

HELLO GIRL IN PORT AND STRIKE AGAIN

Operators Employed by Pacific States Telephone Company Walk Out at Midnight.

Strike Precipitated by Importation of Fifty Girls From Tacoma and Seattle.

STRIKERS CLAIM BAD FAITH

Say Management Did Not Do as Agreed—Objectionable Rules Another Feature—System Completely Tied Up.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 14.—(Special to The Astorian.)—About 150 telephone girls employed by the Pacific States Telephone Company struck at midnight. The system is completely tied up.

The strike was precipitated by the importation of fifty operators from Tacoma and Seattle, and follows a walk-out which occurred two days ago, after which a temporary arrangement was made and the girls returned to work. Charges of bad faith and broken promises are preferred against the management of the company by the strikers. They declare that at the meeting held the night of the walk-out the distinct promise was made that their places would not be filled in the event they returned to work. Nevertheless, they say, the management imported a number of girls to take their jobs away from them. This course was adopted from the first, they say, for the very day of the walk-out a telephone message came into the west side exchange and the announcement was made by the man at the other end that he had thirteen girls all ready at any time. This message, it is said, was spoken to a person to whom it was not intended to have been delivered.

As a rule the operators have but little to say in condemnation of the division manager, but the vials of their wrath directed in broadside against Miss Mary Cooper, who, they aver, has been a disturbing element from the day she came here from Spokane to take the place of a service manager after the strike at that city.

Objectionable rules were also a good part of the cause of complaint which brought on the second strike. Following is a copy of a notice issued by the company:

"Have operators try to beat other operators in getting the call.

"Reach and don't pass cords.

"Answer by saying 'Number.' If called and subscriber don't answer at once, go in and say 'I am trying to get them.' If lamp flashes say 'What is it please?'"

If a party says his bell rang, say 'There is no one on the line now.'

"If a number or prefix is called for that we do not have say 'You are calling the wrong number; please refer to your telephone directory.'

"When you don't hear the party say 'Step closer to your telephone; I don't hear you.'

"Operators must give prefix every time."

BREAKS WORLD'S RECORD.

Rear Admiral Goodrich's Flagship New York Makes Greatest Scores.

San Francisco, Oct. 14.—News was brought to this city by the gunboat Bennington that Rear Admiral G. F. Goodrich's flagship New York, during her target practice last month in Magdalena bay, Mexico, broke the world's record for firing an 8-inch gun, making the greatest scores, based on time and accuracy, ever made with guns of this caliber, either in our own or any other navy.

TAKES PECULIAR STEP.

Pittsburg Automobile Club Offers Reward for Arrest of Speeders.

Pittsburg, Oct. 14.—The Pittsburg Automobile Club, which has a membership composed of the wealthy men of Pittsburg, has decided to take a

stand against the fast driving of automobiles. Counsel for the club has announced that the latter will pay \$250 for the arrest of each person speeding beyond the legal limit. This, it is believed, will effectively break up the practice.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE A LOSS.

International Accident Underwriters Meet in New York.

New York, Oct. 14.—At a meeting here of the executive committee of the international association of accident underwriters, Lake Muskola, Canada, has been chosen for the next meeting place. The convention will sit there July 18-21, 1905.

It was voted to recommend to companies in the association the adoption on January 1 of the limitation of weekly indemnity payments under health policies to 26 weeks. Plans were formulated whereby each company belonging to the association will report its health insurance statistics, so that in the future it will be possible to know the premium rate that should be charged for that class of risk.

Statistics submitted to the committee showed that during the 10 years ending July 1 last, there had been an underwriting loss of 3½ per cent on all accident business written in this country.

OPENED OFFICIAL MAIL.

Russian Tampered With Pouch Intended for the Cincinnati.

Washington, Oct. 14.—It developed today that the pouch containing mail for the United States cruiser Cincinnati, then at Nagasaki, Japan, which was aboard the British steamer Calchas when that vessel was seized by the Russian Vladivostok squadron, had been opened while in the possession of the Russian officials, subsequently resealed and sent on to its destination.

This information came to the post-office department in a communication from Japan from the Japanese postal administration in conformity with the practice followed when there has been any mishap in the delivery of mail pouches. The matter will be referred to the state department for action, as was done with the case of the ordinary United States mail on the vessel at the time she was seized.

BALTIC FLEET MAY SAIL.

Danish Pilots Engage To Navigate Waters Of Denmark.

New York, Oct. 14.—Great excitement has been caused by the expected passage of the Russian Baltic fleet through Danish waters, says a Times dispatch from Copenhagen. The largest ships can only go through the Great Belt between Zealand and the Funen islands.

A number of Danish pilots left several days ago for Reval and Libau, their services have been requested on behalf of the Russian navy.

There are rumors that the Japanese have chartered neutral vessels and are cruising in Danish waters in order to watch the Russian fleet. In order to secure respect for Denmark's neutrality the Danish cruiser Heimdal and some torpedo boats have been ordered to put to sea.

COMMANDER REPORTED KILLED.

Dispatch May Refer, However, to Wrecking of Russian Warship.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 14.—A special dispatch from Chefoo reports that the commander of the Russian gunboat Giliak in the harbor of Port Arthur has been killed and many sailors wounded. Possibly this refers to the reported wrecking of the Russian warship by a Japanese land battery.

MERRITT L. JOSLYN DEAD.

Was Assistant Secretary of the Interior Under Arthur.

Chicago, Oct. 14.—Merritt L. Joslyn, who was assistant secretary of the interior under President Arthur, is dead at Woodstock, Ill. He served in the civil war as captain, and was at various times a member of the Illinois legislature.

SEEK CHURCH AID.

Rumor that Russian Treasurer Has Approached Holy Synod.

London, Oct. 14.—The Russian correspondent of the Times reports a rumor that the Russian treasurer has approached the Holy Synod with a view to drawing upon the church property for the sinews of war.

RUSSIANS, FIGHTING BRAVELY, ARE FORCED TO GIVE WAY BEFORE CONQUERING JAPS

Desperate Struggle for Supremacy Continues With Great Losses on Both Sides—Russian Loss 15,000.

Reports From Mukden Tell Only of Japanese Victory and Say Both Sides Fought Bravely, Whole Regiments Going Down Before Fire of Enemy—Lack of News Causes Gloom in St. Petersburg.

The main armies of the Russians and Japanese in Manchuria continue to be engaged in a desperate struggle for supremacy south of Mukden. On both sides there have been such losses in killed and wounded as mark the contest as one of the bloodiest battles in history. Already the losses at Liao Yang are approximated and indications are that they will be exceeded that of the Russians, up to noon of October 14, being estimated at 15,000.

The Russian advance has been converted into a stubbornly fought retreat. The result, according to the Russians, is still to be determined. Reports from the Russian left wing are lacking, leaving room for the question if that part of Kuropatkin's army is not in a worse extremity than the center and right were at any stage of the battle. On both sides the soldiers have shown the utmost tenacity and bravery, and whole regiments have gone down before the fire of the enemy. In official circles at St. Petersburg there is a disposition to argue that even should Kuropatkin be obliged to retire upon Mukden, his position would be quite as favorable as it was when the order was given on October 6, and that on the other hand the Japanese powers of future resistance will have been materially weakened. There is no news from Port Arthur.

RUSSIAN LOSS 15,000.

Battle Continues to Rage With Unlimited Fierceness.

Mukden, Oct. 14.—The fighting raged today with the same bitterness as during the previous day's engagement and the result is still in the balance. The losses on both sides are enormous, that of the Russians being 15,000. Wounded are being brought in from all directions. The roads are covered with long trains of wagons, baggage wagons and transports, as well as ambulances, being pressed into service. Men on foot are limping in, using their guns as crutches, the less severely wounded supporting their comrades. Even across the fields you meet them taking the shortest and straightest road for help and shelter. The rain has ceased.

RUSSIAN ATTACK FAILED.

London Correspondent Says Their Bavary Was Unavailing.

London, Oct. 14.—The Chronicle's correspondent at Yantai, telegraphing October 12, says: "The Russian attack failed everywhere and they are now in full retreat along the whole line pursued by the Japanese."

"Thirty Russian guns were captured and the Japanese turning movement pressed the Russians back to Mukden. The Russians made sixteen counter attacks with splendid bravery, sacrificing themselves freely, but unavailingly."

GLOOM IN ST. PETERSBURG.

In the Absence of News the Population Dreads the Worst.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 14.—The great feeling of concern which exists in high circles in the Russian capital tonight by no means equals the foreboding of coming disaster pervading the general public, which is indulging in the deepest pessimism.

In the absence of news the public is being fed on the wildest rumors of a defeat suffered by Kuropatkin today. The fact that no word regarding the battle has been officially given out only confirms the popular fear, and the explanation offered that today is a holiday does not suffice to allay apprehension. Kuropatkin's report of the re-

sult of today's operations has reached the emperor at Tzarkoe Selo, but had not been returned here before the war commission, which sat until 9:30 o'clock, had adjourned. The emperor is represented as being bitterly disappointed and spending hours with his cabinet, studying out with the help of military aides the reports of the battle. The general staff, however, by no means despairs. Though admitting that the tide of the last two days has been against Kuropatkin, the general staff says that the battle is not over yet and that in any event there is no question of a rout.

The depressing feature of the situation is that everyone is willing to believe the worst. Thus, reports from Tokio and elsewhere stating that the Japanese are advancing and the Russians falling back are accepted with faith based upon previous Russian retreats. Friends of Kuropatkin say that the present offensive movement has been inspired from St. Petersburg, as was General Stakeberg's for the relief of Port Arthur, and that if Kuropatkin's star has set others than he are responsible. At the same time supporters of Kuropatkin argue that whatever may be the outcome of the past few days' fighting it is not likely that it has caused irreparable disaster to the Russian army.

Dispatches from the front give a vivid picture of the desperate character of the fighting along the whole line. The Russian plainmen have again been forced to engage in hill fighting, which is little to their liking. There have been desperate and repeated attacks upon almost inaccessible positions which leave no question of the resolution and gallantry of the Russian forces. Guns have been captured and recaptured in fierce hand-to-hand fights, while the pitiless downpour of rain flooded trenches and drenched both armies without allaying the desperate conflict.

TEN GUNS CAPTURED.

Dispatch From Tokio Tells of Continued Fighting.

Tokio, Oct. 14.—General Oku has captured ten additional guns. Yesterday's heavy fighting has continued.

RUSSIANS ARE RESTING.

Correspondent Says Battle Has Been One of Varying Success.

Mukden, Oct. 14.—The Russian correspondent of the Associated Press gives the following account: "Up to the present time the battle along the whole line has been one of varying success. We are now resting. We hold positions captured from the Japanese and are awaiting developments on the extreme east."

CRUISERS OFF VLADIVOSTOK.

Times Dispatch Tells of Five Seen Near Russian Fortress.

New York, Oct. 14.—Five Japanese cruisers are reported off Vladivostok, according to a Times dispatch from Paris. It is added that the commander-in-chief of the Russian fortress has summoned the inhabitants to surrender fire arms of all descriptions within the week.

RUSSIAN PAPERS SCARED.

Comment is Scanty, but One Frankly Admits Defeat.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 14.—There is scanty comment in the morning papers here upon the military situation. Novosti frankly characterizes it as a defeat, basing its estimate on reports from the front up to October 12. The

paper says, however, that the defeat is by no means decisive, and hopes for better news.

LIEUTENANT BOONE LOCATED.

Admits He is a Deserter and Says He is Not Sorry.

Seattle, Oct. 14.—Lieutenant Francis M. Boone, deserter from the United States army at Vancouver, Wash., and of his fiancée, Miss Ross, a Seattle nurse, has been located at Vancouver, B. C., where he is living with a woman who left here with him. He admits the story of his desertion and has applied to the registrar at Vancouver for a license to marry his companion in flight, giving her name as Grace McLeod. It was refused him until he can furnish the officials with a certificate showing there is no impediment to the marriage and he is not a deserter.

Boone declares that if he can get a license he will marry the woman with him in Vancouver and if not he will go where he can marry her. He says he does not want to see Miss Ross and if she follows him to Vancouver he will leave there and go where she will not find him. He declares he loves the McLeod woman and is not sorry for what has taken place.

WOOD ALCOHOL IN WHISKEY.

Believed Poisoned Liquor Has Been Sold in New York.

New York, Oct. 14.—An unofficial report has been received from the board of health by Coroner Scholer regarding the samples of whiskey collected from Tenth avenue barrooms during the investigation into nearly a score of deaths among the patrons of the cheap grogeries on the West side. It is stated that the board's expert chemist found wood alcohol in all the samples.

The coroner declared he would feel no surprise should poisoned or adulterated liquor be discovered all over the city if there is found to be poison in the stomach of three men who died last week, the coroner will take immediate action.

Meantime the police officials state that as soon as they receive the board of health's official report on the analysis of the so-called whiskey they will arrest every saloon keeper involved.

COLOR LINE IN IDAHO.

Negro Residents Driven Out of Mountain Home.

Boise, Idaho, Oct. 14.—Inforamotin from Mountain Home is to the effect that a committee of citizens called on the colored residents of that town about three weeks ago and as a result of the visit all of the negroes have left the town. The cause for this action on the part of the white residents is said to be that the negro children attend the white school.

It is understood that the colored citizens were law-abiding and that a movement is being made looking to some action being taken by the governor. Several southern families reside at Mountain Home, and it is said that much objection is made by them to the mingling of the white and black children.

HURT ON STONE PILE.

Flying Rock May Cause Loss of Eye of Man Serving Time.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 14.—Joseph Holder, serving time at the county jail for selling liquor at Lents without a license, is in danger of losing his right eye on account of a bit of rock striking it while he was at work yesterday on the rock pile. His left eye is also in a dangerous condition through sympathetic inflammation.

Several accidents of a similar nature have occurred on the rock pile recently. In fact, the question of protecting the eyes of the prisoners has grown into a problem of some magnitude.

FAVORS SUBMARINE BOATS.

Says They Would Be Effective in San Francisco Harbor in Clear Weather.

Chicago, Oct. 14.—A dispatch to the Tribune from San Francisco says: "In response to orders from Commandant McCalla of Mare Island, Lieutenant MacArthur has reported on submarines for San Francisco harbor, and says that in clear weather he believes these boats would be effective."

DEPUTIES REFUSE TO CHANGE IT

Episcopal Convention Rejects Amendment to Alter Church Canon on Divorce.

House of Bishops May Act but Present Gathering Certainly Will Not.

CHINESE MISSIONARIES CLASH

Conflict as to Authority of American and English Church Workers Discussed by House of Bishops.

Boston, Oct. 14.—The house of deputies of the Episcopal general convention at the close of a four days' debate today rejected the amendment to the divorce canon, which sought to prevent the re-marriage of divorced persons by clergymen of the denomination. While the house of bishops may yet act on the matter it is certain that no change will be made by the present convention.

The house of bishops at its first session today considered the conflict of jurisdiction by American and English churches in China. It appears that missionaries were sent there by the American church ahead of those sent from England, and that at various time disputes regarding authority have arisen. Recently the matter was laid before Archbishop Canterbury.

"SPRUCE UP," SAYS CHIEF.

Portland's Policemen Need Extra Trousers.

Portland, Oct. 14.—"Better get a new pair of trousers."

This gentle hint was thrown out to the patrolmen of the local police department today by Chief Hunt. It did not come in the form of an order, but—well, the policemen say, they guess they'd better take the tip and comply.

"The chief did not order us to get new trousers," said one of the policemen, "but the hint he dealt out was sufficient. If a man would refuse to get a pair, he would be having trouble so fast it would make his head ache. The chief would not overlook him."

The men recently secured full winter uniforms. They see no necessity for extra trousers.

WANT FAIR CLOSED SUNDAYS.

Sunday Rest Congress Promises Support to Lewis and Clark Fair.

St. Louis, Oct. 14.—At the concluding session of the International Sunday Rest congress today a resolution was adopted that the managers of the Lewis and Clark exposition be advised that if the gates are closed on Sundays they can depend upon friends of the Lord's day to attend upon and encourage the fair.

NEW LINE IN IDAHO.

Oregon Short Line Will Begin Construction of Branch.

Boise, Idaho, Oct. 14.—It is announced that the Oregon Short Line will begin the construction of the Minidoka and Southwestern branch. This branch is projected to run through a tract of land which is being reclaimed by the government near Minidoka and the greater part of the Great Falls irrigation system.

EARTHQUAKE AT HONOLULU.

Wireless Telegraph Reports Say Shock Was of General Extent.

Honolulu, Oct. 14.—An earthquake shock was felt here at 3:45 a. m. Reports by wireless telegraph from various sections of the Hawaiian islands say the shock was of general extent. It was felt by vessels 15 miles out at sea. No damage to property is reported.