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A STEAMSHIP MERGER

J. P. Morgan Secures Control of Five More Lines.

\$200,000,000 COMPANY FORMING

Clement Griscom Gives Out Details of the Latest Trust, and Says It Will Reap No Benefits From Ship Subsidy Bill Should It Become a Law.

Philadelphia, April 21.—Details regarding the combination of trans Atlantic steamship lines were given out yesterday. It was stated that one company, to be controlled by Americans, will absorb the American, Red Star, White Star, Dominion, Atlantic Transport and Leyland lines the stockholders in those companies exchanging their holdings for securities of the new company. It is probable that later the Cunard, Wilson and Holland-American lines will be absorbed. There will be a close working agreement with the North German Lloyd, Hamburg-American, Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique, Allan State and Anchor lines. With this arrangement there can be no possibility of rate wars, or even real competition.

Clement A. Griscom, president of the International Navigation company, one of the five trans-Atlantic steamship companies which have been merged under the direction of J. Pierpont Morgan, said: "The capitalization of the consolidated companies, will be in the neighborhood of \$200,000,000, which sum about represents the property absorbed. The consolidation will result in better trans-Atlantic service, steadier and more uniform rates, a just distribution of traffic over all American and Canadian seaports, increased lines on the Pacific and better service to South Africa as traffic may be found to justify them. Having lines between Great Britain and Australia and New Zealand, and intimate connections with the far east, American manufacturers will be able to distribute their products on through bills of lading and avoid the expense of transshipments which they now incur.

"There is no political significance in this deal," continued Mr. Griscom. "The negotiations have covered a period of many years, and I was interested in the subject as far back as 1884. The passage of the ship subsidy bill would have but one effect so far as the new enterprise is concerned. It would enable us to sail ships now building and hereafter built under the American flag on an equal footing with the ships of other countries. The published statements that the ship subsidy bill would enable us to sail our foreign vessels under the Stars and Stripes are incorrect, as the bill specifically states that only American-built ships can benefit by its provisions, and, furthermore, such a course, if possible, is contrary to the whole scheme.

"We have existing only four small vessels that might benefit by the passage of the bill, and they are on the Pacific. While in the coastwise trade, in which they are now engaged, the provisions of the bill would not apply to them. After our present mail contract expires the four American trans-Atlantic liners of the International Navigation company are eligible for a new contract, either under the present postal law or under any new act that might be passed by congress."

HITCH IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS
Kitchener Allows Boers Three Weeks in Which to Consult.

London, April 19.—The government leader, A. J. Balfour, in the house of commons yesterday made the following important statement:

"After two conferences between Lord Milner, the British high commissioner of South Africa, and Lord Kitchener and the Boer delegates at Pretoria, Lord Kitchener, while refusing to grant an armistice, on military grounds, has agreed to give facilities for the election and meeting of representatives of the various Boer commands to consider the position. The Boer leaders have, therefore, left Pretoria to carry out this plan."

Mr. Balfour added that it was not expected that communication between the British authorities and the Boer leaders could be resumed in less than three weeks' time.

Wanted for Goebel Murder.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 21.—Ira Gillespie, alias Dock Hill, a prisoner confined in Sevier county jail on a charge of robbery preferred by Knoxville officers, has stated to the county authorities that he is wanted for complicity in the murder of former Governor Goebel, of Kentucky, declaring there is an outstanding reward of \$500 for his capture. The Kentucky officers have been wired, but no word has been received from them. Gillespie says that he has been tracked from place to place by officers and is thoroughly worn out.

A. A. McLEOD DEAD
Former President of Reading Railroad Succumbs to Heart Disease.
New York, April 21.—Archibald A. McLeod, the former president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad,



who has been for some time ill at his home, 12 West Fifty-first street, died late Saturday afternoon. His wife and 17-year-old son were at his bedside.

Mr. McLeod never fully recovered from an operation for appendicitis performed early in March last. It left him with a weak heart and finally resulted in his death. Several times during the past few weeks he has been very weak and his death was hourly expected. Mr. McLeod was born in 1848, and began his railroad career as a roadman in the service of the Northern Pacific Railway.

WILHELMINA HAS TYPHOID
Owing to Queen's Illness a Regency May Be Established in Holland.

The Hague, April 19.—An official bulletin was issued yesterday from Castle Loo, stating that Queen Wilhelmina was resting quietly. Her fever continues. The alarming fever, which complicated the queen's condition, is now officially admitted to be typhoid. At 7 o'clock last evening Queen Wilhelmina's fever had not abated, but the condition of the royal patient was said to be satisfactory. Her majesty's physicians are said to be less anxious, as it is believed the malady will not assume the ordinary malignant character. She is supposed to have contracted her illness as the result of a chill.

Among the cable messages received at the palace yesterday inquiring about the queen's progress was one from President Roosevelt.

The Hague, April 21.—The condition of Queen Wilhelmina remains practically unchanged. She does not lose consciousness and has taken a little more nourishment. The prince consort and the queen's physicians left Castle Loo for a short time yesterday. This is regarded as a favorable sign. Queen Wilhelmina's temperature remains at 103 degrees, and no complications are feared before Wednesday.

SHOT HIS SWEETHEART
Claims It Was Accident, But Was Placed Under Arrest.

Lancaster, Pa., April 21.—Grace Ruth, the 16-year-old daughter of Mrs. Amanda Ruth, was probably fatally wounded Saturday night by a revolver shot fired by Emanuel Schroll, 20 years old, her lover. Schroll called at the Ruth home early in the evening and the couple started for a walk. Shortly afterward they became separated, but met again on Park avenue, where George Lottes joined them. Schroll was displaying a revolver, which he wanted to sell to Lottes, the weapon being pointed toward the girl. Suddenly Schroll pulled the trigger and the girl fell to the pavement, with a bullet wound in her left breast.

The girl told Lottes after the shooting that Schroll was very jealous of her and had on several occasions threatened to kill her if she accepted the attentions of other young men. Schroll was arrested shortly after the shooting, and claims it was accidental.

Dragged Wife to Death Behind Wagon
Vienna, April 21.—A man named Balika was brought here from the village of Franzdorf, charged with murdering his wife by dragging her to death behind a wagon. Finding her untrue, he pulled her out of bed in the night, stuffed her mouth with cotton, and bound her naked to the rear of his wagon. Then he drove away, allowing the body to drag behind on the cobblestones. He drove about until daylight, when his crime was discovered by some early riser. The woman was dead, of course, her body being unrecognizable. The coroner's physician counted over 700 distinct wounds. He says the woman probably lived for hours under the torture.

Osama, April 21.—Yesterday was the hottest April day in 15 years. The thermometer at 5 p. m. reached 95 degrees, the highest previous record being 91. The intense heat was more oppressive owing to the excessive cold weather experienced up to Saturday night, overcoats being required for comfort during the past week.

BETTER SUGAR MEN WON

Cuban Reciprocity Bill Passed House by Large Majority.

SUGAR DIFFERENTIAL REMOVED

Aided By Democrats, Republican Insurgents Overruled the Chair On Sugar Question—Other Amendments to Dingley Tariff Defeated.

Washington, April 19.—The Democrats and the Republican insurgents rode rough-shod over the house leaders yesterday when the voting began on the Cuban reciprocity bill. They overthrew the ruling of the chair in committee of the whole on the amendment to remove the differential from refined sugar during the existence of the reciprocity agreement provided for in the bill. The vote to overrule the decision of the chair, made by Mr. Sherman, of New York, was 171 to 130, Republicans to the number of 37 joining with a solid Democratic vote to accomplish this result. Having won this preliminary victory the amendment was adopted in committee, 164 to 111, and later in the house by a still larger majority, 199 to 105. On this occasion 64 Republicans voted with the Democrats for the amendment. The bill then was passed by an overwhelming majority, 247 to 52.

An analysis of the vote shows that 124 Republicans and 123 Democrats voted for the amended bill and 42 Republicans and 10 Democrats against it. Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, was one of those who voted against the bill.

The Democrats attempted to follow up their advantage when the differential amendment was adopted by offering the Babcock bill and other amendments to reduce the Dingley schedules, but on these amendments the Republicans declined to stand with them, and the Democrats did not press them vigorously. One of the surprises of the session was the attempt of Mr. Roberts, a Massachusetts Republican, to take the duty off hides. He offered two amendments, and appealed once from the decision of the chair, but was voted down each time.

The bill as passed authorizes the president, as soon as may be after the establishment of an independent government in Cuba and the enactment by said government of immigration, exclusion and contract labor laws as restrictive as those of the United States, to negotiate a reciprocal trade agreement with Cuba, by which, in return for equivalent concessions, the United States will grant a reduction of 20 per cent. from the Dingley rates on goods coming into the United States from Cuba, such agreement to continue until December 1, 1903. During the existence of such agreement the duty on refined sugars and all sugars above No. 16, Dutch standard, is to be 1.825 per pound.

FIFTY HOUSES BURNED
Many Families Made Homeless By Fire at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., April 21.—A destructive fire visited the southwestern part of this city yesterday, laying waste a section of dwelling houses almost a quarter of a mile long and a block wide, and doing damage to the amount of \$75,000. John Stinne, of Quincy, Ill., a spectator, was seriously injured by a falling piece of iron, and Edward Bennett, a fireman, was overcome by heat.

About 50 dwelling houses were destroyed and 60 or more families were rendered homeless. A high wind amounting almost to a gale was blowing, and the flames spread with alarming rapidity. The fire started in a grocery store, and after destroying nearby buildings was carried by the strong wind up a steep hill, making the work of the firemen extremely difficult. Burning embers were blown more than half a mile, and for a time all of that portion of the city was threatened. After three hours of hard fighting the fire was under control. Many persons lost all of their property. Much furniture and other property was destroyed, after having been piled up in supposed places of safety. Most of the residents who suffered loss are poor. Those who need assistance are being cared for temporarily.

Oswego, N. Y., April 21.—Ida Hennessey, 17 years old, who has been asleep since Saturday, April 12, died yesterday without regaining consciousness. She suffered an acute attack of epilepsy before falling asleep and relapsed into a comatose state, from which the physicians found it impossible to arouse her. She was in that condition 180 hours.

General Lee's Secretary Dead.
Baltimore, April 21.—Colonel Charles Marshall, aged 72 years, military secretary of General Robert E. Lee during the civil war, and for many years one of the leaders of the Baltimore bar, died of apoplexy at his home here late on Saturday night. He had been in bad health for about two years.