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FROM CHICAGO TO THE GULF.

The Rockefellers Will Now Have a Through Line From Lake Michigan to Galveston--How it Was Done.

Large Railway Deal.
New York, Jan. 4.—The Rockefellers have secured, by participation in the syndicate which acquired the Chicago and Alton railroad, a through line for their Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad from Chicago to Galveston. At the same time they have practically withdrawn from the syndicate which was to construct the so-called St. Louis short line, for which they are indirectly charged with bad faith.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad has been controlled by the Standard Oil company for several years. Now that times are better the road has not responded to its owners' desires because it was cut from through grain traffic from the lakes. To establish through connection with Chicago the Rockefellers went into the syndicate for the construction of the St. Louis short line, which was to use the St. Louis, Peoria and Northern for its St. Louis connection, and the Chicago terminal transfer line to Chicago.

The construction of a new railroad is expensive. The Rockefellers when approached to share in the purchase of the Chicago and Alton found that the same advantages could be secured by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas for very much less money than would be required to build the St. Louis short line.

A pool was organized to buy the Chicago and Alton of representatives of the Missouri Pacific, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, Union Pacific, Michigan Central and Illinois Central. George Gould represented the Missouri Pacific, John D. Rockefeller the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, W. K. Vanderbilt the Michigan Central and E. H. Harriman the Union Pacific and Illinois Central.

It is understood that the price paid for the Chicago and Alton common stock was \$175 per share, or about \$3,000,000, and for the \$2,500,000 of preferred stock \$195 per share, or about \$7,000,000, making a total of about \$10,000,000. Of this amount the Rockefellers subscribed between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000.

As shown in a railroad table the new line will be 1497.42 miles from Chicago to Galveston via St. Louis, where connection is made with the Missouri, Kansas and Texas. It will make a short line to the gulf, where much of the grain produced in the northwest is now loaded for Europe.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas will enter into a trackage contract with the Chicago and Alton for the running of through freight and passenger trains. The Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific will make similar contracts for through traffic over the Alton to Kansas and west and southward roads. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas will profit to some degree by this deal Missouri Pacific of the

Express Car Robbed.

Mansfield, Mo., Jan. 4.—The ninth and first successful attempt at train robbery on the line of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis route occurred last night at 8:55 o'clock near Macomb, a small station five miles east of this point. Macomb being a flag station, one of the robbers got aboard the west-bound train at Norwood, the first station east of Macomb, paying his fare to Macomb, and compelling the train to stop there. It was immediately boarded by five or six masked men, who, covering all members of the train crew with Winchester and revolvers, forced the engineer and fireman to cut loose from the remainder of the train.

The mail, baggage and express cars were then run up the line about two miles and stopped in a lonely cut where Engineer Callender was placed in front of the robbers and forced to break open the door of the express car, after which he was placed in front of the foremost robber and together they entered the express car, covering the Southern express messenger, Newton, and baggage man Neben with their pistols, forcing them to adjourn to the outside of the car. They then proceeded to dynamite the through safe. Two charges of dynamite were used, completely demolishing the burglar-proof safe of the Southern Express company and playing havoc with the car and its contents.

It is not known how much money and valuable were secured, as the safe blown open was a through safe, being opened only at a few of the most important towns along the line between Memphis and Kansas City. Everything was taken from it and it is safe to say that they were well paid for their trouble. The local safe, which contains all local money picked up, was not molested.

Old Distillery.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 4.—A posse of officers headed by Deputy Marshal Carleton have just captured and destroyed an illicit distillery near Dertha in Johnson county which has been in continuous and undisturbed operation for more than forty years. Five men employed at the still, Wylie Wheeler, James Pitkin, William Pitkin, John Pelham and Bill Dillon, were arrested. The distillery was established over forty years ago and was operated all during the civil war, the product being disposed of to the Federal and Confederate soldiers. Although the existence of the distillery has long been known to the authorities, it has been impossible to locate it.

Clayton Honored.

City of Mexico, Jan. 4.—The reception of Gen. Clayton as the ambassador of the United States took place yesterday, all the appropriate honors being extended him by the Mexican government. State carriages bearing the emblazoned arms of Mexico were sent with an escort of a squadron of cavalry to the residence of the ambassador, who accompanied by the secretaries of the embassy and the military attaché were taken to the national palace at noon, where in the famous and historic hall of ambassadors an immense throng of Americans and Mexicans of the highest society had gathered to witness the novel and interesting ceremony.

Indian Troubles.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 4.—Passengers who arrived on the steamer Al Ki from Alaska, some of whom left Dawson as late as Dec. 2, report that the Chilkoot Indians are terrorizing the white inhabitants of Pyramid harbor near Skagway and have threatened to massacre them. The night before Christmas the whites appeared at the Chilkoot village with a big supply of whisky, which was sold to the Indians without reserve. The entire tribe got drunk Christmas, and with knives and guns compelled all the whites in that locality to leave. When the Al Ki left Skagway no blood had been shed, but it was imminent.

Two Petitions.

Washington, Dec. 30.—A delegation presented to the president yesterday two petitions, one from the great majority of the organized Protestant Christian churches of the world and the other from the Pan-Protestant alliance. The first was signed by the representatives of 145 national and denominational churches existing on all the six continents. Baptists, Congregationalists, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians unite in their approval of the petition. It asks for the reduction of the heavy armaments maintained by Christian nations, "ready upon provocation to go to war and settle their disputes by bloodshed," and also requests the influence of the government of the United States in favor of international arbitration as a substitute for war.

The second petition is from the Pan-American Presbyterian alliance which also united in the first petition and which includes eighty national and denominational churches throughout the world. The second petition asks for a "permanent and peaceful method for the settlement of all controversies arising between the peoples of the British empire and the United States of America."

The delegation in presenting the petition emphasized the fact that both originated in the United States, the first for universal disarmament in the year 1890 with the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, south. The delegation also stated that they were not to be regarded as "the advocates of a policy of peace at any price," or with maintaining the opinion that all war is sinful.

The signers of these petitions represent more than 80,000,000 Christians in all parts of the world, 25,000,000 of whom are Presbyterians.

The president responded cordially to the delegation, saying that he favored arbitration as between Great Britain and America. He also said that he had responded promptly to the czar's proposal for disarmament, but that under present circumstances the armaments of the United States could not be lessened, but would in any event be no less than would satisfy European nations.

Miller Arrives.

Manila, Dec. 30.—The expedition under Gen. Miller arrived at Iloilo Tuesday and found that the Spaniards had evacuated the place on Saturday. The steamer Churrua transferred the Spanish forces to Mindanao.

In accordance with an agreement the rebels entered the city and trenches on Monday at noon. They immediately established a municipal government. Guards were placed over foreign property. Everything is quiet and orderly. There was some looting during the night, but five natives were shot and this had an exemplary effect.

The only foreign ship in the harbor was the British cruiser Irene.

A new Filipino cabinet has been formed, the personnel of which is as follows:

President of the cabinet and minister of foreign affairs—Senor Babini.
Minister of war—Senor Luna.
Minister of the interior—Senor Aranceta.
Minister of agriculture and commerce—Senor Beunacano.
Minister of public works—Senor Canan.

Oppose Pensions.

New York, Dec. 30.—The following resolution, offered by Comrade Beasley, formerly of North Carolina, was unanimously passed at a meeting of the Confederate veteran camp of New York:

Resolved, that the Confederate veteran camp of New York condemn in unmeasured terms the efforts of Senator Butler of North Carolina (who is not a Confederate veteran) to debauch the manhood of the south by seeking to obtain pensions for ex-Confederate soldiers from the United States and any similar effort by any southern member of congress will be abhorrent to the camp and meet with unqualified condemnation.

Elevator Burns.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 30.—Elevator X, on the Hastings and Dakota division of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, at Eleventh avenue, south, burned yesterday. The main elevator with its annex and 200,000 bushels of wheat with its contents, and the loss will be at least \$200,000. The insurance is ample to cover the loss, which will be \$75,000 on the building and \$125,000 on the wheat.

Canada Concerned.

Toronto, Can., Dec. 30.—The Toronto World, which opposes the present Liberal government at Ottawa, has a startling editorial under the heading, "Canada on the Brink," in which it warns the people of this country that times are critical, so far as the maintenance of Canada as a free, independent and integral portion of North America is concerned.

"Unless Canadians," declares the World, "are fully alive to the situation and speak out in no uncertain way, they will find themselves between a grasping annexation movement in the United States, having for its end the domination of the whole continent, and a great party in England is prepared to make almost any sacrifices to the United States in consideration of some kind of support of England in her race with Russia, France and other European powers."

The World then refers to the recent speech at Mason, Ga., of Maj. Gen. James H. Wilson of Delaware, in which that gentleman expressed the hope that he "would see the day when our starry flag shall float everywhere, from the frozen north to the sunny clime of Central America."

"We believe," the World proceeds, "that these words of Gen. Wilson only show too well the opinion of a great number of Americans when once their appetite for expansion is aroused in the direction of the north, and if once they get it into their heads that they only have to go far enough in their great game of bluff, which seems to be their best and their strongest card in diplomacy will force Canada into annexation."

In conclusion the paper says: "We are nearer the absorption than ever we were. Do Canadians realize it?"

Anti-Breakfast Fad.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30.—The anti-breakfast fad has gained so many converts in this city during the past few weeks that there is serious talk of organizing a society of the breakfast abstainers. Those who are practicing what they call the "new health rule" are some of the most intelligent and cultured people of the city, and are confined to no particular class or profession. It is claimed by them that the human system can easily subsist off two meals per day and that many of the stomach derangements are brought about by the habit of taking a heavy breakfast immediately after arising. The fact that the converts to the hobby are all enjoying good health at present seems to be an argument in favor of their belief.

Resumes Old Command.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 30.—Official notice has been received by Maj. Gen. Merriam that Gen. Shafter is to be again assigned to the command of the department of California. It is expected that Gen. Shafter will take charge about the 10th of next month. Gen. Merriam has not yet been assigned. He may go north again to the department of Columbia. The impression prevails, however, he will go to Denver to command the department of Colorado and the department of California and Columbia will be combined under Shafter.

Priest as a Pythian.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—Father Walsh, a Catholic priest of this city, has been elected a member of a local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. His application for membership was made in a usual manner and being favorably passed upon by the lodge his election followed without question. He admitted that he had been elected a member of the organization with his consent, but said that he had not yet been initiated, and until this latter ceremony had taken place he could not be considered in any sense a member.

The gold shipments from Australia for the year 1898 amounted to \$12,450,000. The shipments to America increased by \$2,000,000.

Dan A. Stuart says Corbett sprained an ankle in the fight with Sharkey; that he examined the injured limb.

Sayers Calls on President.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Representative Sayers, governor-elect of Texas, saw the president yesterday to say farewell. Mr. Sayers will leave for Texas in a few days and will be inaugurated governor the 17th of January. There has always been a warm friendship between the president and Governor-elect Sayers. They served together for years in the house.

Leicester, Ky., is to have a winter race meet'g.

Iloilo Captured.

Washington, Dec. 29.—A crisis has been reached in the Philippines. Even as this is being written the American troops under Gen. Miller may be in conflict with the Filipinos, who have succeeded in capturing Iloilo.

The administration decided yesterday that the Philippine flag raised over the deserted Spanish outposts last Monday must be hauled down. If the Filipinos submit to American supremacy the problem will have been solved. No serious trouble in the future from the insurgents need be feared. But if they resist and decline to haul down their flag for the substitution of the stars and stripes, the administration is certain that Gen. Miller will carry out his instructions and take possession.

Perhaps Gen. Miller is in a trap—suggested by the developments. Iloilo had been defended by a well armed Spanish brigade. The fact presupposes an overwhelming Filipino force numerically, and it is questionable if the Baltimore and Miller's two regiments will form a force sufficiently strong to insure victory.

It is said that as a result of the white house conference between the president, Alger and Corbin, Admiral Dewey and Gen. Otis were cable to hurry reinforcements to Miller at Iloilo, and that they are now on their way.

The secretary of the navy and the secretary of war are disposed to await further news before making conclusive statements. Both admit the gravity of the situation. Secretary Alger said: "I am informed of the situation officially only through the dispatch from Gen. Otis, in which he says that the insurgent flag is flying over Iloilo. I do not care to state an opinion as to what will be the result when the troops of Gen. Otis reach Iloilo, and they are expected there every hour. I do know, however, that if Iloilo is not surrendered to Gen. Otis by the insurgents his force must either fight or run away. It is not good policy, however, to cross a bridge until you come to it."

Secretary Alger, nevertheless, did not speak as hopefully as heretofore that the insurgents could be pacified by the diplomacy of the American generals in the islands.

Secretary Long said: "I do not know what part the navy may be called upon to play in the situation at Iloilo, as reported by the newspapers. The navy department puts great faith in the judgment of Rear Admiral Dewey, and I am convinced that he will act in accordance with the exigencies of the situation, whatever they may be."

Agoncillo, the Philippine representative here plainly showed his defiance yesterday.

"By all rules of right and justice," said Agoncillo, "the town of Iloilo, having been captured by the insurgent forces, belongs to them, and their flag should not be taken down. The Americans have no right there. They did not assist the insurgents in taking the place. The Filipino forces captured it without aid from any one. They should be allowed to enjoy the fruits of their unaided victory."

"Will they resist Miller if he demands their submission to American supremacy and to lower their flag?" the correspondent asked.

"I don't care to express an opinion on that subject," was the quick reply. "That question must be determined by the Aguinaldo government."

Cashier Arrested.

Colebrook, N. H., Dec. 29.—Harry F. Bailey, cashier of the Colebrook National bank, was arrested here charged with the misappropriation of funds of the institution, the alleged shortage being \$34,150, through overdrafts distributed among ten depositors. The amount of overdrafts was kept in a third book and the other officials of the bank say they were not aware that credit was being so extensively accorded to a portion of the depositors, the alleged irregularities extending over a period of nearly three years. The bank is perfectly solvent.

The American Historical Association is in session at New Haven, Conn.

Domestic Tragedy.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 4.—At Minier, west of this city, John Lytton shot his wife, two children and then himself. All are dead except the husband, who can not live. Jealousy was the cause.

Great Britain wants Spain's coaling stations in the Balearic Islands.

Four miners were killed in the Jump-er mine at Jamestown, Col.

Opposes Chaplains.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 29.—Rev. Sam Small, the evangelist, is now chaplain of the third engineers, United States army. He has arrived here and one of the first things he did was to give out an interview. Among other things he said:

"The chaplains are a sort of sop to the church sentiment without much substance to them. They just take a minister and put a uniform on him with a silver cross on the shoulder, pay him \$200 a month and turn him loose on 1200 men without any of the implements of the spiritual warfare to fight with. I've been disappointed."

"When I get out I am going to suggest that they do away with the chaplains. I suppose there will be a howl, but it is better to raise the issue and have the whole system revised. When we get down to Cuba I'll wager most of the men would rather go to a cock fight or a bull ring than attend services. To tell the truth, I am beginning to think there is a heap of balderdash about what the chaplains do accomplish outside of meeting the sentiment that calls for their presence with every body of troops."

Fire Injured.

Trinidad, Col., Dec. 29.—The east-bound California limited train No. 4 on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad was wrecked by spreading rails eleven miles east of this city at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. The observation car, two drawing-room sleepers and composite car left the track. The wreck immediately caught fire from an explosion of the gas in the composite car and the entire four cars were burned up.

Those in the composite car are reported badly injured. No one was killed, but five were seriously burned and bruised as follows: Conductor C. D. Boucher Las Vegas; C. C. Fairbanks, Pullman porter, Chicago; M. D. Baer, news agent, Kansas City; Chas. L. Bevern, New York city.

A corpse which was en route for Philadelphia was cremated in the fire. The injured were taken to La Junta.

Pool Rooms Closed.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 29.—For the first time in the history of the city the pool rooms are closed, permanently closed. For some time a bitter fight has been waged upon the pool room interests, which resulted in the three rooms in this city being raided, over 125 men being arrested. These were dismissed at a preliminary hearing, but as the grand jury had announced its intention to continue raiding them, the proprietors of the rooms came into the criminal court and stated that they had determined to close the doors permanently. They said they surrendered unconditionally. In view of this fact all pending indictments against them have been dismissed.

Excited Interest.

The greatest interest and curiosity was taken at Madrid in the long audience which Gen. Weyler had with the queen regent.

The newspapers there while sympathizing with Premier Sagasta say the country cannot be sacrificed on account of the illness and an immediate arrangement of the ministerial crisis is demanded. The newspapers also say Don Carlos is now trying to place a loan in Spain through numerous agents adding that he opened negotiations in Madrid with this object in view.

Arkansas Teachers.

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 29.—The Western Arkansas Teachers' association commenced here yesterday with the leading educators of the state in attendance.

Hon. John H. Rogers, judge of the federal court, is president of the school board. He delivered the address of welcome which was responded to by the president of the association. Addresses were made by perintendent J. J. Doyle, perintendent J. L. Holloway and Mr. Huggy of Orchard, Ark.

Bonds Validated.

Washington, Jan. 4.—An important suit involving the validity of county bonds in Arizona was decided in the supreme court of the United States yesterday. The case validates \$229,541 worth of bonds issued by Pima county in aid of the Arizona Narrow Gauge railroad.

An Oklahoma statehood convention is to convene at Guthrie on the 15th.

Wed Four Sisters.

A remarkable wedding has taken place in a small village. Four brothers and four sisters were married. The four brides were the daughters of a prosperous farmer and his wife. They are all of the same age, 28, and the ages of the husbands vary only a few days. The ceremony of marrying the four brides occupied almost an hour, the bridesmaids performing all the duties and their wives will have a stone's throw of each other.

Boys Whipped.

Ind., Jan. 4.—Minor Gardner, Elijah Scott, and William Morris, boys in age from 10 to 12 years, were given a public whipping in the court for stealing some old shoes. Their parents were given a whipping by Judge Winfrey of whipping the boys or having them sent to a reform school. The boys were led away by the turnkey and given five lashes each. Their yells were heard two blocks away.