

WHEAT AND WOODS  
FAVOR A COSMOPOLITAN

Canal Commission Makes New Offer to Aid Merchants in Fight Against Railroads Shipments Will Be Transported at Rate Merely to Cover Expense of Haul

The United States government through the Panama canal commission made a further offer yesterday to cooperate with the businessmen of San Francisco for a transit line of steamships from San Francisco to the isthmus. In its latest proposal the government practically undertakes to carry at cost freight shipments from this city. The commission will receive the cargoes at Panama and has expressed its willingness to transport them across the isthmus and up the coast to New York for the mere expense of the haul.

The trade possibilities which this offer has opened have appealed to every big shipper in the city. Great interest was manifested yesterday in the published reports telling of the willingness of the canal board to cooperate with independent line of steamships from San Francisco to the isthmus. An active campaign to launch the independent service was begun immediately.

ARRANGING NEW SERVICE  
Definite information as to the new line will be brought to San Francisco by H. S. Bates, shipping director of Bates & Chasebrough. Bates has been in New York and Washington making arrangements for the independent service. At the same time it is known that William R. Wheeler, soon to become manager of the bureau of the merchants' exchange, has interested himself in the matter.

The canal commission made known its desire to cut rates to the mere cost of the service in a letter to T. C. Friedlander, as was previously reported. Friedlander had written to the canal board, protesting against its system of making rates. The commission has no set schedule of tariffs, but makes a through rate of 30 per cent under the transcontinental railroad rate on carload lots and 50 per cent under the transcontinental tariff on less than carload lots.

The traffic bureau of the merchants' exchange wired to the canal board, asking the cancellation of the existing tariff and the establishment of a specific rate. Friedlander received the reply yesterday, which is in part as follows:

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WACCINATED BOY  
OF CHILD'S DEATH

Poison in Wound Results in Infection and Little One Succumbs to Lockjaw Unclean Bandage Believed to Be Responsible for Fatal Effect of Treatment

Lucien Brachais, the 8 year old son of George Brachais, a painter living at 1920 Sixteenth avenue South, died yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock of lockjaw as a result of blood poisoning in a vaccination wound, caused, according to a statement made last night by Dr. William Ophuls by the placing of an unclean bandage over the wound.

The vaccination took place January 7 last, when 14 other children, pupils of the Bernal school at Fourteenth avenue and L street South, were also vaccinated by Dr. C. R. Brice, physician for the public schools. The boy was sent to his home, apparently feeling no ill effects from a minor operation.

According to the father, George Brachais, the bandage was not disturbed until 10 days after the vaccination, when the mother replaced it with a new and clean one. The following day Miss Fildon, a nurse in the public schools, placed an antiseptic bandage over the wound and at the time did not notice any indication of poison. Brachais said last night that the nurse took good care of the wound and that he could not possibly have been responsible for the other 14 children suffering no ill effects from the operation.

Dr. William Ophuls, president of the board of health, investigated the case yesterday afternoon and at the conclusion of his investigation said that Dr. Brice was not responsible for the boy's death. He said that the mother had evidently placed an unclean bandage over the wound, which caused it to become infected. He declared that the virus was perfect, as the other students who were vaccinated with the same vaccine and that it had taken without any bad effects in every case but that of the dead lad.

The child was taken to the University hospital last night and when it was discovered that his arm had become infected and that lockjaw was imminent every effort to save his life was made. Dr. Brice could not be located last night and no explanation could be secured from him.

The child probably will be buried by the city, as his parents are reported to be in destitute circumstances. The father said last night that he thought the city should bear the expense, as it was originally the cause of his death.

RACE WAR THREATENED; 126 NEGROES ARRESTED Assaults on White Girls Start Reign of Terror

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 3.—"It is a crime for a negro to wave his hand at a white woman, at least I consider it so, and I will act accordingly," Captain of Police Murray of Pittsburgh, who has charge of what is known as "Hill district," which is now in a state of terror over the attacks on white women by negroes, made this remark in the police court this morning, where 126 negroes arrested last night were given their first hearing. They were probably 200 colored people in the little police court, friends of those who had been arrested, and the remark of the officer started loud outcry. For a time it looked as though the police present would be forced to pull their weight in clearing the room.

About one-third of the negroes arrested last night were sent to prison for short terms, were discharged and the remainder held for further investigation. Miss Ida O'Neill, the white girl who was assaulted last night by a negro on a well lighted street, is said to be dying.

SUSPECTED SMASHER OF STORE WINDOW JAILED Prisoner Believed to Be Man Wanted for Many Offenses

The police believe they have captured the crook who has been breaking plate glass windows in stores and grabbing articles on display. He gives the name of Jesse Allen and says he is an ex-convict.

Shortly after midnight yesterday morning Policemen Curtis and Reed in the jewelry store at 1118 Market street. They saw a man hurrying away from the jewelry store of Klein and Co., 778 Geary street, overtook him. The window of the jewelry store had been broken by a brick, but nothing had been taken. When searched a skeleton key was found in Allen's pockets.

Just prior to breaking the window in the jewelry store, Allen is supposed to have broken the window in the hat store of Barney Frankel, 988 Market street, and stolen four greencrabs that were displayed in the window. The police are looking up Allen's record.

FORTUNE TELLERS TO TEST NEW ORDINANCE Attorneys for Psychics Declare Statute Unconstitutional

Fortune tellers in the city who have been arrested for violating ordinance 648, new series, will test the constitutionality of the law. Their attorneys, Peery & Stone, contend that it is class legislation and absurd in its provisions.

Josephine Zappala and Jean Hathaway were before Police Judge Wells yesterday and their cases were dismissed, the only evidence against them being that they had a palm in the window as an advertisement.

The attorneys informed the judge that they did not desire to take advantage of any technicality, but they wanted the police to bring up the very strongest case possible so as to secure a reversal of an appeal would be once taken to the higher court. Chief Cook was also notified to the same effect, and a request made not to discriminate arrests till the legality of the ordinance was tested.

HUMAN HEAD IN COWCATCHER NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Passengers in the Pennsylvania station at Jersey City were horrified last night to see the head of a man lodged in the cowcatcher of a locomotive as it drew into the depot. It developed that W. Leber, general foreman of the Pennsylvania road, had been struck earlier in the evening at Rahway, N. J. His mangled body was picked up near the scene of the accident.

BEATS WIFE TO DEATH SAND POINT, Idaho, Feb. 3.—Joseph Vigue, residing at Cocolalia, a few miles west of this place, this afternoon killed his wife by striking her on the head with the woman's head into a pulley with the butt of a gun. Vigue then dragged the body into the woods, where it was found by the officers. The woman leaves six children.

AMERICAN TOBACCO DIVIDENDS—New York, Feb. 3.—A quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent and an extra dividend of 5 per cent on its common stock were declared today by the American tobacco company.

The Emporium  
FIRST ANNUAL FEBRUARY SALES  
These sales gain their prestige by the great money saving possibilities on everyday staple articles as well as new, fresh wearing apparel  
First Annual February Sale of Boxed Hosiery

This sale of boxed hosiery offers stockings at wholesale prices. Invariably 6 pairs for the usual price of 5, often greater values.

- We quote 3 items of the 15 offered, as an instance of the values:
- Ladies' imported Hermsdorff black silk lisle hose, gauge weight, garter top, low spliced heel, double sole, box of 6 pairs \$1.75
  - Children's 1x1 ribbed fast black extra heavy cotton hose, triple knee, double heel and toe, sizes 6 to 10, box of 6 pairs \$1.25
  - Men's fast black medium weight silk lisle hose, extra reinforced double heel and toe, box of 6 pairs \$1.25

The Nemo Corset for \$1.00  
Corsets Made Especially for the Emporium for this February Sale by the Nemo Corset Company

These have the medium bust, long hip and back and reinforced abdominal fronts. They are made of heavy coutil in white only and are filled with rust proof steels. The lines carried out by these corsets are those of a very much higher priced garment.

Offered special for this February sale at  
A broken line of C. B. Corsets which have sold for a higher price reduced for this February sale to sell at \$3.00

1/4 Off Our Entire Stock of Oriental Rugs at 25% Discount 1/4 Off  
Rugs, Curtains and Curtain Materials

The stocks are so large that they defy description. We cite an item of each line as an instance of the value giving:

- Axminster Rugs—27x54 inches, Oriental and floral patterns, \$1.75
- Sash Nets and Curtain Laces—30x50 inches wide, in Arabian and ivory colors, novelty, colonial, filet and period designs, 12 1/2¢ to 65¢
- Curtains and Novelty Lace Curtains—3 yards long, in Arabian and white, offer a variety of pleasing designs. The pair 95¢

Annual February Sale of China and House Wares  
An opportunity unequalled to replete and replenish all kitchen, pantry and household needs at prices the lowest of the year

NATIONALIZATION OF BANK PLANNED  
Central Trust Company Calls Stock Holders' Meeting to Increase Capital Stock

The latest bank to announce its intention to become a national institution is the Central trust company of this city. The officers of the bank have issued a letter to its stock holders calling a special meeting for February 16 for the purpose of considering the changing of the amount of capital stock to \$1,000,000 and to allot \$500,000 to reserve.

The main reason assigned for the proposed change is that it will enable the bank to be in a position to conform to all changes of the state bank laws that will be enacted by the legislature during the present session, many of which proposed changes make radical alterations in the system of all banks now under the control of the bank commissioners.

Although the apparent main reason is to put the bank in a position to conform to the new laws, the real reason, which is stated in another paragraph of the letter, is to place the bank in a position to become a national institution without going to an extra amount of trouble and delay. On account of new state legislation the Central trust company will in all probability become a national bank as of yesterday.

The French-American bank has also announced its intention of getting under the wing of the comptroller of the currency, and it was stated yesterday that the City and County bank, if it finds the new laws unfavorable, will also nationalize. At the present time there are only a few large commercial banks left in San Francisco that are not under the supervision of the United States government.

Local Brevities  
CRAMP PLAYERS FINED—James H. Marr, Samuel Mast and J. Robinson pleaded guilty in Police Judge Deasy's court yesterday to playing craps in the Hotel Empress, 212 Mason street, and were each fined \$20.

LATHAN CASE TO BE SET—The case of Alexander S. Lathan, chauffeur for Abe Ring, charged with accepting a bribe of \$1,000 not to testify at the trial of T. J. Ford, was called in the Hotel Empress, 212 Mason street, and was set for March 3 to be set.

POOLROOM MEN FINED—Harry Williams, proprietor of a poolroom in the rear of 39 Ellis street, was cited by Police Judge Deasy yesterday and fined \$25. Eugene Rittgers, a visitor, was fined \$10. San Solomon, 138 Taylor street, was fined \$10 by Judge Conlan.

DRIVES UNBROKEN HORSE—J. Strang,ivery stableman, was convicted by Police Judge Conlan yesterday of driving an unbroken horse at Market and Third streets on Tuesday afternoon and was fined \$30, with the alternative of 30 days in jail. He was arrested by Policemen H. P. Dietle.

PETTY THIEVES JAILED—Archie Martin and John Ryan were each sent to the county jail for six months by Police Judge Weller yesterday for petty larceny. Martin stole a suit case belonging to W. H. Edwards at the depot, Third and Townsend streets, and Ryan stole two hides from the Jackson street wharf.

VIOLATED MILK ORDINANCE—Christian Sowers, proprietor of a restaurant at 204 King street, and Henry Wochelbrock, 1901 Howard street, were each fined \$10 by Police Judge Conlan yesterday for selling watered milk. Nels Glafkides, 205 Ninth street, and Theo Preppouse, 84 Ninth street, were each fined \$25 by Judge Conlan.

FELDMAN WILL FILED—The will of John D. Feldman, the retired wholesale liquor merchant, who was stricken with apoplexy while walking in Golden Gate park, was filed for probate yesterday. The estate was valued at \$500,000. His widow, Elizabeth Feldman, will receive the income from N. Y. and C. P. P. Co. He was a grower of Fresno, and was at the Argonaut.

Brigadier General Daniel Harmon Brown, of the St. Francis, accompanied by Mrs. Brush.

PREPARES PAPER ON GIRL PSYCHIC  
Professor Lessard to Send Scientific Treatise on Bess Comer's Case to France

Professor Lessard, head of the French department of St. Mary's college and a psychologist famous in France and known throughout Europe, is preparing a paper on his study of Bess Comer, the 13 year old San Francisco girl whose psychic powers are the talk of the local scientific world. The professor held a test with the girl last Saturday night, and last night again called at her home for further study. He was accompanied by Brother Fabrice, head of the department of psychology at St. Mary's, and Danville W. Starrett, an Oakland student of psychic phenomena and himself possessed of unusual power in the realm of the occult.

Professor Lessard intends to send the letter he is preparing to one of the prominent Paris publications, with which he is in close touch when conducting his investigations of psychic phenomena in France. Many inquiries regarding the strange case have been directed to Brother Fabrice also. The study of Bess Comer last night was more in the nature of an inquiry into her sensations and controlling forces than a test of her psychic ability. Professor Lessard prepared a careful list of questions, which he asked the girl, and later a short test was held.

PRIVATE CAPITAL READY TO BUILD CITY HALL  
Real Estate Board Asks Supervisors to Consider Proposal

The real estate board has taken up again the plan to construct a city hall by means of private capital. It is intended that it shall be purchased by the municipality in successive yearly payments. At a meeting of the board held yesterday a communication was addressed to the board of supervisors recommending that the matter be referred to the city attorney for an opinion as to its legality.

It is stated that capital is now available to create an adequate structure. It is pointed out that, under this plan, it would not be necessary to vote bonds and the edifice could be completed quickly.

The real estate board decided also to oppose Senator McCartney's amendment to the mechanics' lien law.

CHILDREN'S COLDS AND THEIR RESULTS  
COLDS NOT SO HARMLESS AS MANY PRESUME

Some of the Most Serious Diseases Have Their Origin in a Common Cold.

Children are particularly susceptible to colds and often serious diseases of after life have their foundation in early colds. A child catches cold but unless it is very severe no attention is given the matter. It has had colds before and always recovered and it is not until the little one alarms the household in the dead of night and scares its mother into hysterics by having croup, that serious consequences are feared.

Another child catches cold and before it fully recovers takes another cold and perhaps before that is over contracts a fresh one. This succession of colds or even the neglect of the first attack causes inflammation of the mucous membrane, which was at first acute, to become chronic and the doctor will tell you that the child has chronic catarrh from which he will never fully recover.

Another child catches cold, which could easily have been cured by proper treatment, but being neglected develops the most fatal malady of childhood, pneumonia. The doctor is called and pronounces it lung fever, and if the child is lucky enough to live it has developed weak lungs, making it susceptible to all lung diseases.

Still another child catches cold, a stubborn cough is developed which lasts all winter, sapping the vitality and weakening the system, thereby paving the way for the germs of other diseases. Diphtheria, whooping cough, scarlet fever and similar diseases could often be avoided if each cold received proper attention.

Every one of these children could have been cured by the prompt use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. A few doses and the child's cold is gone. It is a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. When given as soon as the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It also counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia, quickly dispelling all fear of that dangerous disease.

Don't wait until the child is sick and then send to the drug store for this remedy but keep it hand ready for instant use when needed. It is perfectly harmless and should be kept in every home where there are young children.

James Whitaker, a real estate man of Galt, is at the Stewart, accompanied by Mrs. Whitaker.

Edward B. Sturges, an attorney of Scranton, is at the Fairmont, accompanied by Mrs. Sturges.

Ben G. Holt, a manufacturer of Stockton, is at the St. Francis, accompanied by Mrs. Holt.