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## HILL PURCHASE PRESAGES WAR FOR HARRIMAN

### Great Railroad Builder of North Acquires Control of the Colorado Southern

### North and South Road Gives Great Northern and Burlington Access to Gulf

### Union Pacific President's Supremacy in Railroad World Menaced by Rival

BY the acquisition of the Colorado and Southern, James J. Hill, the great railroad builder of the north, has not only realized his ambition to secure an outlet to the gulf states and tidewater in the south, but has placed himself in a strategic position to wrest from Harriman the primacy of the railroad world. Local railroadmen yesterday evinced a great interest in the telegram stating that Hill had secured control of the north and south road, and now recognize him as the only leader who can possibly depose Harriman from the exalted position which the latter has occupied. By his coup Hill has brought the total mileage under his control dangerously close to that of Harriman.

### An Aggressive Campaign

Since the announcement of Hill's acquisition of the Colorado and Southern it has become apparent that he contemplates an aggressive campaign, the ultimate object of which is to secure for his lines the great trade between the cotton states and the orient, which hitherto has been monopolized to a great extent by Harriman's Southern Pacific. The full import of the move to gain control of the Colorado and Southern by Hill became apparent yesterday when railroadmen realized that the addition of this system to the lines which he now controls would give him full sway over approximately 24,000 miles of road, while Harriman controls approximately 28,000 miles.

### Two Systems Compared

The principal lines controlled by each are set forth in the following table:

	Miles
HILL	
The Great Northern	6,250
Northern Pacific	5,900
Hurlington route	9,923
Colorado and Southern	2,307
Total	23,986
HARRIMAN	
Union Pacific	5,910
Southern Pacific	9,431
Illinois Central	4,377
Baltimore and Ohio	4,462
Eric	2,265
Georgia Central	1,912
Total	28,297

Railroadmen believe that, although Hill has not yet acquired the same mileage as Harriman, his lines, because of the rich character of the country through which they run, are more effective than those of the latter.

### Value of Hill's Lines

It is pointed out by students of the great problem of railroading that Hill now has not only a direct connection with Chicago by virtue of his traffic agreements, but that he has an almost direct line from Seattle and Portland to Galveston, Texas, and the gulf. By this arrangement he can handle not only great grain crops and lumber shipments of the north, but he is in a position to carry the enormous exports of cotton from the gulf states to Seattle over his own lines, and place them on board the steamers bound for the orient. Returning from the north to the gulf his cars will carry the immense lumber shipments from Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

### Dominates the West

In the west railroadmen now concede that Hill is the dominating factor, the only strong link which his great chain of roads lacks being an entry to San Francisco. An attempt on his part to invade this territory has been predicted for a long time.

Hill's latest movement has been characterized by men acquainted with the facts as intended to punish Harriman for his treatment of Edwin Hawley, who was at one time a power in the Southern Pacific, and later gained control of the Colorado and Southern. Harriman forced Hawley out of the directorate of the Southern Pacific, and the latter has retaliated by giving into the hands of the former's most formidable adversary a powerful weapon for use in the battle for supremacy.

In the background also loom up the figures of J. Pierpont Morgan and the Standard Oil, the former lending his powerful assistance to Hill, while the great Rockefeller combination aids Harriman.

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### LENA LANCASTER WINS EASILY IN ONE ROUND

### Discharged Servant Puts Out Mrs. Anthony Lawrence at the Ferry

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 20.—In a one round bout which took place at the ferry here this morning Mrs. Anthony Lawrence was put down for the count by Lena Lancaster, formerly employed by her as a servant. The trouble grew out of a quarrel between the women concerning money matters. Mrs. Lancaster was considerably bruised, and will probably swear out a warrant tomorrow morning for the arrest of Lena Lancaster.

## RECEIVER FOR MINE OF SELBY CONSOLIDATED

### Charges Made That Property Was "Salted" and Victims Had Lost About \$300,000

### Creditors Find Company Owes \$18,000 and Assets Are Not More Than \$5,000

### Total Output of Mill Costing \$20,000 Has Been Something Over \$4,000

Suspicious of brokers on the local mining exchange that there were irregularities connected with the affairs of the Selby Consolidated mine in the Jumbo, near Reno, Nev., came to a focus yesterday when word was received that, following a heated meeting of the stock holders in Reno Saturday, a receiver was appointed. Charges came from Nevada and were freely circulated locally that the property had been extensively "salted" and that the victims had lost in the neighborhood of \$300,000 in the deal. J. B. Menardi was appointed receiver for the mine.

### Interest in the Crash

Although no San Francisco investors held extensive holdings of the stock, there is much interest locally in the crash, by reason of the extravagant statements made regarding the property at the time it was first opened. The stock was sold heavily around Reno, as well as through the east, and the sales were made principally on reports of Emmerson Gee, a mining engineer, who said that the property was even richer than the Comstocks. Huge samples of ore, literally alive with gold, were brought from the property, and drifts for many feet showed big values to the naked eye. Visitors were shown through the property and on the excitement which followed sales were made.

### Charges of Fraud

A mill costing \$20,000 was put on the mine, and it was then that the values gave out and charges of fraud began to be made. This finally resulted in an investigation and the affairs of the company were thrown into the hands of a receiver.

A meeting of the creditors and stock holders held at Reno yesterday showed that the company had outstanding bills against it for \$18,000 or more, with assets of not more than \$5,000. The total output of the mill was shown to be something over \$4,000, all of which had been expended. At the meeting a committee was appointed to make an effort to straighten out the tangled affairs. The board of directors of the Selby Consolidated consisted of W. R. Gilbert, president and secretary; J. W. Campbell, A. Y. Werner, John Harnan and J. B. Menardi.

### Hidden Ore of Low Grade

Werner was accused in the report of Receiver Menardi of hiding sacks of ore which were said to have a value of \$1,000, but when milled after discovery contained very low grade ore. Fred Stadtmuller and Emmerson Gee are the only other two men who were actively connected with the conduct of the Selby. W. G. Gilbert, a real estate dealer and contractor of Reno, is among the heaviest losers, it was said yesterday. It was reported that he had become involved to the extent of \$30,000 and his relatives to an equal amount through his faith in the mine.

## HARRIMAN RECOVERING FROM SLIGHT ILLNESS

### Physician Declares the Railroad Wizard Was Laid Up With Bilious Attack

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—E. H. Harriman is recovering from an attack of illness. His physician, Dr. William G. Lync, said tonight: "Mr. Harriman had a severe bilious attack, but he is all right now. He was not seriously ill." Charles G. Tegthaff, Harriman's secretary, said: "There has been nothing serious the matter with Mr. Harriman. He will not be at the office again until after the first of the year. He is resting now."

## MISSING DOG RETURNS AFTER THREE YEARS

### Peterson's Canine Believed to Have Been Carried off to Sea

Charles Peterson is amazed and delighted at the return of his shepherd dog Prince that disappeared from his boathouse three years ago. Prince is a well known character on the front. Three years ago he disappeared. Friday he turned up again and was seemingly delighted to greet his old master again. Where the dog has been all this time Peterson does not know, but he thinks that he must have accidentally been carried away in some deep sea vessel.

## PLOT TO FIRE STORE FOILED BY WATCHMAN

### Straw, Paper and Boxes Soaked With Oil Are Scattered Through Place

### Lighted Candle in Center of Inflammable Mass Extinguished by Police

### Mystery Surrounds Attempt to Burn Heavily Insured Business House

Arson, skillfully and most deliberately planned, was attempted early yesterday morning on the premises of Rosenthal's, incorporated, shoe company, at the northeast corner of Van Ness avenue and Geary street. Had the scheme not been discovered at the moment it was, an entire block and thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise might have been destroyed.

Fire Marshal Charles Towe declared after a thorough investigation that there was no doubt that arson had been attempted. He characterized it as the most flagrant incendiary crime planned during the score of years he has been investigating fires. His theory is that the incendiary entered the place through the front door, using two keys to effect an entrance. Members of the corporation insist that the place was entered from the rear. They admit it was not the work of burglars, nor can they ascribe any motive for the crime.

### Carried Big Insurance

Fire Marshal Towe also says the Rosenthal company carried an insurance of \$94,000 on its stock and \$8,000 insurance on the building, which it holds on a ground lease.

Members of the firm said yesterday that the value of the stock was, approximately, \$100,000, and that in May or June of the coming year the building would revert to the owner of the lot, Major Niton, under the conditions of the lease. The building, which was erected in the expensive days following the catastrophe, cost \$14,000.

The police worked hard on the case yesterday. Captain Kelly said that the detective force was not yet ready to make arrests.

In tracing the movements of persons interested in the firm and in the property, the authorities learned last evening from the clerk of the Dorchester hotel, located four blocks from the store, that Isidore Reinheimer, a director and secretary of the corporation, reached his room a little before 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The attempt to burn the place was discovered about 4 o'clock.

According to Frank Lucier, a clerk in the store, Reinheimer, Melville Marx, a clerk, and Lucier left the store together at 10:20 o'clock Saturday evening and at that time everything about the store was safe and secure.

### Evidence of Incendiary

Simple materials, most skillfully arranged, constituted the apparatus of the incendiary. Kerosene was used in abundance. In a clock room in the rear of the store was piled an immense mass of inflammable materials, tissue paper, wrapping paper, straw carried in from the alley way, where it has been placed by the proprietors of the Japanese goods store next door, and light packing cases. All was saturated with kerosene. In the center of the clock room, on the floor, was a smaller packing case, about 24x18x15 inches, stood on end and filled with saturated tissue papers and straw. A trail of straw, soaked in oil, led from this box to a great armful of straw piled high against the woodwork of the interior—as perilous a fuse as ever led to a powder mine.

In the center of the box, rising out of the soaked papers, was a candle made fast in a pair of shoe nippers, burning within an inch of the fire plant when the police entered the store and extinguished it. It had evidently been burning an hour when it was discovered. Kerosene had been liberally poured on shelves and shoe boxes in the main store. Two one-gallon oil cans were found empty.

The vigilance of Special Policeman Jean J. Gippert of the Morse patrol averted the consummation of the arson plot. Gippert made his rounds of the stores in Van Ness avenue every two hours. At 2 o'clock yesterday morning he found everything about the Rosenthal building, which is numbered 1199 to 1108 Van Ness avenue, in good order. Two hours later, while passing through the alleyway in the rear of the building he pressed the iron door, which should have been tightly closed, and felt it give under his hand.

He immediately suspected that a burglar was in the place and rushed to the Van Ness avenue entrance to investigate. He found the front door locked and padlocked. He tried first to telephone to Daniel Marx of 2465 Jackson street, one of the directors of the firm, or to Melville Marx, a clerk, Daniel's brother. The telephone girl announced that neither could be raised.

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## Incendiary Tries to Burn Rosenthal Co.'s Shoe Store



## JAILER FENNEL IS SHOT BY PUGILIST

### Bullet Fractures Skull, Entering Temple and Emerging Through Back of Head

Following an altercation which took place in Kearny street near Post about 2 o'clock yesterday morning, Patrick McGee, an amateur pugilist and former president of the newsboys' union, shot and probably fatally wounded J. P. Fennell, chief jailer at the county jail. The assailant told contradictory stories concerning the shooting, but the two friends who accompanied the wounded man were positive that McGee precipitated the trouble with Fennell, and assaulted Florence O'Neill, assemblyman elect, as well.

McGee saw Fennell walking along Kearny street in company with O'Neill and John J. Sullivan. He crossed the street and, approaching Fennell, addressed him. The latter evidently did not know the ex-pugilist and told him to go about his business. McGee stepped to one side and commenced to abuse the men. O'Neill approached McGee, telling him to desist, and McGee struck him in the face. Fennell, who was about 10 feet away, started over to separate the two men and at that moment McGee pulled his gun and commenced firing. He fired two shots and then ran.

Policemen R. G. Skain and McIntosh were in charge of the central station patrol wagon in Kearny street near Sutter, when McGee rushed up to them and held out a revolver. He was pursued by O'Neill, who told the policemen that McGee had shot Fennell.

### Provocation Is Denied

McGee was arrested and in a few minutes the wounded man was also placed in the wagon. At the central emergency hospital an examination showed that Fennell's skull was fractured. The bullet entered the head at the temple on the left side and came out through the back.

When he was taken from the operating table Fennell pointed out McGee as the man who shot him, and charged his assailant with a deliberate attempt to murder.

On the way to the hospital McGee wore an air of bravado, but protested that he was sorry for the shooting when he learned that Fennell was dangerously wounded. "I thought the man who was walking in back of Fennell intended to attack him," said McGee after the shooting, "and I crossed the street to protect him. I had known him, but when I approached and spoke to him he told me to mind my own business. I was walking away when O'Neill attacked me and I struck him. Fennell rushed toward me then, and I could see the gleam of a gun in his hand. I fired then."

McGee later contradicted himself, saying that he did not see a gun in Fennell's hand, but thought that the latter was going to draw one.

### Two Witnesses Agree

The statements of Florence O'Neill and John J. Sullivan of 4070 Twenty-fourth street, who were Fennell's companions, are identical. "Fennell did not know this fellow," said O'Neill, "and told him to go on about his business. He then became abusive, and as I walked toward him telling him to go away he suddenly lunged forward and struck me in the face. Fennell shouted for him to stop, and had barely taken a step in the direction of where we were when this man pulled the pistol and fired two shots. He then started to run and I followed until he went up to the policeman. There was no provocation for the shooting, and if Fennell dies it is a case of cold blooded murder."

Fennell was removed to the St. Francis hospital yesterday morning, and is in a dangerous condition. McGee is held in detinue. According to the police he has a bad record.

## SEA WALL IN DANGER FROM TIDE

### Doom of 10,000 Feet of the Old Fashioned Structure Is Proclaimed

### Assistant State Engineer Points Out Insecurity of Water Front Buildings

### Settling of the Foundations Now Threatens Equilibrium of Warehouses

### Half Million Required to Repair Damage Already Done by Bad Construction

THE tides of the bay of San Francisco are eating their way into the city's water front. They have been at the insidious work for years and the doom of 10,000 feet of old fashioned sea wall has been officially proclaimed. These facts are revealed in the report of Assistant State Engineer Ralph A. Barker, made public yesterday. Barker points out the faulty construction that has brought danger to a stretch of structures from Mission street to Jones street.

Surface Giving Way  
In places the sea wall has sunk from three to five feet. Big holes are appearing in the streets where the surface is giving way to the action of the unseen waters. Settling foundations are threatening the equilibrium of warehouses and along the affected strip the ferry building probably owes its survival from the disaster of 1906 to the fact that the seawall section under the big structure was built according to more modern ideas and of more resistant material.

The sinking portion of the wall cost the state \$1,520,000 to build. It is estimated that \$500,000 will be required for repairs of the damage already done by the tides and to insure against further action of the waters Barker has a system of construction to recommend which he says will keep the bay where it belongs.

## CONSTRUCTION FAULTY

The seawall referred to by Barker extends from Mission street to Jones street and is known as Section A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I. Speaking of the work, Barker says in his report: "This kind of seawall is not entirely satisfactory, its principal faults being that it allows the free flow of the tides through it, which carries away the fill behind the wall and makes it difficult to maintain the thoroughfare thereon. It is also faulty from the fact that it is difficult to obtain a foundation which will prevent the settlement of the wall by the method described. All of the seawall, with the exceptions of Sections 8a and 8b, has settled considerably, taking down with it the wharves which it supports and causing much inconvenience and unsightliness. It will be my policy to recommend the construction in future of a seawall which shall be impervious to the tides and shall have a foundation in which no settlement will occur."

## SINKING INCREASES COST

Two additional sections, Nos. 12 and 13, now under construction at the main docks and costing in the neighborhood of \$231,500, are included in the report, but these have not been completed. "There is no immediate danger attached to the settlement of the seawall," said Barker yesterday, "but the sinking will add greatly to the cost of maintenance of the whole work."

"Warehouses are affected by the sinking and so are the streets. Big holes are torn in the streets by the settling, and the greatest damage has been done in that manner. "In many of the sections along the front the seawall has sunk from three to five feet. In other places it sank only a few inches below the original height, but the entire seawall is settling."

## THE WORK OLD FASHIONED

"Of course the walls have been constructed on hard bottoms, but the work is old fashioned and will not stand the wear and tear that new concrete seawalls can stand. I would suggest that an entirely different type of seawall of concrete or other modern material be constructed. Concrete seawalls will cost a trifle more, but as the old style rock seawall needs extensive repairs each year, the concrete walls are cheapest in the end." The method of construction that has been followed in the building of the seawall consists of first dredging a trench about 100 feet in width, to the hard bottom or as near substantial

## GAS LOG EXPLODES; MAN FATALLY HURT

### Force of Blast Demolishes Side of Room and Plunges Clerk to Deathbed

Passing a quiet Sunday at home reading before a merrily blazing gas log, Nathan Siminoff, a clerk of 2019 Market street, was plunged in an instant from the peace and comfort of his room to the agony of his deathbed by the explosion of the gas apparatus. The gas log blew up without a second's warning, and the force of the blast demolished the entire side of the room.

Siminoff was terribly burned by the flare of flame, and while he was writhing in pain the heavy stone mantelpiece, blown from its position, struck the prostrate man on the head. The blow was terrific—Siminoff's skull was fractured. The noise of the explosion aroused the other occupants of the house, and all rushed to the room of the injured man. He was discovered unconscious. An ambulance was summoned, which took Siminoff to the German hospital. There the doctors declared that the man would die from his hurts.

## CANTON IN THROES OF AN ANTI-FOREIGN MOVEMENT

### British Torpedoboot Sent to Chinese Port in Expectation of Outbreak

HONGKONG, Dec. 20.—It is feared that the antiforeign movement at Canton originally caused by the death of a coolie on the steamer Falshah, who is alleged to have been brutally kicked by a Portuguese watchman on the vessel, will culminate in outbreaks against all foreigners. So serious is the situation regarded that the British torpedo boat destroyer Hart has been sent to Canton. The British steamers Moorhead and Canton, two of the ships which are being boycotted, have been recalled from Wu Chow. All Chinese vessels and their passengers are being closely scrutinized upon their arrival by naval officers. The native papers continue to foment the agitation against foreigners.