

# REMOVE TO CITY

## Land Office Must Transfer to Portland.

### ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT

#### Oregon City Not Central Enough for Public.

### UNAVAILING PROTEST MADE

Present Officials Will Be Retained if They Are Willing to Move—No Room in the Federal Building.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 24.—The Land Office at Oregon City will be removed to Portland July 1 by order of the President. This move is made because Portland is more centrally situated.

The transfer to Portland is believed to be in the interest of the public. Portland is a railroad center, is more readily accessible to all parts of the land district than Oregon City, and is the natural location for the Land Office. Nearly a year ago Land Commissioner Richards suggested this removal, but before action was taken Senator Mitchell filed a vigorous protest, stating that there was no local demand for the change and insisting that removal of the office from Oregon City would injure business in that town. On the strength of that protest the matter was held up. Commissioner Richards, after further investigation, is satisfied there is ample justification for making the change and believes the interests and comfort of the public are paramount to any claim Oregon City may have on the office. Accordingly he transmitted his recommendation to Secretary Hitchcock. It was approved and is now put into effect by order of the President.

It is the intention of the department to retain the present Register and Receiver, if they are willing to remove to Portland, and also to retain all clerks and employees of the office under the same condition.

It is not yet determined where the Land Office will locate in Portland. It is desirable to locate it in the Federal building if possible, but the present occupants declare there is not room in that building for another office; in fact, they insist they are already crowded for space. If it shall be found impracticable to move into the Federal building, quarters will be rented. The Government has been paying what it considers exorbitant rent for its Land Office accommodation at Oregon City. It is believed as reasonable, if not better, terms can be had in Portland.

The transfer will take effect July 1, as the lease of the office at Oregon City expires on that date.

A. W. Lafferty, of St. Louis, executive secretary, has been appointed special agent of the Interior Department and is ordered to Oregon City. He is a personal appointment of Mr. Hitchcock.

### NO ROOM IN FEDERAL BUILDING

#### Land Office Will Have to Rent Quarters in Private Building.

Unless some of the present offices can be induced to dispense with two or three rooms, the Land Office cannot find accommodation within the Federal building. The Interior Department requested some months ago that provision be made for the removal to this building, and it was thought that the United States Engineers on the third floor could spare the necessary rooms. It was shown that this could not be done, however.

In all probability, therefore, rooms will be rented elsewhere, or the office will be moved to Oregon City now. Those in the office are: Register Algonzo S. Dresser, Receiver G. W. Bibbe, Mrs. Mattilda Miller, Miss Mina Kelly and Miss Ethel Graves. Special Agent Lafferty has been on duty in Oregon City for several days.

### Oregon City Entered Protest.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—Following the rumor a few weeks ago that the Oregon City Land Office would be removed to Portland, the citizens of this city forwarded a vigorous protest to the department at Washington and addressed telegrams to the members of the Oregon delegation to Congress urging them to use their every endeavor to defeat the plan. Petitions covering the subject were unanimously signed by the residents of Oregon City and subsequently forwarded to the same officers.

### HURRIES DIPLOMATIC CHANGE

#### Government Anxious to Get Ambassadors Settled in New Places.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—(4:30 P. M.)—Mr. McCormick, the retiring American Ambassador to Russia, has received urgent instructions from Washington to proceed to Paris at the earliest possible moment. Whether the desire of the State Department to have Mr. McCormick assume his duties in Paris at once is due to the prospect of an early opening of peace negotiations there, to the Venezuelan complications, or to the wish of Ambassador Porter to retire sooner than expected, is not known here. In order that there may be no hitch here at such an important time, Ambassador Meyer, Mr. McCormick's successor, will probably come to St. Petersburg immediately.

### WASHINGTON, March 24.—Inquiry here

develops the fact that the order to Ambassador McCormick to proceed immediately to Paris are to be explained, not on the ground of any diplomatic emergency at the French capital, but solely because of the President's desire to have Henry White, former secretary of the embassy in London and just appointed Ambassador to Italy, take up his post at Rome at the earliest possible moment.

The projected International Agricultural Congress, in which the Italian government has succeeded in interesting President Roosevelt; the attitude of Italy toward Santo Domingo; the probabilities of peace negotiations in the near future, involving combined action by the European powers, and several other diplomatic matters of importance, are to be explained, not preferably to be dealt with by the incoming Ambassador rather than one about to be transferred, are some of the reasons assigned for sending Mr. White at once to Rome, although he had fully expected to enjoy a vacation in this country. This

order for Mr. White involves making a place for him, on Ambassador Meyer will have to proceed forthwith to his new post at St. Petersburg, in turn displacing Mr. McCormick, who goes to Paris.

### "GET-RICH-QUICK" MAN CAUGHT

#### Postal Officials Hot on Trail of the Philadelphia Swindlers.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—Stanley Francis alias Arthur S. Foster, a promoter of many companies, was arrested by United States postal inspectors today on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes, and after a hearing before the United States Commissioner he was held in \$100,000 bail for further hearing. Francis was unable to furnish bail and was committed to jail. The postal authorities charge that Francis is one of the leading figures in the Storey Cotton Company and the Provident Investment Company, which were the principal parties to the fraudulent "get-rich-quick" concerns. Both companies have gone into the hands of receivers, and most of the men who were actively identified with them have disappeared.

The postal authorities have also caused a warrant to be issued for the arrest of W. H. Lattimer, missing manager of the defunct Provident Investment Company. He is charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

### BROKER CHARGED WITH THEFT

#### Client Causes Magoun's Arrest for Not Returning Securities.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Francis P. Magoun, of the banking and brokerage firm of Magoun Bros. & Co., which failed a few days ago, was held in \$50,000 bail for examination today on the charge of grand larceny. Magoun came from Cincinnati yesterday in a suit in which he was summoned to court, and was arrested immediately after leaving the stand. R. L. S. Hall, a broker, who acted as agent for his wife, Mrs. M. J. Magoun, and Magoun Bros. & Co., said that Magoun was in town and placed information in the hands of the District Attorney on which a warrant for arrest was issued. Magoun is charged with the larceny of \$50,000 worth of various stocks belonging to Mrs. Clara W. Hall. It is alleged that between November 23, 1902, and March 21, 1903, Magoun, with the assistance of his wife, deposited with Magoun Bros. & Co. various stocks, and, despite repeated demands, they were not returned, nor was any accounting rendered for them.

### HOTEL THIEF CAUGHT AT LAST

#### Man of Many Names Who Has Robbed Guests in Many Cities.

NEW YORK, March 24.—While attempting to break into the room of a patron of the Hotel Netherland tonight, J. T. Landring, alias Howard Berry, alias half a dozen other names, was captured by a house detective.

### BRIEF TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Madame Kirby Luna, a grand opera singer in "Paraisito," is seriously ill at St. Louis.

Joseph Cohen, of Pittsburgh, was yesterday elected chief justice of the court of appeals of the constitutional grand lodge of the P. M. E. S. O.

Canadian shipbuilders have asked for ten years on Canadian-built ships to protect the industry against British competition.

Ray Smith, a 12-year-old schoolgirl, at Chicago, stole a victrola, piano, containing \$7, bought a hat and bouquet and ticket to a theater gallery, where she was arrested.

A court-martial on Second Lieutenant F. A. Gardner, U. S. N., on charges of intoxication and conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline began at Annapolis yesterday.

Dr. Aml. of the Canadian Geological Survey, is of the opinion that diamond wealth is hidden in that part of Canada between the Great Lakes and Hudson Bay, and advises surveyors to look out for them.

The splendid mansion built by Governor Tilden in Twentieth street, New York, overlooking Grammer Park, is soon to become the home of the National Arts Club. Negotiations with the Tilden heirs have just been concluded.

The Chicago Federation of Musicians proposes to fix a minimum number of musicians for the orchestras of each place of amusement in proportion to seating capacity, complaint being made that managers continually reduce the size of orchestras.

Dr. John A. Scott, professor of Greek in Northwestern University, defends burning the midnight oil, saying that the great scholars of today study at night and that it is the best time. He says the Persians studied in the early morning for lack of illuminating interest.

Representatives of all the New York hospitals in conference have agreed to endeavor to raise a common endowment fund, as all have annual deficits. As a means to this end, they will start a campaign of education on the good work of the hospitals to the public, individual families and schools.

Bull for separation has been brought by Mrs. Allan F. Black, wife of Harry S. Black, head of the United States Realty & Construction Company and the Fuller Construction Company. Mrs. Black is the daughter of the late George A. Fuller, founder of the company, who developed the methods of construction in the modern steel skyscraper.

A school of music, endowed by James Loeb, the banker, is being organized in New York, with Frank Damrosch as director, and he will engage teachers in Europe. Mr. Loeb has given \$50,000, paying 5 per cent, another donor gave \$500 a year for ten years, and a guarantee fund of \$25,000 a year for three years is to be raised.

### Fire Destroys Small Fortune in Ice.

#### CHICAGO, March 24.—Nearly 100,000 tons of ice and two buildings, each 200x50 feet, have been lost by fire at One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street and Lake Calumet. The big storage houses held the winter's output on the lake. Before the first fire company arrived the buildings, valued at \$25,000, were destroyed, and most of the contents, valued at \$40,000, had slid back into the lake, from which it was taken during the winter. The buildings were the property of Swift & Co. The origin of the fire is unknown.

### Defense Continued in Mining Suit.

#### COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., March 24.—The defense in the Portland mining suit today continued the reading of the testimony favorable to Burns. F. M. Korte, a mining engineer, declared Doyle and John Harman signed a paper as disinterested parties to establish title to the Tilden mine, although he had fully expected to enjoy a vacation in this country. This

# FLANKS IN DANGER

## Russians Fear Turning Movements of Enemy.

### HLD LINE NEAR SIPINGHAI

#### Retreat Has Been Suspended, but Japanese Continue Implacable Advance and Abandonment of Harbin May Come.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—(3:40 A. M.)—The Russian rearguard is now occupying a line of fairly strong natural positions 24 miles south of Gun-shu Pass, the center being the railroad village of Sipinghai and the flanks covering the roads on either side, which, apparently, it is the intention to defend long enough to force the Japanese to show their hand.

The Russians may, however, have been outfanked and have no intention of making a serious stand, especially as all the correspondents continue to report rumors of wide turning operations on both flanks, indicating a probable basis in fact.

The correspondents believe a resumption of hostilities on a grand scale is improbable inside of three months.

### TAKE REST FROM RETREAT

#### Japanese Advance on Flanks and Attack Rearguard at Kalyuan.

GUNSHU PASS, March 24.—(Noon.)—The Russian retreat has now reached the village of Sipinghai, 74 miles north of Tie Pass, where it has temporarily halted. The Japanese are pushing forward rest for months, and it is natural that fatigue should be evident.

The Japanese are reported to be advancing along the railway and on both flanks. A brisk action occurred on the evening of March 18 at Kalyuan, the Russian rearguard holding off the Japanese until midnight. After blowing up railway bridges north of Kalyuan at five places, the Russian retreat was continued on March 19, 20 and 21, with only light rifle fire.

The Mukden branch of the Russo-Chinese Bank removed all its money except \$150,000.

### MUST HOLD LINE OR LOSE ALL

#### Russian General Bewails Predicament Due to Unpreparedness.

SPECIAL CABLE. ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—General Linievitch's exact position is unknown. The swiftness of Oyama's pursuit of the Russian forces stages St. Petersburg. If the Russians are not able to hold their lines in the vicinity of Kuanchenzi, Kirin and the Sungari River until reinforcements reach them from Harbin, then all is lost. One of the great Russian war authorities, who is a staff general, said:

"Since the very beginning of the war the Russian army has suffered from the want of a proper base and communications. If Kuanchenzi and Kirin are not united by rail, and if the Sungari River is not supplied with ferry boats, a stand will be impossible and General Linievitch will be in danger of suffering another defeat such as that of Mukden. It will be impossible for him to make a stand and he must retreat north. The Vladivostok line will then be cut and the fate of Port Arthur awaits that fortress.

"In order to avoid an irretrievable disaster, the nation must strain every nerve. Unfortunately, victorious Japan is united, while defeated Russia is torn in pieces by strikes, mutinies and other disorders which paralyze her defenses. Russia thoughtlessly crept into Manchuria and now her army—the army of Peter the Great and of Suvaroff—is defeated, and the fate of the empire is at stake. Europe is trodden under foot. The soldiers of the Czar are dead, wounded or prisoners.

### TAITSPAR NEW LINE OF DEFENSE

#### Russians May Withdraw, While Japanese Set Trap for Them.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—(4:32 P. M.)—The news from the front continues to indicate preparations for a withdrawal of the main portion of the Russian army beyond Harbin, as the Japanese are in danger of having its communications with Russia severed. If it is found impracticable to attempt to hold the line at the Sungari bridge, 200 miles west of Harbin, it is mentioned by several correspondents in a fashion to suggest that it would be the new point of concentration, though others speak of the Amur River.

A light flying column of Japanese cavalry is reported to be moving hastily across the country toward Taitspar, which is a heavier column is going northeast in the direction of Vladivostok. One correspondent intimates that the Japanese may adopt the tactics of relieving the direct pressure on General Linievitch in the hope of inducing him to concentrate as far as possible below Harbin, which would give Field Marshal Oyama, the advantage of preparing his next blow with out greatly lengthening his line of communications.

Linievitch's decision to be prepared to place his main army beyond the reach of a decisive stroke while awaiting reinforcements may have been taken in order to avoid just such a trap.

### WILL SOON DESERT HARBIN

#### Women and Children Leave—Japanese Try to Provokes Battle.

GUNSHU PASS, March 24.—The women and children are reported to be leaving Harbin, and the business houses are closing. The stationary hospitals are being moved back, and the entire railroad east and south of Taitspar is being prepared for the next stage of the war. The conviction exists that General Kuroki is now moving toward the northeast for the investment of Vladivostok, and that the Japanese may relieve the pressure upon General Linievitch, and thus induce him to concentrate in the region between Santoupu and Tie Pass for another battle.

Throughout the campaign all the prophecies of experts regarding the plans of the Japanese failed, the aspirations of the Japanese consistently fattening upon the victories achieved. The rank and file of the Russian army show peculiar adaptability to conform with the new conditions.

### Loss of Merchant Ships in War.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Mr. Orlin, the American Minister at Tokio, has reported to the State Department upon the loss of merchant vessels in the Russo-Japanese War. He says that no mer-

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### BETRAY WORK OF GRATTERS

#### Russian Papers Tell How Private Interests Brought on War.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—(3:30 P. M.)—The papers are supporting the campaign for peace and are beginning to print quite openly the history of the intrigues in the Far East for the protection of private interests, deserving special attention to M. Bernhoff's connection with the Yalu timber concession. The publications include a secret memorandum of General Kutropkin, pointing out the necessity to consider the interests of the Yalu timber concession, and when the Government officials, beginning with 1 per cent of the concession, which amounts to \$1,000,000, there is also a proposition for a general income tax, which undoubtedly will prove the most popular form of raising money, as it would bear heaviest on those able to pay.

### HOPES TO INVOLVE OTHERS

#### Russia's Scheme to Get Help in Placing Curb on Japan.

COPENHAGEN, March 25.—One of the most interesting dispatches received here late last night from St. Petersburg, states that he has been assured upon the authority of a member of the Russian Ministry that Russia hopes to find a way out of her difficulties by involving other powers in the complications that are sure to arise out of the dire straits of the "rooms of war" by both of the belligerents in Manchuria.

In doing so, Russia believes that she cannot fear worse than she would if she consented to the peace terms that Japan would propose, and would be in a position to benefit by any curb that might be placed upon the Mikado by the world powers.

### Third Squadron at Port Said.

PORT SAID, March 24.—Admiral Nebogatoff's division of the Russian second Pacific squadron, consisting of a battleship, four cruisers and four transports, arrived here today. The ships are being coaled and are only taking moderate supplies on board. The transports are heavily laden with stores. The division, which is said to be bound for Jibuti, French Somaliland, and Vladivostok, will probably proceed today.

### DANGER IN WOODEN SIDEWALKS

#### Porous Street and Building Materials Foster Tuberculosis.

PORTLAND, March 24.—(To the Editor.)—Approval of an article on consumption, the writer, being a military engineer of experience and ability of 35 years practice in connection with the profession of architecture, has this to say on the subject of consumption, the primary cause of consumption is, as it is here, "wooden sidewalks and wooden roadways."

In all communities where wood is used for sidewalks and roadways consumption has a ready ally. New Orleans got rid of the very infectious yellow fever by using small-pore wood for all purposes in the streets. Denver did the same, and other cities where wood is used and a damp climate exists. Are cities that have had consumption in its most fatal and alarming form. Irrigation where wood is laid produces the same. Here is a micro-organism akin to the Daphnia puila, and the crotche quadrifida in shape, that is expected on porous materials like wooden sidewalks, wooden street paving materials, porous brick and porous stone, and thence produces its life of untold millions of spores in a twinkling of a second. These by atmospheric currents in various ways are inhaled, or taken into the mucous membranes, and burrow the soft tissues, their activity destroying the acid membranous coverings; soon hemorrhage, soon death. Again, ammonia-secreting animals are not exempt. Animals spread the disease by their emissions on corners of buildings, or other objects that they slide upon. Take a piece of rock, then a foundation that cracks, and have frequented, these same amorphous organisms

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and their numerous family cousins are abundant in their destructive power. To totally eradicate the disease is a seeming impossibility. To eliminate its ravages is quite possible in a marked degree. First prohibit all wood in public places, such as wooden sidewalks, wooden street paving, or otherwise; brick piers, "concrete or stone" is better, for all foundations. No wood whatever should be allowed at the grade line; the same material should be used in homes, and moved farther away, and recovered from their physical ailments.

Porous building materials must be taken up and burned, where the spores and exasperations of the sick or well can by any means produce contamination or disease. "Cleanliness is next to godliness," and the vile exasperations on the sidewalks and in public places should be at once stopped. The rockpile is the place for the expectorator who so little cares for his fellows as to spew the violence of his throat or head where the public may be brought in contact, either by sight or by taste or by smell, or any other way.

### A Human Tophic.

At present there is in Glasgow one Captain Vetro, who styles himself the "poison-proof man," giving exhibitions in one of the places of entertainment of his ability to swallow lethal doses of chemical poisons, such as strychnine, phosphorus, etc.

Close of Festivities at Havana.

HAVANA, March 24.—The celebration of the visit of American warships in Havana ended today with an American concert on the sea front and a carnival ball at the Cuban Athenaeum. The torpedo-boat destroyer MacDonough arrived in advance of Rear-Admiral Barker's fleet, which will appear in front of Havana tomorrow, and being joined by the visiting squadron, will proceed to Pensacola.

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