

SAYS IT IS TRUE

MR. HILL VERIFIES THE REPORT OF THE BALTIMORE & OHIO PURCHASE

HAS BEEN SECURED BY CERTAIN PEOPLE

HISTORY OF THE PROPERTY FROM THE DATE OF ITS INCORPORATION

NO CHICAGO LINK HAS BEEN THOUGHT OF

Receivers Cowen and Murray Declined to Say What Effect the Deal Will Have or to Discuss the Matter From Any Standpoint—Baltimoreans Alarmed Lest They Lose Headquarters of Company.

President James J. Hill, of the Great Northern, yesterday confirmed the report that he, with other capitalists, had secured control of the Baltimore & Ohio.

"The story of the deal," said Mr. Hill to a reporter for the Globe, "is true. A party of gentlemen met in Chicago and got the property."

"It is also reported," said the reporter, "that you have secured the Chicago Great Western or the Wisconsin Central to connect the Great Northern and the Baltimore & Ohio."

"That is all moonshine," said Mr. Hill. There are six or eight railroads between St. Paul and Chicago."

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 17.—The B. & O. railway officials arrived here today from Chicago, the party including receivers John K. Cowen and Oscar G. Murray, General Manager William Greene, F. W. Wilshire, M. B. Hill, E. A. Walton and George M. Shriver, Baltimore. About the same time President E. R. Bacon, Vice President W. W. Peabody, John Walker, and other officials of the B. & O. Southwestern, arrived from New York. The officials of these sister lines were in conference during the forenoon at the St. Nicholas, and during the afternoon at the general office of the B. & O. Southwestern. Receivers Cowen and Murray insisted that they were agents of the court for the custody and operation of the railway, and not for its sale, and that they could not say anything regarding the recent sale or the future management, or anything relating to future proceedings through the court. They would neither affirm or deny the reports as to what was done at the meeting in Chicago yesterday.

Receivers Cowen and Murray, President Bacon, Vice President Peabody, and others remained in conference until evening, and then all joined in announcing that there was nothing whatever to give out. Their conferences were renewed again at the St. Nicholas, tonight, and may continue tomorrow. Receiver Murray and General Manager Greene leave tomorrow afternoon for a tour of inspection over the trans-Ohio division of the B. & O. system. President Bacon, Receiver Cowen and others will leave Monday afternoon for the East, and President Bacon will shortly after reaching New York sail for Europe. It is currently reported that the trip of President Bacon to London is for the purpose of conferring with English interests in the proposed reorganization of this trunk line.

"The fact that none of the officials would deny the story about the recent conference in Chicago with Messrs. Hill, Ream, Armour, Field and others, has given credence in railway circles here to the Chicago conference, but there is every indication here that the conferences today and tonight were only with a view to completing the estimates for the proposed improvements of the B. & O. Southwestern system. The receivers of the main line and President Bacon and Vice-President Peabody, of the Southwestern system, had experts with them, going over

figures for changing grades and increasing the capacity and facilities of that system from Parkersburg, on the Ohio river, to Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis and other points. It seems certain that the Southwestern system is to receive great improvements under the plans of reorganization, and that the old owners and officials are prominently identified with the new organization that has secured the property, but it does not seem possible to ascertain whether J. J. Hill and others are to be such factors in the future operation of the lines as has been indicated by the recent notices from Chicago.

MR. BACON AFFIRMS. President Bacon, of the Baltimore & Southwestern Railway company, who has been engaged for some time with the New York committee, Speyer & Co. and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., bankers, and the receivers, in assisting in the readjustment of the affairs of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company, was interviewed before the arrival of the Chicago party.

He was reluctant to discuss the matter, but after being advised that it had been published in Chicago, New York and this city, he said a number of representative men interested with large railway, manufacturing and commercial interests in the Northwest, Chicago, New York and other cities on the company's line, had been, for some time, negotiating for the purchase of a very substantial interest in the Baltimore & Ohio road, and that such negotiations had been brought to a successful conclusion. That under the reorganization ample means had been provided for cutting down grades, increasing capacity and facilities of the road, and putting it in a condition to promptly and economically handle largely increased business. That the reorganization managers had also decided that the subsidiary lines, including the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, should be likewise treated, and arrangements were now being concluded to readjust the affairs of such lines and secure capital to put them in the same condition as the main line.

BALTIMOREANS ALARMED. Do Not Relish Probable Loss of B. & O. Headquarters.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 17.—The statement that the control of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad system is about to pass to the hands of those who have for so long a time have been identified with it, and the consequent inference that Baltimore would probably cease to be the headquarters of the company, caused a profound sensation here today, but nothing definite can be learned as to details, and the probable effect upon the future of the road. Neither of the receivers have as yet returned from Chicago, and other officials of the road are reticent as to the case.

Messrs. Alexander Shaw, Frank C. Hambleton and other members of the committee instructed by the Baltimore stockholders to undertake the reorganization of the system, profess to know nothing whatever concerning the reported deal, and that aside from the recent holdings, the transfer of which was reported several weeks ago, it is not known that large blocks of stock have been parted with by Baltimoreans. President Gilman, of John Hopkins' university, which institution is the largest holder of preferred stock of the company, said today that he was not prepared to say, until further advised, as to the probable effect of the deal upon the suits now pending in the United States courts to define the status of those securities.

J. H. Maddy, the press agent of the Baltimore and Ohio railway, tonight said that the statement made in Cincinnati today by E. H. Bacon, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern, is semi-official, and added that no further statement would be issued at present. Receivers Cowen and Murray are not expected to reach Baltimore before Monday.

"I feel assured of one thing, and that is no change is contemplated in the present management of the Baltimore and Ohio system," said a gentleman whose relations with the management are of the closest character. "I have known for some time that a deal of this kind was in progress, and while some of the features that were reached today are new to me, I feel perfectly safe in saying that in the end it will be for the benefit of the company, and for the interchange of business between the roads which are parties to it. Not a pooling arrangement, but something closer and more intimate than that, in the nature, for instance, of the relations now existing between the Baltimore and Ohio, Jersey Central and the Reading systems. It may be possible that a company may be formed to control the whole of the proposed new system, and that Mr. Hill may become president of the parent or controlling company, but I am sure that no deal has been or will be arranged by the parties interested in the contemplated consolidation, which involves the removal of either Messrs. Cowen or Murray, or their associates, from such control of the Baltimore and Ohio, as they now have and have had in the past."

NO THROUGH LINE. Mr. Hill and Others in B. & O. on Purely Business Grounds.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 17.—During his stay in Milwaukee to attend the annual meeting of the directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company, Philip D. Armour practically confirmed the reports that he, in company with J. J. Hill, Marshall Field and Norman B. Ream, had secured a controlling interest in the Baltimore & Ohio railway. When seen this evening, Mr. Armour said: "I dislike to say anything on this matter now; it is very delicate, as you must understand. There is, however, some foundation for the report sent out from Chicago yesterday."

"How about the reference made to the Chicago Great Western and the Wisconsin Central as untiring roads between the Baltimore & Ohio and the Great Northern?" he was asked. "Positively no consideration has been given to either road yet. I cannot say what will occur in the future, but no deal is on at present concerning these companies."

"Shall you be made a director?" "No, no," Mr. Armour returned, "I don't expect that either Mr. Field or I will be placed on the board. Mr. Hill will be made a member of the executive board. Further than this I can say."

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DREYFUS CASE CRISIS

GEN. ZURLINDEN TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION AS WAR MINISTER

POSITIVE OF DREYFUS' GUILT

Gen. Chanoiné Appointed to Succeed Gen. Zurlinden—M. Tilly, Minister for Public Works, Leaves the Cabinet and Is Succeeded by Senator Godin—Public Opinion in Paris Favors Dreyfus.

PARIS, Sept. 17.—Gen. Zurlinden, minister for war, resigned, and Senator Tilly, minister for public works, followed. Their action is due to a decision of the cabinet, at a meeting held today, to submit the documents in the Dreyfus case to a committee to be selected by the minister of justice, M. Sarrien.

The council met at the Elysee palace at 9:30 a. m., President Faure presiding. According to a semi-official note, the minister of justice said that after having examined the papers he felt unable to decide upon the question of the proposed revision of the Dreyfus case until he had taken the opinion of a special commission of the ministry of justice. The cabinet thereupon authorized the minister to summon a committee for the purpose.

As he was leaving the Elysee palace, after the cabinet meeting, a large crowd of people cheered the premier, M. Brisson, with cries of "Vive la Revision," apparently showing that popular feeling was changing in favor of a reopening of the Dreyfus case.

THINKS DREYFUS GUILTY. Gen. Zurlinden has sent his written resignation to Premier Brisson, as follows: "I have the honor to beg you to receive my resignation as minister for war. An exhaustive study of the papers in the Dreyfus case has convinced me too fully of his guilt for me to accept as the head of the army any other solution than that of the maintenance of the judgment in its entirety."

Later in the day another cabinet council was held, at which Gen. Chanoiné, commander of the First division of the First army corps (department of the North and the Pas-de-Calais), was appointed minister for war, in succession to Gen. Zurlinden, and Senator Godin, representing French India, was appointed minister of public works, succeeding M. Tilly. The latter, in transmitting his letter of resignation, is apparently bidding for popular favor. He wrote: "The council having decided to appoint a commission to consider the request for a revision of the trial of the convict, Dreyfus, I am unable to accept any share in the responsibility for that step, which, in my opinion, involves the honor of the army."

The committee summoned by M. Sarrien to decide upon the question of the proposed revision will begin to consider the matter on Wednesday next.

BUILDING COLLAPSED. Three-Story Structure in Butte, Mont., Reduced to Ruins.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 17.—The York building, a three-story brick structure on West Park street, collapsed today, carrying down sixteen persons, burying some of them, but so far as can be learned, killing no one.

The building was used for stores on the lower floor and lodging rooms above. The lower floor was being remodelled to be used as a dry goods store. The partition through the center, which helped to support the floor above, had been torn out, thus weakening the upper part of the building. Suddenly the whole building was felt to quiver. The workmen made a dash for safety, but some of them were caught. The front wall, floor and roof, from the front to within twenty feet of the rear, came down in a heap.

Of the fourteen workmen F. C. Yeager, William Barker, James Myers, Samuel Corlisk, John Zellner, Henry Shadinger, F. S. Woodcock and John Foote were injured, their hurts consisting principally of bruises and cuts.

Mrs. Annie McCaughey, who had charge of the third floor lodgings, was on the second floor at the time. She went down, clear to the bottom, the wreck. Her shoulder blade was broken, and she was badly bruised by a beam. Miss Mollie Kuehn, her daughter, occupied a room on the third floor near the middle of the building. When she felt the building rock she slipped out the rear, and escaped to the roof of an adjoining building.

Mrs. Annie Borch and her sister, Miss Mary Sullivan, were in the rear of the building. They jumped from the rear window to the roof of another house and escaped.

Col. P. R. Dallman was on the second floor near the rear and the rush of air threw him back into the uninjured part of the building.

It will be several days before the wreck can be cleared up. The people in charge of the house say all have been accounted for, but it is possible that the search of the ruins that are now being made will reveal some bodies.

FAMILY MADE MERRY. Suicide of a Chicago Laborer Delects His Wife and Daughters.

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Fritz Benfel, a Danish laborer, shot and killed himself today immediately after firing two bullets into Mrs. Minnie Youngberger, and fatally wounding her two-year-old son, Emil, whom she was holding in her arms. Benfel, who was of an ugly and quarrelsome disposition, threatened last night to kill his wife and five children, and Mrs. Benfel caused his arrest today. He accused Mrs. Youngberger, a neighbor, of being a party to his arrest, and when she denied it, he drew a revolver and opened fire. The first bullet struck Mrs. Youngberger in the side, the second lodged in the little boy's shoulder, and the third in Mrs. Youngberger's hip. The boy died within an hour; the mother will recover. Benfel then sent a bullet through his own brain, dying instantly.

His death, instead of being a grief to his family, was an unqualified joy. Within an hour after the shooting Mrs. Benfel was holding an impromptu reception, and acknowledging congratulations of the neighbors, who called by the dozens. Minnie Benfel, the eldest daughter, remarked: "I'm glad of it. He should have done it long ago."

She and one of her sisters announced

TURNED ON THE HOSE

WHY THE YOUTHFUL PATRONS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY SUFFER

FIRE BOARD NEEDED ROOMS

The Office Formerly Used in Central Fire Hall, With Its Tables, Desks, Chairs and Office Paraphernalia, Wouldn't Do—Sage Officials Pick Out Juveniles as Victims.

The juvenile department of the public library which has been successfully operated for two years will in all probability be closed and abandoned, but the board of fire commissioners will have pleasant offices in the city hall building, and to President Arosin and the other members of the fire board the latter proposition is of much more importance.

For the past thirteen years the fire commissioners have had offices in the central fire hall at Eighth and Minne-

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—The United States commissioners to conclude the terms of peace with Spain sailed today on board the Cunard line steamer Campana, en route to Paris. The commission consists of Former Secretary of State William R. Day; United States Senator William P. Frye, Cushman K. Davis, George Gray and White-

law Reid. Each commissioner is accompanied on the trip by his wife or other member of the family. In the

party also are J. B. Moore, secretary and counsel to the commission; John R. McArthur, assistant secretary, and wife; Frank Brandon, disbursing clerk, and Mrs. Brandon; Mrs. Atkinson and Miss McLaughlin, stenographers, and Edward Savoy and Henry Freeman, confidential messengers.

Besides the five American peace commissioners and their retinue of thirty-two persons, there were as passengers aboard the Campana: Count Charles d'Ursel, Belgian minister of the Congo State; Frank W. Mack, of the Associated Press; Maj. Maitland-Kirwan, Gustave Mille, a special Belgian commissioner, who has been investigating the higher branches of commercial education in the United States, and James F. Egan, delegate from the amnesty commission and ex-political prisoner in England, who has been chosen sword bearer to the municipality of Dublin, Ireland.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Surgeon General Wyman, of the marine hospital service, was tonight informed of a case of yellow fever in New Orleans, La., in the following telegram from President Zuchon, of the state board of health: "One case of positive yellow fever reported here. All proper precautions taken."

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 17.—Following is an epitome of the yellow fever situation in the South as it exists tonight: The board of health has proclaimed a quarantine against New Orleans. The situation at Jackson is also quarantined against New Orleans. The situation at Jackson is quiet. Texas health authorities have declared an unconditional quarantine against New Orleans.

WINE WILL HAVE TO BE USED. Gov. Tanner Declines to Suggest Water for Christening Battleship Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 17.—Gov. Tanner has decided the battleship Illinois shall be christened in champagne, and today sent the following letter to Mrs. Matilda B. Carter, Jessemay Brown Hilton and Helen L. Wood, the committee of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who protested against christening the battleship with wine: "Ladies: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., relating to wine. I would consider it a privilege to be able to assist you. Thousands of homes are better for your good work; thousands of hearts are grateful to you for your Christian aid, and the world is better for having known the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. In the matter, however, of the time-honored custom of christening battleships, there is no derogation of the laws of temperance. The ceremony is not one from which any evil could possibly be set forth, and the most sacred religious ordinance, the sacrament, which the world respects with deepest solemnity and honor, is one in which wine is used as a symbol. Therefore, I disclaim the subject as one unworthy of so much agitation. If left to me the battleship Illinois will be christened according to the time-honored custom. Very truly yours, John H. Tanner."

Cashier Caldwell Extradited. STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 17.—Gov. Budd this afternoon granted the extradition of Charles Caldwell, the defaulting cashier of the Citizens' Bank of Winchester, Ind.

Congressional Nominations. First Missouri... John Wellborn (Rep.) Mrs. Matilda B. Carter, Jessemay Brown Hilton and Helen L. Wood, the committee of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who protested against christening the battleship with wine: "Ladies: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., relating to wine. I would consider it a privilege to be able to assist you. Thousands of homes are better for your good work; thousands of hearts are grateful to you for your Christian aid, and the world is better for having known the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. In the matter, however, of the time-honored custom of christening battleships, there is no derogation of the laws of temperance. The ceremony is not one from which any evil could possibly be set forth, and the most sacred religious ordinance, the sacrament, which the world respects with deepest solemnity and honor, is one in which wine is used as a symbol. Therefore, I disclaim the subject as one unworthy of so much agitation. If left to me the battleship Illinois will be christened according to the time-honored custom. Very truly yours, John H. Tanner."

Final Detachment, Unless Agnaldo Grows Ugly, Has Sailed. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—The steamer Coptic sailed for the Orient to-

WITH OPEN ARMS

BOYS OF THE TWELFTH WEL-COMED BY THE PEOPLE OF NEW ULM

AN ABUNDANCE OF SUSTAINING CHEER

BANQUET SPREAD BY THE HOSTS. PIPITABLE WOMEN OF THE CITY

WHISTLES SHRIEKED, CANNON BOOMED

All of the City Out to Give Greeting to the Boys in Blue Back From the South—In Comfortable Quarters While Waiting for Muster—Fine Water Supply and Abundant Food.

NEW ULM, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The Twelfth regiment Minnesota volunteers, after four months of soldier life in camps in the South, is once more on native soil. The men are the guests of the hospitable people who sent them forth at their country's call with a heartfelt god-speed and who welcome them back, though theirs was not the good fortune to do and die on the field of battle, with open arms, proud of what they have done and with an abiding faith in their gallantry if but the fortunes of war had given them more brilliant opportunities.

New Ulm tonight is martial in a way that is new to it in any days of recent years. The uniform of the soldier is seen on every hand, and wherever there is the blue there are words of hearty honest welcome. There are hundreds of visitors to greet the returning soldier boys and the first night of the men of the Twelfth in their own state after their days of hardship has been made the occasion of a gala time in which all have joined to lend a color of festivity.

The first of the Twelfth arrived here just after noon. In the first section were Companies A, B, E and I. With the soldiers came Col. Bobleter, Maj. Mead, Maj. Whitney, Maj. Wright, Quartermaster John Lind and Adjutant Everett. The station was crowded, hundreds of people pressing forward to be the first of those to extend welcome by voice or hand to the men of the returning regiment. As the train pulled in there was a roar of cannon and a bedlow of cheers and whistles, mingling in an unharmonious but overpowering salute of welcome.

Before the excitement of receiving the first section had quieted the second pulled in and the ovation was repeated for the boys of Companies G, C, L and M. They arrived at 1 o'clock, and after them at 1:30 came the third division, Companies F, D, K and H.

By this time the crowd had yelled itself nearly out, seemingly, and even the whistles were manifesting the effects of enthusiasm. The men were waiting for the last of the regiment, while perhaps a little hoarse in tone, was no less heartily than the acclaim which had hailed the first arrivals of the bronzed blue coats.

ABUNDANT CHEER. Every preparation had been made for the reception of the men. From the station they were marched quickly to the park, and from there to the fair grounds, where dinner had been prepared by the women of New Ulm. Fourteen long tables were laid for the soldiers, and over 100 pretty waitresses were ready to provide an abundance of the good things in store.

The Twelfth tonight is comfortably quartered on the fair grounds. The new camp is in good sanitary condition, the water supply is excellent and an additional luxury is found in the admirable arrangement for baths for the men.

All of the soldiers are in fairly good condition, but some are inclined to complain of their treatment at Chickamauga. Even the voice of protest, however, is largely hushed by the hearty welcome of the home-coming.

The commissary train arrived tonight, but there was no sick on board. It is hoped there will be small call for hospital quarters, but ample arrangements have been made. The main hall on the grounds will be used as a temporary hospital, and is now open to a dozen or so men who are slightly under the weather. If necessary, St. Andrew's hospital will be open to the soldiers, and the local physicians will be called in.

Tonight the men were given no overcoats, something they have not needed in the South, but a welcome comfort in the bracing briskness of Minnesota autumn.

NO LACK OF WELCOME. Along the route between St. Paul and New Ulm there was no lack of welcome as the regiment proceeded this morning.

At Winthrop, eighty-one miles from St. Paul, the depot was decorated with bunting, and the local national airs. There was a large crowd on the platform.

As the train pulled into New Ulm Capt. Burg's battery of light artillery, posted near the track, fired a salute of welcome.

Present at the depot was the citizens' general committee, composed of Dr. Stricker, F. Crone, Dr. Schoch, Philip Liesch, Charles W. Neschke, Alwin, F. W. Johnson, Dr. Wessche, mayor of the city, William Silverman, Alfred Vogel, William Pfander and John F. Neumann.

Prominent men from Winona, who came to welcome Winona companies and to assist in the reception, were present. Among them were Mayor TARBELL of Winona; Capt. Frost, Hon. F. L. Randall. They were much pleased with the site of the camp.

The regiment marched up the hill from the park, turned to the left on German street and turning to the right on First South street, marched company front through Minnesota street, the principal thoroughfare.

It was a march to be remembered, the men showed their discipline in that

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QUENCHING THE JUVENILE THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE.

TODAY'S BULLETIN.

- 1.—B. & O. Sale Confirmed. Twelfth at New Ulm. French War Minister Resigns. Library Moved for Fire Board. 2.—Cue in Mehan Case. 3.—First Soldier in Santiago. Regular Routine at Shellings. 4.—France Warned. 5.—Financial Outlook Better. Porto Rico Reconquered. To Reduce the Army. 6.—Editorial. 7.—Minneapolis Matters. News of the Northwest. 8.—Sporting News. Salts Win Two Games. Willie Green's Gospel. 9.—White Bear Yacht Races. New Golf Champion. 10.—News of the Railroads. Check to Anarchy in Europe. 11.—Sick of the Fifteenth. 12.—Mixture of Politics. At St. Paul Hotels. Bridgeport Mystery. 13.—Prince George and Princess Pless. Danced for the Klondikers. 14.—Public Schools of St. Paul. Anecdotes About Prince Bismarck. Dooley an Alger's Letter. 15.—Social News of St. Paul. 16.—In Woman's Realm. Books of the Week. 17.—Mustering Out the Troops. A Camera Curiosity. Today at the Churches. 18.—The Week at the Theaters. New Dances of the Season. In Musical Circles. 19.—Markets. Real Estate Becoming Active. 20.—Wants. 21.—Spaniards Assail Us Bitterly. The Island of Luzon.