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DULUTH TO GULF

MINNEAPOLIS & ST. LOUIS MAY BE ABSORBED BY THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL

DEAL SAID TO BE PENDING

RECENT BULGE IN SECURITIES ATTRIBUTED TO WALL STREET'S INSIDE KNOWLEDGE

ENTRANCE INTO TWIN CITIES

Control of the Road Would Give the Illinois Central Access to a Rich Traffic Which It Is Not Now Able to Reach—Traffic Alliance in Case of the Pending Negotiations Fails.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—The Herald says: From semi-official sources it is learned that a deal is pending in Wall Street whereby the Illinois Central may get control of the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad. Negotiations to this end are said to have been under way for some time between the Harriman-Fish interests, representing the Illinois Central, and President Edwin R. Hawley, representing the present control of the Minneapolis & St. Louis.

No definite agreement has yet been reached in Wall Street having knowledge of the situation say that in any event a traffic alliance will probably be brought about. There are even rumors of the terms upon which Minneapolis & St. Louis securities may be exchanged for those of the Illinois Central.

STRATEGIC POSITION.

A glance at the maps indicating the geographical positions of the two properties shows that such a deal would be greatly to the advantage of both roads. The Illinois Central would be given access to a territory rich in traffic which it does not now touch; would get fine terminals in Minnesota's twin cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul, and would have practically a through line from Duluth to the Gulf of Mexico.

Railroad men agree that the Minneapolis & St. Louis has terminal facilities the equal of any in St. Paul and the best in Minneapolis. These terminals are now used by the Northern Pacific, the Omaha, Soo Line, Paul & Duluth, Wisconsin Central and Chicago Great Western roads. The Minneapolis & St. Louis derives a large net revenue from them.

The company's lines also traverse an exceptionally rich country, and at Albert Lea, Minn., furnish the only connection to the Twin Cities and the Northwest for the Rock Island and the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern systems.

BULGE IN STOCKS.

The recent strength of the Minneapolis & St. Louis securities on the exchange has been attributed by all to a growing appreciation of the road's strategic position, to the reduction in fixed charges through reorganization, to the increased mileage and increased earnings wrought about by expert management, to dividend prospects it is said, and probably 5 per cent will be paid on the common stock) and other favorable developments. It now seems probable, however, that the bulge of the stocks has been in anticipation of what may be effected in the Illinois Central market.

SCHEME OF EXPANSION.

President Stuyvesant Fish and E. H. Harriman, who are controlling factors in Illinois Central affairs, have been carrying out a scheme of expansion for some time past. First the Illinois Central acquired the Mississippi & Yazoo Valley lines, which parallel the company's road from Memphis, Tenn., to New Orleans. Then followed the purchase of the Chesapeake, Ohio & Southwestern, running from Memphis to Louisville. The extension of the Dubuque & Sioux City road to Omaha, which will be completed this fall, was the next undertaking.

Now comes the proposed gain an entrance into St. Paul and Minneapolis, which, if acquired, will give the Illinois Central access to a great amount of territory that has never been tapped for its revenues. Through lines already in operation, the system would then extend to the head of Lake Superior, thus giving an unbroken line from Duluth to New Orleans.

CONNECTING LINK.

All that would be required to form the connection between the two systems would be the construction of a few miles of road from Lytle, Minn., which is the Illinois Central's present northern terminus to Albert Lea, Minn., where the Minneapolis & St. Louis now runs. In railroad and financial circles it is thought that the purchase or lease of the Minneapolis & St. Louis by the Illinois Central is more likely to be the arrangement of a traffic alliance.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway officials are said to be somewhat alarmed over this new extension scheme of the Illinois Central. The Rock Island formerly controlled parts of the Minneapolis & St. Louis system through ownership of mortgage bonds. These bonds were taken up by the payment of more than four millions when the road was reorganized in 1884. Since that time there have been many reports that the Rock Island was chafing to again get control of the property.

ONE BITE TOO MANY.

CHAMBERLAIN, Wis., Aug. 27.—A negro, a negro, who has been a snore harmer here for many years, was bitten in his neck by a rattlesnake on Fort George Island. His condition is critical. Two hundred rattlesnakes were taken from him since he became a charmer, and always cured the bite by using some medicine of his own. He would let a rattlesnake bite him for \$1, and tourists often have paid him the fee to see him bitten. But the medicine has done no good in this case, and Uncle Sam probably will die.

ADJOURNS FOR RACES.

HEY, V. Va., Lawyers Object to Judge Blizard's Eccentricities. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 27.—Judge Reese Blizard, of the Jackson county circuit court, who owns one of the finest strings of race horses in this section of the country, has, it is alleged, made a practice of adjourning court, regardless of the number of cases on the docket, whenever any of his horses was entered for an important race.

At the brief term of court held at

PRINCE AT NEWPORT.

Claimant to Serbian Throne Arrives With His Servants.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Prince Alexis Karageorgevitch, claimant to the throne of Serbia, reached New York on the Etruria, but did not stay. His trunk, of which there were two truck loads, were taken directly from the pier to the Grand Central depot, and the prince is supposed to have gone to Newport with his numerous retinue. Inquiry fails to discover to which of the fashionable houses there he was consigned. Prince Alexis is a tall, long-faced person, with a complexion of the proper shade for a descendant of Black George, and a fine long black mustache. Besides his usual servants he brings with him an Italian peasant in comic opera costume. The prince has come traveling for information, he says, and his stay in the country depends on how much he can learn from us. He also says the movement for the restoration of the Karageorgevitch dynasty is progressing and that his brother, when he made his secret visit to Serbia, found the people of the country all in favor of a change.

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NEW LAW FOR PARTY

To Be Adopted by the Democrats of Ohio.

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Congressman J. J. Lentz, Isaac R. Sherwood, James A. Rice, Charles N. Haskell, James P. Seward, Horace L. Chapman and others mentioned for the gubernatorial nomination are no longer in the field. There is an unusually large number of candidates for the nomination for lieutenant governor, attorney general, auditor, treasurer, supreme judge and member of the board of public works, an average of almost a dozen for each.

One of the most important acts of the convention will be the adoption of a state constitution for the Democratic party. Heretofore the party government has been presided over by the nominating fundamental law, and not like the federal and state constitutions. The constitution presented to the state convention was referred back to the state committee for changes and a subcommittee has been at work all year on this instrument, which was adopted by the state committee in June. It will now become the lines of the Democratic party in Ohio if it is adopted by the present convention. It vests the chief of the control in the state central, composed of large delegates from congressional districts. A new committee on organization is likewise constituted, the same as the committees on resolutions, credentials and fundamental law. 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