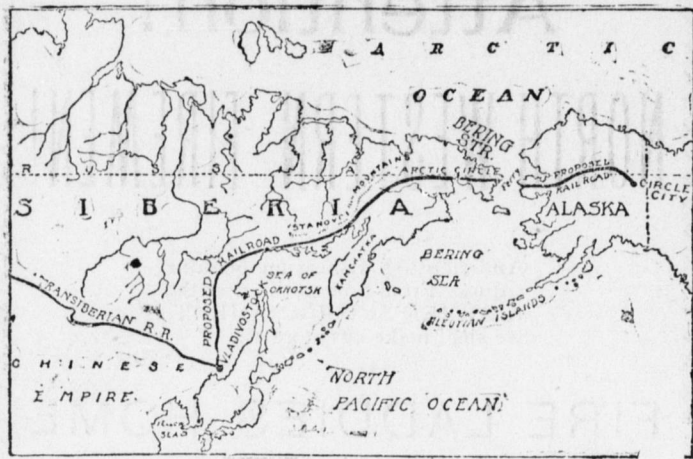


ROUTE OF PROPOSED RAILROAD TO CONNECT ALASKA AND SIBERIA.



French Engineer Plans Line from Circle City, in the Klondike Region, to Vladivostok, in Russian Siberia, Whence There is a Direct Rail Route to Europe.

NOT YET SUBDUED.

Armed Boers in Cape Colony Number 7,000.

LAST SHOT OF THE WAR.

It Probably Will be Fired in That Country.

CAN HOLD OUT FOR A YEAR.

Englishmen at the Cape are Alarmed at the Wonderful "Staying" Qualities Displayed by the Boers—An Interview with Mr. Kruger.

London, Aug. 3.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail under date of July 17, places the strength of the Boers in Cape Colony at between 7,000 and 8,000 men, almost all of whom are rebels.

"The colonial authorities," the correspondent continues, "have just awakened to the possibility that the last shot in the war may be fired in Cape Colony, and unless vigorous efforts are put forth there is nothing to prevent the Boers from holding out another 12 months."

A communication to the Daily Express of recent date says that the Boer plan is to make a final stand south of the Orange river and that they may hold out for six months.

A correspondent of the Daily News whose name the paper reserves, says: "We have deliberately armed them with rifles. Once I traveled in a train, which carried two truck loads of armed blacks. They are constantly to be seen about Kimberley and the north of that town. Armed Kafirs have been allowed to attack people on their farms in Bechuanaland, in parts of the Transvaal, and in the vicinity of Mafeking."

Paris, Aug. 3.—The Figaro publishes a long interview with Mr. Kruger. After denying the cruelties charged against the Boers in Lord Kitchener's report, Mr. Kruger declares that the atrocities of the concentration camps were 20 times worse than have been stated by Miss Hobhouse in Great Britain, and that, when fully known, they would cause the world to shudder with horror and move the nations to intervene.

"We are defending our liberty," continues Mr. Kruger, "and when it is granted we will lay down our arms. Great Britain knows our conditions. It is not for me to repeat them. We will never renounce our flag and we cannot accept any protectorate. I am convinced that the hour will come when Great Britain will grant what is our right. Moreover, I am confident that God is with us and will not abandon us."

Poison in the Peaches.

Battle Creek, Mich., Aug. 3.—When Mrs. Clara Wendell went to the door of her home yesterday she found a small paper bag tied to the door knob outside, which contained two peaches. Attached to it was a note reading: "Expressly for Clara." She ate the peaches and afterward was taken to the hospital, where she suffered with spasms, showing indications of strychnine poisoning.

Will Wait: Awhille.

Youngstown, Aug. 3.—The furnace operators announced last night that they would take no action towards a sympathetic strike until the outcome of the conference between the Amalgamated association and the United States Steel Corporation is known.

The 'Frisco Strike.

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Conferences were held Friday with a view of bringing the local strikes to a close. While no appreciable result was reached, Mayor Phelan, who is laboring to bring about an adjustment, expresses confidence that the controversy will end with the week.

SOMEWHAT IMPROVED.

Business Conditions are Better Since the Drouth is Broken.

New York, Aug. 3.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Continued favorable weather conditions have resulted in the saving of much late planted corn, and in the northwest ideal weather for spring wheat harvest has been enjoyed.

Official returns of pig iron production in the first half of the year show a record-breaking aggregate of 7,674,713 tons, exceeding the remarkable output of the previous year by 32,044 tons.

Violent fluctuations have marked the course of corn prices. The top point of the previous week was not regained but traders on the short side of the market were compelled to cover at a loss.

Dealers in some drouth-stricken districts have countermanded orders for footwear, and these cancellations are felt mainly by western makers, but as a whole the industry is in a healthy position.

Phillips Promises to Resume.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—George H. Phillips will issue a circular to-day addressed to the customers of his firm announcing that he will be able to resume active operations on the board of trade by next Tuesday or Wednesday at the latest, possibly by Monday.

Oil Lays the Dust.

La Crosse, Wis., Aug. 3.—The Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co. is trying the use of oil as a dust preventive, and if successful will adopt it on the entire system.

Imprisoned by Venezuelans.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Aug. 3.—Prof. Riddle, of the San Juan normal school, who has been sojourning in South America in the interests of the United States fish commission, has arrived here from Venezuela.

Adopted the Suffrage Bill.

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 3.—Section 12 of the suffrage bill was yesterday adopted without amendment in the constitutional convention.

Fourteen People Badly Injured.

Springfield, O., Aug. 3.—The Dayton, Springfield & Urbana trolley car, scheduled to arrive in this city from Dayton at 9:30 o'clock last night, crashed into a coal car which stood on an open switch near Donnellsville.

A Short-Lived Strike.

Erie, Pa., Aug. 3.—One hundred and fifty men, comprising all the motor-men and conductors of the Erie Electric Motor Co., operating 28 miles of city trolley lines, struck Friday noon.

A Hot Town.

St. Louis, Aug. 3.—St. Louis was the hottest place in the country yesterday, a maximum temperature of 105 being attained.

A JOKE ON BANDITS.

Tackled the Wrong Car of an Express Train.

Three Masked Men Hold Up a B. & O. Train a Few Miles East of Chicago, but After Wrecking Two Mail Cars They Give It Up as a Bad Job.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—The Baltimore & Ohio passenger train from the east, which was due to arrive here at 9 o'clock last night, was held up by three masked men between Edgemoor and Grand Calumet Heights, Ind., 31 miles out from Chicago.

The place where the robbery occurred is a lonely district in which few people live, and houses are far between.

The train was running at a high rate of speed as it passed Calumet Heights, and immediately after passing out of sight of the station Engineer Collins saw directly in front of his engine a large fire on which some rails had been placed.

Just before climbing into the cab, the three men commenced to fire with their revolvers in order to frighten away all assistance.

After mounting into the cab of the engine, the robbers covered the engineer and firemen with their revolvers, and made them step down and go back the length of two cars.

Collins ran up 200 feet, and was then directed to stop. He did so, and while one of the robbers remained to guard him, the others jumped off, and hurled dynamite at the door of the express car.

They threatened the engineer with death for not telling them that the cars which he had uncoupled were not express cars.

The train had been delayed now fully 30 minutes, and fearing that if they delayed longer, help would be coming to the train crew, the robbers gave up their attempt to rob the train.

Charles Cross, conductor of the train, brought into the city several sticks of dynamite that had been left by the robbers at the side of the track.

"I heard some shooting," said the conductor, "and looked out to see what was the matter. I saw the engineer and fireman running down the track followed by three men."

F. A. Applegate, of Newark, O., was the express messenger, and was alone in his car. He had no idea that a robbery was being attempted until he heard the shooting on the outside.

It is estimated that \$50,000 was stored in the express car, and it is believed the robbers knew of the large amount of money aboard.

Indicted for Embezzlement.

Rome, Ga., Aug. 1.—V. T. Sanford, tax collector of Floyd county, was indicted by the grand jury yesterday upon charges of embezzlement.

PRECEDED THE FLAG.

A Hawaiian Judge Declares that the Constitution Applied to Hawaii Before "Old Glory" was Raised There.

The decision was given under the recent insular decisions of the supreme court of the United States and upon the clause in the Newlands resolution, which stated that all municipal legislation of the Hawaiian islands not inconsistent with the constitution, should remain in force.

SOCIALISTS ADJOURN.

The Conclave at Indianapolis Has Finished Its Labors.

Indianapolis, Aug. 2.—The national socialist convention adjourned last night after electing Leon Greenbaum, of St. Louis, national secretary and designating St. Louis as the national headquarters of the socialist party.

Much of the wrangle during the night session hinged on the effort to embody in the resolutions a clause prohibiting socialists from accepting office under either of the "capitalist" parties.

At the last moment a resolution was introduced declaring the establishment of unity. In every question that came before the convention the Chicago faction had been voted down.

A BIG CONSOLIDATION.

Four-fifths of the Coke Properties in the Connellsville District Now Under One Management.

Pittsburg, Aug. 2.—The actual consolidation of the coke properties of the constituent concerns of the United States Steel Corporation occurred Thursday when the H. C. Frick Co., of the Carnegie Co., became paramount in the coke operations of the Connellsville district.

All the coke properties of the Federal Steel Co. are to go into the Eureka Fuel Co., the largest coke concern of that company.

No such sweeping changes have ever occurred in the great Pennsylvania coke fields.

The total number of completed ovens owned and controlled is 18,385.

A "BLIND PIG."

Militia Officers Arrested His Owners and the Latter Sue for \$20,000 Damages.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 2.—Col. Arthur E. Fisher and Lieut. Col. R. J. Shand, Third infantry, Illinois national guard, now at Camp Lincoln, were yesterday made defendants in a suit filed by J. H. O'Brien and J. W. Murray, Springfield saloonkeepers, damages being claimed for \$20,000.

The suits filed are the result of the confinement, as the complainants allege that a military officer has no right to imprison a civilian.

A Coward's Crime.

Orleans, Ind., Aug. 2.—Heise & Sons' flouring mill at Sallitto, nine miles east of here, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night.

Mechanists Send Message to McKinley.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 2.—The Tacoma Machinists' union has sent the following telegram to President McKinley: "Moran Bros. at Seattle, with a strike on involving all iron workers, have been awarded a government contract, while men on the government work at Bremerton have been laid off on account of lack of work."

A FLAT REFUSAL.

Steel Workers Can Get No Further Concessions.

J. P. Morgan Refuses to Reopen the Wage Conference With Amalgamated Association Officials—The Effect Will be to Continue the Big Strike.

Pittsburg, July 30.—Everybody is on the qui vive in strike circles and the coming conference of the leaders of the two contending forces is looked forward to with mingled hope and fear.

The following terms of settlement of the strike come from an authoritative source and can be relied upon, in all probability, as the outcome of the meeting of the conferees:

The Amalgamated association is to drop contention for the signing of a scale for all mills.

All mills are to be "open" mills in the fullest sense of the term.

The company is to have the right to place a non-union man in any plant and keep him there.

In addition to the plants covered by the expired scale, it is to be signed for the following:

Dewees Wood, of McKeesport; Painter, Lindsay & McCutcheon, and Clark mills, of Pittsburg, and Monessen plants of the American Steel Hoop Co.

The question of making the Wells-ville sheet plant and the Monessen tin plate plant directly covered by the scale is to be settled by the conferees.

The Amalgamated association is to have the privilege of organizing the men in any of the plants.

Accessions to the Amalgamated association have been made in Wells-ville, Pittsburg, Mingo Junction and Riverside, W. Va., where one of the National Tube Co. mills is operated.

Pittsburg, July 31.—Disappointment and apprehension pervade the air of Pittsburg because of the failure of the executive board of the Amalgamated association to ratify the peace proposals arranged at the conference in New York last Saturday.

Pittsburg, Aug. 2.—Another day of suspense and the end not yet.

The third all-day session of the Amalgamated association executive board passed without action being taken on the New York conference peace proposals and another session will be held to-day.

After the board had heard from President Shaffer concerning his trip to New York last week, it was decided to request a change in the propositions of Mr. Morgan and a message was sent to Mr. Morgan on Tuesday night announcing their decision on this matter.

"The executive board desires another conference with the representatives of the constituent companies and will remain in the city until an answer is received.

The message sent to Mr. Morgan, while not so stated, is believed to be an ultimatum to the head of the United States Steel Corporation.

Excitement at Tampa.

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 2.—The cigar manufacturers issued a manifesto last night declaring that they will not open their factories again if they cannot manage their own business.

Must Pay Anna's Creditors.

New York, Aug. 2.—Judge Lacombe in the circuit court yesterday handed down an order directing George J. and Helen M. Gould, receivers of the surplus income of Anna Gould, Countess De Castellane, to pay the principal and interest past due upon three mortgages on property of the Castellanes in France.

Bank Robbers Arrested.

Goshen, Ind., Aug. 2.—Detectives employed by an Akron, O., bank have made an important arrest in a local gambling den which resulted in recovering nearly \$16,000 in currency and gold coin.

WHITE SUPREMACY.

Maryland Democrats Declare that the Negro Must Cease to be a Factor in that State's Politics.

Baltimore, Aug. 2.—The democratic state convention which met here Thursday declared that the purpose of the party, if successful in the coming election, is to eliminate the negro from politics in Maryland, if such a thing be possible under the constitution of the state.

The nominal purpose for which the convention met was to select candidates for the offices of controller and clerk of the court of appeals, and it fulfilled this task by unanimously naming Dr. Joshua W. Hering, of Carroll, and Frank Turner, of Talbot, to succeed themselves in the places mentioned.

The democratic party represents more than 40,000 majority of the white people of Maryland.

"We, therefore, without hesitation proclaim that the success of the democratic party will mean that, while we shall deal with perfect fairness in securing all the benefits of good government and full and free opportunities for education to all classes, such action must be taken as to prevent the control of the state government from passing into the hands of those who have neither the ability nor the interest to manage public affairs wisely and well."

THREE ON ONE TREE.

A Mississippi Mob Lynches a Negro and Her Son and Daughter.

Carrollton, Miss., Aug. 2.—The murder of Mr. and Mrs. Taliaferro culminated last night in the lynching of Betsie McCray, her son, Belfield McCray, and daughter, Ida McCray, all colored.

The mob was composed of about 50 white citizens of Carroll county, who marched to the jail, demanded the keys from Jailer Duke, proceeded to the cells of the negroes, bound them by the necks and hands and carried them to the corporate limits of the town, where they hung them to a tree by the public roadside and riddled their bodies with bullets.

The mob resisted the earnest appeals of Judge W. F. Stephens and Hon. W. S. Hill, who stood on the steps of the jail and appealed to the mob in the name of law and order.

Ida McCray confessed to the knowledge of the murder and stated that her mother and brother helped commit the murder.

Gov. Longino arrived on the scene by special train from Jackson just a few minutes after the hanging.

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