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RAILROAD WAR IN VERMONT

Grand Trunk Seeks to Parallel Part of Boston & Maine—Boat Line to New York in View.

New Haven, Ct., Dec. 17.—The proposition of the Central Vermont Railroad company before the Vermont legislature to build a new line from Windsor to Brattleboro on the Vermont side of the Connecticut river paralleling the tracks of the Boston & Maine is another step in the contest between the Grand Trunk and the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroads, which opened last spring with the acquisition by the Grand Trunk of a Rhode Island charter allowing it to build a road from Palmer, Mass., to Providence. The proposed new line, some 65 miles long, would give the Grand Trunk system a new entrance to southern New England and prospective boat line connections with New York.

Since the charter was obtained, it is understood, there have been a number of conferences between the New Haven and Grand Trunk officials for a settlement of the matter, but these have proved futile. The New Haven road will now, if it gets consent of the Vermont legislature, build a parallel line from

South Vernon to Brattleboro, 70 miles. This, it is said here, will be done without regard to any future attitude of the Grand Trunk, as it is said the new line is necessary and will have a better alignment than the present Central Vermont link. The New Haven also intends to parallel the Central Vermont from Windsor to White River Junction, a distance of 14 miles, building upon the New Hampshire side under the general railroad law of that state.

A proposition coming from the Grand Trunk for the lease of the Boston & Maine line between Brattleboro and Windsor, 50 miles, will not be accepted. The failure of this Grand Trunk offer is thought here to be the reason for the new application of this road to the Vermont legislature for the Brattleboro and Bellows Falls terminals are but details.

The Central Vermont has not yet taken any steps toward the construction of the Palmer-Providence line beyond two preliminary surveys. Before the line is undertaken, it is understood the company will apply to the Rhode Island legislature for traffic rights in connection with the New Haven's large terminal properties at Providence. The question as to the cost of the Grand Trunk's plans to reach Providence runs into widely disputed figures, ranging between

\$5,000,000 and \$30,000,000, the latter sum including the proposed parallels in New Hampshire and Vermont. In view of the seriousness of the situation, it is believed that negotiations of the rival systems are not yet ended.

FROZEN TO DEATH IN RUTLAND COUNTY

Man Supposed to Have Been John Burns of Chelsea, Mass., Found Dead Yesterday Morning.

Rutland, Dec. 17.—A man about 32 years old, supposed to be John Burns of Chelsea, Mass., was found about 10 o'clock yesterday morning frozen to death beside the road near the Genoa place in Mendon. The discovery was made by a man named Roach, who was coming to Rutland from a Fico lumber camp. Selectman J. J. Carty and Overseer of the Poor John Connors took charge of the body and brought it to this city. John P. Clifford will prepare it for burial.

Burns was released from the Rutland county jail Thursday. He was transferred there from Windsor county jail. He left this city that day with Patrick Noonan, also an ex-prisoner, to walk to Woodstock. There is a report that the men were drinking on the way. State's Attorney B. L. Stafford could find no signs of foul play about Burns' body but the officers are looking for Noonan to find out why he abandoned Burns. The frozen man had no money and wore no overcoat.

CARLOAD OF BABIES FOR TEXAS.

New York Foundlings' Home Assists Santa Claus by Supplying Children.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—A carload of babies passed through Chicago Thursday. They were from a foundling home in New York City, and are being to Houston and San Antonio, Tex., where each will be adopted by a southern family. There were fifty-two babies in the car, and not one was over three years old.

Their foster parents will meet the babies at Houston and San Antonio. An agent of the New York Foundlings' hospital, an institution conducted by the Sisters of Charity of New York City, has traversed the district, finding homes for these youngsters. Men and women who agree to adopt the babies each have received a card calling for one baby. These read:

This entitles you to Marguerite, or Henry, or Thomas, as the case may be. Six nurses, in charge of Sister Rachael, are looking after the party on its long trip. "This institution makes a practice of sending about three carloads of babies West each year," said R. J. Carmichael, district passenger agent of the Illinois Central railroad, who has charge of the party.

ACCUSED OF FRAUD.

Postal Inspectors Take 19 Men into Custody.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—Nineteen arrests were made by postal inspectors yesterday in towns in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, in the government's crusade against persons accused of using the mails to defraud. All the defendants were held in jail for trial or for further hearing.

Seven of the defendants were given hearings in Philadelphia. These were four officials of the Chain Shoe Store syndicate, with offices in this city; two constitute the Fine Heights company, a New Jersey land improvement concern, with Philadelphia connections, and the seventh is a local physician. The government alleges that the Chain Shoe Store syndicate sold stock through fraudulent representations.

Elliot Is Re-elected.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 17.—At the meeting of the National Civil Service Reform league yesterday, the president, Dr. Charles W. Elliot, was re-elected, as were all the vice presidents, with the addition of Dr. Woodrow Wilson.

Item for Women

Marlboro, Mass., June 1, 1910. I can frankly say that Parisian Sage has given me perfect satisfaction and will highly recommend it as a hair grower and beautifier, and a sure cure for dandruff. I also have recommended it to several people, and it has given wonderful results.—Mrs. G. Bartheaux, 26 Main street, Cynthia, Ky., June 3, 1910. I have only used two bottles of Parisian Sage, and I find my hair has increased wonderfully in thickness and luxuriance and beauty. The dandruff all disappeared, I was wonderfully surprised, as I have tried many hair restorers, though I have found none that ever has helped my hair except Parisian Sage, so I can say it is worth all of the hair restorers I have ever found, and I will tell many friends about it. Gratefully your friend, Miss M. Clough, box 212.

The Red Cross Pharmacy guarantees Parisian Sage to kill dandruff germs, eradicate dandruff, stop falling hair and itching scalp, or money back. It is the most delightful and refreshing hair dressing in the world and is not sticky or greasy. The Red Cross Pharmacy and druggists everywhere sell it for 50 cents a large bottle. The girl with the auburn hair is on every package.

BLACKMAIL PLOT REVEALED

Former Mrs. Paine of Boston is Victim

ALLEGED RUSSIAN COUNT

Arrested in London—Count de Gatigny Brought into Case—He Is Already in Custody for the \$200,000 Art Fraud.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Further sensational developments are promised in connection with the arrest in London of Alexandre Tscherniedoff, charged with conspiring to blackmail Lucy Tato de Choiseul de Paris, widow of Charles H. Paine of Boston. Tscherniedoff, who posed as a count, but who, according to the counsel to the prosecution, in reality was a Russian peasant, was remanded in the Marylebone police court December 13, bail having been accepted in the sum of \$10,000.

The attorney for the Duchess de Choiseul says that other arrests both in London and on the continent are impending, and intimates that the plot to blackmail the former Mrs. Paine, which was based upon alleged letters written by her to the so-called Count de Gatigny, who is under arrest of an attempt to extort from the complainant \$200,000 for spurious pictures supplied to her late husband, had many ramifications. Mrs. Paine and the Duke de Choiseul were married November 28, under the separation and property law, the marriage contract leaving each full control of his or her own property, and they are now living at the residence of the duchess in the Avenue Bois de Boulogne. The trial of Count de Gatigny and his wife will be opened at Tours on December 20.

PREMIER BLAMES THE CARLISTS.

He Says They Are Responsible for Delay in Negotiations.

Madrid, Dec. 17.—During the debate yesterday in the chamber of deputies on the "padlock bill," which prohibits the creation of further religious establishments in Spain until the revision of the concordat with the Vatican has been completed, Premier Canalejas declared that the Carlists were responsible for the delay in negotiations between the Spanish government and the holy see. The premier announced that the negotiations with the Vatican would not be resumed until the "padlock bill" had been enacted into law, and he appealed to the Carlists to recognize the futility of placing further obstructions in the way of the measure.

HATTIE LE BLANC IN HIDING.

Interest in Acquitted Girl So Keen Family Not Able to Talk to Her.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Hattie LeBlanc is hidden somewhere in Greater Boston, and only her counsel knows where she is. Since her acquittal on Wednesday she has been given so much attention that Thursday night Mr. Johnson and Lawrence Smith, identified with her defense, undertook to locate Hattie where she would not be preyed upon by curious people. They were successful, but so closely were they yursed by newspaper men that they were obliged to leave their automobile and walk several miles through the storm to get home with jam. The hiding place of the young girl is not known, even to her father and sisters. If the pursuit of Hattie shall continue after she once more comes to light, it may be necessary to secure an injunction to restrain the curious from annoying her with questions and requests for the story of her life.

WOMEN VOTERS TO MEET.

First National Convention to Be Held in Tacoma on Jan. 14.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 17.—The first national convention of women voters will be held here Jan. 14. Four other equal suffrage states—Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and Washington—representing about 270,000 women voters, will participate. The promoters of the new organization propose calling it the National Council of Women Voters.

A MEAL FOR A PENNY.

Chicago School Authorities Inaugurate Cheap Luncheon Plan.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Penny lunches for school children had their inaugural Thursday at the Jackson school. Two hundred paid each a penny for a sandwich an inch and a half thick with jam between the slices of bread, a bowl of milk and a small piece of candy. Until more space can be provided, each teacher selects five children who are most in need of the privileges of the penny lunch.

AUNT DELIA'S GIFT TO TAFT.

Miss Torrey Sends Christmas Gift of Home-Made Jelly.

Washington, Dec. 17.—"Aunt Delia" Torrey, President Taft's aunt, has sent the president his first Christmas present, a large case of home-made jelly. The president is extremely fond of his aged aunt and of her cooking, especially her pies and jelly, and when the expressman arrived at the White House with a large box the Taft smile was at its broadest. Christmas presents for the president are arriving daily. There are boxes of oranges and grapefruit from California and Florida and quail and opossum from southern friends. Presents of a costly nature are to be returned.

SAVINGS BANK CLOSED.

A Saco, Me., Institution Stops Business.

Saco, Me., Dec. 17.—The Saco Savings bank, which has been doing business for 41 years, closed its doors yesterday. The action was taken after a conference between the trustees and state bank examiner. The bank's difficulties are said to be due to a shrinkage of its assets.

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FAT MEN HONORED W. D. QUIMBY AGAIN

By Electing Him President of Their Club at Annual Meeting Held at Wells River Last Evening.

Wells River, Dec. 17.—The New England Fat Men's club, members to the number of over 100, assembled at Hale's tavern here last night for the annual meeting. In this tavern six years ago the club was formed, more as a joke than anything else, as a party of traveling men sat before the fireplace. "Uncle Dave" Wilkie was the father of the idea, and last night his fiddle furnished music during the banquet hour. The business meeting was conducted in the village hall at 7:30 at which President William D. Quimby of Boston presided. The club has grown from a charter membership of 46 to 3,250, and it is expected to add 3,000 members during the coming year. A committee was appointed to consider a proposition to change the club from an organization devoted to mirth and music to a fraternal basis. It will report at the next annual meeting.

On the platform with the president sat the secretary, Colonel H. E. Parker of Bradford and the two heaviest members of the club, A. H. Moulton, Portland, Me., 430, and Frank G. Giguac of Franklin Falls, N. H., who weighs an even 400 pounds.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of President Quimby; Secretary Parker and Treasurer Jerome Hale of Wells River, at whose hostelry the club assembles each year. A by-law was adopted which provides for seven vice presidents in each of the New England states with the exceptions of Massachusetts, which has 15, and Rhode Island, which has five.

After the business meeting the members adjourned to the tavern, where a game dinner was served. Post prandial exercises continued till long into the night during which the merriment for which the club stands was rife.

\$8,000,000 LOAN HELD ILLEGAL.

Decision of Court in Philadelphia Contrary to That of the Voters.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 17.—Philadelphia's proposed new \$8,000,000 loan, which was approved at the November election, has been declared illegal by the court of common pleas, which upheld a suit brought by the taxpayers' committee on the ground that in advertising the new plan the specific and accurate indebtedness was not set forth as fully as is required by law.

THE WEST ASKS PROTECTION

To Unite in Congress for Legislation

WILL SUPPORT DICKINSON

In His Contentions—Reserve of Ammunition Is a Crying Need—Not Enough for One Engagement in Stock.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Members of Congress are becoming more and more concerned about the condition of the army, notwithstanding the effort of President Taft to minimize the seriousness of the situation as set forth in the special report prepared by Secretary Dickinson in response to a resolution from the House of Representatives.

Chairman Hull of the House committee on military affairs yesterday contributed a new sensation when he declared that the reserve supply of ammunition of the field artillery would be exhausted in one engagement. Mr. Hull expressed the view that the field artillery was the weak point in the land forces of the national defense and he believes that it will continue to make the entire army vulnerable unless Congress strengthens it immensely. This statement was made by Mr. Hull as he left the White House, and while he is not prepared to say that he communicated his pessimistic views to President Taft, it is believed that he went over the situation with him in great detail.

"If a war should come," declared Chairman Hull, "our supply of ammunition for the field artillery would be exhausted in one engagement. I consider our lack of field artillery the greatest weakness of the country with respect to its preparedness for war. We have about five hundred field guns. We ought to have one thousand for an army of 250,000 men. But that would not be enough for a great war. If ever war comes, we will need many more than 250,000. Our system contemplates four field guns to the regiment. The Germans have seven. We are well equipped with small arms. We have about 675,000 of the new magazine rifles, saying nothing of about 300,000 of the Krag-Jorgensen rifles. The latter are good weapons, though we would not want to use them unless we had to, on account of the fact that they use a different caliber of ammunition from the new rifle. We have an ample reserve supply of ammunition for small arms. In fact, our supply of small ammunition is sufficient to enable

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us this year to cut \$300,000 off the appropriation for that purpose."

Sentence Commuted.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 17.—The sentence of Mrs. Clara Emma Getchell of Sidney, Me., who in 1896 was committed to state prison for life for the murder of her husband, was commuted by the governor and council yesterday to 18 years. It will expire on December 20, 1914.

A Clean Man

Outside cleanliness is less than half the battle. A man may scrub himself a dozen times a day, and still be unclean. Good health means cleanliness not only outside, but inside. It means a clean stomach, clean bowels, clean blood, a clean liver, and new, clean, healthy tissues. The man who is clean in this way will look it and act it. He will work with energy and think clear, clear, healthy thoughts.

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