

# RAILWAY COMBINE IS NOW ASSURED

## Metropolitan and Columbia Companies to Change Hands.

### REORGANIZATION IS PLANNED

#### Amount to Be Paid Over for Purchase of Property Will Foot Up More Than Five Million—Mortgage Dispute May Soon Reach a Climax.

The Washington Railway and Electric Company yesterday purchased the property and franchises of the Metropolitan and Columbia Railway Companies for an aggregate amount of \$5,388,000. The conveyance was made in two deeds. The consideration named in each is \$5, but the amounts to be paid are \$3,388,000 for the property of the Metropolitan Railroad and \$2,000,000 for that of the Columbia Railway.

It is stated that the Metropolitan property is subject to two trusts, one for \$1,850,000 and another for \$250,000. The two deeds bore stamps aggregating \$502.

### Company Will Reorganize.

The purchase of these lines is in accord with the plans of reorganization recommended by the committee of the bondholders of the Washington Traction Company some time ago. The new company will continue the operation of these roads heretofore done by the Washington Traction Company.

For the payment of the lines purchased, which are represented by the bonds of the Metropolitan and Columbia companies, the new company will have an issue

of \$17,500,000 of 4 per cent bonds and \$1,000,000 of stock, both common and preferred.

### New Bond Issue.

Of the new issue of bonds \$7,667,650 are to remain in the treasury to purchase the underlying bonds; \$7,667,650 to take up the Washington Traction 5 per cent bonds upon the basis of \$50 for each \$1,000 bond, and \$1,500,000 to be left in the treasury for improvements.

The officers and directors of the new company are the same as recently elected by the Great Falls Company, namely: Allan L. McDermott, president; George H. Harris, vice president; J. B. Lackey, secretary; W. F. Ham, treasurer, and H. W. Fuller, general manager. Directors: Allan L. McDermott; George H. Harris; George Truesdell; G. T. Crosby; George W. Young; J. B. Lackey; and W. F. Ham.

What the policy of the new company will be is not stated further than that it is the intention to continue the operation of all the lines under its control.

### To Settle Mortgage Question.

The filing of the petition of the Baltimore Trust and Guarantee Company on Tuesday, asking for a foreclosure of its mortgage against the City and Suburban Railway and the appointment of a receiver, is apt to bring matters to a crisis very soon.

It is apparently the desire of some of the parties interested to have Mr. McDermott removed and some other person named as receiver in his place. In the event of such a change, the City and Suburban Railway is forced to sell at auction. It is the belief that the interests controlling the new company will endeavor to retain the operation of the system now operated by them.

## SALISBURY'S WORDS NOT ENCOURAGING

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curred in critical periods, when many attempts were made to reconcile divergent views and many suggestions were offered, which it was neither easy nor desirable to take into account.

Many amiable and excellent people would be desiring to sacrifice all the nation had done and borne for the purpose of patching up a peace. They must bear in mind there was now no question of sentiment. They had entered upon a matter of business which they must push through. (Applause.)

### Must Recognize Rights.

In doing so, they must continually look back and examine the motive and object for which they were sacrificing much blood and treasure. That motive, that object, was to obtain security. He added: "Any restoration of peace which recognized fully the rights of our sovereign has given us and security for the Empire we should accept not only with willingness, but with delight."

"There is nothing we so desire as a peace which will carry with it the fulfillment of all our duties and the attainment of the aims which it is our business to pursue. It is our duty to strive in that part of the Empire on which the ambition of Kruger has cast this abundance of sorrow and desolation."

### Cannot Caresse Enemies.

"It is useless to tell us that we must so behave as to leave pleasant recollections in the minds of those with whom we are fighting. It would be an imposture and an imposture not worthy of performance. I entreat you, therefore, when asked to consider how any particular sort of policy can adjust itself to the feelings of the people to whom it is the least attractive to remember that there are others whose interests are affected."

These words, Lord Salisbury explained, were the loyalists in South Africa, had borne and risked so much, besides the fact that the constitution of the Empire which were being fought for, whether the results of the efforts for three or four years would be such as they could admire and such as would tend to strengthen the Empire and increase their devotion to it.

### Irish Freedom a Danger.

The Prime Minister concluded with a reference to Ireland, reiterating his past warnings against home rule, and declaring that the existence of a hostile Irish Government having the power to acquire arms and ammunition would constitute a far more serious threat to the Empire than it had to face in South Africa.

It was his belief, he said, that the maintenance of the British position in Ireland was one of the most vital objects that the Empire had now to consider. It was only by the most constant, strenuous and vigilant exertions.

### Boer Delegates Not Likely to Ask for Safe Conduct.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 5.—The Boer delegates have expressed the view that the terms of the British reply to the Holland communique are an obstacle to their applying to Great Britain for safe conduct to South Africa or for anything else.

### Body of Unknown Found in Sewer

The body of an unknown man was found floating in the open sewer at the foot of Seventeenth Street northwest yesterday afternoon. It was found in a dredge boat which was at work in the vicinity. The police were notified and had the body removed to the morgue.

### Police Without Good Clue as to Man's Identity.

It was in a badly decomposed condition. Through the contents of the pockets the officers hope to be able to identify the body. There were no evidences of violence about the body, which was apparently that of a merchant who had been out on a business expedition and had fallen into the water and drowned.

### Discovered the Body.

The body was first discovered by Capt. Bill Owens of the Columbia Dredge Company. He was walking along the snow-covered banks. Policeman Patrick Creigh was informed and quickly notified Lieutenant Boyle, of the Third precinct. Lieutenant Boyle and a squad of men hurried to the scene and towed the body to shore.

It proved to be that of a man of about thirty years of age, 5 feet 7 inches in height, 145 pounds in weight, with dark hair and mustache. His teeth were in good condition, and he wore good underclothing, heavy shoes, a blue flannel shirt, double-breasted jacket, and a pair of trousers of a checked material.

### Relics of the Maine.

In his pockets were found a number of small articles, including several shells loaded with birdshot, and a pocketbook with a pin which would prick the finger that tried to open it. The pocketbook contained a 5-cent piece and a metal heart, on one side of which was inscribed "U. S. F." and on the other "Relic of the Maine."

The article on which the police place the greatest hope for an identification is a pawn ticket dated December 26, showing that a gun had been pledged at the Heddethorpe office on Pennsylvania Avenue. There also was a star tattooed upon the upper side of the left forearm.

The man also wore a red flannel necktie. When the report of the finding of the body first reached Headquarters, it was thought for a time that the body might be that of Captain Lord, who disappeared in December.

### Running Down Reports.

Captain Boardman was busy running over the reports of missing persons in hopes of securing a clue to the unknown's identity. Detective Sergeant O'Brien leaves the body to one of the Mark Club, who lives near the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and F Street northwest.

Green, it is stated, has been missing from his home in the First Ward since Christmas Day. The Third Precinct police have been notified and an effort will be made to have the family of Green to the morgue in hopes of identifying remains.

Captain Boardman has also deputed from Headquarters to visit the city and suburbs in hopes of identifying another missing man, who disappeared last night, however, the duty remained a mystery.

## BUBONIC PLAGUE VISITS MANILA

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Col. B. F. Pope Submits His Philippine Health Report.

### A DECREASE IN SICKNESS

An Active Campaign Is Being Waged Against Rats to Prevent Spread of Disease—Army Is Free of Any Serious Trouble.

Surgeon General Sternberg has received a report from Lieut. Col. B. F. Pope, chief surgeon of the Division of the Philippines, in regard to the health of the troops during the month ended December 15.

It shows a decrease in the percentage of sickness which, Colonel Pope says, may be considered especially favorable in view of the long continuance of the rainy season and the active military operations in Samar and Batangas.

### Number of Deaths.

The total number of death is seventy-seven, the same number as the previous month. Eleven soldiers died from wounds received in action and sixteen were drowned. There were 2,437 cases of sickness.

The strength of the command being 33,040, the percentage of sickness is 7.2. There was a decrease in the number of cases of typhoid and malarial fever, and an increase in intestinal and gastric diseases.

Bubonic plague has appeared in the city of Manila. The board of health is now conducting an active campaign against rats, with a view of preventing a spread of the plague. So far no such cases have appeared in the army.

### Plague Arrives Early.

Colonel Pope says that the plague arrived this year about three weeks earlier than in the two previous seasons, and the large proportion of plague rats, nearly 2 per cent of the total number collected, under many cases of plague probably before next November.

The early reappearance of the disease, he says, is more unfavorable when climatic conditions are compared with those of the last two years, the weather having continued wet and cold, therefore unfavorable for plague recurrence, until a much later date than usual.

### Trains Across the Isthmus Still Carrying Armed Guards.

COLON, Feb. 5.—At present the political situation is quiet. Small bands of insurgents occasionally visit stations along the railway line.

Each train carries an armed guard of Government troops. The only warship at Colon is the American gunboat Marietta. The representatives of the canal company at Panama gave notice yesterday that they would cease drawing drafts for development work. It is expected that the canal will be opened to laborers employed thereon will request the company to furnish them transportation to their homes.

### SEABOARD STOCKHOLDERS MET.

Regular Session Adjourned and Special Session Held Afterward.

PETERSBURG, Va., Feb. 5.—The regular meeting of the stockholders of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company was held here this evening. The meeting adjourned to February 19 without transacting any business of importance.

### SPORTING CLUB'S DECLINE.

British Organization Falls Prey to Ping-Pong Mania.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The National Sporting Club, famous in British boxing annals, has fallen prey to the ping-pong mania. Some of the members are so crazed that it has become necessary to allocate a square room to them, and the club's reputation is being forsaken.

The other evening a match between two boxers, Mr. Stokes and Eugene Cerril, well-known patrons of boxing, excited the members of the club. The room was crammed with on-lookers, and \$2,000 changed hands on bets. Mr. Cerril won by a score of 2 to 2.

### HARDSHIPS OF THE SOLDIERS.

"Biting," Bozdnack, and Slaughter in the Philippines.

WAYNESBORO, Feb. 5.—In a letter to a friend here, George M. Krise, a soldier in Company B, Twenty-first Infantry, now in the Philippines, tells of the hardships that must be undergone by the soldiers of Uncle Sam in Luzon. Among other things he writes:

"The natives are up in arms all over the islands and are making the work very hard for the enlisted men and officers. We are kept on the 'make' for twenty days at a time, with only half enough to eat—such as it is—with mud-puddles for beds and rocks for pillows."

"We got after some insects who had staked our camp early in the morning and scattered them when we got close enough to send in a volley. Then came the slaughter. Twenty-six insurgents were killed and a number wounded, while we lost only one man, who was shot just below the heart."

### COMPOSED WAR TIME SONGS.

David Adams Warden, Aced Musician, Dies in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5.—David Adams Warden, one of the best pianists in this city, is dead.

In his earlier years he composed several popular songs and composed a popular in the early part of his life.

# EVENTS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT.

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## TWO FOR GOLDEN EAGLES.

Carrolls Took One of a Set of Brilliant Bowling Games.

The set of bowling games played last night on the Golden Eagles' alleys will go down in the District League history as one of the most interesting and exciting of its existence.

The competing teams were those representing the Golden Eagle Club and Carroll Institute. The home team won two of the set and the Carrolls squeezed out the third with a margin of three pins.

The games were full of brilliant play- ing, and except in several instances of the steady and consistent sort. In the first game the Carrolls led by fifty-odd pins in the fifth frame, and looked like sure winners, but the Eagles kept hard at it, and it fell to Stitt to save the game, which he did by doubling up with Brozman. The margin was only six pins—522 to 516.

The second game was very easy for the Eagles, 778 to 818, but in the third they had their troubles. They were ahead some thirty pins in the seventh frame when Shuman missed the 1-2-5-8 spars, and this time Brozman saved the game for his side with only three pins to spare. It was a great finish, and, like that of the first game, was enthusiastically applauded by the large crowd.

Gorman bowled the first and third games clean without a break, and Brozman did likewise in their third and fourth games, striking out seven and nine, while his men touched up Ashley for nineteen, every one of which was made to count.

Greaser scored the only home run and figured in some sensational hitting.

### WON BY CORCORANS.

Defeated Urell Rifles in One of the Best of Baseball Games.

One of the best games in the Indoor Baseball League series was played last night in the Guards' Armory and was won by the Corcorans from the Urell Rifles by the score of 15 to 9.

It was full of brilliant work, especially the double play in the last inning, in which Ullhart and Boyett figured, when the bases were full of Urells.

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## JOE GRANT, WRESTLER.

Has Arranged a Match With "Americus" for February 12.

What promises to be one of the most interesting sporting events of the season is the wrestling match arranged to take place next Wednesday at the Monumental Theatre in Baltimore. The contestants will be Joe Grant, champion of the District, who was represented by his manager, John R. Norris, in making the match.

"Americus" is the man who stayed fifteen minutes in Parker, who wrestled here at the Lyceum recently. Grant has a good record earned in fighting the following: Jack Aston and Henry Dawson in December, 1917; Buck Garner, January, 1918; Lawson in 1918; Julius McAfee, in March, 1918; Al Burrow, July, 1919; Jack Pumprey, October, 1919.

Leo Paulino and Charles Lenhart, of Ernest Roemer's team, failed to throw Grant in twenty minutes. In December, 1919, he won the District championship from Rob Roy Mackay, and in May, 1920, he defeated Von Bookman and Mr. Quade. He also won from Abley Lewis in 1920, and last February he took a fall out of Billy Brown. Last April he stayed six minutes with Kara Aumon, "the terrible Turk," and afterwards won from Rudolf Lenard, the Turk's wrestling partner.

The match next week will be catch-as-catch-can, each man to weigh in at 145 pounds, give or take ten pounds. On the strength of the above record and in the form he is now in, Grant should win handsily from the Oriole wrestler.

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## THE RACING CALENDAR.

New Orleans Results.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 5.—Results of today's races. Track heavy:

First race—For four-year-olds and upward; selling; one mile and seventy yards. Philma Paxton (Hayden), 20 to 1, won; Swordsman (Coburn), 3 to 1, second; Prince Real (Odom), 3 to 2, third. Time, 1:53.

Second race—For four-year-olds and upward; selling; five furlongs. Barney Sael (Coburn), 9 to 5, won; Ed Gartland II (Black), 3 to 1, second; Phillardist (Breann), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:04 1/2.

Third race—Steeplechase handicap; for four-year-olds and upward; full course. W. H. Dixon (Tanner), 5 to 5, won; Coley (Brazill), even, second; Dagmar (Bartley), 2 to 1, third. Time, 5:05 1/2.

Fourth race—Handicap; for three-year-olds and upward; one and one-eighth miles. Ida Ledford (Dean), 3 to 2, won; Malay (Oris), 3 to 1, second; Henry of Franstamar (J. Miller), 3 to 2, third. Time, 2:04.

Fifth race—For four-year-olds and upward; selling; one mile. Garter Ban (Brennan), 8 to 5, won; Rose of May (Helm), 5 to 1, second; Cast Iron (Dean), 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:41 1/2.

### New Orleans Entries.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 5.—Entries for tomorrow's races:

First race—For three-year-olds and upward; selling; one mile and seventy yards—St. David, Palam, Warrenpoint, 110; Lillian Reed, 108; Little Luis, Ceylon, 105; Aaron, 102; Bluebird, 85.

Second race—For two-year-olds; three furlongs—Bill Nixon, 108; Honda, Black Fatti 105; Frank Rice, Dark Planet, 108; Navasota, Merry Slater, Imp Lady Whible, 105; Sue Vna, Gold Oranmet, 100.

Third race—For three-year-olds and upward; six furlongs—O'Hagan, 115; King Taluis, 101; Donald Ambrose, Crescent City, 99; Leroyed, 95; Eliza Dillon, Mahler, Lady Alta, Corinne C, 97; Farnasus, James Pitt 94; Wild Beas, 92.

Fourth race—For three-year-olds and upward; handicap; six furlongs—Lennep, 105; Nohhman, 105; Rigson, 104, 104; Tom Collins, 103; Woldeman, Tour, 92.

Fifth race—For three-year-olds and upward; selling; one and one-eighth miles—Pay the Fiddler, Fremont, Pearl, 102; Palmer Bennett, 99;