

BACKS WATERWAYS PROPOSITION

DECLARES RAILROAD COMPANIES ARE NOT ANTAGONISTIC

Great Northern Magnate Asserts Lines Are Not Adequate to Handle Traffic and Expansion Is Inevitable

WASHINGTON—A notable feature of the sessions in this city, congress, now in recess in his city, was the address delivered by James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad company.

Mr. Hill created great enthusiasm among the 2500 delegates by declaring that the railroads of the country would support cordially any proper plan for the development of the legitimate waterways of the United States. He produced figures to show that the traffic of the country had become so great and was increasing so tremendously that it was beyond the physical power of the railroads to handle it.

He made a most important and significant statement of the attitude of the railroad men toward legislation which has been carried against rail carriers in America, and declared that all the railroads asked was permission to conduct their business in a proper way, under fair regulations and fair laws.

Mr. Hill said it was a canal which had made the city of Duluth the third largest port in America.

"It follows," he said, "that we must prepare to utilize the waterways of the country as common carriers, and to this end one of the projects that we must see carried to a conclusion, is that of a channel from St. Louis to New Orleans of at least a depth of fifteen feet, and eighteen feet would be twice as good. While the traffic of this country is increasing at the rate of 12 per cent. annually, the ability of the carriers of that traffic is increasing only 2 1/2 per cent. per year. It would be better for us to build immediately 75,000 miles of new railroads in order to adequately meet the traffic conditions of the country."

"In seeking relief," said Mr. Hill, "we naturally must turn to the waterways of the country, and I believe they are about to emerge into an era of great usefulness."

Mr. Hill said it would be necessary to provide a sufficient channel for the carrying of vessels of large capacity. "No craft that floats," said he, "which carries only 1000 tons, can compete with a box car, but with a craft of 10,000 tons the situation is mastered."

Continuing he said: "There will be plenty of business for such waterways and railroads. The alleged jealousy of the railroads of the waterways is a myth and only a part of the yellow ideas that have been fostered in recent years. You may be assured of the hearty support of the railroads in the construction of the legitimate enterprises of the country."

Governor Cummins of Iowa, in a forceful address, declared it to be evident that the United States must either stop doing business or must bring to the railroads the mighty help of the waterways of the land.

The congress will conclude its work by the adoption of a series of resolutions incorporating its idea that a comprehensive scheme for the improvement of the internal waterways of the country should be crystallized into law.

FRUIT GROWERS FAVOR ADMISSION OF CHINESE

MARYSVILLE—The California fruit growers in convention here Friday memorialized congress for speedy action in the Chinese exclusion act.

The growers contended that long trial and effort have proven the impossibility of inducing reliable white labor to engage in the primary processes of production in the orchard, vineyard, asparagus, sugar beet, onion, celery and other great industries in which tens of millions of dollars are invested.

The memorial says: "Chinese exclusion has depleted the Chinese labor and the extension of the exclusion policy to the Japanese will leave these imperiled industries exposed to enormous losses and threatened with ultimate extinction. The opposition to Asiatic labor is found in the cities, due largely to the efforts of agitators who are themselves of alien blood and they and the class they represent will not do the work done by the Asiatics at any wage."

COURT ENJOINS ROAD FROM RAISING RATES

HELENA, Mont.—Judge William H. Hunt, in the federal court here Friday, signed an injunction restraining the Great Northern railroad from collecting the excess over the old lumber rate on a new rate which went into effect November 1. The interstate commerce commission has decided as to the merits of the new rate.

Judge Hunt held federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction in cases involving a construction of the interstate commerce commission and that it had the right to grant a temporary injunction under the action of the commission.

GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATES DEADLY MINE DISASTER

PITTSBURGH—The federal government is making an investigation of the disaster at the Naomi mine of the United Coal company near Fayette City, thirty-five miles south of here, where a terrific explosion of fire damp occurred Sunday night causing the death of many of the miners.

The investigation attracts particular attention, because as it does immediately after President Roosevelt's reference to the great loss of life in industrial pursuits in the Pittsburgh district and his recommendations for mine inspection in his annual message.

ASKS COAST CITIES TO HELP EXTERMINATE RATS

Experts Inoculate Rodents with Disease Germs Which the Rats Spread Among Themselves, Hastening Mortality.

LOS ANGELES—Dr. Rupert Blue, head of the marine hospital service officials in charge of the health situation at San Francisco, said before going north that all Pacific coast cities should form an organized movement for the extermination of rats. Dr. Blue addressed the physicians' convention at Riverside Tuesday.

Continuous warfare till annihilation comes should be waged against the rodents, Dr. Blue says, because they carry germs that spread a half dozen well known communicable diseases.

As a result of his recent conference with members of the Los Angeles board of health and Councilmen Pease and Yonkin it is probable that an effort will be made to get the health officers of all Pacific coast cities together to discuss united plans for the annihilation of rats.

Dr. Blue told the physicians that each female rat produces a lot of from twenty to fifty each year, but that as the ratio of births is eight males to three females nature somewhat checks the increase. Otherwise rats would soon drive human beings off the earth.

Dr. Powers made formal application to Dr. Blue for cultures of the fever germs which the authorities are producing in San Francisco. Live rats are inoculated with this germ and soon get a form of fatal typhoid fever, communicate it to other rats and in that way reduce rat life.

"If the culture is fresh and good it usually kills rats in a few hours," said Dr. Blue. "If the first dose does not kill the second will. The stuff is left near rat runs and is not dangerous to humans."

"One of the great reforms needed in the west is rat proof buildings and stables. There should be cement cellars and stables with sewer connections and rat proof finish.

"Most rats breed near stables and sewer pipes.

"It would be well to nail metal strips over all rat holes, to fill their habitations with broken glass and broken bricks, to spread arsenic and phosphorus and to keep every available trap set day and night.

"This rat killing is a national need and should be taken up at once everywhere.

The physicians present said an effort would be made to get the Los Angeles council to fix a 5-cent bounty on rats, as it would stimulate many expert rat catchers to get busy, aside from private interests.

GIRL IS RESCUED FROM GYPSIES BY PARENTS

Says She Was Stolen from Home in California and Compelled to Tell Fortunes, Giving Money to King

ST. LOUIS—A clash between United States and gypsy laws will take place in the federal court here Tuesday when John Thompson and his wife file peonage charges against Ezekiel Adams, king of a big camp of gypsies in St. Louis county, for the recovery of their pretty brown-eyed 16-year-old daughter Marie, who, they allege, was abducted from their home in Los Angeles, Cal., and sold into slavery a year ago.

Thompson alleges he traced the girl and her abductors to El Paso, Austin, Galveston and Houston, Texas, and when he found her in the gypsy camp last night she screamed for liberty, but seventy gypsies tore her from his arms by their king's command, whereupon Thompson had his daughter seized by sheriff's deputies and placed in the county jail by writ of habeas corpus directed against the gypsy king.

The gypsies declared Thompson had sold his daughter four times for sums aggregating \$2400. She denied the charge, saying "Leo Lehan, a gypsy, stole me from my father's home in Los Angeles and sold me to his tribe for \$200. They told me I was to be the bride of Peter Adams, the king's brother, but he has not married me. They forced me daily to tell fortunes in the city and I had to give all of the money I earned, averaging \$15 a day, to the king, who had bought me."

The girl's father says he sold his Los Angeles business and spent \$4000 finding her. The gypsies say the girl is Leo Lehan's wife, but she alleges he has a gypsy wife whom he deserted.

HOTEL MEN FEAR NEW YORK WILL GO "DRY."

NEW YORK—That the prohibitionists are making an effort to move New York State into the "dry" column, and that unless action is at once taken they have the fight more than half won, was the statement made before the annual meetings of the Hotel Men's association of the State.

A good portion of the session was devoted to a discussion of the subject, several speakers urging that the convention take active steps to begin action in opposition to the prohibitionists.

WOMAN HURLS BOMB AT GOVERNOR; HE ESCAPES

MOSCOW—An unsuccessful attempt was made in this city Monday upon the life of Lieut. Gen. Guerselman, governor general of Moscow. He escaped by a narrow margin.

A woman hurled a bomb at the general's carriage while he was driving in the Lefort quarter of the city. The horses were blown to pieces and the coachman was seriously wounded. The general, however, was not injured.

The woman was so severely hurt by her own bomb that she was removed to a hospital in a dying condition.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

GLEANED FROM NUMEROUS SECTIONS.

Items of Interest From the Outside World Condensed for Our Busy Readers.

NEW YORK—A heavy snow storm Monday retarded the movements of the battleships preparing to rendezvous at Hampton Roads before sailing for the Pacific.

BALTIMORE—Five persons were killed and about thirty injured in a rear-end collision between local passenger trains on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Hanover, Md., twelve miles west of here Monday morning.

AUGUSTA, Ark.—Crazed by cocaine a negro Tuesday shot seven white persons, two of whom were women. The negro was captured and shot to death by a posse. One of the negro's victims will die.

VLADIVOSTOK—Twenty-one sailors implicated in the recent mutinies here were condemned to death by a court martial. Twenty-four more were given varying terms of penal servitude.

STOCKHOLM—The health of King Oscar again is unsatisfactory and he has handed the reins to Crown Prince Gustave, who was formally appointed regent. The king is suffering from catarrh and insomnia. His heart is seriously affected.

MACON, Ga.—The marshal of Middleville was killed by a negro Monday afternoon in a race riot. Unconfirmed reports say four others were killed. A train with 200 men is reported to have left Savannah this morning.

WASHINGTON—Although several interviews have been published with recent White House callers to the effect that the president has declared anew that he will decline another nomination, it is said the president has made no such declaration.

NORFOLK, Va.—Three battleships were added Wednesday to the number already assembled in Hampton Roads by the arrival of the Kansas, Rhode Island and Connecticut, making a total of fifteen ships of the fleet at the rendezvous.

WASHINGTON—Col. Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama canal, cabled the canal officers in this city that all records were again broken for the month of November in the matter of excavation on the isthmus. The total amount of earth removed during that month was 1,838,486 cubic yards as against 1,389,407 cubic yards in November, 1906.

BATON ROUGE, La.—For the benefit of the cotton and sugar cane fields Governor Blanchard sent instructions to every sheriff in Louisiana to strictly enforce the vagrant law.

This means that idle men will be forced to seek work or leave the community. Agricultural laborers are much needed.

BOISE, Idaho.—Harry Orchard was taken to Caldwell Wednesday by two penitentiary guards, and the case in which he is charged with the murder of former Governor Frank Steunenberg was called in the district court, Judge Wood presiding.

On motion of his attorney the case was continued for the term and Orchard was returned to Boise.

PARIS.—Gen. Gautry, commanding the French flying column in Algeria, reported Wednesday that he had destroyed the camp of Narabouit Bouthick, one of the leaders of the revolt, and who proclaimed a holy war on the frontier.

The Arabs were routed, but only two Frenchmen were wounded in fighting that lasted all day.

BOISE, Idaho.—Governor Gooding Friday granted a requisition for Steve Adams, wanted at Telluride, Colo., for the murder of Arthur Collins. Adams was recently tried at Rathdrum for the murder of Fred Tyler, the jury disagreeing. It is understood he will be brought to Boise and kept until after the Pettibone trial, when he will be turned over to the Colorado authorities.

ST. LOUIS—Hundreds of foreign workmen in St. Louis and suburbs who have been discharged on account of the financial stringency are departing for their native countries. The agent of every steamship company in St. Louis is overwhelmed with demands for stowage and transportation, and it is estimated at least 3500 foreigners have departed during the past two weeks.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC IS CONVICTED OF CRUELTY

SAN FRANCISCO—The Southern Pacific Railroad company was found guilty Friday by a jury in the United States district court on six of the charges brought against it for cruelty to animals in violation of the law requiring sheep, swine or cattle to be taken from the cars for every twenty-four hours, while in transit from one State to another.

On several other charges of the same nature the company was found not guilty.

The case was stubbornly fought by the attorneys for the railroad, who contended that separate charges could not be brought on each separate shipment, and who brought forward various reasons, such as lack of cars and motive equipment and delays on route to permit fast passenger trains and through fruit trains to have the right of way, as excuses for not obeying the law, which they contended is unjust and unreasonable.

COAST NEWS IN GENERAL

WHAT IS DOING IN NEARBY PLACES.

Resume of Week's Happenings in the Active Parts of the Coast.

SAN BERNARDINO—The Blossom negro from Los Angeles says the news.

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Pioche schools have reopened. A gang has undertaken to handle the school children. The Georgia-Pioche mine is sacking 1000 ore, and will install a gasoline engine, and drill will soon be in operation in the Pioche district.

CEDAR BASIN

The directors of the Cedar Basin, Nev., Mining company held a meeting in the office of the president of the company, J. H. Bartner at Salt Lake, Dec. 2. A full board was present, including general manager W. A. Crawford.

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SAN FRANCISCO—The police Tuesday night searched the satchel containing about \$1000 worth of jewelry and other valuables, which had been left on the ferry steamer Bay City at Lincoln crossing the bay from Oakland.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—A sudden and destructive flood swept down the river on the east coast of Vancouver island last Wednesday, raising the river twenty-eight feet in twenty-four hours. The flood carried away a bridge and several hundred thousand feet of lumber.

SAN DIEGO—Roy Cassidy, 15 years old, of National City, committed suicide at school by drinking a bottle of medicine containing some sort of poison. The boy was despondent and announced an intention of taking his life. His teacher did not think he knew what he was talking about, but in a short time the boy became ill and three hours after died.

SAN DIEGO—Admiral Swinburn's Pacific squadron steamed into the harbor Saturday forenoon and anchored along the front.

The two destroyers, Preble and Perry, were already here, anchored close to the Coronado shore. The vessels that came in were the Charleston (flagship), St. Louis, Chicago and Milwaukee, all cruisers.

REDLANDS—Quite a stir was caused in Redlands Friday by an action of the street superintendent, who took a force of laborers on Olive street and tore up a switch which the Valley Traction company had laid.

The company was building a switch line over which to haul brick from the Taylor brick yards.

The city claims the company has no franchise. The company threatens a damage suit.

OAKLAND—The police of this city and Alameda are searching for a supposed crook who, being arrested on suspicion shortly after midnight Monday morning, cut his throat and attempted to set fire to the Alameda lockup and later escaped by making a bold dash for liberty when he was about to be handcuffed.

His attempt at suicide was not effectual, and he failed to burn the jail, though the bedding in his cell was destroyed.

100,000 RATS HAVE BEEN EXTERMINATED

SAN FRANCISCO—The sanitary campaign that is being prosecuted by the federal authorities in co-operation with the local health board for the eradication of the plague in San Francisco is proving effective. There has been a most decided improvement in the situation as a result of the campaign of sanitation inaugurated by the United States marine hospital corps, under the command of Dr. Rupert Blue, assisted by Dr. W. C. Rucker.

The total number of verified cases reported up to date are 111; deaths, 66; recovered, 32; under treatment, 13; suspected cases under observation, 50.

According to Dr. Rucker about 100,000 rats have been exterminated. "Where we formerly killed about 2200 rats a day, we now do not get more than that number in a week. They are getting scarce," said he.

The statistics of the local health office showed that 25,233 rats had been brought to the bacteriological laboratory since the middle of September for examination. Of the 7897 rats last examined only sixty-four were found to be infected with the plague.

LIMITATION ON JAPANESE IMMIGRATION IS ASSURED

Minister Dismisses Agencies' Representatives Without Change of Attitude, Despite Vigorous Protests

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County Commissioners Lincoln County at the regular meeting held Dec. 2, 1907.

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Mrs. Hattie Walker	
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W. A. Denton	
Wm. D. Maynard	
H. W. Turner	
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J. L. Denton	
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Sam Gray	
John Howe	
I. Hoops	
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Hans O'Son	
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EXPLOSION BRINGS TERRIBLE DEATH

ACCIDENT ONE OF THE WORST IN HISTORY OF COUNTRY

Appalling Loss of Life—Little Hope That Any of The Entombed Miners Have Escaped An Awful Death—Explosion Terrible

MONONGAH, W. Va.—The explosion which killed fewer than 400 miners were killed by an explosion of black damp in mine Nos. 6 and 8 of the Consolidated Coal company of Baltimore at this place now conceded by those who take the most hopeful and conservative view of the disaster.

All Men at Work The explosion occurred shortly after 10 o'clock Friday after the fall from of 500 men had gone to work in the two mines affected. These two mines are No. 6 and No. 8 of the Consolidated Coal company, located on opposite sides of the west fork of the river, at this place, but merged in their underground workings by a tunneling and on the surface by a great steel tippie and a bridge.

How It Happened There is much speculation as to the cause of the explosion, but the generally accepted theory is that it resulted from black damp, scientifically known as methane. It is believed that a miner attempted to set off a blast, which blew out and ignited an accumulation of the deadly gas, and that this, in turn, ignited the coal dust, a highly inflammable substance found in greater or less quantities in all West Virginia mines.

However, all explanations of the cause up to this time are necessarily speculative. Only a thorough investigation after the mine is reopened will disclose the cause, if it is ever ascertained.

The explosion affected both mines, and so far as now known appears to have done about as much damage in one as in the other. It has not been established in which it originated.

Twenty-five Bodies Recovered MONONGAH, W. Va.—At 9 o'clock Saturday night a total of twenty-five bodies had been recovered from the mines of the Fairmont Coal company. Scores of other victims were in sight of the rescuers, and it was estimated that at least 100 dead will be brought to the surface before daylight.

Late today and tonight the deadly black damp became more pronounced as the further recesses of the mines were approached. It was stated by General Manager Leo L. Malone that 478 actual miners were checked off of entering the mines Friday morning.

This number, it was further stated, did not include fully 100 trapped mule drivers, pumpers and boys who are not under the clock system. Should these figures be correct the death list will be over 650 persons.

The condition of the bodies thus far recovered is horrible. Many are dismembered, some are fearfully crushed, and the rest are blackened and burned beyond recognition.

Rescuers Near Death A score or more of men of the rescuing parties are in a critical condition from inhaling black damp. Several of them are not expected to live.

Up to late today many entertained high hopes that some of the entombed men would be taken from the mines alive. As the bodies recovered, however, were brought to the surface horribly mangled, all hope was dispelled.

It is estimated that 250 families are destitute. In many places relief funds have already been started for the widows and orphans. The accident, the greatest in the history of American mining, has dashed the hope of this town and Fairmont as crowded with people, while thousands line the hills in the vicinity of the mines. Every barroom in Fairmont and Monongah is closed. Throughout the territory over sixty mines have suspended operations temporarily, and about 6000 miners are visiting here and in Fairmont.

With unabated energy five rescuing parties worked from every possible point to enter and explore the mines.

But fifty-three bodies had been recovered from mines No. 6 and No. 8 of the Fairmont Coal company when darkness closed over the little town of Monongah Sunday. On account of an explosion in mine No. 6, all rescue work has been suspended for the night.

One Hundred Bodies Located It was said by members of the rescuing parties that over a hundred bodies have been located in both mines and that they will be brought to the surface as soon as the fire has been extinguished. It is not believed the fire will reach any of these bodies.

Heartrending scenes and incidents crowds fast one upon another in the sorely afflicted mining community. Funeral processions were in sight in all directions during the entire day. On the way to the cemeteries these solemn little processions were constantly going and passing vehicles coming from the mines laden with victims en route to the morgue, there to be placed in caskets and prepared another series of funerals.

About twenty victims were buried in the three cemeteries near the town. The services were simple and brief, except for the grief of the mourners, which at times became almost frantic without special features.

Several of the victims were interrupted by women fainting, causing momentary excitement, but this was soon dispelled.

Many women believe their husbands or sons will still be found alive and refuse to leave the vicinity of the mine. When bodies are carried from the mine these women become almost insane, screaming and pacing back and forth and calling aloud the names of their loved ones.