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BOUGHT BY GOULD

Control of Richmond Electric Lines Secured

New York, Dec. 30.—Control of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company has been bought by Frank Jay Gould. The company operates all the street railways in the cities of Richmond, Manchester and Petersburg, Va., as well as a 22-mile electric line which connects the two last named cities, the system at present including 122 miles of road. The company was organized last year under a special perpetual charter, combining the six local companies in and around Richmond. It has \$4,000,000 preferred stock outstanding and \$10,000,000 common, besides \$5,000,000 5 per cent. mortgage bonds and \$1,000,000 underlying bonds.

SOLD TO CONTINENTAL

Deal for the Weissinger Tobacco Company Complete

New York, Dec. 30.—At the offices of the Continental Tobacco Company today it was stated that the company had acquired all of the stock of the Weissinger Tobacco Company of Louisville, Ky., from its various holders, and that at a meeting of the directors of the Weissinger Company, Colonel Harry Weissinger, president of the company, and two other directors, John Middleton and F. L. Phillips, had been continued as directors. The remaining six members of the board resigned. All are connected with the Continental Tobacco Company, either as officers or directors. It is understood that the Continental Tobacco Company will become the selling agent of the Weissinger products. Regarding a report that the Weissinger Company will be liquidated, the representative of the Continental Company said that nothing of the sort had been decided upon as yet.

PREPARING FOR WAR

A Russian Combine Will Compete with Standard Oil

Odessa, Dec. 30.—A newspaper states that a powerful combination of Bakou petroleum concerns, under the leadership of the Gukassoff firm, is about to establish repositories in a number of British centres for the purpose of competing with the Standard Oil Company. It is similar to an enterprise that was recently projected, but which did not materialize, owing to the lack of government sanction. A feature of the new scheme is that it will open the campaign by sacrificing prices in western Europe and maintaining higher prices at home, as is done in the Russian sugar export trade.

INDIAN GETS A WHITE SQUAW

Richmond, Va., Dec. 30.—L. H. Wall, a full-blooded Utah Indian from Eufalla, Indian Territory, secured as a Christmas present the hand of a beautiful Virginia girl, Miss Lucy Ramsey, daughter of Mrs. Susan Ramsey, a prominent land owner at Alamance, Franklin county. The acquaintance was begun through an advertising bureau. The Indian appeared upon the scene Christmas day, giving the girl a big surprise. When she found Wall was an Indian she desired to back out of the bargain, but he is a fine looking fellow, and he pushed his suit with a boldness and adroitness that won. He owns a steam laundry in his town. They left today for Eufalla.

UNFOUNDED RUMORS

Feldt, Dec. 30.—The stories that are current to the effect that the dowager Empress is implicated in the alleged rebellion, said to be headed by General Fung Fu Hsiang and Prince Tuan, are not believed here. Neither is any credit placed in the reports of the missionaries upon which Mr. Fraser, the British consul at Hankow, warned all foreign women and children in Knaus and Shensi, west of Sian—Fu, to leave in view of the anticipated hostilities. Mr. Fraser also warned the male foreigners in the districts referred to to be

Bombardment Threatened

London, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Willemstad, Curacao, says that the postmaster at Maracaibo, Venezuela, having detained correspondence belonging to German merchants, the German cruiser Falke threatens to bombard the town.

PANAMA CANAL

Annual Meeting of the French Company

Paris, Dec. 30.—There was a smaller attendance than usual at the annual meeting of the Panama Canal Company today. The proceedings were orderly compared with those of recent years. A long report was submitted outlining the negotiations for the purchase of the canal by the United States and the proceedings of the American Congress in the matter. The report concluded by stating that the date of the meeting had been postponed until the end of the year because the directors had hoped to announce the conclusion of the negotiations with the United States of Colombia. Pending the conclusion of these negotiations they could make no recommendations. They could only ask that the meeting approve the accounts and re-elect the four retiring directors, which was done. Some of the shareholders reiterated their customary protest against the disposal of the canal property. They asked what would happen if the company and the United States did not conclude a bargain by March 4th. The chairman answered that the shareholders would be summoned and consulted in the future, as they would be summoned to ratify the sale in the event of the deal being consummated.

DONE WITH HERNANDEZ

Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 30.—President Castro of Venezuela has imprisoned General Lutowsky, former Minister Pachano and about forty other men. There has been a split among the followers of General Hernandez, the former revolutionary leader, who has now cast his lot with Castro. All his supporters who were in arms are still loyal to the revolutionary leaders. General Vidal, an independent Hermandist, who is chief of staff to General Roldano, has visited Willemstad, where he had a conference with General Matos, prior to leaving he issued a manifesto severing all relations with General Hernandez.

CASTRO TAKES TIME

Caracas, Dec. 30.—President Castro returned to the capital from La Victoria at noon today. An hour later he received Mr. Bowen, the American minister, who remained closeted with him for an hour and a half. The object of Mr. Bowen's visit was to transmit the president the demands formulated by Great Britain and Germany in connection with the arbitration of their dispute with Venezuela. President Castro postponed his answer, accepting or refusing the demands, until tomorrow.

Object to Double-headers

Austin, Tex., Dec. 30.—It was said here today on high authority that a strike of the conductors and brakemen on every railroad west of the Mississippi river on which double-header operation is used, was being organized. The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen embodied in their demands, presented to all the railroads west of the Mississippi river, November 20, that the operation of double headers on those roads be abolished. The exact demand is that not to exceed thirty cars be hauled with two engines, which is equivalent to abolishing the practice, as that number of cars is easily hauled with a single engine.

Head-on Collision

Sharon, Pa., Dec. 30.—In a head-on collision on the Pennsylvania railroad one and a half miles of West Middlesex tonight, the engineer of the passenger train, Neal Daugherty, was killed, four were seriously injured and almost a score were hurt. The wreck was caused through a misunderstanding of orders. Passenger train No. 216 ran into freight train No. 247. Both engines were demolished and are lying on their sides in the ditch while the express, baggage and smoking cars are wrecked.

THE CLOSING YEAR.

George Dennison Prentice, American journalist, humorist and poet, was born at Preston, Conn., December 18, 1862, and died at Louisville, Ky., January 22, 1870. His humorous writings were published under the title of "Prenticeana" in 1879.

'Tis midnight's holy hour—and silence now
Is brooding, like a gentle spirit, o'er
The still and pulseless world. Hark! on the winds
The bell's deep tones are swelling; 'tis the knell
Of the departed year. No funeral train
Is a sweeping past; yet, on the stream and wood,
Melancholy light, the moonbeams rest,
Like a pale, spotless shroud; the air is stirr'd,
As by a mourner's sigh; and on you cloud,
That floats so still and placidly through heaven,
The spirits of the season seem to stand.
Young Spring, bright Summer, Autumn's solemn form,
And Winter, with his aged locks, breathe
In mournful cadences, that come abroad
Like the far wind's wail and touching wall.
A melancholy dirge o'er the dead year,
Gone from the earth forever. 'Tis a time
For memory and for tears. Within the deep,
Still chambers of the heart, a specter dim,
Whose tones are like the wizard voice of Time
Heard from the tomb of age, points its cold
And solemn finger to the beautiful
And holy visions that have passed away,
And left no shadow of their loveliness
On the dead waste of life. That specter lifts
The coffin-lid of hope, and joy, and love,
And, bending mournfully above the pale
Sweet forms that slumber here, scatters dead flowers
O'er what has passed to nothingness. The year
Has gone, and, with it, many a glorious throng
Of happy dreams. Its mark is on each brow.
Its shadow in each heart. In its swift course
It waded its scepter o'er the beautiful,
And they are not. It laid its pallid hand
Upon the strong man, and the haughty form
Is fallen, and the flashing eye is dim.
It trod the hall of revelry, where throng'd
The bright and joyous, and the tearful wail
Of stricken ones is heard, where erst the song
And reckless shout resounded. It passed o'er
The battle plain, where sword and spear and shield
Flash'd in the light of mid-day—and the strength
Of serr'd hosts is shiver'd, and the grass,
Green from the soil of carnage, waves above
The crush'd and moldering skeleton. It came
And faded like a wreath of mist at eve;
Yet, ere it melted in the vales afar,
It heralded its millions to their home
In the dim land of dreams. Remorseless Time—
Fierce spirit of the glass and scythe—what power
Can stay him in his silent course, or melt
His iron heart to pity? On, still on
He presses, and forever. The proud bird,
The condor of the Andes, that can soar
Through heaven's unfathomable depths, or brave
The fury of the northern hurricane,
And bathe his plumage in the thunder's home,
Fur's his broad wings at nightfall, and sinks down
To rest upon his mountain crag—but Time
Knows not the weight of sleep or weariness,
And night's deep darkness has no claim to bind
His rusion pinions. Revolutions sweep
O'er the earth, like trouble'd visions o'er the breast
Of dreaming sorrow; cities rise and sink
Like bubbles on the water; fiery isles
Spring, blazing, from the ocean, and go back
To their mysterious caverns; mountains rear
To heaven their bald and blackened cliffs, and bow
Their tall heads to the plain; new empires rise,
Catching the strength of hoary centuries,
And rush down like the Alpine avalanche,
Startling the nations; and the very stars,
Yon bright and burning blazonary of God,
Glitter awhile in their eternal depths,
And, like the Pleiades, loveliest of their train,
Shoot from their glorious spheres, and pass away
To darkle in the trackless void—yet Time—
Time, the tomb-builder, holds his fierce career,
Dark, stern, all-pitiless, and pauses not
Amid the mighty wrecks that atrew his path
To sit and muse, like other conquerors,
Upon the fearful ruin he has wrought.

FAREWELL TO LORENZ

New York Gives the Doctor a Good Send-off

New York, Dec. 30.—Dr. Adolf Lorenz, who will sail for England tomorrow, was semi-officially the guest of the city today. In the presence of a large gathering of heads of departments, city officials and aldermen, there was presented to him, in the city hall, a morocco leather, silver mounted album containing, in engrossed form, the resolutions of eulogy adopted by the aldermen two weeks ago. Before the presentation the distinguished surgeon was entertained at luncheon at the Hardware club by Alderman Wakely of the committee appointed to draw up the resolutions. The resolutions passed by the aldermen welcomed Dr. Lorenz to the city and praised his work and the humanitarian motives which had inspired him to operate gratuitously upon poor children.

Authorities Conflict

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 30.—Some time ago the town commissioners of Mount Airy refused to grant licenses

Elks' Christmas Tree

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 30.—Special.—The Elks lodge gave a Christmas tree to the children of this city Monday. Nearly 400 children's hearts were gladdened by appropriate presents. Mr. J. W. Dawson was an ideal Santa Claus. The Elks were assisted by Mrs. O. H. Guion, Misses Agnes Poy, Mary Guion, Annie Stevenson, May Oliver, Mary Roberts, Mary C. Daniels and Addie Claypool.

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Met Instant Death

Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—Three trainmen were instantly killed at Quincy at 9 o'clock this morning, in front of

Rich Negro Murdered

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—The body of Orrin Worthen, coachman for Mrs. Delia Webb, was found in the back yard of his employer's residence in Washington boulevard this morning. His throat had been cut and there were 25 wounds in his body, evidently inflicted with a stilett.

A New World to Conquer

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Early in January the Anglo-American Tobacco Trust will inaugurate its long planned assault on the German tobacco trade. It will introduce the coupon premium system, which has hitherto been unknown here. The premiums offered are of the varied kinds, ranging from corkscrews to automobiles. The German tobaccoists are alarmed and do not yet see any possibility of resistance.

What's Your Face Worth?

Sometimes a fortune, but never, if you have a sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin, all signs of Liver Trouble. But Dr. King's New Life Pills give Clear Skin, Rosy Cheeks, Rich Complexion. Only 25 cents at all drug stores.

Dead Baby in the Cellar

Rutherfordton, N. C., Dec. 30.—Special.—The finding of the body of an infant in the cellar of a vacant house near Casar, Cleveland county, has been the cause of some excitement in the community. It had evidently been strangled by a piece of cloth tied around its neck. The child had been dead six or eight months. There has been no arrest, but a woman who was the last occupant of the house is suspected of complicity in the crime.

Thousands Starving

Sydney, Dec. 30.—A prolonged drought in New Guinea has caused a famine and thousands of inhabitants are starving. Some are subsisting on roots, grubs and vermin, while others have resorted to cannibalism, eating the bodies of those who have died from starvation. Two European prospectors have been murdered.

Planing Mill Projected

Durham, N. C., Dec. 30.—Special.—Messrs. Denmark and Gist of Pennsylvania have purchased four acres of land near East Durham and will erect at once a large planing mill on it. Some of the lumber is being placed and the machinery is coming. It is said that the mill will be the largest in this section. The location for Durham was secured by the Durham Chamber of Commerce.

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Voting Begins Now

The canes to be voted to the most popular candidate for Senator and the most member of the legislature and the Royal felt mattress to be voted to the most popular married lady of the city will be placed in the windows of Messrs. Sherwood Higgs & Co's store where the votes can be left. The time is now at hand for voting to begin. Who is your favorite?

L. and N. Investigation

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 30.—A conference was held today in the governor's office between Governor Beckham, Attorney General Pratt and Chairman McChord and Commissioner Wood of the Kentucky Railroad Commission, in view of the

Extradition with Brazil

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 30.—The protocol of the extradition treaty between Brazil and the United States has unanimously passed both houses.

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