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## THE SITE OFFERED BY JUDGE TAYLOR

### Necessary Property for Establishment of Sash and Door Factory Tendered

#### LETTER FROM MR. HAMMOND

#### The Railroad President Could Not Transfer Property Asked and Wanted Cash for Other Sites.

A. B. Hammond has declined, for obvious reasons, to give the committee the site asked for the sash and door factory which is to be established in this city. The letter which the committee waited for several days finally came yesterday. Briefly, it was to the effect that the property asked was not available; that the writer had other property suitable for the purpose, and that the people of Astoria could have it if they wished to pay for it.

The land asked for the committee is situated in Alderbrook and was originally owned by L. B. Soley. Some years ago it came into Mr. Hammond's possession, the A. & C. president holding it as trustee. A portion of the upland is owned by B. Van Dusen. Mr. Hammond explained to the committee that the land could not be given away, owing to the manner in which it was held by him, but he said he owned the old Anglo-American cannery property, which was bought at a receiver's sale at a reasonable figure—said to be \$1200 or 1400—and that this site could be acquired upon payment of the original purchase price, together with accrued taxes and 6 per cent interest on the amount invested.

The contents of Mr. Hammond's letter did not cause any surprise among members of the committee, who were prepared for any situation that might arise. They felt that the people could not reasonably be asked to pay for a site in this city of vast tracts, and accordingly will decline Mr. Hammond's offer. Some months ago Mr. Hammond said he would put up dollar for dollar with Astorians to establish new enterprises, but failed to cover the \$50,000 recently subscribed. When Mr.

Goslin was last here he read a telegraphic message from Mr. Hammond in which that gentleman said he would assist in every way possible any effort to advance the interests of this city. On the strength of this assurance the committee asked for the Alderbrook site. Members of the committee realize that the property in question could not be secured, as it is held by Mr. Hammond as a trustee, but they believe the railroad president's offer to sell at cost price is hardly in keeping with his offer to assist in every way possible in the effort making for a greater Astoria. However, there has been no feeling whatever over the matter, the negotiations being of the most friendly nature.

A portion of the upland, owned by Mr. Van Dusen, was offered, gratis to the committee, it is understood, but, of course, the upland was of no use unless the remainder of the property could be obtained. Mr. Van Dusen's public spirited offer is greatly appreciated by the committee, which regrets failure of the effort to locate the factory in the East End.

The factory people had selected several sites about the city, the second choice being the land on which the old Taylor dock stands. This property is just around Smith Point and is owned by the Taylor estate. When the negotiations for the East End site fell through, Judge Taylor came forward with an offer of the land, for which no charge whatever is made. The site is about three acres in extent. "If the company concerned wishes that land, it is available," said Judge Taylor to the other committee members. The land is worth no inconsiderable sum and its generous offer brought enthusiasm to the hearts of the hard-working committee members.

Yesterday, after Judge Taylor's offer, members of the committee commenced the circulation of a paper asking for subscriptions to the \$1000 fund. Only a few were called upon, but more than \$1000 was raised, the subscriptions being \$100 and \$50. Several offers of \$25 were received, but they were placed on a separate list. Mr. Widgale, who was the list in his possession, says he expects to have the entire amount by Monday evening. As soon as the money is pledged, the deed to the property will be placed in escrow, there to remain until the company fulfills the obligations that will be imposed. Mr. Butler says that if the committee prepares everything by Monday night, work on the building will be commenced before the present week is over.

Back from the Orient.

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## LORD ROBERTS IS GOING TO RESIGN

### It is Thought He will Retire as Commander-in-Chief Next April.

#### BIG SENSATION IS BREWING

#### A Large Number of Resignations will Be Sent in When the South African War is Ended.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—According to the London correspondent of the Herald it is stated on the highest authority that more dissatisfaction than ever reigns in the war office. It is now thought almost certain that Lord Roberts will resign the post of commander-in-chief next April if not sooner and therefore will not take any prominent part in the coronation ceremonies.

There is a considerable amount of grumbling at his continued absence from Pall Mall, where an enormous batch of papers is left unanswered by him.

Only the other day application was made by Sir Evelyn Wood for another aide de camp. As the commander-in-chief was not present, Mr. Broderick took it upon himself to answer and gave rather a curt refusal.

This was really a matter which had nothing whatever to do with the minister of war.

Those who are likely to know, prophesy an early outbreak in Pall Mall. The storm brewing cannot be delayed very much longer. Of course, dissatisfaction at the war office is nothing new for it is an old story, but military men say things have never been so bad as they are now.

The recent order doing away with sabres for cavalry officers has not proved at all popular, though it may be the means of cutting down expenses. There is no doubt sabres fascinate a smart appearance to the uniform and will be much missed, especially among Hussars at levees and on state occasions.

The idea prevails that too much attention is being paid to such small matters instead of really looking after those that are far more serious and important. Men who like to see smart uniforms are protesting very loudly against brown bandoliers instead of white ones, for the latter look so much smarter, though, undoubtedly brown ones are better for warfare.

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ern Securities Company is receiving much attention in the German financial press. The Frankfurter Zeitung publishes a warning against the exchange of American railroad shares for bonds on the basis of the present high quotations of the former. The Berliner Tageblatt complains that the group of financiers controlling the common stock of the railroads comprised in the amalgamation will withdraw their holdings and that the holders of the majority of the shares reached their decision without consulting with the minority, and says such action contradicts German ideas of justice.

The Tageblatt concludes its comment as follows:

"At any rate the full news with which Americans conclude these financial operations show what we should have to expect if the United States acquired a still greater influence over German business life than they have done up to the present time."

The Borsen Zeitung says the matter does not interest the German market as much as speculators pretend.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Ordinance officers and artillery experts at the war department are pleased with the excellent work of the army 12-inch rifle at Sandy Hook. Colonel Randolph, chief of artillery, said the test proved that it was practicable to drive a lance shell through the side of an iron-clad and to explode it with precision. The ship does not float, he said, that could withstand the effects of such an explosion in her interior.

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## CONSIDINE ON WITNESS STAND

### His Story was a Very Long One and of but Little Material Importance.

#### GOES TO JURY THURSDAY

#### Physicians Testify as to the Effect of the Blows Struck on Meredith's Head by Tom Considine.

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## CHINESE HAVE NO RIGHT OF APPEAL

### Treasury Department Will Not Interfere with Decision of Immigration Authorities.

#### ADVERSE ACTION WILL STAND

#### Attorney General Declines to Give an Opinion as the Cases Are Now Before the Courts.

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