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PROSPECT FOR EARLY TRAFFIC RESUMPTION

TRACKS CLEAR FROM PENDLETON TO PORTLAND.

Spur Troubles Over and Two Bridges and a Washout Remains as Obstacle to Mountain Traffic—These Repaired by Late This Evening and Train Will Leave La Grande About 3 a. m.—Outlook is Bright and Everybody Happy.

With the O. R. & N. road cleared and ready for traffic between Pendleton and Portland, the Allen spur washout repaired, the mountain streams needed so materially that the repair gangs can clear tracks of mud and repair washouts, knowing their work will be permanent, detained passengers and local O. R. & N. officials are practically positive that passenger traffic will be resumed tomorrow morning.

This afternoon the dispatchers' office, through Acting Chief Dispatcher Corbett, willingly confided the exact state of affairs to those who approached him, as, for the first time since the blockade occurred, he has been in position to know what the real condition would be an hour afterwards. At Allen's spur all difficulty is remedied. At Duncan there is some work yet to do, but it will be completed by 7 o'clock tonight. Between Bingham Springs and Pendleton there are two bridges that need repair work, but three hours after the pile driver reaches these two places the work will be finished. The crew is expected at the bridges late this afternoon.

Water Receding.

The river and mountain streams have receded so much that there is no longer any danger of additional landslides or washouts. It is snowing and raining in the mountains this afternoon, but the officials here do not look for a recurrence of the landslide troubles.

Train at Pendleton.

A train from Portland reached Pendleton about 3 o'clock this afternoon. It will be held there until tomorrow

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LA FOLETTE STRIKES HARD

MAKES COLLEAGUES SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE.

Aldrich Financial Bill Subject of Fiercy Attack From Senator R. M. La Follette of Wisconsin—Says the Bill is Cloak to Cover Sins of Wall Street Financiers and Morgan Interests—Not Designed to Help the Honest Individual.

Washington, D. C., March 17.—United States Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, who once talked to empty seats in the senate, today turned loose his batteries of scorn, logic, denunciation and reproach to-day in the senate, and awoke his colleagues in a manner that has not occurred before this session.

The principal object of his attack was the Aldrich financial bill, which he denounced as a measure, not one of reform or benefit to the small banker and honest business man, but as a cloak to extend more liberty and license to the stock gamblers and high financial jugglers of Wall street. He declared that the law making railroad bonds security for circulation was designed solely for the purpose of enabling men like John D. Rockefeller and J. P. Morgan to secure control of the country's banking.

Assets Financiers Fearlessly.

He declared that national banks use their interest in the trust companies

to cover up their own illegal actions. "Fighting Bob" asserted that the country was slowly being entwined in the coils of a gigantic financial octopus, headed by the Standard Oil and Morgan interests, which controlled 35 per cent of the industrial trusts of the country today.

"As a result of this consolidation and inter-consolidation, capitalists have so multiplied their wealth beyond their ability to make accurate estimate. In the face of this, the railroads, probably the greatest gainers, have sounded false danger alarms, driven people into panic and inaugurated a policy of wholesale reduction of wages in order to create an opinion against the law designed to curb their arrogance and greed. To further their own selfish ends they plunged the country into the depths of depression and the horrors of hard times."

Burns Meets Englishman.

Dublin, March 17.—Tommy Burns, the American world's champion heavyweight, will meet Jim Roche here tonight for a purse of about \$5000. Richard Croker, the old Tammany boss, is said to be backing Roche.

BOURNE'S THEORY GIVEN KNOCKOUT

HIS SECOND ELECTIVE TERM BUREAU DYING.

Oregon's Junior Senator Can Not Longer Hold Out Against Roosevelt's Objections to a Third Term—Bureau Which Has Been Collecting Anti-Taft Data is Rendered a Solar Plexus Blow by the President Himself—Bourne Stands Alone.

Washington, March 17.—Senator Jonathan Bourne's second elective term for Roosevelt bureau will probably die a-borning. The Oregon senator has an immense amount of material gathered together in the shape of cartoons, cuts of the president, and anti-Taft arguments, but it is doubtful if any will be used.

President Roosevelt is reported to have put a quietus on Bourne by saying: "Jonathan Bourne is the only man trying to reflect on my honesty of motive. Coming here with a self-satisfied smile, he misjudged the man and still insists that I am to run for president."

EASTERN CITIES NOT INTERESTED

AS A CONTRAST THE WEST IS ATTENTIVE.

To Contrast the Difference in Public Interest, San Diegoans Will Present Each of the Sailors With Oranges and Flowers—Sixteen Thousand Bouquets and 200,000 Oranges Required—Arrive in San Diego About April 12, if Nothing Interferes.

Magdalena Bay, March 17.—Unless orders to the contrary are received and nothing unusual occurs, the fleet will leave this harbor not later than April 10, and will arrive in San Diego on April 12.

While nothing definite can be given at this time, it is believed that the target practice will be over by April 5. The luke-warmness shown by the east in the progress of the fleet is so amusingly contrasted by intense interest of the west, that it has instilled new life in every man on board the great vessels and every scrap of information obtainable concerning the preparations for their reception is read with avidity. No favors are shown in the question of time between San Diego and San Francisco. Each city will get an equal share.

San Diego, March 17.—The citizens of San Diego propose that each sailor in the fleet will be presented with a dozen big oranges and a bouquet upon their arrival here. About 16,000

ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HANDS

FORMALITY ATTENDS CHANGE IN OFFICERS.

The Retiring Council and Mayor Transact Considerable Business Before Giving the Reins of Government to the Newly Elected—Petition for Sidewalk on Fourth Street—Praise for Richardson From the Councilmen—Applicants File Their Names.

Two or three casting of officials votes, thus clearing up practically all matters on the official slate, the formal relinquishment of the city's gavel by retiring Mayor Richardson, and introduction of the incoming mayor and councilmen, featuring of Mayor-elect Hall's message—thus reads the minutes of the last meeting of the old council and the first meeting of the new which was held last night.

The old council came to order on call from retiring Mayor Richardson, and immediately got down to business with several matters in hand. To listen to the second and third reading of the ordinance authorizing the purchase of belting for the pump at the city water works, and the final passage of that ordinance, opened the procedure. Then came a communication from a list of petitioners headed by John A. Rogers, for street improvement in the way of a five-foot sidewalk on Fourth street, from the north side of Klamath street, at its intersection with Fourth street, and on the west side of Fourth street to the south side of Polk street, where it intersects with Fourth street. The petition was referred to the street committee.

The first and second reading of the anti-combustible storing were made and referred to the fire committee.

Things Turn Formal.

Formality took charge of the occasion. Councilman Meyers with a brief statement on the perfect harmony that has existed in the old council since its inauguration, moved for a vote of thanks to Mayor Richardson for his courteous manner in meeting the members of the council. The motion was unanimously carried and it called the retiring mayor to his feet.

His response was brief but pointed. Dwelling on the evident harmony and speaking of his good will for the incoming mayor and council, he laid down his official burden in favor of Mayor M. K. Hall, who was introduced by Richardson. Councilmen Andrews and Monroe acted as formal escorts to usher the new members to their seats. David Bay, C. A. Curtis and George Kreiger were immediately seated. Ex-Mayor Richardson introduced D. E. Cox as the new recorder.

The reading of the mayor's message was the signal for the formal adjournment, but this followed only after filing and reading of applications for appointive offices, which will be elected at the next meeting. The applications which were filed follow:

For water superintendent—H. C. Gilman, J. B. Whiteman.

For city physician—Dr. G. L. Biggers.

For street commissioner—J. A. Matott, James Pepper and N. McMurray.

For engineer at the city pump house—John Allen.

bouquets and 200,000 oranges will be required. A jeweled sword will be presented to Admiral Evans.

Joint Wage Conference.

Louisville, Ky., March 17.—An attempt to agree on a wage scale for the ensuing year will be made at the joint conference of the union coal miners and the mine operators of western Kentucky in the city hall today.

Hoosier Masons Meet.

Fort Wayne, Ind., March 17.—Large delegations of Scottish Rite Masons from several Indiana cities are here for the semi-annual reunion of the members in the Valley of Fort Wayne, beginning today and lasting through tomorrow.

FORMAL PROTEST REGISTERED

DETAINED PASSENGERS DEMAND IMMEDIATE ACTION.

About Fifty Stranded Passengers Have Signed a Protest Which Was Wired to General Manager O'Brien Over Western Union Wires Today—Statement is Strong and Does Not Mince Matters—Indignant Over Treatment Accorded Them—Expect Results.

Stranded passengers in La Grande are indignant. Not only have they been harboring indignation at the O. R. & N. officials, but they have taken action which they believe will soon send them on their way rejoicing. In a formal protest, drafted by members of the incoming passengers, and signed by about 50 detained tourists, the travelers set forth in strong language to General Manager O'Brien what they call their just grievance. There are influential business men of Washington and Oregon at the head of the list. They are men who can easily vent their wrath on the company hereafter, unless the O. R. & N. takes steps to do as requested in the protest which was telegraphed to J. P. O'Brien today over Western Union wires.

But few of the detained passengers can afford to route themselves over the circuitous roads that lead to the northwest cities. To go to Spokane or Portland from La Grande, via Butte, costs in the neighborhood of \$42.50. This the average traveler cannot afford, and the result is that few people outside of commercial men have taken that means of dodging the blockade.

From the four corners of the United States come signers to the protest. Below is published a verbatim copy of the protest as wired in and those who signed it:

General Superintendent, O. R. & N. Portland, Oregon.

We, the undersigned first-class passengers on trains arriving from the east, beginning with Sunday morning last, do hereby emphatically protest against the delay to which we have been subjected at this point.

First, we feel that sufficient time has elapsed since our arrival, to enable those in charge at this end to at least give us some definite and intelligent information as to our prospects rather than avoiding the issue as has been the case for the past 48 hours.

Second, we feel that if the situation on the line is as serious as this enforced delay would indicate, it is the duty of the transportation company to take the necessary steps to place us at our destination via some other route, and we are confident that had such measures been adopted on Sunday last, when the seriousness of the situation must have been apparent, we would have been at our journey's end by this time.

Third, as in each instance our business demands our immediate presence in Portland we herewith request that prompt measures be taken to move us from this place or that at least definite information on the subject be accorded us.

Respectfully,

J. A. Van Ness, president J. A. Van Ness Lumber Co., Winlock, Wash.; C. R. Weber, secretary Columbia River Lumber Co., Portland; Edward V. Killeen, New York; C. R. Claws, New York; J. B. McCarthy, Silverton Lumber Co., Portland; L. L. Valentine, Chicago; Mrs. L. L. Valentine, Chicago; Miss Marie Van Ness, Winlock, Wash.; Mrs. J. A. Van Ness, Winlock, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. H. Brahm; W. F. Sergeant, San Francisco; T. W. Clark, Portland; A. Madson, Salt Lake; A. Von Holtz and wife, Portland; E. Cohen, Omaha; John H. Davies, Salt Lake; Wm. M. Daniels, New York city; Charles W. Jacob, Chicago; H. M. Smith, Portland; O. S. Graham, Dallas, Texas; Agnes W. Deardorff, New York; M. A. Slattery, Seattle; C. W. Beats, Elkhorn; George Messenger, Portland; D. C. Combest and family, Prosper, Texas; Ellsworth Altheimer, Sterling, Col.; H. A. Conklin, Seattle; Wade Gray, Boise; Alice S.

Redding, Syracuse; Jennie T. Turner, Oil City, Pa.; Mrs. Wm. Turner, Oil City, Pa.; Bessie Picker, Spokane; Mrs. R. B. Downing, Sprague, Wash.; Rachel Lamb, Malcolm, Iowa; Sadie Lamb, Malcolm, Iowa; Hattie Lamb, Malcolm, Iowa.

FORBIDDEN FREE SPEECH.

High Priestess of Anarchy Again Folled in Speechmaking.

Chicago, March 17.—Emma Goldman, the anarchist, had hardly reached the stage in Workingmen's hall last night and began her speech, before a squad of 25 policemen and officers burst into the hall and put her out of the building. Over 300 "Reds" were in the audience. It was 10 o'clock when Emma arose to speak.

"Friends, I beg you to keep quiet," she said, and then the police came and stopped the meeting.

National Stock Show Closes.

Fort Worth, Texas, March 17.—The National Feeders' and Breeders' show opened here last Wednesday, closes tonight with a wild west, ranch and range, and cowboys' exhibition.

COURTS RESENT THE CRITICISMS

CALIFORNIA'S HIGH COURTS ARE ANGRY.

Adverse Criticism Against the Supreme and Appellate Courts of California Has Precipitated Contempt of Court Proceedings—Bar Association Takes Matter in Hand—Will Seek Evidence to Punish Those Who Call Schmitz Case an Unfair One.

San Francisco, March 17.—The critics of the supreme and appellate courts, who recently gave voice to the decision practically freeing ex-Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz from conviction on the extortion charge, will probably be investigated and if sufficient evidence is found, will be proceeded against for contempt of court.

Prominent members of the California Bar association will demand this action next Friday night, when the association meets. Secretary George J. Martin has sent out a call for such a meeting with the announced intention that the meeting shall take up the subject of the attacks of the newspapers upon the court, and also that of some attorneys who have declared that the supreme and appellate courts exercised poor judgment in setting aside the Schmitz indictments.

Florida Shriners Celebrate.

Tampa, Fla., March 17.—One of the most enthusiastic celebrations ever held by the Shriners of Florida marked the arrival today of Exalted Noble Frank C. Roundy, the Imperial Potentate of North America. Shriners from many other cities of the state assisted the Tampa nobles in arranging a fitting demonstration in honor of the distinguished visitor.

FRANCE LIABLE TO TROUBLE

SUNDAY ASSASSINATIONS PARTIALLY JUSTIFIABLE.

Riots, Intrigue and Revolt of Yesterday in Hayti Partially Quelled Today—France on Hand to Take Part in Game, But Haytian Government Will Object—Those Killed Were Persistent Plotters Against the Government Officials.

Port au Prince, March 17.—Hayti is hovering on the brink of a crisis with France. There is comparative quiet here today and in a measure tranquility has been restored in the administration of Nord Alexis, but it is only the calm prior to the storm.

Every one is awaiting the arrival of the French cruiser D. Estrees. Haytian officials will brook no interference and should the French marines attempt to take a hand in the game of intrigue and revolt that is now being played here on the blood-soaked island, trouble will be certain to ensue. Americans and American interests are in no direct danger, but so acute is the situation from a diplomatic standpoint that Washington officials have ordered the Des Moines to go to Port au Prince at once. The gunboat Eagle is now en route for this city.

Although the killing of 10 citizens Sunday was drastic it has a certain measure of justification from Haytian standards.

LeComte has offered the conspirators their freedom if they would leave the island at once. They had been condemned to death by Haytian military law, which imposes a death penalty on conspirators against the existing government. While awaiting their boat these men took refuge in the French consulate. Here they were discovered again, plotting to overthrow the government, and this last plot cost them their lives.

The British cruiser Indefatigable and the German Cruiser Bremen are here but have made no attempt to communicate with people on shore.

Effects May Reach Here.

Washington, D. C., March 17.—The United States may become implicated in the Haytian difficulty at any moment. President Nord Alexis continues his policy of exterminating enemies and has made a demand upon the French consulate for its refugees. This has been refused by the French.

As yet no refugees have come to the United States consulate, but as soon as some do, which will probably occur this afternoon, the United States will have to refuse Alexis' demand for their surrender, and this will involve the United States with the island government. An attempt on the part of the Haytian government to seize any of the refugees will precipitate a landing of marines to protect the consulates.

Prescriptions

There is no more vital question to be considered in the family than that of the compounding of the doctor's prescription. There should be no half way methods regarding prescriptions. We use pure drugs, compounded just "according to the doctor's orders."

HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande Oregon