



SECOND LINE TO ASTORIA

The Pacific Railroad Nears Reality.

CONSTRUCTION BEGUN

Twenty Surveyors Start Work From the Astoria End of the Line.

NO RETRENCHMENT INTENDED

Twenty Miles of Pacific Railway and Navigation Company Already Completed—President of Company Declares Work Will Be Rushed.

Last evening's Portland Evening Telegram contains the following:

Astoria's dream of being the terminus of a second railroad is taking on more of a realistic aspect through the departure for there last night of a surveying party, numbering 20 men, in charge of Chief Assistant Engineer H. E. Abry, of the Pacific Railway and Navigation Company. The party will work from the city-by-the-sea along the Lewis and Clark River and connect with the Nehalem line of the P. R. & N. in the vicinity of Mist.

Construction has been begun on the line from a point two miles beyond Buxton, in Washington County toward Vernonia. The surveyors will work to effect a connection from Astoria. Until the location has been made and maps adopted it will not be known when construction work on this section is to commence, but it is expected to be started during the coming season. The line of the P. R. & N., from Portland to Astoria, will be 112 miles long, while the Astoria & Columbia River is about 100 miles. The increased distance by the P. R. & N., is due to the fact that the line will be built via Hillsboro, from which point 20 miles of road, have been completed. When the last link in the system is built from Hillsboro to Portland, by way of Oswego, trains will be dispatched direct from the city, but until the Coast lines are finished, business there will be routed from Portland over the Southern Pacific to Hillsboro.

E. E. Lytle, president of the company, stated today that there was no intention on the part of the company to retrench in the present operations, and that the task of building the system would be carried forward with as much speed as possible. No branch is to be built to Seaside or other points on the north coast of Oregon, but a large watering resort will be located near Garibaldi.

The surveying party mentioned above arrived in this city yesterday and are now at work in the vicinity.

The articles of incorporation of this railroad calls for a line from Hillsboro to Astoria by the most direct route with branches to Tillamook and Nehalem. We suppose that this means that the work will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

LEADS CHINESE REFORMS

Kang Yu Wei Probably Most Important and Progressive Chinaman.

NEW YORK, Mar. 19.—Kang Yu Wei president of the Chinese Reform Association arrived here yesterday with his Secretary on the liner Amerika. He was entertained last night by his fellow countrymen at a dinner in Hott street. The affair was also by way of honoring his fiftieth birthday. He received many telegrams of

congratulations. Kang Yu Wei is one of the most important progressive Chinamen in the world. It is said, that the Empress Dowager of China has set a rice on his head. Through an interpreter he said yesterday that the association has 3,000,000 members in China and 3,000,000 in other parts of the world. The aim of the association, he said, to bring about economic reform peacefully.

AMERICAN SQUADRON ARRIVES.

Armored Cruiser Reaches Shanghai Port From Nanking.

SHANGHAI, March 19.—The American armored cruiser squadron arrived here yesterday from Nanking. The officers report a daring rescue by Ensign John C. Fremont, Jr. It occurred while the vessels were anchored off Chin Kiang. Dr. Paul R. Steinaker of the West Virginia, fell overboard, Ensign Fremont although wearing a heavy overcoat, jumped after the doctor and saved him.

FILE LIBEL SUIT.

Owners of French Bark Want Compensation For Damages.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—A libel suit was filed yesterday for \$70,000 in the United States District Court by the Societe Nouvelle d'Armement, owner of the French bark Boildien, which was damaged by fire at an Oakland wharf on March 11. It is alleged that fuel oil escaped from the Santa Rita and floated on the waters of the bay; that the oil caught on fire, the flames spreading to the French boats and damaging her in the sum mentioned.

CASE YET UNCLOSED

Delmas Will Probably Rest Today as Little Evidence is Left.

EROME HINTS NEW WITNESS

Half Day Will Probably Finish Case For Defense—Delmas Will Begin Summing Up Speech Thursday—Jerome Will Reply Friday.

NEW YORK, March 19.—By prolonging his cross examination of one of the seven alienists introduced by the defense to testify that Thaw was insane when he shot and killed White, Jerome made it impossible for the defense to close their case today. When the adjournment until tomorrow was taken there was pending only the matter of the admission of a letter written by Thaw to J. Dennison Lyon, a Pittsburg banker, which Delmas said would help to fix young man's state of mind before the tragedy, and there is a likelihood that Evelyn Thaw will be called tomorrow briefly to contest the testimony of Hummel. Jerome hinted that an important witness for the prosecution might reach the city tonight. The chances are that a half day's session tomorrow will be sufficient to conclude all the testimony that is to be offered by either side.

Adjournment then will be taken until Thursday morning when Delmas will begin his summing up speech. He will have all Thursday to himself and Jerome will reply on Friday. Judge Fitzgerald may charge the jury that evening or may hold court for a while on Saturday in order to conclude the case before the week ends. With the exception of the last few minutes of this afternoon, the entire day was given over to expert testimony.

LEADING CITIZEN.

NEW YORK, March 19.—The New Jersey Assembly in session at Trenton adopted a resolution congratulating Grover Cleveland "the only living ex-President of the United States and the leading citizen of the Republic," upon his seventieth birthday.

RETURNS NO INDICTMENTS

San Francisco Grand Jury Waits for Papers.

FINDINGS SENSATIONAL

Investigate Granting of the Telephone Franchise to Lower Bidder.

PROSECUTION AFTER BIG GAME

Investigate Acts of City Government including Trolley Transaction and Deal Between Supervisors and Telegraph Companies.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—Contrary to the general expectations the Grand Jury after a three hour session this afternoon adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock without returning an indictment. District Attorney Langdon and detective Burns both stated however, that when the Grand Jury meets tomorrow it will be for the purpose of finding the indictments and reporting them to Judge Coffey. Langdon was authority for the statement that the failure to return indictments today was due to delay in preparing the formal papers, on which the district attorney's office was engaged nearly all day. It is said that between fifty and sixty indictments will be returned when the Grand Jury meets tomorrow. Following the alleged sensational disclosures of wholesale bribery by public service corporations in the Grand Jury's room yesterday by members of the board of supervisors, today's session of the jury was devoid of sensational developments.

W. J. Phillips manager of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Co., F. W. Eaton, secretary and treasurer of the same company, Ferdinand Butterfield, representative of the Independent Telephone Co., and Hugo Asher, attorney for the latter company, were examined today. From this it was gathered that the Grand Jury was completing investigations of the granting of a franchise to the Home Telephone Co. for \$25,000 when Butterfield had put in a bid for the Independent Telephone Co. for ten percent more. Butterfield asserted that the franchise was worth \$1,000,000. In an interview with the Associated Press, Langdon stated the prosecution was after the "big fellows" bribe givers, and declared indictments that had not been seriously regarded but were merely to "talk the game."

It was developed tonight that Ruef is not being incriminated by Elisor Biggy. He told the Associated Press that all visitors were denied him at his own request in order that he might consult with his attorneys. He declined to make any statement.

STRIKE STILL PENDING.

Walkout On Harriman Railways Checked Waiting Negotiations.

CHICAGO, March 19.—A strike in shops of all Harriman railways scheduled to begin yesterday was held pending the outcome of negotiations in Chicago, between officials of the International Boilermakers Union. It is said the danger of a tie up has not been passed. President George D. Duffy of the union, held a conference with President S. M. Felton of the Chicago & Alton road. At night the

organization met. It was announced executive board of the boilermakers that the union will demand the reinstatement of the men who struck a month ago in the Alton shops at Bloomington.

The strike was declared off but the company refused to restore all the strikers to their positions. President Felton holds that the walkout is a closed incident.

CRUEL TO ANIMALS.

Railroads Keep Horses in Cars Long Time Without Attention.

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—District Attorney Lawlor today filed complaints in the United States court charging the Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific companies with nine specific violations of the federal statute prohibiting cruelty to animals. It is charged that they kept horses and cattle from Arizona oints in cars for 36, 39 to 54 hours without rest or attention.

OREGON CITY IN FLAMES.

Town of North Powder Threatened With Destruction.

BAKER CITY, Ore., March 19.—A dispatch to the Democrat from North Powder says that town is burning and liable to be entirely consumed. The North Powder Hotel, livery, opera house, and saloon, are in flames and it is expected that the depot will go. No fire department. It is possible assistance will go from Baker City. The damage already done is estimated at \$25,000.

PROMISES OF LOOT

Sinister Proclamations Found on Captured Nicaraguans'

AMERICANS ARE ALARMED

Are Principal Property Owners in Honduras Cities and Burden of Looting Would Fall Upon Them—Same Tactics Adopted Before.

PUERTO CORTEZ, March 19.—A turn of sinister significance was given to the Central American war today by finding on captured Nicaraguans proclamations promising them the loot of the first cities which they can capture in both Honduras and Salvador. Americans in Puerto Cortez are anxious because the American residents are the principal property holders in most of the Honduras cities. It is recalled that in 1894 a similar proclamation was issued when the Nicaraguan soldiers, aided by about 200 of their women, pillaged every house but one in Choluteca. The worst feature was the indignities offered both women and helpless persons.

READ NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

BOISE, March 19.—The entire town of the district court at Caldwell today was taken up with the reading of clippings of newspapers which the defense claims have been read in that county to such an extent as to prejudice the public sentiment. Most of the clippings appeared in the Boise Statesman during the political campaign last fall. This matter is now all being presented as part of the motion for a change of venue. It is expected that the reading of clippings will be completed by tomorrow noon, when the affidavits, of which there are approximately 600, filed in support of motion will be taken up.

FORMER MINISTER DIES.

SAN REMO, Italy, March 19.—Count Vladimir Nicholavitch Lemsdorf, former Minister of Russian Foreign Affairs died here this evening at eleven fifteen.

PORTLAND STRIKE ENDS

Lumber Mills Will All Begin Monday.

LONGSHOREMEN WORK

American Federation Refuses Aid to the Industrial Workers.

LUMBER IS AGAIN DELIVERED

Contractors Supplied With Lumber—Industrial Workers of the World Ask For Aid From Labor Organization They Attacked Last Week.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—Every lumber mill whistle in Portland will shriek on Monday morning, and when the echo dies away against the hills the citizens of the Rose City will know that the strike of the employees of the sawmills is a thing of the past. Unless some unexpected hitch occurs within the next few days, the men who went out on a strike will be back at work—not as members of the Industrial Workers of the World, but as men who want employment, and who have secured jobs through the intervention of the American Federation of Labor.

The opening and operating of the Union Box Factory was a signal for activity all along the line. When load after load of lumber came along the streets, with union teamsters as drivers the indications became more pronounced and the strike was declared by many to be on the wane.

"No, sir. We will not help you in this fight. Furthermore we are going to handle all the lumber which is offered for stowing in vessels until such time as you people show that you have the principles of the American Federation of Labor behind you. And you haven't got that yet." That was the message delivered by Secretary Hall, of the Longshoremen's Union to a delegation of the I. W. W. which waited upon him this morning, and wanted the assistance of the members of the organization in carrying on the strike of the millworkers. Lumber was delivered to contractors this morning, and "dimension stuff" was as abundant as the mud on the uncleaned streets. Every teamster was happy, and frequently answered the red beribboned striker with the jolly call that he was busy.

BIG STRIKE THREATENED.

Trainmen and Conductors Refuse Offer of General Managers.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Trainmen and conductors on all lines west of Chicago have rejected the offer of general managers of the systems for an increase in wages according to the information of the Record Herald. As official canvass referendum vote which has been in progress for a fortnight will begin tomorrow.

It is stated further that the trainmen have voted to strike if their demands are not granted. Unless the railroads offer further concessions a strike of fifty thousand men is likely to result.

RUMORS OF STRIKE.

Report That Boiler Makers on Harriman Lines Will Walk Out.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 19.—A meeting of the executive board of In-

ternational Boilermakers and Iron Ship Builders was held at Lorain today. After the meeting, it is reported that a strike of boilermakers on the Harriman system lines would be called within 48 hours in the event of favorable action not taken on the demands made sometime ago by the employees of the Chicago and Alton Railroad, which still suspended. It is impossible to confirm the report.

NEW YORK, March 19.—So far as could be learned tonight no formal demand has been made by the Boilermakers of the Chicago and Alton upon the executive officers of that road. T. H. Harriman has heard nothing about the proposed strike.

INTERVIEWS PRESIDENT.

Mellen Consults With Chief Executive on Railroad Situation.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The interview between President Roosevelt and President Mellen of the New York New Haven and Hartford Railway Co. recentl yarranged for the purpose of discussing the railway situation took place at the White House today. The interview lasted more than 35 minutes. No statements were made. Mellen said he did not expect again to visit the White House unless sent for.

WALTER PELHAM DIES.

NEW YORK, March, 18.—Walter Pelham an English author and playwright died suddenly at the Mansion House, Garrison-on-The-Sound in his 73rd year of pneumonia. He had just completed a tragedy called "Rosmond" which he was arranging to produce on the American stage.

MARKET SENSITIVE

Slight Slump in Stocks Makes Prices Irregular.

OPENING OF DAY BEARISH

Rumor of Failure of Two Commission Houses Contributes to Decline—Reaction From Low Prices Weakens At Close of The Day.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Heavy selling of stocks during first hour, of which the bears took prompt advantage, followed by persistent rumors that some stock exchange houses were embarrassed by the events of the last few days, combined today to make the stock market sensitive and feverish throughout the day. The losses on the slump during the opening hour ranged from 4 to 7 points, Union Pacific heading the list with a loss of 7 1-4. Great Northern pfd, Smelting, Reading and St. Paul suffered losses of from five points upward and North Pacific of 2 1-2. A reaction quickly followed in which a part of the early losses were made up but the market continued weak and alternative periods of decline and reaction followed during the rest of the day. Alarming reports as to the stability of two unnamed commission houses contributed largely to this condition and prices were extremely irregular. The passage of the delivery hour without any failure, together with the active covering, restored confidence somewhat and there was an active rebound in the last hour, when many socks regained their opening level. At the close there was a very sharp reaction from this recovery.

T. B. ALDRICH DIES.

BOSTON, March 19.—Thomas Bailey Aldrich, the well known author, died at his home in this city today. He failed to rally from a surgical operation performed about a month ago and since which he has been in a very serious condition.