

Cannon, H. W.

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H. W. Cannon to James J. Hill.

Re St. Paul & Duluth Ry. matters. States that Col. Lamont has called while Cannon was absent and left the following dictation:
"Today is the first time that Morgan's people have referred to Duluth matters. Mr. Coster told me to day that he had received a letter from Mr. Hill intimating that possibly Prest. Erling of the St. Paul could use the 'Duluth' and expressed his doubts about Mr. Earling's ability to carry it out and intimated that there were others in Board beside Mr. Earling. Coster said that when Peter Geddes

and some of the other directors were confronted with a proposition to buy the Duluth they would promptly turn it down."

States that he had had a most satisfactory talk with M. Roswell Miller, chairman of the Board of the Milwaukee Road about the "Duluth," but does not propose to mention Miller's visit to any one.

Thinks Kuhn Loeb are buying Oregon Railway & Navigation stock. States that "under all the circumstances, I prefer not to discuss the Western situation until after your visit here."

General correspondence by date