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GERMANY INVESTIGATING FIND SOMETHING ROTTEN. But Will Take Long to Learn Facts About Caroline Astar. Experts on Metropolitan Street Railway Company Report. NEW YORK, April 15.—Ex-District Attorney Philbin finished today his investigation of the charges made by William H. Amory against the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, and will ask the officers of the company for an explanation.

O. R. & N. TO BUILD To Extend System to Central Oregon. ever, for the Columbia Southern is blocked in its programme by the fact that the O. R. & N. holds its bonds. The company has found it practically impossible to extend without issuing new bonds, and it was insisted these must cover the entire line.

PORTLAND WINS A POINT T. B. Wilcox Successful in Eastern Mission. HARRIMAN GIVES HIS CONSENT He Has Two Alternatives, to Purchase Columbia Southern Railroad or to Parallel the Line on a New Survey.

"Am promised the road into Central Oregon promptly and the details and plans are under consideration. I can do no more at present and am leaving for home today."—Telegram of T. B. Wilcox, who represented the Chamber of Commerce in a conference with H. H. Harriman.

NEW YORK, April 15.—(Special)—The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company will extend its system into Central Oregon, guaranteeing to Portland merchants control of the trade of this rich section and making its rapid development certain. This decision of the officers of the company has just been announced.

Another proposal that threatened Portland's interest was for the construction of a branch of the Oregon Short Line from Payette into Central Oregon. Such a line might have connected with an extension of the Columbia Southern and would have to be built south of the Blue Mountain district. But it would open up a country neither of the other plans would tap.

It is evident from the reading of both the special dispatch from New York and Mr. Wilcox's telegram that the O. R. & N. has determined to do whatever railroad building is attempted in Central and Southern Oregon. The determination means to Portland that no outside system will be permitted to interfere with a trade that naturally belongs to this city and indicates the complete success of the plans of the Chamber of Commerce.

Central Oregon is one of the richest sections of country in the West, though at present it is more of a sheep and cattleraising district than agricultural territory. With the coming of railroad facilities, however, it is believed the country will be developed rapidly and the influx of settlers, now scarcely felt in that district, will be a potent factor in its growth.

The details of the extension, it is apparent, are to be settled at once. Within a comparatively short time it will be definitely known whether the O. R. & N. intends to build a line of its own or whether it will extend the Columbia Southern. But one thing is certain and that is that Central and Southern Oregon are to be opened up just as quickly as railroad construction can lay the rails.

LORIMER LOSES A POINT Supreme Court Says State Has No Jurisdiction in Contest. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 15.—The Supreme Court today denied the motion of Congressman William E. Lorimer, of Chicago, for leave to file a petition for a mandamus restraining the election officers of the Sixth Congressional District from producing the ballots in court for a recount of the votes in the contested election case of Durbin vs. Lorimer.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Forty-six German agriculturists, among their number being members of the nobility and government, who are to make a tour of the United States, are expected to arrive in New York on May 1. The party will travel by a Southern route to California, by the Pacific coast and return to the Atlantic through the Northern tier of states. The tour will occupy nearly two months.

WAR ON UNIONS Manufacturers Will Unite Against Them. EXCESSES ARE DENOUNCED Carrroll D. Wright Defends Unions From Assaults. SPEAKS FOR INDUSTRIAL PEACE National Association Adopts Resolutions on Labor Question, and Declines on Counter-Movement—Reform in Currency Needed.

The National Association of Manufacturers has decided to form an association to combat labor unions, and to hold its first annual convention in Toledo, O., on May 1. It is expected that the association will have a membership of 100,000.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 15.—The delegates to the convention of the National Association of Manufacturers devoted practically all of the time of both sessions today to the discussion of the labor question. There was much difference of opinion as to the nature of the attitude which the organization should take toward trades unionism, and the debate at times became heated.

Resolutions on Labor Question. "We, the members of the National Association of Manufacturers, United States of America, in convention assembled at New Orleans, do hereby declare the principles which shall govern this convention in its resolution for printing and further consideration, but the delegates demanded immediate action, and the protest was overruled. The resolutions, which President Parry characterized as "the platform of the association," are as follows:

"1. Fair dealing is the fundamental and basic principle on which relations between employer and employees should rest. "2. The National Association of Manufacturers is not opposed to organizations of labor as such, but it is unalterably opposed to boycotts, blacklists and other illegal acts of interference with the personal liberty of employer and employee.

"3. No person should be refused employment or in any way discriminated against on account of membership or non-membership in any labor organization, and there should be no discrimination against or interference with any employee who is not a member of a labor organization by members of such organization. "4. With due regard to contracts, it is

the right of the employer to leave his employment whenever he sees fit, and it is the right of the employer to discharge any employee who he sees fit. "5. Employers must be free to employ their work people at wages mutually satisfactory, without interference or dictation on the part of individuals or organizations not directly party to such contracts. "6. The employers must be unmolested and unhampered in the management of their business and in the use of any methods or systems of pay which are just and equitable.

CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER VISITS VANCOUVER. GENERAL A. W. GREELY. General A. W. Greely, chief signal officer of the United States Army, passed through Portland yesterday to Vancouver, B. C., where he will look into the matter of the Alaska telegraph system of the Department of the Columbia. General Greely has been in Seattle for the past few days making arrangements for the Seattle and V. C. cable, which will be landed in the next few months. After a short visit at Vancouver headquarters, he will leave this evening for Washington.

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TOWN IN FRENZY Negro Lynched for Killing Policeman. OTHER NEGROES DRIVEN OUT Infuriated Mob Takes Control of Joplin, Mo. OFFICERS OF LAW POWERLESS

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