

UNABLE TO COMPETE

Northern Pacific Receivers Say the Road Is in Very Poor Condition.

Nine Millions Need to Be Expended in the Next Five Years.

Expenses Have Been Cut Down and the Earnings Have Increased.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 23.—The general report of the receivers of the Northern Pacific railroad showing the condition of the property, which was ordered by Judge Jenkins, was filed in the United States court late in the afternoon. The report is a voluminous document, comprising nearly 40 pages of printed matter, together with the trial balance sheets and the records from the comptroller's office. The report deals largely in generalities, as it would be impossible, the receivers say, to present a detailed history of their administration in so brief a space. Tables are added, however, to show that in the two years of the receivership, the operating expenses have been decreased. The troubles of the receivership, embraced in the strike, the conflict with the Coxeyites, the floods and the endless litigation are pointed out. The receivers say further that the condition of the road is not such as to enable it to compete on an equal basis with its rivals and that to remedy this will require an expenditure of \$9,000,000 in the next five years.

Condition of the Road.
At the outset the report states the condition of the road at the time the receivers took hold. The total indebtedness, including the mortgages, was \$21,677,725.78, and the annual fixed charges \$10,421,025.96. For the years ending June 30, 1894 and 1895, the report states that the expenditures under the head of maintenance of way and structures were decreased 10.27 per cent, while the maintenance and equipment were increased but .66 per cent. The expense of conducting the transportation department has decreased 7.96 per cent. The operating expenses for the year ended June 30, 1894, decreased \$236,464.99, against a decrease of \$251,745.75 for 1895.

The earnings for 1895 were \$17,434,980.80, against \$16,547,209.51 the year before. The operating expenses for 1895 were \$11,319,682.41, against \$11,816,120.17, while the net earnings for 1895 were \$6,115,298.39, against \$4,731,089.34, the net earnings per mile for 1895 being \$1,560.32, against \$1,051.26.

Must Expend Millions.
During the next five years the report states, it will be necessary to pay about 14,000 miles of steel rail at a cost of about \$4,000,000. It would be also advisable to continue the replacing of temporary wooden structures with permanent earth fills or steel bridges. This would cost about \$1,000,000. Summed up, the report continues, provision should be made for extraordinary expenditures in the next five years of \$9,000,000, in order that the property may be placed on an equal footing with its rivals for economical operation.

Negroes Poisoned at a Picnic.
CAMILLA, Ga., Sept. 23.—Friday the negroes in the vicinity of Oak Grove, in this county, a few miles west of this place, held a picnic. Since that day about 30 of those who ate of the picnic dinner have been sick. Three of them have died, and several others will probably die. The cause of the trouble has not yet been definitely ascertained. Most of the negroes believe that a certain cake caused the sickness. Two of those who died were of the family who took the cake to the picnic.

In Memory of the Papal Zouaves.
MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—A requiem service was celebrated in the Roman Catholic church for the souls of the zouaves who fought in defense of Pius IX. The church was beautifully decorated. The service was also a protest against the loss of the temporal power of the pope, this being the 25th anniversary of the victory of Victor Emanuel.

Chicago Payroll Scandal.
CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—The stuffed city payroll scandal received further attention from the grand jury during the day, when three ex-employees of the city were indicted upon testimony submitted by Expert Accountant Harper and other officials. The men indicted were John Kelle, Edward Verein and Charles A. Blix. The men were assistant foremen and timekeepers in the water pipe extension department.

Raided Blind Pigs.
FARGO, G. N., Sept. 23.—Five blind pig attachments of two local hotels were raided and evidence found in all cases. The State Enforcement league is back of the prosecution. One of the members announced that they had closed over 50 within the last month, and would now turn their attention to Fargo and cities west along the Northern Pacific.

Reduced the Record.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.—Walter Foster further reduced the world's record for the half-mile flying start. He made it in 50 secs., and, paced by a quad, he made the half mile in 48 secs.

Increased Valuations.
ST. PAUL, Sept. 23.—The state board of equalization has added 10 per cent to the merchandise valuations returned by the assessors in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth.

Death of Mrs. Cook.
NEENAN, Wis., Sept. 23.—Mrs. Cook, wife of Congressman Cook, died at Aurora, Canada. The remains will be brought here for interment.

NEWS OF LEGAL NATURE.
The attorney general of New York has been asked to proceed against the American Tobacco company.

The Nebraska supreme court has filed its decision and finds against the old board of police and fire commissioners at Omaha.

RELIGIOUS MATTERS.
Professor Howard B. Grose of Chicago will soon become editor of the Baptist Watchman of Boston.

A preacher at Shelbyville, Ind., buried his child without a funeral service and the congregation is excited.

The Missouri conference of the M. E. church, South, is holding its seventy-ninth annual session at Macon, Mo.

UNFORTUNATE EVENTS.

Two persons were killed in a tornado at Cape Vincent, N. Y.

Ex-Senator Washburn of Minnesota was injured in a railroad wreck.

A balloon collapsed at Charleroi, Belgium, and four persons were killed.

Twenty-five bodies of victims of the Osceola mine fire have been recovered.

Ex-Entomologist Riley, of Washington, fell off a bicycle and fractured his skull.

A cession exploded at Louisville, killing three members of the First Artillery and the negro driver.

Wind, rain and lightning did great damage in and around Watertown, N. Y. Several lives were lost.

Two passenger trains were in collision on the Great Northern near Ashby, Minn. Seven men were killed.

An avalanche covered the village of Spitalmatte, Switzerland. It is feared that several persons were killed.

A Chicago, Burlington and Quincy train was wrecked near Altoona, Ill., and 12 cars of naphtha burned. One life was lost.

CRIMINAL NEWS.

One man was fatally shot at a bloody primary election at Lexington, Ky.

Oklahoma vigilantes were convicted of arson and assault for pursuing outlaws.

In a riot on the steamer St. Louis, an Englishman was stabbed by German firemen.

A Santa Fe passenger train was held up near Curtis, O. T., by four masked robbers.

Lady Rose Ganning was sentenced at London to one year at hard labor for forgery.

A patient shot a physician at Petrona, Ind., because he attempted to administer morphine.

A man, woman and child were murdered near Las Flores, Cal., presumably by Indians.

Ex-Congressman John R. McShane of Omaha was arraigned in Chicago, charged with swindling.

Several men have been arrested on suspicion that they murdered Deputy Sheriff Pate at Dallas, Tex.

Wesley Boyd, who confessed that he murdered Elizabeth Burns, hanged himself in his cell at Dayton, O.

Southwest Missouri is said to be flooded with counterfeit money. Two arrests were made in Pulaski county.

A plot by which the Taylor brothers were to escape jail was revealed at Carrollton, Mo., by Jail Guard Brown.

Ex-Auditor Van Auken was found guilty of forging the records of the board of Supervisors at Mason City, Ia.

The prosecution has begun the introduction of evidence against Durrant, charged with the murder of Blanche Lamont at San Francisco.

Contractor Frank Osborne, in charge of the government work at Grand Marais, is alleged to have fled with \$3,300. He is in debt to stores and employes.

H. H. Holmes was indicted at Indianapolis on a charge of murdering Howard Pietzel. He was also indicted at Philadelphia for the murder of B. F. Pietzel.

Daniel Coffee, one of the best known detectives in the San Francisco police department, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. No cause assigned.

Minnie Dean, who was condemned to death for the murder of infants entrusted to her care, has been executed in Invercargill, Auckland, N. Z. She protested her innocence to the last.

FOREIGN NEWS.

A troop of cavalry is being recruited in Chicago to go to Cuba.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani has been pardoned by the Hawaiian government.

Gladstone says that if London stands firm for gold the bimetalists' movement will fail.

Bustamente, Ezeta's lieutenant, was seized at Panama and probably has been executed.

General Antonio Ezeta will sail Wednesday for Salvador to try to depose the president.

Senator Vest writes that all Germany is living in expectation of another war with France.

An infernal machine was found in the window of a private house in Rue St. Denis, Paris.

The natives of Honolulu will not obey board of health regulations and the cholera is spreading.

It is reported that a rebellion has broken out on the borders of the province of Fo Kien, China.

A plot against the life of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria has been discovered. Twenty arrests have been made.

A Paris paper says that Waller's case has been explained to the United States representatives and that it is lost.

All the men who were exiled for the Hawaiian rebellion, except the Ashford brothers, will be allowed to return.

William Waldorf Astor has "shaken up" the editors of the Pall Mall Gazette, and that paper now praises Americans.

Minister de Lome says that Spain will prosecute a vigorous war against Cuban insurgents as soon as the rainy season is over.

Several socialist newspapers have been seized by the German government. It has been decided to expel foreign socialists.

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