SEES GREED IN NEW R. R. PLAN

Hapgood Says Securities Owners Seek Merely to Make Own Holdings Good.

By NORMAN HAPGOOD.

The latest move in the railroad game should not be confused with the plan that I have been explaining so fully in these articles.

The suggestion put forward by the so-called National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities is interesting from various angles but it is not at all the unselfish effort in behalf of all security holders that is represented by the other and more important movement.

SAVED BY GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Warfield's organization represents a group of capitalists who have been at odds with the predominating capitalists of Wall street, and they have been especially interested in one particular railway. They naturally want to make their own securities good.

The suggestions of this group have no great significance except as they reflect the admissions that the whole community is now being driven to make. Their statement is little more than a criticism of the existing methods, but as such it illustrates what everybody is now conceding.

The railroads have lied so hard and so long that they have now a heavier penalty on their hands than they would have had if their propaganda had been more moderate. If their managers had looked the facts squarely in the face, with the interests of the share-holders in their hearts, they would never have tried to get the roads away from the Government after the complete breakdown of private management brought traffic to a standstill and compelled the Government to take over the roads at the end of 1917. They would have rejoiced that they had gotten off so easily.

For what was the Government doing? It was taking the roads when they could not carry coal to people who were freezing when they could not move food to people who were suffering for it, when they could not move the material needed for our soldiers in France.

The Government took the roads and immediately coal was moved, food was moved, munitions and supplies of all kinds were moved. It saved the situation. It saved the country from the railroads, and it saved the railroads from themselves.

AN EXCEPTIONAL RETURN.

And on what terms? Did it pay to the security holders a return based on ten years, as has been customary in such cases abroad? That would have to be in the lean years, along with the fat. We did nothing of the sort.

For our basis of return to the security holders we took three abnormally fat years and guaranteed a return equal to that exceptional period.

In short, the Government arranged that the people at large should guarantee to the part of the people who had invested in these securities that their investment should be exceptionally profitable. There were strong war reasons, but that is what was done.

But the railroad managers did not have as fat jobs. They had often lower salaries and they had far less power. When a manager has been a king, it is not much fun to be a clerk.

Each manager would rather have a railroad system to play with all by himself, just as he liked, and the public could always be counted on to pay, in one way or another.

So they told the public that Government operation would wreck the roads and the public believed them. The man who had had most to do with reorganizing the roads for the Government, when he saw this outburst of propaganda, said to his friends:

"They want the roads, do they? All right, let them have them. The public will soon see what these fellows will do with the roads."

And they are seeing.

If Mr. McAdoo can be criticized for anything in his management of the railroad crisis (which in all the circumstances may be doubted) it is for being too generous to both capital and labor at the expense of the consumer.

CALL FOR MORE SUBSIDY.

But that is the latest criticism that will be made (at least the capital part of it) by those who are now managing the roads to suit themselves and calling ever more loudly for added subsidy—subsidy being a nice distionary word for taking money out of the pocket of a clerk, grocer or farmer and transferring it into the pocket of those who have invested in railroads or of those employed to run the roads.

And although Mr. McAdoo has been generous to what would have been a fault, had winning the war not been in question, in the compensation he had recommended, when the Esch-Cumming bill went so much further, Mr. McAdoo remarked that it was a crime.

The only solution that has any promise at present is the one I have several times described. It is going ahead fast. Further steps are being taken toward getting into final shape a report on which the fight will be made. Before you are much older you will know a lot more about it.

MLLE. LYSIAN BERNHARDT, granddaughter of Sarah Bernhardt, famous actress, who became the bride in Paris of the noted author, Colin du Bacage, better known as Louis Verneil.

GUIDE 'FIFI'S' 'MAID' IN WOOD

Served Her Breakfast and Supper In Log Shack in Canadian Woods.

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ville, N. Y. It was received by her husband at his office in the National City Bank, of which he is president.

In it she mentions her friendship for Fred Beauvais, who now is named by her husband as the co-respondent in the relentlessly prosecuted suit for absolute divorce.

The letter is described as a document that might affect the hardest heart. Mr. Stillman and his lawyers take the stand that it admits that the impetuous, dainty and charming society matron was friendly with the courier de bois out of the North woods, sixteen years younger than she—exhaustlessly youth personified.

While Mr. Stillman is taking the stand that this document is an admission of close relationship, Mrs. Stillman and her intimates take an entirely different stand.

They point out first that in the whole letter there is no admission of guilt. They say it may possibly show that Mrs. Stillman was conscience stricken because of harmless, affectionate, and short-lived association with the Indian, but that was all.

MAY NOT BE USED.

They point out, in the second place, that there is a rather strong doubt of the admissibility of the all important billet doux in evidence. They expect that it will be attached to the papers in the hearing on alimony and counsel fees. They have little doubt it will be offered in evidence and at least "marked for identification," as the legal phase has it.

In the letter is outlined the fact of the meeting of Mrs. Stillman and Beauvais at the far-off hunting lodge of the Stillmans—Stillmans, near the quaint hamlet of Three Rivers, Quebec.

It describes her loneliness. Beauvais, as is the custom in the Far North, did much of the work that a maid might do in this more civilized part of the world—and that with losing none of the strong masculinity that is his.

He would cook and he would serve food. In fact, it is not unlikely, and best information indicates it is past a reasonable doubt, that he was accustomed to carry Mrs. Stillman her breakfast tray on occasions. At other times he took her a bite of supper.

Employed ostensibly, as a fine, upstanding, out-of-doors personality, exuding health and vitality and joy of life, to instruct young James 'Bud' Stillman in the arts of woodcraft, he became an integral part of the Stillman establishment.

Mrs. Stillman outlined something of all this in the almost hysterical letter that is now in the possession of her husband's lawyers.

There is a grave doubt in the minds of all concerned whether Stillman, no matter how savage he has been in his attack on the reputations of his wife and baby that bears his name, will continue his course in the divorce courts now.

It is emphasized that one, to secure a divorce, must come into equity with clean hands. It is stated by the associates of Mrs. Stillman that she has no doubt of her ability to establish that her husband not only has lived with Mrs. Florence H. Leeds, as the husband of Mrs. Leeds, but that he is the father of the tiny lad, "Jay" Leeds.

NURSE IS WITNESS.

Mrs. Stillman has a nurse as one of her witnesses. This nurse has signed an affidavit that assures that she will testify that she was present on that day, in September, 1918, when Jay Leeds was born.

She is ready to testify, according to those who are close to Mrs. Stillman, that Mr. Stillman, as "Mr. Leeds," was waiting nervously outside the room in which young Jay was coming into the world. She came out and told him, in the old words, according to the affidavit:

"It is a fine, healthy, bouncing boy."

Then he said, according to her anticipated testimony:

"I am glad of this, but for God's sake how is the mother?"

That alleged scene is the reason why Mrs. Stillman in her defense to her husband's divorce suit has charged that Jay Leeds is his son by "Mrs. Leeds."

It might be remembered in this connection, that although Beauvais is named by Mr. Stillman as the co-respondent, he is not named as the alleged father of Guy Stillman. So far as the papers in the case are concerned, the theory of Mr. Stillman as to who is the father of Guy is left to the imagination.

LETTER WILL AID HER.

To cap the climax, so far as Mrs. Stillman's letter bears on the extremely vexed and decidely unusual situation, legal champions of Mrs. Stillman are firm in the opinion that even if introduced in evidence, which they don't believe will happen, and without admitting that her husband's interpretation of it is correct, it will help Mrs. Stillman defeat her husband's action.

She claims that he has the letter in his possession since the spring of 1918. This was when she was first aware that she was to become a mother for the fourth time since her romantic marriage to the former Harvard baseball star in 1901.

Guy was born November 18, 1918. Stillman did not leave her, according to Mrs. Stillman's assertions, and the evidence she expects to adduce if necessary, until March, 1920. That is, he lived with her for two years after he had received the trouble-making letter.

Mrs. Stillman asserts her husband has no more evidence of a close friendship between her and Beauvais now than he had when he first received the letter.

Friends of Mrs. Stillman—lawyers and laymen alike—take the view now that Mr. Stillman's chances of securing a divorce are hopeless.

From many sides came new and sketchy information concerning Florence Leeds, named as the woman who won the banker's attention. It was ascertained that she left Miami, Fla., on the steamer City of Miami on March 14, taking with her only a maid from the Hotel Flamingo. Two Japanese servants in the meanwhile guard the little Leeds boy in a cottage at Miami Beach.

There were frequent social affairs at the cottage. At one of them James A. Stillman was present. He was introduced as Mr. Stillman and under his own name he lived at the Hotel Flamingo during the last two weeks before Mrs. Leeds sailed for the Cuban city.

LEAPED FROM AUTO.

Before Mrs. Leeds went away she was constantly shadowed by strange men. No matter where she went they followed in automobiles, and once, in an effort to find out what fleeting shadows were ever on her trail, the pretty young woman performed a movie stunt that would have given Doug. Fairbanks an idea and an audience a thrill.

She left the seat of her own machine, jumped to the running board of a car owned by a friend, and climbed into the car. Then, suddenly swinging the commandeered car, she shot its searchlight fully in the faces of the men in the pursuit motor.

"I know the man," she said to a friend. "He has been employed by my husband to obtain evidence upon which to gain possession of the child."

HER HENNA HAIR.

The theatrical set in New York started the day's comment with the transition of Mrs. Leeds' hair from brown to black and thence to auburn. It seems that a class in dancing was formed at which members of the "Stop, Look, Listen" company did more looking and listening than stopping. Stillman was introduced to the dancing set that came to the class. One of the members said that Florence Leeds, one of the coterie, was promised an introduction to him during that period.

But a wise oracle of the epoch unfolded the fact that the banker had a penchant for red hair, and before she would permit the introduction, Florence had her hair touched with the henna of Egyptian lore until the black that had supplanted the virgin brown was changed to the sort that Cleopatra is supposed to have possessed when she made Caesar forget the Roman Empire.

CAN PROVE ALIBI, SAYS BOY BURGLAR

Maintains Innocence Despite Mrs. Logan's Assertion That He Robbed Her.

RICHMOND, Va., March 22.—"They will not put me back in jail after my hearing this afternoon, because I am innocent," today declared Robert LeRoy Baker, Batlimore youth, held here in connection with the attack and robbery of Mrs. Mary B. Logan, of 1918 Belmont road, Washington, on March 5.

"I will produce sufficient witnesses to prove that I was not in Washington when Mrs. Logan was attacked," said Baker. "I have tried to live straight since I have been married and Mrs. Logan is mistaken when she claims it was I who attacked and robbed her of a $1,000 diamond ring."

Accompanied by Detective Sergeant Harry Pratt, Mrs. Logan came to Richmond on Friday and positively identified Baker as her assailant and robber. Detective Pratt, of Washington, arrived here this morning with three pawnbrokers. The pawnbrokers will confront Baker this afternoon and attempt to strengthen Mrs. Logan's identification of Baker. The police say that a man, of Baker's description, attempted to sell a ring stolen from Mrs. Logan's home in Washington and failing to get the amount of money for it that was wanted, went to Baltimore and pawned the gem. Baker denies he was the youth who robbed Mrs. Logan.

PACKERS' PARLEY CONTINUES TODAY

Hoover and Wallace on Sidelines as Davis Umpires—Harding May Send Note.

The packers and their employes will continue their conference this afternoon with Secretary of Labor Davis, acting as the Government mediator, while Secretary of Commerce Hoover and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace sit on the "side lines" in an advisory capacity.

While all parties to the dispute declined today to comment on the developments of yesterday's long conference, it is believed that the matter will be brought up at the Cabinet meeting today.

A stenographic report of yesterday's proceedings was laid on Secretary Davis' desk this morning, and a summary of it probably will be presented to President Harding during the Cabinet meeting. It is believed that the President may, through his Secretary of Labor, convey a message to the disputants that will aid in settling the threatened strike in one of the "key" industries of the country.

It was learned today that a secret conference was held last night between Secretaries Davis, Hoover, and Wallace and the representatives of the Packers, James G. Condon and Carl Meyer. This forenoon Davis conferred alone with the employes' representatives, Redmond Brennan and Dennis Lane.

On emerging from the meeting, the conferees said they had been bound to secrecy concerning the course of the negotiations.

Game Violators Have Bad Year.

ALBANY, N. Y. March 22.—State game protectors secured convictions in 98 per cent of the arrests made last year, Conservation Commissioner George D. Pratt stated in the annual report submitted to the legislature tonight.

Daylight Saving in N. Y.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., March 22.—Daylight saving from the last Sunday in April to the last Sunday in September was made effective here by the common council by a unanimous vote last night.

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LEARNING to swim but one year ago, pretty Miss Helen Condon, sixteen, of Omaha, Neb., recently shattered the State swimming records for 20, 40, 100 and 220 yards. Following her marvelous feat, Miss Condon was complimented by Annette Kellerman. Miss Condon is the first girl in Nebraska to qualify for membership in the Women's Red Cross Life Savings Corps.

LABOR FAVORS WARFIELD IDEA

Leaders View His Plan as Admission That Government Control Is Salvation.

By International News Service.

Leaders of railroad labor who have long advocated Government ownership and control of the roads look upon the "Warfield plan" as a big forward step toward the end of private control of the nation's carriers.

END PRIVATE CONTROL.

The proposals of Warfield, who is head of the Association of Railroad Security Holders, would virtually place the control of the roads in the hands of a governmental super-governing body. Labor leaders view his plan as the first move on the part of those in the owning class to take the operation of the roads away from those now in control.

"I have been unable to ascertain what plan Warfield has for dealing with labor," said William M. Clark, representing the Brotherhood of Conductors, today. "But the plan as outlined appears to be a distinct move toward end of private control."

ADMIT BREAKDOWN.

Officials of the Plumb Plan League, who have conducted persistent propaganda in favor of Government ownership, voiced similar sentiments. They said the Warfield statement was "a frank admission that private ownership and control have broken down."

The Association of Railroad Executives and Senator Cummins, Republican, of Iowa, chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, refused to be brought into a discussion of the railroad control plan advocated by the security holders. It is known that the executives have contended that the Esch-Cummins bill should be given further opportunity to demonstrate its value before being revised.

Edward Keating, of the Plumb Plan League, said the deficit in operation accumulated by the roads during the six months following Federal control, which was paid out of the Federal treasury, was almost as great as the deficit in operation for the twenty-six months of Federal control.

"This further demonstrates that private ownership has broken down," Keating said.

PASTORS SHY AT BLUE LAWS

Other Business More Important Than Closing Campaign, They Believe.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Sunday blue laws received little encouragement today at the hands of ministers of three denominations holding conference here.

"We have more important business to transact," said one of the Presbyterians.

WOULD KEEP HANDS OFF.

"Don't bother the other fellows," was the attitude of the Congregationalists.

The Baptists said not a word.

The report that the clergy intended making a pronouncement in the question of blue laws and tobacco arose from the presence in Chicago of Mrs. Margaret Munns, national treasurer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

But even she denied in a statement that her organization was planning a special campaign. It merely would continue its endeavors along educational lines, she said, in accordance with its regular program. Mrs. Munns said, however, there would be a special week of prayer and that a campaign was being started to increase the membership of the W. C. T. U. from 500,000 to 1,000,000.

CAMPAIGN EDUCATIONAL.

"The week of prayer," said Mrs. Munns, "is an annual procedure and has been so for a great many years. We always have had a department which fought for protection of the workingman's Sunday and for the better observance of that day, but there is no special campaign on.

"The same is true of the anti-tobacco work. We are not sending out any tons of literature, nor are we making any legislative fight on tobacco. Our campaign has been and will be purely educational and directed to save the youth of the nation.

"We are laying special emphasis on law enforcement, better morals and better citizenship."

Miss Anna Gordon, head of the organization, is in New York, Mrs. Munns said, prepartaory to a trip through South America.

The week of prayer, called on behalf of Sunday observance, begins April 3.

FOR ALL CHRISTIANS.

"This call for prayer is for all Christians," says the W. C. T. U. announcement. "It is for every organization that believes the observance of the Christian Sabbath fundamental to the perpetuity of our nation and holds the Fourth Commandment to be as mandatory as any of the ten from which all civil law is made."

The announcement calls attention to the fact that there are 150,000 caddies on the links every Sunday who ought to be in Sunday school. Also, it points out, there are thousands of church members who go automobiling on Sunday when they ought to be at service, and 400,000 laborers work on the day of rest when they shouldn't.

7-CENT FARE IN D. C. IS LIKELY

Utilities Board Expected to Rule Against Separate Rate by Two Companies.

It was learned today that the Public Utilities Commission is seeking some way to reduce street car fares without seriously affecting the conditions, financially and otherwise, of the Capital Traction Company and the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

PROBLEM PUZZLING.

Placed in a position where lower fare would almost cause the W. R. & E. to go bankrupt, the commissioners are finding it difficult to make a change in rates. It is practically certain that:

First—There will be no zone fares.

Second—There will be no separate rates on the lines of the two companies.

Accountants of the commission, at the request of the commissioners, are making estimates of the result of a fare of 7 cents straight and a fare of 7 cents, four tokens for 25 cents. The latter fare is now considered very improbable. The accountants are also estimating the lowest fare possible if a merger is effected.

STUDYING EVIDENCE.

Each Commissioner, armed with stenographic copies of the evidence presented by the two companies at a recent hearing, is making a separate study.

On Thursday morning the Commissioners will meet. Each will present his views on the fare question. It is expected a definite decision on rates will be reached.

A fare order is expected by the end of this week or early next week. Unless otherwise ordered, the fare goes back to 5 cents straight on the first of April.

AMERICAN WOMAN DIVORCED IN ROME

Church Annuls Wedding of Countess de Frasso, Daughter of Mrs. Henry Siegel.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Is the international marriage a success? One of America's foremost exponents of alliances with foreign nobility, who for years urged Yankee girls to seek European mates, is now separated from her husband and an annulment has been granted by the Roman Catholic Church.

It was learned today that the marriage of Count Dentice di Frasso and the former Miss Georgina Wilde, daughter of Mrs. Henry Siegel, was annulled in Rome within the last two weeks.

This information was given out by Mr. Siegel, who stated that efforts had been made for many months by both sides to get the decree.

The wedding on April 23, 1906, was one of the outstanding social events of the London season. During the war the erstwhile Countess worked energetically among the Italian soldiers and went to the front frequently with her husband.

On her trips to America she defended the marriages of American girls with titled foreigners and resented criticism of such alliances. The Count, a member of the Italian Parliament, is a scion of one of the oldest and wealthiest families in Italy.

But, according to Henry Siegel, the matrimonial path was not a smooth one, and about two years ago the two separated. The annulment, he said, was granted on the grounds of incompatibility, and was entirely satisfactory to the count and countess. The former Georgina Wilde has remained abroad.

The count is in New York, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand L. Taylor, of 540 Park avenue. He arrived here about a week ago. Rumors are afloat of the coming engagement of the count to Dorothy Taylor, daughter of Mrs. Taylor. Mr. Siegel said last night that he had heard of the rumors, but had been unable to determine their veracity.

Drothy Taylor is the former wife of Claude Graham-White, well-known English aviator They were married in June, 1912, and separated in 1917. The count yesterday refused to discuss the rumor. The Taylor family was silent on the subject.

Drunken Motorist Found Guilty.

BUFFALO, March 22.—Frederick A. Henderson, president of the Henderson-Paige Motor Car Company, was convicted of second degree manslaughter by a jury in county court yesterday.

Henderson, driving an automobile while he was drunk, it was alleged, ran down and killed George L. Waterman, sr., seventy-three years old. The conviction carries a penalty of not more than fifteen years' imprisonment and a fine of $1,000.

Sell Tickets Readily To Raise Bradley Fund

It looks like a banner crowd will attend the soccer game to be played Easter Sunday for the benefit of Mrs. Preston E. Bradley, widow of the policeman who sacrificed his life in the line of duty on February 20.

H. Thompson Bush, who arranged the game between the Thistles and Harlem Athletic Club, reported today that the advance sale of tickets indicated that the public was considerably interested in seeing a bang-up athletic contest and at the same time contributing to a worthy cause. Both Manager Bush and Jess Burton, who pilots the destinies of the Harlem A. C. eleven, said today that the game would be a nip-and-tuck affair and interest the spectators from the first whistle. These two teams hooked up in a preliminary game Sunday and the score was two all, indicating how evenly matched the eleven's are.

Tickets for the Bradley benefit game, which will begin at 3 o'clock are now on sale at Spalding's, Fourteenth and G streets northwest; the Veteran Cleaning and Pressing Company, 1927 Pennsylvania avenue northwest; Jess Burton's, 4555 Conduit road; the Sport Mart, Ninth and F streets northwest; the Columbia Cleaning Establishment, 602 Sixth street northwest, and the Sport Mart, New York avenue between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets northwest.

George Durno, manager of the Delhi Club Theatrical Troupe, announced today that his thirty specialty artists, singers, dancers, monologuists, patter artists, and yodellers would give a performance at Central High School auditorium on April 15 for the benefit o fthe Bradley relief fund. This is said to be one of the most versatile and talented theatrical aggregations in Washington, has big drawing power with the public, and is expected to turn in a substantial sum to the fund.

Apricots Frost-Bitten.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 22.—Apricots were seriously damaged and possibly cherry and peach trees were frost-bitten to some extent by the sixty-degree drop in temperature during the last forty-eight hours, according to Prof. R. F. Howard, of the department of horticulture of the University of Nebraska.

Drops Dead at Hospital.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., March 22.—As George Sheetz, aged eighty-one, was mounting the steps to the City Hospital to undergo treatment for heart trouble he dropped dead.

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Coming just before Easter when correct apparel is uppermost in men's minds, this sale affords the opportunity of a year to snap up for a fraction of their worth separate pants to complete the Easter costume as well as to add a new lease of usefulness to many an extra coat hanging in the wardrobe. Men who are "hep" to Friedlander's method of giving tremendous values at these sales will quickly seize this chance to secure one or several pairs of extra pants at the price. Come today—come early; remember the name and address, Friedlander Bros., 428 9th St. N. W.