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# SORTIE OF RUSSIAN FEET ENDS IN USUAL DISASTER

### Alarmed at Conditions in Port Arthur the Russian Admiral Makes Bold Dash for Open Sea.

Meets the Watchful Japanese and Limp Back Into the Harbor With a Disabled Warship and Some Good Experiences—Japanese Are Said to Have Captured Diving Pass Near Mukden—Armed Now Before Mukden Comprise 250,000 Men, Each—Japs Have 1000 Guns, the Russians 800.

London, Sept. 29.—The Rome correspondent of the Exchange-Telegram wires that a telegram has been received from the commander of the Italian squadron in the Far East stating that the Russian warships made a sortie from Port Arthur today, but were quickly attacked by Togo's ships and obliged to return to the harbor. One warship was badly damaged.

### Fighting Force Increased.

Tokyo, Sept. 29.—It is stated at the foreign office that the new conscription regulations are to augment the available fighting force by about 200,000 men.

### British Steamer Stopped.

Cheong Foo, Sept. 29.—The British steamer Yik Sang, arrived here today and was stopped by a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer, outside Cheong Foo harbor.

### Japs Capture Diving Pass.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 29.—A report has reached here from Mukden that the Japanese have assumed the offensive and captured Diving Pass. The Russians, it is said, evacuated the pass without serious resistance. The report is unconfirmed.

### Colors Drive Japs From Victory.

Cheong Foo, Sept. 29.—Russians residing here claim to have information that the Japanese lost 7000 in the last assault on Port Arthur, which began on the 19th. It is also claimed the Japanese were driven from three forts captured by them on account of the stench from the corpses.

### SAYS THE UNION SPIRIT HAS COME TO STAY.

President of the American Federation of Labor Sees Nothing to Cause Alarm in Present Conditions Nor Future Prospects—Says the Spirit of Unionism is Firmly Fixed and Will Continue to Strengthen Despite Disparities Being Formed to Combat It—The Unions are Now Distinctive Institutions—Temporary Setback Will Do No Harm.

### BELIEVE LETTER GENUINE.

Members of Miners' Union Say Roosevelt Wrote Article in Question.

### FOUR ARE KILLED.

Five Tramps Struck by Baltimore & Ohio Train.

### Accidentally Shot.

Walla Walla, Sept. 29.—R. Worth, of this city, while hunting in the mountains yesterday afternoon, accidentally shot himself through the right leg with a revolver. The wound is serious.

## DISTRICTS WILL NEED RAILROAD TAXES

The holding up of the collection of taxes on the assessment of the O. R. & N. company, which is to follow, as the railway will in all probability appeal its action for writ of review to the state supreme court, in the opinion of Assessor C. P. Strain, will cut down school district funds for some time to come.

### STURBLEFIELD HOME.

Walla Walla Orphans' and Widows' Asylum Ready to Open.

The new hot water heating apparatus has been installed and the plumbers are now busy placing the pipes and radiators in the rooms in the building. This work will be completed this week.

### THE CONNECTICUT LAUNCHED.

Granddaughter of Lincoln's Naval Secretary Christened the Boat.

### Carey Act Not Dead.

Salem, Sept. 29.—The state land board has been informed by the general land office that the Carey land act, supposed to have expired by limitation on August 18, 1904, is still in force, the provision being that it remain in force until lands set aside under it are reclaimed.

### Arctic Enthusiasm Injured.

Collender's Point, Conn., Sept. 29.—William Steigler, a capitalist and Arctic expedition enthusiast, was fatally injured last night in a runaway accident. His horse bolted at the gate of the residence and he was thrown to the ground.

### Hold-Up Victim Dies.

Seattle, Sept. 29.—James Murphy, one of the three men shot by robbers in the saloon hold-up Monday night, died this morning.

### FAVORS GOODNOW.

Charges Against Consul General Are Still Being Pressed.

### Chicago Wheat Market.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—September wheat opened at \$1.11 1/4, and closed at \$1.13 1/4. Corn opened at \$1.12 1/4 and closed at \$1.13 1/4. Cows opened at 54 1/2 cents and closed at 55 1/2 cents. Oats opened at 30 1/2 cents and closed at 31 1/2 cents.

### No Sales at Pendleton.

The local market remains at 11 cents for club and 7 cents for blue-stem, f. o. b., with no sales reported.

### Senators Hear Near the End.

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 29.—Senator Hoar is no better this morning, but failed throughout the night. He may live through the day, or he may not. The physicians cannot say.

### Death Is at Hand.

Worcester, Sept. 29.—Senator Hoar is still living this afternoon. Dr. Gillman says that death must come soon.

### WESTERN PAPERS LABEL PRESIDENT

Print Imaginary Article From Roosevelt Reflecting on the Chicago Strikers.

### EVENING POST EDITORIAL WAS MISUNDERSTOOD.

Western Papers Accepted Personal Utterances of the President as Genuine and Used Them to Prejudice Voters—Imaginary Correspondence Between Roosevelt and Donnelly Was Printed as Genuine Letter in Denver Magazine—Post Comes to the Rescue and Relieves Intense Stir in Pendleton Circles.

New York, Sept. 28.—The alleged forgery of the president's signature to a magazine article printed in Denver, which reflects on the Chicago meat strikers, has created intense stir in political circles.

The source of the letter was explained today, when the Evening Post printed a letter and introductory paragraph which appeared in its editorial column August 1.

### BRITISH SECRETARY FINED.

Massachusetts Justice Promptly Administers Punishment to "Scurrilous."

### TEMPORARY MARRIAGES.

George Meredith Says Time of Contract Marriages is Coming.

### MINE EXPLOSION.

Eleven Miners Terribly Burned and Three Will Die.

### MERGER TO BE DISSOLVED.

Reputed Terms of Settlement of Famous Dispute.

### JUDGE ELLIS REFUSES TO ANNUL O. R. & N. ASSESSMENT

The assessment of the property of the O. R. & N. company, according to the decision rendered in the state circuit court this afternoon by Judge W. R. Ellis, is regular, with the exception of the descriptions of several minor tracts of land outside the right of way, embracing about 75 acres.

### COLLAPSE KILLS ONE.

Faulty Construction of a Building Causes a Death and a Strike.

### Parker Visits Old Haunts.

New York, Sept. 29.—Parker spent a large portion of this morning calling on his old associates at the appellate division of the supreme court.

### INDIAN LEASES WILL BE SECURE

Farmers on Reservation Welcome Enforcement of Rent Regulations.

### PRESENT ARRANGEMENT IS NOT SATISFACTORY.

T. J. Tweedy Says Renters Will Be Glad to Have Signature of Secretary of the Interior Attached to Their Leases—Will Also Welcome the Change Which Makes the Indian Agent the Recipient of Indian Rent Money as It Will Do Away With the Eternal Nagging of the Indian Landlord.

"I feel sure that I speak the sentiment of every renter on the Umatilla reservation, when I say that the renter welcomes the rigid enforcement of all the regulations concerning the leasing of Indian lands," said T. J. Tweedy, one of the most prominent farmers on the reservation this morning.

"We feel more secure in our leases when the signature of the secretary of the interior is attached to them, we will farm our lands just as in the past, minus the eternal nagging of the Indian landlord, when the agent is made the sole recipient of Indian rent money, and every man who is now farming on the reservation with money invested in teams, farming implements and other equipment will feel that he is fully secured in his lease, with the signature of the secretary attached to it, while with the old verbal agreement with the Indian now in force, no one knows the tenure of his lease nor feels sure of his stipulation with the Indian owner of the land."

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### GILL'S GRAVE DESERTED.

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### OVER 100,000 UNIONISTS QUIT PAYING DUES.

Barney Cohen, President of Illinois Federation of Labor, Says Unions are Reorganized on Better Lines They Must Lose Their Force—Blames Unwise Leadership, Political Gratters and Untimely Strikes for the Trouble—Must Adopt Better Methods of Warfare.

### Chenama Girls Escape.

Salem, Sept. 27.—No trace has yet been found of Lucinda Davis, Cora Williams and Lena Young, the Indian girls who escaped from the Chenama Indian school Saturday night. They were last seen in Salem riding in a carriage with three strange men. Officials are making a vigorous search.

### Fatal Hold-Up.

Pocatello, Idaho, Sept. 27.—Three tramps attempted to hold up a section gang of Japs near Blackfoot and as a result of the fight W. J. Fitzgerald, section foreman, Deputy Sheriff J. C. Sweet, and one of the would-be hold-ups are mortally wounded.

### Fifteen Injured in Wreck.

Columbus, O., Sept. 28.—A head-on collision took place between two traction cars on the Sciota Valley Trolley line near here at 7:30 this morning. Out of 17 passengers on the two cars, all but two were injured, and one will die.

### WOOL GROWERS HIGHLY ELATED

Sales Days of the Organization for 1904 Were Successful.

### NEARLY ENTIRE CLIP WAS SOLD IN THE POOL.

Secretary J. H. Gwinn, of Oregon Association, Says the Shanks Meeting was the Best Ever Held—Attendance of 75 to 85 and Great Enthusiasm—Nine Local Associations With a Total Membership of 200 Now Comprise the State Association—Assessment of \$2 Per 1000 Sheep Level to Defray Expenses of Association.

The success of the sales day plan of Oregon woolmen to pool their product has been demonstrated by the expressions of approval that come from the sheepmen who attended the recent state association meeting at Shanks. Secretary J. H. Gwinn, of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association who has returned from the sessions at Shanks, said:

"The pooling system has been the means of securing a better and more uniform price for wool and thus one of the highest objects of the association has been accomplished. Between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 pounds of wool were shipped out of the Shanks country this year and it is estimated that less than 200,000 pounds were sold outside the pool."

### Best Meeting Ever Held.

Mr. Gwinn declares that the recent meeting of the woolgrowers was one of the most important in point of attendance and in matter of enthusiasm ever held. "There were between 75 and 85 delegates present," he said. "One of the principal matters discussed and acted upon is the opening of the Blue mountain forest reserve to the sheep grazers. The expressions of the sheepmen in the form of a resolution will be submitted to the secretary of the secretary of the interior."

### Would Improve Ranges.

In effect the State Woolgrowers Association recommends that the same procedure be followed in the matter of pasture in the Blue mountain reserve as is followed in the Cascades. One exception asked is that after the first year permits be granted for a longer period, from three to five years. The reason for this is that in many instances the sheep men desire to improve the ranges by reseeding and if the grazer knows that he is to reap some of the benefits he is willing to spend from \$10 to \$100 to improve the range grass.

### Assessed for Expenses.

"There are about 2,500,000 sheep in Oregon this year. Possibly half of these are represented by the association. An assessment of \$2 per 1000 head was levied by the association to defray expenses of the organization. The organization now has a membership of about 200, embracing nine different associations. One new association was admitted at the last meeting, the Mount Vernon body, with a membership of 25."

### Martin's Successor.

Discussed the possible successor of the late Charles F. Martin, of Denver, secretary of the National Livestock Association, Mr. Gwinn said: "Martin was the prime mover of the national body. He was its organizer and its life. President Hagenbarth is a very able man, but the great bulk of the work fell upon Martin, and I do not believe the association knows who to put in his place."

### LOVE TRAIN ROBBER.

Release of Man Who Dynamited Car and Got \$4000.

### Canadian Railroad Wreck.

Buffalo, Sept. 28.—In a wreck of two Grand Trunk freight near Woodstock this morning, Conductor Falls, brakeman Benedict, Engineer Kirkland and Engineer Herron were killed.

### Hoar's Life Nears the End.

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 27.—Senator Hoar is no better this morning, and is still unconscious. He has taken neither nourishment nor medicine and Dr. Gillman stated that the patient will not last long.

### UMATILLA LEASES HELD ILLEGALLY

All Irregular Leases on Umatilla Reservation Must Be Bonded at Once.

### FAILURE TO BOND WILL CAUSE EJECTION.

Limit of 640 Acres to One Renter Will Also Be Rigidly Enforced—Acting Secretary of the Interior Issues an Order to Leasing Agents—McNichols' Manifesto on Umatilla Held Without Authority—Interior Department—All Indian Money Hereafter Will Be Handled By the Agent in Charge.

All leases now held on Umatilla Indian land without sanction of the secretary of the interior, must be cancelled at once and converted into a bonded lease, authorized by the government; hereafter no lease will be allowed to exceed the limit of 640 acres to each renter, nor for more than two years; all rent money hereafter paid on Indian lands, must be paid to the agent or acting agent on October 1 and April 1, of each year; to Acting Agent McNichols, of the Umatilla Indian reservation.

The order is not new, but is an old order revived and will be strictly enforced. A large number of the leases held on the Umatilla reservation land are held without sanction of the secretary of the interior, and many of them far in excess of the limit of 640 acres. Very little of the money paid to Indians for leases passes through the hands of the agent, and as the title to the Indian lands is yet vested in the government, these orders will be rigidly enforced hereafter.

Those of the renters on the reservation who desire to continue in possession of the leased land, are asked to apply for a regular form of lease, and enter into a legal contract with the government for the use of the land.

The government will recognize all informal leases now in force and will waive the 640 acre limit restriction, if such renters immediately apply to have their leases sanctioned.

There are nearly 700 leases in force on the reservation, and it is estimated that when the 640 acre limit is rigidly enforced this number will almost double.

At present a large number of renters deal almost exclusively with the Indians who represent the agency. This aggravates these renters to welcome the change in program whereby the rent money is paid to the agent at stated times and the worry of the Indian landlord will be done away with.

The enforcement of the 640 acre limit is also welcomed by the business men, as it means more individual renters and a consequent increase in business.

In order to carry on the work of making out and forwarding leases for the approval of the secretary of the interior, four new employees will be added to the force of the agency.

It has been thought possible that an agent would be named for the Umatilla Indians by October 1, but as yet nothing of the kind has been announced in the government of the matter.

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Lovell had had charge of the Weston Leader during the absence of Clark Wood, at St. Louis. Justice L. S. Wood, father of Editor Clark Wood, has been leaving checks in payment of the running expenses during Clark's absence, and Lovell forged L. S. Wood's name to two checks, one of \$14 which was cashed by H. Hessel, and one for \$8, cashed by the Fair Store at Weston.

The Weston bank cashed the checks and the forgery was not detected until yesterday, when L. S. Wood learned that his name was attached to checks not issued by him.

Lovell was seen to take the forged train for Walla Walla on Saturday evening and since then has completely vanished. Besides cashing these two forged checks, Lovell also left numerous unpaid bills in Weston. He has been in the vicinity of Weston for the past six months, having worked through harvest near there.

Charles Wood, a brother of Editor Clark Wood, now in charge of the Weston Leader and will manage the business until the return of Clark Wood from the East, which is expected to be in about two weeks.

Lovell is about 26 years of age, a member of the eighth army corps of the Spanish war and wears tattoo ink on his hands and arms.

"I thought the name L. S. Wood on the check I cashed was written in a smooth and flowing style, for a man Mr. Wood's years, but I did not suspect such a nice appearing young man as Mr. Lovell," said H. Hessel, who came down to start the officers on the forger's trail last night.

### GILL'S GRAVE DESERTED.

Glens Enter Cemetery at Boise, Open Grave and Strip Corpse of Clothing.

Boise, Sept. 27.—Unknown ghouls entered the cemetery last week and desecrated the grave of May Pierce, the 17-year-old daughter of the pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, who died of typhoid fever.

The interment was kept a secret until today, when the guilty parties might be apprehended.

The body of the girl was not stolen or mutilated, although all the clothing was stripped from the body and carried away.

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