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BIG ELECTRIC MERGER FORMED

NEW MINISTRY DOES NOT MEET POPULAR FAVOR

Liberals Oppose Names of Count Ignatieff, and M. Stinhinsky and Novol Vremya Predicts Cabinet Will Not Last Over One Month.

NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF CABINET YET

NAMES OF NEW MINISTRY WILL PROBABLY NOT BE GIVEN OFFICIALLY UNTIL CONVENING OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENT—LIBERALS WILL OPPOSE MINISTRY—SHORT EXISTENCE IS PREDICTED.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 4.—The Novoe Vremya, which under the new regime resumes its old relations with the government, prints today what it says is an authoritative statement of the Goremynin ministry, coupled with the intimation, as predicted by the Associated Press that an official announcement may not be given out until parliament is assembled. The ministry however, which contains several unexpired names is apt to find far less favor with the

liberal majority in the popular branch of parliament than the Witte cabinet. A remarkable feature of the state is the selection of Count Ignatieff, as procurator, and M. Stinhinsky, the Arch Reactionary and notorious Aide of the late Minister of the Interior, Von Plehve, as minister of the agricultural department. These two names alone are enough to put the ministry under an eternal ban with the liberals. Even the Novoe Vremya gives the new cabinet not over a month of life.

COLLECTOR'S POST A COVETED JOB

Several Aspirants for Position of L. L. Patterson Appear.

PORTLAND, May 3.—A contest is on for appointment of the office of Collector of Customs for the Port of Portland. The second term of L. L. Patterson, incumbent, will expire soon and there are several aspirants for the place.

Among the candidates is G. A. Westgate, newly elected chairman of the Republican State Central Committee. It is reported that he has a petition in the field.

Another candidate, so rumor says, is F. S. Malcolm, a prominent Oregon Mason. Mr. Malcolm has influential friends and many expect him to develop into a strong candidate for the office.

The names of Percy R. Kelly, of Albany, and General Owen Summers of Portland, have also been mentioned in connection with the place, but they are not generally known to be active candidates.

Mr. Patterson says he is now at least, a candidate for reappointment, but says that no man knows what kind of situation might develop.

MEETS PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Viscount Aoki, recently appointed Japanese ambassador was presented formally to the president this afternoon.

PARIS REVOLUTIONIST IS KILLED BY A BOMB

PARIS, May 3.—A bomb explosion occurred in the Forest of Vincennes today, killing a Russian named Striga and dangerously wounding his companion named Sokoloff. The two men were carrying the bomb with the evident purpose of hiding it. Both were students in the school of mines and members of the Russian students union. They also belonged to a revolutionary society. The residences of Russian revolutionists have been searched, leading to the dis-

covery of incriminating documents. Two cousins of Sokoloff were arrested. The authorities have known that secret meetings were being held and believe today's occurrence will lead to clearing up the mystery. The authorities this evening exploded other bombs. The effects were felt 200 yards and trees were destroyed. The bombs were similar to the one thrown against the carriage of King Alphonso and President Loubet a year ago.

ANSWERS ALL CHARGES IS BEATEN BY THUG

Former Consul General at Canton, China Replies to Charges Made Against Him.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The house committee on foreign affairs today listened in executive session to the statement of former Consul General at Canton, China, McWade, in reply to the charges against him, made by assistant Secretary of State Pierce. Affidavits were presented by McWade to show the unreliable and criminal character of those who instigated the charges. McWade made sensational charges against Pierce and it is not unlikely Congress will take these charges up at a later date. McWade filed with the committee a letter, in which he states the charges are the result of a conspiracy between criminals who had been before him on charges from murder down and who wanted him removed because the continuance of criminal acts was impossible while he was in office. He solemnly declared that not a reputable man or firm, American or foreign, doing business within his jurisdiction had ever uttered a single word of complaint against him, and that the firm quoted by Pierce, and whose guest Pierce was, desired McWade's removal because McWade was instrumental in showing how it had robbed an American railway.

Editor of Rainier Advance Brutally Assaulted Because of His Hostility to Saloons.

PORTLAND, May 3.—A dispatch from Rainier Oregon says: While walking down an unfrequented street of that town late today, W. C. Fisher, a prominent lawyer and assistant editor of the Rainier Advance, a local anti-saloon league publication was knocked to the ground. Fisher's assailant followed his attack with repeated blows on Fisher's face either with a slugshot or with his foot. Joe Crough, a bartender and one of two other men it is alleged witnessed the assault from a distance and it is asserted, without offering aid to Fisher Crough hurried up town and swore out a warrant charging Fisher with profane language. Later Crough was arrested for complicity in the assault and attempt to kill. The attack is believed to be the outgrowth of a crusade against the liquor interests by the newspaper.

STRIKE NO LONGER MENACE.

PARIS, May 3.—The strike has ceased to present any general menace, and now is confined to settling the agitations which promise prolonged struggles in several industries.

MUST GO TO WORK RATE BILL DEBATE

All Idle Men Will Be Compelled to Labor or Leave.

Tillman Scores Conduct of Federal Judges

BAY CITY'S BANKS ARE OPEN

All Banks Have Resumed Business in Temporary Quarters—Food Problem Is Becoming Serious—Eleven Days More Provisions.

HAS HOT TILT WITH SPOONER

Wisconsin Senator Characterizes Adversary's Reference to Him as "Indecent" and Tillman Orders Him to Sit Down.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—Other than a fire early this morning, which threatened the safety of several hundred patients in the Presidio hospital to day passed without especial incident. The gigantic task of cleaning up the ruined district commenced today on broader lines. The curtailment of the relief list and orders for the police to arrest all men without means of support, who refuse to work, had the effect of removing many idlers from the streets and has added materially to the strength of the army engaged in municipal house cleaning. The railroads are making good progress in running spurs into the burned districts and next week will begin removing the useless material. All the banks resumed business today in temporary quarters. They report larger deposits than withdrawals, and which they believe indicates the confidence of the merchants in the future prosperity of the city. Many large stores have commenced to pick up the ends of their shattered trade and are installed in the residence section. General Greely today gave warning to the finance committee that he had only eleven days rations on hand, and feeding the people is a problem which demands immediate attention.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—This was the last day of the general debate in the senate on the railroad rate bill and it was fully occupied. Following a brief speech by Nelson, Tillman spoke at length in an effort to show by criticism of the individual judges, that the power of granting temporary injunctions by inferior United States Courts should be taken from them in interstate commerce commission cases. Bacon, Bailey, Teller, and Foraker followed in speeches of some length. Tillman's speech consisted mainly of quotations reflecting upon the conduct of the federal judges in different parts of the country. While speaking he engaged in a controversy with Spooner, in which the Wisconsin Senator characterized his adversary's reference to him as "Indecent" and during which Tillman ordered Spooner to take his seat. Bacon said Tillman's course was calculated to produce a false impression on the country, and was in turn censured by Bailey, who held that while an officer or judge is entitled to the greatest respect, there should be no reverence for the judges as men. The army appropriation bill carrying about \$74,000,000, was passed.

NAVAL BILL UP.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The naval appropriation bill which carries nearly \$100,000,000 was taken up by the house today. Early in the day there was little interest shown in the debate on the bill, but toward the close of the afternoon a lively colloquy occurred between Bates, Williams, Clark and Payne over statements made by Bates, relative to the price of steel rails.

COAST BASEBALL GAMES.

Pacific Coast League. FRESNO—Los Angeles 1; Fresno 6. SEATTLE, May 3.—Seattle, 0; San Francisco, 2. PORTLAND—Portland, 9; Oakland 0. Northwest League. TACOMA—Tacoma, 6; Grays Harbor, 3. SPOKANE—Butte, 6; Spokane, 3.

ALL LOWER WILLAMETTE POWER PLANTS MERGED

Deal Whereby Portland, Salem Vancouver, Silverton, Woodburn and Mt. Angel, Traction and Electric Companies Are Consolidated.

TRANSACTION INVOLVES THIRTY MILLIONS

PURCHASERS ARE E. W. CLARK & COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, J. & W. SELLINGMAN AND CHARLES PRATT & COMPANY OF NEW YORK—CONSOLIDATION WILL REDUCE THE COST AND PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES.

COMPANIES INCLUDED IN THE MERGER	
Portland General Electric Company	\$10,000,000
Portland Railroad Company	12,000,000
Oregon Water Power & Railroad Company	5,000,000
Citizens' Light & Traction Company, Salem	500,000
Vancouver, Wash., Light & Power Company	200,000
Union Light & Power Company, Silverton, Woodburn, Mt. Angel	100,000
Total	\$27,800,000

PORTLAND, May 3.—A deal involving the consideration of nearly \$30,000,000 and every light, power, and traction company operating in the lower Willamette Valley including Portland, and using electric energy, was consummated today. Telegrams confirming the merger were received from New York by the heads of the different local concerns involved this afternoon.

The purchasers are E. W. Clark & Company, of Philadelphia; J. and W. Sellingman, and Charles Pratt & Company of New York. The various companies involved in the transaction and the estimated value of each are: Portland General Electric Company, \$10,000,000; Portland Railway Company, \$12,000,000; Oregon Water Power & Railroad Company, \$5,000,000; Citizens Light and Traction Company Salem, \$500,000; Vancouver Light & Power Company, Vancouver Washington, \$200,000; Union Light & Power Company, Silverton, Woodburn and Mount Angel, \$100,000.

Better facilities at a minimum cost are expected to result from this consolidation.

CENTENARIAN RETAINS HEALTH

Mrs. Sarah Glenn Kemp Has Three Descendants of Fifth Generation.

McMINNVILLE, Ore., May 3.—Mrs. Sarah Glenn Kemp, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Adair, west of this city, recently celebrated her 102d birthday.

Mrs. Kemp is in good health and her mental faculties are unimpaired. She was born in Virginia in 1804 and came to Oregon in 1852. Her home for many years was in Salem. She also lived at Oregon City. About one year ago she came with her daughter and family to their new home near here.

She has five daughters, Mrs. M. A. Pratt, of Beaverton; Mrs. M. M. Adair and Mrs. J. A. Ripperton, of Portland; Mrs. W. H. Adair of McMinnville and Mrs. J. T. Gowdy of Dayton. She has 21 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren.

STRIKE WILL COME.

SCRANTON, May 3.—Today's session of the miners' tri-district convention, was unprofitable except in so far as it revealed that the sentiment of nearly all the six hundred delegates is practically unanimous for a strike. At the opening of the afternoon session Mitchell reviewed the proceedings and said the committee people were going further than they should have in the interests of peace. He said an offer had been made to arbitrate all the demands either through a board of conciliation with Judge Gray as chairman or through the anthracite strike commission. The motion to strike was not seconded, then a motion to go into executive session was adopted. So far as can be learned the discussion was purely general and strike talk prevailed throughout.

PLOT TO ROB ARSENAL DISCOVERED BY POLICE

BAKU, April 18.—(Correspondence of Associated Press).—A daring plot to rob the big arsenal here containing over one million cartridges, was exposed, when the conspirators were on the very edge of success. They had bored a tunnel 700 feet long, equipped with electric lights and electric bells to the various revolutionary headquarters. A slight

error in the calculations of the revolutionists, caused the tunnel in being bored to strike and enter a store room instead of the magazine. Before there was time to rectify the mistake, the operations were discovered. All the houses in the neighborhood were surrounded, but the revolutionists escaped owing to the authorities not realizing the length of the tunnel.