

## HARRIMAN TELLS HOW HE MANIPULATED MILLIONS

### Tells Greatest Finance Story of the Age as Witness Before the Interstate Commerce Commission

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NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Harriman was the first witness in the interstate commerce commission's investigation of the Pacific railroads this morning. He explained in detail how he secured control of the Union, Northern and Southern Pacific roads and half a dozen other great lines.

His story is a recital of the most gigantic stock speculation in the history of finance.  
Chairman Knapp presided. Clements, Lane, Prouty and Harlan were present. F. R. Kellogg and C. A. Severance appeared as attorneys for the commission. Paul B. Cravath, John F. Milburn and other railroad lawyers were present.

Harriman began with the issue of \$100,000,000 in convertible bonds by the Union Pacific, which was later turned into stock for the same amount. On top of this \$100,000,000 the Oregon Short Line raised \$45,000,000. Through Kuhn, Loeb & Co. 750,000 shares of Southern Pacific were purchased for \$41,000,000. Northern Pacific stock was purchased for \$61,000,000. Eighteen millions were used to improve Southern Pacific. Stock for this amount was subsequently taken.

This first step gave Harriman control of three transcontinental lines.  
Harriman told the commission that when the supreme court dissolved the Great Northern merger and found Great Northern and Northern Pacific stock, the income from both together was small, only about \$2,000,000 a year. Therefore he sold all his holdings, realizing about \$116,000,000, and reinvested \$55,000,000. He had \$30,000,000 left.

By selling old and buying new stock, the stock income of the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line, together was increased from \$3,000,000 to \$6,500,000. The testimony developed the fact that it was this money that helped Harriman to further invest. He bought into the Illinois Central, Baltimore & Ohio, Chicago & Alton, Milwaukee & St. Paul and other roads.

Harriman said his profits did not depend upon whether the stocks go up or down. He explained that through the increased value of stocks purchased. By buying other stocks of greater dividend paying quality, he increased the stock income \$2,000,000.

"I do not consider that speculation," said Harriman.  
Close questioning revealed the fact that Harriman became interested in the Baltimore & Ohio with little actual transfer of money. He said he arranged to buy 223,347 shares of B. & O. common at 120 and 74,000 at \$94.50, but only a trifle of \$9,000,000 was paid, Harriman expecting to take up the remainder during the year. He said he got into the C. & A. road in a similar manner.  
Attorney Milburn protested against Kellogg's questions about the Chicago & Alton. He said it was a private matter. Kellogg angrily replied that the commission intended to prove the Alton stock inflated beyond all reason and said:  
"We believe this stock not worth a dollar and wish to find out the process and persons responsible for the inflation."  
Knapp ruled that Harriman must tell.  
Kellogg, after Harriman explained in detail the syndicate operations by which he acquired the Alton, forced an admission that he sold 10,000 bonds to the New York Life, making a profit of \$300 per bond. When asked if the price was not high, Harriman said:  
"The insurance companies could look out for themselves."

ment this morning. Besold took his wife to a lonely spot in a canyon near here and shot her. The woman was a consumptive. Three days after the murder he married another woman. The murderer and victim formerly lived in Bellingham, Wash.

Owners of "badland" gin mills, wherein city politics is one of the important by-products, are growing like bears and the cause of the disturbance is declared to be a long reach suddenly emanating from the internal regions of the city hall machine intent upon campaign grease. A "collection" of over \$2,000 is alleged to have been extracted and the extractees bewail their woes and place the whole proceeding on the unfair list.  
This is in the nature of an innovation, it having been customary heretofore for aspiring politicians to play the benefactor. The excuse for the assessment is that the assessed should be willing to pay for what they got and that they got all they wanted.

### TO FUNNY FOR FRANK

A divorce complaint was filed in the superior court this morning by Frank B. Cone against Ella Nora Cone. They were married in June, 1884, but not long after the bright flash had worn off of the honeymoon Ella Nora began to wax strikingly humorous, at which times she would amuse herself by gaily hammering her patient husband. She even carried the joke so far as to make him cook his own meals, which last was responsible for great physical and mental anguish, naturally. Now he is on the verge of collapse, can stand the fun no longer and asks everlasting relief.

### BIG BLAZE IN PITTSBURG.

(Scripps News Association.)  
PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 25.—A fire started in the Hayes building on Liberty at this morning. The Derby Desk Co. establishment was gutted and the roof of a seven story hotel ignited. Loss 1250,000.

### SENTENCED FOR LIFE.

(Scripps News Association.)  
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25.—Anton Besold, convicted of murdering his wife, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

## PRINTERS FOR THE PREACHER

The Spokane Typographical union yesterday considered the action of the Central Labor union in refusing a seat to the Rev. W. H. Hindley as a fraternal delegate from the Ministerial alliance. The delegates from the union to the central body stated that they did not believe the vote as taken was representative of the delegates. They said the matter came up for consideration in the Central Labor union at a late hour, when many of the delegates had gone home. It was the opinion of the Typographical union delegates that the matter would be acted upon favorably by the central body at some future meeting. The delegates were instructed to go back to the central body and do everything in their power to put organized labor square before the public and secure the right of a fraternal delegate to a seat in that body.

## BRANDS BAILEY ALL O. K.

(Scripps News Association.)  
AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 25.—The Texas senate today completely exonerated Senator Bailey by a vote of 15 to 11 without waiting the report of the investigation committee.

## MAULED HIM WITH A KNOTTED STICK

A vicious fight occurred at the Vega saloon, corner of Front av. and Bernard st., about 6 o'clock Saturday evening between A. Roberto, Italian proprietor, and a Swede bricklayer named H. Broten. When Patrolman Bunker arrived Italy was on top subjugating Broten with a knotted stick. He succeeded fairly well. Both men were taken to the police station, where the Italian was booked for assault and held pending a report of his victim's condition. Dr. George Gray plastered up eight places on the bricklayer's roof. Broten was afterward removed to Sacred Heart hospital. Reports this morning are favorable to his recovery.

## WINSTON'S HEEL IS ON THEIR NECK

Alex Winston, chairman of the democratic city central committee, said today that he did not know when he would call a meeting of the committee. "I have given the matter no consideration," said Mr. Winston.  
It is claimed by members of the party who are advocating the direct primary as a method of making nominations that the "brainery" of the city hall machine is holding back and blocking the committee meeting in order to delay matters to such an extent that it will be too late to nominate direct when the brakes are loosened. The attitude of the chairman is taken to bear out the assertion of members of the committee and others who demand the direct primary that the scheme is laid as stated above.  
All the city officials, with the exception of Mr. Winston, say they favor the direct primary, but these statements will mean nothing unless they bring pressure to bear that will result in a meeting at an early date and thus give the committee members an opportunity to arrange for the primaries and convention.

## TWINS NUMEROUS.

VERSAILLES, Ky., Feb. 25.—Their fourth consecutive pair of twins within seven years have just been born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tucker of near Midway. Twins were also born for Tucker about 10 years ago by his former wife. Of the 10 children, six are living.

## SHE PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Bradley was arraigned this morning for the murder of Senator Brown. She pleaded not guilty and was remanded to jail. The date of trial is not yet set.

latter days many of them are also armed with rifles, pistols and swords captured by them from the Spanish, American and Filipino constabulary. They are small, but real bad people to meet up with on dark nights.

## You Elect Him---We Work Him



President Baer, of the Philadelphia & Reading, in a letter to the Pennsylvania legislature opposing a two cent fare bill, said in effect that he presumed a promise made to the public before election was not binding on a public official after election.—New item.

## SUSPECT WOMEN OF PART SWEEP BY CYCLONE

(Scripps News Association.)  
CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—It is announced this morning that the United States sub-treasury in this city has been robbed of \$173,000. Suspicion has narrowed down to a few clerks and two outsiders. Some of the suspects are women.  
The money never got into the vaults. It has been traced to the teller's cage.  
Previously money has been lost on the floors, but it was always returned by the scrub woman.  
Much of the money missing is mutilated coin sent in by banks for redemption.

## WON'T RAISE SEIGE

All efforts by representatives of the City Baseball league to have the striking carmen raise the ban placed upon Natatorium park have thus far failed. City league managers say a boycott on the park will greatly lessen the receipts. W. B. Botham, president of the Carmen's union, said the ban against the park would be continued until the Washington Water Power Co. recognized the union by submitting pending difficulties to arbitration.

## THEY SEE THE LIGHT

Members of the local referendum league who were the original agitators for the adoption of the direct primary are highly gratified to find all classes of citizens now urging the legislature to compel the machine politicians of this city to permit the people to make their nominations direct. During the past few days Spokane county members of the legislature in Olympia have been receiving telegrams from citizens of this city urging an emergency clause providing for holding direct primaries in this city in the coming city election.  
Officers and members of the 150,000 club and members of the Federated Men's clubs have sent telegrams demanding that the power to make nominations for the various city offices be given to the people instead of the machines of both political parties.  
Among others who have registered a protest at Olympia against holding any more machine primaries in this city are: C. L. King, W. B. Roberts, W. W. Tolman, J. B. Campbell, J. M. Moore, W. M. B. Winans and J. A. Yeomans.

## TAKES W. W. P. FIGHT EAST WITH HIM

Edward McMorrow, of Chicago, head of the executive board of the Carmen's union and who for the past month has been directing the strike of union carmen against the Washington Water Power Co., returned this morning from a short trip to Portland, Ore., where the carmen are also on strike. McMorrow left this afternoon for Chicago and will engage in the campaign now waging there for municipal ownership. McMorrow expressed himself as well pleased with the strike outlook here. Part of his operation, it is said, will be directed against the company through eastern stockholders.

## JUDGE ASKS A PARDON.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 25.—Judge Alread, of Dark county, has asked Governor Harris to pardon William Wilch, a tramp, whom he sentenced to the penitentiary for life last month. Wilch pleaded guilty to burglarizing an inhabited dwelling to get food, and refused to change his plea when told that it meant a life term. Judge Alread had no alternative, since the man chose for himself, but his conscience and his friends have given him no rest since.

Painters and paperhangers may strike April 1, owing to a refusal of master painters to grant a raise in wages to \$4.50 a day. The master painters met the request for a raise with a request of their own which the painters have tabled indefinitely. The master painters are filing to grant the advance provided the painters will agree not to work by the day on odd jobs or do any contracting.

## LIFE MAY PAY PENALTY

A deplorable circumstance has plunged the Menke family, of 102 Huron st., in grief. Last night Charles Menke, age 16, in exhibiting a 22 calibre revolver to his 13 year old brother Harry, discharged the weapon in play and shot the younger boy over the left eye.  
The blood spurted from the wound, and, overcome with grief and believing he had killed Harry, Charlie turned the weapon against his own head and shot himself behind the right ear. Harry will recover.  
Fears are entertained that the elder boy will die as the result of the self inflicted wound.  
The boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Menke. Mr. Menke was formerly proprietor of the Nagle saloon at the corner of Main av. and Post st.  
Dr. George Gray is attending the injured boys.

## LONG AND SHORT HOLDUPS

A long and a short man Saturday night held up J. H. Buckley, of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Co., and relieved him of \$76. The hold-ups stopped Buckley on the corner of Desmet av. and Division st. It was early in the evening; a case of the early bird, etc.  
August Weiss was the second victim of these same men, who stopped him on Monroe st. when he was on his way home and relieved him of \$10. Weiss lives at 0506 Monroe st.

## IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN THERE?

Thirty-two hundred voters registered up to noon today. Despite the rainy weather, 70 voters climbed the four flights of stairs at the city hall and managed to retain enough strength to write their names. The average registration is increasing daily and before the end of the month more clerks will probably be required.  
The saloon element has not yet began work of hustling and registering voters, it being evident that there is a holding back to gauge the strength of the clean government movement.

## REF TRIAL DATE SET.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—A motion to set aside the extortion indictment against Ruff was denied this morning and trial set for March 5.

## EVELYN ONCE QUEEN OF ANCIENT CASTLE

(Scripps News Association.)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Evelyn Thaw was called to the stand when court opened this morning. It was persistently rumored before the case was called that Jerome would ask for a lunacy commission before the day was over. Jerome is said to have said as much this morning.  
Evelyn entered with a springy step, apparently nerved to complete the fight. The prosecutor began asking about the supposed trouble with her mother while they were living in Allegheny. Evelyn denied it. Jerome questioned her about the fund White maintained in the bank for her and then sought details of her acquaintance with Frances Belmont, the present Lady Ashburton.  
In questioning about parties attended by Evelyn and Frances Belmont, Jerome read from statement by Mrs. Holman. The witness whispered the names of two men who attended some of the parties. Jerome asked if she remembered about a party she was about to attend Feb. 22, 1902, and was surprised when the witness said she went.  
Reading from Mrs. Holman's statement, he asked if Frances Belmont had not wanted her to go and she refused because White telephoned her orders to stay home. Evelyn denied this in full and said she attended the party.  
Evelyn testified that her mother got all the money on White's letter of credit when abroad with Thaw. Thaw told her the money was poison.  
She denied the American embassy at London interfered to have her taken from Thaw. She said the under secretary of the embassy was desirous of her going on the stage in London, and sneaked into her mother's room to talk about her.  
Shortly after meeting Thaw, Thaw sent her \$50 with a box of flowers. She returned the money.  
She said she was accustomed to seeing other girls get money with flowers and did not think it im-

## DEATH BROKE THE CIRCUIT

James H. Nichols, age 55, died suddenly yesterday morning at his key in the Western Union telegraph office. His was the fourth death at the key of the four brothers in the family. Mr. Nichols was born in Corey, Pa., and is survived by Mrs. Nichols, two daughters and three sons. Funeral arrangements will not be made until the arrival of the sons. The Nichols live at 1125 Sprague av.

## GETS SWIFT START

(Scripps News Association.)  
OSSELING, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Geo. Grange was electrocuted this morning for the murder of Charles Lutz, to get money to go on the stage. He professed Christian Science belief after confinement at Sing Sing, and said his electrocution would be a means of transition to higher realms.

## PRESIDENT HUNG UP.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—The president arrived this afternoon 50 minutes late. He was delayed by snow and then at Baltimore by a wreck, which necessitated switching the train to the Baltimore & Ohio tracks.



## FIGHTING MAN OF THE PULAJANES

This photograph of a Pullajanes fighting man shows him in the easy marching order of his tribe. The Pullajanes warriors are very dexterous with the spear, but in these