

GERMANY'S POWER ALARMS ENGLAND

Britain Fears Her Navy Will Soon Be Equaled by Rival Nation.

LATTER INCREASES ARMY

Adopts New Schwarzlose Gun and May Try Airship Destroyer Shown to Be Effective by French Experiments.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—(Special).—The German bugaboo is constantly growing larger in the eyes of the British people. The naval plans of the Germans are causing positive terror in this country, because of the fact that in time the German navy will equal that of the British in efficiency. It not only equals, but Germany's standing army is ten times as great as that of Great Britain.

Consequently, the possibility of a German invasion of England is no longer a phantom. Moreover, the warnings of General Lord Roberts, General French and others that England must be prepared for eventualities tend to increase the alarm. Of course, Germany is constantly making improvements in her army and navy equipment which may well cause apprehension to an enemy.

Discards Maxim Gun.

Germany has hitherto used the Maxim machine gun, but she is about to introduce in its stead a similar weapon invented by an engineer named Schwarzlose. The Schwarzlose gun, which is now undergoing a series of tests at the Spandau arsenal, has already been introduced in the Austro-Hungarian army. It is considerably lighter and simpler than the Maxim. The latter weighs 23 pounds and the German gun only 18 pounds, which will enable the German weapon to be carried not only on the backs of horses, but by human beings. A Maxim costs \$1000, while the Schwarzlose can be bought for \$600. In the Austrian trials of the new gun 250,000 rounds were fired during the period of test by four of the guns without inflicting noteworthy injury to any of them.

French Airship Destroyer.

The military authorities of France also have conducted a series of highly successful experiments with a new weapon designed to destroy airships. A specially constructed gun, it is stated, is able to throw a shell of a new type nearly a mile into the air. The head of the shell ignites immediately on leaving the gun and remains alight throughout its course, with the result that if it pierces or even comes in close proximity to the envelope of the airship an explosion of the gas, equivalent to the annihilation of the airship and its crew, is bound to ensue. Doubtless the Germans will bring out this weapon in another form and in event of war the British airships would stand a poor show.

OLD-TIME BRIGANDS IN SICILY

Outlaws Generous to Friends but Merciless in Revenge.

ROME, Feb. 15.—(Special).—Sicily can still boast of a few old-time brigands, and among them are the renowned Falla Mulone and the not less dreaded Salomone. Falla Mulone is a kindly shepherd of Montedoro, in the province of Castellana, who took to the forest after he had killed his sweetheart and another shepherd who had paid her attentions. Falla Mulone is the true origin of the names of melodrama, and is beloved by the people, who recognize in him the ardent disposition as ready for ferocious revenge as for the most generous generosity, which is characteristic of the Sicilian race. And although they fear his vengeance and his extortions, the people have a sneaking regard for him. Thus Falla Mulone continues to scour the country, armed to the teeth, and ready to fight with the carabinieri or to retire to a solitary grotto and the arms of one of his numerous sweethearts.

Two years ago Falla Mulone had one glorious hour of celebrity when he was surprised by a squad of policemen at his house in the Montedoro country, but managed to escape, killing two of the police and wounding several others. On that occasion a Montedoro journalist telegraphed a long account of the affair to a Palermo newspaper. But Falla Mulone, who is a modern brigand, and therefore reads the papers, was indignant with the narrative of his prowess. Accordingly he wrote that if the reporter returned to Montedoro he would be killed. He included in the letter \$2 to pay for the publication. The poor journalist hurriedly left Montedoro, where he lived, and settled in Palermo.

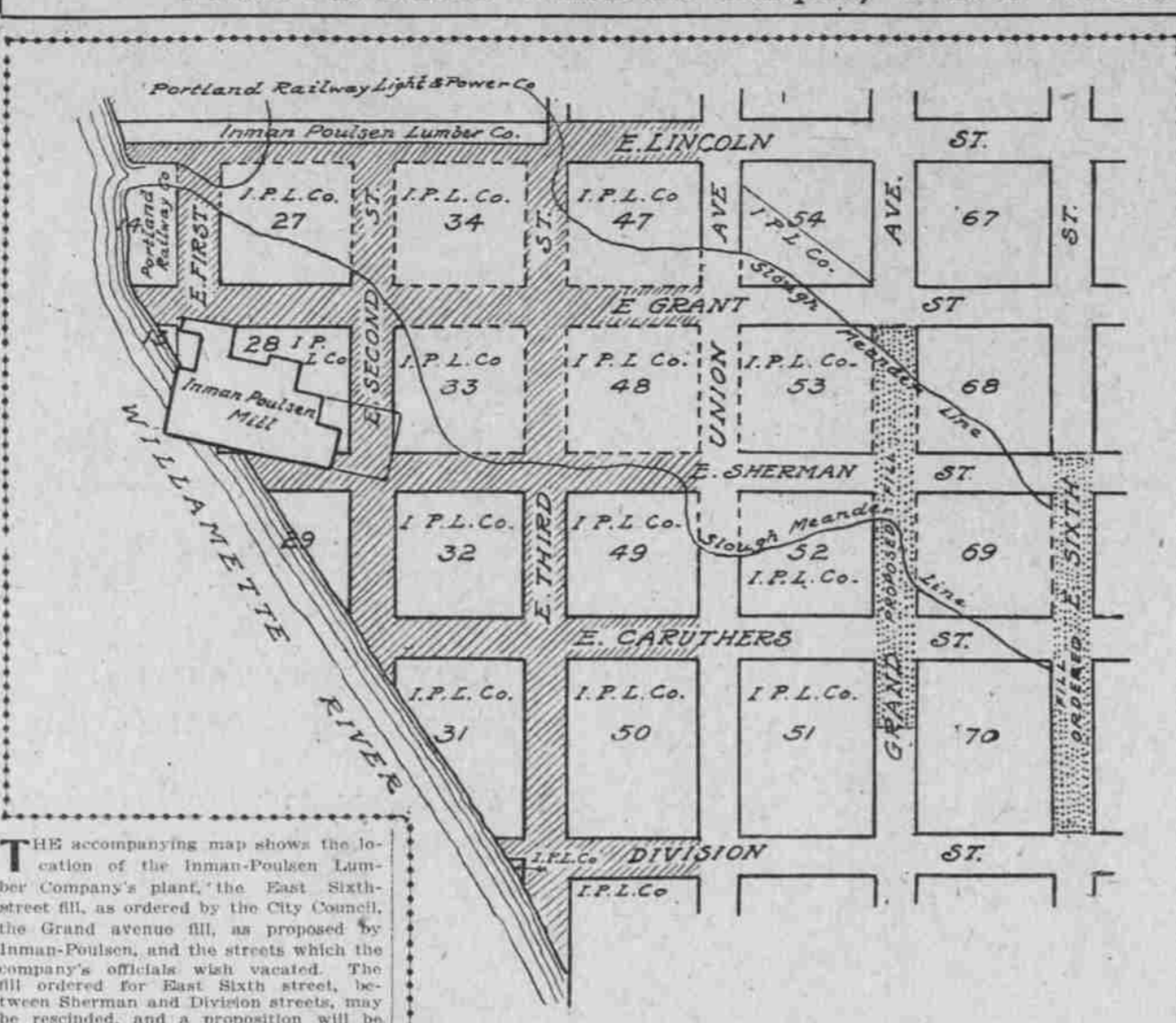
The other Sicilian brigand, Salomone, is not free, like Falla Mulone. He was arrested six months ago. Pollock, not long made him a bandit. He fled to the woods for reasons connected with dissensions over the local elections. Salomone was arrested under tragic circumstances. A landlord, from whom he had received a mandated hospitality, administered to him a narcotic, mixed in his food. When Salomone was asleep the landlord summoned the carabinieri. The brigand, however, managed to awake at the right moment and took to his heels. He had not gone very far before he found himself surrounded by eight carabinieri, who managed to secure him after a struggle. Then Salomone called the leader of the carabinieri, and offered him \$500 for permission to escape. Naturally the bribe was refused, and the brigand was hauled off to jail.

The history of Salomone is a curious mixture of horrid crimes and deeds of splendid generosity. He adopted brigandage as a career after having shot in the back the syndic of Barrafranco, who was his political opponent. Since then he has lived by robbery, and has never hesitated to kill anybody who dared to spy upon or attempt to betray him. With him were arrested two priests and two gentlemen of Barrafranco, who urged him to kill the syndic, and they will be tried with him.

Benefit for Mrs. Gittings.

A benefit dramatic performance is to be given Wednesday, February 19, at Barkhard Hall, Union avenue and Burnside street, for Mrs. Gittings, the wife of the policeman who was killed just before Christmas. Mrs. Gittings is still at the Good Samaritan Hospital and her children scattered, one being cared for at the Children's Home. This performance is a comedy entitled "Wanted, a Wife," and those participating are donating their services. It is under the management of Mrs. Emily L. Driscoll, who is assisted by Miss Ethel E. Griffiths.

Map Showing Location of Inman-Poulsen Lumber Co.'s Plants and Streets Which the Company Wishes Vacated



THE SHADED STREETS ARE THOSE OCCUPIED BY THE COMPANY.

THE accompanying map shows the location of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Co.'s plant, the East Sixth street mill, as ordered by the City Council, the Grand avenue mill, as proposed by Inman-Poulsen, and the streets which the company's officials wish vacated. The mill ordered for East Sixth street, between Sherman and Division streets, may be vacated, and a proposition will be made to the Council by A. N. Wills, its president, that the mill company be granted vacation of the streets sought for, if the company will make a fill across the gulch on Grand avenue.

Lawyer George S. Shepherd, counsel for the mill company, yesterday stated his clients' side of the controversy as follows: "The company maintains the streets occupied by it never were dedicated, and that it has occupied them in consequence without reference to them as streets. The tract lying north of its property likewise was never platted, and no use could be made of any of the streets sought to be vacated, as no property can be reached except that owned by the company; also that the whole tract has been used as one parcel of land by the company for 15 years as a millyard, and its buildings have been erected across streets—if any existed—and its grantors had the whole tract fenced and which for years was used as a ball park. It also maintains that as a legal proposition the city could be estopped from ordering the streets opened, according to numerous decisions of the Supreme Courts of different states, including a recent decision of the Supreme Court of Oregon, in the case of Schoening vs. Harrisburg. The syllabus of that case is as follows: "Highways and streets may be lost to

the public by continued non-use and failure of the public authorities to accept the dedication thereof; thus, in 1871, the plaintiff's predecessors in title acknowledged and recorded a plat of an addition to defendant city on which certain streets were marked, and thereafter conveyed lots in the addition with reference to the recorded plat. The streets and alleys so designated were never opened, and the donation was never accepted by the public, but the owners fenced the land, which was then, and since continuously has been, used by plaintiff and his grantors as a farm, fruit trees being planted in the streets, and a barn being erected across one of the alleys so designated. No steps were taken by the city to open the streets until April 15, 1891, when the City Marshal was directed to compel the removal of all obstructions thereon; it was held that the city was estopped from opening the streets.

"However, in order to save any litigation that might arise if perchance some official should be elected having a desire to harass the company for political effect, its officials thought the company would have some annoyance to it-

self and the city if the streets should be vacated. Those running north and south only extend from the river to the unplatted ground on the north and serve no use whatever. The blocks are so small no large plant can operate without using the whole tract. The company urges the point that it must have control of the entire premises, as liars in times past have built fires under the docks to keep warm while fishing, and not to be able to clear the premises would soon or late work destruction of their whole plant. The company also refers to the fact that nearly every company being planted in streets and grant concessions to a new enterprise seeking to locate in a city, and deems that those already located should be granted equal consideration. It claims the fill proposed for East Sixth street would cost from \$25,000 to \$35,000 at 33 cents a cubic yard and would serve no useful purpose, as the street runs out five blocks from the fill and there is no traffic to justify the confiscation of their property. It would cost a similar sum to fill Grand avenue, but in order to settle the whole controversy it would make the concession demanded by Councilman Wills."

FREE FERRY FOR ST. JOHN

NEEDED AS LINK IN PICTURE-ESQUE DRIVEWAY.

Improvement Clubs of Peninsula Work for Project—Better Car Service Asked For.

At the meeting of the Peninsular Development League, composed of delegates from the seven civic improvement clubs on the Peninsula, in the rooms of the St. John Commercial Club Thursday night, it was decided to advocate three measures with all the influence of the seven organizations. Two measures are so closely linked together as to really constitute one. They are the establishing of a free ferry at St. John and the forming of a driveway on both sides of the Willamette River. With a free ferry it will be possible to establish what is considered one of the finest scenic driveways out of Portland. It will be by way of the Linnton road to Clatsop tavern, and across the river to Clatsop, then by way of the Willamette boulevard and the county road, which leaves Lower Albina at Delany street, skirts the north side of the terminal grounds and the Portland Flouring Mills, then follows the side of the bluff to the top and connects with Willamette boulevard. The county will be asked to put the Linnton road and the Willamette boulevard, and possibly the connecting county road, in order by paving them with gravel or crushed rock.

The St. John Council has decided to submit the question of issuing bonds to purchase the ferryboat with the understanding that the county will operate the ferry free to the public. George F. Perkins, secretary of the Development League, was appointed to bring these matters to the attention of the County Court next week.

The league will also ask the management of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company to make some important changes in its streetcar service on the Peninsula. It will ask that the Upper Albina cars be run through to Peninsular station, instead of stopping, as at present, at Piedmont, some distance north of the car barns. It will also ask that the St. John cars, which now stop at all points, make no stops on trips to St. John except at the car barns, until reaching Peninsular, and then make no stops on the way to Portland after leaving Peninsular station. It is proposed that the "RT" cars operated at Peninsular station shall take care of the local travel. A time schedule will be prepared by a subcommittee showing how the proposed change would benefit the whole of the district north from the railroad bridge, including St. John, by relieving St. John cars and from crowding and making it possible for them to make better time.

"We consider it fair that the ferry at St. John should be operated free to the public," said Secretary Perkins, "and that the county should put the roads on both sides of the river in good condition. There are growing sections on both sides of the Willamette River north to St. John worthy of recognition. I think also we shall be able to show the managers of the car company that what we are asking in the way of improved car service on the Peninsula is fair and reasonable."

Advance styles fine shoes have arrived at Rosenthal's.

PORTLAND WOMEN'S UNION IS SCENE OF A MASKED BALL ON ST. VALENTINE'S NIGHT.

The dining-room at the Portland Women's Union, Fifteenth and Flanders streets, was the scene of a gay valentine masked ball on Friday evening. A gathering which comfortably filled the large room enjoyed four hours of dancing to the lively strains of an orchestra. The costumes were varied, tasteful and in some cases extremely comical. Much effort had been expended by the girls on the decoration of the ballroom, which, in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, had never looked so handsome before. Both the front and back staircases were especially attractive with decorations of ivy leaves, entwined with scarlet streamers. This part of the work was accomplished by Miss Gilman, Miss Sweeney and Miss Atkinson, and was the subject of much admiring comment. The thanks of all concerned were voted to Mrs. Rawlings, matron, and Mrs. Shirley, housekeeper, for their kindly co-operation in making "the valentine ball of '05" one of the pleasantest and most harmonious that has ever been held under the roof of this most valued haven for women and girls who earn their own livings, and who in many instances feel towards it all the tenderness of home ties.

SEVENTY ARE EXAMINED

APPLICANTS FOR TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES TESTED.

Equally Divided Between Aspirants for City and County Positions. Difficult Questions Are Asked.

Seventy applicants for teachers' certificates completed taking examinations at the Atkinson School yesterday afternoon before the County Board of Examiners, composed of R. F. Robinson, County Superintendent of Schools; J. T. Gregg, principal of the Hawthorne School, and Hopkin Jenkins, principal of the Holladay school. It will be about ten days before the result of the examinations will be determined. The applicants were about equally divided into city and county classes. An examination for teachers in the city schools is to be held later, but those

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desiring to participate were admitted to this one. At this examination the first tests in physical geography and English literature, as provided for under a new law for the first grade of the county schools, were had.

The questions the would-be pedagogues were supposed to answer were difficult. Among them were the following, one of each being selected from the various courses:

Why have other than Supreme National Courts? In how many ways may Congress borrow money? When was the last session of the State Text-Book Commission held? Name the text adopted in arithmetic, geography, United States history, grammar and physical geography.

South America—(a) Name the countries bordering on the Caribbean Sea, and give the capital of each; (b) Name and locate the four extreme capes; (c) What are silver, savanna, llano, pampas? (d) Name three important industries. Name three natural products.

Discuss cleanliness of the schoolroom under the following headings, giving a reason for each statement that you make: Sweeping, manner of dusting, blackboards and chalk troughs, care of cloaks and wraps, personal cleanliness.

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SCALDS BABY IN REVENGE

Brutal Italian Pleadingly Kills Child With Hot Water.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Michael Dewala, 41 years of age, is under arrest charged with having caused the death of Joseph Devenick, the 3-year-old son of John Devenick, of 858 Mackinaw avenue. The child died early today at the South Chicago Hospital from the effects of scalds received last night. Dewala was a boarder in the Devenick home. According to the police, Dewala, following a quarrel with Mrs. Devenick, caught up the child and, holding him between his knees, deliberately poured boiling water from a tea kettle over the boy's head and down his back.

Baby Roasted Alive With House.

ELSINORE, Cal., Feb. 15.—In a fire which destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Young at the head of the lake here last night, the 21-month-old child of Mrs. Young was burned to death and her sister, 8 years old, was so badly scorched by the flames that she is not expected to live. The house was totally destroyed and Mrs. Young escaped with slight burns. The flames caught supposedly from a lighted candle.

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