

TO GREET PRINCE

Heir to Siam's Throne
Arrives Today.

COMES ON SPECIAL TRAIN

Chowfa Maha Vajiravudh to
Be Welcomed.

STAYS FIVE HOURS IN PORTLAND

Acting Mayor Zimmerman and Prom-
inent Citizens Will Extend Free-
dom of City to the Royal Vis-
itor and His Retinue.

A real Prince, one of the royal purple,
will be in Portland today. He is the
Crown Prince of Siam, whose name is too
long to print, for it stretches out so far
that it begins again before it ends. Part
of it is Chowfa Maha Vajiravudh. His
Highness is a son of His Majesty
Chulalongkorn I, who was begotten of
Maha Mongkut. The royal pedigree con-
tains many valiant warriors and clever
statesmen, and the name of the latest
son of this Imperial house promises to
be as resplendent as any on the ancestral
shield.

His Highness the Prince, Vajiravudh
for short, is nearly 23 years old. He is
as swarthy as his forefathers. But al-
though his complexion is dusky with the
shadowed liveliness of the burning sun, he is
a clever Prince, as bright as a 1902 dollar,
and a youth of mark and likely parts. He
has been away from his ancestral halls
for 35 full years, a student in England.
Now he is going home to help his father
bear the burden of a kingdom. He speaks
English more fluently than his native
tongue, and is adept at cricket. Vajira-
vudh is well educated, and well re-
fined. He is a high-bred as well as a
high-born gentleman.

Arrives on Special Train.
The Prince has a long retinue—so long
that it trails in a special train. His
Highness will arrive this morning at 8
o'clock in a train of four cars. He will
be welcomed at the depot by Acting
Mayor Zimmerman, S. M. Meers, presi-
dent of the Chamber of Commerce, and
C. F. Beebe, chairman of the entertain-
ment committee. The Chamber of Com-
merce will be entirely informal. The
Prince chooses to be free from ceremony
in his travels.

The Prince thinks all girls are beau-
tiful. Many dandies have tried their
sundries upon him, but he tells them
with his eyes, "Nay, nay, Pauline."
Pretty hotheads of femininity are
admitted by him all the same equal
measure. The little, little beauty of
creamy complexion, that is tinged with
the red of the rose, has passed in review
before him, but the nod of her dainty
head and the shrug of her ivory shoulders
have charmed him not. Over the sea in
Siam are star-eyed maidens with rose-
tipped fingers and peach-flushed cheeks
who are waiting for him to come home.
Of course, the Prince is entranced by the
daughters of his native land. He has read
horrid if he wasn't, you know. But he
hasn't been captured and it's real mean
that he can't stay in Portland more than
five hours. Girls, make the most of your
chance.

A few years more and His Highness will
become His Majesty. Vajiravudh is pre-
paring himself to rule a kingdom. His
college education is finished, and now he
is "polishing off" with a trip through the
United States. In Siam he will be King
over 12,000,000 devoted subjects. He will
be head of the Buddhist church in Siam,
adored by millions of adherents and with-
al one of the most powerful Kings of
Asia. He doesn't have to marry an Ameri-
can heiress, for he will have more money
than he can fling to the winds. Siam is
rich in mines, which all belong to the
government. All property, in fact, be-
longs primarily to the King.

Comes From a Prosperous Land.
The land of the Prince is prosperous. It
enjoys a large measure of individual
rights. Wealth is well distributed. The
people are peaceable and polite. Siam has
an area of 200,000 square miles—almost
three times as much as Oregon. It is
between British Burma on the west and
French Indo-China on the east, and is,
therefore, under high pressure. It has
continual trouble with France.

Through the center of the kingdom
flows the great Menam—the Nile of Siam
—which is navigable for 30 miles. Run-
ning parallel to it are three other rivers,
which are useful both for traffic and ir-
rigating purposes. There is also an elab-
orate system of canals throughout the
country. The rainfall averages 60 inches
annually, which is ample for flooding the
rice fields and filling the rivers to a nav-
igable depth.

Although agriculture is the chief occu-
pation of the people, owing to the fer-
tility of the soil and the small amount of
labor involved, the mountains are rich
in gold, rubies and sapphires. These
mines, together with the extensive forests
of rare woods, are all the property of the
crown, and are worked under concessions
from the government, yielding large reve-
nues to the royal treasury. In the south
lead and tin are mined in large quanti-
ties. Iron, coal and copper are also found
in many places, and only await modern
methods to be productive. The revenue
to the crown from all these sources is
practically sufficient to meet the expenses
of the kingdom, thus placing Siam in the
unique position of a country free from
debt and with minimum taxation.

The internal improvements in Siam dur-
ing the past few years have been almost
unparalleled. Three lines of railways
have been constructed, and a fourth is
under way. Trolley cars and electric
lighting have been installed, telephones
are seen everywhere, sewerage systems
are being elaborated, sawmills and rice-
mills built in great numbers. There are
more recent inventions of the world are
finding markets in the principal cities.

The religion of Siam is Buddhism, but
it is not observed to the exclusion of
other sects. There are several Protestant
churches and institutions in the country,
built upon ground given for that purpose
by the present King. Education is gen-
eral, and literature, science, history, a
number of high schools and colleges mod-
eled upon the system prevailing in the
United States.

Career of the Prince's Father.

The Crown Prince's father, Chulalong-
korn I, the present King of Siam, is one
of the most enlightened and progressive
monarchs of the Eastern world. He suc-
ceeded his father, the remarkable King
Mongkut, in 1893. He has visited all of
the countries of Europe, as well as those
of Asia, and his quick perception, patriot-
ism and ardent love for his people have
resulted in the introduction of many re-
forms and the establishment of many
great enterprises which promote the wel-
fare of both noble and peasant.

The King is ready at all times to con-

sider propositions looking to the better-
ment of conditions in Siam. And the aid
of his enormous wealth is freely given to
deserving enterprises. Although an ab-
solute sovereign, he has introduced not
only a Privy Council and Cabinet, but also
a Legislative Council, and in no instance
has he exercised his autocratic power.

Fully appreciating the benefits of for-
eign travel and study, Chulalongkorn has
had his sons educated abroad, and in ad-
dition the government maintains about
50 young Siamese men in European col-
leges. The King, like his brilliant son, has
also distinguished himself in literature,
having compiled the only complete col-
lection of the Buddhist Scriptures. These
he annotated and published in modern
Siamese, under his personal supervision.
In recognition of this scholarly produc-
tion, Oxford University conferred upon
the King the degree of D. C. L.

One of the most remarkable utterances
of the present King was his message to
Siam on assuming his priestly function
as head of Buddhism. He told them that
it was his desire that no man should ac-
cept a belief merely on authority, but
that each one for himself should con-
sider, weigh and choose that belief that
his spiritual needs and then see to it
that he consistently practiced that creed.
In the same liberal spirit he contemplated
the education which he wished to pro-
vide for his son. His view of the desir-
able means of discipline was world-wide;
he wanted the best from every available
source. After passing through such a
course of training, it is but natural to
suppose that the son will be more lib-
eral than the sire. And the Crown
Prince has at times expressed such a
tendency.

But he is no revolutionist. He contem-
plates no radical changes. His idea of
progress is the introduction or encour-
agement of such changes as promise to
add to the happiness of his people. Many
of the so-called advanced institutions of
Occidental civilization he excludes from
this category. And in general he would
cherish those customs that are native to
the soil and the virtues of their spontane-
ous development from among the people
have been shaped to their needs. He
would develop and elevate these, not dis-
place them. For this purpose he wel-
comes the assistance of whatever has
proved its worth in the institutions of
other nations. But he is well aware that
some of them would only introduce
misery and discontent.

Bids San Francisco Good-Bye

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—The Crown
Prince of Siam has said good-bye to San
Francisco after having spent six pleasa-
rant days here. His special train left for
Portland, Seattle and Vancouver at 11:25
last night. Tomorrow will be spent at

Portland, and Vancouver will be reached
Sunday. The Prince sails from Vancouver
next Tuesday morning.

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ITS VOTE A BLANK

Trades Council on Labor
Commissioner.

NO TROUBLE OVER CANDIDATE

Nominations for Prospective State
Position Came In From Outside
—Lively Contest Among
Aspirants.

The State Labor Commissioner cam-
paign is now on in full blast. Every
union in the state has been heard from,
and the nominations are all in. A ballot
containing the names of the various union
incomes has been prepared and sent to the
various unions to be voted upon, and the
result of this vote will tell who is to be
named by organized labor in the bill to
create an office of "State Labor Commis-
sioner" at the next session of the Legis-
lature. The nominations are as follows:

B. J. Denpenning, Pressmen's Union, No. 84, Portland.

John W. Stiger, Painters' Union, No. 34, Portland.

F. H. Taylor, Bridge & Structural Iron Workers, No. 181, Portland.

G. Y. Harry, Sheet Metal Workers, No. 16, Portland.

A. A. Bailey, Multnomah Typographical Union, No. 28, Portland.

James Godfrey, Federal Labor Union, No. 881, Salem.

C. Bomberger, Carpenters' Union, No. 50, Portland.

J. E. Wilson, Street Railway Em- ployees, No. 181, Portland.

Bert Huffman, Federal Labor Union, No. 976, La Grande.

A. N. Mayville, Trades and Labor As- sembly, La Grande.

Much interest has been centered in the vote of the Federated Trades Council, as there was a division of opinion among the members as to whether or not they had a right to vote. It has been freely predicted that there would be a hot time when the matter came up. A clash was diplomatically avoided, however, at the

regular meeting last night, when the bal- lot was presented to be voted upon. The council did not surrender its right to vote, but decided to vote a blank. This was agreeable to all parties, and there was no trouble. Those who held that the council held the right to vote did not have to give in, and the blank vote was sent. Those who thought the council had no right to vote could see no harm to come from casting a blank, and thus the trouble was averted.

Who Shall It Be?

While there is as yet no certainty as to whether or not the bill will pass creating the office of State Labor Commissioner, there is a great deal of interest centered in the election. Friends of organized labor have been working hard on the issue, and will put forth their strongest efforts to have this bill pass, and most of them are sanguine in their expectations of suc- cess. There are several strong candidates in the field, but the most promising from all reports seems to be G. Y. Harry. A. A. Bailey is also a much favored candi- date among the union men. Other Port- land men will receive a good vote in Portland. Each candidate has friends in his union, and it is from this source that the union men do not like to work hard upon the issue, and most of them are sanguine in their expectations of suc- cess. There are several strong candidates in the field, but the most promising from all reports seems to be G. Y. Harry. A. A. 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