

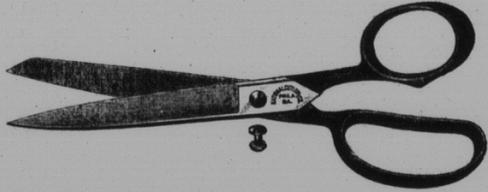
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A LEGAL BATTLE

Over the Organization of the Northern Securities Co.

The Attorney General of the United States Preparing a Bill— Break in Stocks.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Within a short time a bill will be filed by the United States to test the legality of the merger of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern R. R. systems through the instrumentality of the Northern Securities Company.

The two railroad companies, the Northern Securities Company, J. P. Morgan and James J. Hill and their associates, stockholders in the two companies, will be the defendants in the bill.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Bankers of this city identified with the formation of the Northern Securities Company were greatly surprised to learn and at first refused to believe, that United States Attorney General Knox is preparing a case against the company.

It is stated to be the intention of both the Hill-Morgan and Kuhn-Loeb-Harriman syndicates to fight the case out to the end. All the bankers who were seen expressed themselves as confident of the ultimate result. A legal battle is promised, but it is understood that no matter what the decision may be, the dominating idea which brought the Northern Securities Company into life will be substantially maintained.

A contingency such as has arisen the legal talent when the last details were arranged some months ago, and provision is made for the carrying out of the community of ownership idea.

"This opinion comes as a great surprise to all of us," he said, "no such action was expected and there has been an absolute quiet since the argument of the case in the State of Minnesota before the supreme court of the United States. After this bill in equity, as suggested by Attorney General Knox, has been filed, we will be prepared to speak of our line of defence. At present we are wholly in the dark, but I will say that a long legal battle will ensue."

Not the slightest rumor of the attorney general's action had reached Wall street before the close of the stock market yesterday.

BREAK IN THE STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Wall Street—the decision of the administration at Washington to test the legality of the Northern Securities Company came upon the stock market with a shock. The weakening effect was already manifest in the American department of the London market before the opening hour. The New York stock market opened in a semi-demoralized condition and very large blocks of stock were unloaded in all directions at acute declines.

Large losses were made in additional stocks, St. Paul pfd., Wheeling and Lake Erie first pfd., Northwestern Ills., Central, Wabash pfd., Consolidated Gas and General Electric dropping from 2 to 31-2. The leading stocks all made their prices at the start and supporting orders carried them up between one and two points.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Increasing cloudiness tonight; Friday, unsettled, probably snow; variable winds, mostly light to fresh north.

THE SCOTS GREYS.

A Detachment Badly Cut Up By the Boers.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—A detachment of the Scots Greys, one of Great Britain's crack dragoon regiments has been cut up by the Boers at Klipdam. Major C. W. M. Peilden and Capt. E. Usher were severely wounded, two men were killed, and 46 captured.

THE DEATH ROLL.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 20.—Calvin C. Burt, aged 82 years, well known in Michigan, and at one time private secretary to General Lewis Cass, died here yesterday. With General Cass he travelled around the world in 1840 and at Paris the men were initiated in the Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—John Moran, a member of the famous family of artists, and one of the pioneer photographers of this country, who did much important work for the United States government in the earlier days of the science, is dead at his home in this city.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—John J. Tucker, former president of the National Association of Builders, is dead at his home in this city from apoplexy. As a builder Mr. Tucker did much important work in New York.

COTTON OIL MILL BURNED.

CORICINA, Tex., Feb. 20.—The Corsicana cotton oil mill, one of the largest in the state, was destroyed by fire last night. The loss is estimated at \$125,000; fully insured.

THIS EVENING.

The directors of the Saint John branch of Victorian Order of Nurses invite the citizens to attend a meeting and musicale to be held at the York Theatre this evening at 8.30 o'clock.

The regular annual meeting of the order for the election of officers, etc., will be held at half-past seven o'clock, when all subscribers are invited to attend.

THE KINGS CAMPAIGN.

Fred. M. Sprout is in town today and speaks at Westfield Beach this evening. Mr. Hazen will also speak. Tomorrow night Mr. Hazen and Geo. W. McInerney speak at Gouda Point, and Mr. Sprout at Carr. Last night Mr. Sprout spoke at Hammond. On Monday evening he and Mr. Hazen speak at Berwick; Tuesday he and Mr. McInerney at Norton Station; Wednesday, he and Mr. Hazen at Havelock; Thursday, he and Mr. Hazen and Mr. McInerney at Sussex. Geo. W. Fowler speaks tonight and tomorrow night in Greenwich and Tuesday night at Annapolis Ridge.

LATE LOCALS.

A purse containing a small sum of money was found on Brussels street last evening and left at the Central Police station.

Attention is directed to the sale at auction on Saturday of a leasehold property (two houses) corner Germain and Britannia streets. See advt.

S. S. Empress of Japan arrived at Hong Kong at eight o'clock this morning from Vancouver.

At the re-opening of the Glad Tidings Mission tonight the Rev. G. M. Campbell, Rev. R. W. Weddall and Rev. Mr. Comben will speak.

The noon train from Boston stuck at the entrance to the depot today, blocking traffic at the Mill street crossing for some few minutes. The heavy train was the cause of the engine stopping.

The funeral of the late Lottie H. Stokess took place at half-past two o'clock this afternoon from her father's residence, High street. The usual services were conducted by the Rev. George Steel and interment made in Fernhill Cemetery.

A public meeting will be held in Union Hall Friday evening, at half-past seven o'clock, under the auspices of the North End W. C. T. U. Addresses will be given by several clergymen. Solos and choruses by talented musicians. A very excellent meeting is expected.

Miss M. Macfarlane leaves this afternoon for New York and other cities to make her selection of spring millinery. By special invitation of the builder she will be present at the launching of the German emperor's new yacht. A brother of the builder, of Amherst, N. S. and his wife are also leaving by the same train to be present at the launching.

The search for the missing Miss Sturton was continued yesterday afternoon and last night but as yet no trace of her has been discovered. Today the searchers are devoting their attention to the snowbanks on the other side of Courtney Bay.

The local fish market is practically bare of cod and haddock. A few herrings came in to keep the market from being altogether depleted. The quotations are: halibut, twelve to fifteen cents; cod steak, ten cents; cod and haddock, five cents a pound; fresh herring, fifteen cents a dozen; pickled and white fish, six cents a pound.

UNITED STATES

In Full Sympathy With Purpose of Anglo-Japanese Treaty,

And on Feb. 1st. Notified the Chinese and Russian Governments to That Effect.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—The Tribune today prints the following social cablegram from Peking, China, under date of Feb. 19:—

"A sensation was caused in diplomatic circles here today when it became known that the United States, through Secretary of State Hay, had sent a note to the Russian and Chinese governments following closely along the lines of the Anglo-Japanese treaty of Jan. 30. The note is interpreted as a distinct warning to both China and Russia that the United States will not permit the integrity of the empire to be molested in favor of one nation to the detriment of another. The note, which practically indorses the English treaty with Japan, says:—

"WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—An agreement whereby China gives any corporation or company the exclusive right or privilege of running mines, establishing railroads or in any other way industrially developing Manchuria can but be viewed with the gravest concern by the government of the United States. It constitutes a monopoly which is a distinct breach of the stipulations of the treaties concluded between China and foreign powers, and thereby seriously affects the rights of American citizens. It restricts their rightful trade, exposing it to being discriminated against, interfered with or otherwise jeopardized, and strongly tends to permanently impairing China's sovereign rights in this part of the empire, while it seriously interferes with her ability to meet her international obligations. Furthermore, such a concession on China's part would be undoubtedly followed by demands from other powers for similar equal extensive advantages elsewhere in the Chinese empire, and the inevitable result must be the complete wreck of the policy of absolute equality of treatment to all nations respecting trade, navigation and commerce within the empire's confines. On the other hand the attainment by one power of such exclusive privileges for the commercial organizations of its nationality conflicts with the assurances repeatedly conveyed to this government by the imperial Russian ministry of foreign affairs of the imperial government's intention to follow the policy of the open door, as advocated by the government of the United States and accepted by all the treaty powers having commercial interests in the empire.

"It is for those reasons that the government of the United States now, as formerly, animated by the sincerest desire of insuring the whole world the benefits of full and fair intercourse between China and the nations on a footing of equal rights and advantages to all, submits the above to the earnest consideration of imperial government of China and Russia, confident that they will give due weight to its importance and that they will adopt measures as will relieve the just and natural anxiety of the United States."

THE POPE'S JUBILEE.

ROME, Feb. 20.—The Pope entered on the 25th year of his pontificate today. Although the main celebration of the jubilee is postponed until March 3, when the combined festivals of the jubilee and coronation will be observed; today was marked by the singing of a Te Deum in St. Peter's and other observances. The pontiff, who was the recipient of congratulations from all sides, remarked to one well wisher that his jubilee was brightened by the resignation yesterday of Count Glusso, the minister of public works, "who is the government rather than approve of the divorce bill."

HOW HE LOST \$50,000.

VINCENNES, Ind., Feb. 20.—E. W. Roberts, an electrician, created a sensation in a suit against Matthew Kelly Vincent, a banker, charged with causing the down-fall of Richard Davis, formerly bank cashier, by unfair gambling schemes. He testified that at the direction of Kelly, he placed a new battery in the saloon and adjusted two saucer magnets under the bar where it is alleged that Davis lost \$50,000 throwing craps.

STRIKERS COMMIT MURDER.

BARCELONA, Feb. 20.—The strikers murdered three workmen today who wished to resume work. The proprietor of a bakery, who raised the price of bread was also killed. It is hourly growing more apparent that anarchists are the prime movers in the incipient revolution. The markets are without provisions and the strikers are preventing the slaughter of animals. Additional reinforcements in troops are arriving here. A mob stormed the arsenal at Sabadell, not far from Barcelona, and secured forty rifles. The weapons were subsequently recovered by the troops.

PRICE OF PIG IRON.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 20.—The Bessemer Association has fixed the price for Bessemer pig iron for the third quarter of the year at \$16 a ton at Valley Furnaces. The association comprises nearly all the merchant blast furnaces of the Shenango and Mahoning valleys.

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LEASEHOLD PROPERTY BY AUCTION.

I will sell at Chubb's Corner on SATURDAY, Feb. 22, at 12 o'clock (noon), that valuable leasehold property corner Germain and Britannia Streets, known as the Quinn Property. Ground rent \$20.00 per year. There are two houses (four tenements), bringing in a rental of \$24 per year. Size of lot 25 feet, more or less, on Germain street and 7 feet on Britannia street. For particulars apply to F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

THEIR THIRST WAS QUENCHED.

Hugh Gourley and his three friends, who on Tuesday found so much difficulty in disposing of the furniture from the house on Queen street formerly occupied by Gourley, completed the deal to their own satisfaction yesterday afternoon. After remaining all night in the yard in rear of Komenky's second-hand store on Mill street it was hauled away yesterday and finally purchased by a family named Moray, living on Pond street. Gourley appears to have been paid for the stuff, for last night he carried about with him a well developed black eye and other signs of the sudden acquisition of wealth.

WILL REMOVE TO ST. JOHN.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Carroll and child have arrived from Worcester, Mass., and are the guests of Mrs. Carroll's father, James McNalley, Northumberland street, says the Fredericton Herald. Mr. Carroll has resigned his position with the Wheeler & Wilson company at Worcester, to become manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Company's business in New Brunswick. His headquarters will be at St. John.

For a tea of particularly choice quality try a 50c or 60c. package of Red Rose.

James Watery and Robert Gooderich have been reported for furious driving.