

COMPENSATION SAID TO BE BETTER PLAN

Washington Labor Leader Declares Liability Act Is Not So Equitable.

TWO SYSTEMS COMPARED

James H. Wallace Says Opposition to Compensation Is Influenced by "Ambulance Chasers" and "Shyster" Lawyers.

STEAMER DEAL PENDING

Lewiston Service May Be Resumed. New Company Desires of Operating on Snake by Portland Traffic Is Guaranteed.

Negotiations for the sale or lease of the steamers of the Open River Transportation Company, so that service between the lower Columbia and Lewiston can be resumed with the opening of the season about March 1, are under way now, and with assurance of traffic sufficient to make the venture reasonably successful, a transaction probably will be closed this week.

Shippers and transportation men at various points along the river are interested in the plan. Several conferences have been held in Portland between the steamship men who want to buy or lease the vessels and members of the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

A delegation of Lewiston business men, including A. S. Stacy and Frank Thompson of the Lewiston Mercantile Company; Wallace R. Struble, secretary of the Idaho-Washington Development League; and Dr. J. B. Morris, were in the city last Saturday. They are enthusiastic in their endeavor to have regular service between Portland and Lewiston next summer.

The Lewiston Transportation Company and the Clatskanie Transportation Company, both operating steamers below Celilo, are interested with the hope of securing a lease on the event that they cannot lease or buy the vessels of the Open River Transportation Company, they propose to use one or more of their own boats on the west end of the run and build a new one for service on the east end.

PORTLAND DELAYS BID

Bowling Congress Will Be Held Here if Wanted. Local Tenpin Enthusiasts Unable to Determine What to Do on Short Notice.

Portland may have the 1912 Western Bowling Congress tournament for the asking. When three or four cities were indulging in strenuous politics at the 1912 gathering to secure the tournament for 1913, conditions are such that any real inducement will give the alley meeting to Portland.

Active bowlers of the city, and owners of the two public alleys, are at sea regarding the proposal to bring the tournament to Portland, actively thus far being confined largely to promoters who plan to install a new set of alleys in Oregon Hall. They say that a telegram has been sent to Secretary Jenkins guaranteeing the cash prizes, but the officials are awaiting more definite information according to advices from Denver, which expects to get the 1914 tournament, is willing to take the 1913 meeting, according to advices from Los Angeles, but the Colorado people would rather yield in favor of Portland, or some other city, for 1913.

2 MEN IN CHURCH ROBBED

Pastor Preaching "Thou Shalt Not Steal" When Thief Enters. While Rev. J. Richard Olson, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Immanuel Church, Nineth and Irving streets, was preaching Sunday night on the text, "Thou Shalt Not Steal," a sneak thief entered the rear of the church and snatched the hats and coats draped over empty seats back. He took a hat, coat and pair of gloves.

ROSARIAN HELD AT LINE

Customs Officers Make Mistake in Identity of Excursionist. Fred Lockley, who has returned from the excursion of the Royal Ro-

sarians to Southern California, has an adventure to tell in which he was almost made the "goat" for Phil Mettschman, Jr., at the boundary line between Tia Juana and San Diego.

"We'll have to hold you," said the customs officer to him sternly. "You slipped through here yesterday with something."

"Surely a mistake," insisted Mr. Lockley. "I've not been across the line here before today."

"Yes, you were yesterday," was the reply. "We have a report of a white fellow with a broad smile and a white uniform with a red rose on the sleeve. We'll have to hold you."

When he finally succeeded in getting through onto American soil once more, Mr. Lockley told his adventure at the hotel in San Diego. Phil Mettschman, Jr., roared.

"That other fellow was myself," he said. "I went over to Tia Juana yesterday."

When he returned from Tia Juana Mr. Mettschman had simply put on the power in his auto and sailed gaily across the line, leaving with the customs officers nothing but the description of "a broad smile and a white uniform" which had almost proved the undoing of his successor.

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age walks, but of the poor and sordid and miserable. Back of it all, and holding it together, is sentiment in its finest, broadest meaning—the love for man and his fellow creature, and the big, redeeming love of a good woman for a poor, derelict of manhood.

The moving spirit of the story is the work of the Salvation Army. Its mission of saving the fallen, rescuing the helpless and weak is made the prime thought of the story, with the particular incident of the life of one wretched girl, Salvation Nell, who becomes a brand plucked from the burning. Every one who reads or goes to theaters, knows Edward Sheldon's story written for Mrs. Fiske's presentation. Salvation Nell is a swamper in a Bowery saloon, where she is eking out a miserable existence for herself and Jim Platt, a bouncer in the saloon.

In an altercation he kills a man who pays her attention, and is sent to prison for ten years.

Nell is left penniless and alone, to choose between the streets and the army. She heeds the plea of Halle-lujah Maggie and joins the army and becomes a factor in its rescue work.

Eight years later Jim returns to find her living a life full of interest and helpfulness, caring for their child, born soon after his prison sentence. Then the battle is between her duty to the army and her co-workers, and her inclination to leave with Jim. Right conquer, and to make fitting and humane provision for the child.

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Allice Fleming has been given an opportunity to show character work in this story. She rises far and away above the actual demands of the role. In the first act she sacrifices every vestige of her beauty and personal charm to become—

It seems in reality—the poor slattern of the slum child environment. Miss Fleming puts into the role of a certain nobility of nature and innate delicacy despite the rags and pitiful lines. In the second act she is the happy, self-reliant mother, hearing her little son's evening prayers, and later fighting with all her woman's ardor and pleas of affection for Jim to give up a burglary he has planned. Just the splendid acting, the restrained emotion of Allice Fleming in this role, and the slight wonder child actress, Mayo Methot, in the little home scene, brings tears.

The second scene is a powerfully gripping one. Never has Robert Connors been better cast. His character roles of pieces of human flotam are remarkable for their insight and in appeal. He is an exquisite gem. In appearance, hang-dog air and physical development, he is truly a Jim Platt. Mr. Connors emphasizes the psychological point in the scene, showing to the audience from every viewpoint, so that the judgment is not biased. For that very reason one is torn between pity for the child and contempt for his brutality to Nell.

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"I was released after several hours detention, and returned to Khol on my way to Tabriz. I passed some 1000 Russian troops marching toward the Turkish frontier. I have information were the troops stated by Sir Edward Grey last October as having been withdrawn to the Caucasus. The truth is that they have been sent to the Turkish frontier, and are still in Persian territory. Nor is there any Russian military occupation in the Azerbaijan and Khasvin provinces of Persia."

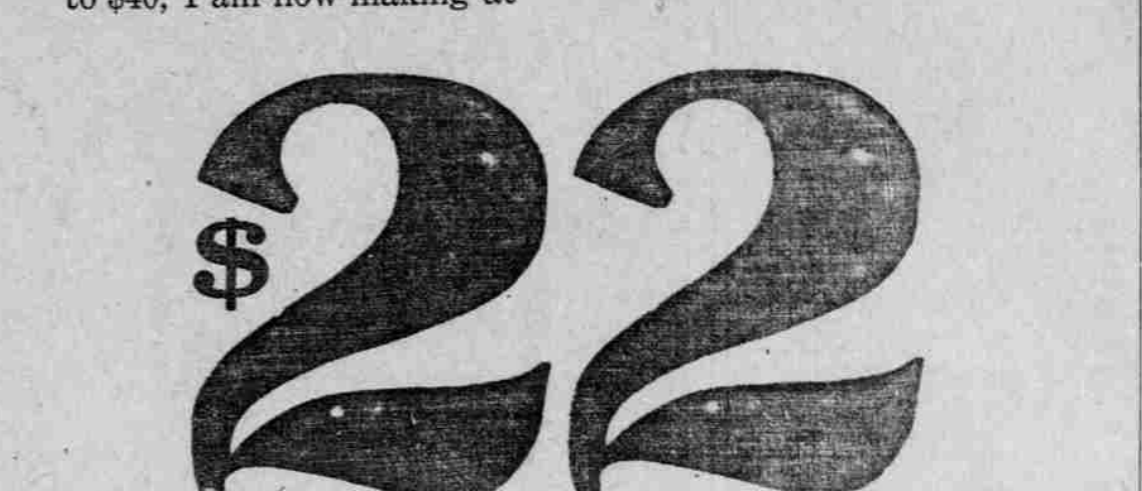
"The effect of this occupation on the Turco-Persian frontier is to reduce the Persian Government to mere puppets in the hands of the Russian military authorities, and, if it continues, it will not be too much to say that the Russian frontier has been shifted 100 miles south of Mount Ararat."

"The situation in Tabriz showed the influence of Russia upon the internal politics of Persia," continued Mr. Price. "Last Summer the Tipu Sultan, a British Governor-General of the province for the Persian Government. On his arrival at Tabriz he found Government refused to pay him out, and they were occupying it while I was there. For all matters of business the Russian Consul in Tabriz systematically ignores the Governor."

"The Russian authorities are interfering to prevent the Belgian customs officials from putting the provisions in order to realize the land taxes and revenue for the purpose of maintaining the gendarmes. The Belgians are being kept out of raising the loan and have commandeered half the transport for their troops."

"In this way the Persian Government is being strangled, and there appears to be a total disregard of the Anglo-Russian Convention by the Russian appointed agents. It is in this which leads me to believe that these part of Persia."

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home, according to the reports, she touched her little paralyzed daughter with the handkerchief and the girl was completely cured. Large numbers of pilgrims now go every day to the tomb.

CATTLE AND CROPS LOST Ohio River Is Now Over 45 Feet Above Low Water Mark.

GOLCONDA, Ill., Jan. 20.—The rise of the Ohio River is causing great damage to livestock and crops. Thousands of bushels of corn have been destroyed and many hogs and cattle have been drowned.

CAIRO, Ill., Jan. 20.—Thousands of acres of farming land in the vicinity of Cairo were flooded today when the Ohio River went to 45.5 feet, half a foot over the danger mark. Indications are the river will rise another six inches, causing even greater disaster in the lowlands. Many farmers not yet in imminent danger are moving their stock and household effects.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 20.—The Ohio River continued to rise today. City officials announced all flood sufferers have been cared for and it is planned to give the men work in connection with the sanitary precautions to be taken when the water recedes.

EATER OF MOLASSES DIES Man Who Lived to 87 Used Gallon of Sweets a Week.

WAKEFIELD, Mass., Jan. 20.—William Boone Eldred, who believed that by eating a gallon of molasses a week he had prolonged his life many years, died here today, 87 years old. He ate molasses on all his food.

When 70 years old, Eldred began riding a bicycle for exercise and according to his own figures covered 20,000 miles in the last 17 years. He was a descendant of Daniel Boone.

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