

La Grande Evening Observer

VOLUME X.

LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1911.

NUMBER 244

ROOSEVELT APPEARS AS WITNESS IN STEEL PROBE

HE SANCTIONED BIG STEEL GRAB

DID IT TO RESTORE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AT THAT TIME

MOSEY MATTERS PANICKY—DEAL SETTLED MATTERS

Appearing Voluntarily Colonel Roosevelt Tells Stanley Investigation Committee All He Knows of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company Consolidation When He Was President.

New York, August 5.—Theodore Roosevelt today agreed to go before the Stanley committee and tell all he knows about the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron company by the trust and how Gary and Frick procured his consent as president to the trust gobbling concern.

Col Roosevelt appeared voluntarily. When asked by Stanley to tell what the steel manufacturers told him in 1907 the colonel drew out a big manuscript from his pocket from which he read.

It reviewed the business conditions which were then panicky. When Gary and Frick appeared at his offices, Roosevelt said, he took the matter up with Attorney General Bonaparte, and Secretary of State Root, and when the steel men's story had been discussed, he said he would have no objections to the absorption of the Tennessee concern.

"I wish it distinctly understood," said the colonel, "that I acted wholly on my own initiative, and I wish to accept the full responsibility. The 'pinch' was due to unreasonable fear and the only way to stop it was to restore public confidence, so I called the Morgan interests and then only was public confidence retained, and I had to act instantly. I believed the action was for the public good."

Roosevelt defended himself, saying that afterward his friends all told him his action was of the utmost value in preventing a panic and saving several financial institutions from wreck.

In appearing before the committee Roosevelt smashed all precedents by being the first ex-president to submit to an explanation of his official acts while president. He was good humored throughout the examination and

(Continued on Page Eight.)

DES MOINES IN STRIKE'S GRIP

STREET CAR MEN TIE UP ALL STREET TRAFFIC.

Hotel Housing Strikebreakers Is Stoned by Angry Employees.

Des Moines, August 5.—Serious rioting today marked the opening of the street car employes' strike. The company had several hundred strikebreakers on hand but the temper of the strikers and their sympathizers overawed them and no attempt was made to move the cars.

Five thousand men and boys overpowered the police, and stoned the hotel where the strikebreakers are housed.

BARON UCHIDA, AMBASSADOR TO AMERICA.



The Distinguished Diplomat Representing Japan in the United States and Who Was the Moving Spirit in the Details and Presentation of Admiral Togo in the Washington Visit Today. This Statesman and Baron Togo Represent Two of the Greatest Living Japanese.

CARRY APPEAL UP TO LOVETT

SOUTHERN PACIFIC SHOPMEN DENIED INCREASED PAY.

Refusal Yesterday by Calvin Leads to Appeal to Road's Head.

WILL APPEAL TO LOVETT.

San Francisco, Cal., August 5.—Refused shorter hours and increased pay by General Manager Calvin of the Harriman lines, the Shop Employes' Federation is today planning to take the grievances direct to Judge Lovett, the head of the system.

San Francisco, August 5.—Following the refusal of General Manager E. E. Calvin of the Harriman system yesterday to grant the demands of Espee employes for shorter hours and higher pay the next move by the employes is being awaited with interest here today. Calvin's dictum followed a lengthy conference with a committee of the federated employes. A night hour day and 7 per cent increase in pay for helpers and semi-skilled workmen all over the system was asked.

The new schedule, if granted, would have meant a total year increase of between \$1,800,000 and \$2,000,000.

To Attend Convention at Scranton.

Chicago, Ill., August 5.—Escorted by a large delegation of Illinois people, Father P. J. O'Callaghan, president of the Catholic Total Abstinence union of America, will leave here on a special train tomorrow to attend the annual national convention of the organization at Scranton, Pa., next week.

Anna Langley Collapses.

San Francisco, August 5.—While being taken into Police Judge Deasy's court for a preliminary hearing on the charge of having murdered her husband, Anna Langley collapsed on the court house stairs.

TOGO GREETED AT WHITE HOUSE

WARM RECEPTION IS TENDERED JAPANESE BY TAFT

FORMAL STATE FUNCTION IN HIS HONOR TONIGHT

Entrance of Admiral Togo, Nation's Guest, at Washington Marked by Cheers From Crowds Following Admiral's Wake—Receives a Warm Greeting from President Taft.

Washington, August 5.—In full dress uniform Admiral Togo, the Japanese war hero, called upon President Taft today shortly after arriving from New York. The heartiest greetings were exchanged and the state dinner and official reception at the white house tonight will be one of the most notable functions of its kind ever held during the present administration.

Togo was the center of attraction wherever he went. Great crowds outside the white house cheered him.

Greets Naval Officers.

Greeted by cheers no less enthusiastic than those which marked his welcome in New York Admiral Togo arrived at Washington today. Following the exchange of formal calls with Japanese Ambassador Uchida, Secretary of State Knox and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Beekman Winthrop, the admiral held a reception for the naval officers.

To Solve Municipal Problems.

Chicago, Ill., August 5.—Much interest is being manifested in the International Congress and Exposition to be held in this city next month, and arrangements are being made for the reception of a large number of visitors from the principal cities of the United States and Canada and several European countries. Experts of world wide fame and known ability in matters pertaining to municipal government will be in attendance. Health and sanitation, including garbage collection and its disposition and the prevention and suppression of epidemics will be given especial attention, as will also the subject of taxation. Among other subjects to be discussed will be that of public utilities. Included in this will be the subjects of franchises, municipal ownership, street lighting, water systems, docks and water transportation and modern housing.

ALICEL THRESHING UNDER WAY.

Alicel Resident Tells of Live News Topics About His Town.

Farmers are busy harvesting and the thresher can be heard on all sides, reports W. J. Case, an Alicel visitor in La Grande today. He said that Roscoe West, drilling a well at Alicel, has reached 300 feet depth and has not found water yet. "A mass meeting will be held next Monday evening at 8 o'clock," said Mr. Case this afternoon. "to discuss the telephone situation. The meeting will be held in the town hall. The farmers union will hold a meeting next Thursday at 2 o'clock."

MANY DIPLOMATS CHANGED.

Moved From Japan to Constantinople to Fill Vacancies There.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Following a number of transfers in the diplomatic service it was learned today that C. Bryan of Chicago, United States minister to Belgium, will succeed Thomas O'Brien as ambassador to Japan. Mr. O'Brien will be shifted to Constantinople to take the place vacated by Leishman who has left for Berlin to succeed Hill. Bryan has been minister to Chili, China, Switzerland, Belgium, Portugal and Brazil.

TRI-NATIONAL TREATY DELAYED

SENATE MAY BE SLOW TO RATIFY IT IS BELIEF

SOME DANGER OF ITS ULTIMATE DEATH IS SEEN

Sweeping Treaty With France and England Signed This Week Has Not Been Ratified—Members of Senate Committee "Put Out" Because They Were Not Consulted About Them.

Washington, August 5.—Opposition in the senate to the arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France may prevent or at least postpone their consideration at the present congressional session and may prevent their ratification, though this is not probable. Members of the senate foreign relations committee are provoked because President Taft and Secretary of State Knox did not consult them in the preparation of the treaties signed this week and today indicated they would be in no hurry to put the agreements into effect.

Carnegie Praises Taft.

Kibop Castle, Scotland, August 5.—Andrew Carnegie today praised President Taft unstintingly for the part he played in bringing about the arbitration treaties between the United States, England and France.

The treaties were signed this week and make it almost impossible for the United States to become involved in war with either of the two countries.

PRESIDENT TO SIGN BILL.

Redistricting by Initiative and Referendum Where Law Is in Force.

Washington, August 5.—It was predicted today that the re-apportionment bill increasing the membership of the house will be signed very soon by the president now that the house has agreed to accept the senate amendments to the measure despite the fact that it is regarded in some respects as a democratic bill. Although the democrats secure gains in representation in the south, it is pointed out that the gain of six members from New York alone should tend to balance up matters from the republican viewpoint and for this reason it is believed Taft will not hesitate in signing the measure.

The most important amendment is that which permits redistricting of congressional districts by initiative and referendum instead of by legislative action in states where these laws are in force.

Cattle Raisers to Investigate.

San Antonio, Texas, August 5.—A conference of Texas cattle raisers to terminate the discrepancy between the high price of meat and the low price of cattle has been called to be held in September. The call was issued by President Lasater of the Lattie Raisers' association. It will begin in Fort Worth Sept. 12. In the call Lasater asserts that the cattle raisers are facing ruin in spite of the fact that the price of dressed meats is almost the highest in history.

Archbishop Blenk 55 Years Old.

New Orleans, La., August 5.—The Most Rev. James H. Blenk, head of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of New Orleans, will be 55 years old tomorrow. Beyond receiving the customary congratulations the archbishop has planned for no special observance of the anniversary.

To Settle Boundary Dispute.

St. Paul, Minn., August 5.—Legislative committees representing Wisconsin and Minnesota met at the state capitol here today to confer on a settlement of the long standing controversy concerning the interstate boundary lines in Lake Pepin and the Duluth Superior harbor.

GERMANY'S MOROCCAN POLICY IS FRUSTRATED

ANDREW CARNEGIE. Portrait of Philanthropist Made Recently in New York.



© 1911 by American Press Association.

Probable Refusal of the Senate to Ratify the Broad Treaties Preventing War Between France and England and the United States, Prompted Andrew Carnegie Today to Praise Taft for the Executive's Part in Bringing the Treaties About.

CENTRAL LAYS BETTER STEEL

PREPARATIONS FOR MOTOR CAR SERVICE STARTS.

New Steel and Improvement on Ties Going on Near Union.

Union, August 5.—(Special)—Steel is being laid and repairs being made on the track that will form the connecting link between La Grande and Cove this fall when the Central Railroad of Oregon puts on its motor car service over its own tracks and that of the O.-W. from Hot Lake to La Grande, form a half-circle service between La Grande and Cove with Hot Lake as the Junction. At present the company is laying new steel between the switch where the Union Central leaves Union for Cove, and the city proper. New ties where needed are also going in. In the meantime the O.-W. will connect the two roads by laying about a mile and a half of road near Hot Lake.

Engine Off Track Today.

A small wreck on the Union Central little delay today. Two railroads turned over sending the engine off the track and some of the passengers took farmers' wagons to the station while other came on a dray rushed out from Union.

Congress of Reform.

Pacific Grove, Cal., August 5.—Many religious and social workers have gathered here for the congress of reform, which is held annually under the auspices of the Women's Christian union. The sessions of the congress will begin tomorrow and continue for one week.

More Hammontree Crecks.

Another \$25 check issued by John Hammontree, who "got" the Foley hotel for a like amount, has been returned from Portland, marked, "No account." The Newlin Drug company was the loser.

KAISER'S RIGHT BOWERS SUFFER

GENERALLY BELIEVED HIS LIEUTENANTS WILL RESIGN

GERMANY CONCEDES MUCH TO FRENCH DIPLOMATS

General Satisfaction Expressed at the Agreement Between France and Germany on the Resignations of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and Foreign Secretary von Kiddehn Wachter. It is declared the kaiser compelled his ministers to yield to France and concede from a part of their demands. While the British foreign office expects an amicable settlement ultimately in the Moroccan affairs, there are still delicate questions to be settled some of which concern England.

London, August 5.—Failure of their plans to grab a part of the Moroccan sea coast because England took such a bold stand, it is expected that the agreement now practically arrived at between France and Germany will result in the resignations of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and Foreign Secretary von Kiddehn Wachter. It is declared the kaiser compelled his ministers to yield to France and concede from a part of their demands. While the British foreign office expects an amicable settlement ultimately in the Moroccan affairs, there are still delicate questions to be settled some of which concern England.

SALEM SITE PURCHASED.

State Board Buys Roman Property Giving Entire Block Title.

Salem, August 5.—The state board today purchased the Roman property, thus securing a title of an entire block on which the additional capitol buildings will be erected. Architect Knighton will begin preparing the plans for the building immediately.

Convict made brick and convict labor will be used whenever possible. The appropriation for the structure is \$500,000.

TAFT COMING WEST.

Story Goes This Afternoon That Executive Will Visit West.

Washington, August 5.—That President Taft may visit the west this fall despite early reports to the contrary, was the burden of a white house statement today. Two tentative itineraries exist. One is a six-week's trip to the coast. The others makes Hutchinson, Kansas, the most western point he will visit.

No definite decision of route will be known until later.

CLOUDBURSTS HIT NEBRASKA

TRAFFIC COMPLETELY TIED UP IN MANY PLACES.

Six Inches of Rainfall in Western Nebraska Last Night.

Lincoln, Neb., August 5.—Traffic on the main line of the Burlington railroad between Chicago and Denver was completely blocked today by a cloudburst in western Nebraska.

All trains are 12 to 15 hours late. The Rock Island is running trains over the Union Pacific tracks. Six inches of rain fell in some places.