

BIGGEST MAN IN AMERICA

GIANTS THAT MUST BOW TO LITTLE MARTIN A. KNAPP

Capitalists—	Mileage They Control.	Stocks, Bonds.
Vanderbilts	21,326	\$1,329,283,600
Pennsylvania	17,631	1,295,425,566
Harriman	25,215	1,987,312,400
Morgan, Hill-Morgan	23,544	1,790,662,500
Gould	18,136	1,300,423,000
Moore	20,000	804,241,200
Rockefeller	13,390	531,595,713

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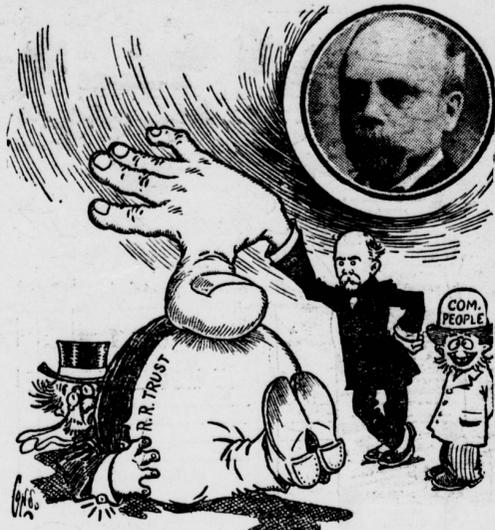
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—The most powerful man in America—more powerful even than President Roosevelt—in theory if not in fact—is Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission.

He is the man who heads the bureau which puts the screws upon the greatest and most powerful aggregation of capital in the United States—the railways, the revenues of the American railroads are greater than the revenues of the government. The word of Chairman Knapp affects railway commerce from Maine to San Diego, and from Alaska to the Florida keys.

When the subject of increased power for the interstate commerce commission was first broached, a

score of railway experts, before the senatorial committee on commerce, declared that any such law as proposed would create a bureau more powerful than all the other departments of government combined. Its validity has not been questioned since its passage. Therefore, it may be assumed that, for the time being, the commission is wielding the gigantic power to which the railway experts referred.

There is nothing terrifying in the appearance of the man who heads the interstate commerce commission. He is not large in stature, nor fierce in utterance. If he had lived in the age of chivalry—the age of brawn and beef—he would probably have had his brains knocked out long since. He is hardly more than five feet high, and would tip the scales at about 100 pounds. His strength is all pure brains.



MARTIN A. KNAPP, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION, WHO HAS THE RAILROADS UNDER HIS THUMB.

At the Theatres

THE SPOKANE.

Countess Olga von Hatzfeldt, formerly with "The Burgomaster," is starring in "The Little Duchess," which opens a double engagement with Saturday matinee this evening. The comedy carries a big company, said to be first class in the light amusement line. The countess has added to her fame as a fun maker in this piece, which was one of Anna Held's greatest successes. This season's presentation is announced as fully up to the former standard.

George Ade's success, "The County Chairman," presented by a company of 60, will be at the Spokane Sunday evening. The present season's production is made on an elaborate scale by the company that enjoyed the long New York run. Politics furnishes the main action of the story. Theodore Babcock, the well known character actor,

will play the part of Jim Hackler. Thomas Grady has the role of the negro, Sassafras.

THE AUDITORIUM.

"Hearts of the Blue Ridge" is maintaining its popularity this week. It runs tonight and tomorrow evening.

THE COLUMBIA.

A large attendance greeted the Zinn Co. last night for the opening performance of "Fra Diavolo." Extra scenery had been provided and the play was well costumed. As a whole the production took with the audience and the company rather exceeded past efforts. The engagement closes Saturday evening.

THE WASHINGTON.

The week's vaudeville bill has had a successful run. A new program begins Sunday.

HE PROVED IT BY THE RULE BOOK

THAT FIXED CASEY

Major Gwydir, license inspector, tells a good story on Patrolman James Casey, one of the wits of the police department. Casey used to raise chickens and had them penned in a sort of dug-out hen house. One winter the water pipes broke and drowned them. Casey came down red-eyed to the water department and jumped onto W. P. Weymouth, superintendent of that department.

"So you were raising chickens?" asked Weymouth.

"Yes."

"And they drowned?"

"Yes."

"Why the dickens didn't you raise ducks?"



NO USE TO ARGUE.

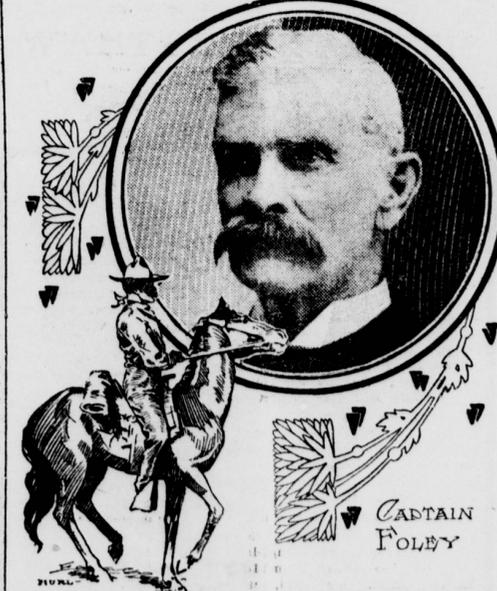
dispute arose as to who should umpire. Neither team would agree to the man suggested by the other side, and it was decided to ask a school teacher, who happened on the grounds, to officiate.

"The man of the three R's said he knew very little about the game, but that if anyone would give him a book of rules he would do the best he could. They got the book and after he had glanced over it the game began. It was a pretty close game and exciting. We were at bat in our half of the ninth when Daniels hit the ball down to the pitcher. Instead of throwing the ball to the first baseman the pitcher ran toward the base and when he saw he could not beat the runner, tossed the ball to the first baseman, getting it there a yard ahead of the runner. Imagine our surprise when he called the runner safe. You should have heard the roar that went up from the other side. The umpire contended that he was right and said the rules sustained him. They demanded to see the rule, and he read the rule where it says a runner is out when the ball is thrown to the base ahead of him.

"You didn't throw the ball," the umpire said to the pitcher, "you tossed it, therefore the man is safe."

"Well, the game ended in a row and we got it 9 to 0. Education is a good thing sometimes," said Parrott, as he scratched a match to relight his pipe.

LONG TRIP FOR OLD RIDER



At an age when most men are content to sit in the easy chair and watch the youngsters, James P. Foley, 65, captain of the police force of Logansport, Ind., is preparing to ride horseback to San Francisco on a \$5000 wager that he can complete the trip in 90 days. The start is to be made in the spring, although the doughty captain was

TELEGRAPH TIPS

D. R. McDonald, conductor, and L. Burris, fireman, were killed in a Northern Pacific wreck in Montana. Fifteen men employed by the company were injured. Two engines attached to a work train went over a bank into the water.

Fire starting from chemicals are said to have destroyed evidence against Moyer and his associates in the Mine Owners' association safe at Cripple Creek. The stuff had been stored as part of an exhibit comprising photographs and documents obtained through Steve Adams.

The recent Chinook wind has started a thaw east of the mountains that threatens great flood damage. Milton, Ore., is flooded, and numerous other towns in the intermountain region in danger of loss. Railroad traffic has been again demoralized.

Unless their pay is increased by March 1 all the mail carriers in Butte will quit. They can't live on \$600 a year and have so notified the postal authorities.

Salmon river, Idaho, is frozen over at Grangeville so that teams may cross on the ice, the first instance of the kind known. The ice is seven inches thick.

The Columbia River Outlook & Northwestern Co. has been incorporated at North Yakima for the expressed purpose of building a railway from Vancouver, Wash., to Spokane.

Soldiers at Columbus, O., have appealed to the war department against an order requiring them to attend church. It is announced that the commanding officer has misunderstood his authority in issuing such an order instead of a request.

By the overwhelming majority of 835,000 votes against 90,000, as represented by the delegates, the labor conference in Belfast, Ireland, rejected a proposed amendment to the constitution of the party, the effect of which would have been to transform it into an avowedly socialistic organization.

Against vehement protests of the conservatives, comprising most of the clerical members, the chamber of deputies in France adopted the bill providing for the automatic granting of decrees of divorce if either party persists in a suit for three years.

SPEECH KNOCKED INTO HIM.

SALT LAKE, Feb. 1.—After being dumb for six years as the result of sickness contracted in the Philippines, Thomas Mannix recovered his voice by getting a rap on the head while trying to board a street car. He has been talking night and day ever since.

AGES OF ANIMALS

Many animals live to a great age, while others die soon after birth. Comparative ages of different animals show that the elephant lives 100 years or more; the rhinoceros 20, camel 100, lion 25 to 70, tigers, leopards, jaguars and hyenas, in confinement, about 25 years, beaver, 50 years, deer 20, wolf 20, fox 14 to 16, llamas 15, chamois 25, monkeys and baboons 16 to 18, hare 8, squirrel 7, rabbit 7, swine 25, stag 50, horse 30, ass 30, sheep 10, cow 20, ox 30, swans, parrots and

ravens 200, eagles 100, geese 80, hens and pigeons 10 to 16, hawks 35 to 40, cranes 24, blackbird 10 to 12, peacock 20, pelican 40 to 50, thrush 8 to 10, wren 2 to 3, nightingale 15, blackcap 15, linnet 14 to 23, carp 70 to 150, pike 30 to 40, salmon 16, codfish 14 to 17, eel 10, crocodile 100, whale estimated 1,000.

JAPS TROOPING IN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—Federal officials have learned that hundreds of Japanese coolies sent to the Hawaiian islands to work on sugar plantations are deserting and coming to the Pacific coast. This is in direct violation of the contract labor law.

SURVIVES 4,300 VOLTS.

SALT LAKE, Feb. 1.—Harold M. Speight, a lineman employed here, received a shock of 4,300 volts of electricity. He lived through it, but may lose a leg from the burns sustained.

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SPOKANE THEATRE

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Coming—Olga Nethersole in "Sapho."

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HINTS TO BOWLERS

By AN EXPERT—NO. 4

Be careful of the ball until it leaves the hand. Many bowlers spoil the chance of a good shot right at the last fraction of a second. They do it by jerking the hand just as it is about to let loose of the ball. What the ball is going to do under such circumstances is uncertain, except that it will not



STARTING POSE.

roll true. Let the ball glide away from the hand smoothly, without any frills or jerks.

The curve ball is one upon which the aspirations of a great many beginners are wrecked. It is nice to look at, but almost impossible for the average bowler to master thoroughly. It is used by comparatively few bowlers, and even those who have used it for years often find it unreliable. Of course, it can be mastered to a certain degree, but it has no place in the beginner's vocabulary. He should wait until he has mastered all other points before he delves into the fancy stunts. Beginners should take things easy in the start. Don't worry about not making big scores. Of course, they are desirable, but they cannot be made without practice. They will come later if you stick to it.

WHOLE TOWN SWEARS OFF.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The entire male population of the village of Port Republic, N. J., has "sworn off" from the use of tobacco in any form as the result of a religious revival which has been in progress there for several weeks. One of those converted is Miss Ananda Blake, who was proprietor of the

SPORTING SNAP SHOTS

The Whitman basketball team last night defeated the S. A. A. C. 32 to 27, winning after the clubmen had scored a lead of 19 to 9.

The S. A. A. C. basketball team defeated the Princess team in the game on skates at the Princess rink by a score of 10 to 0. A series of games has been arranged.

Dave Rowan, who played the initial sack with Spokane last year, is holding out from signing up with Manager Quinn on account of salary. Davey should be good or they might tell on him and the New York state league or one of the others back there lay claim to his services.

The Spokane Rod & Gun club is holding its first weekly shoot at the Natatorium park range this afternoon. This is the first of a long practice for the Pacific coast handicapped shoot which comes to Spokane next September. Hereafter the club will hold a 50 bird handicap shoot the last Friday in each month. In the weekly shoot of 25 birds a medal will be offered for the best records, and the one who wins it the most times during the year will be declared the owner.

Eddie Quinn, manager of the Spokane baseball team, has confirmed the rumor that Swindells, the old Butte catcher who is such a favorite and good player, has been signed to captain Spokane. Nobody will but say that as a catcher and player Swindells is the best man Quinn could get, but as a captain he is a dead one. It takes a man who is somewhat scrappy to captain a baseball team. Swindells lacked ginger in all his games here. He is naturally a clever player, but never "gets in the game." Swindells wouldn't holler if an umpire handed it to his team in large bundles; he won't correct a player or keep order. But the fans have faith in Eddie Quinn and are willing to accept his judgment on Swindells.

COUNTING A MILLION PEAS

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—On a \$2.50 wager a certain Mr. Parish three months ago began counting a batch of 1,000,000 peas, and has just finished. His eyesight is nearly gone, and all he thinks of now is peas. There was another stipulation which the loser of the bet had to make good on beside paying over the \$2.50. He has to eat the peas.

TO BUILD ANOTHER RINK.

The Hypotheek bank sold lots 22, 23 and 24, in block 4 in Grover's addition, west of the Masonic temple, yesterday to the Colliseum Co. for \$3,000. The company will erect a skating rink there the coming season.

"How do you always manage to keep your husband home at night?"
"That's easy, I tell him I've made an engagement to spend the evening with somebody I know he doesn't like."