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CONVENTION WILL MEET TOMORROW

Delegates From Three States and Dominion Will Hold Forth in Astoria for Three Days.

Longshoremen Association Will Convene in the Morning for a Four-Day's Session.

PREPARATIONS ALL MADE

Interesting Opening Has Been Arranged and the Visitors Will Be Shown a Good Time.

The annual convention of the International Longshoremen, Marine and Transport Workers will convene tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at Car-nahan's hall. Between 45 and 60 delegates will be present, representing the Pacific coast branch of the international order—a branch comprising Oregon, Washington, California and British Columbia. The local members of the organization deserve a great deal of credit for gaining this convention for the city of Astoria, as many larger and stronger cities were enthusiastic candidates for the honor.

After the call to order tomorrow morning Mayor Surprenant will deliver the address of welcome on behalf of the city of Astoria. He will be followed by Hon Harrison Allen, who will speak on behalf of the county and state. The state was to have been represented by Mr. Hoff of Salem, the state labor commissioner, but it will be impossible for Commissioner Hoff to be present, and Mr. Allen will represent the state in his stead. Rev. William Seymour Short will also deliver a short address and the invocation. Mr. Ed Bowers of Astoria, a member of the central council, will also ad-

dress the convention, and Mr. Florida, the eighth vice president of the international association, whose home is in San Francisco, will also speak. The local branch has had made delegates' badges that are indeed worthy of mention. They represent a ship under full sail in the midst of the ocean. Above is the name of the association and the date and place of the convention, and below in bold letters is the legend: "Where Rolls the Oregon." The local branch has made full preparations to care for the delegates, their families and friends, and in the four days during which the convention is expected to last the visitors will be taken to places of interest in and about the city, will make a trip to the Columbia river bar and will be shown the time of their lives.

WANT CONVENTIONS.

Western Cities Will Send Delegates to St. Louis to Get Them.

San Francisco, June 4.—A meeting of the representatives of commercial organizations of western cities was held here today for the purpose of working together at St. Louis this year to get conventions to come to the Pacific coast in 1905. Among the cities to be represented at St. Louis will be San Francisco, Tacoma, Portland, Sacramento, Denver, Butte and Ogden, besides promises from other cities.

WIND, RAIN AND HAIL.

Caused Great Damage to Life and Property.

Oklahoma City, Okla., June 4.—Reports coming in from over Oklahoma and Indian Territory indicate that great damage has resulted from wind, hail and rainstorms during the past two days. In Comanches county a severe wind caused much loss. At Walter a woman was killed and a number injured.

FLOOD SITUATION.

Only Three Lives Are Lost in Kansas Flood as Far as Known.

Topeka, Kans., June 4.—No further rains have fallen in Kansas during the past 15 hours. Rapid improvement in the flood situation is expected. An enormous amount of damage has been done. Crops have been badly injured, thousands of head of livestock have been drowned and buildings damaged. Three lives were lost, as nearly as can be ascertained.

EXPLOSION IN DISTILLERY AT PEORIA CAUSES GREAT LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

Fire Adds Terror to Explosion—Burning Whisky Claims Many Victims, Number Unknown

Flames Spread to Stockyards and Thousands of Head of Cattle Were Burned—Police and Fire Department Fight to Keep Back Crowds Anxious After Fate of Loved Ones.

Peoria, Ill., June 4.—An explosion which occurred in the 11-story warehouse of the Corning Distillery Company of this place at 2 o'clock this afternoon completely wrecked the building, cost the lives of at least ten men and a loss of approximately \$1,000,000. The ruins immediately caught fire and communicated to three adjoining buildings, which were burned to the ground. It is known that ten men were buried beneath the ruins and burned to death, and a dozen more were seriously injured.

Cause of Explosion Unknown.

The cause of the explosion is unknown. It came to the men working in the great distillery without a moment's warning. With one exception the Corning plant is the greatest in the world. At the time of the explosion the walls of the great warehouse seemed to rise and fall, a cloud of dust arose, men were hurled through the air and fell to the ground dead and dying. Fire immediately broke out to add to the horror of the sight. It was impossible to reach the men beneath the ruins and they suffered an awful death. A general alarm called the 34 machines of the fire department to the scene, but they could do nothing against the burning whisky. The loss on whisky and spirits stored, together with the buildings and machinery, will approximate \$1,000,000.

Fire Spreads to Stockyards.

At 7 o'clock tonight the fire had spread to the stockyards district and

is beyond control. Dozens of large cattle barns filled with cattle were burned, together with the stock. The cries of the steers were pitiful in the extreme. They were chained fast and had to take their fate. Thousands of people are in the vicinity of the fire and the entire police force has been drawn from other parts of the town to keep the crowds beyond the danger line. Roundman Palmer was seriously injured in a crush that followed a police charge.

Fire Chief Injured.

Chief Thomas Wurm of the fire department, a zealous worker of twelve years' experience, was badly burned about the head by falling timbers, and a fireman by the name of O'Neill was also fatally hurt. At 8 o'clock the Bloomington fire department was wired for aid. They sent six machines that made the run on a special, covering the 40 miles in 60 minutes. It is feared that the entire south end of the city will be wiped out. A stiff breeze is blowing down the river.

Seething Cauldron.

The warehouse in which the explosion occurred contained about 30,000 barrels of whisky. As soon as the fire reached it it became a seething cauldron. It was known that no one inside the structure could live a minute. How many unfortunates were caught in the furnace of fire is not known tonight, but dozens of men may be beneath the ruins. A crowd of several thousand women and children, relatives of employees, are screaming and trying to break through the wall of police to discover if their loved ones are dead or alive. Chaos reigns supreme.

Second Explosion.

Last October there was an explosion in this same plant, killing seven men and wounding many more. At that time the company lost almost \$500,000, and it had just recovered from the effect of the loss. The plant has not been running more than two months. Mr. Corning is prostrated tonight as a result of the catastrophe.

Later.

Peoria, Ill., June 5.—5. am.—Fire is under control. Stockyards are in ruins. It is estimated that 3400 steers were burned in the yards. Fifteen men are known to be dead, and others probably in the ruins. Loss, over \$1,500,000.

COLLIDED WITH SCHOONER.

Revenue Cutter Bear Seriously Injured Off Port Gamble.

San Francisco, June 4.—The United States revenue cutter Bear, which sailed from here for Seattle June 2, collided with the four-masted schooner Spokane yesterday 30 miles northwest of Point Reyes. The Spokane was lumber-laden from Port Gamble to this city.

The Bear was badly damaged and returned to this port today for repairs. Her upper rigging was carried away and she was cut to the water's edge. The Spokane also sustained some injury.

Messages by Pigeons.

Chefoo, June 5.—(11 a. m.)—The Russian consul here is receiving messages from Port Arthur by means of carrier pigeons. The messages are being forwarded to St. Petersburg.

MICHIGAN WON MEET.

Rose Breaks Two Intercollegiate Records in Event.

Chicago, June 4.—The University of Michigan today won the intercollegiate conference athletic meet held on Marshall field, securing 22 points. Chicago was second, with 25, and Wisconsin third, with 25. Six new intercollegiate conference

records were made and two of the old marks were equalled. In the shot put "Giant" Rose of Michigan established a new mark at 47 feet 1/4 inch, beating the old figure nearly six feet. In the discus throw Rose hurled the weight 125 feet 3/4 inches, almost seven feet better than the record.

The Leland Stanford team failed to show up as well as was expected, landing only one first, Cole carrying away the honors in the pole vault. He crossed the bar at 11 feet 6 1/2 inches. The score by colleges follows:

Michigan, 22; Chicago, 29; Wisconsin, 25; Purdue, 13; Stanford, 9; Illinois, 6; Indiana, 4; Drake, 2; Oberlin, 2; Iowa, 1.

INTERESTING BIT OF TESTIMONY BEFORE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

Chicago, June 4.—That a representative of Armour & Co. threatened to "make it hot" for the commission merchants if they testified in regard to the effect of the alleged monopoly contract between Armour & Co. and the railroads in the Michigan fruit belt was a charge made in the testimony before the interstate commerce commission today.

J. C. Maynard, commission merchant at Grand Rapids, Mich., testified that F. E. Walcott had said:

"You fellows should have not come down here to testify. We will see that you get the hot end of the stick."

Attorney A. R. Urien, who represents Armour & Co., explained that Walcott was a "very subordinate" employee of the company, and if he had made such a statement it was not upon the advice of his superiors.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Pacific Coast.

At Tacoma—Seattle, 19; Tacoma, 7.
At San Francisco—Portland, 1; Oakland, 2.
At Los Angeles—San Francisco, 1; Los Angeles, 7.

American.

At St. Louis—Philadelphia, 5; St. Louis, 2.
At Cleveland—Boston, 3; Cleveland, 2.

National.

At Philadelphia—Chicago, 8; Philadelphia, 4.
At Brooklyn—Pittsburg, 11; Brooklyn, 4.
At Boston—St. Louis, 3; Boston, 2 (12 innings).

At New York—Cincinnati, 2; New York, 2 (tie game).
Pacific National.
At Spokane—Boise, 5; Spokane, 3.

MARCHING TO RELIEVE THE PORT

General Stackelberg's Army Is Nearing Port Arthur on Its Way to the Rescue of That Port.

PORT ARTHUR DECISIVE SWORE TO MAKE IT HOT.

Authorities Point Out That Loss Will Cost Russia a Great Deal and Say Mistake Is Being Made.

Paris, June 4.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin says he learns from a trustworthy source that an advance guard of 14,000 men under General Stackelberg, sent by Kuropatkin to the relief of Port Arthur, has already reached the entrance to Liao Tung peninsula and the bulk of the army is following.

The correspondent of the Matin at Niu-chwang confirms this, stating that important movements of Russian troops are proceeding to the southward of Tachichao toward Kaiping.

AUTHORITIES CRITICIZE.

Say Kuropatkin's Policy Is Faulty in the Extreme.

Paris, June 4.—Leading military authorities here expect an early fall of Port Arthur and view this as the most serious if not irreparable blow to Russia, the present condition of Port Arthur being compared to that of Metz and Sedan during the Franco-Prussian war. It is pointed out that Kuropatkin is making the same fatal mistake in regard to Port Arthur's ability to resist that the French made in connection with Metz. Military critics without exception disapprove of Kuropatkin's policy of non-resistance.

JAPANESE REFUSE PAY.

Liao Yang, Friday.—Merchants from the south complain that the Japanese are not paying for supplies taken by them as they did in the earlier stages of the war, and assert they are even ill-treated and insulted when they ask for money.

THE WEATHER.

Portland, June 4.—For Oregon: Sunday, fair, slightly warmer, except near coast.



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