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HARRIMAN IN FAIR WAY TO OWN UNITED STATES

He Now Controls Three Billions of Railway Property and Reaching for More

Easy Way He Gets Them Revealed Before Interstate Commerce Commission--Gets Hold of One Road, and With the Funds of That Secures Another, and So On--Roosevelt Disappointed Over Failure of Taft Boom--British Admiralty to Reduce Size of Squadrons.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

New York, Jan. 7--The inquiry by the Interstate Commerce Commission into the Harriman railroads, which was begun here last week and continued in Chicago today, will probably develop into tremendous importance. The brief hearings held here put Harriman into the limelight as the greatest railroad owner of the times. He is the absolute master of 25,000 miles of railroad, representing nearly \$3,000,000,000 of capital.

It is well understood in Washington and Wall Street that the inquiry threat-

the whole of the people and so compass the downfall of whatever edifice that people has built.

**Taft Boom Falls.**

The Times' Washington correspondent writes this morning that President Roosevelt is greatly disappointed with the reception given to Secretary Taft's recent statement concerning the presidency. This is followed this afternoon by a statement from the Evening Post's correspondent, evidently on the authority of Mr. Roosevelt himself, that Mr. Taft will go to the supreme court. He says: "If the chief justice of the supreme court or any associate justice of that court should die, resign, or retire for age, or any other reason whatsoever, while Theodore Roosevelt is president, the vacancy created would be filled by the proffer of the office to William H. Taft, secretary of war, and by his acceptance."

"In the not wholly improbable event of the retirement of Associate Justice John Marshall Harlan in the coming spring, or of Chief Justice Melville Weston Fuller, Secretary Taft would be designated to succeed the first one to die or retire."

**Taft Not Ambitious.**

"Mr. Taft would rather be chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States than president or have any other honor or office under our system of government. In the apparently remote event that no vacancy occurs in the membership of the supreme court while Mr. Roosevelt is president, then, I am not foolish enough to say that in the improbable event of the opportunity to run for the great office of president were to come to me I should decline it, for this would not be true. In fact, Secretary Taft will not think of the presidency so long as there remains the present possibility of his ascending the supreme court bench."

"These statements are separately and in their interdependent sequence accurate and authentic. The Times' news is in its simplest outlines the future public career of that engaging personality and valuable public servant, the secretary of war. If more substantial confirmation be desired, it may be said that they are set forth on the authority of one close to the administration whose name I am not at liberty to mention."

The Times says: "Exactly why the president is discontented with the popular response to the Taft announcement may not be easy to see. It was received everywhere with approval, probably more approval than would have been given the candidacy of any other man in President Roosevelt's official family or closely connected with him."

"Apparently he expected a great wave of popular enthusiasm which would check at the outset the schemes of the old line politicians who are plotting to control the next national convention against him. Nothing of the sort happened, and the president was accordingly disappointed."

Meantime Governor Hughes is talked about more and more every day.

From Berlin comes the news that Dr. Posner, a well known professor of surgery at the Berlin University, says that surgery is making such progress that he quite looks forward to the time when surgeons will be able to attach an artificial arm or leg to the body. He even goes further and says that in the future surgeons will find no difficulty in attaching a beheaded head to the trunk, provided the operation is carried out expeditiously enough.

A cable from Melbourne says that France has ceded Tahiti to Great Britain in consideration of territorial concessions in Burma.

**Reduction in British Squadrons.**  
A London cable says: "The London Mail states officially that there will be a reduction of the force in commission of the British navy after the February maneuvers. The channel fleet will be reduced from seventeen battleships to fourteen, with three small cruisers. The Atlantic fleet will be reduced from eight battleships to six, with three small cruisers. The Mediterranean fleet will be reduced from eight battleships to six, with four small cruisers."

"The first and second armored cruiser squadrons will be reduced from six to four vessels. Thus the main squadrons of the British fleet in active commission will be reduced from thirty-three to twenty-six battleships and from sixteen armored cruisers to twelve."

TENNYSON SMITH STIRS YARMOUTH

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Yarmouth, N. S., Jan. 7--Tennyson Smith's temperance crusade in Yarmouth has stirred the city. The Boston Marine Hall is packed nightly and on Sunday the aisles and platform were crowded and hundreds turned from the doors unable to secure standing room and 134 persons, principally young men, signed the temperance pledge.

There has been such a run on the tickets for the trial of alcohol that the committee today endeavored to secure a larger building but were unable to do so. It is expected the campaign will have a powerful influence upon the municipal elections in February and on the enforcement of the Scott Act.

CURRIE ELECTED BY 114 MAJORITY

Declaration Day Proceedings in Restigouche By-Election Lively

BROTHERLY LOVE

Successful Candidate and Mr. La-Billico Offer to Shake Hands With Opponents and Forget Hard Words of Campaign, But Find No Takers; Mr. Stewart Willing to Try Again.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Dalhousie, N. B., Jan. 7--There was a large attendance of electors at the court house here today to witness the declaration proceedings. Returning Officer Robinson declared William Currie elected by a majority of 114, the vote standing Currie, 1070; Stewart, 956.

The newly elected member spoke well. He thanked the electors for the hearty support he had received in spite of the terrible combination he had to fight against as no party was ever so well organized as the opposition was in the campaign just ended. He referred to several canvasses that had been made against him, and said that he would forget and forgive all and do his utmost to promote the best interest of the county. James E. Stewart spoke briefly. He said that he stood before the people as a defeated candidate. He was proud of the vote he had taken. After thanking his friends, he said that if they required his services in the future he would be found ready.

La-Billico followed. He said that the victory was the greatest in his experience of elections in Restigouche. The government had been sustained in their first appeal, and since the new road law was passed. The majority was the highest ever obtained in Restigouche in a straight party fight.

The chief commissioner thanked the electors in the name of the government for having elected Mr. Currie and said that while many hard things had been said about him during the contest he was ready to shake hands with every man, and continue to do his best to serve the interests of all.

Mr. Mott, ex-M. P. P., spoke next. He referred to the Muskoka Land Deal and made some personal reference to Mr. Currie which brought that gentleman back to the platform.

Mr. Currie explained Mr. Mott's conduct in the Muskoka land matter to which the ex-M. P. P. was unable to reply.

AMPUTATED CONDUCTOR'S LEG TO FREE HIM FROM ENGINE WHEELS

Injured Man's Other Leg Taken Off at the Hospital, and He Will Likely Live.

New York, Jan. 7--For four hours today Charles Fisher, aged 41, a freight conductor on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, lay pinned under an engine in the local yards.

Fisher attempted to swing on the side of a switch engine, but missed his footing and jammed his leg between two flanges of the drive wheel.

An ambulance surgeon crawled under the locomotive and there amputated Fisher's left leg. This, however, did not release the man, whose other leg was still held. Finally the engine was swung up and Fisher removed to a hospital, where his right leg was amputated. It is believed that Fisher will recover.

ONE FATALITY IN \$3,000 BOSTON FIRE

Boston, Jan. 7--When firemen rushed into the William Tell's house, a small boarding house on Somerset street in the west end, this evening, they found George McDowell, the cook, unconscious and dying in his basement bedroom; Frank Davis, a cripple, helpless in his room, and half a dozen chorus girls shrieking for help, while a brisk fire on the lower floor was rapidly filling the house with dense smoke. McDowell died while being taken to the hospital, Davis was carried down six steps, the chorus girls conducted in safety to the street, and the fire extinguished with a damage to the building estimated at \$3,000.

When the firemen found McDowell he was lying on the floor in several inches of water, while about him were the bodies of all his pets, including cats, birds and mice.

Davis, who was nearly helpless, managed to crawl to the window in his room and was nearly insensible when the firemen reached him.

ONTARIO GOT OVER \$1,000,000 SUCCESSION DUTIES LAST YEAR

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Toronto, Jan. 7--Ontario's revenue from succession dues soared to \$1,031,688 for the year 1906. Last year the receipts were \$684,000, which was the highest on record. The returns from the Goderich estate constituted a large item in the accounts of 1906.

WILL APPEAL TO WASHINGTON

Fredericton Delegation to Ask for Restoration of Consular Agency

SAY OFFICE PAYS

Alderman Scott Instances That His Concern Alone Sent 600 Cars of Lumber Across Border Last Year, and Paid \$1500 in Fees--A Hardship to Send to St. John for Papers.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 7--The council of the Fredericton Board of Trade, at a meeting this afternoon, voted unanimously to send a delegation to Washington to urge the United States government to re-establish their consular agency here. Present included F. B. Edgcombe, C. Fred. Chestnut, George Y. Dobbles, J. M. Wiley, J. D. Phinney, W. McCready, William Lemoine, Ald. Scott, Ald. Colter, J. D. Phinney and John Palmer.

Ald. Scott addressed the meeting at 8 o'clock and declared that the closing of the consular agency would result in a great loss and inconvenience to his concern. Last year they shipped to the United States 600 cars of lumber, on which had been paid in consular fees \$1,500. They hoped to do a larger export business next year, but if compelled to send to St. John for clearance papers they would not only suffer great inconvenience but would be put to extra expense because of the delay. He closed by moving a lengthy resolution, which set forth that the closing of the agency would greatly cripple the trade of the city and recommended that a delegation be sent to Washington to lay the matter before the state department and urge reconsideration.

The resolution was seconded by John Palmer and adopted after some discussion. Several of the speakers stated that it was quite well known that the agency here was more than paid for, and they were at arrangements with the government to have it decided to close it.

J. D. Phinney was named as the delegate from the board, and the city council will be asked to endorse the resolution.

The taking of evidence in the case of the South West Star Log period Company vs. Timothy Lynch was finished in the circuit court this afternoon and counsel made their arguments to the jury. The judge will announce his verdict tomorrow.

Henry Chestnut, who has been in Montreal for medical treatment, returned home today considerably improved. He was accompanied by Mr. Stewart.

The January term of the York county court will open here tomorrow morning. The annual general meeting of the Fredericton Boom Company will be held in this city tomorrow afternoon. A. H. F. Randolph, the president, this morning said that the company had not come to any arrangements yet with the lumbermen relative to their taking over the business and plant.

The annual meeting of the People's Bank of New Brunswick will be held in this city next week. This morning President Randolph stated that if the shareholders gave their approval of the sale to the bank, the transfer would take place during the month of March.

Charles A. Simpson, of S. P. C. A., who has held office for the past several years or more, this morning stated that he intended placing his resignation before the annual meeting this month, as he felt that he had attended to the duties long enough.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Vindham, who were recently married in Vancouver, B. C., have arrived in Fredericton to visit the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Burpee.

The case of six men charged with permitting service at the Arctic Rink on Sunday contrary to law, was this morning stood over by Col. Marsh until Wednesday at the request of A. J. Gregory, counsel for the accused, who is engaged at the circuit court.

The board of trade is meeting this afternoon to protest against the closing of the American consular agency here.

C. A. Miles, of the New Brunswick foundry, is quite ill at his home here. The young bachelors of the city are to give a ball at the Queen Hotel on Friday evening, Jan. 18th.

TORONTO STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYEES DISSENT

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Toronto, Jan. 7--The men employed by the Toronto Street Railway Company in the capacity of motormen and conductors are discontented with their present condition, and have only been prevented from deserting their cars and leaving them on the streets by restraining influence of officers of the union. The introduction of a new system of motormen is the cause of the trouble.

Business Agent James McDonald says the men are not being treated right, and points out that the officers recognized that the company should have time to work out their plans. Instead of improvement, however, the position of the men is getting worse.

HEAVY SHIPMENT OF ORE FROM COBALT

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Toronto, Jan. 7--(Special)--Nearly 1,000 tons of ore was shipped from Cobalt over the T. & N. O. Railway during the month of December.

OTHER LINES MAY FOLLOW SUIT

White Star Steamship Co.'s Change of Port Startles Cunard People

LIVERPOOL UNEASY

Strife to Capture Continental Business Away from American and German Liners May Lose Them Mail Subsidies --- Protest from Queenstown.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

London, Jan. 7--The decision of the White Star Line to remove part of its service from Liverpool to Southampton, is considered to be a significant and far-reaching movement on the part of the British lines to regain control of the passenger traffic to and from the continent. The German and American lines have been gradually absorbing the cream of the passenger traffic at continental points, as their landings at Cherbourg and Southampton tapped all Europe, whereas Liverpool tapped only England and some of the Northern European traffic. The great side of American tourists desired flexibility of routes, permitting them to arrive and depart at or from the continent as well as from England, which increased the disadvantage of Liverpool. The White Star removal therefore challenges foreign control of the continental trade and it is generally considered to be preliminary to similar action on the part of other British lines, particularly the Cunard line.

In answer to an inquiry at the Cunard office this evening, a representative of the Associated Press was officially informed that the movement was also likely to be expected, it is simply a question of time when the line will avail itself of the facilities offered by channel ports. There was an unconfirmed rumor in Liverpool tonight that two other lines contemplated transferring some of their steamers to other ports.

The work of the diggers was extremely perilous as the walls in rear of the front of the building were sagging and the slightest gust of wind seemed likely to topple them down. For several hours it was necessary to stop the digging until shoring timbers were propped against the wobbling walls.

**A Frantic Wife.**  
Two women rushed to the fire lines at dawn today. Both were sobbing, and one of them was nearly hysterical.

"I'm the wife of John Seifert," one of them cried. "They tell me he is here in these ruins. I want to get him and take him home."

The other was Seifert's sister. The hysterical young wife was controlled with difficulty. She wanted to rush into the

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN NEW YORK FLAT

One Woman Shot Dead, Another Will Die--Two Men Badly Wounded--Result of Quarrel.

New York, Jan. 7--Mrs. Lena Wiedman, a manufacturer, with an establishment in the Hotel Endicott, at 81st street and Columbus avenue, was shot and killed at her apartments, 80 West 82nd street, tonight, during a quarrel in which three other persons were probably fatally wounded. Mrs. Wiedman, who was thirty-six years of age, was shot through the body and died almost instantly.

Pauline Radel, twenty-five years old, an assistant to Mrs. Wiedman in the manufacturing business, and who lived with her, was shot through the head and removed to a hospital in a dying condition. George Fallon, a florist, with a place of business at 31st street and Columbus, received a bullet wound in the body, and at the hospital to which he was removed it was said that he would die.

An unidentified man, the fourth member of the party, was cut about the throat. While Fallon was technically charged with the shooting the police at a late hour had been unable to learn little of the origin of the trouble.

SWIFT JUSTICE FOR TORONTO BURGLAR

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Toronto, Jan. 7--Fred Marsh and John Warren were sentenced to four years in the penitentiary, and Joseph Warren was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary by Magistrate Denison this morning for burglary of the jewelry store of David Ward, Adelaide street, east, Saturday night before Christmas. All save Joseph Warren pleaded not guilty.

**Hyman Still Ill in California.**  
Ottawa, Jan. 7--(Special)--Hon. Chas. Hyman is in Southern California. His health has not improved very much and so far as can be learned the premier's letter asking him to reconsider his resignation has not been delivered to Mr. Hyman.

Canada Buys Valuable Pictures.

Ottawa, Jan. 7--(Special)--The acting minister of public works, Hon. Sydney Fisher, has purchased for the Canadian National Art Gallery two valuable pictures. One is a Gainsborough, the portrait of an Ethiopian. The other is Al-hambra, a picture by Vanishing, a leading French artist of the modern school.

FIREMEN, THOUGHT TO BE DEAD, ALIVE IN THE RUINS

A Voice, Hours After They Were Buried, Startles Men Digging for Bodies

Rescuers Work Among Tottering Walls of New York Warehouse to Reach Companion--Tube Run Down and Stimulant Given--Priests Give Absolution and Perilous Work Goes On--Only One of Three Fire Laddies May Be Living.

New York, Jan. 7--The search for the three firemen who went down with the ruins when Hill's paper warehouse was burned last night, was suddenly halted tonight as the sound of some one rapping on a timber from within the debris was distinctly heard. For nearly twenty-four hours, with brief respite, firemen had sought the men's bodies and at first they doubted their senses. As they stared at each other a voice from beneath the charred pile and recognized as that of John Seifert, was faintly heard. Seifert said:

**A Voice From the Ruins.**  
"I am alive and so is Campbell. We can't see anything. The debris is all about us. Get us out as quickly as you can. It is cold here. I have to keep kicking my legs to keep warm."

The firemen redoubled their efforts until warned that over eagerness might defeat their purpose. They proceeded more cautiously, while Seifert's wife who had been on the scene since midnight, turning from despair to hope, encouraged them. The men were caught between the timbers about midway between the second and third floors when the three upper floors of the five story structure went down. The third man, Thomas Lenton, was apparently instantly killed. His body was found today after hours of digging. It was buried in a tangle of debris from which a shattered hand only slightly protruded, and the torso was caught in such a way that it could not be released until tons of timber and steel which held it could be cleared away.

The work of the diggers was extremely perilous as the walls in rear of the front of the building were sagging and the slightest gust of wind seemed likely to topple them down. For several hours it was necessary to stop the digging until shoring timbers were propped against the wobbling walls.

**Got Stimulant Through a Tube.**  
As quickly as possible after Seifert's voice was heard, an ambulance with Dr. Beuwaes was called from the Hudson street hospital. A rubber tube three feet long and half an inch in diameter, with a funnel arrangement at one end such as is used in the hospitals as a stomach pump, was introduced into a hole in the debris which the workers made, and lowered so that Seifert could apply his mouth to it. Through this stimulant was administered and afterward two cups of strong hot coffee.

After receiving the stimulant Seifert said he felt better.

Father Rafferty, of St. James' church, and Father Smith, the fire department chaplain, were called to the building soon after Seifert's voice was heard. Through the tube Father Smith heard the buried fireman make his act of contrition, according to the rites of the Catholic church, which Seifert is a member, and gave him absolution.

After the spiritual consolation by the priests and the material aid from the stimulants had been administered, work on the debris was resumed. The two priests remained near, and in concluding their talk with the imprisoned man, counselled him to be brave and face whatever fate befell him.

**SEIFERT RESCUED.**  
Seifert was taken out of the ruins at 1:45 o'clock. He will live, it is said. He was very weak and his right leg badly injured.

EARL GREY PLEADS FOR BRITISH JUSTICE

Says Untried Prisoners Should Be Heard With Convicted Ones

Declares Every Man Is Innocent Till Proved Guilty and Hopes for a Reform--One Italian to Hang and Another Gets Death Sentence Commuted.

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Ottawa, Jan. 7--Judge Ben B. Lindsay of Denver, Colorado, addressed the Canadian Club tonight on the juvenile court. Among those present were Earl Grey, some of the ministers of the crown, and the leader of the opposition. Judge Lindsay spoke of the success which attended the working of the juvenile court in Denver.

Lord Grey, in proposing a vote of thanks to Judge Lindsay, said that he might be skating on thin ice if he gave his support to a proposition that might soon be debated in parliament, but he trusted to see that some of the principles which the judge advanced would soon ripple over the border.

There was, his excellency said, a great reform to be accomplished in some of the Canadian jails, where there was now to be seen that which should make every self-respecting Canadian hang his head in shame. Young men were confined among criminals waiting their trial and who, until they were convicted, ought to be treated as innocent. Such things ought not to be allowed in a land of liberty.

At today's cabinet meeting an order-in-council was passed allowing the law to take its course in the case of Salvatore Macki, who killed an Italian named Romavette, at Winnipeg. The murder was committed out of revenge. Macki will be hanged Jan. 15.

The death sentence passed upon Elovio, an Italian, who killed Franchette, an Italian, at Fort William, was changed to imprisonment for life.

ALL KINDS OF TIME ON B. & O. RAILWAY

Washington, Jan. 7--It was disclosed at the corner's inquest today into the Terracotta wreck on the night of Dec. 30, that engineers and conductors have not heretofore generally observed the rules of the Baltimore & Ohio in regard to regulating their watches in accordance with the company's standard clocks at Baltimore, Cambridge and Washington. In his testimony Conductor Hoffman, of No. 219, the "sea" train, intimated that these clocks did not always keep correct time.

Supt. Galloway was apparently much surprised to hear of the latter's statement and said that an order was issued last October requiring operators to regulate their clocks according to standard time.

TORONTO YOUTH PLAYING "WILD WEST" KILLED

New York, Jan. 7--William Gearin, a youth 17 years of age, who recently came here from Toronto, Canada, and Herbert Coburn, aged 15, played "Wild West" in a small room of a tenement house in 319 avenue today and the killer, boy was shot through the head and killed. Coburn was arrested.

**Financial Giants Subpoenaed.**  
New York, Jan. 7--It was learned today that Jacob H. Schiff, James Stillman and D. O. Mills have been subpoenaed to give testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission when it resumes its investigation of the Harriman railroads in this city. E. H. Harriman and Wm. Rockefeller had previously been subpoenaed to testify.