

MANIPULATION OF STOCKS EXPOSED IN INVESTIGATION

Commerce Commission Brings Out Some Startling Revelations

PILE UP CAPITAL TO CONCEAL DIVIDENDS

Then Ask Public to Pay Higher Rates to Maintain Dividends

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—Stock inflation and manipulation, designed to turn over to stockholders large sums of money without putting in the company's record any evidence of more than passing fair dividends, was the subject delved into today by the interstate commerce commission here at the conclusion of its hearing following the suspension of the general advance of freight rates of Western lines which had been scheduled to take effect September 1.

Growth of Capitalization. Commissioner Clements called the witness' attention to figures he had furnished on direct examination by the railroad's counsel, W. H. Horton. The commissioner said: "You say, Mr. Blauvelt, that in 1891 your capital stock was \$40,000,000 on 2,870 miles of road, and in 1910 on only about 1,700 miles more it was \$109,000,000. Also that in 1891 the bonded indebtedness was only \$52,000,000, while in 1910 it had reached \$176,000,000. Why is this?"

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DRAGON SLAYER IS FORCED TO APPEAL TO TAFT FOR HELP

With Old Guard Ready to End His Political Career, Roosevelt is Compelled to Ask Favors of Man he Has Maligned.

ON BOARD PRESIDENT TAFT'S TRAIN, Albany, N. Y., Sept. 19.—President Taft and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt met today at New Haven, Conn., for the second time since the former president's return from Africa. Colonel Roosevelt sought the conference with the president. It was plain from all that transpired before and after the meeting that the colonel and his close political advisers are not a little worried over the situation in New York state and came to the president for further evidence of his moral support.

This the president was glad to give. He declared that his position in the New York state fight had been clear from the very first. He said he sympathized with the fight against bossism being waged by the people of the state. Mr. Taft reiterated the statements he made in his letter to Lloyd C. Griscom, president of the New York county republican committee at the time of the Sherman-Roosevelt controversy over the temporary chairmanship. This letter, he added, stated his position fully and accurately, and he was standing on it absolutely.

Mr. Taft announced to his callers anew what he had said in the Griscom letter—that he favored the direct primary for the nomination of congress and state legislators. He understands this to be the purport of the Cobb bill as amended by the Seth Low and Jos. Choate memorial. He said he hoped that a declaration for such a primary law would be written into the republican state platform, and that a candidate for governor in sympathy with this movement would be nominated.

Sturges Clear of 1912. President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt did not discuss the question of the presidency in 1912. Mr. Taft's position is this: "He is willing to run if nominated. If his friends think there is a good chance for him to be re-elected, Mr. Taft feels that they will see to his nomination. Mr. Taft's political friends say if the American people want him for a second term that not even Colonel Roosevelt can prevent his nomination. If the people do not appear to want him, Mr. Taft will be

only too glad to submit to their decision.

It can be stated that today's meeting at New Haven, while it may have been successful in its moral advantage to the Roosevelt leaders in New York state was absolutely barren of results as to any better understanding between the president and Colonel Roosevelt as to national issues or their personal relations in view of many recent events. Something in the nature of a truce seems to have been arranged in regard to the New York state situation. After that is over, events will shape themselves.

Mr. Roosevelt is said today to have let drop the hint as to his side of the matter that something would be done after the elections. Mr. Taft is letting 1912 look out for itself. It came out at today's conference which in addition to the president and Colonel Roosevelt included Lloyd C. Griscom, Otto Bannard and Secretary Norton that the Taft administration is to be endorsed at Saratoga. No mention of Mr. Taft as a candidate in 1912 will be made.

In this connection it became known today that President Taft deprecated the action of the Ohio republicans in declaring for him in 1912. He did not think he should be made an issue.

Today's conference it is believed was a source of much gratification to Mr. Taft and his friends, following a somewhat recent attitude on the part of Colonel Roosevelt of almost completely ignoring of his administration or existence.

Roosevelt Sought Meeting. Mr. Griscom and Mr. Bannard telephoned Secretary Norton last Saturday and asked that an arrangement be made by which Mr. Roosevelt might hold a conference with the president during his New Haven visit.

Mr. Bannard who accompanied the president to Albany, explained tonight that he and Mr. Griscom thought it would be a good thing to get the president and Mr. Roosevelt together again to "smooth over any apparent differences between them." This applied, however, only to the New York state situation. Mr. Bannard

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Cavalieri Takes Her High Notes With Ease.



THREE BALLOONS STILL UP IN AIR OR DOWN IN SOME REMOTE PLACE

Others Have Come Down Widely Separated so Far Without Serious Accidents.—Remaining Three Will Participate in International Meet.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 19.—If they have not met with disaster or landed safely at some isolated spot from which they have not been able to report, three balloons and their crews have qualified tonight as the American contestants in the international balloon race which will start at St. Louis October 17. They are:

New York—Clifford R. Harmon, New York, pilot; Thomas Baldwin, New York, aide, not sighted.

Buckeye—J. E. Wade, Cleveland, pilot; A. H. Morgan, Canton, Ohio, aide, sighted at Charleston, W. Va., 7 p. m., Sunday.

Missopia—W. T. Anzman, St. Louis, pilot; P. G. McCullough, St. Louis, aide, sighted at Pomeroy, Ohio, 8:45 a. m., Sunday.

Nine balloons started in the American elimination race at the Indianapolis speedway Saturday afternoon. Four started in a free-for-all contest and all of them are down. The sixth of the starters in the elimination

race to alight was the America II, which landed at Warrenton, Va., at 2:20 o'clock this afternoon. Allen R. Hawley, New York, was the pilot and Augustus Post, New York, the aide.

Stories of the flight told by the pilots of the balloons which have landed, are beginning to come to Indianapolis. Carl G. Fisher, who with G. L. Bumbaugh, was in the Indiana II, wires from Pittsburgh as follows:

"We passed all but Hawley in America II Saturday night during a storm that blew great gusts. In the storm our drag rope caught in a tree top and held us two hours, during which four balloons went by at great speed. We finally aroused a farmer who, with his son came to our aid in a drenching rain. They climbed the tree and cut us loose, then we proceeded, tree top and all."

Buffeted by Storms. Louis Von Phul, who piloted the Million Population club balloon of St. Louis assisted by Jon. O'Reilly, described his trip:

"We had been in the air only a short time when the rain hampered us. We were going in the direction of the great lakes. Then we struck a course that sent us south at a sherry clip, but the rain continued and we were soaked. We threw out ballast and sought a higher altitude. I think we crossed the Ohio river near Warrington, Ohio.

"The night was the most remarkable I have ever spent. Neither of us slept much—we didn't want to. Our highest altitude was 5,100 feet. "When the sun came out yesterday morning our worst trouble began. We would run through clouds for a while, then the sun would break through. The gas would expand and cause us to shoot upwards for time, then the rain would send us down again. If we could have had fair weather we would have broken records. At one time we sighted six balloons, but when we came down there was only one balloon in sight."

DEACONS WHO DEMANDED PASTOR'S RESIGNATION DUSTED FROM CHURCH

Minister Dispossesses Fourteen of Leading Members of His Church RUNS THINGS ALONE

SAVANNAH, Ga., Sept. 19.—A sensation was sprung in church circles in this section of the state when Rev. W. A. Nisbet, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church, dispossessed ten of the fourteen deacons of the church who voted to ask for his resignation several weeks ago. This act prevents the deacons from taking the sacrament or performing any official duties in church or Sunday school.

Among those "dispossessed" are the superintendent of the Sunday school, three of the assistant superintendents and several teachers. The act practically disorganizes the Sunday school.

CAN TRANSMUTE BASER METALS TO SILVER BUT CANNOT RAISE \$29,000

Dr. Lange, Alchemist, on Verge of Breakdown Financial Troubles TRAGIC INCIDENT

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 19.—Reports that Dr. F. W. Lange was swindled into buying, at a big figure, an alleged process for transmuting silver were today denied by his wife. She says that Dr. Lange is on the verge of a total nervous collapse at his home on Madison avenue.

Dr. F. W. Lange is the amateur alchemist in whose laboratory the late Charles C. Dickinson, the banker, inhaled the fumes which were said to be the remote cause of his death last May. A statement was made public in which the chemist declared he had succeeded in transmuting metal into silver by combining a little silver with large quantities of base metals.

Lange interested a number of New York bankers of prominence, among them Mr. Dickinson, president of the Carnegie Trust company. Dickinson went to Scranton to investigate the process, and it is said that in a moment of enthusiasm he stepped too near the laboratory furnace. After his return to New York he developed pneumonia, from which he died.

The disappearance of Dr. Lange's brother, L. A. Lange, a couple of weeks ago almost caused a run on the new Schiller Building and Loan association, of which he was secretary. He was indebted to the association more than \$100,000, but made it good by begging himself and his father and borrowing from friends. This added to Dr. Lange's worries.

A number of suits have been recently brought in the local courts against Dr. Lange. Two of his properties have been advertised for sale by the sheriff because of his inability to raise the interest on two notes amounting to \$29,500. Dr. Lange announced early this week that he had arranged to stay the sale, but since the financial entanglements of the Lange family have become public their creditors have been hounding them.

HER SECOND ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE MAY BE MORE SUCCESSFUL

Mrs. Max Henrici, of Spartanburg, Shoots Herself Through Breast CONDITION CRITICAL

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Sept. 19.—Mrs. Max Henrici, who recently attempted suicide in New York by jumping into East river, shot herself here this afternoon. Her husband, who was formerly employed on the New York Herald, is at present city editor of the Spartanburg Herald.

The condition of Mrs. Henrici at 8 o'clock tonight is extremely critical. The ball from a .38 calibre pistol entered the body between the sixth and seventh ribs, penetrated the right lung and the liver. Its further course has not been determined. At a private hospital where she was taken soon after the shooting occurred, a number of X-ray photographs have been taken in an effort to locate the ball, but at this hour the surgeons say the photographs do not aid them much.

No cure is assigned for Mrs. Henrici's act. She was alone when the shot was fired, and has made no statement that has reached the public. A few weeks ago while residing in New York she attempted to end her life by jumping into the East river but was rescued. Since being at her home near here she has been apparently in the best of spirits and with the exception of occasional periods of despondency has been as well and cheerful as usual.

MISUSED MAILS.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 19.—Federal officers have arrested four prominent men at Anniston, Ala., on a charge of fraudulently using the mails. Lon Price, sr., L. L. Melton, L. M. Melton, and A. P. Melton. The men arrested conduct a number of stores in east Alabama towns and it is alleged that in ordering goods by mail they misrepresented their financial standing.

MAJOR DIXON SUFFERS AN ATTACK OF ANGINA PECTORIS

Was Very Near Death From Seizure Which Came on in His Office.

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 19.—Major B. F. Dixon, state auditor, barely escaped death through a terrible attack of angina pectoris about 10:30 o'clock this morning and at one time death was expected most any moment. He is still a very ill man at Rex hospital, where he is reported to be resting easy.

Major Dixon had been out to the old soldiers' home just before the attack, and had not been complaining at all. He had not scarcely settled himself in his private office when the attack came. A hurry call for physicians brought Dr. Rogers, Dr. Kitchin and Dr. Rankin in a very short time. As to his condition at the hospital this evening the statement was made that Major Dixon is probably out of danger and resting easy, but that it would require several days for him to sufficiently recuperate to admit of his leaving the hospital.

CRAZED BY LOVE.

ABBEYVILLE, Ga., Sept. 19.—B. Manass today shot and killed Mrs. Sarah Williams, wife of former Mayor Williams because he believed she had interferred to prevent the success of his suit for the hand of her sister, Mrs. Eugene Royal, a widow. The latter saw the shooting. As Mrs. Williams expired Manass turned his revolver upon the widow, wounding her in the hip and the killed himself.



WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Forecast for North Carolina: Partly cloudy Tuesday; Wednesday fair; light variable winds.

READY TO ESTABLISH ONE POSTAL BANK PER STATE

Board of Control Has Plans Prepared if Cabinet Approves of them

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Attorney General Wickersham, Secretary McVeagh and Postmaster General Hitchcock who constitute the board of control of the postal savings banks will have a preliminary conference before the cabinet meeting next week and it is understood the board is ready to recommend the establishment of one bank in each of the states and territories where it has been decided to make the experiment. It is the plan to issue certificates of deposit in one form up to \$9 and in other forms for \$10, \$20, and \$50. They will be non-transferable and non-negotiable.

The applications of banks desiring to become depositaries of the funds far out number the applications of the postoffices to be equipped to take the savings. In South Carolina, ten banks want to be depositaries and only three postoffices want to be designated.

LIGHTNING STRIKES STATUE OF CLAY

LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 19.—Lightning today struck the statue of Henry Clay in the Lexington cemetery, shattering an arm and leg of the figure. The memorial was unveiled in July, 1903. Part of the cost of \$12,000 was defrayed by legislative appropriation. The storm today was one of the heaviest ever known here and its total damage estimated at \$50,000.

CAPTAIN RANSOME DEAD.

GREENWOOD, S. C., Sept. 19.—Captain L. A. Ransome, manager of the Atlanta district of the Southern Cotton Oil company was stricken with cerebral hemorrhage at three o'clock this afternoon while aboard a train enroute to Richmond, Va., to attend a meeting of district managers of the company. He was taken off the train here and given medical attention, but died about 11 o'clock.

OBESE ARMY OFFICERS MUST UNDERGO TEST

Annual Two Days' Test on Horseback Set for October This Year

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—The annual ordeal for army officers who have grown more or less physically unfit in their swivel chairs in the war department is due October 10-12 and 15-17. This is the yearly horse back ride which former President Roosevelt enjoined upon all officers of the rank of major and above. The junior officers are relieved from the test because their daily duties impose much more physical exercise upon them.

The ride will be by a circuitous route from Washington to Rockville, Md. A stop over night will be made at that point. The party then will ride northward half a day and return without stop to Washington. Major General Wood, chief of staff will head one of the parties.

A week later a few officers, who from the nature of their duties have been exempted from the riding test will walk twenty miles as a substitute.

HEICKE GETS 6 MONTHS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Eight months in the New York penitentiary on Blackwell's Island and a fine of \$5,000 was the sentence today imposed upon Chas. R. Heicke, former secretary and treasurer of the American Sugar Refining company, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States government by the under-weighing of sugar. He is referred to as the man "higher up" in the sugar trust.

TO INVESTIGATE LORIMER.

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—Senator Julius C. Burrows of Michigan, chairman of the senate committee which is to investigate the election of Senator Wm. Lorimer of Illinois, arrived here today with others of the committee and prepared to take up the consideration of the charges that the election of the junior senator from Illinois was tainted with bribery.

GAYNOR TELLS OF FEELINGS WHEN HE WAS NEAR DEATH

Terrible Metallic Roaring in Head Rendered Him Unconscious

HAD PREMONITION THAT HE WOULD BE SHOT

Scores Certain Newspapers For Manner in Which They Have Treated Him

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Mayor Wm. J. Gaynor in a letter to his son, Miss Mary E. Gaynor of Utica, N. Y., which is printed this afternoon in The Evening Post, tells in an interesting manner of his impressions at the time he was shot on the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.

The mayor says that he has not read a line of what has been published of the shooting, nor does he now remember the name of the man who shot him. Going over the incident of the shooting Mayor Gaynor, after stating that Robert Adamson, his secretary, pointed out that the ship was dressed with flags for him, said:

"My next consciousness was of a terrible metallic roar in my head. It filled my head which seemed as though it would burst open. It swelled to the highest pitch and then fell, and then rose again and so alternated until it subsided into a continuous buzz. It was sickening but my stomach did not give way. I was meanwhile sightless.

Thought He Was Dying. "I do not think I fell, for when I became conscious I was on my feet. My sight gradually returned. I became conscious that I was choking. Blood was coming from my mouth, and I tried all I could to swallow it, but those around me would not see it. But I found I could not swallow, and then knew my throat was hurt. It seemed as though it were dislocated. I struggled to breathe through my mouth, but could not and thought I was dying of strangulation. I kept thinking all the time of the best thing to do.

"I was not a bit afraid to die, if that was God's will of me. I said to myself, 'just as well now as a few years from now.' "Promission of Shooting. "In some way I happened to close my mouth tight, and found I breathed perfectly through my nose. I then believed I could keep from smothering. But I kept choking and my mouth kept opening to cast out the blood. Though this thing had not entered my head that morning, I was not surprised when I realized I was shot. I had had a feeling for some weeks that I might be assaulted on account of the anonymous threats I was getting by mail."

Scores Newspapers. Mayor Gaynor, in the letter, scored certain newspapers for the manner in which they had criticized him, saying that "the time is at hand when these journalistic acrobats have got to stop, or get out, and I am ready now to do my share to that end."

Robert Adamson, the mayor's secretary, said tonight that the mayor's condition continues to improve, and that he plans to return to his desk at city hall on October 3.

ODD FELLOWS GRATIFIED BY REPORTS OF GROWTH

Receipts for Last Year Aggregated Nearly Half Million More Than 1909

ATLANTA, Sept. 19.—The prediction that by 1919 the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will number 2,000,000 members if it continues its present rate of increase was made today by John B. Goodwin, grand secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the opening of the Odd Fellows annual convention. The 100th anniversary of the order falls in 1919 and the present membership is over 2,000,000.

The grand secretary reported total receipts for the year as nearly half a million dollars, ahead of last year's total, with expenditures for relief approximately \$114,000 less. In the homes of the order there are now 3,261 inmates. The total cost of these homes including property values is given as \$2,226,476.