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## STOCK MYSTERY

### CLEARED UP

#### Man Wanted in N. & W. Case Under Arrest

#### WORK OF AN EXPERT

Forged Order from President of Norfolk & Western to Hamilton Bank Note Company for Stock Certificates Found in a Wall Street Office.

(By the Associated Press.)  
New York, Jan. 11.—Following the arrest to-day of Samuel Humphrey, a newspaper writer, on the charge of selling a bogus certificate of 100 shares of the Norfolk & Western Railway to a dealer in securities in this city, it was learned that five hundred of the bogus certificates were printed, and that the operations appear to have been planned on a large scale. As only four or five of the certificates have been discovered, and each of them is for 100 shares, with an aggregate market value of about \$100,000, it is evident that the amount realized by the operators is very large if they have disposed of many of the certificates. The police say that they believe that at least three men had a hand in the transaction.

New York, Jan. 11.—Announcement was made to-day by detectives engaged upon the case that the mystery surrounding the origin of the counterfeit Norfolk & Western Railway stock certificates recently placed upon the market had been cleared up, and that the man most wanted in connection with the forgery was under arrest.

The officers said that Charles August Biston, the promoter, who was arrested in Turkeytown, a hamlet near Elkton, Md., last night on a charge of grand larceny in nowise connected with the stock certificates forgery, would, however, be a valuable witness in the forgery prosecution, as he is alleged to have received one of the counterfeit certificates.

The lithograph stone from which the bogus certificates were made, together with correspondence alleged to implicate the suspect, have been turned over to the district attorney's office. A proof of the certificates and an alleged forged order for stock certificates addressed to the Hamilton Bank Note Company, and purporting to be signed by the president of the Norfolk & Western Railway, was found, the detectives declare, in a Wall street office during a search among the effects of a suspect in another case, last September. The full significance of the find was not realized until the forged certificates were marketed. It was then that the plate was traced through the correspondence found, and this, together with the proof and alleged forged order was turned over to District Attorney Jerome.

The suspect in the forgery case, the officers say, went to the Hamilton Bank Note Company in this city, and showing a letter written on the stationery of the Norfolk & Western and purporting to come from the president of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company, ordered five hundred certificates of 100 shares of common stock each. They were made in two books.

One of the bogus certificates has been shown to a lot of lithographers in town. One, Gustave G. Stewart, said the "transfer" had been made from a good certificate without breaking it up at all. Such a job would be exceedingly difficult, he said. He is said to have given the detectives the names of several men, who, he believed were able to do such work. Two of them are in Canada.

Stetson, who is charged with grand larceny, comes from Cleveland, and is said to be well known there. He inherited \$100,000 from his father. Soon after he came to New York he got up the National India Famine Relief fund. He was arrested twice in connection with that. One charge was that he had collected money from a number of young women who had applied for work as stenographers, and another charge was that he had forged the name of a society woman in his subscription appeal. He was in the toms for two months, and was then discharged, the complainant having gone to Europe. That was in 1900.

Stetson's wife was a Miss Crum, of Columbus, daughter of a former postmaster. She is his second wife. They occupied expensive apartments here at 1948 Fifth Avenue, while Stetson was a banker and offering to float bonds. They left the Fifth Avenue place last October.

The man under arrest is Samuel Humphrey, who says he is a newspaper writer living in Brooklyn. He was arraigned in the Tombs police court today.

That Humphrey should have been able to present the forged letter from the president of the Norfolk & Western on the railroad's official stationery.

## IS A RED MAN NOW SLEEPING CAR

### President Made an Honorary Member

#### Ceremony in Private Office of White House—First Honorary Degree Ever Conferred in the 142 Years of Red Masonry—Concomitant Resolutions of Order.

#### (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 11.—President Roosevelt to-day was made an honorary member of the Improved Order of Red Men. The ceremony took place in the President's private office of the White House and was participated in and witnessed by many prominent members of the order.

The national officers of the organization called at the White House to present to the President a beautifully engraved set of resolutions adopted at the national convention of the order at Nashville, Tenn., last September, commending the President's efforts toward bringing about peace between Japan and Russia. The testimonial was presented by Judge Robert T. Daniel of Griffin, Ga., past great lodgeholder, in a laudatory address. Among those present at the ceremony, in addition to the officials of the order, were Senators Kittredge, of South Dakota, and Dryden, of New Jersey; Representatives Sterling and Rosenberg, of Illinois; Livingston, Bartlett and Bell, of Georgia; Lonsdale and Gardner, of New Jersey; Sherry, of Connecticut; and Roberts, of Massachusetts. Senator Kittredge introduced to the President the delegation.

President Roosevelt made a felicitous reply to the address of Judge Daniel, expressing his high appreciation of the objects of the Improved Order of Red Men and his thanks for the cordial regards stated in the testimonial.

A desire then was expressed that the President be made an honorary member of the order. The President assented heartily to the suggestion, and John W. Cherry, of Norfolk, Va., great lodgeholder, immediately granted a special dispensation enabling the President to be inducted into the mysteries of the order. The order is 142 years old, and this was the first time an honorary degree was ever conferred.

After the office of the President had been cleared of all but members of the organization, Wilson Brooks, of Chicago, Great Chief of Records, administered to President Roosevelt of obligation of the order, and the secret work was communicated to him by Thomas K. Donnelly, of Philadelphia, past Great Inchoance.

#### CASE OF MRS. THOMSON

### May Assume International Aspect

#### Protest Already Made to British Ambassador Against Her Further Detention—Noted New York Aliensists Say She is Perfectly Sane and Competent.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 11.—Unless Secretary Metcalf, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, orders the immediate discharge of Mrs. Lydia M. Thomson, who it is alleged went insane on the high seas in coming to the United States from England recently, and who was placed in the care of friends pending an investigation into her mental condition, the case will assume an international aspect. In fact, a protest already has been made to the British ambassador against Mrs. Thomson's further detention.

Mr. James Wood, of New York, a friend of Mrs. Sarah M. Schull, of Overbrook, Pa., whom Mrs. Thomson was to visit, has arrived here armed with a number of letters from noted New York aliensists declaring that examinations of Mrs. Thomson made by them as late as yesterday disclosed the fact that she is perfectly sane and competent.

Should the immigration officials insist, however, that she is not sane, and Secretary Metcalf coincides with this view, it is the purpose to take the case to Secretary Root and even to the President, if necessary.

Information received by Secretary Metcalf from New York to-day establishes the fact that the voyage of the Minnehaha, on which Mrs. Thomson came to New York, was a particularly stormy one, and that at the time of her arrival at that port her mental condition was such as to bring her within the law regarding the landing of insane aliens. Pending further consideration of the case, however, Secretary Metcalf to-day directed that Mrs. Thomson should be permitted to go to the home of Mrs. Schull, her cousin in Overbrook, Pa.

## SLEEPING CAR

### FELL 15 FEET

#### Dropped Sideways to Granite Paving

#### SEVEN WERE INJURED

Plunged from Elevated Tracks at St. Louis as Wash Train Approached Union Station—Became Derailed in Some Way—One of the Hurt in Serious Condition.

#### (By the Associated Press.)

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 11.—Plunging from the terminal elevated tracks at Carr street, the Pullman sleeping car Harcourt, attached to the Washash train, due at Union Station at 7:30 a. m., dropped sideways fifteen feet to the granite paving of the levee this morning, and seven passengers on board were injured, one of them seriously. The remainder of the train continued to the Union Station. The only member of the crew left with the derailed car was the negro porter.

The crash of the car as it landed on the pavement resounded through the half dozen warehouses and factories that stand near the scene.

Many volunteers among the workmen, directed by Sergeant Quinlan, of Carr Street Station, broke open the vestibule of the sleeper and carried out the injured passengers.

The sleeper had just swung into the elevated tracks that skirt the river front when the derailment occurred, after running for a few feet along the levee, the car came to the westward and broke the wooden railing that runs along the tracks. Topping as it fell, the car landed in a triangular space bounded by the steel supports of the elevated road and the walls of the buildings facing the levee.

The injured: W. E. Miner, Roswell, knee cap broken; I. Beugener, New York, head cut; Mrs. D. Furry, Chicago, rib broken; W. Patterson, Milwaukee, left arm broken at elbow; head cut, rib broken, unable to speak; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pomeroy, of Chicago, injured internally; Charles E. Sutton, of Providence, R. I., back wrenched.

Andrew A. Allen, Vice-president and General Manager of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway system, bruised. Henry Miller, General Manager Washash Railroad Company, bruised.

#### CALLED ON THE PRESIDENT.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 11.—Mrs. Donald McLean, president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, paid her respects to the President to-day. She was accompanied by Mrs. McLean, Miss McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gordon Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Norris, and Sheldon B. Broadhead, of Jamestown Exposition. The party is Mr. Miller and Mr. Broadhead are members of the commission appointed by the State of New York to provide representation for that State at the first permanent settlement of flow on its way to Norfolk, Va., to select a site for a building at the exposition for the State of New York.

#### TRIED TO BURN THE SWANNANOA

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Asheville, N. C., Jan. 11.—Fire bugs last night made a dastardly attempt to burn the Swannanoa Hotel of this city, and but for the fact that the woodwork where the fire started was of oak and highly polished a disastrous fire would probably have been the result.

#### TWO HAVERSTRAW VICTIMS FOUND.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Haverstraw, N. Y., Jan. 11.—Two of the bodies found last night in the landfills were identified to-day. One of them is William Fritch and the other Abraham Stivenman.

## GOT GOOD NEWS IN CELL

### Mrs. Tolla Removed by Notice of Her Reprieve

#### Made Communion, However, Was so Terribly Depressed That Sheriff Broke it Before Official Order Was Received—Almost a Mental Wreck from Terror.

#### (By the Associated Press.)

Hackensack, N. Y., Jan. 11.—Notice of the reprieve from death by hanging which was granted by the State Board of Pardons was communicated to Mrs. Antonetta Tolla and Jerry Rosa at an early hour this morning. The young Italian woman heard the news calmly. In the belief that she was justified in shooting Joseph Spina in defense of herself, the condemned woman has apparently never believed that the death sentence will be carried out.

Rosa, on the other hand, who is informed by the sheriff of his reprieve fell upon his knees and clasped the sheriff in his arms.

The sheriff had not intended to inform the two until later to-day, as the official notice had not been received from the Board of Pardons, but soon after midnight word was brought to him that Rosa was on the verge of collapse and was in such a nervous state that his mind would crouch in the corner of his cell and cry out in fear. Then he would become abusive and cry out to his keepers that he was innocent and that his life was being swung away by friends of the man he was convicted of killing. The sheriff thereupon decided to notify him at once. Immediately afterward the sheriff went to Mrs. Tolla's cell. "The Board of Pardons has granted you a reprieve of thirty days," he said to her quietly.

The woman opened her eyes wide. She seemed not to understand the sheriff's words. He repeated them. Mrs. Tolla smiled. She took the sheriff's hand in both of hers and kissed it. "I thank you," she said in Italian. "I did not think I was to die to-morrow."

## ROGERS FINED \$50 AND COST

Ex-Policeman Isaac W. Rogers this afternoon in the Superior Court submitted to an assault upon John C. Dockery and was fined \$50 and costs. This was done only after the counsel for the prosecution implored the court not to punish Mr. Rogers.

The charge against Rogers was secret assault in that he shot down Mr. Dockery on the stairs in the Tucker building last June. Colonel Harris, one of Rogers' counsel, said that Rogers would submit to assault and he hoped the bill would be changed to that.

Then Mr. James H. Pou, counsel for Mr. Dockery, rose and said that as an attorney for the prosecution he hoped that no punishment would be inflicted on Mr. Rogers. This was Mr. Dockery's wish. Mr. Dockery had suffered greatly, explained Mr. Pou, and this suffering Mr. Dockery hoped had been for his good. He thought that Mr. Rogers, under a misapprehension of facts, acted as any father might have done. Both were brave men; they desired this prosecution stopped; they were ready to clasp hands and start life afresh.

Solicitor Jones said whatever the court did was satisfactory to him. Judge Ward said that this was the first time he had heard a lawyer for the prosecution pleading that the defendant be not punished. He could not let the defendant go without any punishment and uphold the dignity of the court. Mr. Pou then asked that the punishment carry no degradation. Judge Ward then imposed a fine of \$50 and costs on Rogers, and thus ends the sensational shooting which stirred this city last summer.

#### COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS FOR ALBEMARLE DISTRICT.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 11.—The President today sent to the Senate the nomination of George N. Cobb as collector of customs for the district of Albemarle, N. C.

## OVATION TO PRES. JORDAN

### A Three Day Session Opened Today

#### COTTON CONVENTION

#### Will Consider Proposition to Hold Balance of This Year's Crop Until Cotton Goes to Fifteen Cents, Also Question of Acreage and Other Important Matters.

#### (By the Associated Press.)

New Orleans, La., Jan. 11.—With a large and representative attendance of the cotton-growing States, the Southern Cotton-Growers' Association opened a three-day session here today. The association was organized in this city just one year ago, when cotton was selling at 6 cents.

Its officers point to the reduction of acreage and fertilizers, the increase of the price of cotton to 12 cents, the disclosure of the scandal in the crop-reporting department of the government and the improved condition of the farmers as tangible results of the work it has done during the year.

More important matters are to come before the convention. There will be a proposition to hold the balance of this year's crop until cotton goes to 15 cents. A decision as to a commission to visit the cotton markets of the world, including China and the Orient, to find new fields for the surplus product. Diversified farming and more perfect county organization will be recommended. The question of permanent headquarters for the association is to be discussed. Atlanta, Memphis and New Orleans will be candidates. Officers will be chosen and President Harvis Jordan, of Georgia, will be a candidate for re-election.

The hall was crowded when President Jordan called the convention to order. A feature that attracted attention was the presence of a negro delegation from Hinds county, Miss. Secretary Woods, of the Mississippi Association, said they were regular delegates and entitled to seats.

President Jordan was given an ovation when he ascended the platform. The invocation was offered by Rev. Dr. Beverly Warner. Ex-President John M. Parker, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, delivered an address of welcome, in which he said the speaker is the greatest enemy the farmer has. He counseled the farmer to not "kill the golden goose" by putting up prices so high as we will soon have active competition from other countries.

W. L. Foster, member of the Louisiana Railroad Commission and a large cotton planter, responded. When Mr. Foster concluded President Jordan was greeted with a storm of applause. When it subsided he delivered his address on the southern farmer.

President Jordan discussed the reasons for the demand made by the association—eleven cents for cotton. "It has been ascertained by investigation," he said, "and has not yet been denied, that at the prevailing prices of the manufactured product this season, spinners could easily have paid twelve cents for the entire crop to the growers and declared good dividends on (Concluded on Second Page.)

## PRESIDENT SEIZES AN OPPORTUNITY

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 11.—President Roosevelt had a conference to-day with some Americans who have Santo Domingo property interests which are suffering by reason of the revolutionary proceedings in the island. The President suggested to his callers that they could promote their own interests and those of the United States by urging their Senators to assist in the ratification of the Dominican treaty which is pending before the Senate.

The President's callers were A. E. Couter, who has resided many years in Santo Domingo, and W. H. Parrish, of Richmond, Va. They were presented to the President by Representative Lamb, of the Richmond district. Mr. Couter and Mr. Parrish represent a company which owns 2,000,000 acres of land—largely grown with timber—in Santo Domingo. They have been hampered in the handling of their enterprise by the revolution in the island.

## RULES ARE HOPELESS

### President Eliot on Graduates' Suggestions

#### At Secret Meeting of Harvard Overseers He Said Conditions of the Game as to Rules, Money Spent and Management.

#### (By the Associated Press.)

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 11.—President Eliot of Harvard University says of the measures suggested by the graduates committee of Harvard for improving football:

"The suggestions of the graduates committee are entirely inadequate. The rules are hopeless."

It was learned today that at yesterday's secret meeting of the Harvard overseers a statement from President Eliot on the question of football was read and considered. In it President Eliot scored the conditions under which the game is played, especially with reference to the rules, the tremendous expenditures of money and the "absolutely professional spirit and management" of the game, not only at Harvard but all over the country. He pointed out to the overseers that they should take some action in this connection. In the discussion, it is understood, the overseers were divided between the radical suggestions of President Eliot and the more liberal attitude of President Roosevelt and a communication sent to the athletic committee the overseers favored a change in the rules to abolish practically all of the worst features of the game. The overseers also favored a more general participation of the student body in athletics at Harvard.

Strong hopes were expressed that Yale could be induced to join with Harvard and other colleges in the movement for reform.

#### TERRIBLE SUFFERING OF SCHOONER'S CREW.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Norfolk, Va., Jan. 11.—The Baltimore schooner Robert McClintock, from Baltimore to Georgetown, S. C., whose narrow escape from destruction at sea has heretofore been told, was towed to Chesapeake to-day from off Cape Fear, N. C. The McClintock is leaking badly and damaged to practically all her sails. Captain Louis tells of thrilling experiences in the several storms encountered.

The crew, as the result of the loss of sleep and great suffering, were almost crazed when the Virginia life-savers came aboard and took charge of the pumps so they could rest. From long service at the pumps the crew all badly blistered hands.

#### TILLMAN TO RESCUE IT

Goes to Columbia to Help Save Dispensary

Six Bills Introduced in the Lower House Today to Abolish State Liquor Institution—Local Option or Prohibition May Prevail as Result of Fight.

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Columbia, S. C., Jan. 11.—Biennial sessions of the Legislature were knocked out to-day by the report of the legislative joint committee which states that the constitutional amendment, passed two years ago by the General Assembly, and voted on by the people, is void as the amendment was not properly entered. The people will again vote on the proposition this summer.

#### SECRETARY TAFT TELLS OF CANAL.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 11.—The Senate committee on interoceanic canals held its initial meeting today in the inquiry into Panama canal affairs. Secretary of War Taft, the first witness, was interrogated with a view to acquiring information needed as a guidance for an intelligent investigation. He gave a list of department chiefs and told something of the duties of each, so that the committee is now in possession of knowledge that is to be used in calling the proper witnesses to bring out whatever facts may be desired.

## WILL MARCH BY A STRIKE

### Knock Off Two Days for Red Sunday

#### WANT BIG CONFLICT

#### Authorities Ready to Declare Martial Law in St. Petersburg at a Moment's Notice—Situation in Trans-Caucasia Reported to be Very Alarming.

#### (By the Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Jan. 11.—The demonstration of mourning planned to commemorate January 22 ("Red Sunday") includes calling a two-day general strike, beginning at noon January 21. The "reds" of St. Petersburg are striving to force a conflict and a repetition of the Moscow barricade of streets and other features of the rebellion there, but the authorities are ready to declare martial law at a moment's notice and scold the idea that anything serious will occur.

According to the Stovo the complete report of Count Von Yermoloff-Dashkoff, viceroy of the Caucasus, shows that the situation in Trans-Caucasia is much more alarming than outlined in the published statements on the subject. Portions of the report indicate that the problem presented consists practically of reconquering the whole country south of the mountains. It also contains an urgent appeal for reinforcements.

#### The Government "Chesty."

St. Petersburg, Jan. 11.—Premier Witte, according to the Novoye Vremya, at his reception yesterday of the delegation headed by the mayor of St. Petersburg, which called on him to request a relaxation of the orders of the prefect of police against meetings in the interest of the electoral campaign, declared emphatically that the government would not go an inch beyond the imperial manifesto on the question of transforming the national assembly into a constituent assembly for the purpose of formulating the constitution, and will not tolerate any attempt to do so, which would make it a revolutionary assembly and subject to dissolution by the emperor.

The Novoye Vremya also claims that the premier announced that the emperor had not abrogated autocratic power, and could still by an imperial manifesto broaden, abridge and even abolish the rights granted to the people.

Continuing, the paper quotes premier Witte as saying that much is expected of the Manchurian army in the restoration of order in Russia. Only the rear forces, otherwise the army, comprising thirty per cent. of the army, are demoralized. The remainder are in splendid condition.

#### Revolt Collapsing.

Reval, Esthonia, Jan. 11.—The revolt in Esthonia is collapsing. The cavalry are operating up the border of Livonia. Money coined by the revolutionists at Umlauf, showing the head of Maxim, the leader of the social democrats in the Baltic provinces, stamped on one side, is being circulated in Livonia.

#### Revolt Collapsing.

The town of Lemsa, Livonia, where a large band of revolutionists is located, has been surrounded by General Orlov's troops.

#### Perfect Assassinated.

Irkutsk, Siberia, Jan. 11.—The prefect of police, Dragomiroff, has been assassinated. The murderer escaped.

## LAST DAY OF DECATUR TRIAL

(By the Associated Press.)  
Annapolis, Md., Jan. 11.—The trial by court martial of Midshipman Stephen Decatur, Jr., on charges of hazing and of encouraging and countenancing hazing, was resumed this morning. Only one other witness was introduced by the prosecution. The trial of the case will probably conclude to-day, Decatur being one of the witnesses.