

E. H. HARRIMAN MUST RETIRE

WORK TELLING ON RAILROAD MAGNATE

Interesting View of Financial Panic and Roosevelt's Part Therein.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 18.—"Physicians have warned me that I must step out. They say that I have done enough. I am 61 years old and I have led a very active life. Recently they told me that they had noticed a change for the worse in my condition."

These were the words used by E. H. Harriman to newspaper men in announcing his determination to relinquish gradually the active supervision of his far-flung railroad holdings.

Mr. Harriman did not say that he would give up his control at once, nor announce any time when he would be free from the activities which have characterized his career, but he said he would let go just as fast as he could with reason and that he would consider his health now above all else.

In the same talk Mr. Harriman spoke of Theodore Roosevelt and his use of the "big stick" on corporations.

"The former president was not altogether to blame," said Mr. Harriman, "although he went too far. The panic would not have resulted if Roosevelt had not carried on his prosecution of the cases against the railroads with such vigor."

Mr. Harriman said that he favored regulation and fair treatment, that the transportation lines never wanted to give rebates, but that existing conditions made it necessary.

"Railroad rates were never in more stable condition than they are now, capital should be devoted to development instead of waste, and this is possible only when competition is eliminated."

Since he arrived at Pasadena, Mr. Harriman has seemed to be in uncertain health, although he had been fairly active and buoyant in spirits. That his rest in the last few weeks has been beneficial is conceded by his physicians and attendants, but that his health is satisfactory and that he has made the gains expected is not conceded.

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London, March 18.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "The Prince Oscar, the first steamer of the new Canada line, sails for Halifax on March 19th. The Canada line only carries direct passengers, and there is no direct steamship communication for better class passengers to Canada. This is to be altered shortly, as the decree has gone forth that Canada must be wooed and conciliated, and no efforts are to be spared to promote better relations between the two countries."

SIR HUGH GRAHAM AND PRESS CONFERENCE

Wants to Know Subjects to Come Up for Discussion.

London, March 18.—In an interview with the London Mirror in reference to the forthcoming Imperial Press conference, Sir Hugh Graham, of Montreal, said:

"We Canadian delegates have had no opportunity yet for comparing notes, or of even discussing conference matters by correspondence, but we sincerely hope that so magnificent an invitation as has been tendered may result in something of permanent benefit from the Imperial point of view. While the colonial delegates are more than pleased at the characteristic modesty of the invitation that the object of the conference is to give colonial journalists an opportunity to see something of England's work and play, I think it might not be amiss if our hosts were to indicate their intentions, if there are any such intentions, regarding discussions and subjects. It is presumed on the part of many of the colonial delegates that care will be taken to avoid controversial matters belonging in a sense exclusively to the governments interested."

PROMINENT PHYSICIAN DEAD.

Frankville, Ont., March 18.—One of the ablest physicians of eastern Ontario died yesterday in the person of Dr. M. L. Dixon. He was a gold medalist of Queen's university of the class of 1861. He leaves a wife and one child. Mrs. Dixon is a niece of Hon. Frank Cochrane.

FLAMES DESTROY FACTORY.

Quebec, March 18.—The match factory at St. Casmir was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is \$12,000, partly covered by insurance.

GAS SNUFFS OUT THREE LIVES

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., March 18.—Samuel Tanner, aged 45; Robert, his son, aged 10, and Sarah, his daughter, aged 8, were found dead in their home at 2 Rideau avenue, this morning. A gas jet was open and all three were suffocated.

COMES TO STOP IN WAITING ROOM

DRIVERLESS TRAIN DASHES INTO STATION

Sensational Accident at Montreal Accounts for Four Lives.

Montreal, Que., March 18.—The express train from Boston yesterday when approaching Windsor street station was found to be without driver or fireman, they having jumped from the engine near Westmount. As a result the train ran into the station through the ladies' waiting room, the engine being brought to a standstill in the general waiting room. One woman, two girls and a boy were killed. About eighteen persons, all occupants of the waiting rooms, were hurt. Some of these are only slightly injured.

Investigation shows in connection with the accident that a steam plug blew out of the locomotive and the driver and fireman jumped from the engine. The driver, who injured himself while jumping, is still unconscious.

One woman and two children, the family of a Canadian Pacific dispatcher, and another child, a resident of Montreal, who were waiting in the waiting room, were killed, and two were seriously injured. No passengers on the train were injured. The train crew realized the speed at which the train was going, and applied the brakes, but too late to prevent the engine overrunning into the waiting room. The station has been used for over twenty years and, during this time, while about half a million trains have been handled, this is the first accident.

The dead are: Mrs. Nixon, 144 Ash avenue, Montreal, aged about 32 years; daughter and son of Mrs. Nixon, the former about 9 and the latter about 13 years; Elsie Villieres, of Montreal, twelve years.

Mrs. Nixon was the wife of W. J. Nixon, C. P. R. train dispatcher at Medicine Hat, and had gone with her two children to the station to meet her husband, who arrived on the Winnipeg train. After the wreck occurred Nixon had gone home, and finding his family away returned to the station for his wife and two children. Their bodies were identified some hours afterwards.

Deceased, who was an Irishman, was born in county Wexford in 1815 and came to Canada in 1832. He served as a volunteer in the rebellion of 1837. At this time he was studying for the law, and in 1839 was called to the bar. His career was a record of success, and he was appointed a county court judge at Simcoe 1843 to 1853. From 1859 to 1888 he was chairman of the Board of Judges in Ontario. He was called to the senate in 1885 but resigned in 1907 through ill health. He was an LL. D. of Queens university, a fellow of the Imperial institute, the director of several companies, as well as one of the oldest Masons in Canada. He was knighted in 1906. In politics he was a Conservative.

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STILL THE STRENUOUS LIFE "Ex-President Roosevelt is working overtime at Sagamore Hill preparing editorials for the 'Outlook' prior to sailing for Africa on his hunting expedition."—News Item.

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LORD ROSEBERRY AND TERRITORIALS

London, March 18.—Lord Roseberry, in a letter to the Times, raises another alarming question that whether in view of Germany's naval growth Great Britain's Territorial defence is adequate. He declares that this is an urgent matter, needing strict inquiry.

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WINNIPEG TO HOLD WORLD EXPOSITION

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., March 18.—At a mass meeting last night reports were received from committees sent to Portland, St. Louis and Seattle, on the world's fair project. The reports were in favor of Winnipeg holding a world exposition in 1912 and a preliminary fund of two million dollars will be raised.

RUMORED HUGE STEEL COMBINE

OBJECT TO FIGHT U. S. CORPORATION

Philadelphia Officials Deny Knowledge of \$800,000,000 Merger.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 18.—The report from Pittsburgh that an \$800,000,000 independent steel combination is being formed, was denied to-day by men in this city who are prominent in the iron and steel industry.

"There is absolutely no truth in the story," said a high official of the Pennsylvania Steel Company. "I know nothing whatever of such a combination," declared President Powell Stockhouse, of the Cambria Steel Company, "and will not discuss it."

Several days ago rumors of a combination, among independent steel companies were received here and at that time emphatic denial was made by leading officials of steel companies, among them being E. C. Felton, president of the Pennsylvania Steel Co., and E. B. Morris, who is a director in both the Cambria and Pennsylvania steel companies.

To Fight Open Market. New York, N. Y., March 18.—According to special dispatches received here, a \$800,000,000 combination of the independent iron and steel interests of the United States Steel Corporation, is the latest rumor in steel circles. According to the report the move begun immediately after the announcement of an open market by the corporation, and is expected to take definite form in a few days. Pittsburgh, Pa., is said to be the headquarters for the new combination which is to be called the American Steel and Iron Company.

Winnipeg, Man., March 18.—The McKay Williams Company, one of the largest retail stores in the city, assigned yesterday.

Fredericton, N. B., March 18.—Dr. A. W. McRae, of St. John, was last night elected grand master of the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick.

SCANT IDEA OF TROUBLE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

JUDICIAL MURDER IN GOMEZ' REALM

Leader of Insurrection Shot Down—Alleged Effort to Escape.

HAVANA, MARCH 18.—Former Captain Lavastida, of the Rural Guards, who ministered to the principal investigator of the uprising in the province of Santa Clara, who was arrested on Tuesday night, was shot and killed while making an alleged effort to escape. Heretofore this has been a common method in Cuba of dealing with inconvenient prisoners.

Lavastida was recently dismissed from the Rural Guards. He served with distinction in the Cuban war of independence, and has many friends in the Santa Clara province by whom the summary killing doubtless will be bitterly resented.

According to an official statement given out at the palace, Lavastida started the conspiracy against the government for the purpose of securing political favors by threats.

Pursuing Rebels. Havana, March 18.—The men of the Rural Guard have not yet succeeded in surrounding the insurrectionists, headed by Sergeant Cortez, of the Rural Guards, General Montegudo has telegraphed that a detachment of his men were hot on the trail of the rebels all day long but lost it at nightfall. The fugitives were then making for the south coast.

GOVERNMENT WILL NOT GIVE IN

POSTOFFICE STRIKE IS GAINING GROUND

Wireless Telegraphy From London to Paris to Relieve Congestion.

London, March 18.—The post office authorities are trying to arrange a wireless telegraph service between London and Paris with the object of relieving the congestion due to the strike of the French telegraph and postal employees.

PARIS, MARCH 17.—The letter carriers have joined the striking telegraphers, telephone operators and mail clerks employed by the post office department. At a meeting to-night they voted by a large majority to begin a strike to-morrow after the first delivery. Eight hundred postmen employed in the delivery of newspapers and parcels went out after the last distribution to-night.

The strike movement gained greatly throughout the day, Paris being practically isolated from the rest of France and France from the outside world. Eight thousand strikers met to-night and passed a resolution to maintain the strike to the bitter end.

Premier Clemenceau declared that the government is ready for a bitter fight and will not recede from its position to force the strikers to the wall.

A very serious situation has arisen through the inability of the government to communicate with its foreign representatives, and to-night the strikers cut the private telephone wire connecting the Elysee palace with the various ministries. Troops are held in readiness at Versailles to reinforce the Paris troops in case any demonstration of a serious nature occurs to-morrow, which is a holiday. There is an alarming rumor late to-night that the secretary of the Railroad Employees' Association has promised to order out their men in a sympathetic strike.

Premier Clemenceau to-night flatly refused to offer terms to the strikers. He told the justice of Paris, who called on him relative to what the government proposed to do to end the serious situation, and who suggested a bill creating a superior council of the administration which could consider the employees' grievances, that the government would promise nothing while the employees remained away from their posts. The premier declared that the strike was senseless, entailing the gravest consequences not only to the business of France, but to the country itself from an international point of view.

Soldier Postmen. Paris, March 18.—At a cabinet meeting to-day it was decided to use soldiers in the work of distributing letters. They will take the place of the striking letter carriers.

FABULOUS WEALTH ON NOVA SCOTIA ISLAND

New York, March 18.—"Ten feet below, two million pounds lie buried." An inscription said to have been found years ago upon a stone dug from a depth of 100 feet in a hole on Oak Island, in Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, is the magnet that has attracted the attention of H. L. Bowen, of this city, and caused him to sign a contract with the owners of the island, under which he will literally tear up the earth there in quest of hidden fortune. He expects to begin his operations next May.

KING DOES HONOR TO AMERICAN AVIATORS

Congratulates Wilbur Wright After Witnessing Feats of "Flying Man."

Paris, France, March 18.—King Edward witnessed two flights by Wilbur Wright yesterday afternoon, and showed an equal amount of enthusiasm with the other spectators in the remarkable achievements of the aviator.

The weather conditions were highly favorable. The sky was unclouded, and there was little breeze. Wilbur and Orville Wright and their sister, Miss Wright, were presented to his Majesty. Wilbur then conducted the King to the aeroplane shed, where the King minutely examined the mechanism of the machine.

His Majesty watched the preparations for the ascent with the greatest interest, taking a position with a group of photographers. Mr. Wright made the first ascension alone. He remained in the air for seven minutes, performing marvelous evolutions with the utmost precision around the King and his party, and coming to the ground without difficulty.

On the second flight Miss Wright was a passenger. They soared to a great height, and then skinned along the ground and disappeared in the direction of Pau. They reappeared after an interval of six minutes, descending amidst applause from the King and other aviators. His Majesty warmly congratulated Mr. Wright on his work, and then returned to his apartments.

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