

STREET-CAR MEN WILL NOT STRIKE

Members of the Union Decide Against Walkout.

RADICALS ARE VOTED DOWN

Advocate Fight to the Finish Against the Company, but Without Success.

CONSERVATIVES IN MAJORITY

Result Arrived at After Stormy Session.

ALL LINES REPRESENTED

Cars Taken to Barns After Midnight and Men Assemble at Drew Hall, Second and Morrison, at 2:15 A. M.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE STREET-CAR SITUATION.

10 A. M.—Committee of Portland Trades Council waits on President W. H. Goods, of the city traction lines, to influence him to recognize the union. The committee is unsuccessful.

The street-car men of Portland met at 2:15 o'clock this morning in Drew Hall, at the corner of Second and Morrison streets, for the purpose of bringing the strike question to an issue.

It is now regarded as certain that the strike advocates will demand that the question be decided by a rising vote, which plan, it is considered, will approve a decision in favor of a walk-out.

1 o'clock, were later in arriving, coming to the street on both systems of the city, and the special cars chartered from the company.

Defections From Union. Defections from the cause of the union began yesterday on both systems of the city.

A serious loss to the union occurred yesterday when the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company's men signed up wholesale withdrawals from the union.

This is the result of work among the O. W. P. men by officials of the company, at a meeting of the company held at the Milwaukee barn Tuesday night when an effort was made to line up the men with the company.

Approved. HURLBURT. This flank movement put a quietus to the desire to strike among O. W. P. employees. Realizing that the movement was losing ground on First street, union leaders labored with the men and tried to get them back into line.

Managers of the company are willing to recognize a local organization among the street-car men. "If the men want a local union, they can have it," declared Superintendent Fields.

What both street-car companies object to is the calling in of outsiders to settle any dispute that arises between the companies and the men. The O. W. P. management is confident of operating its cars today, even if a strike is declared.

The raise in wages just announced was a cause of trouble in the union, the men to the company, for now they are more anxious to stay at work than they were.

Politics. Jerome condemns Roosevelt for criticizing Judge Humphries. Page 1. Pure food convention approves Roosevelt's action in meat scandal. Page 4.

Domestic. Evidence of conspiracy and blackmail in Harjiz case. Page 2. Securoy earthquake exaggerated and severity decreasing. Page 3.

PRESIDENT GATCH WILL TAKE A REST

Head of Oregon Agricultural College Announces His Intention to Retire.

FIFTY YEARS AN EDUCATOR

At 73 He Is Hale and Hearty and Is in Perfect Control of and Much Beloved by Faculty and the Students.

DR. GATCH'S CAREER.

Professor natural sciences, University of Pacific, Santa Clara, Cal., 1856. Principal Santa Cruz, Cal., schools, 1857. Professor mathematics, University of Pacific, 1858.

CORVALLIS, Or., July 19.—(Special)—The annual meeting of the Board of Regents of the Oregon Agricultural College was concluded at a late hour last night.

Advantage was taken of the occasion by many members of the board to speak in a regretful and eulogistic spirit, and the sentiment of the board was reflected in a resolution unanimously adopted.

Professorship May Be Considered. The presentation of the resolution to the board called out eulogistic remarks by many members, notable among whom were Governor Chamberlain, Mr. Waldo, Captain Apperson and W. P. Keady.

and indorses Mr. Gatch for the privileges of the Carnegie Foundation.

Resolution of Regret. In full the resolution is as follows: Whereas, After an illustrious career of half a century as an educator, Dr. Thomas M. Gatch, the illustrious president of the Oregon Agricultural College, has expressed a desire to retire in the near future from the headship of this institution.

Resolved, That we, the Board of Regents of the Oregon Agricultural College, in annual meeting assembled, renew our confidence and faith in Dr. Gatch as an illustrious and able educator, leader of his profession, and express our purpose of seeking retirement from the headship of this institution, and that it is only with the greatest reluctance that we consent thereto.

Resolved, That we recommend Dr. Gatch to the trustees of the Carnegie Foundation as one whose notable services to the cause of education makes him a conspicuous example of an educator whose career deserves recognition and reward, and that, in the name of the Oregon Agricultural College and acting for it, we request that Dr. Gatch be admitted to the privilege and benefits of the said Carnegie Foundation.

Feels He Has Earned Rest.

Dr. Gatch's plan is wholly his own, and is said to have been in contemplation for some time. It is not due to delicate health, as he is in robust health, and one of the hardest workers in the faculty, in spite of the fact that he is 73 years of age.

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UNCLE SAM BLEED ON ARMOR PLATE

Midvale Steel Company Succeeds in Bringing Steel Trust to Its Knees.

BIG GRAFT IS SHOWN UP

Underbidding of Trust Exposes Exorbitant Prices Extorted for Years—Figures Which Argue for Tariff Revision.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.

Washington, July 19.—The Democrats are preparing to make campaign material out of the recent armor plate award, under which Secretary Bonaparte gave to the steel trust a contract for half the armor required for the battleships Michigan and South Carolina, notwithstanding the fact that an independent company underbid the trust \$25 to \$30 a ton.

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It asked, for Congress would not permit the purchase of armor plate abroad and there was no competitor.

Prior to 1906 the steel trust asked \$545 per ton for armor plate, and that is the price the Government paid. In 1906, however, the Midvale Steel Company, which had been manufacturing shells for the Army and Navy, decided to install an armor plate plant and bid for the Government contracts.

Steel Trust on Its Knees. Finding itself up against a cold proposition of dollars and cents, and facing a competitor who could make good, the trust, for the first time in its career, got down on its knees and begged for mercy.

Whether Mr. Bonaparte was right or wrong; whether the Midvale Company could or could not furnish 7000 tons of armor plate as rapidly as demanded for the two battleships, the whole incident has been beseeching the United States Government all these years at the rate of \$100 to \$200 a ton on its armor plate, and probably at an even higher rate.

JEROME DEFENDS IMMUNITY JUDGE

Condemns Roosevelt for Criticising Him.

SAYS HUMPHRIES OBEYED LAW

Judge Cannot Bend to Public Opinion, He Says.

LAWYERS' DUTY DISCUSSED

District Attorney Says People Should Criticise Laws, Not Judges. How Public Opinion Sets Aside Laws at Will.

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., July 19.—District Attorney Jerome delivered an address on "Public Opinion, Its Power, Some of Its Evils and Injustices and Our Duty as Lawyers Toward It."

There is one injustice which public opinion not infrequently does it is one which lawyers can do much to correct, and that is the criticism of judges for decisions which they could not avoid making if they obey the law.

Power of Public Opinion.

In the beginning Mr. Jerome said there were men guided by a high sense of duty who would do and continue to do their duty as they saw it, regardless of the majority opinion which we call public opinion.

Lawyers' Great Influence.

As to the part the speaker contended lawyers should take in influencing public opinion, Mr. Jerome said: If the power of public opinion be so great, and if each of us have the inalienable capacity to influence it, it seems almost needless to say that we should use it to the best of our ability.

BURN AND PILLAGE CITY

RUSSIAN REBELS APPLY TORCH TO THRIVING SYZRAN.

Terror-Stricken Inhabitants Robbed as They Flee to Forests and Neighboring Cities.

SYZRAN, Russia, July 20.—Setting fire to the town the rebels have caused the inhabitants to flee and the whole city is in flames.

WILL DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT

Czar May Appeal to Universal Suffrage and Name Dictator.

COLOGNE, July 19.—The Gazette's correspondent at St. Petersburg asserts on reliable authority that the Russian Government has agreed in principle to dissolve Parliament and order new elections on the basis of universal and direct suffrage.

Lightning Burns Millinery Store.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 19.—The six-story brick building at the corner of Tenth street and Broadway, owned and occupied by the Franklin-Frank Wholesale Millinery Company, was partially destroyed by fire this afternoon.

Bandits Rob Cashier on Train.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 19.—Five armed men today attacked a cashier on board a railway train between Rostov on Don and Veronezh, escaping with \$15,500.

