

Railroad News

CLAIMS SOO LINE GRANTED REBATES

Wisconsin's Railroad Commissioner Makes Serious Charges.

A dispatch from Madison, Wis., says that the Soo line has been found guilty of granting rebates. An investigation by the Wisconsin railroad commissioner has been recently concluded. This investigation is said to have revealed that the Lowry line has granted extensive rebates to Minnesota and Wisconsin shippers.

Commissioner Thomas refused to state the aggregate amount of the rebates granted or what sum was withheld from the gross earnings tax. He intimates, however, that the amount alleged to be due to the state of Wisconsin exceeds \$200,000.

Mr. Thomas said that a detailed statement of the commissioner's findings had been forwarded to General Manager E. Pennington, of the Soo line. Mr. Pennington has been requested to make an explanation of the alleged irregularities.

The investigation, which resulted in the supposed discovery of rebate granting, has been in progress for the past two months. The Wisconsin railroad commissioner has had expert accountants at work in the Soo's general office at Minneapolis, examining the company's books. E. M. Fisher, of Madison, was in charge of the work.

Similar investigations of other railroad lines operating in Wisconsin are being conducted by Commissioner Thomas, under the supervision of Gov. La Follette.

LITTLE FREIGHT IS CARRIED IN JAPAN

Receipts From Passenger Travel Support Railroads.

Japan at the close of 1900 had 4,025 miles of railway open to traffic, 1,095 miles owned by the government and 2,966 by private companies. The output for construction was \$61,000,000 on the part of the government and \$102,000,000 by private companies. The profits of the railroads are, comparatively speaking, low. The government lines have been laid along the principal thoroughfares in the interior and the private lines have been constructed where the largest percentage of returns is assured.

On all of the lines of Japan the number of passengers carried is larger than the volume of freight, and the greater part of receipts is from passenger business. This is entirely contrary to the experience in the United States and Europe, where freight yields the bulk of the earnings. The excess of passenger earnings in Japan is not due to the enormous number of passengers carried, but to the comparative scarcity of freight, the reason for which is that connection between land and sea traffic is not satisfactory.

REFUSE TO OBEY ORDER.

Albert Lea Route Objects to Establishing a Train Service.

The Minneapolis & St. Louis has refused to inaugurate a train service between Minneapolis and Tonka Bay, although ordered to do so by the state railroad and warehouse commission.

Two weeks ago the company was ordered to place in daily service a train to and from Tonka Bay. The order was to have become effective Feb. 15. Complaints were received yesterday at the office of the railroad and warehouse commission that the line had not complied with the order.

GOES TO MINNEAPOLIS.

W. E. Witherspoon, of the Northern Pacific, Has Resigned.

W. E. Witherspoon, assistant city ticket agent of the Northern Pacific, has resigned his position to become assistant city ticket agent for the Min-

neapolis & St. Louis, at Minneapolis. He will succeed E. L. Cary, who has left railroad work to engage in other business.

Mr. Witherspoon has been connected with the St. Paul office of the Northern Pacific since last May. Prior to that time he was assistant agent for the company at Fargo. City Ticket Agent Rogers yesterday appointed George Ross as assistant to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Witherspoon's resignation. Mr. Ross was assistant city passenger agent.

RAILROAD NOTES.

J. J. Kirby, general passenger agent of the Ann Arbor railroad, announced yesterday that the Michigan Colonist association had been organized by representatives of the Ann Arbor, Pere Marquette, Grand Rapids & Indiana, and the Detroit & Milwaukee railroads for the purpose of working colonist business into Michigan. James L. Merritt, of Manatee, Mich., has been made manager of the association.

The interstate commerce commission in a report issued yesterday shows that in railroad accidents in the United States during July, August and September, 1903, sixty passengers and 320 employes were killed and 1,668 passengers and 1,914 employes injured. Other accidents not the result of train accidents bring the aggregate casualties up to 15,187, being 109 passengers and 816 employes killed and 2,688 passengers and 11,474 employes injured. The total number of collisions and derailments was 3,063.

The state railroad and warehouse commission yesterday heard testimony in the case of the Northern Pacific, which line has made application to close three stations on account of a falling off in business. The stations which the company desires to close are Belle Prairie, Dapellus and Friedland.

A rumor is current in railroad circles to the effect that the Chicago & North-Western is preparing to build a connecting line next summer between Alden, near Iowa Falls, Iowa, and Eagle Grove, to afford the road a cutoff for through business from the Dakotas and the Northwest to Chicago.

Chicago capitalists, it is reported, have agreed to furnish the money to complete the Alaska Central railroad. The route already surveyed is from Seward, on Resurrection Bay, to a distance of 418 miles. Work will begin on the Seward end this spring.

William G. Raoul, president of the National Railroad Attorneys' Association, has announced to the directors his intention not to accept a re-election in April. His desire is to devote more time to personal affairs.

The city ticket offices and the general offices will be closed Monday afternoon on account of Washington's birthday. The Northern Pacific freight houses will be closed the entire day.

E. C. Shepard, St. Paul agent for the Union line, has been transferred to Indianapolis, where he will represent the same company.

WAS IT HE WHO KILLED THE STRANGER?

Special to The Globe. GRAND FORKS, N. D., Feb. 19.—George Ebbold, a Slav suppose to be George Vajsa, wanted at Great Falls, Mont., on a charge of the murder of an unknown man, was arrested Wednesday, was arrested on a Great Northern train today by Sheriff Turner. Hilbokk denies that he was at the station at Great Falls, and that he was en route east from Washington, but he answers the description of George Vajsa perfectly, and was traveling on a second-class ticket to Chicago, with which ticket, it is claimed, Vajsa left Great Falls. He had over \$300 in his pockets. A revolver was found in his valise.

An unknown man had been at Sand Coulee for a time, and had over \$300 in his pockets. Vajsa was overheard coaxing the stranger to walk to Stockert, four miles away, but the stranger declined, fearing that he might be waylaid for his money. The next morning, Wednesday, Vajsa and the stranger left Sand Coulee for Stockert, and in the afternoon Vajsa returned from Stockert to Great Falls and went directly to the station, leaving Thursday morning for the East.

The same morning the body of the stranger was found lying frozen on the open prairie, with five bullets in the body, half a mile from Sand Coulee, on the Stockert trail. His pockets were turned inside out and no money or valuables had been left. Hilbokk says he will return to Montana without a requisition, but insists that the authorities must pay his expenses back. He denies any knowledge of the murder.

INSANE ASYLUM BURNS.

Inmates Are Removed, but Suffer From Cold—Some Missing.

RACINE, Wis., Feb. 19.—The Racine county insane asylum at Oakfield, four miles west of this city, one of the finest institutions of the kind in the state, was burned tonight. In the building were 133 patients. Superintendent Frank Overton and wife, ex-Superintendent E. Harden, his wife, and the attendants got all of the inmates out safely with much difficulty. Several of them were crippled. At no time was there any danger, but they naturally became wild and suffered with cold. The worst of them were hard to handle. It is said that eight or ten of the inmates are missing, and unless they have been taken to farm houses they have wandered in the snow and became lost.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Northwest News

MONTANA POSSES BEGIN A MAN HUNT

Chase a Gang That Has Terrorized the Country Ten Years.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Feb. 19.—A desperate man hunt was begun in Northern Montana tonight when two posses left Poplar and Glasgow, in Valley county, to run down the members of the gang which has terrorized the valley for ten years. It is stated that six members of the gang have been seen near Poplar and the officers hope to overtake them before they reach their stronghold in the Bunch Willow region near the international line.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY FOLLOWS REFUSAL

Wisconsin Young Man Kills a Girl and Takes His Own Life.

RIPON, Wis., Feb. 19.—Will Laning, aged twenty-four years, shot and instantly killed Miss Emma Eugster, aged twenty-three years, on the farm of Gus Hensley, near Fairwater, and then killed himself with the same revolver. It is said that Laning asked the girl to marry him and that she had written a letter refusing him.

CAPT. ROBERTS GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Thus Reads Coroner's Verdict on Steamer Callam Disaster.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 19.—The coroner's jury inquiring into the cause of the loss of the steamer Callam and fifty-four lives on Jan. 8, delivered its verdict today finding Capt. Roberts guilty of manslaughter and Chief Engineer DeLaney criminally culpable. DeLaney is severely censured for negligence and incompetence.

OWATONNA TICKET.

Democrats Put Up Mayor Cashman for Another Term.

Special to The Globe. OWATONNA, Minn., Feb. 19.—The Democratic caucus and convention held this evening were largely attended. The following ticket was nominated by acclamation:

Mayor, Thomas E. Cashman; recorder, Charles Servatius; treasurer, Robert Deinger; assessor, H. Sanders Sr.; marshal, Henry Abernethy; street commissioner, Andrew Erdman; Aldermen, Second ward, Laurance Brown; Third, T. N. Morschous; Fourth, J. C. Jahreis Jr. In the Second ward W. W. Klynos was nominated for member of the board of aldermen. Mayor Cashman's administration was endorsed.

"VOLUNTEER WARRIORS."

New Outshoot of Salvation Armes Forces Organization.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 19.—Five officers and a number of private workers, former members of the Salvation Army and American Volunteers, have formed an organization to work along the lines of these bands. The new order, which has adopted the name "Volunteer Warriors," is incorporated under the laws of Nebraska and will for the present have its national headquarters in Omaha. A statement to the public announcing the formation of the new body is signed Owens S. Vail as general-in-chief.

Indicted for Wife Murder.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 19.—Charles W. Graves, under arrest charged with putting his wife to death, was indicted today for murder in the first degree. A daughter of Mrs. Graves, Miss Winnie Reesler, an open singer, is the principal witness for the state against her step-father.

Capt. Brown Resigns.

MANKATO, Minn., Feb. 19.—Ernest R. Brown has resigned as captain of Company H, Second regiment, owing to lack of time. He was one of the organizers of the company.

Implement Dealers Fall.

Special to The Globe. MANKATO, Minn., Feb. 19.—Gebhard & Roth, of Lambert, implement dealers, filed a petition in bankruptcy today, stating their assets at \$13,000 and liabilities \$13,000 unsecured and \$4,000 secured.

SEVERE WEATHER ABSTRACTS TRADE

But Manufacturers Increase Capacity and Buyers Place Liberal Orders.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade this week will say:

Inclement weather alone prevents a definite revival of business. Outdoor work is retarded and traffic impeded to an extent that cannot be accurately measured, but is obviously sufficient to neutralize the favorable effect of many encouraging factors, while winter weather has retarded, although not yet definitely injured, and early farm preparations must be postponed. Several leading branches of manufacture are increasing active capacity, and thousands of interior buyers are placing liberal orders at the principal cities.

The usual temporary advantages of war are felt in the markets for staple commodities, notably foodstuffs, but, while this helps the domestic producer, it harms a much larger number by enhancing prices to home consumers. There is little friction between employers and wage earners, except regarding the bituminous scale, but the cause of industrial peace has lost its foremost champion. Despite interruption by storms, foreign earnings thus far reported for February were only 4 per cent smaller than a year ago, when there was also much severe weather. Foreign trade during the last week at this port show an increase of \$1,152,012 in value of exports, as compared with last year, but imports were slightly smaller. Financial conditions are satisfactory, money remaining easy and foreign exchange undisturbed by complications abroad.

Confidence is Shown.

While it appears that the output of pig iron has increased more rapidly than the demand, some alarming accumulation of stocks for the month, yet the mere fact that the leading interest has now about 80 per cent of its blast furnaces in operation indicates confidence in the future.

When spring building operations begin a large demand for iron and steel is expected, and contracts are soon to be placed for building work. A large tonnage of falls is announced, and bids are under consideration for terminal improvements and rolling stock. The activity recognizing the need of avoiding any further delay. Ease in the money market has made it possible to secure funds. There is still uncertainty regarding the ore situation, producers favoring a strike, and a committee has been appointed to settle the disputed points, if possible. Cotton and coffee lost more of the recently advanced prices. Speculative activity fell to a normal condition.

Domestic spinners have taken more freely, but exports have fallen below last year's figures. The statistical bureau is generally considered to warrant prices at 12 or 13 cents. Wheat attained newly high records, May options rising to about \$1 at this city for the first time since the Letter corner in 1898. Minor cereals were also forced to much higher prices, followed by irregularly as profits were taken.

Foreign Trade Opens Well.

Foreign trade started the new year most satisfactorily, as shown by official figures for the first week. Exports were valued at \$22,619,449, compared with \$77,767,992 in December, and \$85,174,786 in January, 1903. On merchandise account this nation increased its position abroad to the extent of \$5,044,034, silver exports amounting to \$2,008,765, while net imports of gold were \$7,632,841, leaving a balance on all accounts of \$53,418,848. Imports of gold for the last seven months were exceptionally heavy, \$59,517,150, compared with \$33,016,824 in the previous year.

Liabilities of commercial failures thus far reported for February aggregated \$5,344,692, of which \$2,004,911 were in manufacturing, \$2,516,179 in trading, and \$824,802 in other commercial lines. For the same period last year liabilities were \$6,364,285. Failures this week numbered 267 in the United States, against 247 last year, and 20 in Canada, compared with 26 a year ago.

BANK CLEARINGS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended Feb. 18, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

Table with columns for City, Inc., and Dec. showing bank clearings for various cities like New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, etc.

SLEEPLESSNESS KILLS If You Can't Eat or Sleep Well, You Are in a Dangerous Condition. DR. GREENE'S NERVURA CURES.

SLEEPLESSNESS is simply a rapid road to the insane asylum. No greater calamity can befall a person than to become sleepless. The extreme weakness, the tired and utterly exhausted and prostrated feelings following wakeful, disturbed and unrefreshing nights are terrible.

What wonder that there are so many shattered nerves, tired brains, and debilitated bodies, when we consider the thousands upon thousands who pass sleepless or disturbed nights, and rise mornings feeling indescribably miserable, dragged out, scarcely able to face the day's work! What wonder that so many rise mornings from their beds, where they have lain with weary lids and sleepless eyes, tossing from side to side, or simply catching short, unrefreshing naps filled with dreams, feeling heavy-headed, with pale face, haggard looks, dull and heavy, ringed eyes, and go about their daily employment with tired limbs, exhausted energies, nervous and ambitious.

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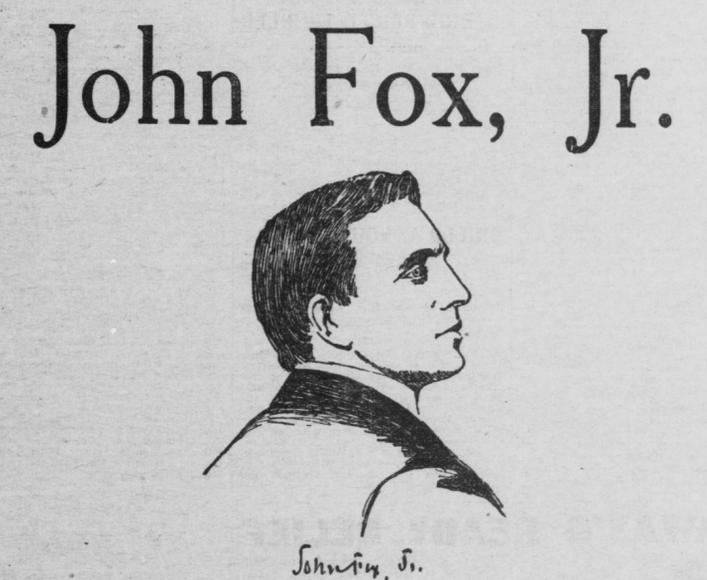
Mr. George Thomas, of Hammonont, N. J., says: "For eighteen months I did not know what it was to sleep. I would go to bed and roll and toss all night with aches and pains. I doctored with five physicians of our town, without any benefit. The last doctor told my wife I could not live the summer out. I fell away from 160 pounds to 90 pounds, so you see I lost nearly one half my flesh. I was treated in two hospitals without any benefit, the Hanemann Hospital and Cooper Hospital of Camden, and they did me no good. I began to use Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, and have gained 87 pounds, and can eat and sleep, and am feeling first class. Words cannot express my thanks to Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, for it has saved my life." Dr. Greene can be consulted free, personally or by letter, at his office, 101 Fifth Ave., New York City. A free letter of advice from the distinguished specialist has placed many an unhealthy man and woman on the road to recovery.

YOUR DRUGGIST RECOMMENDS AND SELLS DR. GREENE'S NERVURA.

At the Bal Masque. Cavalier (heavily masked)—I love you. Will you marry me? Shepherdess (unmasked)—Yes. Now tell me who you are.—Philadelphia Press.

Always a Suffering Cause. Mabel—Why didn't you scream when he put his arms around you? Ethel—I wanted to, but couldn't, and when I could I didn't want to.—Butte Inter-Mountain.

Throwing Light on Their Origin. "For what is Greenland noted?" asked the teacher. "For the old-fashioned writers," said the boy with the frosted nose.—Chicago Tribune.



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