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Hill to Mount Stepher

Morgan's people wanted to hold on to Nor. Pac. Road as long as they could. Morgan is antagonistic to Adams & wants him let out but JJH cannot find any basis for firing him; is representative of Deutsche^{Bunk}; no one likes him. Mellon is to take the place of president - is now pres. of Hew Haven Road, one of Morgan's roads, was formerly general traffic manager of the Union Pac. will be a fair man with fair ability; will be engaged for only a short time. Lamont behaved splendidly; the more I see of him the more I like his way of getting at things. Underwood will require a short time to hold of the handles. We are doing much work on Gt. Nor. track, laying

new steel, ballasting 500 miles & replacing or
filling wooden bridge. Montana Central and
Eastern roads will have all steel bridges or
solid banks on stone culverts & iron pipes. In
2 years we will have all wooden structures re-
moved from entire system. I go to St. Lawrence
tomorrow for a real rest." A neighbor of mine Mr
Weyerhaeuser, the largest lumber manufacturer &
dealer in the world, last year [cut] 1200,000,000
feet, or more than the entire output of the Ot-
tawa Valley, is arranging to buy practically
all the good timber standing on the East side
of Puget Sound, about 20,000,000,000 feet, with a
view of starting some large mills at several
points on our line. This alone should increase
our earnings at once over a million a year &
later three millions. "Soon west end of our line
the important end. Letter Book. 10/11/95-3/13/99"