



MAY DROP LAND SUITS

New Railroad Asks People's Co-Operation.

TO COMMENCE AT ONCE

If Chamber of Commerce Will Induce Landowners to Agree to Terms Offered.

SECRETARY WHYTE TO ACT

Prominent Citizens Advocate Early Action to Remove All Obstacles in Construction of Portland-Oregon & Seacoast Railway Line.

As the result of a telegram received from William Reid, secretary of the Portland-Oregon & Seacoast Railroad, stating that President Hawgood will drop the condemnation suits for right-of-way if the Chamber of Commerce will induce land owners to accept the tenders made for the desired land by the railroad company efforts towards this end will be made. The letter was forwarded to Secretary Whyte from Portland and is as follows:

"John H. Whyte, Manager Chamber of Commerce:—The president suggests that if the Astoria Chamber of Commerce will induce land owners upon whom condemnation suits have been filed to accept the respective tenders in cash which the railway company has made, the COMPANY WILL GUARANTEE TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER AND DISMISS THE LAND SUITS.

"William Reid."

Members of the Chamber of Commerce viewed this telegram with interest yesterday and the consensus of opinion was that efforts should be made by the organization to have the suits dropped so that construction on the line could commence immediately. There was no doubt of belief in the good intentions of Mr. Reid and President Hawgood, and Secretary Whyte was urged to make overtures to the property owners named as defendant in the suits, asking them to assist in the early construction of the road by not "hucking" against it.

Brenham and Dusen was strongly in favor of the Chamber of Commerce making efforts for a quick settlement of the matter so that the new railroad could go ahead with its work. He gave a number of good reasons why the organization should take active steps in the matter and suggested that an immediate meeting be held to decide on approaching the land owners regarding the suits.

"There can be no possible objection to giving Mr. Reid a chance to build this road," he asserted. "He appears to have all the money he needs at his command and it is all outside capital. There can be no losers in the promotion of the railroad. The property owners over whose land the railroad will run will be greatly benefited thereby. They have timber back near the line of the survey which will never be moved unless just such a road is built.

"We need another railroad in Clatsop county to open it up for settlement, and it appears that this road will be built quicker than any other road. While we have had some experience with Mr. Reid in the past, I believe that he means business in the construction of this line. In any event, if the railroad is started, that will be a move toward another railroad, and even if this company does not finish it, the work accomplished will make it that much easier for another company to complete it. I have the greatest faith in Mr. Reid, however, and believe he will finish this railroad, and it is up to us to give him every chance possible to complete it.

"I believe it would be a good plan to call a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and make some resolution in the matter. I think every man desiring to see the county opened up and an increase of business in Astoria would favor the railroad project heartily. The

sooner we act, the sooner this railroad will be commenced. We need it, and here is a chance to get it. Let us give Mr. Reid every chance to build it."

Secretary Whyte was in favor of deferring the matter until after the Regatta. The Chamber of Commerce does not hold its regular meeting until a week from next Monday, and he thought it would be better to place the matter before the members. Mr. Van Dusen agreed with him, but asked that a meeting be called for last night in order to give all possible speed to laying the matter before the land owners. The result of it was that Mr. Whyte agreed to communicate with the land owners regarding the suits as early as possible, to see what they had to say on the subject.

Other citizens of the city present at this little talk urged that immediate action be taken in devising a means to have the railroad start construction at once. The telegram from Mr. Reid was read by several visitors to the Chamber of Commerce, and each one expressed that it was inconceivable that the landowners should try to block the construction of the road by compelling it to go into the courts to secure a right-of-way, especially when it would benefit all parties concerned to put the railroad through at once.

Judge Bowby was asked regarding the building of the line and appeared to share in the general opinion regarding the blocking of the project through the condemnation suits. He asserted that he had the greatest confidence in the success of Mr. Reid's project, and firmly believed the road would be built.

"I do not know where Mr. Reid has secured his capital," he said, "but he has very evidently secured the needed funds. Beyond the fact that the funds are backed by London capitalists, and that unlimited funds are being furnished by California capitalists, I know nothing of where the funds come from.

"I firmly believe in Mr. Reid as a railroad builder, however, because he has already finished several railroads. He started the narrow gauge line from Portland to the east a good many years ago and finished it. He started the road from Young's River to Seaside, and although force of circumstances were against him, the road was eventually finished, and that is the strong point.

"This railroad will open up the richest country in the western part of the state. The timber interests will especially be benefited by it and the shipping at Astoria cannot help but increase in consequence. The Nehalem Valley, the Hood River of Clatsop county will be opened

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CHINESE UNSETTLED

Revolution May Occur at Any Time Now.

ARE GATHERING IN CITIES

Wave of Unrest Has Reached Army and in Several Provinces it is Suppressed With Difficulty—Murderous Plots Are Terrorizing Peking.

BERLIN, August 26.—A dispatch from Shanghai says the situation in China, especially in the Yangtze valley, continues unsatisfactory. It is impossible to say whether a general outbreak is impending, but the revolutionary movement gains strength daily, and the secret organizations are growing visibly.

The Chinese officials say that thousands of revolutionists are concealed in the foreign quarters of the cities, thus placing themselves outside the jurisdiction of the Chinese courts. The revolutionary agitation recently was carried into the army. The provincial officials are doing their utmost to suppress the movement, trying especially to promote reforms, but they feel themselves helpless.

Murderous plots against the Manchus continue to be discovered in Peking.

TO DINE WITH EMPEROR.

BERLIN, August 26.—American yachtsmen who competed for the emperor's cup arrived today and proceeded to Potsdam, where they were presented to Crown Prince Frederick William. The Americans were invited to dine with the emperor at Hanover, August 27, following the imperial review of the Fifth army corps. The Wannsee yacht club gave a dinner tonight in honor of the visitors.

HAVE NO ARBITRATION

Small Declares it Out of the Question.

READY FOR TWO MONTHS

Companies Will Not Take Back the Men Who Agitated Strike.

STRIKERS ARE BEING HELPED

Portland Operators Are Receiving Money From Over the State and From Other Labor Organizations—Business Firm Refuses Wire Quotations as Unreliable

NEW YORK, August 26.—President Small today declared the arbitration of the telegraphers' strike at present out of the question. He added that the strikers were prepared to remain out for two months. He said the executive board of the American Federation of Labor would shortly consider the Federation relative to the strike. Small asserted that company conditions are worse than when the strike began and that half of the Western Union force here have failed to report for work after Friday when double pay was abolished.

Superintendent Brooks, of the Western Union, said his company would have nothing to do with Small or his union. While the company is willing to consider the individual cases of the men who struck under pressure, the agitators who engineered this situation will not be re-employed under any circumstances.

PORTLAND, August 26.—Downing & Hopkins, commission brokers, are said to have received the offer of a wire on which to secure quotations from the eastern markets this morning and refused to accept it. They gave as their reason that conditions are too unsettled and the telegraphic service too inadequate and unreliable for them to take any risks.

Outside financial assistance is beginning to reach the strikers. J. Noonan, a merchant of Jacksonville, Or., sent the telegraphers an order for \$20 this morning. The Freighthandlers' Union donated \$20 to their cause last night and promised to give more when needed. That the ball to be held at Murlark Hall Thursday night will net the strike fund a large amount is assured by the sale of tickets. The union is now affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, and in case it strikes on financial reefs the Portland Federated Trades Council will also come to its assistance.

ADMIRAL FOR REGATTA.

C. H. Callender Accepts Honor and in Opinion of All is Man for the Place.

C. H. Callender has been appointed Admiral of the Regatta next week to succeed C. C. Chapman, who resigned because he almost went "broke" in the crash of the Portland bank, recently. Because it takes a man wreathed in smiles, and with good nature oozing from every pore, Mr. Chapman felt unequal to the task, under the circumstances, and this left the Regatta without its chief ornament—the Admiral.

The Regatta committee has been doing some tall thinking since Mr. Chapman went under and finally came to the conclusion that Mr. Callender would make a model admiral. He was approached on the matter yesterday and accepted the proposition in the spirit in which it was presented to him. The Regatta committee feels that it is to be congratulated in having secured a man who will honor the position, and the citizens in general are happy to know that the new admiral has not let the "busting" of the Portland bank bother him.

The selecting of an admiral, to most people, is a simple matter. But, in the opinion of the Regatta committee, the success of the annual event is helped out to a large extent by the selection of a suitable admiral to dispense the honors of the office. He must be a man who is acceptable to the ladies of the Regatta, the Queen and her maids-of-honor, and he must be a fine-looking man, who will do honor to Astoria in the opinion of the visitors to the city.

The committee is confident that it has the right man for the right place in selecting Mr. Callender, and the plans for the admiral and his staff will run along smoothly from now until the opening day of the big Regatta and County Fair. Everything points to this annual event being the most successful in the history of the city, and the biggest item of news on the Pacific Coast.

PREFER AMERICAN LOCOMOTIVES.

LEMA, Peru, August 26.—The Peruvian government has purchased 25 heavy American locomotives to be used on the heavier grades of the state railways. They are found to give better service than the English or German engines.

MAKES QUICK RUN.

OMAHA, August 26.—Union Pacific motor car No. 12, made the run from Omaha to Denver in 16 hours and 34 minutes, running as a second section of the Overland Limited. The regular time is 17 hours 15 minutes. The distance is 570 miles.

BOMB KILLS TWO IN BATUM.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 27.—A telegram from Batum says that bomb was thrown there today at Chief of Police Azurgheti. He and his wife were wounded and two passersby were killed. Four arrests were made.

FACE OTHER INDICTMENT.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 26.—Benson and Perrin, who were recently convicted of a conspiracy to fraudulently obtain 12,000 acres of land, faced another indictment of the same nature today in the United States court. Both are to appear for sentence in Tehama case tomorrow.

HENEY IS SHREWD

Cutting Off All Escape for Defense.

CAN'T HOLD PICKERNELL

Scott Said He Issued no Orders for Glass to Issue any Checks.

BUT HAS DEFECTIVE MEMORY

When Tangled up in His Testimony and Finds Himself Uttering Contradictions a Poor Memory Comes to His Relief—Last Hour of Morning Session Lively.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 26.—President Scott of the Pacific Telegraph & Telephone Company, was recalled to the stand today in the Glass bribery trial. Scott testified that prior to the disaster F. A. Pickernell, assistant to the president of the American Bell Telephone Co., took no active hand in the conduct of the Pacific States Company but immediately thereafter set about a formation of plans for rebuilding the wrecked plant.

The purpose of this testimony on the part of the prosecution was to ambush any prospective attempt of defense to shunt the bribery blame onto Pickernell.

President Scott answered a series of questions designed to clinch in the jury's mind the asserted fact that Glass was in complete control of the company during the alleged bribery period. Scott said between his election to the presidency of the company and his return from the east in March, 1906, he signed no company checks, authorized none, and gave no authority to Glass or Halsey to expend any money.

Scott declared he gained from the grand jury his first knowledge of the issuance of \$50,000 worth of checks on which funds are claimed to have been obtained by Zimmer for Halsey by the order of Glass.

The closing hour of the morning session was livened by a merciless attack on Scott's credibility as a witness. It was succeeded in having the witness contradict himself and his former testimony several times. In defense of himself Scott took refuge behind a defective memory and declared the incorrectness of official minutes of the executive committee of the telephone company's board of directors.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Charles Andrews Shoots His Wife, Then Turns Gun on Himself.

CHICAGO, August 26.—Charles Andrews, of South Bend, Ind., shot and killed his wife and then suicided at the Saratoga Hotel. The cause of the shooting is unknown. The couple arrived yesterday night.

They were unseen until a shot caused another guest to run in. The woman was lying dead with two bullet wounds in her head. Andrews was standing clutching a revolver with blood flowing from a wound in the head. He died on reaching the hospital. A letter found addressed to C. W. Andrews, Jr., Elkhart, said:

"Ethel and myself are not feeling well. You know the reason why. Be a good boy and mind your mother."

ASSAULTED AND KILLED.

CHICAGO, August 26.—An unidentified girl about 7 years old was killed by a tramp near Gary today. When discovered by a workman the girl had sufficient strength to tell of the attack, and died immediately. A posse is searching

CLUBBED A PRISONER.

Officer Houghton Charged With Unduly Beating Man Under Arrest.

Last night a complaint was made at this office that Officer Houghton had cruelly beaten an inoffensive man who was under arrest. From the statements of those making the complaint the officer attacked the man with his club and beat him terribly and unnecessarily and great indignation prevailed among a number of ladies and men who witnessed the affair. The Astorian immediately took the matter up and investigated. The man when seen by a reporter showed evidences of having been beaten but was either too drunk or dazed to make a statement. Officer Houghton did not deny clubbing the man and calling at this office made a statement of the occurrence. He said that he attempted to quiet the man who had been making a disturbance and being unable to do so placed him under arrest. On the way to the police station the man refused to go and the officer attempted to place a wrist chain on him. The prisoner seized the chain and the officer struck him several blows on the arms to make him let go. Then the man kicked him in the stomach and Houghton was forced to strike him on the side of the head to subdue him. The man though being of smaller stature than the officer was claimed by the latter to be active and wiry.

The trial of the man will take place in the police court today and if any undue violence was resorted to it will no doubt be shown at the trial.

TURNS TO CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Richard Mansfield Dispairs of Physicians and Turns to Scientists.

NEW YORK, August 26.—Despairing of being cured by a regular physician, Richard Mansfield has turned to the Christian Scientists. A healer is installed at Mr. Mansfield's cottage at Sevenoaks, New London. When Mansfield arrived at his cottage yesterday he was woefully ill and weak. He walked uncertainly, sustained on each side. His brother, Felix Mansfield, said today:

"Mr. Mansfield stood the journey extremely well and is better today." Felix Mansfield said there is no doubt Mr. Mansfield will be able to act again."

SINKS AT HER DOCK

Pacific Mail Steamer Acapulco Turns Turtle.

PASSENGERS AND CREW SAVED

But Cargo Will be Total Loss—Cause is Believed to be the Filling of Coal in Bunkers on one Side of the Ship—Lies in Fifteen Feet of Water.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 26.—The Pacific Mail Company's steamer Acapulco turned turtle today and sank at the company's wharf in this city. All the passengers and crew escaped but it is believed her cargo is a total loss as the hull lies in about 15 feet of water.

The Acapulco was expected to sail for Panama at 1 o'clock this afternoon and was taking on the last of her supplies of coal when the disaster occurred about 12:30. The listing of the vessel as the coal was being loaded on one side is supposed to be the cause. She went down slowly enabling all on board to clamber onto the dock.

O'DAY APPOINTED JUDGE.

SALEM, August 26.—Governor Chamberlain this morning announced the appointment of Judge Thomas O'Day, of Portland, to succeed Alfred F. Sears, Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court for Multnomah county, deceased.

WAGE WAR ON CHILD LABOR.

NORFOLK, August 26.—It has been determined by philanthropists to prosecute more vigorously than ever the campaign in all state legislatures for the abolition of all form of labor by children under 14 years. This does not include employment of a man's own children on his farm.



HOW SOME DRASTIC LAWS WORK.