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HARBOR AND RIVER BILL PASSED

By Narrow Margin, the U. S. Senate Approves Measure Carrying \$42,000,000 for Waterways of the Nation

Washington, May 29.—The senate by a vote of 35 to 32 passed the rivers and harbors bill today, appropriating \$42,000,000.

The Newlands amendment to create a general waterways committee of non-partisan personnel to investigate plans for river commerce and flood control was adopted. Kenyon's amendment to cut the appropriation to \$25,000,000 was defeated.

The bill carries the following appropriations for the state of Oregon: Coos bay, \$70,000; Tillamook bay, \$5,000; Coquille river, \$6,000; Coosan river, \$3,000; Siuslaw river, \$5,000; Snake river, from mouth to Pittsburgh landing, \$25,000; Columbia river and tributaries above Celilo falls, \$38,000; Willamette and Yamhill rivers, \$47,000; Columbia and lower Willamette rivers below Portland, \$360,000; mouth of Columbia, \$1,200,000; Clatskanie, \$1,000.

Washington, May 29.—The motion of filibusters to send the rivers and harbors bill back to committee was defeated by the senate today, the vote being 27 to 41. The motion included instructions to the commerce committee to report on the \$20,000,000 application to be apportioned by army engineers. Senators Ashurst, Borah and Lane voted affirmatively.

N. Y. GIANTS TAKE 17 GAMES STRAIGHT

Boston, May 29.—"Matty" pitched the Giants to another clean-cut victory today—17 straight for New York. Score, 3 to 0. The Boston Braves could not do much with "big Six" and the Giants hit opportunely. Three Boston errors aided New York on its sensational and record-breaking spurt.

When the Giants started their terrific drive they were in the cellar. They are now only two games from the top.

New York, May 29.—The attention of the New York baseball fans was centered today on Boston, where the Giants clash with the Boston Braves in the final games of the series. If McGraw's men can grab this afternoon's contest they will have captured 17 games straight, within two games of the major league record of 19 straight, made by the Chicago White Sox.

The Giants today were only two games behind the National league leaders and were going strong. Tomorrow they will open a new series with the Phillies at Philadelphia.

In the American league the renovated and rejuvenated Cleveland Indians are going almost as strong as the Giants, but they have slipped during the last week and are now in second place.

GERMANS REPORT REPULSE OF ATTACK AT CUMIERES

Berlin, May 29.—Two French attacks at Cumieres during the night were repulsed, it was officially announced today. Violent artillery fighting on both banks of the Meuse was reported.

VILLISTA CACHE HELD MACHINE GUNS AND RIFLES

With the American Troops near Namiquipa, Mex., May 28 (Via Columbus, N. M., May 29).—Search for other Villista caches is in progress today, following the discovery of 10 machine guns and 280 rifles in Ealso canyon, a bandit rendezvous.

The American hunt for small bands and watch on suspected Villista hiding places have not been relaxed. The good condition of the loot found in the canyon suggests that Villa probably cached it there upon retreating from Columbus, N. M.

BULGAR INVADERS AND GREEKS BATTLE

London, May 29.—Brisk fighting between Greeks and Bulgarians is in progress today following the Bulgarian invasion of Greece. A detachment from Fort Rupel fired upon Bulgarian troops, whereupon the latter returned the shots, without serious losses to either side. Greece has warned its border commanders to prevent serious encounters. It is believed the army of 25,000 Bulgarians which entered Greece did so in order to be on guard against an allied attack. The Venizelos party is now again demanding that Greece join the allies. It is believed, however, that King Constantine is still opposed to such a move.

TRANSCONTINENTAL HIKER OFF ON FREAK STUNT

San Francisco, May 29.—Determined to break the transcontinental record of Edward Payson Weston, 104 days, seven hours, from San Francisco to New York, Joseph Scott, amateur hiker of Philadelphia, started for the east today over the Lincoln highway. He expects to make Sacramento in two days.

ROCKEFELLER INFLUENCE MAY CONTROL G. N. ROAD

New York, May 29.—It seems certain today that the National City bank of New York, closely allied with Rockefeller, will exert a mighty influence on the Great Northern railway now that James J. Hill is dead. J. P. Morgan's holdings in the Northern Pacific may thus bring the two lines into competition. Hill prevented active competition during his life time.

LOS ANGELES MAYOR MAY SEEK GOVERNOR'S JOB

Los Angeles, May 29.—Mayor Charles E. Sebastian of Los Angeles today refused to either confirm or deny reports that he contemplated becoming a candidate for governor of California. When questioned as to his gubernatorial aspirations, he replied: "I have no statement to make in that matter. I am not denying or affirming it."

TEXAS INFANTRY FOR BORDER SERVICE

San Antonio, May 29.—The Third Texas infantry regiment entrained today for service in the Brownsville section. Simultaneously Colonel Sibley of the United States army departed with instructions regarding patrolling the Del Rio region. Authorities here are perplexed as to why General Gavia, Carranzista commander at Juarez, plans to confer with General Pershing regarding co-operation when that matter was settled at the recent conference between General Scott and General Obregon.

EMPIRE BUILDER PASSED AWAY AT ST. PAUL TODAY

James J. Hill, Aged Railroad Man, Unable to Survive Shock of Operation Performed Saturday, Died This Morning, and Through His Death One of the Leading Industrial Captains of the Nation Leaves Stage of Action

St. Paul, Minn., May 29.—James J. Hill, one of the last of the American empire builders, died at his home here at 9:43 a. m. today, following an operation for the removal of a carbuncle. On account of his age, 78 years, he was unable to resist successfully the shock of the operation. James Jerome Hill was called "The Empire Builder" because he was one of the greatest transportation geniuses of an age when railroad building was the most important feature of American expansion.

Hill was born near Guelph Ontario, September 16, 1838. Educated at Rockwood academy, he left his father's farm in 1856 and entered steamboat line offices in St. Paul, where he remained ten years.

He was married in 1867 to Mary Theresa Mehegan. About this time Hill went into the fuel and transportation business as a member of the firm of Hill, Griggs & Company.

In 1870 he established the Red River Transportation company, operating between St. Paul and Winnipeg. Three years later he sold his interest in that concern and organized a syndicate which obtained control of the St. Paul & Pacific railroad. This was reorganized under Hill's guiding genius, and became known as the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway company.

Hill officiated as general manager, vice-president and president of this road until it merged with the Great Northern system in 1890. Hill then directed the building of the Great Northern, extending from Lake Superior to Puget sound, with northern and southern branches and a line of steamers running to the Orient.

Hill was president of the Great Northern until 1907 and chairman of its board of directors until 1912. He was also president of the Northern Securities company, a director of several railway systems and a number of banks, and vice-president of the New York chamber of commerce.

One of the finest collections of modern French paintings is in the Hill galleries. He also interested himself in writing and was the author of several works touching on transportation problems. One of the best known is "Highways of Progress."

Hill's final collapse came with startling suddenness. It was late last week before a word of his serious condition was allowed to leak out. Then it was stated he was merely suffering from a cold. The Mayo brothers, surgical specialists, were brought from Rochester, Minn., for a consultation and it then developed that Hill was afflicted with an intestinal carbuncle.

Newspapermen, motion picture operators and press cameramen began besieging the Hill mansion. It was learned Sunday that Hill was worse. He suffered considerable pain and was restless. He grew steadily weaker.

Special trains began bringing friends and relatives to the bedside. The best surgeons were summoned. Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, opened his residence next door for the accommodation of doctors and nurses. Early Sunday afternoon Hill suffered a sinking spell.

Rev. Father Thomas Gibbons, pastor of the St. Paul Catholic cathedral and vicar-general of the St. Paul archdiocese, hastened to the bedside. Four hours later Hill was said to have rallied. At six p. m. his pulse was reported improved. But at 9:30, twelve hours before his death was to come, Doctors Biggs and Gillilan

announced that "the outlook was extremely serious."

Desiring a special sedative to quiet Hill, the doctors sent to Chicago for it, a distance of 451 miles. The sedative was brought to St. Paul on a special train, which covered the ground in 8 hours 3 minutes, a new record. When the sedative arrived, surgeons decided not to use it.

Mrs. Samuel Hill, of Washington state, Hill's daughter, arrived on a special train and rushed to the death chamber just in time to grasp her father's hand before life flickered out.

Hill was conscious to the end. Mrs. A. M. Bard, of New York, who was en route on a special train, was the only child not at the bedside when the end came.

Physicians declared that Hill would have survived his illness but for his great age. Hill's activity continued right up to the last and he held a business conference on his death bed. Realizing that his illness would probably prove fatal, the aged financier on Sunday called several railroad officials to his side and instructed them regarding the disposition he wished to make of several pending matters. He also conferred with two bank officials. One of the last gigantic deals in which Hill participated was the allied loan.

Hill was one of the close personal friends of the king of Belgium and did everything in his power to assist the king and the people of Belgium.

The history of Hill's life is the history of development in the northwest. Fifty years ago he was a dock clerk in St. Paul and practically penniless. He died a multi-millionaire.

Hill's parents were plain, hard-working Scotch and north of Ireland stock. Hill wanted to be a great surgeon. His father's death when he was 15 years old blasted that hope.

When Hill entered the fuel and transportation business for himself he became simultaneously station master of St. Paul's only railroad.

Lord Mount Stephen, Lord Strathcona and Norman W. Kittson formed the trio which purchased the Minnesota & Pacific railroad from Dutch bondholders and put Hill in charge. This road, running between St. Paul and Minneapolis, was the foundation of the great Hill lines.

The Great Northern was organized in 1889 to merge all branches and feeders in Minnesota and the Dakotas. The same year Hill pushed the line toward Puget sound and the ore producing regions in northern Minnesota.

The organization of steamship companies operating to the orient through Seattle was the next step in Hill's career. In the meantime he put through the Northern Pacific, which is another line connecting St. Paul with the coast.

Needing a line between Chicago and the coast, Hill bought the Burlington route in 1901. But the Northern Securities company, organized to control the three roads, was dissolved as illegal.

The Great Northern purchased its subsidiary lines in 1907. Expansion was the keynote of Hill's life. Louis Hill replaced his father in active direction of the railroad interests in 1912.

James J. Hill's children are James N. Hill, Mrs. A. M. Bard and Mrs. Michael Gavin, of New York; Mrs. George Slade, Mrs. Emil Boeckmann, Miss Clara Hill and Louis Hill, of St. Paul; Walter Hill, of Hallock, Minn.; and Mrs. Samuel Hill, of Washington state.

FRANK HITCHCOCK IN CHARGE OF THE HUGHES BOOM

Chicago, May 29.—Justice Hughes' presidential boom was put under way in earnest today when Frank Hitchcock, postmaster-general in Taft's cabinet, arrived here.

"I am not here to open Hughes' headquarters, but I will keep my ear to the ground, declared Hitchcock, who is one of the supreme court justice's most aggressive supporters. "I am confident Hughes will accept if nominated by the republican party. He has not told me so, but that is the way I feel. I have not seen Hughes for a month. He is the most likely candidate. It will be hard to beat Wilson, but Hughes is the man to do it."

Hughes will be placed in nomination first, according to convention arrangements, Alabama yielding to Whitman of New York. Hughes will have 50 New York votes, the majority of the New York delegation, on the first ballot.

The first candidate, Coleman DuPont, arrived in Chicago today and took personal charge of his headquarters. He said:

"Delaware, my state, has endorsed me. I expect other support. But what I most want is for the best man to win."

Roosevelt supporters are prepared to meet the colonel's train at four p. m., when he passes through Chicago en route to Kansas City for a speech. He will be here four hours, but he will not speak unless he makes a brief address at the depot. Roosevelt will confer with bull moose leaders here.

SLAIN BANDIT WAS RUSS ANARCHIST

San Francisco, May 29.—While funeral services were conducted today for Police Sergeant Moriarity, killed by Philip Ward, Russian anarchist, fresh mystery beclouded the case of the latter, who was slain battling police. His body still lies in the public morgue, despite the fact that a mysterious man, claiming to act for an equally mysterious "Miss Fitzgerald," has called up a private undertaking establishment several times, directing that the corpse be transferred there.

The police for a time believed that this "Miss Fitzgerald" might be the same woman as Mrs. Anna Stone, who came from Los Angeles with her little girl to join Ward here shortly before his death. Investigation convinced them, however, that this clew was false, and that Mrs. Stone returned secretly to Los Angeles after Ward was killed.

Detectives have found a number of letters in Russian which contain code words convincing them that Ward was implicated in the operations of bandit gangs in many Pacific coast cities, that he was a member of the Nelson-Juber bank robbing organization and connected with a counterfeiting ring in Los Angeles.

Local Russian anarchists are strong in their denunciations of the police for killing Ward, and a collection has been taken up to pay his funeral expenses.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF METHODISTS ENDS

Saratoga, N. Y., May 29.—With simple prayers invoking divine aid on the work of the Methodist Episcopal church during the next four years, the Methodist Episcopal conference which has been in session for a month was brought to a close here today.

Rev. E. M. Randall, of Seattle, and Rolla V. Watt, of San Francisco, were included among those named on a committee to work for a union of the Methodists of the north and south.

TWO GERMAN ATTACKS CHECKED

Battle West of Cumieres a Raged Last Night, But Teutons Struggle in Vain to Penetrate French Defenses

Paris, May 29.—Two terrific German attacks west of Cumieres have been checked, following a five-hour battle, it was officially announced today.

The Germans first charged at 7 o'clock last night, attempting to recapture Thursday's losses. For an hour they struggled in vain to penetrate the French defenses, finally retreating into a ravine east of Dead Man's hill. A second assault came just before midnight. In the ghastly glare of illuminating bombs, French and Germans battled hand-to-hand on the parapets of trenches until the Teutons were driven back into Corbeau woods.

East of the river Meuse there was a heavy artillery duel near Vaux, but no important infantry operations. A German reconnaissance in Lorraine was repulsed, said the communique.

WILSON MAY ACCEPT OVER THE TELEPHONE

Washington, May 29.—An effort is under way today to have President Wilson address the St. Louis convention by telephone when he accepts the democratic nomination.

HALF MILLION LOSS IN VANCOUVER FIRE

Vancouver, B. C., May 29.—A loss of \$500,000 is the estimate today caused by fire Sunday night which started in the Alberta-Pacific grain elevator. The origin of the fire is unknown. Before the fire department could respond the flames had spread to the million-dollar plant of the New England Fish company, destroying their wharf, offices, stores and partially destroying a warehouse.

HOLD SERVICE IN PORTLAND IN MEMORY OF JAS. HILL

Portland, May 29.—The chamber of commerce today adopted a resolution calling for memorial services in honor of the late James J. Hill simultaneously with the funeral services when they are held in St. Paul. Nearly all the flags displayed here were at half-mast.

CARRANZA AGENT IS AT WASHINGTON

Washington, May 29.—Mexican Representative Arredondo announced today that Carranzista Agent Manuel Mendez had arrived from Mexico City, but that he knew nothing about a note he was reported carrying to President Wilson.

Arredondo explained he was expecting a transcript of the Scott-Obregon conference and it possibly led to a report that Carranza was sending a note again demanding withdrawal of American troops.

Nevertheless, Consul Rogers telegraphed that Carranza's communication should have reached Secretary Lansing on Saturday. Rogers understood Mendez was the message bearer.

Lansing will protest if an investigation develops that decrees affecting Americans in Tampico are confiscatory.