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A CONSOLIDATION OF TRANS-ATLANTIC LINES

Morgan Consummates a Plan For This Titanic Combine.

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The United States Will Dominate the Merchant Marine of the World.

GEORGE W. PERKINS TALKS OF THE PLAN

The Capitalization of Company Will be Somewhere in the Neighborhood of \$150,000,000. There Will be an American Holding Co.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, April 19.—J. P. Morgan, who is now abroad, has practically consummated a plan to combine all the leading Trans-Atlantic steamship lines. London dispatches to the Associated Press announcing the combination were today confirmed at the Morgan Banking house. The companies to be consolidated will, it is understood, include the American and Red Star Lines, White Star Line, Dominion Line, Atlantic Transport Line and the Leyland Line. The two last named lines have been under Morgan's control for some time. Probable additions to this list are the Cunard, Wigham and Holland-American Companies, and it is understood that a "working agreement" will be reached with the other leading trans-Atlantic companies, including the North German Lloyd, Hamburg-American, General Trans-Atlantic (French) and Allan and Anchor Lines. Mr. Morgan has given the matter much of his time since his arrival on the other side. In this country the more important details have been in the hands of Clement A. Griscom, of the American Line, while Charles Steele, Mr. Morgan's partner in this city has had charge of the legal preliminaries.

It is yet too early to give the exact scope of the scheme, but as now outlined there will be an American holding company into which all the steamship companies, which propose to enter the company, to put their stock holdings—"pool their issues"—in exactly the same way that the various concerns that is embraced in the United States Steel Corporation, threw in their holdings, receiving in return stock of the main or parent company.

Just what the capitalization of the company will be is not yet known, but it is not likely to be well in excess of \$150,000,000. This phase of the project will depend entirely upon the number of steamship companies taken into the combination.

One of the most interesting features of the plan deals with the subsidy question. The White Star and Cunard Lines receive liberal subsidies from the British Government. These subsidies would be withheld or abrogated if the ships of the lines changed their flag from theirs to the American. Because of this the ships of the White Star, Cunard and the English subsidized companies will doubtless continue nominally under British control.

George W. Perkins, of J. Pierpont Morgan & Company, is authority for the statement that American interests will dominate the proposed amalgamation and declares that the result will prove not only a great triumph for Mr. Morgan, but will make the United States the real rulers of the merchant marine of the world. Mr. Perkins also says that the plan will be of greatest benefit to importers and exporters, as well as to the great railroad interests of this country. Its effect will be felt by shippers from Maine to California. Mr. Perkins says, and will also result in a better understanding between the commercial interests of this country and Germany.

"It is true," said "that Mr. Morgan will act as syndicate manager in this combination, just as he brought together and welded the various interests in the United States Steel Corporation." This financial details have been completed to the extent that all the cash necessary for the deal has been subscribed. It is too soon to speak about the directorate, but let it be borne in mind that control of the company will be held here.

It is taken as a matter of course, that the interests now prominent in the various steamship lines will be taken into the consolidated directory. Banking interests identified with the proposed underwriting syndicate, said today that the new company would have a New Jersey charter. They thought that no very great amount of cash contributions would be required from the underwriting syndicate, but were reluctant as to how far the owners of the underlying companies had the option to take new stock or cash. The Rothschilds they added, were to be among the underwriters.

Death of Capt. Whitesides.

(By the Associated Press.)

New Orleans, April 19.—A private

telegram from New York announces the death of Capt. Samuel J. Whitesides, a well known capitalist of Savannah, Ga., who had large interests in New Orleans, Alabama and Georgia. He was 71 years of age and served in the Confederate army.

TAR HEELS AND SWEET POTATOES.

North Carolina Leads in the Production of the Saccharine Roots.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 19.—The Census office has issued a report showing that in 1900 the total number of farms reporting Irish potatoes was 2,836,204 with 2,836,952 acres and a product of 273,328,307 bushels, valued at \$98,387,614.

The total number of farms reporting sweet potatoes was 1,001,577, with 537,447 acres and a product of 42,526,696 bushels, valued at \$19,876,200. The largest yield was in North Carolina, which had 68,730 acres and a product of 5,731,587 bushels, valued at \$2,119,956; Georgia follows with 70,820 acres and a product of \$5,087,674 bushels, valued at \$2,354,390.

The other principal States are Virginia, with 40,681 acres and a product of 4,470,602 bushels, valued at \$1,720,188; Alabama with 50,885 acres and a product of 3,457,386 bushels, valued at \$1,687,039; South Carolina with 48,831 acres and a product of 3,369,957 bushels valued at \$1,538,205; Texas with 43,561 acres and a product of 3,299,135 bushels, valued at \$1,689,015.

The total number of farms reporting onions was 244,370 with 47,983 acres and a product of 11,791,121 bushels, valued at \$6,627,625.

Farms reporting vegetables other than potatoes and onions numbered 3,515,470, having 2,115,545 acres and a valuation of the product of \$113,883,553.

(By the Associated Press.)

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POU'S BILL IS PASSED.

Relieving the A & M. College From Payment For Arms Lost in Fire.

(Special to News and Observer.)

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Judge Connor, of Wilson, stopped here today on his way to Baltimore, as did Hon. C. M. Busbee and wife on their way home from New York.

OGDEN'S TO MEET DUKE.

They Wish to Confer With Him About the Tobacco War.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, April 19.—Thomas and W. B. Ogden, of Ogden, Limited, agents of the American Tobacco Company, are passengers on the Cunard Line steamer Umbria, which sailed from Liverpool today for New York. The Messrs. Ogden said they were going to meet J. B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco Company, in connection with the tobacco war here.

FREE WILL CHURCH BURNED.

Heroic Efforts Save the Town of Dunn From Destruction.

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Dunn, N. C., April 19.—The Free Will Baptist Church, with the Masonic Hall in the second story, here was entirely destroyed by fire today, caused by a defective fuse. There is no insurance. The most heroic efforts saved the town from destruction.

Col. Pope to be Court Martialed.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 19.—A general courtmartial held by Col. Pope, U. S. M. C., has been ordered to convene at the Pensacola Navy Yard on the 22nd instant for the trial of Capt. Bertram S. Neumann, of the marine corps, for alleged irregularities in financial matters, including reported failure to pay his debts. The charges have been before the Navy Department for more than a year. Capt. Neumann has been detached from duty at the Norfolk Navy Yard and ordered to Pensacola for trial.

Whitney the Editor Dead.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, April 19.—Word has been received here of the death in St. Augustine, Fla., of J. F. W. Whitney, editor and journalist. Mr. Whitney was 83 years of age and was born in Dorchester, Mass. He was one of the founders of the Boston Herald and founded and edited the New York Commercial Pathfinder. He removed to Florida many years ago.

Denied a New Trial.

(By the Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., April 19.—J. W. Jenkins, convicted of obstructing the streets and attempting to wreck a car of the Norfolk Railway and Light Company during the recent strike, and who was given two years in the penitentiary, was today denied a new trial. The case will be carried to the Court of Appeals. Jenkins is now in jail.

Elks Will Build \$25,000 Auditorium.

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., April 19.—The last share of stock was taken tonight for a \$25,000 auditorium to be erected here under the auspices of the Winston Elk lodge. Besides an opera house, the Elks will have a home in the building.

THE VIRGINIANS BAT TO VICTORY

Carolínians Again Lower the Blue and Whites.

AN IMMENSE CROWD OUT

For Five Innings Carolina Led the Running.

THEN BEGAN A SEE-SAW GAME

Darkness Closed This in the Eighth Inning With the Score Nine to Seven in Favor of the University of Virginia.

Carolina met a second defeat yesterday afternoon when met by Virginia in Raleigh.

The teams from the two State Universities struggled for supremacy for two and a half hours and darkness came with the gold and navy of Virginia fluttering in triumph.

The score stood nine for Virginia and seven for Carolina, the game being called on account of approaching darkness at the end of Carolina's half, it being recognized that further play was impossible.

A great crowd witnessed the contest and it was a brilliant scene at the ball grounds. The blue and white of the University of North Carolina predominated, though Virginia's gold and navy was in evidence. The ladies were out in large numbers, and the students from the female colleges added beauty to the scene, their many hued dresses, bright faces and waving ribbons making a picture fair to look upon. The crowd has been estimated at from fifteen hundred to two thousand, and in this were big delegations from adjoining towns. Chapel Hill alone sending about 250 people.

No game has had more handsome encouragement. The ladies, the girls, the boys, the men, a majority of them, were adorned with badges and ribbons, while banners, parasols and streamers displayed the rival colors. A number of traps and carriages were decorated in the Carolina colors.

There was one great marring feature of the game and that was the crowd that would press over the lines, without the least regard for the ladies and the occupants of the seats. The management of this feature of the game was extremely bad, as many people had no chance to see the game, the ladies suffering especially.

As a result of this free scramble and the use of megaphones there was a sharp encounter between two belligerent visitors, and their faces were smeared with blood. In the scramble of over two hundred people about them several blows were exchanged, the crowding on the ball ground in the seventh inning delaying the play. It was not a pleasant sight.

The game began at twenty minutes past four instead of 3:30, as the bags for the bases had been left in the city. The game was a slow one and lacked ginger to it. Carolina led for five innings, with no specially exciting incidents, but the interest grew as Virginia steadily advanced, overtook, fell back and finally triumphed. After the fifth inning the excitement was intense, and the crowd pushed forward in its eagerness.

With Carr at the bat Carolina began the game and he went to first on balls, amidst cheers. Graham singled in left and both men advanced on Donnelly's sacrifice. Holt, hit by the ball, filled the bases. Smathers drove the ball to third, but Mason fumbled, and Carr scored, while Smathers reached first. With the bases still full Cheshire fanned but Cooke took his base on balls, letting Graham walk home. Wilcox fanned and retired the side.

Virginia did nothing in its half, only three men getting to bat. Carolina, in its second, scored two runs again. Wilcox fanned, and Carr did the same, but reached second as the catcher dropped the ball and threw wild over first. Graham reached first on Connell's error, and Donnelly, on Pitcher Cracraft's fumble, reached first, while Carr scored. On a wild pitch Graham came home and Holt was presented with a walk to first and stole second. Smathers flew to short and Cheshire went out, Connell to Yarborough.

Virginia scored once in its second. Walker singled, Connell went out from Cooke to Wilcox on first, while Walker went to third, scoring as Tate Mason retired from Holt to Wilcox again covering first. Yarboro went out, pitcher to first. In the third inning Carolina did nothing and repeated this in the fourth and fifth. In the third Virginia received a goose egg, but scored in the fourth. Walker had three strikes called on him, Connell walked, Tate Mason flew to left field, Connell stole second, John Mason hit to third and Connell scored. Yarborough retired the side, from Smathers to Holt.

In the fifth Virginia took another score. Cracraft flew to centre. Pollard was hit by the ball and stole second, while Cooke flew to Carr. Nalle reached first on Smathers' fumble, while Pollard

scored, but Nalle was caught trying to steal second, Wilcox to Cooke.

Carolina began its sixth with Wilcox, J. up. The ball beat him to first, but Yarborough let it get p in the air and he was safe. Carr flew out to first and Graham did the same in right field. Donnelly singled in left and Holt followed with a hit in the same pasture, letting in Wilcox. Smathers dropped a fly back of short, but Connell did pretty work and caught it.

Then came the fireworks, for Virginia took three runs in its half. Cheshire dropped Walker's fly and the big fellow went to third. Connell never saw first and Tate Mason fanned. John Mason lifted a three bagger over centre, and Walker scored. The ball hit Yarborough and Cracraft, the pitcher, did the unexpected. He lifted the ball over in centre and the two men on bases scored on the throw home, the pitcher stopping the ball on its way to the catcher. Pollard went to first on the pitcher's error and Cooke went to from second to first.

In its half of the seventh Carolina made a spurt and gained the lead again by scoring two runs, but Virginia turned the tables in its half by making it three, the score being now nine against seven in its favor.

Darkness was coming on and Carolina began the eighth, but it did no good as it was three up and three down. The agony was over, as there was no chance to play the ninth.

The cheers that came were not so loud as if Carolina had won, but there were cheers for Virginia, the victors once again.

THE TABULATED SCORE

Table with columns for VIRGINIA and CAROLINA, listing players and their statistics (AB, R, H, A, PO, E).

THE VETERANS EN ROUTE.

The North Carolina Train Passes Through Mobile Toward Dallas.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Mobile, Ala., April 19.—The North Carolina veteran train, consisting of twelve coaches carrying three hundred and fifty veterans, passed here three hours late. All well and happy.

The International in the Combine.

(By the Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa., April 19.—The announcement that the International Navigation Company had entered the steamship combination of which J. P. Morgan is the head, was officially confirmed today at the office of President Clement A. Griscom, by Howard Puzy, private secretary to Mr. Griscom.

"All we can say," declared Mr. Puzy, "is that Mr. Morgan's proposition was satisfactory to us and we accepted it."

The new combination, Mr. Puzy said, will be operated under the direction of Mr. Morgan and each company in the combine will be represented on the board of directors.

A special act of Congress, Mr. Puzy explained, would be necessary to permit a foreign built vessel to sail under the American flag, but he said, there is nothing to prevent an American company from owning a controlling interest in a foreign company. In consequence vessels affected by the combination will sail under their respective flags but will be controlled by America capital.

Efforts to Reorganize the Union.

(By the Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., April 19.—There is a movement on foot to reorganize the street car men's union of Norfolk. The old organization went to pieces during the strike with the Norfolk Railway and Light Company. The new organization will be headed by strike leader S. H. Kelly. The purpose of the reorganization is said to be to "unite" the men who deserted the union to again join, and an earnest effort is being made to capture the imported men who are now in the employ of the street railway company. It is generally understood that if the union is successfully reorganized an effort will be made to equip the cars of the company.

Bocas Del Toro Surrendered.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 19.—The Navy Department has received the following cablegram from Commander McCrea, of the gunboat Machias, dated Colon, April 19th:

"Bocas del Toro, Colombia, has surrendered. No injury to American citizens or interests. Making arrangements to withdraw forces this evening. Will sail for Aspinwall Sunday."

Queen Wilhelmina's Illness.

(By the Associated Press.)

The Hague, April 19.—A dispatch received from Castle Loo tonight, says the normal course of Queen Wilhelmina's malady has not been interrupted and her condition is fairly satisfactory. Her Majesty has taken some liquid nourishment.

To Confer With Boers in the Field.

(By the Associated Press.)

Pretoria, April 19.—The Boer delegates left here at 9 o'clock last night for various destinations to confer with the burghers in the field.

To Bridge the Chattahoochee.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 19.—The House today passed a bill for the construction of a bridge across the Chattahoochee river at Columbus, Ga.

National League Games.

(By the Associated Press.)

Boston, Mass., April 19.—Eight thousand people witnessed the afternoon contest between the Boston and Brooklyn National League teams, and saw Boston score a victory after three successive defeats at the hands of the Brooklyn team. Attendance 8,000.

Score: Boston... ..00000131-5 12 2 Brooklyn... ..000102000-3 9 3 Batteries: Willis and Kittridge; Mc

Mackin and Farrell. Umpire, Brown. Time 1:54.

(Second Game.) R. H. E. Boston... ..0000010000000-1 8 2 Brooklyn... ..0100000000000-3 11 3 Batteries: Pittinger and Kittridge; McCann and Ahearn. Time 2:24. Umpire, Brown. Attendance 5,000.

St. Louis, Mo., April 19.—Eleven errors by the St. Louis team and consistent hitting by the Pittsburgs, gave the second game of the series to the victors.

Score: R. H. E. Pittsburg... ..220200013-10 13 4 St. Louis... ..002100100-4 9 11 Batteries: Chesbro and O'Connor; Popp and Ryan. Time 1:50. Umpire, Cantillon. Attendance 10,000.

New York, April 19.—Philadelphia defeated New York at the Polo Grounds today, making it two straight in revenge for the victory gained over them by the New Yorks last Thursday.

Score: R. H. E. Philadelphia... ..100014000-6 6 4 New York... ..200011000-4 11 7 Batteries: Salisbury, Vorhees and Doot; McGee, Thielman and Yeager. Time 2:00. Umpire, O'Day. Attendance 12,000.

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 19.—Chicago scored the third consecutive victory over Cincinnati today through Ewing's wildness in giving bases on balls.

Score: R. H. E. Cincinnati... ..200011001-5 10 2 Chicago... ..0000501003-9 5 5 Batteries: Ewing and Bergen; Gardner, Rhoads, Kling and Chance. Time 2:15. Umpire, Emslie. Attendance 1,500.

THE APPROPRIATION FOR FORTS AND GUNS

The Bill Was Passed by the House Yesterday.

A DULL DAY IN CONGRESS

Weeks, One of the Republican Insurgents, is Frank.

THEY WANTED, HE SAYS, TO KILL THE BILL

The Senate Passes a Bill Authorizing a Bridge Over the Neuse at Kinston. River and Harbor Bill Comes Up on Monday.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., April 19.—After the turbulent scene of yesterday marking the passage of the revised Cuban Reciprocity Bill, the House settled down to routine business today. An opportunity was found, however, for the two elements in the recent struggle to give expression to their feelings. This occurred while the Fortification Appropriation Bill was under consideration. Mr. Grosvenor (Ohio), one of the Ways and Means leaders, said that the amendment which the opponents of the Ways and Means Committee had grafted upon the Payne Bill not only wiped out the differential on sugar but also did away with the countervailing duty of the Dingley law. Mr. Weeks (Mich.), made a spirited rejoinder, in behalf of those who opposed the Ways and Means Committee. He frankly conceded that the motives of the opposition had been to kill the Reciprocity Bill.

In the Upper House.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 19.—Little business of national importance was transacted by the Senate today. Numerous measures of minor character and nearly sixty private pension bills were passed. At 3 o'clock eulogies were pronounced upon the life and character of James Kyle, late a Senator from South Dakota. The Senate agreed to a conference asked for by the House on the Chinese Exclusion Bill. The chair (Mr. Frye) said that he felt bound to appoint conferees who would represent the majority sentiment of the Senate. He named Messrs. Platt (Conn.), Dillingham (Vt.) and Clay (Ga.).

The bill passed yesterday by the House providing for reciprocal relations with Cuba was received by the Senate and referred to the Committee on Relations with Cuba.

Mr. Frye gave notice that on Monday next immediately after routine business, he would call up the River and Harbor Bill for consideration.

Bills were passed appropriating \$15,000 for the establishment of a fish culture station in Florida; to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Neuse River at Kinston, N. C.; authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Emory River, in Tennessee, by the Tennessee Central Railway; authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Chattanooga River between Columbus, Ga., and Eufaula, Ala., or in Columbus, Ga.

NAVAL BASE AT PORT ROYAL

The Buildings There Will Not be Sold on the Removal to Charleston.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., April 19.—The Navy Department places the total value of the buildings at the naval establishments at Port Royal, S. C., at \$949,000, of which a little more than half is the appraised value of the dock. It was contemplated to use the buildings which would be vacated by the transfer of the naval property to the new naval station at Charleston, S. C., for training purposes. Objections were raised to this by some of the bureau chiefs and a board was appointed to investigate. This board was not unanimous in its findings and the report was forwarded to Rear Admiral Taylor, who will succeed Admiral Crowninshield as Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, who headed the former board which reported upon the transfer of the naval station from Port Royal to Charleston. He finds no objection to retaining some of the shops in commission at Port Royal until the Charleston station is far enough advanced to do some of the work, and he also approves of utilizing two buildings at Port Royal for the receipt of recruits until the Charleston naval station is ready to do so. As the board on torpedo boat bases has recommended the establishment of a base at Port Royal and the Bureau of Equipment has a coaling station there, the Navy Department does not deem it well to sell its property there.

C. A. Seley has resigned as mechanical engineer of the Norfolk and Western Railway to accept the same service with the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, with offices in Chicago.