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1892 JUNE 2-3

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

DAILY, SUNDAY AND WEEKLY.

THE ARGUS

FARGO, N. D., June 2, 1892

W. A. Stephens, St. Paul.

Dear Sir: Yours enclosing blank form for statement received. Mr. Williams, the former bookkeeper, left the books in rather a mixed-up condition, and I don't think it will be possible to get this statement out before the 20th. Will mail it to you as soon as it is ready.

Very truly yours,

Geo K Shaw

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RECEIVED at **Spokane Wash.** *740 P June 7* 189*8*

Dated *St Paul*

To *J Hill*

*Your family all well
wastephers*

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RECEIVED at **Spokane, Wash.** *12:00 P* June 2 189*2*

Dated *St Paul Minn*

To *W Hill*
Spokane

Following message just recd
from *W Hill* New York
"Julia well, getting to New Haven
tell Mr Hill"

W Hill



State of Minnesota,
Executive Department

St. Paul,

June 3, 1892

W. A. Stevens Esq

Private Sec'y

Room 57, E't Nor'n Ry. Bld'g

St. Paul.

Dear Sir:

The Governor directs me to say to you that Mr Hill's request for the privilege of testing his dynamo at the Capitol engine rooms, is very cheerfully granted. Every facility will be afforded your men for making a test, with every convenience possible.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James C. Cook".

Governor's Private Secretary.

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Northern Pacific R.R. Co.
Thomas Lowry,
President,
Minneapolis, Minn.

June 3rd, 1892.

Hon. James J. Hill,
St. Paul.

Dear Mr Hill:-

I inclose herein three full tickets to the " National-
al Republican Convention " in Minneapolis, as per request.

There are three tickets for each day so that you can divide
them among your friends and make them go a long way. Hoping you
will use them, I am,

Sincerely your friend,

Thomas Lowry

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(9 inclo's)

30 Nassau Street,

KUHN, LOEB & CO.

New York June 3d 1892.

My dear Mr. Hill:-

I have to thank you for your valued communication of the 25th ulto. concerning the settlement of Russian refugees near Milasa. I have submitted your letter to the Committee on Agriculture of the Baron de Hirsch Fund, and give you herein the result of the conclusions of the Committee in a letter of its Chairman.

The Committee is somewhat apprehensive lest it might burden you with a responsibility which it has no right to put upon your shoulders, for with the peculiar interests at stake the Committee feels that it must not risk a failure in any direction.

I have personally said to the Committee that in no event would I consent that you should assume the responsibility of absolute success, for that would simply mean that the settlers would lie down upon you and upon the Committee.

Under these circumstances the Committee had hardly any choice but to reach the conclusion laid down in the enclosed letter of Chairman Goldman, but the Committee is not only willing, but desirous to shoulder any loss in case the property already acquired will have to be sold at a price below its cost, and I ask it as a personal favor to myself that if any such loss occurs you will per-

J.J.H.
5-3-92.

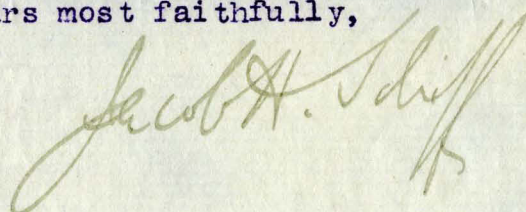
mit the Committee to shoulder it.

I need hardly add that we all feel nevertheless under lasting obligations to you, and we are very desirous to be of service to you in return should an opportunity offer.

Your account of the grand results of the fiscal year now drawing to a close is indeed more than satisfactory, and it is but natural that confidence in the Great Northern property is continually increasing. I hope when you come here you will be able to say something definite to us both as to the crop prospects along your system as well as upon the outlook for the line to the Pacific.

I am pleased to learn that you are coming East very soon. I hope you will bring Mrs. Hill, and with her spend a few days with us on the sea-coast. You will find our place considerably changed to its advantage since last year.

Yours most faithfully,



James J. Hill Esq.,
c/o Great Northern Ry. Co.
St. Paul, Minn.

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11 PINE STREET,

Telephone No. 730 Cortlandt.
Cable Address "Outbalance"

New York, June 1, 1892, 189

My dear Mr. Schiff,

I have read the letter of Mr. Hill of the 25th of May, with much interest and have given the question of the proposed colony in Minnesota careful thought, and beg herewith to give you my opinion with regard to the same.

I trust you will not ascribe any vanity to me when I say that the constant intercourse that I have had with our Russian brethren for the last ten years and more particularly, during the last two years, justifies me in expressing my views with some degree of positiveness. That a large class of the Russian refugees who arrive on our shores are desirous of turning to agricultural pursuits, there can be no doubt of, nor that many of them have an earnest desire to undergo the hardships of such a pursuit, as they understand the same. The number of those, however, who have any previous experience in agricultural pursuits, is, unfortunately, very limited. You will remember that in the article recently published by Mr. Arnold White, in the Contemporary Review, he places the number of Jewish farmers in Russia, at about sixty-four thousand; this, out of about five million Jews, is of course a pitifully small number. Of those who immigrate from Russia to this country, I do not think

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that even the same proportion of farmers can be found. Under these circumstances, we are dealing almost exclusively with people who, whilst they have the desire to become farmers, have not the necessary experience. Furthermore, though many of them have the enthusiasm for agricultural pursuits, their enthusiasm is based upon ideas so different from the actual facts that they encounter, that their bouyant spirits are very apt to ooze out when the hard task that lies before them is actually encountered. The isolated life upon a farm, away from cities, and all the previous conditions that they have been accustomed to, soon discourage the people, and make them lose their energies. You are so well acquainted with the history of colonization amongst the Russian Jews in this country, that it is not necessary for me to draw to your attention ~~to~~ single facts, and I believe you will agree with me that we have no example of success to show, except in such instances where the colonies have been founded near some large city where there are factories in which those members of the families who do not work on the fields, can find employment and where they are under the constant guidance and receive encouragement from some person who is placed above them, very much in the nature of a guardian. I need but remind you of our experiences in Oregon, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, and

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Kansas to recall to your mind instances of failure, and the colonies in New Jersey as examples of success. Applying these principles to the proposed colony in Minnesota, I cannot convince myself that we are likely to achieve success. The land that Mr. Hill has selected, would undoubtedly answer the requirements of Scandinavians Germans and Irishmen whose ideas of agricultural work are based upon actual experience in their own countries and whose expectations for success are limited indeed. Our people, I am afraid, would neither be satisfied with the character of the farms that are to be given them, nor with the conditions of life as they will find them in Minnesota. After Mr. Rosenthal had made his report, I spent an evening in the selection from amongst a large number of applicants, of such families as I thought would answer the requirements. Only nineteen families were chosen and whilst all of them, after the conditions upon which they were to be sent, had been fully set forth to them in every detail, agreed that they would be satisfied with what was offered, yet from the questions they asked, from their past and present occupations and their general characteristics I could not but feel that the probabilities of success would be very remote indeed. I do not say that single families would not be perfectly satisfied with what they would find in Minnesota, but I

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would not undertake to guarantee for any of the families whom I saw. Under these circumstances, I am inclined to dissuade the Trustees of the Fund from undertaking this colony. It would hardly be fair towards Mr. Hill, whose generous interest in our enterprise requires of us to send such people, with whom at least there would be a probability of success. The people themselves, though they would go to Minnesota with a full understanding of the conditions that they will encounter there, have a right to assume that we will not undertake anything that does not assure them of success, and above all, the entire cause that we have at heart will not allow of a failure in this direction. My conclusion, therefore, is, that inasmuch as Mr. Hill states that we need feel under no obligation to take the farms that he has prepared, and that he can easily dispose of them without any loss to himself, that we accept his generous offer to release us, and abstain from colonizing in Minnesota. Our field for colonization must for the present be as near as possible to large cities and where we or our agents can continually supervise and guide the colonists.

I would not like the views I have herein expressed, ^{to} prejudice the Russian cause. The conditions we have to deal with have been brought about by centuries of oppression and hardship that have

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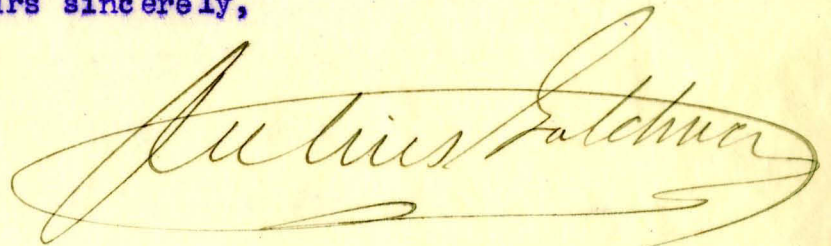
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gone a great way to sap the vitality of the people; that there should be so much still left and that the intellect of the people should be as great as we find it, is a matter for just pride and astonishment.

Yours sincerely,



Jacob H. Schiff, Esq.,

32 Nassau St., City.

I return herewith the letter
of Mr. Hill.

St. Paul, Minn., June 7 1892.

To James J. Kille

Please take notice that a certain note
made by John Kaxler

dated at St. Paul Minn Apr 4 1892
payable sixty days after date (no place)
to the order of Chapman Deane Co
for One thousand DOLLARS,

with nix at 7% premium
at Commercial Bank

endorsed by Chapman Deane Co and by you,

has this day been duly presented by me for payment
and payment duly demanded and refused.

Whereupon I **DULY PROTESTED** said note
for non-payment and the holders look to you for the payment thereof,
with damages, interest and costs.

Yours respectfully,

Geo B. Reed

Notary Public, Ramsey Co., Minn.

Protested by request of the MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK, of St. Paul, Minn.

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RECEIVED at St. Paul, Minn. 6:30 P. M. Standard Time June 3 1892

Dated New York 3
C. W. J. Stephens

W. O. D. They will be taken care of

Mrs. Hill leaves here Monday in Manitoba due Chicago Tuesday 3 pm. I have wired Campbell in Chicago to arrange for transportation to St Paul of car and party.
E. F. Nichols Secy

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RECEIVED at St. Paul, Minn. 742P M. Standard Time June 3 1892

Dated Boulevard Wash DC

To W A Stephen

Room 57 G N Ry Bldg

Message about seminary received.

action taken is all right

Gas J. Hill

June 6-1892
ok. Carrilbert

Seattle, June 3rd, 1892.

W. A. Stephens/

St. Paul, Minn.

Message about Seminary received. Action proposed is all right.

Jas. J. Hill

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Received at ST. PAUL, MINN.

612a

M. Standard Time

June 3 1892

Dated

New York 2

To

Mr Wm A Stephens

Great Northern Offices

Tell Mr Hill found boys

Well, professor spoke hopefully all

well, Message of Car will

be answered through Mr McHoltations
Hill



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