

HITS ROCK ISLAND

Railway Shown to Have Outdone Union Pacific in Elevator Rebates.

HEARING HELD AT CHICAGO

Terms of Contract With Rosenbaum Grain Company Are Made Public.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—The Rock Island railway and the Rosenbaum Grain company, which operates 30 elevators on the Rock Island lines in Chicago and throughout the west, were put on the grill at the hearing before the interstate commerce commission yesterday. Statements made by H. Gower, freight traffic manager for the Rock Island, on the witness stand, revealed that his railway had made a contract with the Rosenbaum company for the construction and operation of an elevator at Kansas City, which made the Union Pacific seem stingy in its dealings with the Omaha Elevator company. Mr. Gower's statements did not satisfy the commission's curiosity, and he was ordered to produce at the hearing this afternoon all the leases and contracts in existence between the Rock Island and the Rosenbaum company.

Tells of Rosenbaum Contract.

Mr. Gower stated that for competitive reasons the Rock Island two years ago needed a large terminal elevator on its tracks at Kansas City. It could get no company to operate one without contracting to pay 1 1/2 cents per 100 pounds for elevating its own grain, this being the amount paid by the Union Pacific to Peavey, and therefore it agreed to pay the Rosenbaum company this allowance. By the further terms of the contract Rosenbaum was to build the elevator. After its completion the Rock Island was to buy it, paying not only its cost, but \$5,000 additional for the trouble of erecting it, and to lease it to the Rosenbaum company for 10 years. It developed that the railway hauled all the material and machinery free. It was provided that if the allowance of 1 1/2 cents should be pronounced excessive by the interstate commerce commission it was to cease to be paid.

Is Worse Lawbreaker.

Representatives of the Union Pacific claim that if their payments to Peavey have been in the nature of rebates, the Rock Island in hauling material and machinery free for the Rosenbaum company, paying it \$5,000 for building an elevator for its own use, and in addition giving it an allowance for handling its own grain, has been a much worse lawbreaker. It is expected to be developed today that the Rock Island is the true owner of all the elevators on its line of which the Rosenbaum company is the ostensible proprietor.

A Monster Musical Instrument.

The most gigantic harp ever constructed, as far as the record goes, was that made by Veritan, the greatest of Burkh, near Basel, Switzerland, in 1787. That was a long while ago, but the fame of M. Veritan's gigantic harp

was such that it is still occasionally mentioned by writers on the rare and the wonderful, just as the sea serpent, bloody rain, live mastodons, etc., are. M. Veritan's colossal musical instrument was 320 feet in length, and, on that account, was constructed in an open lot instead of in a harp factory. It was most simple in construction, consisting of fifteen wires strung tightly between two poles. These wires were of different sizes, the largest being one-sixth of an inch in diameter and the smallest one-twelfth of an inch. They were stretched north and south and inclined in such a manner as to form an angle of from twenty to thirty degrees with the horizon. This queer instrument was not intended as an exaggerated toy, but was constructed for the express purpose of forestalling changes in the weather, which were calculated by Professor Veritan according to the different tones the instrument made when the wind was blowing through it.

STEAMSHIP CENTENNIAL.

Navigation Exposition to Be Held at Bordeaux, France.

In celebration of a century of steam navigation there is to be held at Bordeaux, France, from May to November, 1907, an international maritime exposition, under the official patronage of the French government and under the direction of the League Maritime Francaise, says the New York Tribune.

The exposition, which will be open to all countries, will be under the immediate supervision of E. Bertin, the commissioner general, and V. Morlot, the deputy commissioner general. The United States, who was recently appointed, is Henry Bayer, whose headquarters are at 47 Barclay street, New York. Mr. Bayer said that it is the intention of the managers of the Bordeaux exposition to collaborate with the Robert Fulton Memorial association of New York city in working out the common end of doing honor to Robert Fulton, who introduced the first vessel propelled by steam on the Hudson river.

Cornelius Vanderbilt consented to become one of the honorary members of the American committee. He is now the president of the Robert Fulton Memorial association. The exhibits will be divided into seventeen groups and will include marine history and fine arts, instruction, charts and instruments, navigation and commerce, the navy, materials for construction, motor machines and propellers, fittings and apparatus, automobile navigation and boats of all types, aeronautics, port and harbor works, sea and river fishing, hygiene, salvage and sports, ships' provisions, food, various industries, commercial relations of Bordeaux with the colonies, social economy and works of mutuality and charity.

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SCIENTIFIC COURTSHIP

Russian Millionaire Has Twelve Baby Fiancees.

WILL TRAIN ONE FOR PERFECT WIFE

Care, Education and Rearing of the Little Ones to Be Paid For by Serge Rostshaya, One of Russia's Most Courted Men--Will Choose His Bride When Fiancees Are Seventeen.

Serge Rostshaya, one of the wealthiest men in all Russia, will be married in 1920 or 1921 to the most beautiful, the healthiest, the most perfect woman in all the Russias, says the Chicago Tribune. His bride now is between two and three years old, and when she is seventeen she will become the wife of the millionaire, who has begun what perhaps is the strangest and most scientific courtship the world ever has known.

Rostshaya, now twenty-eight years old, has selected twelve girl babies and from among them, when they reach the age of seventeen, he will choose his bride. Meantime they will be raised, cared for, educated, trained and made beautiful with his money. They will remain under the care of their parents, while Rostshaya supplies money, clothes, food, nurses, doctors and caretakers, surrounds them with every necessity and every care and all with the object that one of them shall develop into a perfect wife--the most beautiful specimen of womanly beauty, grace and health in the world.

The millionaire, who resides in Jaroslavl and who has palaces both in St. Petersburg and Moscow, has inherited an estate of 90,000,000 rubles from his father, and that vast fortune, added to that of his mother, which already was his, has made him one of the wealthiest men of the czar's domain. Despite his immense wealth and the fact that he is young, handsome and brilliantly educated and that in his father's time the St. Petersburg house was a center of gaiety among the gayest set of nobles and millionaires in the capital, Rostshaya has cared but little for society and has, since coming into possession of his money, shown a tendency toward the student's life and a vast interest in the sciences. When he came into possession of his father's fortune, shortly after his twenty-fourth birthday, he was regarded as the best catch outside of the nobility in Russia because of his excellent family connections and his immense wealth. He was popular, too, among his fellows at the university. The beauties of the capital and of Moscow honored him with smiles, and mothers, even of high-born daughters of the nobility, encouraged him. But after three years they despaired, for Rostshaya seemed adamant, and it was whispered that the family name would die with him and the family treasure and palaces would go to the state and to charity.

Then, early this fall, the surprising discovery was made that Serge Rostshaya was engaged. One of his friends announced that Serge had taken him to call on his fiancée and added the startling news that she was one year and seven months old and the daughter of a professor of languages in St. Petersburg. The announcement was treated as a joke until it was discovered that a nurse, paid by the young millionaire, and one of the best physicians in St. Petersburg called regularly upon the baby and that a trained nursemaid was in charge of a model nursery which had been built in the house of the professor. Upon this disclosure came another, and that was that Serge was maintaining a similar nursery establishment in the house of an army officer, retired because of wounds, and that in this nursery was another baby--this one two years and four months old.

The young man was laughed at for going in for infant raising, and in explanation he revealed his courtship, the strangest in the world. He had, he declared, decided to get married, feeling it his duty to perpetuate the family line, and to this end he looked over the women of his acquaintance and those he met. In each he found faults

either of manner, or mind or of bodily beauty, so he decided that if he would have an ideal wife he must raise one for himself. In company with his physician, he visited homes throughout Jaroslavl, and in St. Petersburg he selected from over a hundred babies ten as being perfect in every respect. The babies chosen all were under two years of age except one, which then was a few weeks older, and all were over a year old--that is, old enough to show intelligence. He chose five blonds and five brunettes, six with black eyes, two with brown eyes and two with blue eyes. Then, believing that city bred children might be less perfect than those of the country, he visited country estates near Lodz and there found two perfect female babies, both brunettes with brown eyes, or blue eyes turning brown.

With the parents of each child he entered into the same contract, agreeing to pay for the care, education and rearing of the children, providing for a year of travel between the ages of sixteen and seventeen, and, above that, to pay the parents a certain amount of money each year until the children reach seventeen. Physicians chosen by himself are to visit the children regularly and direct their care and nutrition, while tutors of his own choosing and nurses appointed by himself or his physicians are to have charge of the children at all times. These guardians are to have sole direction and power to say whether or not the influence of the mother upon the child is for good or evil, and if not to the best interests of the little one the mother is to be kept apart from the child except at intervals, when she may visit it.

Furthermore, when the children reach the age of seventeen years Rostshaya and his advisers are to choose among them, selecting the most perfect as his bride and mistress of his millions. The other eleven girls are to receive 10,000 rubles each and be free to wed as they choose. The twelve baby fiancées of the millionaire all are children of good families, and in three instances the families are wealthy, while in the other cases the parents are in moderate circumstances. Physicians and scientific men throughout Europe are interested in the experiment, but scarcely to such an extent as the gossips of St. Petersburg.

BETTER THAN GATLING GUN

Lone Bald's Discovery of Sure Protection For Her Tent.

Miss Eloise Warwick of Chicago, a young woman of imagination and artistic disposition, is rounding out a summer of complete independence and simple life, lived in a tent on the north shore, says a Chicago dispatch.

When Miss Warwick set up her tent and started light housekeeping in the brush within easy distance of Chicago she realized the possible dangers of her lonesome situation and cast about for a means of protection. Gatling guns, shotguns, automatic pistols and bulldogs were thought of and rejected. Eloise wanted something which would not run away or bite her, and that besides being harmless would work three eight hour shifts every day without troubling her to wind it up or set it off.

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