

TRYING TO ALLAY HOSTILE FEELING

Kikujiro Ishii's Diplomatic Mission to the United States.

AMAZED AT BIG SAWMILL

Thoroughly Inspects Portland and Is Guest of Honor at Arlington Club Dinner, Where He Makes a Speech—Leaves at Night.

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Kikujiro Ishii, Directeur des Affaires Commerciales au Ministère des Affaires Étrangères, of the Japanese foreign office, inspected Portland yesterday in the usual exhaustive Oriental fashion. His official position in Japan is a mixture of that in this country of Secretary Straus of the Department of Commerce and Labor, and John Barret, of the Bureau of American Republics, with just a dash of Secretary Root while in South America. Personally Mr. Ishii is what Americans would call a royal good fellow. Without departing an iota from either personal or official dignity he is what politicians mean when they refer to a man as "a good mixer." It is perhaps due to these qualities that Mr. Ishii is making a rapid tour of the United States to smooth out what possible wrinkles there might be. Although he does not say so in so many words, yet with subtle Oriental diplomacy he somehow gets such an idea into the minds of all the Americans he meets.

Yesterday Mr. Ishii was the guest of honor at a dinner in the Arlington Club. Those present were: Mr. Ishii, T. B. Wilcox, Vice-Consul Matsubara, T. M. Scurlin, J. F. Watson, W. W. Cotton, W. B. Ayer, J. C. Alneworth, Consul Aiba, Mayor Lane, H. Ohta, Thomas Kerr, W. W. Fenton, S. Barr, W. MacMaster, William Ladd, D. MacKenzie, General Greely, W. D. Wheelwright.

Makes a Speech.
There was practically no speech making, as W. D. Wheelwright, acting as host, very briefly introduced Mr. Ishii, who responded briefly from manuscript.

Watches the Sawmills.
After the dinner Mr. Ishii, in company with Tsuchi Aiba, consular agent for Japan, who has resided in Portland for over 40 years, and Kazuo Matsubara, Acting Consul for Japan in San Francisco, who is accompanying Mr. Ishii while on the Pacific Coast, was taken in an automobile to the Eastern and Western Lumber Mills, the Forestry building and for a short ride about the city. Mr. Ishii was frankly amazed with the way huge logs were ripped into lumber.

"Wonderful! Wonderful!" he murmured as he watched a log 42 feet long and five feet through, tossed about by the gigantic iron "blaker" as if it had been a toothpick. "There is nothing like this in all Japan. You do more here with less men in five minutes than we do in Japan in a whole year."
"Then you will have them in Japan within a year?" he was asked, but made no reply—because of the noise of the saws, probably—except to smile gently, and flash a glance of the eye at his two fellow countrymen.
"One of the truly great buildings of the world," was his comment as he left the Forestry building. "It is possible nowhere else than in this part of this country. So that nine-foot-four stump is 160 years older than America where it grew. Is it right? You wait and see what Japan does in 575 years."

Says War Talk is Nonsense.
Later in the Hotel Portland Mr. Ishii consented to talk about other affairs than Portland. Concerning the possibilities of war between America and Japan, he said:
"Unfortunately all countries and races

have their hoodlums. We have them in Japan, you have them in America. But the intelligent people of both countries understand such things. I see not the remotest ill feeling in America against Japan. Nor is there any in our country against you people.
"As for the Philippines, Japan does not want them and would not have them as a gift. Japan has all the coast line she wants to protect as it is. The Filipinos are not capable of self government. Of all nations, not excepting Japan herself, we prefer to see the United States hold the Philippines."
"With Corea it is different. There is not much coast line to guard there, and it is near Japan. As for this talk the last few days about China and Japan beginning to growl over some land way up on the Yalu River—nonsense! That is a little affair over an island in the river about 200 years old between China and Corea. We simply inherited it with a lot of other Korean troubles. There is just as much danger of China and Japan getting into trouble over that little mud bank as there is of England and America going to war over the possession of some mountain top on the Canadian border. Japan and the United States need each other to do business with and business, you know, is a preventative of war."
In the evening Mr. Ishii was the guest at a purely Japanese dinner, quite informal, tendered him by a few of the leading Japanese in Portland.

Mr. Ishii left last night for Seattle, from where he will make a hurried trip to Vancouver, then to New York and back to Japan via the Siberian railroad across Russia.

RESCINDS HEAT FRANCHISE

COUNCIL DECLARES TIME LIMIT HAS ELAPSED.

Mayor Thinks Company is Behind Movement to Take Away Franchise—Bad for Both Sides.

By a vote of 12 to 3 the Council meeting yesterday afternoon rescinded the steam-heating franchise of the Portland Light & Power Company as recommended by the Street Committee. The action was due to the fact that the company failed to begin the laying of pipes within the time-limit set by the ordinance. The company was not represented before the Council and there was little discussion, the action being a foregone conclusion. The ordinance was passed when the measure was up at the preceding session.

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New Charter for La Grande.
LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The City Council has prepared a new charter to be submitted to the voters for acceptance or rejection at a special election to be held September 23. The proposed charter consists of 83 sections. So far no opposition has developed to its adoption.

UNITED RAILWAYS GETS MORE TIME

Wittenberg Makes an Impassioned Appeal for a Square Deal.

FRANCHISE IS DEFERRED

Company is Willing to Submit New Franchise to Council and Promises to Have Seven Miles of Road Built by July 1.

By the most stirring speech that has been delivered before the Council in many a day, Herman Wittenberg, a director of the United Railways, yesterday afternoon stemmed the tide of adverse sentiment that was threatening to engulf the affairs of his company by revoking the franchise under which it is operating and obtained a new lease of life under which to continue construction. Action on the franchise was indefinitely deferred and the matter was returned to the joint committee on streets and judiciary with instructions to consider a new grant to supersede the old one.

The Council was a signal victory for the United Railways. When the Council assembled there was undoubtedly a majority to cancel the old grant. After Mr. Wittenberg and other representatives of the company had stated their case the Council was so impressed with the fact that the building of the line covered by the franchise meant business and that its revocation would be an injustice, that there was not a single vote against granting more time. Even Vaughn, who had led the fight to annul the franchise, joined in the vote to refer.

The franchise under discussion was originally granted to the Oregon Traction Company and was acquired last April by the United Railways. Under its terms the electric lines were to be laid on Stark, Twelfth and Pettygrove streets, forming the Portland end of an interurban system into Washington County. They were to have been completed by August 6 last, a condition with which the company failed to comply. Mayor Lane recommended that the franchise be revoked and the street committee took similar action. It was on the committee's report that the Council acted yesterday.

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Corporations holding franchises deserve no favors when they fail to abide by their agreement. retorted Vaughn. "The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company has dominated this Council time and time again, but we have just revoked its franchise and I should like to know why this company deserves more consideration. We have set a good precedent and we should act without delay."

deposit a bond to do that?" asked the Mayor.

Wittenberg Makes Appeal.

"I'll answer that question," declared Wittenberg, jumping into the gap. "We are ready to accept a new franchise and a proper one and we will give a bond to operate seven miles of the road by July 1. We honestly intend to complete this amount by January 1, but unavoidable delays may come up."

The United Railways took up the Oregon Traction franchise in April. At that time we came before the street committee and asked for an extension or a new franchise. We were assured by them that if we went ahead and showed that we meant business it would be all right and that we should be given more time when the franchise should expire in August.

Annand, Wallace and Kellaher, all members of the street committee at that time, supported Wittenberg's assertion. No formal vote was taken but he was given to understand that if the company went on with its work it would not be interfered with by the Council.

"Not only that," continued Wittenberg, "but the committee set in a resolution that was passed by the Council recommending that no action on our franchise be taken, which plainly showed that the intention was to give us an extension or a new franchise when the old one expires. Since this application was made we have spent more than \$100,000 in constructing our lines. We have gone ahead just as rapidly as possible and we have kept faith with the street committee. And yet this Council now recommends that our grant be repealed and our property confiscated. All we ask is for you to act fairly between man and man. We want no more than what would be the right of a private citizen."

"We are here to build you a good line. We are spending our money to give Portland this line and now on a mere technicality and despite the promise given us, the Council threatens to shut us out. We are making our investment and we have acted fairly toward you. If you revoke this franchise what do you expect us to do? Will an electric line such as we are building be a benefit or a detriment to Portland? Our line is the best that has been laid in the city and we ask you to compare it with roads previously laid."

No Harriman Money in It.

"We are in dead earnest and we are willing to accept a new franchise and give a bond to construct our lines, but we are not willing to accept a public market and scare our backers if the franchise were annulled now. It has been intimated that Harriman capital is behind this company and its investment will be in any way connected with this company. Our backing is all Portland and Seattle capital. It would be a rank injustice to shut us out now and I do not believe that you will do it. Even Mr. Vaughn will not do this injustice. It would be anything but a square deal and you won't do it."

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COUNCIL TAKES NO CHANCES

Refuses to Repeal the Shepherd Building Ordinance.

Four stories is still the limit of height to which buildings, other than those of steel frame or reinforced construction, may be erected in Portland. The Council yesterday refused to repeal the Shepherd ordinance, as recommended by the committee on health and police, and the measure will stand until proper regulations can be prepared for adoption in its place. This will probably be at the next regular meeting of the Council, as the special building committee was instructed to submit such an amendment at that time.

It developed at the meeting that if the Shepherd ordinance were annulled it would leave the city with practically no restrictions on the height of new buildings. It was thought such a condition would result in the erection of numerous firetraps, and the Council declined to take the step.

C. K. Henry, a real estate dealer, and Architect Gibson, appeared before the Council to urge that brick buildings higher than four stories be allowed under certain regulations. It was declared that brick blocks of mill construction are considered desirable improvements and should not be prohibited, as they are by the present law. In this the Council agreed, and will wait only for an ordinance which will

keep out the poorer class of brick buildings and allow the better.

The special building committee, of which Annand is chairman, will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the office of Building Inspector Spencer to consider an amendment to the present ordinance covering this point. Later a new building law will be presented. This measure has been in course of preparation for months and is expected to cover thoroughly all phases of construction work.

Consider Fenders Tomorrow.

At a meeting of the Council street committee tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock the question of streetcar regulation will be taken up. Both the matter of adopting new fenders and the regulation of speed are now before the Council. A communication calling attention to the high speed of cars was submitted to the Council at its last regular meeting and was referred to the street committee.

Discuss Baker Ordinance.

Chairman Baker of the Council committee that is framing the new ordinance to govern the running of automobiles on the city streets, has called a meeting of that committee for this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The various regulations that have been suggested will be taken up at the Council at its last regular meeting and was referred to the street committee.

PREPARING NEW FRANCHISE

PEOPLE'S MARKET ASSOCIATION GIVEN MORE TIME.

Matter Referred to Committee to Allow Time for New Draft—City to Get More Money.

A new franchise more favorable to the interests of the city is to be granted to the People's Market Association. At the meeting of the Council yesterday the recommendation that the present franchise be revoked was considered but action was delayed in order to give the association time to prepare a new franchise. The subject was referred to the street committee, which will return the old franchise for revocation when a new and satisfactory one has been completed.

By its franchise the association was prohibited from using space on the block over which it was given control for any purpose other than a public market. Later an ordinance was passed presuming to let the association use the block for any purpose it wished. This, by ruling of the City Attorney, had no effect on the franchise, as it was not passed in the manner prescribed for franchises, but it was used yesterday as a lever to obtain a new grant.

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"If the city will give us \$20,000 we are willing to abandon our franchise," said Mr. Motter, "or, if it is preferred, we are willing to accept a new franchise. Should the Council rescind our grant without paying us for the improvements we have made, we shall apply to the courts for \$30,000 to cover our expenditures. We now pay the city \$100 a month for use of the market block and are willing to double this consideration. Our market is of benefit to the city and we feel we should be given a new franchise."

Upon motion of Annand the matter was referred to the joint committee on streets and judiciary, by a vote of 12 to 3. Concannon, Cottle and Vaughn casting the opposing votes. Although no instructions were given the committee, the sentiment favored the favorable consideration of a new franchise under which the city should receive \$200 a month.

TAFT ARRIVES THURSDAY

Secretary of War Will Spend Two Days Here.

William H. Taft, Secretary of War, and party will arrive in Portland at 8 o'clock Thursday night and will remain here two days. With Mr. Taft will be Mrs. Taft and their son, Charles. General Charles Edwards, John Barrett and Mr. Taft's private secretary, Wendell W. Meachler. This is the official party, but with them are expected several score of prominent politicians and office-holders. While in Portland Mr. Taft and family will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore B. Wilcox. The rest of the party are to be quartered at the Hotel

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Although no official programme has yet been arranged, and cannot be till Mr. Taft arrives and is consulted, it is expected that Thursday evening will be given up to resting after the long journey of three days and two nights from Denver, and the Friday morning the Secretary will inspect the military post at Vancouver, returning with General Greely in time to attend a dinner at the Hotel Portland, given in Mr. Taft's honor by Mr. Wilcox. Later in the afternoon a reception is planned at Mr. Wilcox's residence in honor of Mr. Taft.

Friday evening Secretary Taft will speak in the Armory. As it is expected that in this speech Mr. Taft will utter something of more than ordinary interest concerning political matters and the coming presidential campaign, a record-breaking crowd is looked for. Telegrams and letters are being received from all over the Pacific Northwest asking that seats be reserved. As Mr. Taft's speech will be the chief matter of interest, all other features on the programme will be kept subordinate. Mr. Taft will say Friday night, no one in Portland knows, but it is sure to attract National attention.

Saturday the Secretary expects to leave Portland for Tacoma with General Greely to select a permanent site, probably near American Lake, for military maneuvers. From Tacoma the Secretary goes to Seattle, where he will sail for the Philippines. He expects to continue on round the world via the Trans-Siberian Railroad to the capitals of Europe and then home to Washington. The trip, as planned at present, will cover over 30,000 miles.

W. E. Coman Going East.

W. E. Coman, assistant general freight agent for the allied Harriman lines, will leave within the next two days for New York City, where he goes to attend the session of the Transcontinental Freight Bureau, which opens on September 10. The bureau will consider the form of freight tariffs naming rates from the East to Pacific Coast terminals and interior points so as to conform to rulings of the Interstate Commerce Commission. In addition to this subject, other matters of a routine nature will be discussed.

Piano and Song Recital



Mr. Frank Hemstreet, Celebrated Baritone, of New York City, Who Will Appear in This City, Thursday Evening, September 12.

Mr. Hemstreet and Mr. Longwell will entertain music lovers.

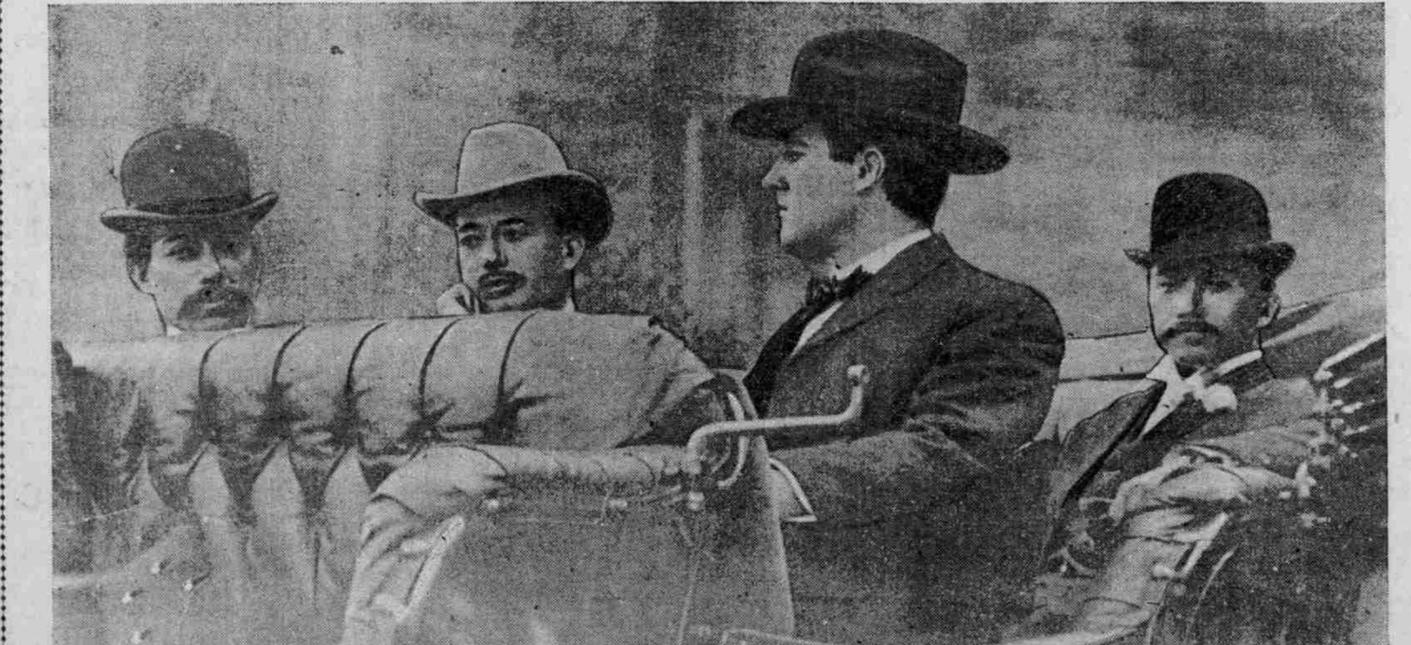
The recital to be given in this city Thursday evening, September 12, at Taylor-street Methodist Church, corner Third and Taylor streets under the auspices of Sherman, Clay & Company, in which Mr. C. Arthur Longwell and Mr. Frank Hemstreet, of New York City will appear, will be an artistic event and one which should appeal to the music lovers of the city. The two artists have been before the musical public in New York for a number of years. Mr. Longwell as a concert organist and Mr. Hemstreet as a soloist are one of the best of the metropolis. Their programme will be a varied one and will be thoroughly artistic in every sense.

Standpoint of Artist

In the many recitals in which these two artists have appeared, the verdict of the press and critics has been most flattering, and Portland should have a treat in store when they appear here. Sherman, Clay & Company are mailing hundreds of invitations to the recital, and it is planned to assemble all the lovers of good music of the city when the recital is given. There will be no charge for admission, as the recital is given under the auspices of Sherman, Clay & Company.

INVITATIONS MAILED UPON REQUEST.

DISTINGUISHED JAPANESE VISITOR TO PORTLAND



READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT—MR. TSUNEJI AIBA, CONSULAR AGENT, PORTLAND; MR. KIKUJIRO ISHII, OF THE JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE, TOKIO. MR. KAZUO MATSUBARA, ACTING CONSUL, SAN FRANCISCO, AT EXTREME RIGHT.