



TO HAVE CANAL DIRECT TO SEA

Portland Paper Credits Harriman With Ambitious Plan for Astoria.

TO DODGE THE RIVER BAR

Plans Canal From Young's River Direct to Pacific Ocean and Deep Water in Order to Compete Against All Other Lines Seeking Outlet.

PORTLAND, Oct. 11.—The Portland Telegram says:

That E. H. Harriman in his struggle for the mastery of the Pacific Northwest has planned one of the most gigantic engineering feats ever undertaken on the Pacific Coast with a view to securing an entrance into Oregon waters independently of the bar on the Columbia's delta, has come to be firmly believed in railroad circles.

The secret acquisition by the Harriman interests of a tract of 200 acres of land bordering on Young's Bay, near Astoria, extended out into the water to the ship channel, furnishes the key that unlocks the secret to the stupendous undertaking.

The acquisition of this property is declared to be a part of Harriman's plan to connect Astoria Harbor with the Pacific Ocean by a deep canal, beginning at Young's Bay and running due west to the sea. This would give the railroad magnate a direct water connection of any desired depth for the operation of his own ships, and which could also be operated as a toll canal at an enormous profit.

Lending credence to the story is the fact that George W. Boschke, chief engineer of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, and one of the recognized engineers of the country, has made an examination of the project and pronounced it feasible.

Following Boschke's survey, the Harriman interests proceeded to acquire title to 200 acres of Young's Bay waterfront, bordering on the west side of the bay, that nearest the ocean, and which, in point of size and location, could be used to better advantage for canal terminal purposes than for any other purpose now apparent.

The theory has been advanced that this waterfront might be used as a terminal yard for the Lytle road to Tillamook, but this is discredited by prominent railroad men on the ground that terminal facilities of such magnitude would be entirely unnecessary for so small a road, although it is admitted the Lytle road might furnish a part of the big scheme contemplated.

That the fight between Harriman and Hill for supremacy in the neighborhood of the sea is becoming more acute is evidenced by the fact that the Hill interests recently acquired the Astoria & Columbia River line. It is also strongly intimated that the Portland, Oregon & Seacoast Railway Company, of which William (Dundee) Reid is the secretary, is a scion of the Hill system and is intended to be used in combatting Lytle's undertaking through the Nehalem country. It will be remembered that one of the objective points announced by the Reid road is Nehalem, which the Lytle road extends through this same territory.

ATTACKS ON ODESSA JEWS.

Cossacks Laugh at Outrages by Black Hundred.

ODESSA, Oct. 11.—The United Unionists of Odessa continued today their attacks and outrages on Jews. They began by surrounding the Hebrew cemetery, where a funeral service was going on. They stoned and then fired a volley of revolver shots at the mourning Jews, many of whom were wounded. The Jews fled in panic. Members of the Black Hundred divided themselves into small groups and ransacked several Jewish shops, mercilessly beating the proprietors. A police sergeant who attempted to intervene was brutally attacked, whereupon he drew his revolver and killed one of his assailants. There were fewer police than usual on the streets today. After further Jew-baiting, detach-

ments arrived on the scene, but instead of dealing with the Black Hundred they laugh at the rapacity with which they made their escape. Up to the present time Governor-General Novitsky has made no attempt to stop the outrages, but nevertheless they are diminishing gradually.

PLATT UP AGAINST IT.

Aged Senator Will Have to Appear in Court.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—Supreme Court Justice Blanchard signed an order today directing counsel for Senator Thomas C. Platt to file within 10 days an answer to the action by Mae C. Wood for a divorce. The order provides that in the event of failure to comply with the order the answer will be deemed abandoned.

EMPEROR IS ILL.

Fever Wracks Frame of Franz Joseph—Physician's Becoming Anxious.

VIENNA, Oct. 11.—This night is a critical one for Franz Joseph. His majesty's physicians are visibly becoming more anxious. A fever of ten days seems to have exhausted the wonderfully trained system of the monarch.

TO HANG TRAITORS.

Haiti Sentences Sixteen Revolutionists to Death.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Oct. 11.—Mail advices from Haiti state that 16 men have been sentenced to death there for conspiring to overthrow the government. The country is quiet, but many fear a revolution.

WILL CLEAR BIG SUM

Washington Farmers Watch the Wheat Soar

WEST PRODUCT TO REACH \$1

Should Dollar Mark be Reached Farmers in Neighboring State Will Clean up Two Million Over Price on October 1.

SEATTLE, Oct. 11.—Washington wheat reached 94 cents today and local millers and exporters expect that before November 1 the price will be a dollar at tide water.

There is no doubt in opinion of prominent milling men that the shortage in India and other countries will send wheat to that figure or even more. Should wheat reach the dollar mark in this state, Washington farmers will make a clean-up of more than \$2,000,000 above the prices being paid on October 1.

SHE SEEKS MRS. EDDY.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—The countess of Dunmore, widow of the early of Dunmore, who was the most prominent Christian Scientist in Britain, has left this city for Boston, so as to be near Mrs. Eddy and the source of Christian Science teachings, according to a story published today. Mrs. Eddy lives at Concord, N. H., but a few hours' travel from Boston. The countess came here on a Cunard steamer recently, accompanied by her daughters, Lady Aldria Bistoria Murray and Lady Coutts-Powhe. Lady Murray organized the Christian Scientist Church in Manchester, England, one of the largest of the belief in England. The countess and her daughters, while here, were incognito.

HONOR PROMINENT LODGE MEN.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 11.—Mayor George E. Kellough and J. Carter Smith, prominent Odd Fellows, have been notified they have been promoted in the uniform rank of the order. Mr. Kellough, who was appointed mayor early last spring, has been appointed lieutenant-colonel of the Second Regiment, Patriarchs Militant, and will be attached to the general's staff. Mr. Smith has been chosen commissary, with the rank of captain. The local canton was organized last spring and has a large membership.

PORTLAND MAN'S TERRIBLE DEED

Kills Wife and Then Shoots Himself in Lobby of a Montana Hotel.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CAUSE

Couple Had Been Married Ten Years and Divorce Proceedings Started by Wife Causes Husband to Brood Until he Becomes Desperate.

HELENA, Oct. 11.—A Record special from Havre says that Roy Reed, of Portland, shot and killed his wife, Sylvia Reed, in the office of the Hotel Havre and before any one could interfere blew his own brains out.

From what can be learned the couple had been married ten years. Their domestic relations became strained over a year ago and the divorce proceedings were instituted by Mrs. Reed.

AIMS PISTOL AT FATHER.

San Jose Girl Threatens to Kill Parent for Abusing Wife.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Oct. 11.—Dr. A. A. Gaston, a prominent local dentist, came near being shot tonight by his own daughter when he endeavored to force the contents of a whisky flask down the throat of his dying wife. Dr. Gaston, according to his eighteen-year-old daughter, Hazel, a beautiful high school girl, had been drinking heavily tonight and endeavored to persuade his wife to drink with him. She had been ill for four months and is in such a state that she cannot swallow without great pain. Dr. Gaston at last used force in his endeavor to make the dying woman consume the spirits, and Hazel came to the rescue with a revolver, which she aimed at her father, threatening to kill him unless he desisted.

A tragedy was only averted by the interference of Henry Gaston, a brother. The intoxicated dentist was held at bay by his daughter while she telephoned to Paul Marston, the capitalist, who is related to the family. Marston, on seeing the situation, hurried to the police station and procured assistance. Then he swore to a warrant for the arrest of Gaston on a charge of disturbing the peace. Gaston's mother-in-law succeeded in persuading Marston to withhold the warrant as the death of Mrs. Gaston is hourly expected.

PLAN TO BUILD UTOPIA.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 11.—One hundred men and women, residents of Southern California, have banded together in the organization of La Prosperidad

Colony Association, which has for its object the setting up of a modern Utopia on the eastern coast of Lower California. Byron Hall, president of the association, is now in the City of Mexico conferring with President Diaz relative to the sale and concessions involved in the purchase of 300,000 acres of land.

A city laid out in a scientific manner will occupy the center of the vast tract. The land will be cultivated by the association, which will control all the public utilities. No buildings detrimental to the public welfare and no saloon will be admitted. Families will receive an allowance for each child, there will be no subscribing to any religion, men and women will work equal hours for equal wages, and the initiative and referendum will govern the colony. The hundred members already enlisted will be the pioneers, it being the ultimate intention to establish two similar colonies when the first is successfully under way. One is to be south of the City of Mexico and the other in Kern county, Cal.

HE CALLS CONDUCTOR BRUTAL.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 11.—A. E. Hoover, a Northern Pacific conductor, is on trial in the superior court on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He is charged with striking T. B. Tonseth in the face with a ticket punch, because Tonseth would not pay his fare. Tonseth alleges that because he did not have a ticket and wished to pay cash fare he was attacked and put off the train. Hoover alleges Tonseth was drunk, refused to pay his fare and was annoying the passengers. Lack of eligible jurors kept the court waiting during the entire forenoon. On account of the extreme youth of Appleton and Burns, who were tried yesterday on charge of burglary, the jury this morning rendered a verdict of not guilty.

DANES LIKE TO EXCHANGE.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 11.—The Danish press is earnestly discussing the proposition to exchange professors of the University of Copenhagen and other Scandinavian educational institutions and professors of American universities. It is understood that the Scandinavian societies in the United States will be appealed to, probably resulting in the formation of an organization similar to the Alliance Francaise.

ST. PAUL'S PASSAGE ROUGH ONE.

SOUTHAMPTON, Oct. 11.—The American line steamer St. Paul steamed into this port today, 24 hours late, after a very rough passage, during which her decks were repeatedly awash. Having gone through this port the steamer ran into dense fogs, and Chief Officer Osbourne, who commanded, owing to the indisposition of Captain Passog, had to grope his way into Plymouth by means of the lead.

CONFISCATES TOLSTOI'S BOOK.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 12.—The authorities ordered the confiscation of Count Tolstoi's book entitled "A Comparative Study of the Gospels."

WILL MAINTAIN THE LOW RATES

Railroads Deny They Will Abandon Homeseekers' Excursion to the West.

OREGON SHORT LINE TO FRONT

All Transcontinental Lines in Favor of Special Excursion Rates at Different Periods to Facilitate Settlement of the West by Eastern People.

SALT LAKE, Oct. 11.—Regarding a report from Chicago yesterday that at a meeting of the passenger agents of a number of the Western Railroads it was practically decided to withdraw the homeseekers low rates for the winter and spring, Assistant General Passenger Agent Spencer, of the Oregon Short Line, said so far as the Short Line, Union and Southern Pacific were concerned the report was without foundation.

OMAHA, Oct. 11.—The Union Pacific and Southern Pacific lines in connection with the Chicago and Northwestern, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and other transcontinental roads have given notice to the transcontinental association that they will continue the colonist rates during March and April, 1908, and on the same basis as the rates in effect on March, April and September and October of 1907.

NORMAL SCHOOL DOING WELL.

WESTON, Or., Oct. 11.—The Eastern Oregon State Normal School now has a registration of 155 in the normal department, exceeding all former records, and 100 young pupils in the training school. There are 100 regular boarders at the young ladies' dormitory, and the dining room in the basement is crowded at times. The work of the school is progressing very favorably, with a strong and industrious faculty. New students are still coming in, and the problem of their accommodation is quite a perplexing one.

LANDLADIES FORM A TRUST.

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 11.—Twenty West Springfield boarding-house mistresses met here last evening and voted to form a boarding house union. Other boarding mistresses who were unable to attend sent word that they would stand by any action taken. The union decided to raise the price of board from \$5 to \$6 a week and to put the new order into effect at once. The rise in the price of food is given as the cause for the raise in the price in board.

ARREST PROMINENT DRUGGISTS.

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 11.—Warrants for arrest were issued on three prominent business men and druggists today, charging them with infractions of the local option liquor law. All are prominent in social and church work and the publication of their names created a sensation this afternoon. Albany has been a "wet" dry town for the past few months. The arrests were made at the instigation of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League.

CONVENTION OF COTTON GROWERS.

ATLANTA, Ga., October 11.—Men who grow cotton and men who manufacture it into cloths for the markets of the world met in the State Capitol today in the international conference of the cotton growers and manufacturers. During the three days' sessions of the conference questions of the utmost importance to growers and consumers will be discussed and action is looked for that will radically change for the better methods of handling and growing the great staple of the South. Fully 500 delegates were present.

STATE MUST PAY FOR INQUIRY.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 11.—In opinions just rendered, the attorney-general decides as follows: That the state must pay for the asylum maintenance fund the cost of the inquiry recently held at

the Fort Steilacoom asylum, where one insane patient murdered another; that under existing stray laws in counties where three-fourths of the area is fenced strays may be taken up from March 1 to September 30, and the same can be done during the balance of the year under the 1905 law, and that the new law enlarging the duties of the county engineer does not take from commissioners the power to supervise the work on roads nor affect the right of the commissioners to collect necessary traveling expenses for such supervision.

BAN IS PUT ON MONEY SIGNS.

TACOMA, Oct. 11.—Patrons for the "millionaires' club" will no longer gaze upon the highly decorative five-cent pieces painted on the windows, as the club management has been ordered by the United States authorities to remove them. Unless they come down within the week the management will either have to pay a fine of from \$100 to \$350 or be confined in the county jail.

TWENTY-TWO CONVICTS KILLED.

TOBOLSK, Siberia, Oct. 11.—A gang of convicts who were being escorted here from Tyumen, Eastern Siberia, attacked their guards yesterday and wounded six of them. The guards fired on the convicts, 22 of whom were killed. Eleven of the prisoners escaped with rifles which they had taken from the members of the escort in the hand-to-hand fight which followed the outbreak.

REMOVES IDAHO QUARANTINE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—The secretary of agriculture has decided that the quarantine on sheep in Idaho, which was established April 15 on account of scabbies, will be removed October 15.

BIG SANTA FE FINE

May be Soaked a Million for Rebating.

JURY FINDS ROAD IS GUILTY

The Maximum Fine is Over a Million and the Lowest Sixty-six Thousand Dollars—Road Indicted on Numerous Counts to be Heavily Hit.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 11.—After a brief deliberation the jury in the case of the Santa Fe Railway Company, charged with rebating on shipments, today rendered a verdict of guilty on all counts. The maximum fine for the offense is \$1,200,000 and the minimum \$66,000.

OIL TRUST GIVEN TIME.

TOPEKA, Kas., Oct. 11.—The State Supreme Court today issue an order giving the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the Standard Oil Company of Kansas, the Prairie Oil & Gas Company, and the International Harvester Company 30 days within which to answer the interrogations put by the attorney-general in the ouster suit instituted by the state, in which a violation of the Kansas anti-trust law is alleged.

CROWD VIEWS DEAD.

COLUMBUS, Oct. 11.—Emil Hoover, the son of Cassie Chadwick, made arrangements today to have the body of his mother taken to Woodstock, Canada, for burial. The body is at an undertaking establishment and the public were allowed to see it this afternoon.

NOTED SCOTSMAN DEAD.

EDINBURGH, Scotland, Oct. 11.—David Masson, historiographer royal for Scotland, is dead. (Professor Masson, from 1858 to 1865, was editor of Macmillan's Magazine, the publication of which was suspended last week.)

BAD FIRE IN OXFORD, NEB.

HOLDREGE, Neb., Oct. 11.—Fire in the town of Oxford today destroyed nine blocks of buildings in the business section and burned many houses in the residence section. The loss exceeds \$200,000.



The Angel of Peace—I think there is something wrong in my personal appearance that prevents my being a success. The Peace Conference, which will adjourn soon, has been a complete fiasco.—News Item.