

## MELLEN FAVORS R. R. MONOPOLY

Former President of the New Haven Tells Commission Such Monopoly Would Benefit People.

## TRICH'S ACTIVITY IN TROLLEYS DESCRIBED

Former Senator's Connection With Sale of Rhode Island Lines to New Haven Is Detailed.

Washington, May 21.—Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, told the interstate commerce commission today that he favored a broad monopoly to be controlled and operated by the government and that such a monopoly would be beneficial to the public.

Questioned by Mr. Folk as to his present business relations, Mr. Mellen said: "I have not a dollar's interest today in the New Haven. I disposed of my stock. I retain a little interest in the Boston and Maine and in the Ontario and Western."

"Why did you personally favor the consolidation of the trolleys with the New Haven?"

"Because consolidation would result in better service, lower rates and greater satisfaction to the public. I believe the public is better served by monopoly of transportation than in any other way. I think, however, that the monopoly should be controlled and regulated by the government."

"What do you think railroads generally are doing about this matter?"

"I don't know anything a railroad in New York except to take off its hat to some government official."

"If Mr. Morgan had not died how would you have gone into this line of consolidation?"

"I don't know, I suppose."

"Did Mr. Morgan have more power than any state government under which you operated?"

"That is not so."

"Why not?"

"He never tried to exercise any such power."

Washington, May 21.—Further details of the alleged exploration of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad through stock manipulations by which New Haven stockholders are said to have lost millions of dollars were given the interstate commerce commission today by Charles S. Mellen, former president of the road. Despite the fact that Mr. Mellen had undergone two days of almost uninterrupted questioning he answered promptly and concisely the questions put to him by Chief Counsel

## THE BECKER CASE EVIDENCE ALL IN

Case Will Go to Jury Tomorrow—An Early Verdict Is Expected.

New York, May 21.—Both prosecution and defense in the case of Charles Becker, on trial for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, rested before noon today. The case will be in the hands of the jury before noon tomorrow and Becker's fate may be decided by night.

After both sides rested court was adjourned until 2 o'clock, the afternoon being given over to argument by Martin F. Manton, Becker's chief counsel. At 8 o'clock tonight District Attorney Whitman will make his closing address. He will conclude about 11 o'clock and court will be adjourned until 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning when Justice Seabury will deliver his charge.

New York, May 21.—The defense in the case of Charles Becker, on trial for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, rested shortly after 11 o'clock today. The prosecution called one witness in rebuttal, then rested. Court was adjourned until 2 o'clock when the defense will begin summing up.

## SEN. KERN WILL DEMAND VOTE ON TOLLS MAY 27

Will Insist on Vote Every Time No Senator Is Ready To Speak.

Washington, May 21.—Senator Root, the leading figure in the fight to repeal the tolls exemption clause of the Panama canal act, spoke in the senate today in support of the administration's repeal bill. He expressed satisfaction with the way the debate had progressed in the senate.

Before Senator Root began his speech Democratic Leader Kern announced that he expected to demand a vote on the repeal bill at the conclusion of speeches set for May 27.

"I think it is only fair to warn senators," he said, "that from that time on we expect to ask for a vote whenever there is no senator ready to speak on this subject."

Senator Root declared that since the United States got its rights to the canal from the treaty with Panama in 1903, which provided that the canal should be open on the terms of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. "There is no doubt that the conditions of the treaty with Great Britain are embedded in our title to the canal."

## U. S. GOLFERS ARE NO LONGER IN RUNNING

Sandwich, Eng., May 21.—America today lost her last opportunity to carry off the British amateur golf championship when Charles W. Evans, Jr., of Chicago and Harold Weber of Toledo, the last remaining contestants from the United States, were eliminated from the title tournament here.

Evans lost to C. B. McParlane, a Scottish golfer, 4 up and 2 to play, and Weber was defeated by Captain Cecil K. Hutchinson of St. Andrews, 6 up and 4 to play.

Harold H. Hilton, the present titleholder, was put off the contest today by Edward Blackwell of St. Andrews, Scotland, who beat him 3 up.

Neither of the Americans looked like a winner at any period of the play in the fourth round today. Evans made a splendid effort in the last third of his match but he already had handicapped himself too heavily. MacFarlane had virtually won at the turn, where he had secured a commanding lead of five up and with a wonderful card of 31 for the nine holes. His play was uncannily perfect.

The defeat of Weber was equally conclusive. Hutchinson made the turn three up and the match ended at the fourteenth hole with the American player six down.

PHYSICIAN CONVICTED OF VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER

Greensburg, Pa., May 21.—Dr. Martin E. Griffith of Monaca, Pa., was convicted here today of voluntary manslaughter in having caused the death of William J. Robinson, a Pittsburgh music teacher. Testimony for the defense was that Dr. Griffith had ferociously operated on Robinson, whom he alleged had assaulted Mrs. Griffith in her home.

## HE PLEADS FOR "HIGHER VISION"

Rev. J. S. Lyon, Moderator Preaches Opening Sermon To Presbyterian General Assembly.

GIVES A MESSAGE TO THE DISCONTENTED

Says Church Has Opportunity To Claim Those Who Make Malicious Assaults Upon It.

Kansas City, Mo., May 21.—Declaring that "delegations of discontented people will keep on coming to the churches to disturb worship until after a while they will be arrested by the message they hear instead of the police," Rev. J. S. Lyon, of Louisville, Ky., in the moderator's sermon before the Presbyterian general assembly here today made a strong plea for higher vision.

He spoke from the text, "Where there is no vision the people perish." "If the church," he said, "is equal to the opportunity of today, many who make malicious assaults upon it will find themselves breaking into the kingdom of heaven."

Dr. Lyon said that the church can well afford to invest every energy in a mighty campaign for an effective evangelist forward movement.

"What is the vision today?" he said. "As we turn to the world today we see the same dark shadows which appeared in all the prophetic visions of the past. We behold contending forces in all the varied forms of economic, social and political foment and strife. Moreover, we see the world growing more and more weary of its problem with many hopeful evidences that it is coming to realize that the problem requires for its solution more than the elements of education and culture and moral influence. Philosophers, statesmen, scientific commissions, social betterment enterprises are pathetically trying to unravel the mystery of human misery and sin."

The church, he declared, has long proclaimed that it is the remedy for all the ills of life and the world is turning to the church "with a new willingness to know what the remedy is."

"Men and brethren," Dr. Lyon said "bear with me while I voice the conviction: "That the Christians of the apostolic age, who swept through the world with the blood of Christ and the fire of the Holy Ghost, had an experience and an equipment which is sorely lacking in the church today."

"That an ever increasing multitude of our membership is studying anew the charter of the holy scriptures with the purpose of getting back to the simplicity and power of the early church."

## HOUSE CONSIDERS THE URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL

Measure Make Provision For Over \$6,000,000 Largely For Mexican Crisis.

Washington, May 21.—The "urgent deficiency" appropriation bill, making provision for more than \$6,000,000 for the present fiscal year, was taken up in the house today. An interesting statement had been prepared by the war department to show exactly the approximate amount of the deficiencies in appropriations of the quartermaster's department of the army, due to the Mexican situation, to June 30 next. This made a total of \$4,572,126. It includes \$1,100,149 for subsistence and \$2,429,979 for transportation of the army, both along the border and to Mexico.

The figures presented showed that fitting up chartered ships for troops and animals cost \$110,000. For horse shoes and nails alone the bill carries \$25,000. The chartering of the steamers Saltillo and San Marcos to June 30 cost \$11,500 and for chartering of additional steamers to June 30 \$379,900 was asked.

The movement of troops to the Mexican border during April cost \$165,000.

## STATION AGENT IS KILLED BY ROBBERS

New York, May 21.—Eugene Hoatling, station agent for the West Shore railroad at Tappan, a suburban station on the west bank of the Hudson, was shot and killed early today by two men who tried to rob the safe in his office.

## DEADLOCK LIKELY IN CONVENTION

Messrs. Merrimon and Moore to Stay in Contest For the Nomination.

The possibilities of a deadlock congressional convention in Wayneville on Friday, May 22, are apparently growing stronger daily. This is indicated today by a statement from S. F. Chapman, manager for Judge James H. Merrimon, that Judge Merrimon will enter the convention with no intention of withdrawing, but with the single idea of securing the democratic nomination; and from a statement said to have originated from Walter E. Moore of Webster to the effect that he expects to fight for the nomination until the very end.

Mr. Chapman stated to a Gazette-News reporter today that Judge Merrimon has no intention of entering the Wayneville convention to aid in the defeat of any other candidate by controlling his strength for the benefit of an opposing candidate. Mr. Chapman stated further that if the time comes in the convention when Judge Merrimon's strength is dissipated, then his delegates will act individually in the manner in which they cast their ballots, as neither he nor Judge Merrimon will have any control over them. He believes that Judge Merrimon will be the nominee, he says.

An Asheville man just returned from Jackson county is authority for the statement that Mr. Moore has no idea of withdrawing from the convention in favor of any other candidate. He says that Mr. Moore has expressed the belief that after the first ballot the entire delegation from Jackson county, voting a strength of 25, will ballot in his favor. With this would vote as a nucleus he hopes to eventually win the nomination.

No information can be had relative to John O. Harrison's plans, but if Judge Merrimon and Mr. Moore maintain their strength in the convention Mr. Harrison's delegation would not be sufficiently strong to give the nomination to either Congressman Gudger or Solicitor Reynolds. If the estimates given out by either are correct, a deadlock in the convention, for a while at least, therefore seems to be a strong probability.

## RETIREMENT OF BISHOP WILSON GETS APPROVAL

Conference Votes to Retain Such Control of Vanderbilt as Church Has.

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 21.—The conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, last night approved the retirement of Bishop Wilson from the college of bishops, because of advanced age, granted Bishop E. E. Hoss a year's release from active duties on account of ill health; voted non-concurrence in charges of maladministration preferred against Bishop Morrison, and endorsed the suggestion of the committee that no bishops be elected at the present meeting.

An effort to reverse the action of the committee as it applied to Bishop Wilson, and proposing that he be retained on the active list, failed for adoption, 155 of the delegates voting for his retirement and 118 against.

The conference also voted to retain "such control as the church had" in Vanderbilt college pending the action of commissioners appointed to transfer this control to the eight patronizing conferences. Several other reports were read and an invitation to hold the 1915 conference in Richmond, Va., was presented.

It was announced that the committee on appeals has remanded the case of Rev. John O. Knott, former pastor at Warrenton, Va., to the Baltimore conference, by which he had been convicted on the charge of immorality. The committee held that Mr. Knott had not been given a fair and impartial trial. Rev. James Cannon, jr., appeared as attorney for Knott.

## RE-ORGANIZATION OF WABASH CONSIDERED

St. Louis, May 21.—Plans for the re-organization of the Wabash railroad, now in the hands of a federal receiver, were laid before a joint meeting of the public service commissions of Missouri, Ohio, Iowa, Illinois, and Michigan here today.

The plans provide for a new stock issue of \$48,000,000 and organization of a new company to take over the Wabash properties, either at foreclosure sale or otherwise.

Washington, May 21.—President Wilson decided today to speak at Arlington national cemetery on June 4 when the monument to Confederate dead is to be dedicated. He made the announcement when Hilary Herbert submitted to him the dedication program.

## POLICE OPPOSE MILITANT MOVE

To Prevent Attempt of Suffragettes to Present Petition To King George 1500 Men Mobilized.

WOMEN THREATEN TO SCALE HIGH WALLS

Mrs. Pankhurst Says She Will Lead Great Procession to Royal Residence and Courts Arrest.

London, May 21.—Police today broke up a large column of militant suffragette raiders who were marching on Buckingham palace for the purpose of handing a petition to King George. When the women reached the top of Constitutional hill leading to the palace the police dispersed them and arrested Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst and several other leaders.

London, May 21.—St. James park and the grounds of Buckingham palace were crowded with police from an early hour this morning, the mobilization of 1500 men having been ordered to oppose the projected attempt by suffragettes to present a petition to King George. Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst had announced she would lead a great procession to the royal residence, but it was said that she probably would lead a great procession to the royal residence, but it was said that she probably would be arrested under the provisions of the "cat and mouse act" if she put in an appearance.

The police formed a complete ring around the palace and its grounds as the women had threatened to scale the high walls enclosing the gardens. All the detectives from police headquarters at Scotland Yard were on duty and a body of 1000 patrolmen was held in reserve in case of emergency.

## GIANT LINER WATERLAND BREAKS FROM HER TUGS

Drifted Over Mile Threatening Shipping Before Brought Under Control.

New York, May 21.—The giant new liner Waterland broke away from tugs conveying her to her dock today and began drifting down the Hudson carried by the tide. At times she swung broadside across the river.

In the grip of the strong ebb tide the big steamship was helpless. She was carried steadily downstream toward the Battery.

When the Waterland was headed in for her pier more than 50 tugs had her in charge. As her bow neared the pier the strong ebb tide caught the vessel at the stern and began to swing her around. The vessel began to back under her own power and was soon out in the stream again almost directly in the path of the Lackawanna ferry boats.

After the vessel had drifted more than a mile tugs succeeded in getting her in tow again and she was headed upstream, under control.

The Waterland of the Hamburg-American line, the biggest steamer in service, arrived in New York harbor early today on her maiden voyage from Hamburg. Her run yesterday was 594 miles and her average speed an hour was 23.9 knots. The Waterland was launched on April 3, 1913. She is 950 feet in length, 100 feet beam and has a tonnage of 53,000. She carries one commodore and four captains and a total crew of 1234.

## CONSIDER FEASIBILITY OF U. S. PIPE LINE

Independence, Kas., May 21.—Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs, and Lieutenant J. O. Richardson of the navy, began here today the first of a series of hearings on the feasibility of the United States government constructing and operating an oil pipe line approximately 600 miles long from the mid-continent oil fields of Oklahoma to a convenient port on the Gulf of Mexico to supply the navy with its fuel oil.

Twenty-five local oil men appeared before the investigators and gave testimony. The hearings will cover Oklahoma and Texas and will end June 5 at Baton Rouge, La.

## HUERTA'S HAND MAY BE FORCED

VILLA EXECUTED FEDERAL OFFICERS

Sanguinary Aftermath to Battle of Paredon—Villa H/its Advance, Report.

Washington, May 21.—More details of the conflict between Mexican federal and constitutionalists at Paredon several days ago which culminated in wholesale execution of federal officers were received in official dispatches to constitutional headquarters here today.

General Carranza's agents, however, have received no confirmation of reports that General Villa has deferred his campaign against Saltillo until the railroad from Paredon has been rebuilt.

Secretary Bryan and other state department officials would make no comment on the sanguinary aftermath of the battle at Paredon but credence generally was given the report from General Villa, confirmed by the later report to constitutionalist headquarters here, which was as follows:

"The federals evacuated Monclova and united with the outposts which they had in Paredon, making a total of 2,000 men. The fight took place between 10 and 12 o'clock. The enemy were completely routed. Eight hundred prisoners were taken. Three guns, seven machine guns, all their transports and a great quantity of arms were captured.

"It is believed that Generals Arturo Alvarez and Ignacio Munoz were killed. General Osorno and a good number of officers were executed by shooting. Our losses were relatively small. The commander in chief and his officers behaved well as usual. They detached a column of four brigades toward Zertuche on the railway towards Saltillo to prevent the federals entering Saltillo."

## ROOSEVELT PARTY HAD HAZARDOUS EXPERIENCES

At Times in Great Danger and Faced Starvation, Two Members Declare.

New York, May 21.—The discovery by Colonel Roosevelt of the river Duvida was not accomplished without great danger to himself and members of his party, according to George K. Cherry, Leo E. Miller, members of the staff of the American Museum of Natural History, who accompanied him.

Roosevelt, who accompanied Colonel Roosevelt on the trip down the Duvida, told today how the party subsisted on what he called a "monkey diet" when they faced starvation.

In the 25 years that he has been making exploration trips to South America Cherry said his experiences as a member of the Roosevelt party had been the most eventful and hazardous.

"I never would make the same trip again," he said.

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