

## BUILDING CHANGE UP TO CONGRESS

### Lane in Doubt as to Policy to Pursue.

### EFFECT OF DELAY IS FEARED

### Resolution Might Encounter Opposition in House.

### LOCAL OPINION AWAITED

### Treasury Department Tells Senator It Must Build for Postoffice Exclusively Under Appropriation Now Made.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 16.—Senator Lane, in conference today with officials of the Treasury Department, was informed that under the law appropriating \$1,000,000 for the Portland postoffice, the Government cannot erect a general office building to accommodate in addition to the postoffice, all the other Government offices in Portland which are now occupying rented quarters. The Department holds it must comply strictly with its statute and construct a building exclusively for the use of the postoffice.

While some officials with whom he talked regard favorably his proposal and that of Postmaster Myers to use the \$1,000,000 available in the erection of a six or eight-story Government building, all agreed they could not alter the original plan unless authority were granted by Congress.

### Senator Is in Doubt.

Senator Lane after a conference said he was in doubt whether to offer a resolution authorizing the use of the \$1,000,000 for the erection of a large office building, or allow the Treasury Department to go ahead with plans for an exclusively postoffice building. Such a resolution would occasion delay, for it would have to pass both Houses, and with such a resolution pending the Treasury Department would not feel disposed to proceed with the preparation of any plans whatever.

There has been some demand in Portland for an early erection of a postoffice building that Senator Lane is in doubt whether he would be justified in occasioning further delay by a resolution. However, if he finds sentiment in Portland generally favorable to a change in plans, and prefers a general office building to a two-story postoffice, he will introduce the necessary resolution and press it to early consideration.

### House May Delay Question.

He can get such resolution through the Senate without difficulty, but may encounter delay in the House, which has refused thus far to consider local legislation. However, the Senator thinks that, in view of the fact his resolution would not call for any appropriation, or lead to an increase of any appropriation already made, but actually effect savings to the Government, House leaders might consent to its passage when its purpose was fully explained.

Senator Lane will take no action until he hears from the commercial bodies of Portland.

### CITIZENS' OPINIONS DIFFER

### Construction of Inadequate Building, However, Is Opposed.

Prominent Portland men were asked last night whether they favored Senator Lane's plan to offer a resolution in Congress authorizing the erection of a large office building with the \$1,000,000 appropriated for the new Portland Postoffice, with the attending danger of considerable delay, or whether the original plan for a building exclusively for postoffice purposes should be adhered to. Their replies were:

F. S. Myers, postmaster of Portland—If the measure appropriating \$1,000,000 for the Portland Postoffice doesn't permit the building of anything but a low, shed-like structure of the present prevailing Federal building type, it ought to be changed. I certainly favor the introduction of the resolution proposed by Senator Lane. It will enable us to put up a building that would save the Government nearly \$100 a day now paid out in this city for rent. The various Government departments in Portland which are now scattered all over could all be housed in this same building, which would also provide thoroughly modern postoffice quarters for years to come. I don't think this resolution would cause any appreciable delay, but even if it should it would certainly be justified. If the Government ties up \$1,000,000 here in an old-style building that never could be enlarged we wouldn't be any better off in a short time than we are now, for postoffice facilities alone, to say nothing of caring for the other Federal departments. If we had adequate housing facilities in Portland we could get the 13th division of the railway mail service, now located in Seattle, with a branch of the dead letter office; the postoffice inspectors' headquarters for the Northwest, now in Spokane, and the headquarters for the 11th civil service district, now in Spokane. These three big Federal departments should all be in Portland, and they would be if we had any place to put them. Such an office building would not cost any

## WHITE RIBBONERS SCORE HOP YARDS

### PICKERS ARE HELD UNTRUE TO CHRISTIAN STANDARDS.

### Temperance Union Decries Industry and Those Who Aid It—Reports Read; Officers Elected.

Denouncing all Christians and W. C. T. U. workers who pick hops or work in the hop fields as untrue to the right standard, the delegates of the Multnomah County Women's Christian Temperance Union, at their annual convention, held yesterday in the First Christian Church, unanimously adopted a resolution decriing the industry and those who aid its progress. The fact that beer is made from hops is the reason for the denunciation by women wearers of the white ribbon.

The morning and afternoon sessions were devoted to reading reports and during the late afternoon the election of officers took place. Mrs. Mary Mallet was unanimously re-elected president.

In her annual report, Mrs. Mallet spoke of the great progress made by the unions and of the wonderful opportunities for work along temperance lines in Portland. She praised city officials for their splendid efforts for law and order, and touched on the proposed campaign that will be waged in 1914 to make Oregon dry.

Early shopping was advocated by Mrs. Lucia Addison in her report on the department of labor. She suggested the establishment of "coffee carts" to supply good hot coffee to laboring men as a substitute for beer. Reports were made by Mrs. Anna O. Poole, Mrs. J. W. Wilkins, Mrs. S. A. Northrup, Mrs. Luttia Rose, Mrs. Lora C. Little, Miss Frances Gotshall, Mrs. Ella Hines, Mrs. C. A. Poney, Mrs. Matie Sleeth, Mrs. J. S. Scott, Mrs. Alice Hanson, Mrs. Rachael Kelly, Mrs. Mary Post and Mrs. J. A. Sanner.

## NATURAL GAS DISCOVERED

### Well on Olympic Peninsula Will Be Sunk Deeper for Oil.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Gas sufficient to supply the needs of 200 or 300 families has been found at a depth of 1300 feet at Forks, above the Hoh River in the Olympic Peninsula. The well is said to have been drilled by railroad interests. The gas flows freely and has quite a pressure. The well will be sunk further in an effort to find oil.

The Jefferson Oil Company No. 1 well, near the mouth of the Hoh, is down 80 feet and the odor of gas is strong. The Indian Oil Company will begin drilling soon.

Recently 16,000 acres of reservation land have been leased by individuals and corporations.

## CAR RATE AGREEMENT SET

### City Gets 3 Cents a Vehicle Crossing Bridges Since May 3 Last.

At a conference yesterday between City Commissioner Daly and President Griffith, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, an agreement was reached whereby the company will pay the city 3 cents for each car operated over bridges of the city from May 3 until the present. This is a considerable concession on the part of the company, inasmuch as the original plan was to make the 3 cents a car rate applicable at some later date.

Under contracts held on the bridges by the company the rental was small. At the rate of 3 cents a car the amount due the city will be much greater, the amount which would be due under the provisions of the contracts.

## FIGHT IN BOAT IS FATAL

### Columbia River Fishermen Drown When They Fall Overboard.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Matt Pietila and Emil Hakkanen, two Columbia River fishermen, were drowned in the Columbia River near Desdemona Sands about 3 o'clock this afternoon.

With six other men, they were en route across the river in a fishing boat. The two engaged in a scuffle and fell overboard, sinking before their companions missed them. Both were natives of Finland. Hakkanen left a widow and several children, but Pietila was not married.

## ASTORIA TO GIVE \$25,000

### Port Commission Appropriates Cash to Be Used on Bar.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The Port of Astoria Commission at its meeting today voted to appropriate \$25,000 toward the improvement of the channel across the bar at the mouth of the Columbia River, provided the Port of Portland subscribes the sum of \$475,000 for the same purpose.

Formal notice of the action of the Commission was forwarded to Major McIndoe, of the United States Engineers, today.

## TARDY JUROR DRAWS FINE

### Judge Davis Assesses \$5 Against Man Who Comes Hour Late.

For failing to appear at 1:30 yesterday as instructed by the court Adolph Schneider, a juror, was fined \$5 by Circuit Judge Davis. Schneider showed up at 2:30. The court considered his excuse insufficient.

After waiting for him a while the attorneys in the case on trial, Marjorie C. Merton against Dr. E. De Witt Connell, stipulated to proceed with 11 jurors.

## HUERTA WOULD TELL WARSHIPS TO LEAVE

### "Visits of Vigilance" No Longer Welcome.

### LIMIT IS NEARLY EXPIRED

### Mexican President Advises Against Renewal.

### FAIR ELECTION PROMISED

### Message Says Administration of United States Does Not Truly Represent the People in Treatment of the Situation.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 16.—The only striking feature of the message of President Huerta, read to Congress today, was the declaration that he did not favor a renewal of the permission to warships of other nations to remain in Mexican waters later than next month. The limit allowed by Mexican law was originally 30 days, but the Mexican Congress recently increased it to six months. This limit expires next month.

General Huerta said the strained diplomatic relations between Mexico and the United States had caused the Mexican nation to suffer unmerited affliction and had retarded the pacification of the country. Nevertheless he hoped for an early solution of the differences between the two nations and to see Mexico and the United States once more united in bonds of friendship.

### American "People" Called Friends.

The provisional President drew a distinction between the attitude of the Government of the United States and that of the people of that nation, saying: "The tenaciousness of our diplomatic relations with the Government of the United States of America, although luckily not with the people, had put Mexico into a state of apprehension."

The message was disappointing to those who had expected that President Huerta would deal at some length with recent diplomatic exchanges. This subject, however, he said, "being so delicate and the permanent commission of Congress being already informed," he passed with a bare mention.

The Deputies and Senators in joint session filled the floor of the Chamber of Deputies. The balconies were packed, the diplomatic gallery being filled with foreign representatives and their families.

The silence, which prevailed during

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"THE LURE" IS WITHDRAWN

### Shuberts Forestall Action Aimed at "Red Light" Drama in New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The red light drama in New York received a knockout blow today when Lee and J. J. Shubert voluntarily withdrew "The Lure" from the Maxine Elliott Theater, as an acknowledgment of a protest of public decency, and the Henry B. Harris estate has promised to tone down "The Fight," at the Hudson Theater, so that objectionable scenes and dialogues will be eliminated.

Both firms pledged themselves to the District Attorney to make no further attempt to show the interior of a bawdy house on the stage.

The grand jury was to have reported on "The Lure" and "The Fight" today.

## GOTHAM GUNMEN BATTLE IN STREET

### Rival Gangs Open Fire in Front of Theater.

### MATINEE CROWD IS EMERGING

### Voting in New York Primaries Thought to Be Cause.

### POLICE IN TAXI CAPTURE

### Two Sets of Gangsters Shoot From Autos—Three Men Escape by Jumping but Four Are Caught. All Thought to Be Repeaters.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Gunmen, aided by the police to be members of rival gangs, whose activity in the primary election today led to the renewal of an old feud, engaged in a revolver duel while seated in two automobiles standing upon Broadway just as a nearby theater matinee crowd swarmed into the street.

The attacking party of seven, after firing on three men in the other car half a block away and being shot at in return, attempted to speed away, but were overtaken by a traffic patrolman in a taxicab. Three men jumped from the car and escaped. Four, including the chauffeur, were arrested and locked up. No attempt was made to capture the members of the besieged party. So far as could be learned none of the gunmen was injured.

According to the police, the four men under arrest are members of the "Jack Sirocco gang," and those on whom they opened fire members of the "Hudson Dusters" and the "Rose gang."

A search of the captured car revealed under a rug in the tonneau six packages of typewritten slips containing more than 300 names, supposedly voters in the Eighth Assembly District down town, and the police are working on the theory that the men arrested are "repeaters" who, after voting in the lower part of the city went up to the Fifteenth Assembly District to "work" the primary there in the same way.

It became known tonight that the shooting, which resulted in the arrest of four men early in the evening, was the second of the day. In mid-afternoon the same two automobiles met on West Sixty-ninth street and their occupants started to "shoot up" each other. Three men are said to have been injured, escaping before the arrival of the police.

## CHICAGO MATRONS' GOWNS ARE COSTLY

### FEW WOMEN IN WINDY CITY SPEND \$75,000 ANNUALLY.

### While One Hundred Social Leaders Put \$50,000 Yearly Into Dress, Factory Girl Spends \$200.

CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—There are a few women in Chicago who spend \$75,000 annually in personal adornment, according to an estimate submitted at the semi-annual convention of the Chicago Dressmakers' Club today. The dressmakers figured that the average factory girl spends \$3.54 a week for clothing.

These figures were arrived at by averaging the estimates made by the various delegates. The table reads: "A few, \$75,000."

"One hundred social leaders, \$50,000."

"Ten thousand others, \$5000."

"Well-dressed club women, \$1600."

"The suffragist, \$500."

"The club worker, \$500."

"The social worker, \$300."

"The stenographer, \$375."

"The shop girl, \$250."

"The factory girl, \$200."

Madame C. H. Phair, president of the club, declared that many working girls lose money because they don't know how to make their own clothing.

## BOY SLAYS HUGE BEAR

### Percy Hill, of Hoke Point, Wash., Holds Cowlitz Record Shot.

Percy, the 20-year-old son of C. S. Hill, of Hoke Point, Wash., in Cowlitz County, shot what is believed to be the largest bear ever killed in that section, last Sunday morning.

The young man had to fire seven shots with his 30-30 rifle to end the life of the monster brute, which charged him from a distance of 300 feet after his first shot had wounded it. The seventh bullet broke its back and laid the animal low when it was within 20 feet.

Percy, in great excitement, ran two miles in 17 minutes to his father's home with word that he had killed "the largest black bear in creation."

After the big brute had been skinned and dressed, the meat of its carcass alone weighed 225 pounds.

## WARRIORS RUN FOOTRACE

### Rear-Admiral and Captain Fulfill Wager Made 20 Years Ago.

PORTSMOUTH, England, Sept. 16.—A sprint of 100 yards was run today by Rear-Admiral Sir Robert K. Arbuthnot and Captain Eric Baskin of the British Navy, in fulfillment of a bet made by them 20 years ago. The Captain won by a yard in the excellent time of 12 seconds.

Both officers were serving in the Pacific on board the Warspite in 1893 when the challenge was given and accepted for a race to be run on the same date 20 years later.

Admiral Sir Hedworth Meux was commander of the Warspite at the time of the wager, and was stakeholder today.

Rear-Admiral Arbuthnot is 49 years old and Captain Baskin 48 years.

## 250 HOTEL GUESTS ROUTED

### Unconscious Woman Carried From Burning Building by Firemen.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 17 (Wednesday).—Two hundred and fifty persons of the Hotel Brozel were routed out of bed shortly after midnight by a fire that swept through an adjoining building and set the upper floors of the hotel ablaze. Many of the guests rushed to the street leaving all their belongings behind them and several unconscious women were carried to the street by the firemen. The fire in the hotel was extinguished. The loss to the hotel is estimated at \$100,000.

At 1:30 the flames had spread to a six-story building adjoining that in which the fire originated. It was feared that this property, valued at \$100,000, will be a total loss.

## SAN FRANCISCO IS HOT

### Mercury at 105 1-2 Breaks All Records, but Humidity Is Nil.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—This was the hottest day ever known in San Francisco, the mercury climbing to 105 1/2 in the shade at 2 o'clock in Union Square, four and a half degrees above the highest previous mark, scored in 1904. Forecaster Wilson says tomorrow will be equally warm, but by night the usual cool sea breezes will blow again.

The city today had no wind from the ocean, hence the heat was the same as in the interior valleys. Being without humidity, the heat caused no suffering among workers. Reports from the country showed temperatures in San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys ranging from 105 to 110 degrees.

## FRANCE IS STORM-SWEPT

### Great Damage Done to Property and There Is Loss of Life.

PARIS, Sept. 16.—Thunder storms of exceptional violence have swept over France, doing great damage. At Marseilles the streets ran torrents. Hundreds of cellars were flooded and merchandise on the quays was ruined or washed into the sea.

## BOMB IS MAILED TO GENERAL OTIS

### Japanese Servant Detects Powder.

### PUBLISHER SUSPECTS LABOR

### Los Angeles Police Believe Mexicans Are Responsible.

### EXPLOSIVE IS POWERFUL

### Attempt on Life Is Second in Three Years—Owner of Times Attributes Attack to Agencies Friendly to McNamara Brothers.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—For the second time within three years a bomb today placed in jeopardy the life of General Harrison Gray Otis, owner of the Los Angeles Times building, which was destroyed by dynamite October 10, 1910. That he was not blown to pieces was probably due to the watchful eye of his Japanese servant, who received from the postman an infernal machine mailed in this city, and called his employer's attention to it.

The first infernal machine directed at the life of General Otis was found at his residence a few hours after his newspaper plant had been destroyed through the efforts of the McNamara conspirators.

The attempt on his life today was attributed by the General to agencies friendly to those for and whose conspiracy eventuated in the destruction of his newspaper plant and the killing of 20 men three years ago. But the police and postal authorities believed something might be developed from the theory that the Mexican question had an impelling part in it.

### Otis Interested in Mexico.

General Otis is heavily interested in Mexico, in the Mexican territory of Lower California, where two years ago Industrial Workers of the World joined the "direct action" element of Mexicans in an effort to establish a Socialist commonwealth.

A few weeks ago there was another outbreak caused, according to report, by the employment of Chinese in the places of Mexican laborers by ranchers in Lower California, but General Otis asserted at the time that none were employed by him.

The bomb reached "The Bivouac," General Otis' home, at 11 o'clock this morning. It was contained in a small package about five inches long, three inches wide and two inches deep. It was wrapped in brown paper and bore General Otis' address in what was believed to be a disguised handwriting.

With other mail, it was given by the postman to the Japanese servant, who removed the wrapping paper before taking it to General Otis, who was writing in an upper room of his residence. He told the General that he thought there was something suspicious about the package.

### General Skeptical at First.

"I peep-peehed the boy's belief at first," said General Otis, "but examined the box carefully. I could see parts of matches and black powder. I had the boy remove the thing and asked the police department to send a man to my house."

Captain E. H. Felts, a powder expert in the police department, took the machine to a sparsely inhabited section of the city near the Los Angeles river and there pried open the box. He found matches fixed to the inside of the box in such a way that when opened in the usual way they would have rubbed against pieces of sandpaper and ignited. There was also black powder, a small section of fuse, two fulminating caps and two sticks of 85 per cent dynamite which tore a great hole in the ground. He declared that its force was sufficient to kill 25 men.

"The wrappings were given over to postoffice inspectors, who began an investigation."

General Otis had "a surmise" only concerning the bomb.

"That surmise," he said, "is that it was sent to me by the devils who want to blow up the Times and me and who are furious because they have failed so long to do so. They may be the same old gang or segments of the same old gang, with the same old animosity."

### Police Suspect Mexicans.

Chief of Police Sebastian inclined to the theory that the bombs had been sent by some person violently opposed to General Otis' newspaper policy with regard to the Huerta administration in Mexico. Chief Sebastian said the act might have been committed by persons disgruntled because Mexican residents of Los Angeles celebrated today the 103rd anniversary of Mexican independence.

General Otis, who is a close friend of former President Porfirio Diaz, of Mexico, owns large acreage in the Southern Republic. He is largely interested in the California and Mexico Ranch & Cattle Company, which owns much land in Lower California and Sonora.

Reports from Yuma, Ariz., today, were to the effect that a band of 50 insurgents who arrived yesterday at the harbor and five persons were drowned.

At Stagsville, in the department of Ardeche, and other places, houses were struck by lightning, with some loss of life.

