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HILL DENIES.

Says Most of the Reports Concerning the B. & O. Are Baseless.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Rumors touching on the prospects of plans of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad are the subject of comment by James J. Hill, whose authority to speak for the road is recognized.

The report that the B. & O. was shortly to retire its preferred stock, issuing shares of common stock in lieu of one share of preferred has been current in Wall street today along with other products of conjecture, and was called to Mr. Hill's attention.

"I have heard nothing of it," said he, "and if such a step were contemplated I should certainly know something about it. I can say this, however, and you may print it on my authority—that of all the rumors, published and unpublished, now being circulated in regard to B. & O., three-quarters are absolutely without any foundation in fact."

Mr. Hill was also asked whether there was any possibility of the roads proving a disturbing factor in any sense in the East, or whether, on the other hand, its policy would be found to be in thorough harmony with the eastern trunk line association.

"I see no reason," was the reply, "why the road should be a disturbing factor. All the lines are having more freight to carry east than they can handle at present. They are all enjoying prosperity. There is a good deal of talk now about the scarcity of cars to handle the big shipments the roads are receiving. It is not a scarcity of cars that troubles them. They have cars enough. It is an inadequacy of

terminal facilities. "The B. & O. is feeling the same conditions as those affecting the competing lines. I don't think there is likely to be any friction unless some one is insane."

SAMOA SITUATION.

Our Action to Be Governed by Views of Senators.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Until further informed of the attitude of Great Britain on the German proposition to partition the Samoan islands among the three powers signatory to the Berlin treaty, it is probable that Secretary Hay will not make a categorical reply.

Final action will certainly not be taken by this government until the president and secretary of state understand the views of influential senators with reference to the proposed disposition of the islands. In the meantime, there is no intention on the part of the administration to be pushed into hasty action by the rumors of trouble in Samoa and the report emanating from German sources that for the surrender of her rights in the islands of Luila and Saavii, Germany should be given the possession of Upolu and additional compensation. It was significantly stated that the president proposed to carefully guard every interest of the United States in Luilla in view of American possession of the harbor of Pango-Pango on that island by this government and to require adequate compensation for the surrender of American claims to the islands of Upolu and Savali.

The authorities have determined that there shall be no additional commission

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appointed to settle the Samoan question, but the matter will be ended by direct negotiations between the three governments. It is apparent that these negotiations will consume several months, and as a preliminary to them it may be decided to put into force some of the recommendations of the high joint commission which some months ago investigated the conditions prevailing in the islands.

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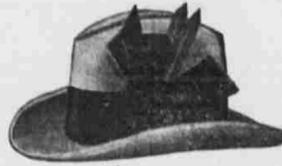
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