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REINHART MAY GO.

A Belief That the Santa Fe's President Will Resign Both Presidency and Receivership.

Owing to the War Made Upon Him

BY THE STOCKHOLDERS

Harsh Charges Made Against Him by Theo. Myers.

Accused of "Grossly Irregular" Methods of Accounts.

REINHART'S FRIENDS

Do Not Intend to See Him Turned Down.

Thomas Baring a Warm Adherent of the President.

DEBS PUTS IN HIS OAR.

Says the Santa Fe Has Violated the Same Law

It Put in Operation Against A. R. U. Strikers.

of Mr. Joseph W. Reinhart and Mr. J. J. McCook as receivers of said company.

When these parties were selected for this great trust it was generally believed that both, one as president of the company and the other as its chief legal adviser, and a director of long standing, had been most loyal and true to our interests. We assume that they were largely influenced by this consideration in yielding to their appointment. At the time foreclosure proceedings were begun, the stockholders were not apprehensive of any very serious financial entanglements. This feeling of confidence on their part was due in a large measure to the report made by the management for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, which discloses a net surplus of \$1,753,638.98, and was subsequently strengthened by a statement made to us December 23, 1893, over Mr. Reinhart's own signature, wherein he assures us that the entire floating debt of the company did not then exceed \$350,000, and that the treasury held securities more than sufficient to pay the same, and that the company's embarrassment was only temporary. To quote his own words, "The Atchison system as a whole, including the St. Louis & San Francisco railway and all other auxiliary lines (comprising 9,845 miles of railroad), is amply able, even under the present adverse conditions, to earn a safe balance above its fixed charges."

The latter showing was deemed most satisfactory and as not in the least jeopardizing the interests of the stockholders. Subsequent events have shown, however, that grossly irregular methods had apparently been employed in the keeping of the company's accounts and that its actual financial condition had been misrepresented, in fact what appears to have been a course of systematic deception has been pursued, and the records have been so artfully manipulated as to present a surplus, when, in truth, a deficiency seems to have existed. The large favorable balances heretofore exhibited now appear to resolve themselves into a myth, and we fear that the company's affairs may be such as to threaten the gravest consequences. If the responsibility for all this is shared by Messrs. Reinhart and McCook their retention as receivers under the circumstances would, in our opinion, operate as a menace to the interests we represent. The precise nature and extent of the abuses we have not had the opportunity to ascertain. There ought to be absolutely no secrecy in the business and affairs of this company, and especially so far as the stockholders are concerned. It is needless to say that our efforts have been very much obstructed by this action. In our opinion the management charged with the duty and responsibility of controlling this great property should be free from every suspicion of wrong doing and be entirely disconnected with the company's past management.

We are satisfied that it is your aim to execute the trust confided to you in all its integrity and to deal justly toward all interests, and we therefore appeal to you to take such action as will lead to the removal of Messrs. Reinhart and McCook as receivers, and the substitution of other persons in their place who will be disposed to conserve our interests, and in whose impartiality and fairness we can repose implicit faith and confidence. Hoping for a favorable reply we are respectfully,
THEODORE W. MYERS,
Chairman Atchison Protective Reorganization committee.

[The committee's report and Mr. Reinhart's reply appear on the second page.]
The affairs of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway are getting a pretty good airing. It is the first they have had since the Strong management was ousted and the company reorganized. The Reinhart management has not yet taken advantage of a chance to prove that it is all it has claimed to be.

The World announces Mr. Reinhart ready to resign the presidency and receivership as soon as he has made his explanation to the general reorganization committee regarding the charges that the company is seven million dollars short. The Santa Fe officers turned up their noses at this report when Mr. Little first made it, but now it has developed into a pretty large sized scandal reflecting on the management of the company since Mr. Reinhart became president.

ITS LOCAL EFFECTS.

Prospective Changes in the Santa Fe Management at Topeka.

The trouble the Santa Fe receivers Reinhart and McCook have gotten into has started the local gossips talking about the final outcome of the Santa Fe trouble.

It is generally conceded that receivers Reinhart and McCook will not be longer connected with the company and every body here who claims to know anything about the affair says they will resign.

It is said by a man who says he saw the dispatch before he left for New York yesterday, Receiver Wilson received a telegram from Geo. R. Peck informing him that in matter what the outcome of the trouble is, he will still be retained as one of the receivers, both the controlling factions being satisfied with his appointment.

The interpretation of this is that no matter how the present trouble is settled, Geo. R. Peck will still be the big man of the Santa Fe management.

The continuation of this story is that as Mr. Peck stands godfather to J. J. Frey, the present general manager, and as Mr. Peck is responsible for Mr. Frey's being in his present position, Mr. Frey will continue to be general manager.

Another story is that the Alden Spear faction of the Santa Fe management at Boston is very much dissatisfied with the present operating management of the system and they propose to have a change made all around.

It is said that the Alden Spear faction propose to have Mr. A. A. Robinson put into Mr. Reinhart's position as president with headquarters at Topeka, and will then bring the former general superintendent, H. R. Nickerson, back to succeed Mr. Frey as general manager.

This all could happen and Mr. Peck still be retained as general solicitor and Mr. Wilson as one of the receivers.

to the report of the Atchison reorganization committee.

"Here we have proof which is incontrovertible that the Santa Fe railroad has stolen \$7,000,000 from the people in violation of the interstate commerce law. I want to know why the officials of that corporation are not prosecuted? I want to serve notice on the officials who are prosecuting the railroad men for going on strike that the Santa Fe has systematically violated that law. I insist that it is their duty to prosecute the other violators of the law. I am for law and order and I insist that the law shall be enforced without respect to persons."

"I was confronted in the United States court by lawyers from the Santa Fe who were there to try to send me to the penitentiary. Turn about is fair play. Unless the laws are enforced against rich and poor alike I should like to know how the people can be expected to respect the law. If I were interested in the interstate commerce law I am willing to pay the penalty, but I insist that the law be enforced against all who have violated it. I have said, and I repeat it, under the present administration the judicial net is set to catch minnows and let the whales get away. Is it not notoriously true that the railroads have violated every provision of the interstate commerce law? But you have not heard of anyone being punished for it, have you? No, it is only when some employe of a railroad stumbles over a rye straw that you hear of the law being triumphantly vindicated."

"BED-BUGS AND MATCHES"

Are the Causes Assigned For This Morning's Fire.

Gasoline as a means of exterminating bed-bugs may have the desired effect, but it is extremely hazardous. Ed Burdick tried it this morning and Chief Wilmart estimates that \$400 will cover the damage. He took a can of gasoline up stairs at his house at 722 Monroe street, and began sprinkling it around the edges of the carpet and in the corners of the room. It caught alight probably from stepping on it or from a match, and in an instant the whole room was so full of fire that Mr. Burdick made his exit with difficulty. The alarm was turned in from box 26 and the fire was extinguished. After Chief Wilmart concluded the fire was about out it was discovered the fire was still raging in the space between the door and the floor. The gasoline had leaked under the door and the fire had followed it. It is believed that the insurance on the house will fully cover the \$400 damage.

These bed bugs appear to be fire bugs should be added to the list of fire causes, which embraces incendiaries, bad boys children-playing-with-fire, gasoline stove lamps, mice and matches.

TOPEKA TORRID.

We Appear to Have Recurred a Heat From Heat.

Perhaps it hadn't occurred to you before today, but it's hot. Swift & Holliday's thermometer call it 103 and other less reliable thermometers range from 99 to 104. Those over-conservative machines of Lieutenant Jennings', up in the cool air ninety feet above the pavement, indicate 97 degrees; but the public is losing confidence in 'em.

TOPEKA WAS CHOSEN.

The Next Bicycle Meet Of The L. A. W. To Be Held Here.

LEAVENWORTH, Aug. 10.—The eighth annual convention of the Kansas division L. A. W., was held here this morning with Chief Consul Reichenbach of Topeka, in the chair.

Reports of chief consul and Secretary-Treasurer Hawley, show the division to be financially sound. The following nominations were made:

For chief consul, W. W. Hooper of Leavenworth; vice consul, Thomas Shaw of Wichita; secretary-treasurer, W. C. F. Reichenbach of Topeka; representative, R. C. Munley of Leavenworth.

Topeka was chosen as the place of meeting next year.

WILL EVICT PULLMAN MEN.

Those That Don't Pay Their Rent Will Have to Go.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—The Pullman company has practically decided to evict its striking tenants for non-payment of rent. Vice President Wickes, of the company said today that the new employes must have houses and most of the Pullman dwellings are occupied by strikers. Some sort of action will be taken at once.

The announcement created great excitement among the strikers as the men had believed the company would not dare to take radical measures. As to when the evictions would begin, Mr. Wickes refused to say.

Dr. D. E. Powers Heir to \$250,000.

Mr. D. E. Powers received the sad news today of the death of his father-in-law, Dr. Alvord of Denver. He was 84 years old and his wife aged 89 survives him. Dr. Alvord was quite wealthy and left an estate valued at \$250,000. He leaves one child besides Mrs. Powers.

Boss Croker's Mother Dead.

COULD ONLY MOAN.

Dreadful Scenes at the Rock Island Wreck Last Night.

Terror Stricken People Refused to Leave Burning Cars.

ONLY A FEW BONES.

Cars and People Were Licked Up by the Flames.

The Number of Killed Will Probably Reach Twelve.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 10.—Train No. 8 on the Rock Island, which was wrecked last night on the high trestle over the Union Pacific tracks, is an accommodation called "Port Worth accommodation" and is due to arrive here at 9:40 p. m. Last night it was about ten minutes late and was making up time when it struck the trestle that crosses Salt creek, about four miles from the city and two miles from the penitentiary. When it struck the trestle, the rails immediately spread and the engine drawing the two cars after it, went thumping along over the cross ties for about fifty feet and then with a crash, it fell forty feet to the bed of the creek below.

The engine burst, and glowing coals spreading ignited the wooden supports and the coaches behind it, and in a few moments the bridge, dry as tinder from its long exposure to the sun, was one mass of flames. The coals falling upon the coaches lying in the ditches, set them alight, and five minutes after the first warning, the entire mass of cars with their load of human freight below, was one mass of flames.

It was an awful sight. The flames mounted high in the heavens, coloring the entire southern sky a brilliant carmine, while the moonbeams fell upon the glowing mass below, from which mortal shrieks of agony and pain were heard to issue. Billowing clouds were there to help, but little could be done.

Found them All In.

The engine had fallen first, then the combination car of smoker and express coach fell, partially upon that, and the rear coach falling behind it telescoped that car, thus pinning those unfortunates who were in the smoker so that it was impossible to save them or for them to escape.

Harry Foote, the brakeman who did such efficient work at the wreck, says he is positive that there were at least ten men in the smoker, six of whom he can describe. In addition to the crew he mentions a man whose name he does not know, employed by an elevator builder named Counselman, at Newark. There were also several passengers who got on at Jansen, and two got on at Pawnee City. Foote says that when he took out Fred Scott, the baggage-man, who was crying "Harry, Harry, hurry for Christ's sake," he heard a faint groan from the smoker, and again another when the flames reached it, but that was all.

Probably all were mercifully crushed to death, for the car was smashed almost perfectly flat. One man was found lying outside the smoker. He was probably on the platform when the train went over. He was seriously, but not fatally injured, and is now at the Opell house. The passengers rescued from the chair car were paralyzed with fright and could only lie on the bank and moan, rendering no assistance to the work of the rescuers.

One family of Russians, consisting of a man, wife and child, was so completely panic stricken that, like horses in a fire, they could not be induced to leave the car and had to be carried out.

Only a Few Blackened Bones.

The wrecking crew so far has discovered only a few blackened bones and fragments of burned flesh.

A. S. Bell, the Lincoln traveling man, was not killed as first reported, but terribly injured in the fall. He was taken to his home at 811 North sixteenth street.

Among the thirteen passengers in the car were Mrs. Fritz and sister-in-law, who were badly shaken up. J. E. Fritz, a Lincoln traveling man, had three ribs broken, and is a mass of cuts and bruises but it is thought he will recover.

J. R. Brinker, a Denver traveling man was supposed to have been killed, but he turned up this morning, having missed the train at Beatrice.

Col. C. J. Bills, treasurer of the National Guard association of the United States, was one of the fortunate passengers and his story is as follows:

"Jay McDowell and myself were seated in the middle of the car and as we discovered that the train was likely to go over the trestle, McDowell started down the aisle. I yelled to him to sit down and the next instant the crash came. The engine went overboard first and the smoker on top of that, and the rear coach in which we were seated jammed down on the other. The car was crowded with passengers and we were forced along the backs of seats in front of us, and all but McDowell and myself were horribly mangled."

"As soon as possible, we climbed through a window and in fifteen minutes succeeded in extricating nine persons who were jammed in the debris. Hearing the shrieks and cries for help on all sides, I left McDowell and ran three miles across the country to the penitentiary without making a stop. I had Warden Beemer telephone the police department, and they responded promptly and nobly with the patrol carriages and physicians."

No Chances For Escape.

Col. Bell says that two men in the front of the chair car were killed and burned, and that he held of one, trying to get him out, but could not manage it. He thinks it would be impossible for a single man to have escaped from the smoking car. I fell foremost on the engine and the chair car which followed flattened

it. E. H. Zerneke of Lincoln and Henry Peters of Council Bluffs are no doubt in the ruins. They were at Sprague yesterday and expected to return last night.

The operator at Martell says that two Germans begged the train at his station, which is a mile from Sprague and they are probably the men. The work of clearing the track is progressing slowly. The Union Pacific is now opened and the Rock Island trains are going out over the B. & M.

Conductor Stannard of St. Joe leaves a wife and two sons.

Ike Depew, engineer, leaves a wife and daughter.

W. O. Hamel of Fairbury, was the wealthiest citizen of the town and leaves a wife.

The List of Killed and Injured.

Mangled with debris are the remains of at least eight men, and it is believed the total number of deaths will reach 12. Those known to have been killed are:

C. J. STANNARD, Council Bluffs, conductor, burned to death.

WILLIAM CRAIG, Fairbury, Neb., fireman, buried under the engine.

ISAAC DEPEW, engineer, Council Bluffs, instantly killed.

W. O. HAMMILL, Fairbury, attorney, burned to death.

O. S. BELL, Lincoln, Neb., traveling man, crushed to death.

COUNSELLMAN, elevator builder, Newark, Kan.

MURGER, traveling man for Counselman, the grain dealer.

E. H. ZERNEKE, abstractor, Lincoln.

HENRY PETERS, blacksmith, Council Bluffs.

The injured are:

F. F. Scott, Hinton, Kan., express messenger, fatal internal injuries.

Col. C. J. Bills, Fairbury, Neb., treasurer of the National Guard Association of the United States, leg badly cut; will recover.

Jay McDowell, Fairbury, legs cut and head badly bruised.

Harry Foote, Council Bluffs, leg broken.

S. E. Puetz, traveling man, Lincoln, internal injuries.

Two ladies living in the Billingsley block, slightly injured.

A passenger named Somersell, hurt about the head.

A number of people are missing and it is feared that C. Enrich, mother and son, of Jansen, Nebraska, are among the dead.

M. Beaver, clothier, and A. B. Ebbe, insurance agent of Pawnee City, cannot be found and are supposed to have perished.

An unknown man, said to have come from McPherson, Kansas, on the way to the Birch Hills, is supposed to be among the dead.

HUNGER IN PULLMAN.

Strikers Are Without Food—Scenes at Relief Headquarters.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—Pullman strikers are becoming exceedingly hard pressed for food, fuel and other supplies. For the last week the relief committee has found it up-hill work to supply 2,500 men who applied every day for aid, and nearly every day many hundreds have been turned away empty handed.

One poor woman, who looked worn and faded, came twice during one day, carrying her baby on one arm and tugging another child by the hand. She said that all she wanted was a small piece of the beef which was being distributed, but she was compelled to give it to the state ticket headed by Captain R. F. Kolb has been elected. The alternative is presented of submission to wrong, insult and robbery, or to assert the sovereign power before which thrones totter, scepters fall and the usurages of tyrants cease. That alternative must meet a response from manual or silent submission from those unworthy of citizenship.

"A proud and chivalrous people, worthy of freedom, cannot shrink the responsibilities the situation enforces. A distinguished patriot has asserted that 'the man who will not fight for his liberty is unworthy of freedom.' We do not advise fighting or lawlessness of any kind, but the crisis has arisen which demands that the sovereign power shall assert itself to compel unworthy servants of its will to submit to its power and recognize its authority. Your committee recognizes that it has been entrusted with certain duties, and that its powers are circumscribed, and it feels authorized only in going to the extent of advising and urging those whom it represents to exercise the power vested in them, and to hold meetings on Thursday, the twenty-third day of August, at the respective courthouses, if not otherwise specified, to act upon this great crisis, and insist that that manhood, patriotism and love of liberty which has always distinguished prompt and decisive action. From them we find and expression in their course that will be creditable to their revolutionary sires and furnish a precedent in our history to which all can revert with pride and satisfaction. At the same time and place we would urge the organization of law and order leagues to uphold the supremacy of that greatest of all law and power—the sovereign will of a free people. Upon the adjournment of these meetings reports of the proceedings should be furnished immediately to W. H. Skaggs, chairman, Birmingham, Ala."

COULDN'T AGREE AGAIN.

Senators Want to Report a Disagreement on the Bill.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—The Democratic conferees resumed their sitting today and during the beginning of the conference there was an interchange of suggestions, based upon the offer made by the senate conferees last evening to accept free sugar as provided in the house bill. The senate bill on other items to be accepted by the house. It did not take the conferees long to find that they could come to no agreement on this basis and the first house member to make his appearance said so.

It is stated on the authority of a conservative senator that the Republican conferees will be called in today and that the senators will make a proposition to report a disagreement on the tariff bill.

To Investigate Albatross Election.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Senator Chandler (Rep., N. H.) at 12:15 p. m. today in the senate offered a resolution directing the committee on privileges and elections to investigate the recent election in Alabama and ascertain if frauds were committed. At Mr. Hill's request the resolution went over till tomorrow.

WAR CERTAIN.

Kolb's Supporters to Organize Into Leagues.

To Seat Kolb as Governor of Alabama.

ADDRESS IS ISSUED

By the Kolb Central Committee Today.

Frauds Perpetrated in the Black Belt Counties.

Where Democrats Juggled Up 34,000 Majority for Oates.

AN APPEAL TO ARMS

The Only Remedy Left for Honest Voters.

Says the Pronunciamento Issued by Kolbites.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 10.—Reuben Kolb's committee, which has been in session here for thirty hours, has issued an address which is the sensation of the hour. The proclamation of his committee begins by charging that Democrats have sent up fraudulent majorities from fifteen black belt counties, aggregating 34,107, and that the same counties in '92 sent up majorities of 28,600. They charge further that frauds have been perpetrated in white counties of not less than 15,000. Their proclamation sets up the claim that the Sayre election law was enacted to disfranchise literate voters and perpetrate greater frauds than two years ago the Democrats promised to pass a post-let law to prevent a popular uprising, and that as they didn't do it the committee advises that no further promises be accepted.

It goes on to state: "The election returns show a repetition of the frauds of 1892, with less protest and absolutely without the least semblance of justification, in order to overcome the legitimate majorities for our ticket in forty-one white counties. With the consummation of these has also been brought forth four or five fraudulently elected senators, and eleven or twelve representatives to the general assembly. This outrageous and illegal, intensified by the impudence and effrontery with which it has been taken, displays a disregard of public sentiment in such a brazen-faced manner that it seems to have been intended to add insult to injury."

The proclamation then continued as follows: "The condition in this state has reached a climax. There is no doubt that the state ticket headed by Captain R. F. Kolb has been elected. The alternative is presented of submission to wrong, insult and robbery, or to assert the sovereign power before which thrones totter, scepters fall and the usurages of tyrants cease. That alternative must meet a response from manual or silent submission from those unworthy of citizenship."

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"Chairman Central Campaign Com."
"A. T. Goodwin,
"Chairman Jeffersonian Ex. Com."
"J. W. Pitts,
"Chairman People's Party Ex. Com."

It is learned on good authority that Captain Kolb made the statement this afternoon that he proposed to go to Montgomery as the expiration of Governor Jones' term of office and to serve in as governor. This tends to verify the rumors that a dual government is the scheme of the Kolbites.

They say that they have rifles and that their Hickory Stick brigade, that has been organized in several counties, will come into use.

\$10,000,000 Wine Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10.—The Big wine syndicate, which has been formed here to control the wine business of the state, will control 80 per cent of the grape product of California for the next five years. The capital stock of the company is \$10,000,000, of which \$2,000,000 have been subscribed.