

## A STOCK DIVIDEND

Follows the New Plan of Northern Securities Company to Do Business.

### PROMOTERS PLEASED

After the Reorganization Meeting Hill and Harriman Sanctioned Off Arm in Arm.

J. Pierpont Morgan Didn't Say Anything, But He Looked His Pleased.

New York, March 23.—Following a day of great excitement in the stock market and numerous conferences among the leading financial interests, the new plan of the Northern Securities Co. was made public last evening. In substance it provides for a stock dividend of 99 per cent, this to be effected by a reduction of that amount in the capital stock of the securities company.

For every share of Northern Security stock surrendered the company will deliver \$39.27 stock of the Northern Pacific Railway company and \$30.17 of the Great Northern Railway company. The shares of the Northern Pacific company which were taken over by the Northern Securities at 115, and those of Great Northern at 180, will be distributed on this basis. The other assets of the Security company consisting chiefly of its Chicago, Burlington & Quincy holdings and Northern Pacific coal lands, will remain in the treasury of the company until some plan for their distribution has been evolved. Official notice of a new plan, which is signed by President Hill, was sent to Northern Security stockholders in a circular letter.

The new plan was formally adopted at a meeting of the directors which began in the morning and lasted until well into the afternoon. Throughout the day, when Northern Securities shares were booming on the curb and its affiliated stocks and the Pacifics, chiefly Union Pacific, were advancing by leaps and bounds on the stock exchange, the air was full of rumors, some of them of an alarming character. Dealings in Union Pacific common aggregated over 40 per cent of the total outstanding issue. It was declared in various quarters that the Hill-Morgan party had for some reason deemed it necessary to buy heavily into this stock. Large amounts of Southern Pacific shares also changed hands. After the close of the market a long conference was held at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. Messrs. Hill and Harriman left the Morgan banking house arm in arm and apparently in the best of spirits. Both declined to make any statement beyond saying that a perfect understanding had been reached all around. Mr. Hill denied that there had been any differences respecting the dissolution plan. Mr. Morgan and his partners had no comment to make, but Mr. Morgan seemed pleased with the day's events.

**Still After Boodlers.**  
Milwaukee, Wis., March 23.—A second bunch of indictments has been returned by the new grand jury which has been investigating alleged irregularities in city and county governments for nearly two months. Captives were placed in the hands of the sheriff for the arrest, it is said, of three individuals. No names were made public.

**Martial Law in Colorado.**  
Denver, Colo., March 23.—Martial law has been declared in the Trinidad coal mining district as a consequence of the miners' strike. Troops have left for the scene.

**Local Option Bill Adopted.**  
Columbus, O., March 23.—The Brannock local option bill passed in the house by a vote of 70 to 31. Subsequent changes in the vote made it 71 to 33.

**Ravages of Bubonic Plague.**  
Johannesburg, March 23.—Up to date the total number of deaths from

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**Dropped Dead at Banquet.**  
St. Louis, March 23.—While attending a banquet at the St. Louis club last night Judge Eugene Carey, of Chicago, suddenly dropped dead.

### AMEER POISONED

Afghanistan's Ruler Rumored to Have Been Made Way With.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—A dispatch received from Ashkabad (the capital of the Russian Trans-Caspian territory) says a rumor is current there that the ameer of Afghanistan has been poisoned.

Habib Ullah Khan, the ameer of Afghanistan, was born in 1872 and succeeded to the throne on the death of his father, Abdur Rahman Khan, Oct. 1, 1901.

### SLOW PROGRESS

House Takes Its Time to the Post-office Bill.

Washington, March 23.—Outside of a few routine matters, the house of representatives devoted the entire day yesterday to further discussion of the postoffice appropriation bill, but disposed of only one page of the bill. Mr. Butler, of Pennsylvania, endeavored unsuccessfully to have passed an amendment designed to transfer back to the office of the first assistant postmaster general jurisdiction of the free delivery and rural delivery service, which caused Mr. Moon, of Tennessee, the ranking minority member of the committee to administer a rebuke to those members who are trying to take from the fourth assistant certain duties given to him under law. He said there was a motive behind it all, and that certain members, chafing under the recent report of the department, are seeking to punish Bristow for discovering frauds in another bureau of the department.

An amendment by Mr. Tawney, of Minnesota, which was agreed to, prohibits the postmaster general from ordering out of postoffices telephone companies other than the Bell company. An amendment by Mr. C. B. Landis, of Indiana, prohibiting the further rental of cancelling machines, was adopted after a spirited debate. The senate spent the greater part of the day on the Indian appropriation bill.

### Criminal Negligence Charged.

New York, March 23.—The coroner's jury which has been investigating the collapse of the Burlington hotel by which twenty-one persons lost their lives, has returned a verdict in which Eugene F. Allison, one of the owners of the building, and the contracting firm of Pole & Schwandtner are held to have been guilty of criminal negligence. Warrants for the arrest of the three men have been issued.

### Treaty Meets Opposition.

Washington, March 23.—An extension of the Isle of Pines treaty is under consideration today by the committee on foreign relations. Great opposition to the treaty has been manifested and the impression is general that final action will not be taken on the treaty at the present session. It is expected that before the next session of congress a new treaty will be negotiated.

### Lightning Claims Two.

Vincennes, Ind., March 23.—William F. Cunningham and William B. Opp, farmers, living a few miles east of here, were killed instantly by a bolt of lightning during a storm. The horses which they were driving were also killed.

### TROUBLE IS PROMISED

A Big Split in Sight for Indiana Republicans.

Indianapolis, March 23.—The Hearst boom is the only real live article in Indiana Democratic politics today and the indications are that before the boom is killed off it will cause trouble for certain people. That the boom is to be killed if it can be accomplished by the reorganizing element is a foregone conclusion. The scotching of the snake, however, promises to make interesting news. Hearst is by no means a slouch when it comes to organizing things. He is preparing to go to work in earnest in this state. That is where the fun is promised. He is already agitating things in vigorous style and by the time his campaign is on in earnest there is little doubt that the reorganizers will have their hands full to prevent his capturing the Indiana delegation. Republican leaders are more than pleased with the turn of events. They believe that by the time the fight is over the Democrats will be split in two factions that never will unite. The work of the reorganizers which promised good results a few months ago and which were worrying the state managers will thus go for nothing. If Hearst is defeated the Bryan wing will be hopelessly driven away. The idea of Hearst as the Democratic candidate is very pleasing to the Republican leaders. They laugh and say he would be a joke. Hearst could not capture within 50,000 of the votes given Bryan four years ago, they say, and they are only wishing secretly that his nomination should be accomplished. They are not counting on any such good luck, however, and are preparing as if for a real fight.

Indianapolis is just now enjoying a mild sensation of the kind that gave Crawfordsville so much prominence a few weeks ago when the Clegg case

was "all" there. This is in the hearing of the suit of Sarah Cox against John Wright from whom she is seeking \$1,000 damages for breach of promise. During the trial some of the plaintiff's letters have been read on the stand in which the love passages would do credit to a romantic actor. They show conclusively that the woman in the case, at least, was suffering from a severe case of infatuation. Wright, on the other hand, does not seem to have evinced the same fondness for the woman. Hence the trouble. Since the trial began a gaping crowd of listeners has thronged the court room to listen to the testimony and glory in the sensational passages. Wright says that the woman proposed to him and her letters would seem to indicate that her affection was strong enough to prompt her to anything. She, on the other hand, contends she did not give way to her feelings until after the man had won her heart by promises of marriage.

The death of Worth M. Wright in this city yesterday by the accidental falling of a huge piece of structural iron which formed the cornice over the Merchants' National bank has taken away from Indianapolis a man who was one of the characters of the town. Mr. Wright was an enthusiast at anything he took up. He never did things half way. He had a number of hobbies and he rode them consistently. His greatest enthusiasm was for free silver. He was originally a Republican but joined the Democratic party in 1896 on the silver issue. From that time to the day of his death he was a consistent worker in the ranks of Democracy. On the subject of 16 to 1 he was a radical of the most pronounced type. He could never be made to see that his monetary views could not be carried out and to his last hour was ready to undertake an argument to convince anyone who would listen that he was right on the proposition.

### Crafty Insurance Agent.

Springfield, Ill., March 23.—S. C. Sprague, of Bloomington, pleaded guilty in the United States district court to using the mails for a scheme to defraud, and was sentenced to one year in Chester penitentiary. Sprague, while agent for an accident insurance company of New York, made out applications for insuring fictitious persons, signing the names of fictitious physicians to the affidavits regarding injuries and signed fictitious notary public's names to papers. By this means he secured money which the company sent to the supposed injured persons.

### A Tottering Government.

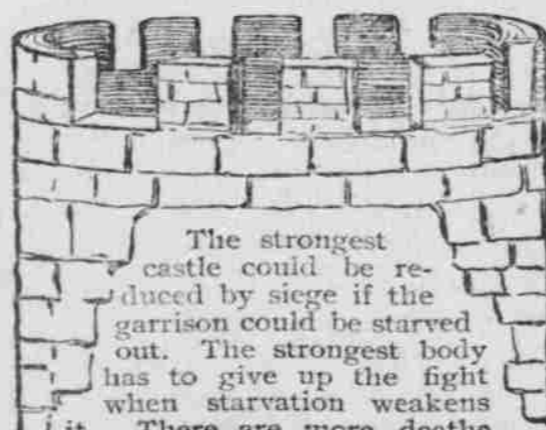
London, March 23.—The majority again fell very low in the house of commons, a motion from the Irish benches censuring the government's action with regard to Irish waterways being defeated by a majority of only sixteen. The figures were greeted with prolonged Irish cheers and a voice "you shall drink it to the dogs," while John Gordon Swift MacNeill, the member for South Donegal, amid laughter shouted "we've twisted your pigstails now."

### Grain Goes Up In Smoke.

Valparaiso, Ind., March 23.—The Chicago & Grand Trunk elevator was destroyed by fire. The elevator was operated by Way, Higley & Co. The loss is \$10,000, partly covered by insurance.

### Cleveland's Building Plans.

Cleveland, O., March 23.—The cost of the courthouse, one of the buildings to be comprised in the group plan of public buildings of this city and county has been placed at \$3,000,000.



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