

THE RAILROADS.

A Favorable Showing of Increased Earnings for February.

Withdrawal of Rates in Kansas on Account of an Injunction.

The Rock Island Controversy.

Mr. R. R. Cable, president of the Rock Island road, has returned to Chicago from New York, and was interviewed by the Tribune. The question put to Mr. Cable was as follows: "What are the present status of the controversy between the management of the Rock Island and Northwestern and Vanderbilt?" and it was answered as follows: "I have quite fully expressed myself regarding this matter in interviews published in the New York papers, and there is not much additional to be said. The New York Times of Feb. 7, contained an interview with Vanderbilt in which he assumed me personally and the present policy of the Rock Island management. In an interview with me published in the Tribune of Feb. 10, I called my attention to this interview, and I then said, 'I am not managing the Rock Island in the interest of Vanderbilt or any other man, and that I am managing the road in the interest of the stockholders, and as far as I can learn, the stockholders and owners of the company are well satisfied with the manner in which the affairs of their property are administered.' Thursday, Feb. 14, Mr. Harvey Kennedy brought proceedings in the supreme court of New York against the Rock Island and Francis H. Tows, its transfer agent in that city, to enforce the production of what he called the 'stock-book' of the company, and the making of a list of stockholders for his use. He says he wants to see the stock-book and have it put on a list for the purpose of sending circulars to the stockholders for the purpose of inducing them to change the management at the next election in June. Mr. Vanderbilt has said since that they wanted it for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of stock held by each of the directors. The stock-book may be the Rock Island company has pursued the course uniformly adopted by all corporations in New York regarding such demands. A short time since Mr. Russell Sage and Mr. Rufus Hatch made a similar demand of the Lake Shore company. That company in resisting the demand produced an elaborate affidavit by Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt, stating as clearly and cogently as his lawyer could write them the reasons why the distinct charges that such stockholder has been guilty of some fraud or other wrong, and that such account will tend to establish the fraud.

VANDERBILT'S DEMANDS.

Feb. 16 the New York Times contained two interviews, one with Vanderbilt and the other with myself. I think these state the principal issues between Vanderbilt and the Rock Island management pretty distinctly. Both of these, I am informed, were telegraphed to the Tribune from New York, and have appeared in its columns, so that it will not be necessary to say more now than this: Mr. Vanderbilt's demands as the holder of about one-fourth of the stock one-sixth of the board of directors and two-fifths of the executive committee of the Albert Kepp, president and manager of the Rock Island, and general manager of the Northwestern, shall be admitted to the Rock Island board and executive committee as the representatives of the Northwestern and Vanderbilt. This present management refuses and will submit upon refusing to the end. We are not advised that the Vanderbilt company is a stockholder in the Rock Island or is entitled to participate in the election of its officers. Mr. Vanderbilt, as the owner of 12,000 shares, is entitled to 12,000 and no more. At the same time an interview appeared in the New York Tribune with Vanderbilt, in which he, in a covert and cowardly way, insinuated what he did not dare to charge—that I was applying to the Rock Island some of the methods which have been so long in vogue on the part of the Vanderbilt company, and that these interviews appeared in the New York papers Mr. Vanderbilt was requested to state for publication what he had to say in reply to my interview published that morning. The paper making the request was informed that Vanderbilt was saving his ammunition for "larger game" after making three separate assaults upon me, two of them involving charges of personal dishonesty, he received my reply in detail, and then attempted to wrap a mantle of dignity about him and march out of sight. Last Monday morning the New York Tribune printed a full interview with me, in which I attempted to set forth one of the reasons why the Rock Island should not be surrendered to Vanderbilt or the Northwestern. So far as I know, this was the last utterance in this controversy. The Tribune said this morning very appropriately that Vanderbilt has the floor, and I am waiting patiently to hear his remarks.

SLEEPING CAR DIVIDENDS.

"Mr. Cable" in the last interview referred to you suggested that Vanderbilt was receiving a revenue of over \$300,000 per annum as dividend on stock from a company which operates the sleeping cars on the line, and which he controls. What is the basis of that statement? "It is notorious in New York among those informed as to such matters that the Wagner Sleeping-car company divided last year \$720,000 of dividends; that one-half of this went to Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt, as owner of one-half of the stock, the remainder went to the owners of the other half, who are without exception the immediate personal adherents of Vanderbilt. No portion of any profit earned by any sleeping-cars on any of the railroads which he controls, goes into the treasury of such company."

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LATE FARGO NEWS.

Gov. Austin leaves to-morrow for a visit to New Orleans, of some weeks. It is rumored that Jordan, of the Minneapolis Tribune is to be the new business manager of the Fargo Republic, with Col. Plummer as editor.

Passengers from the west, to-night, report that near Glendive, Montana, the train ran into a drift eight feet deep of snow, under which was a broken rail, which derailed the entire train. The dining car was disabled and left. The snow probably saved a fatal accident.

No Bill to Legislate the Capital Removal.

Hon. Alex. McKenzie stated yesterday that no bill had been or would be introduced to legalize the removal of the capital to Bismarck by congress. The advocates of the change were willing that the law passed by the legislature should stand upon its own merits. It did not need congressional bolstering. He further stated that the reason why the bill was introduced asking for a constitutional convention of the entire territory, was that north Dakota had five million dollars more of assessed property than south Dakota, and there were seventy thousand dollars in the territorial treasury. Numerous institutions had been built in the south with the assistance of the money from the north. There was a bonded debt, and he believed the citizens of the north had some right to say what proportion of these should be paid by them. It was simply justice that was wanted and such a convention would determine whether congress should be asked to admit one or two states from Dakota.

FIRES.

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 22.—The works of the Cleveland Machine company, manufacturers of woolsen goods, was badly damaged by fire late to-night. Loss heavy.

SHELBYVILLE, TENN., Feb. 22.—A disastrous fire last night burned six large stores. Loss \$30,000; insurance \$22,000.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 22.—The car stables of the Peoples' Street Railroad company, on Park avenue, between Lucas street and Mississippi avenue, were damaged by fire to-night, but fully covered with insurance.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 22.—This afternoon four frame dwellings on Twenty-seventh street, south side, were destroyed by fire. Loss \$6,000; partially insured.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 22.—Sixteen persons, including the author, Khiznikajka, have been banished since the beginning of January. The prefect of the district of Lischen has been arrested on the charge of socialism. Many students were arrested in Kasan, owing to the publication of a pamphlet hostile to the government.

THE FORCE IN EGYPT.

CAIRO, Feb. 22.—Twelve hundred British troops are now at Suakin, and 3,300 at Trinkitat. The governor of Kassala favors El Mahdi, and would rather evacuate the town than fight him. A portion of the Khartoum garrison have left the town, but 3,900 blacks remain at Khartoum and 3,000 at Senaar.

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THE OLD WORLD.

One Horn of Beaconsfield Would Have Saved the Disgrace at Tokar.

Washington's Birthday Duly Celebrated in the Principal European Cities.

Egyptian Affairs Require a Master-Hand at the Helm.

The Parnellites Have More Losses for Their Party, and Lose Their Amendment.

A TOWN IN DANGER.

CAIRO, Feb. 22.—At Mound City two or three small slides occurred during the night and a very large one this morning, the latter on the back levee north of the town, which threatened to inundate the city. A train of rock and dirt was sent by the Wabash road, and it is said it will take the uniting efforts of the citizens and the road to save the city. At present they are cutting a gap in the national cemetery road to let the water across and relieve the strain on the levee. The water is to the top of the levee, and there is no telling what the result will be. Everything possible is being done to save the town.

WHO SURRENDERED AT TOKAR.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Earl Granville has a dispatch from the British consul at Suakin, to the effect that only those of the garrison of Tokar, who had wives, surrendered to Osman Digma, and the remainder are trying to reach Suakin. General Graham, commander in chief of the proposed Tokar relief expedition, announces by telegraph his arrival at Suakin. He states that no report of the actual surrender of Tokar is yet received. The troops were being landed at Trinkitat with the utmost rapidity.

THE COMMAND OF THE ALERT.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Commander Goodrich leaves the Thetis, recently purchased by America for the Greely relief expedition, and takes command of the Alert, the sloop of war which the English government adds to the expedition. The Thetis sails for America next week.

THE HOUSING OF THE POOR.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The house of lords agreed to the marquis of Salisbury motion, to appoint a commission on the housing of the poor. The prince of Wales addressed the house on the subject. He said, he had been impressed as a child by the reports of the condition of the poor in London, and that a royal commission had been appointed to look into the matter. He took the liveliest interest in the question, and felt flattered at being appointed a member of the commission. The subject was not totally unknown to him, and none could say his labors upon his Norfolk estates were badly housed. The prince's speech was received with cheers.

A SECOND CANAL.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—The bondholders of the Suez canal have admitted the necessity of a second canal. It is stated that Minister Ferry refused to open diplomatic negotiations on the subject, because the canal was a purely private work.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

ROME, Feb. 22.—The pope accepted Cardinal Von Hohenlohe's resignation of the secretaryship of Albano. The pope refuses, however, to approve the appointment of Von Hohenlohe to the secretaryship of Posen, pending the agreement with Prussia regarding that vacant secretaryship.

A SPLIT AMONG THE PARNELLITES.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Parnell's amendment, condemning the government's policy in Ireland, was debated in the commons this evening. O'Donoghue, liberal, censured the Parnellites, and accused Parnell of having humbugged and gammoned the Irishmen with promises that were never realized. It was by such means that the Parnellites gained power. Although he had separated himself from the Parnellites, he denied he had changed his political opinions. O'Donoghue vindicated the action of the government in Ireland.

THE BRAVE WERE STARTED.

SUAKIM, Feb. 22.—Five soldiers who arrived from Tokar, reported the rebels besetting the town, and they kept up a constant fire of artillery and rifles. On Tuesday the garrison recognized the necessity of conferring with the rebels, and on Wednesday Yakob and Maccavia Effendi, chief of police, with a sergeant of artillery, went out and conferred with the rebels. On returning, they informed the garrison that they must surrender their arms on Thursday. The soldiers murmured at this, and a large proportion of them escaped during the night. Tokar was surrendered on Thursday as had been arranged.

NOT UNANIMOUS.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—A ministerial conference on the fall of Tokar was short. An adjournment was taken until to-morrow, pending the receipt of further confirmatory advice. The secretary of state for war, afterwards held a conference with the Duke of Cambridge and General Wolsley. It is reported that General Wolsley advises the campaign to be continued against Osman Digma, in order to prevent the rebels marching north upon Berlin, and that a detachment be sent to meet Gen. Gordon at Kassala. General Gordon telegraphed instructions to Admiral Hewitt, commander at Suakin, to call a conference of the sheikhs of the tribes between Suakin and Massawah, for the purpose of arranging terms of peace, and also to ask Osman Digma to meet Gen. Gordon at Khartoum. Admiral Hewitt, not seeing his way clear to act upon these instructions, referred the dispatch to the home government.

A REMOR.

CAIRO, Feb. 22.—A ferment was caused in the native quarter of the Bazaar to-day by a rumor that the English had been defeated.

THE COMMISSION.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The inquiry of the royal commission on the housing of the poor is limited to England. The commission is composed of the Prince of Wales, Cardinal Manning, Earl Brounlow, Baron Carrington, and several members of parliament. The only workmen's representative is Henry Broadhurst, member of parliament for Stoke on Trent.

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