

CHURCHILL FAVORS STATE CONTROL

Bobs Up With Idea of Government Ownership of Railroads.

GLADSTONE FAVORED IDEA.

WHEN HE DISCOVERED THE GREAT COST HE ABANDONED THE SCHEME HOWEVER—SOCIALISTS FAVOR PROJECT.

London, Nov. 28.—When things are getting dull and people are inclined to go to sleep, that irrepressible young man, Mr. Winston Churchill, president of the board of trade, is sure to be up and saying or doing things to stir up a commotion.

Now he has set the whole city inquiring if railway nationalization is to be the next plank in the liberal government's platform.

Mr. David Lloyd-George has already expressed himself in favor of the principle of state control of railways, but now Mr. Winston Churchill states definitely that a measure to secure this subject will be proposed by the present government. The socialists will be delighted with the project held out by the president of the board of trade, for this is the pet feature of their general leveling down programme.

Nor is it a new plank for the liberals. So long ago as 1874 Gladstone had the proposal up his sleeve, but there it stopped when he discovered that the government would not be able to purchase the railways for less than one thousand and sixty million pounds sterling.

There are few who realize what the idea involves. The total authorized capital of the railways of this country is no less than £1,237,700,000 (\$3,928,805,000). The total mileage is 23,074, and the passengers carried number annually the total of 1,240,333,000. The bare idea of buying out a system whose capital runs into the thousands of millions is a stargazer which not even the adventurous liberal government can contemplate with equanimity.

It is urged for the proposal that private ownership leads to a waste which has to be paid for by the public in higher rates and fares. State railways would provide, it is said, shorter hours and higher wages for employees, workmen's trains, cheaper fares, and increased facilities all around.

On the other hand it is pointed out that on Continental State owned railways passengers travel much more slowly, the charges are higher, and facilities for third class passengers are far less good, take longer transit, officialdom is rampant, and that a dangerous opportunity is established for using the employees for political purposes.

The problem is gigantic enough even for the intellect of the president of the board of trade.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED TODAY

Officials of St. John's Church To Assume Duties.

New officers of the St. John's Lutheran church, who were elected last week at a congregational meeting, will be installed today. The Sunday school officers will be named the first Sunday of the new year. Those who will take their places today are:

Elder, Henry Weber; Trustee, Henry Habighorst; deacons, Richard Nattinger and Henry Nordick.

The Rev. A. J. Peeger will have charge of the installation.

CHASES HUSBAND TWO THOUSAND MILES

Abandoned Wife Has Spouse Arrested.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—After a search of six months, during which she has traveled nearly 2,000 miles in tracing her husband, who abandoned her, Mrs. May Harper, of New York, caused his arrest in front of the postoffice.

"Hello, Jim," was the wife's salutation, as Harper stepped up to the general delivery window to inquire for mail.

"Howdy, May?" was the runaway husband's reply. "Glad to see you, pet."

At that moment Detectives Bush and Murphy of headquarters, who were hiding nearby, stepped from behind a pillar and placed Harper under arrest. The wife had sworn out a warrant several days ago, charging wife abandonment and before Harper could realize what happened, he was in a cell at the Harrison street station.

The prisoner is twenty-nine years old. He was a special policeman in New York when he married his wife, last March. After two months Harper, the wife alleges, ran away with \$400 of her money, which she gave him to invest.

Two weeks ago the wife learned that he was in Milwaukee. She came west only to find that he had fled from the Wisconsin city the day before with a red-haired woman known as "Josephine."

PICKER IS INVENTED

Jesse H. Johnson's Device Expected to Be Sensation in Corn Harvest.

FRAME MADE IN THIS CITY

A corn picker and husker that is expected to prove one of the greatest agricultural machines on the market has been invented by Jesse H. Johnson, formerly of New Paris, but now residing in Kansas City, Kan. The device is the product of ten years of labor. After interesting Kansas City capital in the project Mr. Johnson came to this city and built the steel frame for the mechanism. It was constructed at the plant of the Standard Manufacturing company. This portion of the work represents an expenditure of \$1,000.

The steel frame has been completed and sent to Kansas City. A number of local business men and others interested in the construction of mechanical devices, visited the factory during the time the work was in progress. All reported favorably after their examination and expect it will prove a great sensation in the corn harvesting business. Mr. Johnson's many friends in this vicinity are glad to hear of his success.

TEACHERS TO MEET IN JOINT SESSION

Northern and Southern Association Sessions in April.

Richmond school teachers have received notice that the first joint meeting of the Northern and Southern Indiana Teachers' associations will be held in Indianapolis next April. The union of the two bodies has been greatly favored for the past several years, inasmuch as it is generally conceded that much better work can be accomplished by the union than otherwise. The meeting will be one of the most notable gatherings of educators ever held in this state.

CENTERVILLE HAS NEW PASTOR

The Rev. Hiram Woolam to Serve Friends' Church.

Centerville, Ind., Nov. 28.—Centerville Friends are elated inasmuch as they have secured the services of the Rev. Hiram Woolam as pastor of the local church for the ensuing year. The Rev. Woolam is an excellent preacher and it is predicted he will accomplish much in the local field. He will move his family here soon, into the Jones property.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ONE OF SPEAKERS

To Address Teachers in Indianapolis.

Richmond teachers are urged to attend the state meeting which will be held in Indianapolis, December 29, 30 and 31. It is expected that a large number of Wayne county pedagogues will attend the sessions as some of the greatest educators in the country will be present and deliver addresses on live questions confronting the schools of today. Among the speakers will be:

Supt. Martin G. Brubagh of Philadelphia, Bishop McDowell of Chicago, Booker T. Washington and Supt. L. D. Harvey, of Meemee, Wis.

TWO JANITORS AND A MATRON CHOSEN

Morgan and Hough to Work at Y. M. C. A.

Out of forty applicants for the position of janitor at the new Y. M. C. A. building, Charles F. Morgan of North Eighteenth street, an employee of the Hoosier Drill works and Addison Hough, of North Eighth street, a former employee of the Caar, Scott & Co., were selected. Their work will be to care for the building and care for the furnaces during the winter. Each will work twelve hours. One from noon to midnight and the other from midnight to noon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harris of West Richmond, was employed as matron. She will have the custody of the dormitory rooms. It is probable that several assistants will be selected as soon as the building is ready for occupancy.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Fountain City, Ind., Nov. 28.—Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Friends' church here, Sunday, instead of at New Garden.

"Papa, why do brides always wear long veils?"
"To conceal their satisfaction, I presume, my son."—Smart Set.

COMPETITION OF LINES NEEDED

Pooling of Traffic by Big Railroads Works to Country's Disadvantage.

CANADA SETS AN EXAMPLE.

SHOWN THAT RAILROAD BUILDING IS ON INCREASE IN THAT COUNTRY AND PEOPLE ARE PROFITING BY IT.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Active railroad competition as a remedy for some of our more pressing transportation problems has found a new exponent in the officers of the Canadian railroads, who do not agree it appears, with the Harrimans and the Hills that pooling of traffic and holding companies are an unmixed blessing.

Arthur Hawkes, of the Canadian Northern line, who has just been in Chicago, is the latest visitor to this country to point out the dangers of consolidation. In Canada the situation is very different, he declared, for with every other road in the same territory and railroad building to provide for increasing traffic is being carried on at a rate that far exceeds that here. As an example of this activity he cited the Brandon-Regina short line of the Canadian Northern, which was opened barely three weeks ago and which has provided still another route between Winnipeg and Regina, in competition with the Canadian Pacific railway. This meets the demands of the late fall freight traffic and will furnish the facilities for a fast service from Winnipeg to the Saskatchewan capital. In this country the tendency has been the other way and railroad building has fallen far behind the needs as compared with Canada which has now more railroad mileage per capita than any other country on the globe. The Canadian Northern railroad has the even more unique record of having extended its lines a mile a day for eleven years.

Whether the United States will heed this latest warning from its neighbor to the north cannot of course be told but railway men here have stated their opinion that more active steps will have to be taken in the near future if United States roads expect to keep pace with the big dominion lines.

MINING INTERESTS WORTH FABULOUS SUM

Hagerstown Man Lucky in Alaska.

Hagerstown, Ind., Nov. 28.—Fabulous offers for special interests in the mines owned by Thomas Thurston, of this place, and three other friends at Fairbanks, Alaska. In a letter to his parents here Mr. Thurston writes that the company's prospects for a large output of gold from the several claims is more than flattering. Small specimens of quartz were sent recently that are said to contain gold assaying at \$100 to the ton. Mr. Thurston has written in his last letter that specimens have been found now, which assay \$4,000 to the ton. He says a ton of gold producing quartz contains about twelve cubic feet.

TRIED TO SUICIDE ONCE BEFORE

Eleanor Merron Cowper Was With "Rep" Company.

New York, Nov. 28.—Eleanor Merron Cowper, the actress and playwright who is dying in the Presbyterian hospital with a bullet in the head, self-inflicted in her room at the Hotel St. Regis, tried to kill herself two years ago. It has been learned.

Miss Merron, as she was known on the stage, was at that time traveling with a repertoire company and had reached Syracuse. After the performance one night during the Syracuse engagement, she went to her hotel and tried to shoot herself in the head. But her aim was bad as it was in her latest attempt and she missed.

The actress did not keep this attempt on her life a secret from some of her more intimate friends. In telling them of her intention some day to make another attempt to kill herself, she said after the first, unsuccessful trial:

"Well, I have gotten as far as the first shot."

STRIKE BREAKERS TO BE PUT TO WORK

Trouble Feared at Perth Amboy, Monday.

New York, Nov. 28.—Announcement was made at the offices of the National Fire Proofing company at Perth Amboy, N. J., that strike-breakers will be put to work to fill all the vacancies Monday morning and as a result the people of that section are keyed up to a high pitch in the fear of trouble be-



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Nelson Morris Is a Financier

Shows That Greater Part of Fortune Was Invested in Stocks—Chicago Dealers Wish to Prevent Mortgage Forgeries.

gen forgeries has been taken up by "How to Stay Rich" is a problem to which the \$18,000,000 Nelson Morris fortune recently inventoried, contributes on analysis much valuable information. In view of Peter Van Vliessen's confession to forging mortgages, it is interesting to note that the Morris inventory does not include many mortgages, nearly all of his wealth being in general estate, stocks and bonds, with \$318,513 in notes. Out of the total fortune \$9,877,000 was in stocks, which is a particularly interesting fact in view of the prejudice held in the west not many years ago against stocks and preference for mortgages. The stocks, however, were not of the wild cat companies—mining gambles or rubber plantations—but were those listed on the Chicago or other exchanges.

The black eyes given to the mort-

gages by the \$2,000,000 Van Vliessen—the real estate dealers of the city with a view to make impossible a repetition of the wholesale frauds. A compulsory law requiring the registration of mortgages under the Torrens system is advocated as a safeguard.

Another class of investors who are conspicuously occupying the anxious seat now as a result of the A. Booth & Co. failure, are those holding commercial paper of concerns which do not furnish an audit by certified accountants with their reports. The Booth paper floated without such audits, was scattered broadcast and now promises only 35 cents on the dollar, the loss running to several millions.

The Morris inventory is remarkable therefore, because the had accounts prove to be under \$100,000 notwithstanding the size of the fortune.

NEW \$5 COUNTERFEIT OUT.

Clever One of the "Indian Head" Series of 1899 Found.

Washington, Nov. 28.—A new counterfeit in the shape of a \$5 silver certificate has made its appearance. It is an imitation of the "Indian head" series of 1899, check letter D, face number 1,164, back plate number 782, W. T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury; Charles H. Treat, Treasurer.

Chief Wikke says the general appearance of this counterfeit is deceptive. The only note so far discovered was found in Chicago.

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Washington, Nov. 28.—The General Land office publishes the fact that besides the snow-covered plains of Alaska, there are in the United States 386,873,787 acres of public land subject to entry under the land laws. This amount is enough to supply homesteads of 160 acres each to 2,417,961 settlers. Much of this land, however, is marked swampy, arid or mountainous.

In Alaska the public lands amount to 368,021,500 acres, nearly as much as all the public lands in the United States combined.

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