

SETTLES UNION WAR

Federation Decides Against Brewery Workers.

ONLY A MINOR POINT IS MADE

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SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—After spending almost the entire day in a bitter debate, the differences between the Brewery Workers' Union and the International Brotherhood of Engineers, Firemen and Teamsters was settled by the American Federation of Labor.

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Japanese Propose to Attack. LONDON, Nov. 25.—A Russian correspondent telegraphed: "There are reports that the Japanese are not going to leave us alone, but are going to make a determined effort to double our flank."

APPROVES PEACE CONGRESS.

Germany Accepts in Principle Roosevelt's Suggestion.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Secretary Hay has received from the German government a cordial note accepting in principle President Roosevelt's suggestion for another conference at The Hague.

TORPEDO-BOAT IS FIRED ON.

Paraguayans Fire at San Antonio District Four Shots at Her.

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 25.—The Argentine Minister to Paraguay has informed the Foreign Office that a Paraguayan torpedo-boat, proceeding to Formosa, Argentina, received four cannon shots fired from Paraguayan forts at San Antonio.

ROBBED IN SALOON.

S. Freeman Is Relieved of Ninety-Five Dollars by Women.

By the arrest of S. Freeman at 2 o'clock this morning one of the largest robberies of recent weeks was brought to light. He asserts he was forcibly relieved of \$95 in the saloons on North Fourth street by women.

WOMEN IN A FIGHT.

They Quarrel Over a Man, and One is Badly Punished.

In a fierce fight in the middle of First street, near Clay, at 2 o'clock this morning, Nellie Roy was badly trounced by Lillian Harper. The trouble arose over a man whose name the police did not learn.

BANK FAILS TO OPEN.

Cashier and President of Nebraska Institution Are Missing.

ONEILL, Neb., Nov. 25.—The Elkhorn Valley Bank failed to open for business today and its president and cashier could not be found in the city. The affairs of the bank, according to a statement given to the press by the wife of Bernard McGreevy, president of the bank, are in a bad condition.

Soon to Make Treaty With Britain.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The State Department today made the announcement that this Government hopes soon to conclude with Great Britain an arbitration treaty identical with those recently signed with France, Germany and other powers.

National Bank for Prosser.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 25.—The Controller of the Currency has authorized the First National Bank of Prosser, Wash., to begin business with a capital of \$25,000. Nelson Rich is president, J. C. Carey vice-president, and H. E. Harris cashier.

Brazil and Peru Sign Treaty.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—News has reached here of the signing of a treaty between Peru and Brazil looking to the peaceful settlement of the boundary disputes between the two nations and the adjustment of claims arising out of the boundary line disputes.

Reinstated for Herotam.

CRONSTADT, Nov. 25.—Lieutenant Bondy has just been reinstated to his rank in the navy for heroism in the defense of Fort Arthur. Several years ago Bondy was expelled from the service for a grave misdemeanor. When the war

FOR GREATER POST

Chaffee Urges More Land Be Purchased at Vancouver.

ESTIMATE \$30,000 IS NEEDED

Chief of Staff Says Little General Legislation is Required at This Time—Many Generals Favor Restoration of Canteen.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Lieutenant-General Chaffee, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, in his annual report says in his opinion, little new general legislation is needed at this time. He says sufficient time has not elapsed since the reorganization of the Army to determine wisely what legislation is necessary.

IN TOMORROW'S OREGONIAN

THE BOOK COMMENDED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Two sermons tomorrow from "The Simple Life," by Rev. Charles Wagner, whom the President introduced to a Washington audience last Tuesday evening. Their titles are: "The Spirit of Simplicity," and "Simple Thought." Each chapter is a complete sermon in itself.

FROM THE CAMERA CLUB'S EXHIBIT.

A page of choice photographs shown this week at the annual exhibition are reproduced.

ISRAEL ZANGWILL TALKS OF A JEWISH STATE.

Well-known author, dramatist and reformer tells how the Zionists hope to acquire Palestine from the Sultan.

THE SUB-TACKLE, BY HUGH HERDMAN.

A timely football story from the viewpoint of the man in the game with a love episode interwoven.

TODAY'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG WOMEN.

Miss Sidona V. Johnson speaks of stenography as the doorway to a business career open to every bright, well-educated and self-confident young woman.

RIDER HAGGARD TALKS OF THE SPIRIT WORLD.

Famous author of "She," "King Solomon's Mines," etc., is making a study of soul life and gives his views; illustrated by portrait of Haggard, the first ever published.

MR. DOOLEY ON THE PORT ARTHUR SIEGE.

This is Finley Peter Dunne's topic for the day and he takes occasion to make sundry remarks on sieges in general with a keen satire on affairs at Pekin during the Boxers' War.

SIR HIRAM MAXIM ARRANGS CHRISTIAN NATIONS.

Noted Englishman holds them responsible for the outrageous oppression of China and scores the missionaries.

MODERN RAILROADING IN ENGLAND.

A growling, wide-awake Yankee contrasts slow methods employed on the British Isles with up-to-date conduct of passenger traffic in the United States.

THE "GREAT GAME" BETWEEN TWO EMPIRES.

Moves and countermoves by Russia and Great Britain in the Afghan country.

PECK'S BAD BOY ABROAD.

He and Dad get ready for an ocean trip and Henery labels the old man's suitcase.

QUAINT SCHOOL WHERE BOYS ARE TAUGHT TO FISH.

Ostend's "Academy," established by a Belgian priest to preserve one of his country's important industries.

JOTTINGS OF OLD LIM JOCKLIN.

Opie Read's philosopher discourses in familiar vein on the uselessness of lawyers.

ALL THE NEWS AND THE CUSTOMARY DEPARTMENTS.

General Chaffee recommends the enlargement of the following military reservations, the sums stated being the estimated cost of additional land:

Fort Baker and Point Bonita, Val.—\$125,000
Vancouver Barracks—\$50,000
Yokuba Point, Wash.—2,500
Fort Bayard, N. M.—\$6,000

It is stated that it seems necessary to secure control of the source of the water which supplies the valley adjoining Fort Bayard or else abandon the pulmonary hospital there. General Chaffee suggests the enactment of state laws disfranchising deserters from the Army.

The general staff reports that the number of men and officers in the artillery corps is insufficient and their organization is not the best. The pay allowed is said to be inadequate to obtain the men desired for the artillery.

The report adds that the Chief of Artillery says that in the absence of approved range and position, firing equipment and other accessories, the coast-defense guns are deprived of two-thirds of their value by day, and all, or nearly all, of their value by night. All the deficiencies noted, if stated, can be remedied only after legislative action by Congress. It is added that conditions do not seem to be so critical as to warrant hasty action.

TO AID SHIPPING.

Naval and Postal Officials Give Their Views.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The Merchant Marine Commission resumed its session today. Senator Gallinger, the chairman, announced that the hearings were about concluded, but the commission had thought it proper at this time to invite Naval and Postoffice Department officials to be present today, the former to submit

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