

# LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER

VOLUME IV

LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1905

NUMBER 150

## PORTLAND HAS SERIOUS FIRE ON EAST SIDE--BURNS FOUR BLOCKS--MANY RESIDENCES

Poor Streets Hinders Fire Department in Its Work and Fire Made Terrible Headway

### LOSS IS VERY LARGE

Portland, Aug. 22.—The most menacing fire of the present year, which taxed the energies of the fire department broke out this morning, sweeping clean two blocks and in a fringe circulating the devastated space fire is still blazing despite the concentrated efforts of both the fire boat and the engines. The loss already aggregates several hundred dollars. The street car traffic and the light and power service of the east side is crippled.

The fire started in the Iowa hotel, a frame structure, and rapidly spread through a district largely occupied by second hand stores. The shacks stood on piling and, as the roadway had been condemned the fire apparatus could not reach all parts of the fire area although the firemen waded and walled through the sloughs in the desperate effort to protect several structures. The wires of the street car and power companies broke and several thrilling escapes of firemen working on the elevated railroads are reported. The population of the gulch made a mad rush to escape with their lives and belongings. With hard work the flames were prevented from spreading westward, by dynamiting buildings. Several of the firemen were subjected to such intense heat that their fellow workers

were compelled to turn the water on them to keep them from being overcome by the heat.

The elevated street collapsed taking the fire crew into the blazing piling and much beneath.

The flimsy lodging houses began collapsing rapidly adding fuel to the blaze. At ten o'clock it was thought the fire was under control though fresh outbreaks are constantly reported. Among the structures destroyed are the Kedderly building, three story brick, Kearns Bro's. block and a lodging house, The Air Tight Stove company, Hallies paint store, Portland Cement company, and several small concerns.

The loss of the Kedderly building is \$50,000, and the Cully block \$50,000. Among the buildings is an Odd Fellows hall, the loss of which is approximately \$30,000. At noon the flames were still raging although under control. Three persons were injured and a number of heroic rescues were made by the firemen. There is little insurance on any of the buildings.

The burnt district includes four blocks of business houses, and the residences between Stark and Pine streets and Union streets are in ruins. Many other buildings adjoining are destroyed. Rio Pelle, a fireman was seriously injured, and J. Stewart, a

truck driver, sustained a broken leg. Three other people were injured while being rescued from the Kedderly building. A boy who jumped to the side walk had both legs fractured.

### Demand Indemnity

Scripta News Association  
Tangier Aug 22.—The French minister presented to the Sultan an energetic demand for an indemnity of \$2000 for the recent arrest of a Franco Algerian citizen. The minister also demands the punishment of the official responsible for the arrest, and additional indemnity of \$100 daily until the prisoner is released. It is believed that the Sultan will promptly grant the demands.

### CHANGE CHARGE TO CONSPIRACY

There is apparently, a well grounded belief that the charge against Williamson, Gessner and Biggs will be shifted by the Government from that of subornation of perjury to conspiracy to defraud the Government out of its public lands, and that a new indictment will be brought against the three defendants. Having failed after two trials to secure conviction on the charges of the former indictment, it is believed that a stronger case can be made on another indictment. This belief is supported by the presence here of 25 witnesses from Prineville, who will appear before the grand jury. —Telegram.

### To Suppress Boycott

Scripta News Association  
Shanghai Aug 22.—It is understood that the viceroy and governor of this province will endeavor to suppress the boycott against American goods.

### More Fever

Scripta News Association  
New Orleans, Aug. 22.—Eleven new cases of yellow fever and six deaths were reported to the health office today.

### MORE YET

New Orleans Aug 22.—Twenty seven new cases and eight deaths are reported at three o'clock.

### Promised Mother

In Belgium death warrants are never carried out because King Leopold promised his mother as she was dying that he would never sign his name to a death warrant.

## TAMPERING WITH GOVT. WITNESSES

This May be the Next Charge Against Williamson, Gessner and Biggs

Portland, Aug 22.—The United States federal grand jury convened this morning and began the investigation of the land fraud cases. The first matter to be considered was the indictment of persons previously indicted but dismissed on the grounds of defectiveness.

It is evident from the character of the witnesses summoned that the indictments are to be returned against Congressman Williamson and his co-defendants for conspiracy, alleged with tampering with government witnesses during the retrials.

### Building Collapses

By Scripta News Association  
St Louis Aug 22.—A section of the educational building at the world's fair grounds, which was weakened by an earthquake, collapsed this morning, carrying down eleven men, fatally injuring several of them.

### No Official Visitors

(Scripta News Association)  
Oyster Bay Aug 22.—The President received no official visitors today. This morning Philip B. Stewart of Colorado, with whom he had hunted, came to Washington to make a day or two stay with the Roosevelts.

### Change Their Tour

(Scripta News Association)  
Lincoln Neb Aug 22.—W. J. Bryan is here and his wife and children are coming home from Germany. They have changed their plans for their tour of the world and will go west to avoid the heat in the East Indies. They will leave San Francisco about September 16th for the Orient.

### Honey Loses Point

Judge Arthur L. Fraser, of the State Circuit Court, this morning denied the motion filed to strike out parts of the complaint in the \$50,000 damage suit brought against United States District Attorney Francis J. Heney by Charles F. Lord. —Telegram.

### Chicago Markets

By Scripta News Association  
Chicago, Aug 22.—Wheat closed today at 8.80%, corn at 53% and oats 25%.

### Wheat Quotations

At Portland—Walla Walla, 71c; Valley, 74c; bluestem, 75c.

## TERRIBLE TALE OF DANGER

Scripta News Association  
New York, Aug. 22.—The steamer Athos, which has been several days overdue, arrived today with a cargo of uneatable bananas and the bones of a half eaten shark aboard; indicating great hardships of the voyage. Eight passengers were aboard.

The ship left Antolinio, Jamaica, on July 8 for a six day voyage. When three hours out of port the engine broke down and the ship has drifted from that time until Sunday trying to repair the break. The steamer Aital was signaled and the derelict was towed to port.

The Chinese aboard tried to eat the shark but it made them ill. A number of dolphins were caught and they relieved the famine. On August 8th the Athos signaled "all is well" to the steamer Adriodack but on the 10th it was found that the fresh water tank was tainted by the juices of rotting fruit which has tossed about heavily for a week. The engines again broke down and the steamer Vera provided provisions but was unable to tow the ship. The passengers say the odor of the rotting fruit was worse than the hunger and dangers of the sea. Many are sick as a result of their terrible experience.

### Russian Ships Renamed

(By Scripta News Association)  
Tokio Aug 22.—The Russian ships captured by the Japanese fleet have been rechristened with Japanese names.

**The Fair**  
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

Big Shirt Waist Sale  
FOR  
THREE DAYS

Commencing Monday, Aug. 22, we will place on Sale our entire stock of Shirt Waist. No reserve

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> Per Ct.

Less than ACTUAL VALUE

**The Fair**  
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

## HAVE ADJOURNED UNTIL TOMORROW

Scripta News Association  
Portsmouth, Aug. 22.—The peace conference will not hold a session today having met this morning and adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

### SECRETARIES BUSY

Portsmouth Aug 22.—The secretaries are busy completing the minutes. The Russians are at work at rooms in the navy yard. Each session consists of from 1200 to 3000 words drafted in Japanese and Russian. After the agreement by the envoys as to the exact wording it must be written in French. Often differences arise as to the interpretation which must be harmonized.

### SECRET CONFERENCE

The assistant secretary of state this morning had a conversation with Kaneko's secretary lasting over two hours at the Rockingham hotel. Pierce declared that he came only to arrange a banquet that he is to give the Japanese envoys tomorrow night while he and the secretary were closeted. The clerks of the hotel positively denied that Pierce was in the house. It is believed that the conference was about

the concession that Japan is ready to make to the Russians.

The inability to secure complete drafts of the protocols is given as the reason for the delay in the peace conference.

### NEW PROPOSALS

Paris Aug 22.—A correspondent of the Temps, at St Petersburg, declares that the council of Ministers voted by a small majority for a conclusion of peace and have ordered the Portsmouth delegation to make new proposals regarding the amount of the indemnity.

### WANT IT ALL

Portsmouth, Aug 22.—The Japanese envoys declared that it is ridiculous to think that Japan would concede half of Sakhalin as a commission. They declare they will have possession of the island and Russia can never recover it.

### PRAISE TEDDY

London, Aug. 22.—People gather about the clubs for news from Portsmouth in regard to today's events for signs of an approaching agreement. Europe is generally loud in its praise for Roosevelt.

## 4 HEADACHE FACTS

I  
Headache is an almost universal ailment; 86 per cent have it, at least occasionally.

II  
Headaches could be relieved by means of strong opiates, but drugging a pain is not curing it.

III  
It is now possible to cure a headache quicker than an opiate will relieve it, and to cure harmlessly by removing the cause.

IV  
Newlin's Instant headache cure is a perfect remedy. It can't harm. It relieves the severest headaches in from 20 to 40 minutes. Price, 25 cents.

NEWLIN DRUG CO.

THE CITY GROCERY AND BAKERY  
E. POLACK, Prop.

Go to the City Grocery and Bakery for groceries, fresh fruits and vegetables.

FRESH BREAD, CAKES AND PIES, EVERY DAY

Give us a call one time and you will be sure and come again. We keep the best and freshest of everything the market affords.