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Hill to Lord Mount Stephen

For last 1½ yrs. I have said to Nor. Pac. pres. several times that when time comes, we should jointly work to secure Spokane Falls & Northern Ry. running from Spokane to Rossland & Nelson. Recently Nor. Pac. bought the control of both bonds & stock. Arrangement between N.P. and Gt. Nor. roads. On Tues. next we receive & pay for the stocks and bonds; cost about \$6,000,000. About 1/3 of mileage is in Brit. Columbia; I think Can. Pac. should have Can. portion at cost to avoid rate wars &c in future. This deal would have been closed by pres. of N.P. & Adams without consulting us but  Morgan's people, who bear in mind our London agreement. Morgan has

been quite sidetracked by the City National Bank in government bond matters and feels it deeply. His house is losing business and position very fast. Schiff's success in Union Pacific reorganization has brought him and Speyers the Baltimore & Ohio and they are trying to do well with it, and will I think succeed. Coster, the active man in Morgan's house, has broken down physically and sails for England the 16th.

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