

TELEGRAPHIC. THE PACIFIC ROADS.

Majority Report on the Bill Presented to the Senate.

THE OBJECTIONS POINTED OUT. The Railroad Companies Charged With the Perpetration of Enormous Frauds.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Senator Morgan today presented a minority report on the bill recently reported favorably to the Senate for adjustment of Pacific route debts through the agency of a commission. The report gives the circumstances of the inception of this national highway across the continent and maintains that it was essentially a government undertaking intended to private hands, just as national banks are instrumentalities of government, although in private hands.

To secure the government against the default of these corporations in the payment of the bonds loaned to enable them to build these roads, there was provision in the charter a distinct and separate trust upon all their property, every and every right in the United States. The statute provided for forfeiture on default of payment and for the sale of the property in possession by act of law to the United States. The government in this substituted its absolute and unqualified property in the property of the stockholders, whose ownership thereupon ceased. The report further states that this bill provides an agreement with "the owners" of the United Pacific railroad without securing who own it, and deals with the bill as if the United States is not the owner. The bill says it is intended to destroy the unity of this great highway and to separate the Central Pacific from the Union Pacific road.

Morgan states in the report that he will offer an amendment to the Senate providing that the proceeds of the bonds shall apply to both the Pacific railroad companies. The senator says it is "an act of separation between the United States and the Pacific railroad company, made by the President for the destruction of the government's interest in the Union Pacific road, then it should be interpreted and placed in the hands of the government."

The report adds: "The United States can be made to have this great highway pass beyond its right to control. It is not necessary to have the Canadian Pacific road, which is a railway line in the spirit of the United States government. The nature of such a transaction conditions it as a condition of autonomy for the executive that has no support in law. It is too much to ask that Congress shall stand by and witness a disposition of the property under a private agreement between the executive and a great railroad company without any protest. The value of the property is not adequate compensation for such expropriation in the case of a United States property."

Morgan concludes that the destruction of the unity will result in a great national calamity, which will be the Pacific ocean, making the people along the coast more vulnerable to these great railroad lines. The report asserts that the real occasion for this bill is to avoid the disclosure and to provide for the destruction of trust and directors of the Central Pacific railroad, which is the only one with in the spirit of justice, would have facilities upon these men that would be a great benefit to the country. Morgan refers to the enormous frauds perpetrated by some of these railroad companies upon the United States, the remedy for which is easily in reach through statutory law.

The report then urges that the President should not be left as a tool to execute the will of the railroad companies. The responsibility rests in Congress, however, and it should not be on the President. Morgan adds that although the report would strip the power from

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The letter to Mr. Cleveland is very long and is an earnest appeal for the intervention of the United States in the case of the Chinese. The general situation in the Orient is that of a civil war, which is the result of the general situation of the world.

Me Asks the United States to Intervene in Behalf of Cuba. CHICAGO, March 28.—The Record today will contain a letter from the United States to the President, signed by William McKinley, and containing a copy of the letter from the President to the United States.

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