

COMMISSION TO GO TO GRILL

Democrats in Congress Ask Investigation of Canal Administration.

INEFFICIENCY IS ALLEGED

While No Fraud Is Charged, Suspicion Is Cast on Large Purchases of Supplies Without Any Results in Sight.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 27.—If the minority party can have its way, there will be a Congressional investigation of the Panama Canal Commission next winter. A manifest desire to look into the methods of this commission, to find out how it has spent the money appropriated by the last Congress, and a general curiosity to know more about the manner of letting contracts has shown itself among prominent Democrats in the House of Representatives, and they threaten to introduce and press resolutions authorizing a sweeping investigation.

And yet no particular fraud has been pointed out; none is known to have been practiced, but in view of the semi-official statements of members of the Canal Commission to the effect that no construction work has yet been undertaken, some suspicion has been cast upon the whole sale purchase of supplies which were shipped to the Isthmus several months ago. It is alleged that more supplies have been purchased than will be needed, and that these purchases have been made at the requisition of some one on the Isthmus, but with the formal approval of the commission.

Then, too, it is charged that the steamships acquired by the Government, in its purchase of Panama junk, have been operated in anything but a businesslike manner. Shipping interests allege that these ships are operating at a constant loss to the Government, due solely to bad management.

It is utterly impossible to obtain light on this subject at the canal headquarters in this city. A more businesslike, efficient method of conducting an office was never seen. Everything is chaos. What they do know they will not tell, but in most instances officials in charge are ignorant of the facts, and have no apparent method of informing themselves. A Congressional investigation would bring out the facts, and the facts might not be damaging to the men in charge. It is impossible to say what the result would be.

SHORTS ON THE SITUATION

Extensive Preliminary Work Before the Dirt Will Fly.

OYSTER BAY, Aug. 27.—Theodore Shonk, chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, was at dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt this afternoon and evening. He came to talk over with the President matters in connection with the Canal work.

Chairman Shonk said, in response to inquiries about the resignation of Superintendent Prescott, of the Panama Railway, that Mr. Prescott had resigned presumably because of strictures made upon his conduct of the road. He said Mr. Prescott had been succeeded by Mr. Bierd, of the Rock Island system, who is now on the way to Panama to assume his new duties.

"I have laid off all steam shovels," said Mr. Shonk, "until the railroad tracks have been put into proper condition for their use. I found when I was on the Isthmus at least six steam shovels out of which the operators were not getting to exceed 25 per cent of efficiency. That condition could not be allowed to exist, so we have ordered all steam shovel work discontinued for the present."

"We shall have no difficulty in getting all the labor we want. The superintendent, who has charge of that branch of the work has worked 7,000 men on a single contract, and he says he could get 100,000 blacks for work on the canal. If so many were needed, the principal idea at present is to provide quarters for the employees, to establish good sanitary conditions, and to arrange for the prompt payment of the men. Once these preliminaries are arranged we will begin to make the dirt fly."

Takes Big Task at Lower Pay.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—W. G. Bierd, of Chicago, who has been appointed superintendent of the Panama Railroad, to succeed H. G. Prescott, has been the superintendent of the Chicago Terminal division of the Rock Island Railroad system. He is a comparatively young man and relinquishes a higher position with the Rock Island system to accept the new appointment which carries a salary of \$600 per year.

Mr. Prescott, the retiring superintendent of the Panama Railroad, will remain with that company in an important position.

PEASANTS FORCE NOBLES

Pay Only a Title of the Crop From the Land.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 27.—There is a great increase in the agrarian agitation in various parts of the country, notably in the Caucasus, where there have been serious disturbances. In the Gori district the peasants are forcing the nobles, under the menace of death, to announce to the newspapers that they are handing over their holdings to the peasants freely, or are accepting one-tenth, instead of one-quarter, of the crop yield.

The refusal of the peasants in the village of Inchedehsan to pay Prince Inukshanski the proportion of the crop to which he was entitled led to a serious conflict between the peasants and Cossacks. The Cossacks fired on the peasants, killing and wounding, according to an official account, 19, and according to unofficial reports, 30.

Soldiers Drink Boiled Water.

LIDIAPUTZE, Manchuria, Aug. 27.—Reports telling of a large number of typhoid cases among the soldiers have been exaggerated. There are some cases, but the general state of health in the army is excellent. As typhoid generally arises

CHICAGO PRINTERS STRIKE

Fight for Eight-Hour Day Precipitated by Typothetae.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—(Special)—Before the middle of this week every union printer in the thirty-seven shops controlled by the Chicago Typothetae will be on strike, and before another week the fight may be extended to twelve of the principalities of the Middle West, the employers of which are organized with the Chicago Typothetae into a Middle West Association. This forms a part of the National body of Master Printers.

Fifteen hundred members of Typographical Union, No. 16, met today, and after voting a 10 per cent per week assessment on all members, appointed a committee to visit job offices tomorrow and confer with the bosses regarding the eight-hour rule. The committee is given power to call a strike immediately if it is impossible to convince the employers that union principles are best for all concerned.

Officials of the local unions figure that the assessment of 1 per cent per week will bring in, as a strike benefit, about \$8,000, and will maintain about 900 men on strike without requiring them to draw upon \$100,000 strike fund held by the union.

It was also agreed to ask the National Executive Organization to call out every union printer in the country where such action is found to the new eight-hour law. The typographical union did not intend to demand an eight-hour law until January 1 next, but the action of the United Typothetae in announcing their determination to fight and employ non-union printers, caused a walk-out at six plants and may probably be the beginning of the strike. A member of the United Typothetae said:

"Individual action will be our policy. No member of the Typothetae is compelled to announce for open-shop on any particular date, though each member will eventually come out against the eight-hour day, and will refuse to enter into any agreement with the printers on the basis of a shorter day."

At present there are 200 men on strike and it is believed this number will be doubled by tomorrow night.

LABOR TO FIX ITS PRICE

Hope Expressed by President Mitchell of Mineworkers.

TAMAQUA, Pa., Aug. 27.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, in a speech at Mania Park today made an unequivocal declaration that his organization will at the expiration of the present working agreement, April next, demand recognition of the union and an eight-hour day. Mr. Mitchell said that he hoped by that time he would be able to get before George F. Baer, president of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and pointing to 150,000 men and boys who are employed in and about the mines, say:

"We have fixed the price for our labor. You can take it or leave it."

Meeting of Coal Operators.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 27.—Announcement was made today that a general meeting of all the bituminous coal operators of the country will be held in Chicago, November 22, to discuss what attitude the employers of the vast army of miners shall take in respect to the next interstate conference. This announcement, followed by the further one that an assured wage agreement has just been reached between the miners and operators of what is known as District No. 19, including Tennessee and Kentucky, and which becomes effective next month, with the same rate of pay as last year, has excited much speculation and discussion in the other bituminous districts.

CLAIMS ON RICH MINES

Miss Walter Will Seek to Estop the Issuing of Patents.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Proceedings, it is said, will shortly be instituted in the Supreme Court of the District by Miss Lena Walter, of Alaska, to enjoin or estop the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of the General Land Office from issuing patents or certificates of title to certain lands in dispute in Alaska involving an aggregate valuation of \$1,000,000.

The suit grows out of a dispute between Miss Walter and the Wild Goose Mining Company, of San Francisco, over the possession of certain lands in Alaska. Miss Walter claims \$1,000,000 worth of land in Alaska, the mining company alleging on the other hand, that the land belongs to the Government.

CROSS CONTINENT IN AUTO

Touring Party From Portland Arrives at Atlantic City.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 27.—(Special)—A long-distance touring party in an automobile, which has just arrived, is composed of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Smut, F. E. Smut and Mrs. Henry Smut, all of Chicago. They came here from Portland, Ore., in their machine. They have been very successful in crossing the continent. Today they went bathing in the Atlantic, after having taken a plunge in the Pacific early in July.

The visitors said they had traveled through Yellowstone Park and were among the first autoists to make the attempt through the National preserve. They are to leave here during the week for Buffalo, N. Y.

Seltzer on the Side.

New York Telegraph. Miss Edith St. Clair, of 329 Wyeth avenue, Brooklyn, took a little seltzer on the side while passing the Empire Theater last night and was glad to get it. Miss St. Clair was walking along Broadway when she stopped in front of the Empire Theater for the purpose of greeting a friend. Her friend was at the time in the act of lighting a cigar and carelessly threw the match into the folds of her dress. In an instant she was ablaze. Shocked by the calamity which was threatened the man sought to smother the blaze with his hands and was badly burned in so doing. John McLean, detective for the New York Central Railroad, was passing at the time and, rushing into a cafe he seized a syphon of seltzer and, returning, turned it on the woman's skirt. The result was that she escaped with very slight injuries, although her gown was hopelessly ruined.

Sudden Attack of Dysentery Cured.

A prominent lady of Brooklyn, N. Y., writes to inquire where she can obtain Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. She says: "While stopping in St. Paul, Dakota, I was taken ill of what seemed to be cholera. It cured me. I brought a bottle home and have just used the last of it today. Mother was taken suddenly ill with dysentery and it helped her immediately. For sale by all druggists."

THE "DIFFERENT STORE"
WELCOME VISITORS

OLDS-WORTMAN-KING STORE

LEADING DEPARTMENT HOUSE ON PACIFIC SLOPE WASHINGTON-FIFTH-SIXTH STREETS

THIS STORE CLOSSES AT 6 P. M. DAILY

Postscript to Our Advertisement in Sunday Papers

IT HAS OFTEN BEEN SAID THAT THE POSTSCRIPT TO A WOMAN'S LETTER IS USUALLY THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE COMMUNICATION. BE THAT AS IT MAY, WE WISH TO IMPRESS UPON THE BUYING PUBLIC THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF TODAY'S ADDITIONAL NEWS OF PORTLAND'S LARGEST AND BEST STORE. THE FALL SEASON IS MAKING ITSELF FELT MORE AND MORE EACH DAY. THE REMAINING SUMMER GOODS ARE RAPIDLY DISAPPEARING UNDER THE FORCE OF GREATLY REDUCED PRICES, WHILE IN EVERY DEPARTMENT THE NEW FALL GOODS ARE BEING ASSEMBLED FOR DISPLAY. THE FIRST CHANCE IS YOURS. COME TODAY, AND COME AS EARLY AS YOU CAN.

Special Price on the Celebrated QUICK-MEAL RANGES

Quick-Meal Steel Ranges are built just as heavy as is necessary, with the metal distributed in the manner that will do the most good.



The walls are so well lined with asbestos that no heat is lost, but is radiated to the points where it is most needed. Almost every part of Quick-Meal Ranges is of steel, making the range lighter, stronger and less liable to breakage than would be possible with any other method of construction.

Quick-Meal Steel Ranges are distinctly different from other ranges, inasmuch as they possess all the good features of any other make, with many special features not found in other ranges.

Special Price this Week \$34.50

Petticoat Special \$1.50 Value for \$1.17 Ea.

Ladies' Black Mercerized Petticoats, full width, double seams, 16-inch accordion plounce, with 2-inch ruffle. Regular price, \$1.50; special, \$1.17

Neckwear Specials

SPICK AND SPAN NEW GOODS. 25c for Wash Stocks Worth 35c to 50c. 150 dozen of Ladies' Wash Collars, in assorted styles. Some are embroidered in English Eyelet Work, lace trimmed; some are made of the lawn trimmed with dainty Valenciennes lace. Some are made with Jabots lace trimmed, and still others are in tailored styles. All of them are worth from 35c to 50c. Special at, each, \$25c



SILK GLOVES

\$1.00 AND \$1.25 SILK GLOVES 79c. Ladies' Fine Mesh Silk Gloves, in white, black and colors. They wash splendidly and wear well. Our \$1.00 and \$1.25 values. Special at, 79c.

KID GLOVES.

A fine showing of New Mocha Kid Gloves, Pique sewed, in all the very best colors. Prices, the pair, \$1.25 and \$1.50. A splendid assortment of Ladies' Fine Kid Gloves just received. They are all made by the best manufacturers, and known the world over. The "Magnet"—Price, the pair, \$1.00 The "Monarch"—Price, pair, 2.00 The "Eskey"—Very dressy, pair, 1.50 The "Hector"—Price, pair, 1.25 The "Derby"—Price, pair, 1.50

Blanket Specials FOR THIS WEEK.

Commencing today—this morning at 8 o'clock, and continuing while the lots last, during the week.

- SCARLET WOOL BLANKETS. Value \$5.00; special, pair, \$2.50 Value \$6.50; special, pair, 3.25
- PENDLETON ROBES. Value, \$4.50; special at, \$2.50
- FINE NAVAJO WOOL BLANKETS. Value, \$7.50; special at, \$4.95
- PENDLETON INDIAN ROBES. Value, \$7.50; special at, \$6.00 Value, \$8.50; special at, 5.00 Value, \$5.50; special at, 4.75

In the Drapery Section

New arrivals in Couch Covers, Portiers and miscellaneous draperies. All the new season's best ideas. Display room, Fourth Floor, Sixth Street Annex. New Arrivals in Couch Covers, Portiers and Piece Goods.

SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION OF ASBESTOS SADD IRONS.

Today on Third Floor. Housewives are especially invited to attend.

The Best Ever

Three Shoe Specials that nobody can beat. You never saw better values; neither did we; neither did anybody else. The very fact that we make a cut on Pingree Goods will indicate the full force of this Special Sale.

"THE GOVERNOR"

Pingree-Made Men's Shoes, Formerly \$5.00, Today for \$3.49

Nothing but high-grade stock in any of these shoes. In the lot are all kinds of leathers and all shapes, now going at the uniform price of, \$3.49

Men's \$3.50 Shoes \$2.45

Men's Tan Russia Calf Half Shoes, beautifully made, stylish, seasonable; regularly \$3.50; now going for, \$2.45

Women's \$3.00 Shoes \$1.98

Women's Black Vici Kid Boots, from one of the leading and most reliable manufacturers, and sold for \$3.00; on sale today at \$1.98

JET SPANGLED DRESS HATS

At Special Prices for Today

The Jetted Hat is a new thing and very popular just now. We offer a splendid assortment trimmed in Jet Spangles and Ostrich Tips; a good \$6.50 value, today at \$2.19

Silk Shirred Turbans

A great special for today: New silk shirred Turbans, dove shape, in navy, black and brown; \$3.00 value; special, at \$1.95

Ladies' New Fall Suits

The new arrivals in Suits embrace all the correct styles of the season, and in every fashionable color. They are made in the extremely popular Redingote Longcoat style; also Blouses and Etons, and a very pretty style with 27-inch loose coat. These come in broadcloths, serges, Panamas, homespuns, mannish mixtures, prunellas, chevots, etc. To suit every fancy and every purse. Prices from \$12.50 to \$150

Ladies' Automobile Coats, Redingotes, and Short Coats

Salons, Second Floor. Our advance showing can best be expressed by the words of one privileged to see the goods on display: "It is simply wonderful." No other store hereabouts attempts to approach our display, either in magnitude or qualities. The coats consist of every late style, long and short, made of the season's newest materials, in all the wanted colors, such as purples, greens, gray mixtures, reds, olives, tans and black. Prices range from \$6.50 to \$85.00.

\$2.50 House Dresses for \$1.10

Just the frock every woman wants for wear around the house while household duties are in order; made from pretty percales, in a variety of attractive patterns and colors; among them blue and white and striped designs; values up to \$2.50 for \$1.10

NEW FALL DRESS GOODS

REMARKABLE SHOWING IN OUR DRESS GOODS ANNEX. First Floor. New Colored Dress Goods for Fall are now in, and here, without doubt, you will find the largest collection of every new weave and color shown west of Chicago. The new Tartan Plaids in all the different clans. New French drapete, prunellas and chiffon broadcloths, that are warranted not to spot. New rainproof fabrics, new Panamas, henriettas, colennies, poplin de chene, chiffon voiles, silk and wool poplin—in fact, everything new that can be found in the world's best fashion centers and markets. We wish particularly to invite you to see our assortment of novelty worsted and Panama cloths now on display, ranging in price from, per yard, \$1.00 to \$2.50

NEW SILKS

Fall Silks have arrived in almost endless variety. The plain bond suitings that are warranted in every shade are selling rapidly. The plain and novelty moires are well worth making a special trip to see. It is simply impossible to attempt to describe the novelty chiffon taffetas and other beautiful weaves. You must really see them. Plain silks for suits and waists are now on display, in every new effect and color, all priced lower than you could find the same elsewhere. Bonnet de Cie's world-renowned black and colored silks shown exclusively here.

Monday Specials In the Notion Stores Along the Fair-Way.

- Dress Shields 10c
- 15c Pin Books 10c
- 15c Tooth Brushes 5c
- Mothballs in Boxes
- 65c Needle Books 45c
- 65c Side Combs 39c
- 10c Garment Snaps 6c
- 65c Side Combs 39c
- 15c Fountain Syringes 88c
- 10c Writing Tablets 6c

New Fall Carpets Just Arrived

We are showing a new line of Carpets in the new Fall styles that is far ahead of any previous Portland carpet exhibit. We are always delighted to show our Carpets and cordially invite everybody to visit our big daylight carpet-room on the fourth floor. We handle reliable goods only, and price them like this:

- Tapestry Brussels, per yd., \$1.08, 95c and 81c
- Roxbury Brussels, per yd., \$1.22
- Best Body Brussels, per yd., \$1.58
- Best Wool Velvet, per yd., \$1.44
- Wilson Velvet, per yd., \$1.71
- Upton Martin Axminster, per yd., \$1.53
- Bigelow Axminster, per yd., \$1.98

All other makes at lowest prices.

New Arrivals in Lace Curtains

Including Brussels and Renaissance effect; Cable Net, Cluny, Arabian; real Brussels, Battenberg, Ruffled Net and Ruffled Swiss, and novelty effects; more than 500 different styles.

Blanket Sale

SPECIAL FOR ONE WEEK.

- SCARLET WOOL BLANKETS—Value \$5.00; special while they last, at \$2.50
- Value \$6.50; special while they last at \$3.25
- Pendleton Robes, value \$4.50, for \$2.50
- Fine Navajo Wool Blankets; regular value \$7.50; special, each, \$4.95
- Pendleton Indian Robes, choicest patterns and colors: Value \$7.50; special, \$6.00 Value \$6.50; special, \$5.00 Value \$5.50; special, \$4.75

Ladies' \$5 Umbrellas \$2.98

Ladies' fancy plaid Umbrellas, covered with pure silk in the sweetest blue and green plaids. All have the best steel rods with the double improved lock rib Paragon frame. Best natural wood handles with fine, heavy silk tassels; regular rain size. Our \$5.00 value, extra special for Monday and Tuesday only at, each \$2.98

Exquisite New Laces and Trimmings for Fall

We have a very handsome showing of new laces and trimmings, and although the stock is seemingly complete, many others are coming in rapidly. Here you will find everything that is new and novel for trimming your pretty frocks and we earnestly request you to inspect these lines carefully before buying. In the showing are:

- BABY IRISH CROCHET BANDS AND EDGES—Priced at the yard, up from .90c and 50c
- BABY IRISH CROCHET ALLOVERS to match.
- NET TOP LACE EDGES AND BANDS—Priced at the yard, up from .25c and 35c
- With Net Top Laces, Allover to match.
- POINT VEISE LACE BANDS AND EDGES—Priced at the yard, up from .15c and 25c
- With Point Veise Laces, Allover to match.
- HANDSOME BLACK SILK VEISE BANDS—Priced at the yard, up from .75c
- BLACK MERCERIZED VEISE BANDS—Priced at the yard, up from .50c
- BLACK SILK NET TOP LACES—Priced at the yard, up from .75c

Beautiful Ribbons

In endless variety; Roman stripes, fancy plaids, Dresden effects, embroidered ribbons, silk and satin taffetas. As fine a showing as you ever saw and suitable for millinery purposes, ties, girdles, sashes or dress trimmings. All are reasonably priced.

- SATIN TAFFETA RIBBONS from 1/4 inch to 5 inches wide, and
- SILK TAFFETA RIBBONS from 1/2 inch to 5 inches wide; priced at, the yard, from 35c up to 75c

MONDAY BARGAINS In Housefurnishing Stores

Third Floor. New Fall goods are arriving daily. Just received a lot of new decorated French China, in single pieces, fancy shapes, new decorations—Dutch figures and gold lines, special, fine and jewelry trays. New electric and gas shades, new finishes and colors with lead effects.



100-Piece Austrian China Dinner Sets \$18. New Austrian China Dinner sets with baby pink flowers and gold lines. Special at, each set, \$18

Haviland China Dinner Sets \$27. 100-piece new Haviland decorated French China dinner sets, dainty decorations of small pink flowers and green leaves. Special, the set, \$27

New Brass Art Goods. In fancy articles. Special, each from 25c to \$15

Universal Food Choppers. Unequaled for general use, chops everything, meat, vegetables, bread, etc. Small size, special at, each, \$7.94 Family size, special at, each, \$9.94 Large size, special at, each, \$11.94 Hotel or restaurant size, special at, each, \$15.00

Toasters for Gas or Oil Stoves 25c. No taste or smell of gas or oil, does not burn bread, but toasts to a golden brown. Special at, each, \$25c

Rosette Irons 50c. Latest novelty for making dainty desserts. Price, the set, \$50c See Free Demonstration

Oil and Gas Heaters. Just the thing for "warming up" on chilly mornings and evenings. Oil heater, gun metal finish. Special, each, \$4.00 Oil heater and screen. Special, each, \$4.00 Gas heater, attach to gas jet. Special, each, 75c