

BRIDGE-BUILDER IS ON THE WAY

Will Select Sites for North-Bank Road.

EFFECT ON COAST PORTS

Vice-President Levey Says It Is Up to Business Men.

TERMINAL RATES THE SAME

Shippers of Wheat From the Inland Empire Have the Choice of Whichever City They Desire to Deal With.

Mr. Levey confirmed the story of the transfer of the property to the state. He said that the consideration was \$1,500,000.

Mr. Levey said that the property in question lies along the company's present terminals in the Oregon metropolis. The newly-acquired land consists of the two blocks lying between Tenth and Twelfth streets and running from the river south to Hoyt street. He added that it would be used as the company's freight terminals and would not work against Tacoma in any manner whatever.

When asked whether he thought the Harbinger interests would retaliate because of the new line, Mr. Levey said: "The Harbinger has owned a tract at Vancouver for some time. It will be used as the terminals for crossing the Columbia, the exact site of the bridge line one of Mr. Majeski's problems. He will also make the necessary surveys, look over the field and decide the best place for the erection of the bridge both here and at Portland. He will also have supervision of the construction of the two bridges."

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GOUGH WANTS NO CHILDREN

Landlords Refuse Apartments to Would-Be Renters With Families.

PRICES UP ALL OVER CITY

Prominent Restaurateur, an Admirer of the Rooseveltian Theory, Offers Premiums to Employees Who Marry.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—It is yearly becoming more and more of a problem for New York families to know what to do with children.

In only two classes of homes are they welcomed, the cheap, dirty, uncomfortable tenements of the lower East Side, and in private houses.

It is an actual fact that a man with an income from \$50 to \$500 a week, is compelled to put in the hardest kind of work, if he wants to secure a dwelling in proportion to his means, providing he has children.

Landlords of the better class of apartments are gradually becoming converts to the theory that children are unnecessary evils, and tenants who have them are temporarily ordered to move as soon as their leases expire.

This past few days by the action Andrew Bowen, owner of an apartment in the aristocratic Riverside Drive section in visiting four of his tenants.

Each of these men paid from \$200 to \$500 a year for their apartments and paid it promptly. But they had one or two children apiece (to be exact, six in the four families) and for that sole reason they were told to look elsewhere for a home.

Andrew Garvan, one of the four who has been ejected, declares that it is almost impossible to find the kind of a home that he desires.

"My wife and I have hunted all over the city," he says, "and I am convinced that there is a general conspiracy against children among the owners of first-class apartment houses."

On the lower East Side this condition of affairs has been met by numerous rent riots, which have afforded the police work and kept the neighborhood in a turmoil for days at a time.

For example, in the congested ghetto it has heretofore been possible to rent an apartment, so called, for \$5 a month, consisting of two or three dark, dismal closets. Most of these have now been raised to \$14 or \$15 a month, and the additional burden is more than the family can bear.

The writer two months ago looked over some flats on the upper West Side renting for \$45 a month. A week ago a visit to the same houses revealed the fact that the price had gone up to \$55.

This is a case typical of present conditions. There seems to be no real reason for the jump, except the fact that owners find they can get the money, and natural, by asking for it.

New York City has over 500,000 families who pay \$50 a month or under in rentals, according to the figures of the City Tenement House Commission. Two hundred thousand or more of these come in the class of \$15 a month or under.

Henry Phelps, the philanthropist, donated \$1,000,000 for the erection of model tenement-houses and the location of three has already been decided upon.

It is understood that if the project is a financial success (that is if it pays two per cent on the capital invested), the Phelps project will be materially extended. In fact a movement is now under way to induce Andrew Carnegie to spend a few millions in that way.

Despite the crusade against children, President Roosevelt still has admirers in New York. The latest of these is the proprietor of the aristocratic Cafe Martin, who has offered \$100 in cash to every employee who gets married, and \$50 to every child born in Cafe Martin families after date.

Twelve hours after the order was posted, a waiter and a pantry girl were married, thereby gaining \$200, and the marriages in the Martin service have averaged three a week ever since.

MILLION DOLLAR BLAZE AT BUTTE

Four Blocks Are Destroyed in the Business Section of the City.

EIGHT PEOPLE ARE INJURED

Fire-Fighting Apparatus Is Hurried in From Near-By Towns and Entire Destruction of Montana Town Prevented.

LIST OF THE INJURED.

- John Neil, burned and head cut slightly.
- Frank Harrington and Robert Simons, bruised by fall from roof of Barrett block.
- Mell Fret, colored, scalp wound.
- Jack Curry, head cut.
- W. D. Tracy, arteries cut in left wrist and right hand badly cut.
- Frank Robertson, volunteer fireman, severely burned.
- Chief of Police Mulholland, right leg cut by flying glass.

ISLANDS ARE SEIZED

Japanese Flag Hoisted Over the Commander Group.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 24.—News has been received here that the American steamer Montana, having on board Baron Bruggen, manager of the Kamchatka Trading Society, was seized by the Japanese near Nikoliskoe, Behring Island, and that the Japanese occupied the Commander Islands and hoisted the Japanese flag.

The seizure of the Montana has already been chronicled, but there has been no mention of any occupation of the Commander Islands. Rear-Admiral Katakata reported to the Imperial Navy Department on August 25 as follows: "The steamer 'Montana' was dispatched to Kamchatka captured a number of Russians on board the American steamer Montana off the port of Nikoliskoe, among them Commodore Griseom, who on September 11, notified the State Department of the character of the vessel and giving August 16 as the date. The steamer, the Minister said, was taken to the Youka naval station and the case brought before the prize court at Yokohama, which had not rendered a decision at the time the report was filed."

GIVE THANKS TO MAYOR

Cuban Liberals' Lives Saved by Action of Authorities.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—The Cuban Minister today received the following dispatch from his government at Havana: "The members of the Executive Board of the Liberal party at Cienfuegos have addressed a communication to the Mayor, asking him to moderate, asking him to express their gratitude to the municipal authorities, police and custom-house functionaries for the way their lives were protected during the occupation of the city, which was the result of the death of the brave chief of police while doing his duty."

THIRTY CASES AT PENSACOLA

PENSACOLA, Fla., Sept. 24.—Seven new cases of yellow fever were officially reported by the State Board of Health tonight. Thirty are now under treatment.

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AT WORK ON HIS MESSAGE

PREзидент ROOSEVELT IS RECEIVING FEW VISITORS.

Next Saturday Morning His Personal and Official Families Go to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—President Roosevelt will complete his return to Sagamore Hill and his departure for Washington next Saturday. The President, Mrs. Roosevelt and members of their family; Secretary and Mrs. Lobb, and the members of the executive force will leave here about 11 o'clock Saturday morning on a special Long Island train. They will go by boat from Long Island City to Jersey City, and thence via the Pennsylvania Railroad, reaching Washington at 7 o'clock.

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HIGH CHINESE HIT BY A BOMB

Four Officials Slain, Wu Ting Fang and Prince Tsai Wounded.

THROWER BLOWN TO ATOMS

Explosion in Car Containing Mission About to Go Abroad at Order of Emperor to Study Foreign Political Methods.

PEKIN, Sept. 24.—At the Pekin Railway station today, as a train carrying one of the four missions ordered abroad to study foreign political methods was leaving, a bomb was exploded inside a private car, killing four minor officials and wounding over 20 other persons. The wounded include Prince Tai Tohe, who is the head of the most important of the missions, and Wu Ting Fang, ex-Minister to the United States, both of whom received slight injuries.

The perpetrator of the outrage, who was in the car, was blown to pieces. The affair has created a profound sensation and causes apprehension regarding the safety members of the court and leading officials of the government. The government offices and railways are now strongly guarded.

The edict appointing the missions mentioned in the foregoing dispatch was issued July 18. A dispatch from Pekin August 29 says the missions were appointed to study foreign systems of government because the Emperor, Emperor intended to issue a decree at the new year for the establishment of a parliament 12 years hence.

DEED OF AN ANARCHIST.

Reactionary Party in China Is Devoid of Principles.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—When the dispatch containing the account of the explosion of a bomb in a private car was shown to Sir Cheng Liang Tung, Minister of China here, he expressed his horror over the occurrence and said it was doubly unfortunate that it should occur just at a time when all things seemed so auspicious for China and her government. There is doubt about the perpetrators, or rather as to the party that is responsible for the deed. Then the Minister added:

"There are two parties in China, the new reform party, which is desirous of having the people and government profit by the adoption of whatever is found good in Occidental civilization and methods, and the party that you call anarchists in this country. The leaders of the latter are really devoid of any principles, whether of government or anything else; envy and jealousy are the main springs that actuate their every movement. Like your President-killing anarchists, they merely seek to destroy."

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