

# GET BACK PAW

## Indian War Veterans Can Rejoice.

### OREGON CLAIM IS APPROVED

#### Way Is Also Cleared for Pensions in Future.

#### MOODY'S HARD WORK COUNTS

All That Is Required of Early-Day Fighters Is That They Prove Service by Rolls Which Must Be Filed With Department.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 3.—The Auditor for the War Department today approved the first claim for back pay filed by a veteran of the early Indian wars of the Northwest, and directed that Lewis Lawley, of The Dalles, who served as a private in the Second Washington Territory Mounted Volunteers, be paid \$134, for services rendered from March 31 to September 1, 1858. This amount will be paid out of the first appropriation made at the next session of Congress.

The Lawley case is one that was urged for many months by ex-Representative Moody, and the adjustment today establishes the precedent for the granting of back pay to all survivors of the early Indian wars, who can prove service by rolls that are now on file in the department. The department finds that there are several rolls in Oregon, which were prepared by Captains as successors and for other purposes. Persons whose names are on these rolls cannot be paid until the original rolls are filed with the auditor in Washington.

The action on the Lawley case makes the claimant a qualified applicant for pension. Lawley filed application for pension some months ago, and his claim was disallowed because he could not show pay. Now that his pay has been authorized, his services are recognized by the Government, his pension claim will go through. This decision is of great importance in that it establishes a way by which Indian War veterans cannot only recover back pay when they failed to draw allowances heretofore, and also places them on a pensionable status.

A great many veterans are unable to prove satisfactory service, and where that proof is not obtainable, record or pay by the United States is necessary. Therefore the importance to many of securing back pay. Once this is obtained, practically the essential evidence is at hand. Two Indian War claims, urged by ex-Representative Moody: The claim of Thomas J. Miller, Wapinitia, Wash., and that of Jacob A. Gulliford, Dufur.

#### NO QUARTER TO BREMERTON.

Moody Again Declares No More Ships Will Be Sent to Navy-Yard.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 3.—Secretary Moody, who returned to his office this morning after a visit to the Pacific Coast, reiterated statements he made at Tacoma, after inspecting the Puget Sound Navy-Yard and its surroundings, to the effect that no more vessels would be ordered there for repairs until the saloons and dives in the immediate vicinity of the yard had been closed.

Secretary Moody, like Assistant Secretary Darling, feels that the department has been tricked by the people of Bremerton, and he is unwilling to accept further promises, either from the Mayor, the town Council or even from Seattle interests.

They must demonstrate their good faith by closing the saloons and keeping them closed," said he. "Not until the effects of their work of reform are visible will the department think of resuming work at the Puget Sound Navy-Yard."

#### Bremerton Is Penitent.

SEATTLE, June 3.—At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce here today Mayor Croxson of Bremerton, gave his assurance that at the meeting of the Bremerton Council Saturday night it will revoke all saloon licenses now outstanding. In return the Chamber voted to extend every aid to the city in the effort to get the officials at Washington to revoke the order directing that no more ships be sent to the Puget Sound navy-yard for repairs.

#### AMERICAN DIPLOMATS WILL OCCUPY AN OLD TEMPLE TEMPORARILY.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Pending the erection of new buildings for the United States in Peking, the Legation of this country will occupy, temporarily, an old Chinese Temple situated on the grounds allotted to the United States by China. The premises heretofore occupied by the United States Legation have become the property of the Korean Government.

Secretary Hay called on the Controller of the Treasury to decide whether the sum appropriated by Congress for rent of Legation buildings in Peking could be used to repair the Temple. Today, the Controller decided that, while the question is not entirely free from doubt, on the statement of facts submitted, and in view of the important public interests involved, he is of the opinion that the appropriation may be used in the way suggested.

#### MACHEN CASE GOES OVER.

Grand Jury Fails to Take Expected Action in Postal Frauds.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—It was expected that the case of A. W. Machen, ex-superintendent of the free delivery service, would be taken before the grand jury today, but the jury convened and adjourned until tomorrow without considering the case. Postmaster General Payne stated today that the reply of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow to the Tulloch charges would not be made public until the report of the investigation of the Washington postoffice is submitted.

Mr. Payne expressed surprise at the failure to present the Machen case to the grand jury today, but said that the matter would be delayed by the grand jury when the matter was put before it.

Light on the Machen Coal Contract. WASHINGTON, June 3.—Postmaster-General Payne today made public the decision of Attorney-General Knox, on which Mr. Payne based his award of the

coal contract of the department to Machen Bros., of this city, of which A. W. Machen, then General Superintendent of the Free Delivery System, is a member. The award was made to that firm as the lowest bidder during the coal famine last winter, and newspapers at the time charged that the award to a firm of which an official of the department was a member was in violation of the statutes. The decision is dated January 28. The Attorney-General has now ruled that "While I am of the opinion that you are not forbidden by any statute from awarding the contract under consideration to the lowest bidder, you must not be understood as advising you that you are under any legal obligation to do so. The matter is one of administrative consideration."

#### FRANCE OFFERS TWO TERMS. It Will Adhere to Venezuelan Protocol on Two Conditions.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—France has signaled its willingness to adhere to the protocol providing for the submission to The Hague tribunal of the question of preferential treatment growing out of the late Venezuelan blockade. She has, however, certain conditions to her adherence. First, that the proceedings shall be in the French language and, second, that instead of limiting the amount of the backbill powers to one attorney, Wayne MacVeach, France shall be represented by French Counsel. If these conditions are accepted, there will be but three national powers represented at The Hague, namely, the United States, France and Mexico.

#### ALASKAN BOUNDARY TAKEN UP. Ambassador Choate Arrives at Capital and Discusses Question.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Ambassador Choate, who has just returned from his trip to the State Department today. After paying his respects to Secretary Hay, he went to the office of General Foster, where he met S. M. Dickinson and D. P. Brewster, who are the United States before the Alaskan Boundary Commission. The conference lasted several hours, the subjects under discussion being the positions of the attaches of the commission and the arrangements and rules for its meeting in London in September next.

#### Cruiser Is Out of Commission.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The protected cruiser Minneapolis, for some time the receiving ship at the League Island navy-yard, has been placed out of commission, and is being towed to the Washington Navy-Yard for repairs. This action was taken because of the infection of the Minneapolis. That vessel, after undergoing repairs, will be subjected to a thorough cleaning.

#### Salaries of Postmasters Increased. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 3.—The following increases in salaries of Presidential postmasters were announced today: Idaho—Rathburn and Sand Point, \$200; Harrison, Kendrick and Nez Perces, \$190; Oregon—Elmer, Moro and Ontario, \$180; Washington—Bremerton, \$200; Seattle, Rock, Garfield and Kent, \$190.

#### Army Board Approves New Rifle. WASHINGTON, June 3.—General Crozier, chief of the board of Ordnance, today received a report from the infantry board at Fort Leavenworth approving the 24-inch rifle as an Army weapon.

#### CLUBBED BY HIGHWAYMEN. Young Man's Name Is Forgotten by Woman He Is Escorting Home.

While walking home with a young man whose name she had forgotten, Miss Moran, of 113 1/2 First street, was clubbed by three masked men at the turn in Meade street, near the Macadam road, last night. Neither the young lady nor her escort had any money on them, and the robbers, disappointed and chagrined, took revenge by pounding the young man almost to insensibility. The man was named and carried pistols. Further than that description is lacking. After having satisfied themselves upon the body of the defenseless young man, the highwaymen fled in the direction of the Puget Sound Navy-Yard. "I really don't know," she said, "I was introduced to him at a party this evening and really I've forgotten his name."

#### HARRIMAN IS UP AGAIN. Railroad Magnate Walks About for First Time in Two Weeks.

NEW YORK, June 3.—Edward W. Harriman, who has been confined to his bed in the Hotel Netherlands since the operation performed on him 14 days ago, was able to walk today in his room today. He stated that he would go to Europe Tuesday next on the Kronprinz Wilhelm.

#### INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY CONGRESS. BERLIN, June 3.—At the opening of the International Chemistry Congress here today, Professor Clark responded for the United States.

Professor Frank, of Charlottenburg, read a paper on the utilization of the free nitrogen of the atmosphere for agricultural purposes. He describes the process by which he discovered the making of a fertilizer from atmospheric nitrogen. The process consists of converting nitrogen into amide and cyanide, combinations which are then used with the raw material of various fertilizing salts. In the discussion which followed the reading of Professor Frank's paper, the speakers recognized the importance of the discovery, but some raised doubts as to the cost of producing the fertilizer. Professor Frank replied that he had assured himself on that point.

#### Morgan Denies Deal Has Been Made. NEW YORK, June 3.—Regarding the reports of the Erie deal, a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. said today: "The control of Erie has been changed, and we feel sure that nothing of that sort is contemplated."

Bankers who represent both the Goulds and Harrimans in their various railroad schemes were equally emphatic in denying the reports. A leading member of the Rockefeller interests characterized the reports as absurd. Finally Chairman Miller, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, vouchsafed a denial of the story that \$25,000,000 new St. Paul stock had been issued, much less sold, to purchase Erie stock or for any other purpose.

#### Robbers Slay Street-Car Men. ST. LOUIS, June 3.—Three masked men boarded the morning car, which was bound for St. Louis, early today, and, after robbing the conductor, John N. Keith, who went to the motorist's assistance. There were only a few passengers in the car, but they could not interfere. The robbers jumped from the car and escaped.

#### Business Tied Up at Hannibal. HANNIBAL, Mo., June 3.—Mississippi here tonight is nine feet over the danger line. It is expected that the damage already done will amount to \$250,000. Business generally is tied up.

#### Reform School Contract Let. SALEM, Or., June 3.—Specialist Charles A. Gray has been awarded the contract for constructing the addition to the industrial school at Reform School. The contract price is \$14,850.

# TO BE PRIDE OF NAVY

## Bids for Three Battleships Are Opened.

### DISPLACEMENT IS 16,000 TONS

United States Will Give Its Most Powerful Floating Machines a Speed of 18 Knots—Newport Company Is Lowest Bidder.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Bids were opened today at the Navy Department for the construction of the Minnesota, Vermont and Kansas, the three 16,000-ton battleships authorized by the last Congress, each to cost not exceeding \$12,220,000. The Newport News Shipbuilding Company, Newport News, Va., was the lowest bidder for one vessel; the William Cramp & Sons Ship & Engine Building Company were the only bidders for more than one ship.

The battleships will be the most powerful of the American Navy. They will have an acquired speed of 18 knots, a displacement of 16,000 tons, a main battery of four 12-inch, eight eight-inch, and two one-pounder guns. They will also have a secondary battery of 12 four-inch, one four-pounder rapid fire gun, 12 three-pound semi-automatic guns, six one-pound automatic guns, two three-inch field pieces, two machine guns and six automatic guns. Arrangements of battery will be as follows:

Two 12-inch guns mounted in pairs in two electrically controlled, balanced, elliptical turrets on the center-line, one forward and one aft, each with an arc of fire of about 20 degrees; the eight-inch guns in four electrically controlled, balanced, elliptical turrets, two on each side, each end of the superstructure; the seven-inch guns in broadside, on pedestal mounts on the gundeck behind seven-inch armor, each with an arc of fire of about 20 degrees. Forward and aft guns are arranged to fire right ahead and right astern, respectively, the other seven-inch guns will have the usual broadside train. Guns of 12-inch caliber, balanced, elliptical turrets on the center-line, one forward and one aft, each with an arc of fire of about 20 degrees; the eight-inch guns in four electrically controlled, balanced, elliptical turrets, two on each side, each end of the superstructure; the seven-inch guns in broadside, on pedestal mounts on the gundeck behind seven-inch armor, each with an arc of fire of about 20 degrees. Forward and aft guns are arranged to fire right ahead and right astern, respectively, the other seven-inch guns will have the usual broadside train. Guns of 12-inch caliber, balanced, elliptical turrets on the center-line, one forward and one aft, each with an arc of fire of about 20 degrees; the eight-inch guns in four electrically controlled, balanced, elliptical turrets, two on each side, each end of the superstructure; the seven-inch guns in broadside, on pedestal mounts on the gundeck behind seven-inch armor, each with an arc of fire of about 20 degrees. Forward and aft guns are arranged to fire right ahead and right astern, respectively, the other seven-inch guns will have the usual broadside train.

Vertical twin screws, four cylinder, triple expansion engines will propel them. Each engine will be 130 feet long, 10 feet diameter water-line, 60 feet; extreme breadth at low water-line, 75 feet 10 inches; trial displacement, 16,000 tons; mean draft, 34 feet six inches; gross draft, full load, about 27 feet nine inches; total coal capacity, 3200 tons.

#### AN EMPIRE AWAITS. (Continued from First Page.)

then made for members of the committees on credentials, permanent organization, rules and orders, etc. Then the convention opened its session at 10 o'clock, adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The recommendations agreed upon commend President Roosevelt's ability and adherence to McKinley principles, and favor his nomination and the re-election of Hanna as Senator, and praise Governor-General Taft, of the Philippines. The speakers also urged a tariff or other National declaration. Certain planks insist on the enforcement of the amendments for negro suffrage or the reduction of the representation of Southern States in Congress and the Electoral College.

#### THE FIRST CONTEST TODAY.

The first contest tomorrow will come on the nomination of Lieutenant Governor with the Hanna men supporting ex-Representative Boothman and the field concentrated on ex-Senator Harding. Senator Foraker and George B. Cox are both for Harding, and Dr. L. W. Day, the Dayton leader, is with them. Late today the lines were drawn also on what are called the "third-termers" for Supreme Judge, Auditor and School Commissioner. The large posters appear everywhere with the title, reading: "No third-termers. The gallant Foraker was once defeated for a third term. Don't jeopardize Hanna's re-election."

This poster revived the agitation of 1880, when Foraker was renominated, and a little later the same agitation was revived when the Democrats elected James E. Campbell as Governor, and a majority of the Legislature that chose Calvin S. Brice as Senator, being defeated by the last time the Republicans held the state.

#### NEW MOVE OF DEMOCRATS. Greater New York Voters Will Try to Be Recognized as a Party.

NEW YORK, June 3.—The Greenbackers today came down in the Supreme Court, a decision granting the application of William Hepburn Russell, chairman of the executive committee of the party, for an injunction restraining the clerks of 61 counties in the state from destroying the ballots cast at the last election for the candidates of that party. This is the beginning of an action to compel the Secretary of State to certify that the Greater New York Democracy is a state party, and as such is entitled to nominate its candidates by regular convention, and not by petition, as is heretofore said to have been done.

#### BILL TO FAVOR AMERICAN SHIPS. Elkins Will Ask Congress to Reduce Duty on Imports They Bring.

PARIS, June 3.—Senator Elkins of West Virginia, and Mrs. Elkins arrived here today from New York, and will stay in Paris for some time. Senator says he intends to reintroduce next session a bill reducing by 10 per cent the duties on goods brought to the United States on American ships, or increasing by 10 per cent the duties on goods brought in foreign steamers. Mr. Elkins says the proposed measure is not open to the same objections as the shipping bill, as it will develop American shipping without the expenditure of a cent, large or small ships receiving the same benefits.

#### Denver Nonpartisan Elected. DENVER, June 3.—Complete returns of the election of 21 delegates to a convention to form a new party for the consolidated City and County of Denver show that the entire nonpartisan electorates was successful by pluralities of from 100 to 250 over the Republican candidates.

plants of immense size. These timber men have put so much money into the country, and the demand for yellow pine at high prices is so great, that if no other opportunity is offered them they will most certainly complete their plans by building a railroad themselves. It is this timber belt that will prove the greatest magnet in drawing a railroad through from Shaniko to Bend, and the town which becomes the headquarters of the industry will some day blossom into a good-sized city. The railroad party drove all day Sunday through these big forests, which unlike the fir forests have no underbrush. They also visited the falls of the Deschutes, and the demand for yellow pine at high prices is so great, that if no other opportunity is offered them they will most certainly complete their plans by building a railroad themselves. 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