defiance of the trust by Mann and Hackett is taken advantage of by Stair & Havlin. They will now invade the high-priced field in retaliation for the trust's encroachment upon their domain of cheaper attractions.

The Stair & Havlin combination has been acquiring theaters in all the large cities and worked on the policy of popular prices. It announced that it was not in opposition to the trust and only desired to be let alone. Peace was preserved until a short time ago, when the trust decided that it might as well have some of the money that was to be made in the popular-price houses, and began to compete with them.

Then came rumors of war. Supporters of the trust asserted that the Stair & Havlin people could not produce enough theaters of good standing to effect a circuit that would pay.

Now the question is to be put to a practical test. Theatrical fur promises to fly next season, and stars will have a great time making the rival managements bid against one another.

Another feature of the case is that a number of independent theaters throughout the country which have long desired to get away from the clutches of the trust are in a rebellious mood. They are willing to treat with the Stair & Havlin firm on the ground that there is more money in it for them when there are two bidders for their houses than when there is but one, which can dictate terms.

The Lafayette Opera House was originally a syndicate house, and many of the leading stars of the country appeared there. It was allowed to fall away and get into the hands of Stair & Kernan, with Mr. Kernan as manager of the enterprise. Mr. Kernan then dropped into the background, and the house became one of the Stair & Havlin strongholds.

TOM JOHNSON RENOMINATED FOR MAYOR OF CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 12.—The Democratic municipal convention was held yesterday in Germania Hall and Mayor Tom L. Johnson was renominated and his slate went through without a murmur.

Beer was on tap in an adjoining room and the delegates were kept in good spirits.

HOLLAND FEARS GERMAN TERRITORIAL DESIGNS

Apprehends That Kaiser Awaits But a Pretext to Annex Country.

LONDON, March 12.—Apprehension concerning German designs upon the sovereignty of the Netherlands continues to be strongly felt at The Hague and Amsterdam. It has been rumored for a fortnight that the German government intended to make the railway labor troubles an excuse for interference, on the ground of the alleged damage to the commercial interests of the empire.

It has even been hinted that an actual communication has been received at The Hague from Berlin, to the effect that Germany will be unable to tolerate the stoppage of international traffic in case of a general strike. This was denied last night at Amsterdam, on high authority.

The general impression in the Netherlands is that Germany is only awaiting a favorable moment and excuse for annexing the country. This impression has been growing for several years, especially in view of the fact that if France should be placated by the suggestion to take Belgium there would be no protector to whom Holland could appeal with any hope of a response. The Dutch people are probably right in assuming that Great Britain would not be no protector of the condition of international honor in Europe at the present moment.

Confidence in the treaty obligations which guarantee the independence of Holland and Belgium has fallen to a low ebb, a fact which in itself is highly significant of the condition of international honor in Europe at the present moment.

GRIP SAID TO BE EPIDEMIC AMONG STUDENTS AT YALE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 12.—It was said last night that there are between 200 and 300 cases of grip among the law students of Yale.

IN FEAR OF DISGRACE BROTHERS TAKE POISON

One a Prominent Physician of Illinois.

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill., March 12.—Dr. A. B. McKee, a leading physician of Madison county, and his twin brother, Charles, committed suicide together in the stable of Dr. McKee's residence, in Edwardsville.

The two brothers were found side by side this morning. It is not known at what time Dr. McKee and his brother took the poison, but the general impression is that they went into a bed of straw and then swallowed the poison.

The double suicide has created a profound sensation here, coming as it does on the heels of another sensation in which Dr. McKee was the central figure.

Dr. McKee was to have appeared in court next Saturday to answer a charge preferred by Miss Emma Rowekamp, a servant employed in the residence of Charles Otter, of Edwardsville.

Dr. McKee and his brother were close companions. One theory advanced is that Dr. McKee told his brother that he intended to kill himself, and that rather than be separated Charles also agreed to join him. Dr. McKee was thirty-eight years old. He leaves a widow and one child. He enjoyed a large practice.

Mrs. McKee is prostrated over the tragedy.

WHITE LEAD WORKERS STRIKE.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Two hundred men, employed in the National White Lead Works, at West Brighton, Staten Island, went on strike this morning, for more pay and shorter hours. They have been working nine hours, and were receiving \$1.50 per day. Now they want an eight-hour day, and \$2.

BY A NEW YORK ALDERMAN

T. H. McGahan Tells How Father John's Medicine Cured Him of the Grip.

Alderman T. F. McGahan, of Amsterdam, N. Y., writes: "Father John's Medicine is the best medicine I ever used for grip, bronchitis, and all ailments of the body at the same time it cures the disease. No weakening stimulants, morphine, or other poisonous drugs, upon which so many patent medicines depend for their temporary effect, and which are dangerous."

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WILL BUILD ANOTHER TUNNEL UNDER HUDSON

New Jersey Trolley Men and Pennsylvania Railroad Behind Move.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Plans for a second tunnel under the Hudson from this city to Jersey City are perfecting by the New York and Jersey Railroad Company, which is now completing the tunnel from Fifteenth Street, Jersey City, to Morton Street.

It is reported that the enterprise will be financed by A. J. Cassatt, E. F. C. Young, John D. Crimmins, and other trolley magnates, who are engineering a deal for the consolidation of all the trolley roads in northern New Jersey.

The plan is to run the tunnel from Exchange Place, the terminus of the North Jersey Street Railway Company, at Jersey City, to Cortlandt and Church Streets, this city.

Already, according to report, the company has secured options on the northwest corner of Cortlandt and Church Streets from the owner, Patrick Fay, for terminal purposes. Options on Church Street property have also been secured. It is said, for the construction of a loop, which will run from Cortlandt to Fulton Street.

The new tunnel is to be constructed for the use of through cars to New York. The tunnel now building will be used exclusively for cars from Hoboken, North Hudson, and Paterson.

FLORIDA BANK MAY RESUME UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 12.—It is reported that parties in Savannah, with large capital, have expressed a willingness to take over the assets and liabilities of the First National Bank here, which failed Monday, and reopen it. They think there is a good opening for another bank, and if they take hold will put in ample capital. This, if done, means that depositors will be paid in full.

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