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RESPONSIBILITY NOT MORGAN'S

Frederick W. Stevens for J. P. Morgan & Co. Testifies Before Interstate Commerce Commission.

C. H. & D. OPERATIONS EXPLAINED IN DETAIL

Erie Directors and Morgans Ignorant of Financial Condition of the Road, He Stated.

Washington, Dec. 21.—When the interstate commerce commission resumed hearing on the financial operation of the C. H. & D. and the Pere Marquette railroads, Frederick W. Stevens, representing the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., presented testimony to the commission to support the contention that the operations of the C. H. & D., which burdened the road with \$24,700,000 in financial obligations and sent the road into the hands of a receiver, took place before the Morgan house had acquired the control of the road for the Erie.

At the time of the purchase of the road in 1905, Stevens said, the Erie directors and the late J. P. Morgan, were in ignorance of the actual financial condition of the C. H. & D., and that a surplus of \$793,000 the preceding year was changed to a deficiency of \$241,000 through the acquisition of the Pere Marquette railroad. As soon as the actual condition of the road was discovered, Mr. Stevens declared, the late J. P. Morgan voluntarily took back the C. H. & D. stock at the purchase price. After the reorganization, he continued, of the C. H. & D., it was transferred to the Baltimore & Ohio, and Mr. Stevens declared the only pecuniary advantage resulting from the reorganization, to the Morgan house, was the prospect of receiving in 1912 the appraised value of the C. H. & D. stock sold to the Baltimore & Ohio.

"In 1911," Mr. Stevens said, "the Morgans bought from the C. H. & D. 110,000 shares of the Pere Marquette stock acquired under the administration of Eugene Zimmerman in 1904, at \$13,750,000 and the company also advanced \$7,600,000 in new money to the Pere Marquette railroad, the notes for which advance have now defaulted."

Summarizing the present situation Mr. Stevens said: "Thus J. P. Morgan and company, have 110 shares of Pere Marquette stock (now of doubtful value) to show for the \$12,000,000 and upwards which he returned to the Erie for the C. H. & D. stock purchased."

Mr. Stevens stated that J. P. Morgan and company were not members of the syndicate nor of the Zimmerman organization.

A SUB-COMMITTEE IS MAKING INVESTIGATION

School Board Committee Investigating Assault by J. H. Michaels.

A sub-committee from the city school board, composed of Zeb F. Curtis, Congressman-elect J. J. Britt and Superintendent Harry Howell, is investigating the alleged assault made by Prof. J. H. Michaels, colored, principal of the Hill Street colored school, on P. C. Nuckles, a teacher in the school, for which Michaels was fined \$100 and the costs in Police court several days ago.

The sub-committee Saturday heard the testimony of the Knuckles woman, Rosa Rhame, another teacher at the Hill Street school, Mrs. Swann and Dr. J. W. Walker. When the committee adjourned for noon, Prof. Michaels was on the stand testifying in his own behalf.

The committee will hear all of the evidence and make its report to the city school board, which body will take final action, if any action is taken in the matter.

500,000 PLUM PUDDINGS FOR BRITISH SOLDIERS

London, (Correspondence of The Associated Press), Dec. 1.—Every British citizen in uniform on land or sea will be provided with plum pudding for Christmas. There has been a fund of \$40,000 raised for the purpose and 500,000 puddings will be provided.

A Few Santa Claus

"COMING DOWN THE CHIMNEY," ON WIRE.

See The Boys. Ex Santa Claus "On The Outside."

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Diamonds and Jewelry

- One lot of unredeemed genuine Diamond Rings, solid gold mountings, \$11.45 sale price
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 - One lot of genuine Diamond Rings, solid gold mountings, great bargains, \$27.50 sale price
 - One unredeemed, perfect white Diamond Ring, solitaire, value \$90.00 sale price \$64.50
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 - One unredeemed Diamond Ring, solitaire, and a beauty, perfect cut stone, sale price \$34.50
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- One lot of good time-keepers, all unredeemed pledges, standard movements, Elgin, Waltham, etc., sale price \$3.90
- One lot of 17 jeweled watches, Elgin and Waltham movements, 20 and 25 year cases sale price \$8.25
- One lot of 15 jeweled watches, Elgin and Waltham movements, 20 year cases, sale price \$5.95
- One Elgin (B. W. Raymond) 19 jeweled watch, 20 year case, new, sale price \$21.50



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Revolver, Revolvers

- One lot of standard make Revolvers, unredeemed and in good condition, .22, .38 cal., sale price \$1.85
- One big lot of Revolvers, .22, .32, .38 calibers, nickel and blue steel, Iver Johnson, R. and R., and other good makes, good condition every one of 'em: sale price \$2.90
- One lot of Smith and Wesson, Colt's and Savage Revolvers and Automatic pistols, .22, .25, .32 and .38 calibre, nickel and blue, unredeemed, our sale price \$10.90
- One lot unredeemed Smith and Wesson and Colt's Revolvers, slightly used, sale price up from \$5.00

Trunk, Bags, Suit Case

- The world famous R. and G. "E. G. wear," Trunks will be sold during this sale at greatly reduced prices. All sizes. Come, look, them over, then you'll be convinced. Special lot of Traveling bags, 14 to 18 inches, all leathers our sale price \$2.90
- Special lot, all leather Suit cases, 24 to 28 in, sale price \$3.20
- Special lot of genuine Cowhide Leather Suit Cases, values up to \$16.00, sale price \$9.80
- Extra special lot of genuine Cowhide leather traveling bags, values up to \$18.00, sale price \$7.85

Musical Instruments

- Musical Instruments of Every Description will be placed on sale at prices less than original cost.
- One lot of new and unredeemed violins, special, sale price \$2.95
- Guitars, new and unredeemed, special sale price, up from \$1.90
- Banjos, new and unredeemed, special sale price, up from \$1.25

John B. Stetson Hats

- The celebrated John B. Stetson 5.00 Hat will be sold during this sale \$3.25 only, for ?
- We also have a large assortment of drummer's sample Hats, latest styles, all colors, sale price, up from \$1.90

CHARITY BAIRD SHOWS SHE IS "SOME" PUGILIST

Negro Woman and Her Husband Fined for Assaulting Teacher.

Two cases against Elisha Baird and his wife, Charity, colored, were tried before Magistrate M. A. Cressman yesterday. The cases were instituted by the state and charged the two defendants with disturbing a public school and assaulting the teacher, T. C. Hedden, colored at Weaverville school, No. 7, Reams Creek township, one afternoon during the early part of this week. The defendants, adjudged guilty, were fined \$5 each and taxed with the costs.

W. G. Fortune represented the state and Guy Weaver appeared for the defendants. The state called only one witness, T. C. Hedden, the principal of the school, who is a cripple, and he told of how Baird came to his school and remonstrated with him about one of his (Baird's) children getting a thrashing. During the progress of the case, some interesting evidence was introduced showing the pugilistic ability of one of the defendants, Charity Baird, who testified: "I tell you do Lor's truth, Mr. Weaver, I just went into dat school house where dat nigger was and hit him on the head wif my fist. No sir, I don't know how many times."

Baird and his wife were charged with disturbing this school and assaulting Hedden when he had proceeded to thrash their daughter, who was a pupil. The switch in question was introduced in court as evidence, and looked to be about five feet long and well seasoned.

It was also brought into evidence that this particular family had on other occasions protested against certain means of punishment that teachers had employed.

DUTCH STEAMER WAS DELAYED BY WEATHER

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—The Dutch steamer Helena, 10 days overdue, from Rotterdam, has passed the Delaware capes. The Helena left Rotterdam November 19 and there has been considerable anxiety concerning her safety. The captain made no report as he passed the maritime signal station but it is believed that the vessel was delayed by heavy weather.

HABEAS CORPUS WRIT HEARING BEGINS TODAY

Leo M. Frank Case May Go to United States Supreme Court Again.

Atlanta, Dec. 21.—Hearing on the petition for a writ of habeas corpus seeking the release from custody of Leo M. Frank, sentenced to death for the murder of Mary Phagan, was set to begin here today before Federal Judge Newman. In the petition to the United States district court, the counsel for Frank contend that his conviction was without due process of law and that his constitutional rights were violated in that he was absent from the court room when the jury returned the verdict of guilty. What ever decision is rendered, it is expected that the case will be carried to the Supreme court of the United States.

It was understood that Attorney General Warran A. Brice would assist Solicitor General Hugh Dorey in opposing the granting of the writ.

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It acts as a tonic-laxative and removes the cause of all colds and also "relieves the feverish conditions and headache which are usually associated with colds."

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GOOD ROADS ASS'N IS SUGGESTED FOR W. N. C.

County Engineer Neal's Plan for Co-operation Endorsed by Board of Trade.

At the monthly meeting of directors afternoon of the board of directors of the Asheville board of trade, a letter was read from Charles H. Neal, engineer for Buncombe county, in which it was suggested that the people of the western North Carolina counties organize an association among themselves to perfect methods of road building. He pointed to reasons why such an organization is needed in this section, and expressed the belief that just now, when the roads are in such bad condition, would be a good time to launch the movement. He asked for the endorsement of the board of trade, and this was unanimously voted. Mr. Neal will next ask the endorsement of the local good roads association, and it is believed that the movement will prove successful.

A number of matters of minor importance were transacted at this meeting of the directors. E. C. Chambers reported that the prospects are good for issuing a road map for western North Carolina. Other interesting reports were likewise submitted by committee chairmen.

SNOW NOW PROTECTING SWITZERLAND'S BORDER

Three Divisions of Guards Have Been Demobilized. Until Spring Months.

Geneva, Switzerland. (By way of London). Correspondence of The Associated Press, Dec. 21.—With winter's snows in full possession of the border districts of Switzerland, the Swiss authorities are confident that their country is safe from violation until spring. Orders have already been made for the demobilization of three divisions of guards and more divisions will be ordered to their homes before the new year. Only a small guard is necessary now for the purpose of picket duty.

Arden Notes. Correspondence to The Gazette-News: Arden, Dec. 19.—The pupils of Christ school gave a charming little play a few days since for the benefit of the Belgian sufferers. It was very much enjoyed by all who attended. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Garren, with their baby, Mark, Jr., are spending

the Christmas holidays with relatives here. Howard and Mark Sumner of West Asheville spent the week end hunting with J. T. Adams. The Arden-Skyland High school closed Friday. Miss Sneelen gave the children a treat, and they had a delightful time.

The municipal board of Manlia has passed an ordinance providing that all buildings constructed in the city hereafter must be rat proof. This measure is for safe guarding the public health against bubonic plague. The ordinance was drafted by the director of health and the city engineer, Hollow walls and partitions are forbidden.

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The Christmas Store of Practical Gifts You Can't Afford To Miss This

Beginning Tuesday at 9 a. m. we will positively sell at cost all Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats and Coat Suits—all Ladies' Skirts. Also all Ladies' Misses, Men's, Boys' and Children's Sweaters. All Men's and Boys' Suits, Men's and Boys' Overcoats and Hats, as we know of no better way of showing our appreciation to our customers, as Christmas is the time when one lays self aside and thinks of ways to make some one else happy, and the happiness we get from giving the the happiness we keep. Our merchandise is the kind worth giving. Below are a few prices:

Ladies' Coat Suits.....\$6.00	Ladies' and Children's Felt Slippers.....60c to \$1.00	Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats, \$12.50 suits \$19.50
Ladies' Coat Suits.....\$7.00	Men's Felts.....\$1.00	\$9.50 Suits.....\$8.50
Ladies' Coat Suits.....\$8.00		Overcoats all prices.
Ladies' Coat Suits.....\$9.00		Head Light Overalls, while they last.....90c
Ladies' Coat Suits.....\$10.00		Men's pants at all prices.
Ladies' Coat Suits.....\$11.00		Boys' pants all sizes and prices.
Ladies' Coat Suits.....\$12.00		Rain coats.....\$1.25 up
Ladies' Coat Suits.....\$13.00		Shooting.....45c
Ladies' Coat Suits.....\$14.00		
Ladies' Coat Suits.....\$15.00		
Ladies' Coat Suits.....\$16.00		
Ladies' Coat Suits.....\$17.00		
Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats from.....\$1.00 to \$10.00		

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