



MAY HAVE BIG STEEL PLANT

Capitalists Propose to Erect \$10,000,000 Concern at This Point.

TO UTILIZE BLACK ORE SANDS IN THIS COUNTY

Options Already Placed for Site of Big Condenser, But Mystery Surrounds Operations of Large Party From Pittsburg, Philadelphia and Other Eastern Points.

LAND LEAST YEARS AGO TO HAVE RESULTS AT EARLY DATE

MAGNETITE IN CLATSOP COUNTY RICHEST ORE IN THE WORLD AND WILL TAKE PLACE OF FINE STEEL AND IRON IMPORTED FROM NORWAY AND GERMANY WHICH HAVE FORMERLY HELD THE PALM—FOREIGN ORE DOES NOT EVEN EQUAL THIS RICH ORE.

There are prospects of the erection of a \$10,000,000 steel and iron plant within a few miles of Astoria by eastern capitalists according to a story which emanates from Portland. It has long been known that the black sands south of Fort Stevens are rich in magnetite, which produces the finest steel and iron in the world, and the prospects are that these sands are going to be utilized in the near future.

During the Lewis and Clark Exposition about 10 carloads of this sand were sent to Dr. David Day at Portland to be tested, and he reported that untold wealth lay untouched in the northern part of Clatsop county, as the sands were one-third magnetic ore. The district reaches from a mile and a half south of Fort Stevens, and back from the coast 4000 feet.

Nearly two years ago Senator Fulton obtained an appropriation of \$25,000 from Congress to conduct a course of experiments with the sand which were perfectly successful, and much interest was aroused throughout the country because of the finding of the rich iron and steel properties in this section.

Magnetite is the richest of all iron ores in the world and the fine steel produced in Norway and Germany from magnetite has been the envy of the rest of the iron producing world. Dr. Day, of the United States Geological Survey, asserted at the time of the tests that the sand in Clatsop county produced the same quality of ore as that produced in Norway, and that it was not even equalled by the foreign country.

While the plans of the eastern capitalists who are proposing to build up a big iron and steel industry in this section are unknown, the following report from Portland is suggestive that the black sands near Fort Stevens will be utilized at no late date:

PORTLAND, August 7.—Much mystery surrounds the coming visit to Portland of a group of Eastern capitalists, all said to be captains of industry

in the iron manufacturing business. Pittsburg, Philadelphia, New York and Cincinnati capital is stowed away in the long sack, with which it is rumored the distinguished visitors who are to be here the last of this week are to purchase a site for and erect a \$10,000,000 steel plant within a short distance of Astoria. That options have already been placed, where they may be taken up, should conditions prove favorable for the erection of the mammoth plant where it is now contemplated, is known. Just where these options are located is not disclosed, but they are said to be within a 10-mile radius of Astoria.

Harry Bush, a Cincinnati lawyer, and counsel for several of the capitalists interested, is due in Portland Thursday of this week. He will meet here the other parties who are interested in the big deal. Bush has been making a tour through British Columbia, Texada Island, Southeastern and other parts of Alaska, and it is known he has options on plenty of iron mines from which the raw material will be obtained to supply the huge plant.

The Bush crowd has already had experts in the Northwest, looking over available sites for the establishment of such an institution, and they have prepared data regarding rail and water transportation, for the ore and for handling the finished iron and steel.

According to information the syndicate has fully decided to erect a plant on the stupendous scale mentioned above, somewhere in the northwest. Puget Sound has been visited, and Astoria is the next place to be investigated.

Bush was asked point blank a few days ago:

"If you built the plant near the mouth of the Columbia, where are you going to get your iron ore?"

"We have it in sight now, right where we can lay our hands on it," was Bush's reply.

Bush is now in the Puget Sound country or in British Columbia.



AS WELLMAN HEADS POLEWARD. Shade of Sir John Franklin—This dashing for the pole seems to have gotten a new wrinkle since I tried it.

BOILERMAKERS QUIT UNABLE TO FIGHT

Strike of All in Pacific Division on S. P. Declared.

IT HAS BEEN ANTICIPATED

Reno Workers Walk Out But Say They Have No Grievance—Strike is Alleged to be on Account of Company's Failure to Discharge Abusive Foreman.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., August 7.—A strike of boilermakers which affects all men employed in this capacity by the Southern Pacific Company division went into effect this afternoon. Fifty men laid down their tools in response to an order from the strike committee of the National Union. A strike has been anticipated for several weeks.

Superintendent of Motive Power Small arrived here last night. He went into a conference with the strikers' grievance committee and after a two hours' session neither Small nor the committee had anything to say. It was learned that the conferees were unable to reach an agreement.

Small will leave for San Francisco tonight. The primary cause of the walk-out is not known, but it is asserted it has to do with the failure of the company to remove an alleged abusive foreman in the Los Angeles shops.

RENO, Nev., August 7.—The boilermakers employed in the Southern Pacific shops walked out this afternoon on instructions from the president of the union. They say they have no grievance.

Boilermakers employed at the local Southern Pacific shops walked out this afternoon. It is understood that the men walked out as a result of a refusal of the company to reinstate the boilermakers helpers who struck on June 18 and to depose W. H. Carter a recently made foreman of the Los Angeles shops.

BATTLESHIP MAKES RECORD.

ROCKLAND, Maine, August 7.—The new battleship Connecticut, the first battleship of the first-class built by the government, made an average speed over a measured course today of 18.76 knots. The fastest mile was 19.01 miles. A sister ship, the Louisiana, built by contract, under the same conditions, made an average of 18.59 knots.

SELECT BUT TWO JURORS.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 7.—The entire venire of 50 talesmen was exhausted today in the Halsey trial. Two jurors were secured subject to peremptory challenge.

Doctors Say Burns' Stomach is in Bad Shape.

RUMORS SAY IT IS EXCUSE

It Will Permit Gans to Meet Britt in Goldfield or Frisco Which is Better Match—Gans May Claim Forfeits to Cover Expense.

LOS ANGELES, August 7.—Following a conference between the managers of Joe Gans and Jimmy Burns who were to fight here August 16, and Manager McCarey of the Pacific Athletic Club, it was announced this afternoon that the fight had been indefinitely postponed owing to the fact that Burns is physically unfit to participate.

The club physician and another doctor are said to have pronounced Burns' stomach in such a shape that he will be unable to fight. Tonight McCarey stated that Gans is determined to claim a part of the forfeit sufficient to cover his expenses. Tonight a local newspaper sent a third physician to examine Burns but the result of the investigation has not been made public.

McCarvey admitted he heard rumors to the effect that the coming event had been sidetracked to permit Gans to participate in a fight with Britt at Goldfield or San Francisco. He stated he would investigate and if he found any reason to credit this belief he would take action with regard to forfeits posted by both men.

STORM STOPS TRIAL.

But Negro Jordan Will Have Hearing Tomorrow as a Suspect.

PITTSBURG, August 7.—Thomas Jordan, the negro janitor of the First National Bank of Turtle Creek, is under arrest for disorderly conduct in connection with the disappearance of \$4550 about a week ago, was taken before a justice of the peace for a hearing today. During the proceedings a terrific thunder storm arose and Turtle Creek overflowed, flooding the town. Lawyers, bank officials, constables, and detectives were forced to seek shelter and the hearing suddenly terminated. It will be taken up again tomorrow. The storm is the heaviest of the season. Lightning struck a number of buildings but none were seriously damaged.

KILLED AT A CROSSING.

ALLENHURST, N. J., August 7.—Four employes of the Norwood house were instantly killed tonight in a carriage which was run down by a Pennsylvania train at the crossing here.

PEARY FOR THE POLE.

NEW YORK, August 7.—Commander Robert E. Peary says that unless "Old Mother nature plays a new trump card this time," he certainly will reach the Pole. He says his equipments are the same as on the last trip, but he expects to profit by the lessons of that trip. Last time he would have reached the Pole but for the easterly ice drifts; this time he will go farther west by land, and instead of heading directly north he will head northwest, thus getting the benefit of the early drift of which nothing was known until the last expedition.

BOTH CLAIM PRIMARIES.

Williams Contest Undecided—Will Count Vardaman Ballots.

JACKSON, Miss., August 7.—The Democratic state executive committee meets tomorrow to canvass the returns and declare the result of the recent primaries. So close is the senatorial race that interest is at fever heat.

For the past day or so there has been all sorts of rumors of destroyed and lost ballot boxes, but when traced down, the reports have been found to be without foundation. The meeting tomorrow promises to be sensational, there being predictions that trouble will arise in the event of there being any compromise measures to be resorted to.

Both candidates claiming the canvass it will result in their nomination, Vardaman by bare majority while Williams' friends claim it by at least 1000.

DECREE MODIFIED.

Supreme Court Decides On Van Dusen Land Case.

OREGON CITY, Or., August 7.—In the case of the Columbia Land & Investment Company, respondent, vs. the Van Dusen Investment Company, appellant, from Clatsop county, the decree of Judge T. A. McBride in the Supreme Court was modified and the case was remanded for correction by Justice Eakin.

This is an action to establish the line of division of the water frontage between the two owners of tide-lands and water frontage on the south shore of the Columbia at Astoria. There was a dispute as to the starting point of the dividing line; one claiming it should extend due north from the shore point of division, the other from the shore point of division at right angles to the pier head line. The supreme court decides the government's new pier head line in front of the properties should control, and orders the decree drawn accordingly.

FREE HOMES BRING BRIDES.

NEW YORK, August 7.—According to passengers who arrived yesterday on the steamship Colon, from Colon, there is an influx of brides to the canal zone and all because the government there has offered a separate home for every married employe.

MOYER RETURNS QUIETLY.

DENVER, August 7.—Charles H. Moyer and wife returned very quietly to Denver last night. Their friends were not aware of their return. The object of their coming unbeknown to friends was that they desired no demonstration as Moyer thinks such things unnecessary and do no good.

CHINAMAN ADOPTS WHITE BOY.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Aug. 7.—Through a document filed in the office of the recorder of deeds of Schuylkill county here yesterday, Charles Sing, a Chinese laundryman, becomes the foster father of Charles Hunt, a white boy of Philadelphia parentage. The boy's mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, all of Philadelphia, are parties to the agreement. They agree that the boy's name shall be Roy Soo Sing, that Charles Sing shall be his father and in return the boy becomes the legal heir of the laundryman.

OPERATORS STRIKE

Quit Their Telegraph Keys Yesterday.

OVER FORTY ARE OUT

Claim That They Will Make Discharge of Ryan Issue for Strike.

LAMB SAYS IT IS A LIE

States That He Received Only One Petition That He Be Reinstated and the Strikers Walked Out Before He Could Reply to it—No Settlement Tomorrow

LOS ANGELES, August 7.—All operators employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company walked out this afternoon. Only one man, it is stated, remained. There was no previous intimation of the strike.

The walkout followed the refusal of the Western Union to reinstate a discharged operator today. At 6:30 an hour after the men walked out, there were five men working the keys. The men held a meeting tonight to decide about future action.

According to an unofficial statement there is no prospect of the men returning to work before tomorrow and even then their return is doubtful. The strikers declare their intention to make the reinstatement of the discharged operator the issue.

In a statement tonight District Superintendent Lamb said he had had no requests for negotiations and he could not assume any connection between anything that has happened and the walk-out of the men.

Late tonight Superintendent Lamb said, regarding the statement made by the telegraphers, that it is an issue of lies. He said that he received no petitions except one for the reinstatement of Operator Ryan and did not receive that until 4 o'clock today, and the walk-out had occurred before he had given any reply to it. Lamb says Ryan was discharged for deliberately delaying messages.

There are about 50 operators involved in the strike, practically all of whom have walked out.

MENACE OF BLACKS.

Are Banding Together in Cuba And Sending Out Resolutions.

HAVANA, Aug. 7.—The negroes in the province of Pinar del Rio are organizing an independent party with the purpose of uplifting the black man and placing him on a place where he may receive greater recognition and public offices. The best of feelings do not at present exist between whites and blacks and the government officials fear that with the negroes organized they may perhaps become a menace to peace. A negro politician Batrell Oviedo, is a prime mover in the agitation. He has sent broadcast a memorial setting forth what the negro has done for the island and what a small share of patronage has been given them.

Copies of memorials have been sent to President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft and to the diplomatic corps.

TWO KILLED.

MILWAUKEE, August 7.—A race to Okatehee, a distance of 25 miles, with supper as a prize and \$25 as stakes, ended in a frightful accident to one of the cars and the death of two of the occupants and the serious injury of two others. The machine collided with a bridge spanning a creek near Brookfield Junction.

The wrecked machine is owned by Alderman Koerner.

MORE TROUBLE IN FEZ.

Bombardment of Casa Blanca Only Fuel to Fan Revolutionary Flame.

PARIS, August 7.—The Tangier correspondent of the Petit Parisien says the seaport of El Aralish, in Morocco, is surrounded by the Khlot tribesmen who are excited over the bombardment of Casa Blanca. The gates of the town have been shut. Consuls there are demanding warships. A new disturbance has broken out at Alcazar in the Fez region. French residents in this locality will be instructed to come to Tangier.

NICK LONGWORTH SPEAKS.

HONOLULU, August 7.—Congressman Longworth in a speech at the Commercial Club today said that he hoped the Philippines "Would not be long with us; in the meantime free trade with the Philippines would be the square deal and free sugar would not injure Hawaii."

CLEARING TRUNK MURDER.

Evidence Points That the Golds Know Something of the Crime.

MONTE CARLO, August 7.—Evidence secured here indicates that Teresa Williams, parts of whose body were found in a trunk and valise at Marseilles, was murdered for her jewels. Mr. and Mrs. Gold, English people, who owned the trunk and valise have been arrested.

POPE POSTPONES ELECTION.

ROME, August 7.—The Circe D'Italia announces that the Pope has postponed the election of cardinals scheduled for tomorrow because of the present anticlerical agitation in Italy.

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL SCORES.

At San Francisco—San Francisco 6, Los Angeles 2.
At Portland—No game.