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KATY INCREASES MILEAGE IN TEXAS

Will Take Over the B. & L. N., the T. C., the W. F. & N., the W. F. & S., and the W. F. & W.

Dallas, Tex.—The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas, in taking over the Beaumont & Great Northern, the Texas Central, the Wichita Falls & Northwestern of Texas, the Wichita Falls & Southern and the Wichita Falls & Wellington of Texas railway companies on May 1, save the Katy 446.2 miles of additional railway in this State. The Katy does not own these lines, but will operate them under a ninety-nine-year lease.

The consolidation is the result or climax to a long drawn out suit against the Katy of Texas by the attorney general of Texas, who filed the suit a year ago to prevent that road from accruing further property interests in this State, after the legislature had passed a bill permitting the Katy to take over the five lines in question.

The suit filed by the attorney general is said to be one almost without parallel in that the penalty asked was something more than \$100,000,000.

As a result of the agreed judgment in the Travis County district court at Austin in the Beaumont & Great-Northern Railroad Company in Southeast Texas will now be a part of the Katy system and will connect with the Trinity division of the Katy at the Western point.

BANK ROBBER KILLED BY POSSE AT WILLIS

Lone Bandit Forced the Cashier of Willis State Bank to Give Him \$3,500.

Willis, Tex.—One of the boldest daylight bank robberies ever attempted in the State occurred Wednesday afternoon at Willis, Texas, a station 47 miles north of Houston on the International and Great Northern railway, and terminated in the lone bandit being shot to death by a member of a mounted posse of armed citizens.

Sam Beard, Jr., cashier of the bank, was alone when the robber walked in and pointed a gun at his head. The robber took all the gold and currency he could conveniently handle and ordered Mr. Beard to accompany him. While the robber had Beard covered he also took Mr. Beard's diamond watch. After taking the money and the watch the robber handed back the other posse and left.

Several posses were organized, and one headed by D. M. Fields overtook the robber. Fields fired, wounding him.

In a dying statement Parks told Sheriff M. A. Anderson of Montgomery County that a year ago last July he shot and killed a night watchman in the Cotton Belt yards at Jacksonville. For that killing no one has ever been arrested. He also told of killing a man in Mexico several years ago, but denied having any connection with the first robbery of the Willis bank two years ago, of which he was at first accused.

Two years ago the Willis bank was dynamited and about \$4,500 taken. That money has never been recovered. Parks also told Sheriff Anderson that he was alone in this robbery, and as far as is known no one was with him when he entered the bank.

GENERAL DANIEL SICKLES DEAD

IS THE LAST OF THE FAMOUS GETTYSBURG GENERALS.

Career of Dead Soldier Was Marked Unconventional and Turbulent Incidents to End.

New York.—General Daniel E. Sickles died at his home Sunday night. General Sickles' death was due to cerebral hemorrhage and paralysis. Besides Mrs. Sickles, their son, Stanton, and the general's negro servant, who had attended him for years, were at the bedside.

General Daniel Edgar Sickles was the last of the great commanders who fought the battle of Gettysburg. For a decade he was a fighter by profession—all his life he was a fighter by nature.

Born in New York city in 1825, General Sickles, at the age of 22, fought the white as a democrat in the New York legislature. It was he who secured for his city its great Central park. At this time his military career began as major of the Twelfth regiment, National Guard, New York. Before he was 22 years old, Major Sickles had served as secretary of legation at London under Minister James Buchanan; he had won a state senatorship through a bitter campaign, and he was seated in the Thirty-fifth congress at Washington.

It was at this time that an event occurred which became the sensation of the day. Sickles had begun his second term as congressman in 1859 when the national capital was stirred by the news that the young representative from New York had shot and killed Philip Barton Key, the United States district attorney for the District of Columbia. Sickles declared that Key misled Mrs. Sickles, who was Therese Bagot. The trial lasted twenty days, ending in the acquittal of Sickles on the ground of the "unwritten law." He then took his erring wife back.

"I am not aware of any statute or code of morals," said Sickles to his critics, "which makes it infamous to forgive a woman. I can now see in the almost universal denunciation with which she is followed to my threshold, the misery and peril from which I have rescued the mother of my daughter. I shall strive to prove to all that an erring wife and mother may be forgiven and redeemed."

Sickles raised the famous Excelsior brigade in New York, taking command of one of its regiments as colonel. His fighting spirit early won him his spurs. On the peninsula and at Antietam he distinguished himself as a soldier and a leader. At Chancellorsville he led a division. At Gettysburg he led the Third corps, lost a leg, and became a national hero. At 37 years of age he had gone from a colonel to a major general of volunteers.

After the war his fighting spirit led him into the regular army, and he became first a brigadier and then a major general. He continued active service until 1895, when he was appointed minister to Spain by President Grant.

At the court of Spain Sickles' virginal personality made him a dominating figure. Four years of brilliant diplomacy brought him the epithet of "The Yankee King of Spain." Here he contracted his second marriage, with the beautiful and distinguished Senoia Crough.

\$1,000 in Prizes Offered.

Dallas, Tex.—In addition to the \$1,000 in prizes offered by the congress, contestants may enter their hogs and baby beavers for exhibition in the open classes of the Fat Stock Show in competition for other prizes. Besides this, a price of 30 cents per pound has been guaranteed for the champion baby beaver exhibited at the Stock Show this year at Fort Worth, Texas.

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STRIKE'S COST IN LIFE.

The total loss in lives and property in the ten-day labor war in Colorado coal districts:

Dead: At Ludlow, 25; at Forbes, 10; at Walsenburg and neighborhood mines, 9; at Chandler, 1; at Reuse, 1; at Aguilar, 3; at Louisville, 1. Total dead, 50.

Total injured (so far as reported), 47. Property loss in district, \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000.

Total dead since southern coal field strike was called last September, 12.

Denver, Colo.—Nineteen coal mine operating companies of Colorado—virtually all within the State—Thursday refused to consider a suggestion made by Chairman M. D. Foster of the House mines committee that negotiations for a settlement of the Colorado coal miners' strike be entered into on the basis that the recognition of the unions had been formally waived by the United Mine Workers of America.

Trinidad, Colo.—The strikers and guards, who have battled incessantly in Southern Colorado for ten days, laid aside their rifles Thursday. This was because Major W. W. Holbrook, commanding the Second Squadron, Fifth United States Cavalry, had brought some three hundred regulars to Trinidad and announced that he was there to restore peace.

"We are not here to take sides between the strikers and their former employers," explained the major. "We are here to restore order. I have been assured of co-operation from the warring factions, and I am confident of our ultimate success."

Major Holbrook admitted that negotiations had been opened in connection with the disarmament of the strikers.

Asked if the mine guards would be disarmed, he said: "The guards, of course, can not be disarmed just at present, with the property of the companies under their protection. The strikers, however, will be assured that the use of arms by the guards will be restricted. The guards must confine their activities strictly to protecting the property of their employers. They will not be permitted to molest the miners or their tent colonies."

The major said he would visit the site of the burned Ludlow tent colony in company with leaders of the miners to determine whether or not the strikers should be allowed to rebuild it. Strikers camped at San Rafael Hospital or on the edge of Trinidad will not be disturbed.

Major Holbrook explained that martial law had not been proclaimed, but that the civil authorities and the civil courts were exercising their functions.

North Pole Controversy Opened.

Washington.—The North Pole incident was revived in the senate Thursday by Senator Poinsette, who produced a joint resolution expressing the thanks of congress to Frederick A. Cook for the discovery of the pole on April 21, 1908, and authorizing the secretary of the navy to present him with a \$500 medal.

Pirates Burn British Ship.

Hong Kong.—Pirates Monday set fire to the British steamer Jason, on the West River north of

which was burned. Incoming steamers rescued 158 of the crew, but it is reported that 180 passengers and the British chief engineer are missing.

Bell Road Bonds Are Sold.

Temple, Tex.—With the satisfactory sale of \$600,000 in good road bonds recently voted, the Bell County commissioners court expects to have all in readiness to advertise for bids for the construction of ninety miles of country road in road district No. 5, of which Temple is the hub.

Rain Is Damaging Berry Crop.

Dickinson, Tex.—The heavy rain Monday did much damage to the berry crop, estimated at \$19,000.

Public School Is Under Way.

Roans Prairie, Tex.—Contractors have commenced work on the new \$6,000 brick school building. It is to be completed within three months.

Yoakum School Bonds Voted.

Yoakum, Tex.—The \$30,000 school bond issue carried in Tuesday's election by a vote of 274 to 4.

Eleven Foreign Cars Are Entered.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Thirty-seven cars, eleven of foreign make, had been nominated for the fourth annual 500-mile automobile race at the local speedway on May 20. The entry list closed Saturday.

Valuation Work Expensive.

Chicago, Ill.—The physical valuation of railroads in the United States will cost approximately \$100,000,000, according to reports received by various railroads.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS GETS SMALL FORTUNE

George Littlefield of Austin Gives \$25,000, to be Known as Fund for Southern History.

Austin, Tex.—George W. Littlefield of Austin has tendered to the board of regents of the University of Texas the sum of \$25,000, which shall be known as the Littlefield fund for Southern history. In the letter making the offer Major Littlefield says:

"It has been my desire to see a history written of the United States with the plain facts concerning the South and her acts since the foundation of the government, especially since 1860, fairly state, that the children of the South may be truthfully taught and persons matured since 1860 may be given opportunity to inform themselves correctly, and to secure such a history I feel that some one must make a sacrifice to get it. Therefore, I make the proposition to establish the Littlefield fund for Southern history."

The following committee is named to direct the expenditure of the fund: H. A. Wroe, vice president of the American National Bank of Austin, chairman; E. C. Barker, professor of American history of the University of Texas, vice chairman; the librarian and president of the University of Texas or their successors in office. The fund is in securities bearing 4 per cent per annum, payable to the University of Texas. This committee is fully empowered to use the fund as its judgment may dictate to purchase books, pamphlets, newspaper files, maps, manuscripts, etc., bearing on the history of the South. It is the desire of Major Littlefield that the committee use the income from the fund for fifty years to secure such papers and data as in its judgment is needed. At the expiration of that time any part of the principal that may be necessary may be used for the same purpose.

Will Relieve Texas Troops.

Washington.—Secretary Garrison is preparing to substitute federal regulars for the Texas State troops now at Brownsville.

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