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PLEASED PARTY OF PUBLICISTS

EASTERN WRITERS ARE HERE AS C. P. R. GUESTS

Entertained at Luncheon by Local Government To-day.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

There is a highly delighted group of newspaper editors and magazine writers in the city to-day, here as the guests of the C. P. R. and with J. S. Dennis, head of the irrigation department, and Richard Marpole, chief executive on the Pacific coast, as cicerones. The trip through the Rockies was a revelation to the members of the party, and as a climax came the run across to Victoria and a sight of the beautiful setting of this queen city of the west.

In the party are well known writers from eastern and middle-west American cities, who are getting an insight into the surpassing wealth of Canada's prairies and mountains. Assembling at Chicago the company's guests came in special sleepers via the Soo line, Calgary and the main line through the mountains. After seeing what the company is doing along the E. & N. line in opening up lands for settlement, the party will visit the A. Y. P. fair and will then return east through the southern portion of the province and the Crow's Nest Pass line, moving by easy stages and looking over the chances for investment in land and industries throughout that exceptionally rich part of the province. In southern Alberta the immense irrigation works which are being carried out by the C. P. R. will be inspected, and the party will see how thousands of acres in an arid belt are being made to yield large harvests.

The members of the party are: Wilbur D. Nesbit, noveist and editor of the Post Syndicate; Robert R. Jones, managing editor of the Chicago Inter Ocean; Samuel E. Kiser, editorial writer of the Chicago Record-Herald; Bruce Barton, associate editor of the Home Herald and World's Events; George Richards, associate editor of the World To-day; Herbert Vanderhoof, editor of Canada West Monthly; Prescott Hammond, associate editor of the Chicago Evening Post, and Henry M. Hyde, editor of the Technical World Magazine.

The visitors came over on the Princess Charlotte yesterday. The forenoon to-day was spent in visiting points of interest in and about the city in automobiles. Everyone of the newspapermen was delighted with the beauty of the city and declared they had seen nothing anywhere to compare with the natural situation and the charm of Victoria. The wealth of flowers and foliage appealed to them especially.

At 1 o'clock they were the guests of the provincial government at luncheon in the dining room at the parliament buildings. All the ministers in town were present and several prominent citizens were invited to meet the visitors. Later the party was taken up the E. & N. line as the guests of H. E. Beasley, assistant to Mr. Marpole. They will return to the mainland to-morrow.

TWICE ARRESTED FOR SMOKING CIGARETTES

Former Secretary of Miners' Federation Released on Bail.

North Yakima, Wash., June 17.—If the authorities of the cities and towns in the Yakima Valley continue to enforce the anti-cigarette law, Wm. D. Haywood, former secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, is in a fair way to go "broke." Twice yesterday Haywood was arrested for violation of the new law. He first fell into the clutches of the law at Ellensburg in the morning, being taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff Gorman, while smoking a cigarette in the Mint saloon. Haywood deposited $15 bond and was released.

A few minutes after his arrival in North Yakima, Haywood was again arrested in the barroom of the Hotel Yakima by a deputy sheriff for violation of the law. He was released in time to deliver a lecture last night, H. H. Andrews, of the Yakima Herald, depositing $15 for him. Haywood was very indignant over his arrest, but this availed him nothing. The sheriff's force is engaged in enforcing the law to the letter.

SEEKS TERMINAL RATES.

Astoria, Ore., Files Application With Interstate Commerce Commission.

Portland, Ore., June 17.—The chamber of commerce of Astoria, Ore., it was announced to-day, has filed a complaint with the interstate commerce commission, asking that the Astoria and Columbia River railroad be compelled to give Astoria terminal rates on grain and farm products from the interior points of Oregon and Washington. The railroad in question is a part of the Hill system.

The commercial organization of the seaside city declares in its bill of complaint that it is entitled to the same terminal rates as those enjoyed by Portland and Puget Sound cities.

THROWS LIGHT ON WALL STREET

COMMITTEE REPORTS TO GENERAL HUGHES

Recommends Repeal of Charters of Mercantile and Metal Exchanges.

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, June 17.—Wall street is to-day eagerly discussing the report of the committee appointed by Governor Hughes to investigate speculation in securities and commodities and dealings therein on "the street," which was made public last night.

The committee thoroughly investigated the New York stock exchange, the consolidated, the cotton, produce, coffee, mercantile and metal exchanges, and recommends looking to improvement of trading conditions are made at length.

Perhaps the most drastic finding is that referring to the metal and mercantile exchanges. The report says:

"Under present conditions we are of the opinion that the mercantile and metal exchanges do actual harm to producers and consumers, and that their charters should be repealed."

The committee declares that speculation in general may be wholly legitimate, pure gambling, or something partaking of the qualities of both, that in some form it is a necessary incident of productive operations; that it tends to steady prices, and that for the merchant or manufacturer the speculator performs a service which has the effect of insurance.

Continuing, the report says:

"In law, speculation becomes gambling when the trading which it involves does not lead, and is not intended to lead, to the actual passing from hand to hand of the property that is dealt in.

"The rules of all the exchanges forbid gambling as defined by this opinion; but they make so easy a technical delivery of the property contracted for that the practical effect of much speculation, in point of from legitimate, is not greatly different from that of gambling."

The committee declares that short selling has a tendency to steady prices. It is recommended that the minimum margin should be 20 per cent and strong disapproval is expressed of branch brokerage offices which supply liquor and resort to other improper means to induce speculation.

Referring to the New York stock exchange, the report says it is probably the most important financial institution in the world, and that its proper regulation "is a matter of transcendent importance." As to the character of the transactions, the committee declares it is unquestionable that only a small part of them is of investment character. A "substantial part of them may be characterized as virtually gambling."

It continues: "Yet we are unable to see how the state could distinguish by law between proper and improper transactions, since the forms and mechanicisms used are identical. Rigid statutes directed against the latter would seriously interfere with the former. The experience of Germany with similar legislation is illuminating. But the exchange, with the plenary power over members and their operations, could provide correctives, as we shall show."

HAINS IN DANGER OF MENTAL COLLAPSE

Application Will Be Made for Examination by Experts.

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, June 17.—That Captain Peter C. Hains, serving an indeterminate sentence in Sing Sing prison for the murder of Wm. E. Annis, is starving himself to death and is in danger of a complete mental collapse, is the opinion of Daniel O'Reilly, counsel for Hains in the recent trial.

O'Reilly said to-day that before Thornton Hains disappeared after the trial he visited his brother at the prison and related facts that would justify the transfer of the prisoner to Matteawan. The counsel will visit the prison next week and probably will ask that the captain be examined by the insanity commission.

General Hains, the aged father of Peter C. Hains, is ill in Washington. The strain caused by the Bayside tragedy and the trial of his sons, has resulted in a breakdown that is regarded seriously by his physicians.

CONTESTS BROTHER'S WILL.

Suit Has Been Started in Courts at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal., June 17.—A contest to set aside the will of the late Wm. M. Hoag, disposing of an estate of $200,000, has been started in the local courts by James A. Hoag, a brother. Wm. M. Hoag was a prominent capitalist in Oregon and California, and had large property interests in the Pacific northwest.

James A. Hoag, in his contest, alleges that undue influence was brought to bear on his brother at the time the will was made, citing that he was cut off with $15,000, while persons outside the family were given a much larger amount.

Wm. M. Hoag's will also provided that the $15,000 left to his brother should be invested by the executors of the estate and only the income turned over to James A. Hoag. He directed that should James A. Hoag attempt to dispose of this property held in trust for the legatee's sons after their father's death, that the income should be taken away from him and turned over to the two sons. These sons were also left $2,000 each.

The principal bequests in the will were $15,000, some real property and an income of $200 a month to Mrs. Kate Cunningham, for 25 years housekeeper for the aged capitalist. Her children were left a further sum of $15,000 and Dr. Chas. N. Ellinwood, Hoag's family physician, and his wife and children were given $9,000.

Hogg was the family name of the deceased capitalist, but he had it changed to Hoag by the courts many years ago.

HEIRS SEARCHING FOR FORTUNE

BELIEVED TO AMOUNT TO EIGHT MILLIONS

Estate is Supposed to Have Been Left by French-Canadian.

(Times Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Cal., June 17.—Searching for an estate of $8,000,000 which they believe was left by Gilbert Gagnon, a French-Canadian, who came to California from Canada in 1853, three men representing the 25 heirs to the fortune are in San Francisco to-day conferring with their lawyers.

V. Lefleur heads the party, he having been authorized to represent the Gagnon heirs. He is accompanied by O. Fagnan and C. Gouthier, respectively genealogist and notary.

As nearly as has been ascertained by the investigators, Gilbert Gagnon died about 12 years ago at San Bernardino, Cal., leaving his fortune in the custody of a friend, whose name they have been unable to learn. According to their story, one of Gagnon's sisters, now dead, heard from this friend a short time after the death of her brother. The friend sent her a cheque for $1,200 and asked her to come to California and take over the estate. Being an old woman and regarding the story of her brother's fortune more or less of a myth, the sister paid the $1,200 to an institution for her care for the declining years of her life.

Several years ago heirs of Gagnon heard of the fortune he was supposed to have left, it being believed that at one time he owned a large portion of the San Bernardino valley. Lefleur was retained to investigate the story, and after a long search succeeded in determining which of the descendants of the three Gagnon brothers, who came to Canada from Tourouvre, France, in 1640, were heirs of Gilbert, descendant of one of the Frenchmen. Now he has undertaken to discover the property to which the heirs can lay claim.

Gilbert Gagnon came to California from Baie Ste Paul, Charlevoix, 62 miles below Quebec. He worked as a prospector and finally struck it rich. His family in Canada heard from him only once after his departure and that was before he had made his fortune.

Despite the indefinite nature of their information, the three investigators who are here to-day, are confident that they will be successful in their quest, and declare that they will scour all southern California for evidence to support their claims.

CORPORATION EARNINGS.

Senate Delays Action on President Taft's Tax Proposal.

Washington, D. C., June 17.—Pending the receipt of Attorney-General Wickersham's draft of the proposed constitutional amendment providing for a 2 per cent. tax on the net income of corporations, the finance committee of the senate took no action to-day on President Taft's recommendation.

ROOSEVELT'S APPEAL TO AMERICAN PEOPLE

Urges Continuation of Fight Against Dishonest Business Methods.

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, June 17.—Col. Roosevelt has returned to the attack of "crooked business" in an article published in the current number of the Outlook, entitled, "The Thraldom of Names."

The ex-president urges the necessity of continuing the fight against dishonest business methods, no matter what the immediate result to business and commercial interests may be. He says:

"If business is hurt by stern exposure of crookedness and the results of efforts to punish crooked men, then business must be hurt, even though good and honest men may suffer."

While the article apparently is a direct appeal to the American people, it is regarded by many as a suggestion for President Taft to follow.

BIG BLAZE IN PRAIRIE CAPITAL

MANUFACTURING PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE

Loss Placed at $700,000—Company Will Rebuild at Once.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, June 17.—President E. F. Hutchings, of the Great West Saddlery Company, whose premises were gutted by fire at an early hour this morning, stated at noon to-day that the total loss would reach $700,000, of which $75,000 is the value of the building and the balance on the big stock and the manufacturing plant. The loss is pretty well covered by insurance, the details of which are being prepared, and the company will at once rebuild.

The building was an old one, and situated in the centre of a number of frame or veneer buildings opposite the city hall, and with the high wind a big section of the city would in all probability have been laid bare had it not been for the splendid work done by the new high pressure water plant, which received its first big test and emerged triumphant.

BEMBO WINS THE ASCOT GOLD CUP

Victory of Lord Carnarvon's Horse Surprise of the Meet.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Ascot Race Track, England, June 17.—Lord Carnarvon's Bembo to-day won the gold cup, the most coveted stake of the year. Membo's victory was the surprise of the meet, he being entered as a 25 to 1 shot in the betting. The race is worth $17,500 in cash to the winner besides the gold cup, which has an actual value of $2,500.

More historic events in the social and turf worlds have centered about the gold cup stake than any other event in the British racing year, with the possible exception of the Derby. One of the most notable of these took place two years ago, when White Knight carried off the honors for the first time. The cup was stolen from the grand stand the day before the race and was never recovered. Some happy genius circulated the story, afterwards an international joke, that Mark Twain, who was present at the meeting, had the trophy.

Persimmon won the cup for the King in 1897. Since then Cyltene, Merman, Sántoy, William the Third, Maxium II. Throwaway, Zinfandel, Bachelors Button and White Knight (twice) have carried off the honors.

Another event which attracted a great deal of interest at to-day's meet was the all aged stakes, which was won by Whitney's Hillside III. Hillside was 6 to 1 in the betting.

POSSES SEARCH FOR NEGRO PORTER

Bloodhounds May Be Put on Trail of Man Who Shot Railway Officials.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Shaniko, Ore., June 17.—Posses today are searching the countryside around this town for H. E. Brooks, the drunken negro porter, who early yesterday shot and seriously wounded Bernard H. Trumbull, representing the Illinois Central railroad in Portland, and slightly wounded John S. McLaughlin, employed by the same company.

If Brooks is not captured this forenoon, the penitentiary bloodhounds at Walla Walla will be put on his trail.

Sheriff Chrisman said he would have sent for blood hounds at once but for the reason that they could not work well owing to the heavy rains.

Will Recover.

Portland, Ore., June 17.—The wound which it was feared at first would cause the death of Bernard H. Trumbull, who was shot by a drunken negro porter, who was being assisted by Trumbull to his car at Shaniko, is not fatal. It developed that he has a wound in the left leg just below the groin, and a flesh wound in the right leg.

WILL VISIT FAIR.

Governor of Oregon to Attend Dedication Ceremonies at Exposition Grounds.

Seattle, Wash., June 17.—To-day might well have been called "Banana day" at the Alaskan-Yukon-Pacific exposition. Commissioner Knudson, of the Hawaiian exhibit, this morning distributed several bunches of bananas raised on the islands among the executive departments at the fair.

Oregon's handsome building at the fair will be presented by the state of Oregon to the exposition to-morrow, with dedicatory exercises in the Oregon building. Governor Frank W. Benson, of Oregon, will reach Seattle this evening, accompanied by Mrs. Benson and his staff.

THE HAWAIIAN STRIKE.

Asiatic Merchants of San Francisco Are Making an Investigation.

San Francisco, Cal., June 17.—Believing that Japanese strikers on the Hawaiian Islands sugar plantations do not deserve the assistance of their countrymen residing on this coast, a committee of prominent Asiatic merchants to-day sent K. Kiyose to Honolulu to make a report on the merits of the strike.

Although the men who were instrumental in sending Kiyose to Honolulu are members of the Japanese Association of America, the secretary of that organization announced to-day that he would not act as its representative. The association fears that if it were to stand behind Kiyose's investigation, it would be investing his mission with too great importance and might lead to complications.

LIVELY TILT IN GOULD CASE

ATTORNEYS ALMOST COME TO BLOWS

Charge Against Mrs. Gould's Legal Representative Starts Row.

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, June 17.—Accusing counsel for Mrs. Howard Gould, who is suing her husband for separate maintenance, with resorting to blackmailing tactics, Attorney Nicoll, representing Gould, started a row in court to-day which threatened to end in blows. The court pacified the attorneys before they had time to meet in a physical encounter, and Nicoll apologized to the court.

More servants were called to the witness stand to-day by Gould in his efforts to prove that his wife's appetite for drink drove him from home.

Andrew Frederickson, formerly night watchman at Castle Gould, was the first. He testified that he had seen Mrs. Gould intoxicated.

That Mrs. Gould paraded about the Gould yacht in her night dress in search of liquor was the sensational testimony of Edward Bechdole, second steward of the yacht Niagara. He said that on two occasions he had seen his mistress intoxicated, and that once she came to the door of the yacht's pantry, robed only in her night dress and asked for liquor.

Charles T. Dodge, a carpenter, testified that he had seen Mrs. Gould when she was under the influence of liquor.

Then Attorney Shearn, representing Mrs. Gould, attempted to introduce in evidence some letters which precipitated the clash between counsel. The letters were written by M. D. Champan, a broker of Great Neck, Long Island, to his wife. It was contended by Shearn that the letters referred to financial obligations of Howard Gould. The court denied Shearn the right to introduce the letters. Nicoll, during the discussion which preceded the ruling, said:

"This is just part of the blackmailing tactics that have been used all through this case."

Shearn was infuriated, and arising shouted a demand that Nicoll apologize. The court said that Nicoll's remarks were improper and that the matter had gone far enough. Shearn again demanded that Nicoll apologize, and Chapman, who had been called to the stand, was temporarily excused.

Nicoll explained that he thought Shearn had taken his remark too seriously and apologized to the court. The court suggested that Nicoll should apologize to Shearn, and Gould's attorney attempted to explain, in an aside, to the angry counsel. Shearn was not mollified, and he said: "Don't speak to me."

Chapman was recalled to the stand, and swore to having seen Mrs. Gould intoxicated.

Then a deposition made by a bell boy at the Carroll house at Lynchburg, Va., was read by Nicoll. The boy swore that he had seen Dustin Farnum, the actor, who is named as one of the co-respondents in Gould's counter-suit for divorce, in Mrs. Gould's room on several occasions.

ASSAILS SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Nebraska Senator Says Paper Manufacturers Do Not Need Protection.

Washington, D. C., June 17.—Pointing out that Canadian manufacturers are the only competitors of American print paper mills, Senator Brown of Nebraska to-day in an address in the senate, bitterly assailed the finance committee for proposing an amendment increasing the low rate fixed by the house on this product.

"Inexcusable and indefensible from any standpoint," was what he characterized the action of the committee.

Brown said that print paper was made at less cost in the United States than elsewhere and declared that any duty in any amount was wrong in principle and utterly unendurable. He declared that American print paper manufacturers did not need protection and that it would be wrong to give it to them.

RUSSIANS OPEN FIRE ON BRITISH STEAMER

Captain Is Reported to Have Refused to Obey Order of Commander of Torpedo Boat---One Sailor Injured.

(Times Leased Wire.)

St. Petersburg, June 17.—Firing upon the British steamship Northburg, a torpedo boat accompanying the Czar's yacht Standart to Pitkitpas bay to meet the Kaiser, injured an English sailor last night, according to advices received here to-day. The shot was fired because Capt. Robertson, commanding the Northburg, refused to heed the torpedo boat's warning to stay away from the bay where the Russian and German rulers met today.

News regarding the firing on the British vessel is censored and but little can be learned of the incident, but rumors which are being circulated here have caused the greatest excitement.

According to the meagre advices, the Northburg was in waters from which all foreign vessels had been barred pending the meeting of the monarchs, when she was encountered by the torpedo boat, which was one of a flotilla accompanying the Standart. The commander of the torpedo boat hailed Capt. Robertson and demanded that he leave the vicinity at once. No attention was paid to the command and the war vessel fired upon the English ship, hitting a smokestack and injuring one sailor.

Meeting of Rulers.

The meeting between the rulers took place to-day as scheduled. The Standart and German yacht Hohenzollern, escorted by war ships representing the two nations, steamed into the bay at almost the same time and exchanged salutes. The Czar was accompanied by Minister of Foreign Affairs Iswolsky and others of his chief advisors. Foreign Minister Von Schoen headed the party of German diplomats who sat with the Kaiser.

No Protest Yet Lodged.

Copenhagen, June 17.—Reports that a Russian torpedo boat fired on the British steamer Northburg have not been confirmed here, but are generally credited.

The fact that no protest has been formally made indicates that the affair is not likely to create any serious international difficulties.

Latest reports received here deny that an English seamon was hurt by the shot.

CHILDREN ACCUSED OF SHOPLIFTING

Refuse to Give Names of Girls Who Persuaded Them to Steal.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Vancouver, B. C., June 17.—For nearly two months the city detectives and the shop officers of the big departmental stores have been at wits end to discover who has been carrying on a series of thefts. Careful watch has been kept, but the thefts have been continued. Yesterday by accident it was discovered that the shop-lifters were four children belonging to respectable families named McFee and Waterman, living on Mount Pleasant. Two of the children are 12 years of age. The other two are aged five and seven. The arrest was made through a clerk in Allan's jewelry store catching the five-year-old boy palming a $16 bracelet.

When the children were arrested it was found that the space between the lining and the cloth of the jacket of one of the larger girls was a huge pocket. In it were articles aggregating in value over $100, all evidently gathered from jewelry and departmental stores. There were laces, slippers, stockings, toilet articles, salt and pepper dusters, boxes of chocolates, etc. The children say that they were sent out to do the stealing by older girls, but so far neither parental threats nor police coaxing has induced them to give the names of the female Fagins.

TRIED TO WRECK PASSENGER TRAIN

Youths Who Were Put Off Freight Train Placed Obstruction on Track.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Suisun, Cal., June 17.—Arthur Peterson and Harry Olsney, 18 year old Berkeley youths, are in the county jail at Fairfield, accused of attempting to wreck a Southern Pacific passenger train near Vanden station. Under the questioning of Deputy Sheriff T. J. Lanahan, the boys confessed their guilt.

According to their story the boys were put off a freight train on which they were beating their way by the conductor. They determined to "get even" and placed obstructions across the track near Vanden station. The attempt was discovered by section hands a few minutes before the train was due.

HARRIMAN STOCKS.

Preliminary Steps Taken to Secure Listing on Paris Bourse.

New York, June 17.—Preliminary steps have been made to secure the listing on the Paris bourse of Harriman stocks, according to Ferdinand Dupont, of the firm of Dupont & Ferland, bankers of Paris, who is in this city. While the negotiations yet are in a tentative stage, Dupont deems it probable that the Harriman stock will be accepted for listing by the French trading centre in the near future.

The French banker came to the United States to learn, in the interests of his firm and his clients, whether or not the apparent return to prosperity in this country is genuine. He reports conditions as satisfactory.

RUSHING TEA ACROSS PACIFIC

ORIENTAL LINER RACING AGAINST TIME

United States Importers Are Anxious to Avoid Payment of Tax.

(Times Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Cal., June 17.—Anxious importers are planning to rush an enormonus consignment of tea from the Orient before July 1st, the date when the new tariff bill probably will go into effect. With the exception of the Spanish-American war period, there never has been a tax on tea, and the larger importers are much concerned as to the probable effect of such an excise upon the retail trade.

So determined are many of the local and eastern firms to lay in a large warehouse stock of tea that many rush orders have been cabled to the Orient within the last week. The liner Asia, carrying 1,100 tons of tea, will not touch at Honolulu, a regular port of call, but will proceed directly to this port in a race against time. If she succeeds in docking before the tariff becomes operative, thousands of dollars will be saved to the Carter-Macy Company, of New York, to whom her cargo is consigned.

OFFICIAL USED PADDED PAY ROLLS

Irregularities Unearthed in the Washington Fisheries Department.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Olympia, Wash., June 17.—Another case of graft on the part of a state official has been unearthed, this time, however, before it reached large proportions and without the assistance of the legislative investigating committee. This case is in the state fisheries department, and a warrant for the arrest of the suspected employee, who is superintendent of one of the hatcheries in a sparsely settled district, is expected to be issued shortly.

The facts were brought out at a meeting of the fish commission Tuesday, and a rigid investigation ordered. It is stated that if the suspected employee is found guilty he will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, as it is the aim of the administration to stamp out every form of graft among state employees.

This alleged graft was worked by means of padded pay rolls, and had been going on for four months, but was discovered by the fish commissioners of Bellingham when it began checking up. The superintendent in question simply slipped through vouchers made out in a fictitious name. The vouchers were sent to himself, and it is said that about $125 had been secured when the fraud was discovered.

Superintendents of some of the hatcheries are allowed to put on extra help at certain periods of the year, and this superintendent is said to have turned in vouchers for help he never hired.