

PLANS FOR NEW HOTEL PREPARED

W. W. Whipple to Submit Proposal for Construction of Modern Building Which Will Cost \$125,000

Will Be of Brick, Five Stories in Height and Up-to-date in Every Particular.

BIG HEATER IN CONNECTION

Hustling Astorians Tell of Headway Thus Far Made to Supply City's Greatest Present Need.

The proposal for a modern hotel has assumed definite shape, and some time during the present week the business men and property owners of Astoria will be invited to consider the plan which has been outlined by W. W. Whipple. Mr. Whipple succeeded in arousing the sawmill sentiment, and he is now endeavoring to more thoroughly arouse the hotel sentiment.

For some months past members of the Chamber of Commerce and other persons deeply interested in the welfare of Astoria have been considering the hotel proposition. Mr. Whipple was one of these men, and he decided, after conferring with a prominent architect in Seattle, to secure from him duplicate plans for a hotel building which is to be erected in the sound city.

"It should be understood," Mr. Whipple explained last evening, "that I am not anxious to force these plans upon the people of Astoria, but I have secured them merely as a starter. They will form the basis on which we may work. Personally, I believe the plans are satisfactory. When I toured the east recently I made it a point to investigate all of the famous hotels of the country, and it is my hope that we may be able to build a hotel here that will include the best points of the really palatial structures of the east. If we find it necessary to make any alterations, the changes can be made without the least difficulty. The plans are preliminary."

Hotel and Theater Combined.

The plans call for a hotel and theater combined, the theater to occupy a wing of the main building. The hotel structure is to be built of brick—Clatsop county brick, if possible—and will be five stories in height. This does not include the basement, which will be below the level of the street. The theater building will be three stories in height, with two galleries and a seating capacity of about 1200.

The hotel building will be 100x100 feet at the base. The ground floor will be occupied by the lobby, the office, bar, barber shop, three sample rooms, grill room, kitchen, serving room, freight and passenger elevator rooms, and there will also be one room 20x66 feet for store purposes.

The second, third and fourth floors will each contain 17 single rooms 11x17, and four single rooms 12x15, as well as one suite of two rooms, with bath. In all, the building will have 61 single rooms and three suites each of two rooms.

The fifth floor will contain a lodge room 42x65, as well as a room for the Chamber of Commerce and other commercial bodies 42x43, with three office rooms.

The Theater Annex.

The theater annex will be 68x120 feet on the ground and of three stories. Provision is made for a commodious lobby, and the size of the stage would permit the production of practically all of the plays which require considerable room. If the hotel building faces north, which is likely, the entrance to the theater would be either east or west, depending on the position of the block.

"So far as the theater annex is concerned, it can be rented, leased or operated by the hotel company immediately upon completion of the building," said Mr. Whipple. "I have talked the matter over with the lead-

ing theatrical man of the city, and as you will see by his remarks he is anxious to secure a lease of the building. If the stockholders prefer, the theater may be conducted by the hotel company. This matter, of course, will be decided later.

Must Pay From the Start.

"The hotel must pay from the start," continued Mr. Whipple. "It has been the rule that most hotels do not pay for a number of years, but we must arrange things differently here. If I should be selected to conduct the hotel, I would be willing to give a bond that the hotel will pay the very first month, and continue to earn dividends. There is a way to do this, and if the stockholders can be shown the way the hotel proposition will certainly carry."

Cost About \$125,000.

"I estimate roughly, and rather liberally, that the cost of the building would be about \$125,000. This includes furnishings and the outlay up to the day of opening for business, as well, of course, as the cost of the theater. The sum may seem rather large, but when one stops to consider the cost of other hotels the estimate is not at all excessive. The Breakers hotel, which was recently burned, cost between \$60,000 and \$65,000; and that hotel was located on the beach, where it was open for only about three or four months in the year. The Hotel Flavel cost \$40,000 or more."

Meeting to Be Called.

The hotel proposition is not the particular scheme of Mr. Whipple, but, as stated above, it has been under consideration for a long time. At every meeting of the Chamber of Commerce the matter has been discussed, and none know better than members how much Astoria needs a modern hotel. Mr. Whipple has put the matter in tangible form, and during the present week—perhaps tonight, but more likely tomorrow night—a meeting of business men, property owners and others will be called to discuss the proposal. In view of the fact that the three Astoria banks carry deposits of about \$2,000,000, there ought not to be any scarcity of funds, especially in view of the fact that some outside capital will probably be interested in the hotel.

DESOLATION IN ROSSWELL, N. M.

Floods Cause Great Damage—Many Buildings Collapse.

Roswell, N. M., Oct. 4.—Roswell is a scene of desolation. The flood that started Thursday night has receded. The damage will be over \$100,000. For days it was impossible to get in telegraphic communication with outside points. The electric light plant was flooded and the city was in darkness. Water was three feet deep in the main part of the city and ran in streams through residences and business houses. So far as known no lives were lost. The Roswell opera house and about 15 business and residence houses collapsed. The dyke that was erected by the city was washed out. There have been no trains either north or south since Thursday. The railroad bridges over the Pecos river have been washed away.

AFTER CITIZENSHIP FRAUDS.

Foreigners Acquire Final Papers Too Quickly.

New York, Oct. 4.—Prosecution of men holding alleged fraudulent citizenship papers is to be pushed by the federal authorities throughout the East and all nationalities are to be covered. Bogus citizens have been found in great numbers among the Italians and the campaign has now spread to the Austrians. The first arrest among them was that of a saloon keeper who had achieved fame by being elected president of the fish peddlers association and has secured citizenship papers, all, it is alleged, in the course of only three years and eight months residence in America.

WILL DECIDE CHAMPIONSHIP.

American League Challenges the Nationals.

New York, Oct. 4.—President Gordon, of the New York American League Baseball Club, has issued a formal challenge to John T. Brush for a series of seven games between the American and National league teams to settle the championship of the baseball world. The challenge contains the proviso that its effectiveness shall depend upon the New York American League team winning the pennant.

GENERAL ADVANCE OF JAPS UPON ARMY OF KUROPATKIN LOOKED FOR WITHIN WEEK

Frequent Skirmishes Taken to Indicate That Mikado's Soldiers Will Soon Assault Russians Near Mukden.

Special Messenger Who Has Arrived at St. Petersburg Declares That Kuropatkin's Forces Are Concentrated at Tie Pass, and That Russian General Will Not Give Battle at Mukden—Chinese to Assist Japanese.

Frequent fighting between the Japanese advance guards and Cossacks on the south front of Kuropatkin's army reported in the dispatches to the Russian war office is regarded as indicative of the near approach of a general forward movement of the forces of Field Marshal Omay.

It is estimated that since the battle of Liao Yang 40,000 guards stationed in western Russia have been ordered to the far east. Nothing more has been received of the condition of affairs at Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 4.—Advices from the far east this evening describe a series of skirmishes on the southern front of Kuropatkin's army, the only importance lying in the fact that the Japanese are showing a disposition to press forward.

The activity of the Japanese outposts is intended to screen the movements of their army, and therefore may be regarded as the precursory symptoms of final preparations for advance, which will probably be begun within a week.

A special messenger has brought to the emperor Kuropatkin's full report of the battle of Liao Yang. The messenger declares that the main army is concentrated at Tie pass and that it is not likely Kuropatkin will make a determined stand at Mukden.

There were current rumors tonight of the fall of Port Arthur, but they had no foundation.

Coal for Baltic Fleet.

London, Oct. 4.—The Times states that several Hamburg-American

steamers are about to take Welsh coal at Aden, Zanzibar and Singapore for coaling the warships of the Russian Baltic fleet.

JAPS DON'T BELIEVE IT.

Satisfied Vladivostok Cruisers Are Not Prepared for Raid.

Tokio, Oct. 4.—The navy department discredits the report that the Russian cruisers Rossia, Gromobol and Bogatyr have been repaired at Vladivostok and are about to descend upon another raid on the Japanese coast. The navy department further expresses the belief that the Bogatyr has been completely disabled.

CHINESE HELP THE JAPS.

Bandits Fight With Them on West Flank of Army.

London, Oct. 4.—According to the Post's correspondent at Mukden, Chinese bandits have organized into regular troops and are fighting daily side by side with the Japanese on the west flank south of Simlinit.

Japs to Take Defensive.

Berlin, Oct. 4.—Colonel Gaedke, the Tageblatt's correspondent in the far east, telegraphs from Mukden that the Japanese are apparently no longer advancing, but are preparing for defensive operations.

Report is Denied.

London, Oct. 4.—The Japanese legation has issued a denial of the statement that 57 junks carrying ammunition for Hun river were burned by the Russians.

NO FEAR OF UPRISING.

Anti-Foreign Movement in Chinese Provinces not Alarming.

Pekin, Oct. 4 (afternoon).—Further information regarding the unrest in the northwestern part of Shantung province is of a reassuring nature. The British legation is of the opinion that there is no cause for anxiety. This opinion is confirmed by Bishop Favier, of the French Catholic mission, who is exceptionally well acquainted with the Chinese.

A dispatch from Shanghai, September 27, said that the Sho-Tuan Boxers were openly distributing prospectuses couched in the same language as those circulated before the uprising of 1900.

These prospectuses fixed October 17 as the date for the extermination of all foreigners.

JAPANESE HEAD ALL NATIONS.

In Prevention of Disease Among Soldiers.

San Francisco, Oct. 4.—Among the passengers arriving on the liner Mongolia from the orient was Major Louis I. Seaman, surgeon in the United States engineering branch of the army, who has been studying Japanese methods of surgery in the campaign of that army against the Russians. In his opinion Japan is far ahead of all other nations of the world in the organization of her sanitary branch of the army, and has been the first to anticipate and take measures against the fact that the greater number of deaths in war are caused, not by bullets, but by disease.

Condition is Worse.

Walmer Castle, Oct. 4, 10:30 a. m.—The morning bulletin announcing Lady Curzon's condition says: "Her ladyship passed a disturbed night and is not quite so well today in consequence."

than it had been in the morning. It is thought that including the piles of checks and currency which there was not time to enter, the total receipts were not far from \$20,000,000. The earliest taxpayer appeared at 4 o'clock in the morning and inside of a few hours more than 2000 persons were in line. The largest amounts received came from the New York City Railroad Company and from the Vanderbilt family. These amounted to \$400,000 each.

DEMAND FOR WORLD PEACE.

Keystone of the Session of the International Congress.

Boston, Oct. 4.—General supplication, coupled with demand almost, for the institution of peace by the nations of the world, was the keynote today of the first deliberative session of the 13th international peace congress. The lecture of the opening session was the receipt of an elaborate report from the international peace bureau for 1904. Edwin D. Meade, chairman of the organization committee of the congress, delivered the opening address at the meeting, speaking an earnest word in favor of reduction of great navies and general disarmament among the nations.

BORED BY DIVER.

Belief that Submarine Attack Was Made on Connecticut.

New York, Oct. 4.—That the latest attempt to injure or destroy the battleship Connecticut was, according to the Herald, made from the outside, has been established to the satisfaction of the officials of the navy yard. It is believed that the hole which resulted in flooding one of the watertight compartments of the ship was bored by a diver.

NEW MEXICAN SHERIFF KILLED.

Was Leader of a Faction in Politics.

Las Vegas, N. M., Oct. 4.—Sheriff Mendez, of Mora county, has been shot and killed as the result, it is said, of a political quarrel. Sheriff Mendez was one of the leaders of a dominant faction in Mora county politics, and was widely known. Owing to the fact that floods have impaired means of communication, no further particulars have been obtained.

BOUGHT THE VOLCANO.

New York Capitalists Will Market Sulphur From Popocatepetl.

Mexico City, Oct. 4.—Popocatepetl, the volcano with immense sulphur deposits, has been transferred to New York parties. An American company with a capital of \$5,000,000 will operate the deposits. The company will construct a cog railway from the village of Ammecca Meca, at the base of the mountain to the summit.

Circular Was Unauthorized.

Trinidad, Colo., Oct. 4.—John Simpson, secretary of district 15, United Mine Workers of America, when interviewed concerning the circular sent out by a committee of Italian miners in the city, in which appeals for help are made and John Mitchell is attacked for withdrawing the support of the strike in this district, declared the letter was entirely without any authority of the United Mine Workers in the district.

Bryan Has Busy Day.

Hartington, Neb., Oct. 4.—William J. Bryan closed a busy day with a speech at Hartington tonight. During the day Bryan traveled in northeastern Nebraska, making a number of speeches. The speeches generally were delivered on state issues, although he reiterated his position on national issues.

Signed Without Authority.

London, Oct. 4.—Dispatches from the L'Hassa expedition state that the Chinese Amban signed the Anglo-Tibetan treaty without having received the necessary permission from the Chinese government. The expedition, these advices say, is undergoing great hardships in its march towards India.

Senator Hoar's Successor.

Worcester, Mass., Oct. 4.—The Telegram tomorrow will say: Governor Bates will, in all probability, at the next meeting of the governor's council appoint Attorney-General William H. Moody, of Haverhill, to succeed Senator Hoar. Before his death Hoar communicated to the governor his wish that the attorney should succeed him.

NEW YORK IS CLAIMED BY DEMOCRATS

National Committeeman Says Empire State Will Give 75,000 to 100,000 for State and Presidential Tickets.

Polls Have Been Completed by Unterrified in Doubtful States, but Result is Withheld.

FAIRBANKS ON HIS WAY EAST

With Senator Fulton, He Speaks at Several California Towns, Concluding Last Night at Sacramento.

New York, Oct. 4.—Norman E. Mackee, member from New York of the national democratic committee today claimed that the democrats would carry New York. He said: "New York state will return a majority of 75,000 to 100,000 for both the national and state democratic tickets."

Polls have been completed by the national democratic committee in all of the doubtful states and the results have been reported to Judge Parker. Three polls have been made in Indiana and it is announced that it is now possible to take an accurate poll in one day.

Further than the statement that the polls show a condition most satisfactory, nothing could be obtained at Judge Parker's headquarters concerning the results.

NOMINEES ARE NOTIFIED.

Higgins and Associates on Ticket Are Formally Appraised.

Olean, N. Y., Oct. 4.—Lieutenant Governor Frank W. Higgins, the republican nominee for governor, and his associates on the ticket, were today notified of their nomination. The ceremonies took place at the home of Lieutenant-Governor Higgins this afternoon. It had been previously arranged to have this part of the program carried out at noon, but the wreck of a train on the Erie railroad delayed part of the committee and a number of prominent republicans from the eastern part of the state, so the notification was postponed until they arrived.

Other important events of the day were a reception and luncheon at the Higgins home and a mass meeting at the public park in the afternoon and a parade and ratification meeting in the evening. Among the speakers at the mass meeting were Senator Depeew and ex-Lieutenant-Governor Woodruff.

FAIRBANKS STARTS HOME.

With Senator Fulton, He Makes Several California Speeches.

Sacramento, Oct. 4.—Senator Fairbanks started today to return from the Pacific coast, but, although a considerable distance was covered, he did not get far on the way. Stops for speeches were made at Palo Alto, San Jose and Stockton. Senators Fairbanks and Fulton made speeches at all these points, as they did also here last night.

ATTACKS PANAMA POLICY.

David B. Hill Scores President in Speech at Albany.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 4.—David B. Hill made the first speech for the democratic campaign here tonight before the Albany Constituency Club and a general attendance of Albany democrats. The speech was devoted to an attack upon the course pursued by President Roosevelt in connection with the Panama canal treaty and the revolution which resulted on the secession of Panama.

Lathers in Convention.

East St. Louis, Ill., Oct. 4.—The international Union wood, wire and metal lathers are in session here and will continue during the week. Mayor Cook delivered an address of welcome which was responded to by Luke McKinney, of Trenton, N. J.