

Morning Oregonian.

VOL. LII—NO. 16,171.

PORTLAND, OREGON, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1912.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

EUROPE APPLAUDS WORK AT PANAMA

Charges of Bad Faith Are Withheld.

ENGINEERING FEAT PRAISED

"Crowning Achievement of American Force": London.

ISSUE OF TOLLS DROPPED

Necessity for Modifications in Foreign Commerce Seen—International Use of Canal Held Vital to Interests of Continent:

LONDON, Sept. 22.—(Special)—The announcement from Washington that the Panama canal will be opened formally next year is a signal for fresh discussion of all the broad possibilities to the undertaking. So far as the question of tolls is concerned, there seems to be a growing disposition to think Europe has been precipitate in charging Americans with bad faith with taking an unfair advantage.

Everywhere effusive compliments are written and spoken in light of the tremendous display of engineering skill on the isthmus. Periodical papers here and in Paris and Berlin give sketches of the chief objects of interest along the route and in the construction work. Long special articles deal with the "revolution the canal is to bring about in international trade."

Changes in Commerce Required.

One able Berlin writer thinks that the Panama will necessitate greater modifications of the established system of foreign commerce than were necessitated by Suez" and adds that "it is as if Dame Nature had suddenly decided to alter the course of her trade winds."

Another, declaring in "London Weekly" that the canal is the "crowning achievement of American force and enterprise," makes the significant admission that the "best business minds of the Empire (Britain) are concentrating upon the commercial revolution which is imminent in order that irrespective of the willingness of Americans to arbitrate concerning tolls, we may use the new waterway to the full and may begin to use it the day it is opened."

International Use Hoped For.

Quite the strongest censure cropping out anywhere today is the "hope that Col. Roosevelt, Dr. Wilson or Mr. Taft, whichever may be the next President, will do all he can to prevent our admiration of the phenomenon of mechanics being long diminished by different emotions as to the international use to be made of it."

No annoyance is exhibited anywhere in Europe, not even in Spain, over the latest admonitions addressed directly or indirectly by the Washington Government to Mexico, Nicaragua and Cuba. On the contrary, the prevailing sentiment is one of approval.

European capitalists who have investments in many of the republics south of the Rio Grande long have chafed at the chronic confusion created by the local politicians for selfish ends, and would welcome the application of a strong hand. A London financial paper is "astonished at the forbearance of Americans in their dealings with the Mexicans."

WAGE RISE HELD REMEDY

Spokane Mayor Believes This Cure for Social Evil.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 22.—(Special)—Regarding a minimum wage law for women, Mayor W. J. Hindley and others who have studied the problem declared yesterday that the \$9 a week minimum wage law, as suggested for the Missouri Legislature, would do much to improve conditions and practically stamp out the white slave trade.

"I for one, believe that the Missouri plan would be a fine thing," said Mayor Hindley. "No woman on her own resources in Spokane can live decently on less than \$8 a week. It is lamentable, but true, that many girls in Spokane work for \$5 a week who are supporting themselves. If a wage law of \$8 was fixed it would save many of these girls. I am inclined to think that this is the only way to combat the social evil and white slave traffic at this time."

WILSON KEEPS SILENCE

Governor Will Not Discuss O'Gorman's Position, It Being Sunday.

SEAGIRT, N. J., Sept. 22.—Following his rule not to discuss politics on Sunday, Governor Wilson declined today to comment on the quoted declaration of United States Senator O'Gorman, of New York, that, although a Democrat, he will go to the Democratic State Convention in Syracuse, October 16 to night for Governor Wilson.

Tomorrow at 11 o'clock the Governor will leave for Scranton, Pa., where he will speak at the notification of the Democratic state nominees.

Upon his return he will go to Princeton to vote. Tuesday he will be at the primaries, and on Wednesday he will leave for Connecticut and Massachusetts for a speaking trip of three days.

HEN LAYS 82 EGGS IN AS MANY DAYS

"LADY SHOW YOU" BREAKING ALL POULTRY RECORDS.

Product for Ten Months Is 237 Eggs. Average Is Only 80 Yearly. Prizes Won Are Many.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 22.—(Special)—"Lady Show You," a 2-year-old white Plymouth Rock hen from Millersville, Ill., is breaking all records in the National egg-laying contest at the Missouri State Poultry Experiment Station at Mountain Grove. She is leading the egg producers, numbering 640, representing 39 varieties from 25 states and Canada.

Her record for 10 months is 237 eggs, and her nearest competitor is a barred Plymouth Rock hen, which has produced 216 eggs in the same period. Lady Show You also has broken the world's record so far as known for continuous egg production with 82 eggs in 82 days.

When she had reached a record of 65 eggs on consecutive days, the advisory board tacked the prize ribbon on her nest and gave her an extra portion of meal, but she kept right on for more than two weeks. She has six weeks more to complete her record for the year's contest. Government statistics give the average egg production as about 80 per hen a year.

ARCHAEOLOGIST TO SPEAK

Rev. John P. Peters, D. D., will Talk on Palestine Discoveries.

Rev. John P. Peters, D. D., rector of the St. Michael's Church in New York City, and a scholar and linguist, will lecture tonight at 8:15 o'clock at the Museum of Art on "With the Spades in Palestine." The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Portland Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, of which Dr. Peters is a member.

Dr. Peters was in charge of the University of Pennsylvania expeditions to Babylon in 1888 and 1889 and has also conducted important excavations in Palestine which he will describe in his lecture.

While in Portland, Dr. Peters is the guest of Bishop Scadding, who will preside at the meeting tonight. All are interested in the history and archaeology of Palestine are invited to attend.

Dr. Peters, after receiving A. B. and Ph. D. degrees at Yale University, taught for several years in the faculty. Later he studied at the Universities of Berlin and Leipzig and was ordained as a deacon and priest in New York City prior to his studies in Germany. Dr. Peters has traveled extensively in Europe and Palestine and has edited many books bearing on history, archaeology and sociology, besides translating numerous foreign works.

CARDINAL ADVISES UNITY

All Races and Religions Urged to Work as One to Relieve Suffering.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 22.—Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, preached today in the Kansas City cathedral to a congregation that jammed the building.

"When it comes to the relief of human suffering," said the cardinal, "we should not be stopped by differences of color, race, of nationality or of religion."

He urged the co-operation of capital and labor, saying: "Let brain and brawn, mind and physical forces, capital and labor, be one and indivisible."

A luncheon in honor of the cardinal was given by the Catholic clergy and prominent laymen. Later the cardinal addressed the children of the parochial schools.

AUTO BURGLARS GET GEMS

Woman Accompanies Party on Robbery Expedition in New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—(Special)—Automobile burglars, accompanied by a woman, who remained outside in a machine, the engine of which the chauffeur kept racing in readiness for flight today, at the point of a revolver bound and gagged George Richman, a jeweler, in his jewelry store at 111 Second avenue and obtained \$5000 worth of loot. They stole \$80 in cash, two trays of diamond rings and pendants, and other trinkets that had been left to be repaired. Richman, bound hand and foot and with a towel tied tightly around his mouth, was found three minutes later by an actress, the sister of the owner of an adjoining cigar store.

DRUIDS EXPEL MEMBERS

14,000 Representing California Groves Out of General Order.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 21.—California Druids, numbering 14,000, more than half the entire membership of the general order, were expelled yesterday by the action of the Supreme Grove of America, United Ancient Order of Druids, at its closing session. It was charged that the California Druids twice failed to make annual reports and pay per capita tax.

"I for one, believe that the Missouri plan would be a fine thing," said Mayor Hindley. "No woman on her own resources in Spokane can live decently on less than \$8 a week. It is lamentable, but true, that many girls in Spokane work for \$5 a week who are supporting themselves. If a wage law of \$8 was fixed it would save many of these girls. I am inclined to think that this is the only way to combat the social evil and white slave traffic at this time."

LENIENCY IS DEPLORED

Sheriffs Agree Offenders Receive Too Much Consideration.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Sept. 22.—The convention of the Sheriffs of Washington adjourned last night.

In a discussion it was agreed that too much leniency was being shown offenders by officials who have it in their power to parole.

CUBA APPROACHES FINANCIAL CRASH

Loan Expended; Treasury Is Empty.

LARGE PAYMENT DEFAULTED

Government at Wits' End to Meet Current Expenses.

REVENUE IS AT LOW EBB

Gomez Realizes Peril of Failure to Pay American Contractor and Will Make Effort to Delay Crisis Another Month.

HAVANA, Sept. 22.—It is felt generally here that Cuba is approaching a crisis in its history as a republic. Two serious questions occupy the public mind. Can Cuba survive the present state of her finances? Can she hold an honest and orderly election for the Presidency with a loyal submission of the defeated party to the will of the majority?

The treasury is empty. The last dollar of the \$16,500,000 of the Spayer loan has been spent, while the work of sewerizing and paving Havana, the principal purpose for which the plan was authorized by the United States, is not finished and is in danger of interruption if not of abandonment. The Government is at its wits' end to find money to meet its vast expenditures, while receipts from the customs and the lottery have reached their lowest point. All this is asserted by the enemies of the Government and most of it is frankly admitted.

Government Defaults Payment.

Last month the government defaulted for the first time on the account due the sewerizing and paving contractors for work done in July, amounting to about \$429,000. The government declared it found itself unable to meet the bill simply because it had no more money. The contractors appealed to the American legation and sufficient pressure was brought to bear to convince the government that payment was imperative. The following day

There has been much speculation as to whether the government will be able to satisfy the claims of the contractors due the end of this month, but there are indications that President Gomez, realizing fully the peril of another default, has made an extra-

(Concluded on Page 2.)

ARKANSAS DEFEATS GRANDFATHER BILL

STATE HAS FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH DIRECT VOTE.

Many Negroes in Alarm Cast Ballots on One Subject Alone—Prohibition Is Beaten.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 22.—(Special)—The people of Arkansas have just passed through their first experience as lawmakers. There are indications of a large percentage of illiterate votes cast.

Out of nine measures submitted under the initiative and referendum, at a cost of \$98,20, four amendments to the constitution have been adopted and four acts and one amendment have been defeated. The measures defeated are the "Grandfather clause" for redistribution of the negro; a state-wide prohibition act; state text-book commission act, revenue bill passed by the extraordinary session of the legislature of 1911, and an election law proposed by Republicans.

After an analysis of the returns, public opinion is still divided on the question of the feasibility of direct legislation in Arkansas. The largest vote cast in the election was on the "grandfather clause," more being cast on that question than for Governor, indicating that thousands of negroes, fearful that their franchise was about to be taken from them, voted for nothing else. It was defeated by a majority of about 10,000. Negroes also voted against state-wide prohibition.

Some precincts, and even counties that have a majority for state-wide prohibition, voted that the saloon license be granted.

The most important, probably, of the new laws adopted by the people, and that will become a part of the constitution as soon as the legislature declares them adopted in January, is Amendment No. 15, providing that citizens of the first and second class and incorporated towns of 1900 population or more may determine whether or not bonds may be issued for certain purposes.

People also indorsed the recall, initiated by the Arkansas Federation of Labor and Socialists.

BALL PARK IS DESTROYED

Flames Sweep Stands at Kansas City—Motor Fire Engine Burns.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 22.—Association Park, the home of Kansas City's American Association baseball club, was destroyed tonight by a fire that also burned a plant of the City Ice & Cold Storage Company, at Nineteenth and Olive streets, and two residences near the park. The total loss was \$100,000, of which \$60,000 was sustained by the ice company and \$20,000 by George Tebeau, owner of the Kansas City team.

A motor fire engine, valued at \$3000, burned when the engine stopped and firemen were unable to move it. Two firemen were severely burned when they attempted to start the engine.

(Concluded on Page 2.)

TAFT TARIFF PLAN WINS DEMOCRATS

ALL SORTS OF ILLS TRACED TO EXPOSED ANKLES.

Own Party Notes Wilson's Inconsistency.

PRESIDENT'S VIEWS KNOWN

Belief in Protective Tariff Is Demonstrated.

T. R.'S WEAKNESS SHOWN

Large Numbers of Democrats Will Vote for President if Assured That Colonel Has No Prospect of Winning.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—

"If it is fairly well established by the middle of October that Colonel Roosevelt cannot carry the Presidential election this year, hordes of Democrats will flock to the Taft standard," declared a Democrat of National repute, when in Washington recently. "To my mind," he added, "this is Wilson's greatest danger."

Asked to elaborate his idea, he said that there were large numbers of Democrats engaged in manufacture and trade who were interested in a protective tariff—protection Democrats, so-called. These Democrats have thus far been able to get only a hazy idea of Wilson's true tariff position, and do not know what to expect if he is elected and has a Democratic Congress to support him. Yet they would not turn to Roosevelt, for his tariff position is quite as uncertain as that of the Democratic candidate, and they do not desire to desert their party for Taft unless they feel there is a chance of electing him.

Taft's Tariff Views Known.

"These Democrats—and there are many of them—倾心 to President Taft because his tariff views are known, and they can count on the future if he is retained in the White House and has a Republican Congress to back him up." The President, they figure, has demonstrated his belief in a protective tariff. He has shown his faith in tariff board and his determination to oppose any but a scientific revision of the tariff, and business knows what to expect of him if he is re-elected.

With Governor Wilson it is different. When the campaign opened the Governor was a believer in a tariff board.

(Concluded on Page 2.)

LOW SHOES GO IN DISCARD OCTOBER 1

Dealers Back Up Arguments That Danger Lurks in Time Extension With Doctors' Opinions.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—(Special)—Low shoes must be laid aside by October 1, at least in Chicago, where wintry blasts prevail after that date. The edict has gone forth from the Retail Shoe Dealers' and Manufacturers' Association, and there will be no extension of time, as in the case of straw hats, whose term of life is supposed to end September 15.

The shoe men say, and they back up their arguments with opinions from physicians, that low shoes in inclement weather are responsible for many ills, especially rheumatism, pneumonia, many varieties of nervous diseases and all varieties of colds. They say the ankle is one of the most delicate parts of the anatomy, and highly important arteries and nerves running through it should be protected from cold and dampness.

More low shoes have been worn this season than ever before, chiefly white canvas pumps for both men and women, but dealers will withdraw them from the shelves in two more days and try to please upon buyers to forget them until next summer.

CLUBMAN POISONS SELF

Alameda Engineer Is Found Dead on His Yacht Thelma.

ALAMEDA, Cal., Sept. 21.—Axel H. Birch, a young engineer of this city, committed suicide by taking poison to-day on his yacht, Thelma, lying in the estuary off the clubhouse of the Aeolian Yacht Club. The suicide was discovered through a note which Birch had sent to a newspaper and which was received today. It was addressed to "My friends and acquaintances."

No explanation of Birch's act has been found. He was to have married an Alameda nurse next spring.

Birch was well known in engineering circles here and in San Francisco, and was an alumnus of the Lick Mechanical School and had recently completed his education in Europe.

Transfers Are Made.

Bishop Cooke changed Rev. G. C. Barick from Mount Tabor, where he has been pastor for two years, to Central Church in Upper Albina. Rev. C. L. Hamilton was transferred from First Church to Mount Tabor.

Dr. C. L. Waters, a pioneer preacher, ex-district superintendent, who for years occupied Portland pulpits, takes up the work again this year after a