STRIKERS FAIL TO DETAIN LATOUCHE

Wireless Operator Leaves as Steamer Is Preparing to Cast Off.

PLACE PROMPTLY FILLED

Students in Electrical Department of Oregon Agricultural College Drop Promising Careers to Follow Lure of Sea Life.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 8. — An attempt of striking wireless operators to delay the departure of the freight steamer Latouche for Southwestern Alaska failed today. Just as the Latouche was preparing to cast off one of the wireless operators walked down the gangplank and quit the ship.

The loss of the operator did not delay the Latouche, though, for the next minute a non-union operator stepped out of a taxicab and went aboard and the steamer was on her way within five minutes.

The Astoria shore station of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, which was closed to commercial business several days ago because of the strike, was fully manned and reopened today.

The mystery of where the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company had promptly secured qualified wireless operators to replace strikers on steamships operating on the Pacific Ocean was partially solved tonight when it was learned that a group of students in the electrical engineering department of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, Or., had left college to become wireless operators.

These students studied wireless telegraphy in college and were capable of passing all the tests necessary to obtain Government licenses. The authorities of Corvallis tried to dissuade the young men from dropping their college careers to follow the lure of the sea, but the offers of the company proved too strong.

SEED CORN DISTRIBUTED

Many Farmers Showing Interest in O.-W. R. & N. Campaign.

THE DALLES, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—C. L. ("Farmer") Smith, agricultural expert for the O.-W. R. & N. Company, passed today in the city distributing seed corn to the farmers who made application for seed offered by the railroad which is carrying on an extensive campaign to promote the corn-raising industry along the road.

Thirty requests were received from people in The Dalles, and Mr. Smith found many others from ranchers of Mosier, John Day, Condon, Wasco, Moro and other points in this section of the state. The agriculturist sent out 200 sacks, each weighing 12 pounds, from The Dalles today. He just completed a large distribution at North Yakima, Wash.

When asked whether the corn-raising campaign had come up to expectations, he exclaimed, "Expectations! Goodness gracious, we have had three times the number of answers expected, this being the first year of the campaign."

RAILROAD IS AMERCED $800

D.-W. R. & N. Is Penalized for Violating 28-Hour Law.

The O.-W. R. & N. Company, convicted on seven counts in the United States District Court of violating the 28-hour stock-shipping law, was fined $800 by a verdict returned yesterday morning. Another case against the same company on the same charge was tried in the afternoon. There was but one count and the company was acquitted.

The attorneys for the railroad in their defense alleged that the breaking down of an engine and a consequent four-hour delay was the cause of their infraction of the law in this instance. The law requires that stock shall not be kept in cars in shipment for longer than 28 hours, except by consent of the owner, in which case they may be kept in the cars 36 hours without unloading.

OBJECTION IS EXPENSIVE

Divorce's Complaint to Paying Alimony Costs $1750.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 8.—(Special.)—James Masterson, 80 years old, who was yesterday divorced from his wife, Cora, 36 years old, objected in court to the amount of alimony which had been fixed. He thought $3000 was excessive.

Superior Judge Dykeman reconsidered the matter, and after a few minutes announced that $3000 was wrong; it should have been $4500. He therefore fixed the alimony at that amount, with $250 attorney's fees.

AUTO POWER RUNS PRESS

Klamath Falls Newspaper Men Not Beaten by Electrical Failure.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 8—Lights and power failed in Klamath Falls last night and for 12 hours the town was without electricity. In the absence of power a local newspaper force tore a hole through the brick wall of the composing room, backed an automobile in and hitched it to one of the presses and the paper was issued only two hours late.

IRISH CENSUS SHOWS LOSS

Emigration Since 1851 Reaches Aggregate of 4,247,360.

The general report on the census of Ireland has been issued. The population of Ireland, according to a census taken in April, 1911, was 4,390,219 (2,192,048 males and 2,198,171 females), as compared with 4,458,775 in 1901, a decrease of 1.54 per cent. The province of Leinster, with a population of 1,162,044, shows an increase of 9215. For the other provinces the populations are as follows, the decreases being given parenthetically: Munster, 1,035,495 (40,693); Ulster, 1,581,696 (1130); Connaught, 610,984 (35,948.) One province only—Leinster—shows an increase of .8 per cent. Of the total number of families in the country—the average number of persons in each family being 4.7—173 occupied part of one room only; 58,250 families, or 6.4 per cent of the total, occupied one room; 194,135, or 21.3 per cent, occupied two rooms, and 228,588, or 25.1 per cent, occupied three rooms. In 9666 cases one-roomed tenements were occupied by five, six or seven persons, and in 1957 cases the occupants of a single room exceeded seven in number, there being 39 cases of a dozen or more persons occupying one room.

The number of Irish-speaking persons was 582,446, or 13.3 per cent of the total population. Of these 16,373 could speak Irish only and 566,573 could speak Irish and English.

The number of natives of Ireland who left the country during the last decennial period with the intention of permanently settling elsewhere amounted to 346,159—171,875 males and 173,284 females.

The pauper returns show a big decrease. In 1901 there were 101,297 in receipt of Poor Law relief, while in 1911 the number was 77,194. The marriages registered during the 10 years number 227,628, while in the same period there were 1,023,211 births. The deaths during the decennium numbered 764,811, an average annual rate of 17.3 per 1000.

A table of religions shows that 3,242,670 are Roman Catholics, 576,611 are Protestant Episcopals, 440,535 are Presbyterians and 62,382 are Methodists, while 65,652 belong to other denominations.

Since the enumeration of Irish emigrants began on May 1, 1851, 4,247,360 Irish people have emigrated.

TACOMA MAY OWN LINE

VOTERS TO DECIDE MATTER OF CITY-OWNED TROLLEYS.

Passage of Proposed Bond Issue Expected to Be Followed by Fare Complications.

TACOMA, Wash., May 8.—(Special.)—The matter of a municipally-owned streetcar line is one of the questions to be decided by Tacoma voters Saturday. Of an estimated total of 30,000 voters in the city, only 13,985 are registered and will decide the proposed bond issue of $87,000 for building and equipping a carline across the new Lincoln bridge to the tidelands. Proposed bond issues for sewers, a municipal farm and street improvements, aggregating $222,000, also will be decided. Of this amount $102,000 is to build sewers, chiefly in the South Tacoma district; $15,000 for the farm and $18,000 for the Puyallup Hill road.

The proposed municipal carline has developed a lot of strife among members of the City Commission, among improvement clubs and among the 6000 factory and mill workers who walk across the Lincoln bridge daily to and from their work.

The City Commissioners say that the proposed carline will be a losing venture for some years. It was thought it might be possible for the city to build the line and lease it to the Tacoma Railway & Power Company, $15,000 annual rental being asked. The corporation was not looking for losing ventures, however, and turned down all the propositions made by the Commissioners.

If the street railway bonds are authorized tomorrow by the voters another problem will arise, as the street railway company has declared it will not accept transfers from the municipally-owned line and the mill workers are expecting to reach the city on 5-cent fares.

There seems to have been an increasing sentiment in the city against more bond issues and increasing the city's debt. Whether this sentiment is among registered or non-registered voters remains to be seen. It is expected that the Socialists will vote for the street-car bonds.

Boosters to Work for Bridge.

The South Portland Boosters, at their meeting last night in St. Lawrence Hall, Third and Sherman streets, discussed the proposed South Portland bridge to be placed on the ballot at the June election. A joint bridge committee of the Southeast and Southwest Improvement Clubs will have charge of the campaign. The boosters are active in the cleaning movement, bettering conditions around the gulches. A resolution was adopted urging George B. Thomas to make the race for Commissioner under the new charter, the club pledging its support.

Y. M. C. A. Men Attend Meet.

A. M. Grilley, physical director of the Portland Y. M. C. A., and C. E. Herring, volunteer assistant in Mr. Grilley's department, left for Seattle last night to attend a meeting of the physical directors of the Pacific Northwest.

The sessions will be held today and tomorrow. Mr. Grilley will read a paper on "The Relation of the Mind to Physical Exercise."

Former Minister Dies at Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 8. — (Special.)—William Spain, an old resident of Gate City and a former minister, died at his home there yesterday, aged 60 years.

Wireless Message Handled at Kelso.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 8. — (Special.) — The Granger Telephone Company handled the first wireless message ever sent from Kelso. The message went from Kelso to New York and thence to the steamer Baltic.

O'HARA WATCHFUL FEARING 'FRAME-UP'

Witness Says Illinois Lieutenant-Governor Expected to Be Tricked.

HOTEL REGISTER IS FOUND

Affidavit Accusing Vice-Investigator of Immorality Produced on Demand—Alibi to Be Offered as Defense.

CHICAGO, May 8.—That Lieutenant-Governor O'Hara, who recently became prominent because of his connection with the Illinois Senate vice inquiry, feared a "frame-up" and was on his guard against it, was the burden of the statement made today by a man who was with O'Hara the night he is accused of having misconducted himself. It became known that O'Hara contends that his defense will be that he has a "perfect alibi."

The affidavit offered by Deputy Sheriff Sullivan, accusing O'Hara, was produced today on O'Hara's demand. It proved to be signed by Maud Robinson, a Springfield woman. It declared that one night last January O'Hara and a prominent young woman of Springfield registered at the Hotel Sherman as "T. Duncan and wife." A Springfield millionaire and another woman, said to have registered as "J. J. Miller and wife," are alleged to have shared the "Duncan" suite.

O'Hara on Guard, Says Bailiff.

Harry Gibbons, a court bailiff in Chicago, said today he was with O'Hara here on the night of January 17, when "Duncan" and "Miller" registered at the Hotel Sherman.

"I and O'Hara had been together during the afternoon," said Gibbons, "and in the evening we went to the cafe of the Hotel Sherman. There we met Tom Vredenberg, of Springfield, and two of his girl friends. O'Hara was afraid some one might try to make the party the nucleus of some 'frame-up' and was particular in asking me to stick along. He didn't want to be of the party, anyway, and was anxious to get away. He went to the Lambs' Club after that and O'Hara said: 'Harry, stick with me and make it easy for me to break away from this.

"We left about midnight. Vredenberg and the girls crossed the street toward the hotel and O'Hara, who said he was going to the Press Club, started in that direction. I then went home."

Writing Not Similar.

Gibbons said that O'Hara met Vredenberg through renting a house from him at Springfield. They did not seem to be particularly friendly, he added.

At Springfield today, O'Hara told friends of the dinner party in Chicago. He added that he had an unquestioned alibi. Vredenberg said he might have something to say later.

Comparison of the handwritings of "Duncan" and "Miller" by an expert this afternoon showed no similarity to that of O'Hara.

RESTRICTION IS FAVORED

COMMITTEE WOULD BAN NEWSBOYS UNDER 10 YEARS.

Ordinance Prohibiting Little Fellows and Fixing Hours for Others Recommended.

If the City Council at its next meeting upholds the license committee in action taken yesterday it will be unlawful after the middle of next month for boys under 10 years of age to sell newspapers or commodities of any kind on the streets of Portland. It will be unlawful for boys under 16 to sell on the streets after 8 P. M. or before 5 A. M.

Various social workers and women's clubs were behind the proposed ordinance and fought for its passage. The parents of many of the boys were lined up against it. Both sides were strongly represented at the final airing of the problem yesterday. Objection to the ordinance was based on the opinion that it is best to allow boys of all ages to engage in commercial pursuits and that to fix an age limit would deprive many boys of experience of selling papers and would mean the loss of money which they make from their work. It was declared that many families are kept together only by earnings of boys of tender years.

The ordinance was supported on the ground that to permit boys on the streets leads to evil. It was declared that they learn to gamble, to deceive, and acquire bad habits.

The committee changed the age limit from 12 years, as it was in the original measure, to 10 years and recommended it for passage by the Council. The only other change made was the elimination of payment of a license fee of 25 cents by the boys. The 25 cents was to have been paid as a deposit for a badge. The badges will be given free under the ordinance as it stands at present.

STUDENT CAMPAIGN ON

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE NOMINATIONS ARE MADE.

Henry O'Deen, of Portland, Is Candidate for President Against O. A. Dickey, of Molalla, Or.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Mry 8.—(Special.)—Candidates for political offices in the gift of the student body of Oregon Agricultural College were nominated yesterday at the student hour. Henry O'Deen, of Portland, president of the junior class, and C. A. Dickey, of Molalla, a junior, acting president of the student body, were named as contestants for the presidency.

The editorship of the Oregon Agricultural College Barometer, regarded as a position next in importance to that of the presidency of the student body, will go to A. O. Mangold, of Portland, or A. F. Mason, of Los Angeles. Mr. Mason is a member of this year's Barometer staff and Mr. Mangold is one the staff of the college annual.

Other nominees and the positions to which they aspire follow: First vice-president—R. M. Howard, Corvallis, and S. J. Damon, Ferndale, Cal. Second vice-president—Marvin Jordan, Corvallis, and Otto Balhorn, Lakeview. Third vice-president—K. L. Fox and F. McCabe, Portland. Secretary—Miss Katherine Warner, Portland; Rose Mason, Jefferson; Mildred Wilson, Salem, and Mildred Soden, Portland. Manager of Barometer—L. J. Allen, Cove, and Marshall Hayes, Pasadena, Cal. Auditor athletics board—Everett May, Salem; J. C. Evendon, Warrenton. Senior member athletic board—J. C. Evendon, Warrenton; Harold Babb, Portland. President oratory and debate—R. M. Rutledge, Corvallis; C. M. Hill, Berea, Ky. Secretary oratory and debate—O. B. Hayes, Pasadena; H. M. Miller, Portland. Treasurer oratory and debate—Adolph Thomas and Elmer Feldenheimer, Portland; L. P. Gambee, Corvallis.

Barton Case Goes to Jury.

COQUILLE, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—The case of State Representative Barton, who is on trial on an indictment charging him with assaulting Miss Madge Yoakam, an employe, in a vault in his office, was submitted to the jury late this evening. A verdict is not expected before morning. Madge Yoakam, Barton's accuser, gave some very sensational testimony.

Cottage Grove Woman Dies.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. Susan McDonald died at Dorena May 1, at the age of 78 years. She was born in Ohio, December 24, 1834, was an old resident of the Grove country and a charter member of the Baptist Church of Dorena. Two daughters survive, Mrs. W. R. Houston, of Dorena, and Mrs. Mary Tripps, of Junction City.

GRANTS PASS, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—K. M. C. Neill believes in being prepared for the new creamery that is being installed in this city. He recently shipped in from the Willamette Valley 13 head of fine blooded jerseys.