

THE WEATHER.
Tonight and Wednesday
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NEW PORTLAND CITY CHARTER MAY BE A VICTIM TO THE GAMBLING ELEMENT ALL OVER THE STATE

SPORTING MEN WANT PRECEDENT

"Pave Your Streets" Say They, "and We Will Be Glad to Furnish You With the Money to Do It."

"I believe that the city should receive revenue for its gambling privileges and any effort to defeat such a proposition had better be discouraged. I am in line with Henry Griffin in his statement in yesterday's Journal, when he said that barter would go on until the world ends. Recently I came from Minneapolis and have invested in property in the City of Portland. I intended to establish an elite gaming resort, but found that I could have no protection. Had I created such an institution the city, under its existing laws, would not receive a cent for my privilege, although I am safe in saying that my house could run.

That the gamblers of Portland are endeavoring to defeat the charter is an assured fact. They are not spending their own money in many districts throughout the state for nothing as is today by the following telegram received from Astoria today:

At the City Hall this morning expressions were made, very much in line with the gamblers' sentiments. Nobody from the mayor down would go on record, but sometimes a straw tells the way the wind blows, and it now seems to be a growing opinion that three or four thousands of dollars each month is much better in the city treasury than in the tills of gaming houses that run wide open today.

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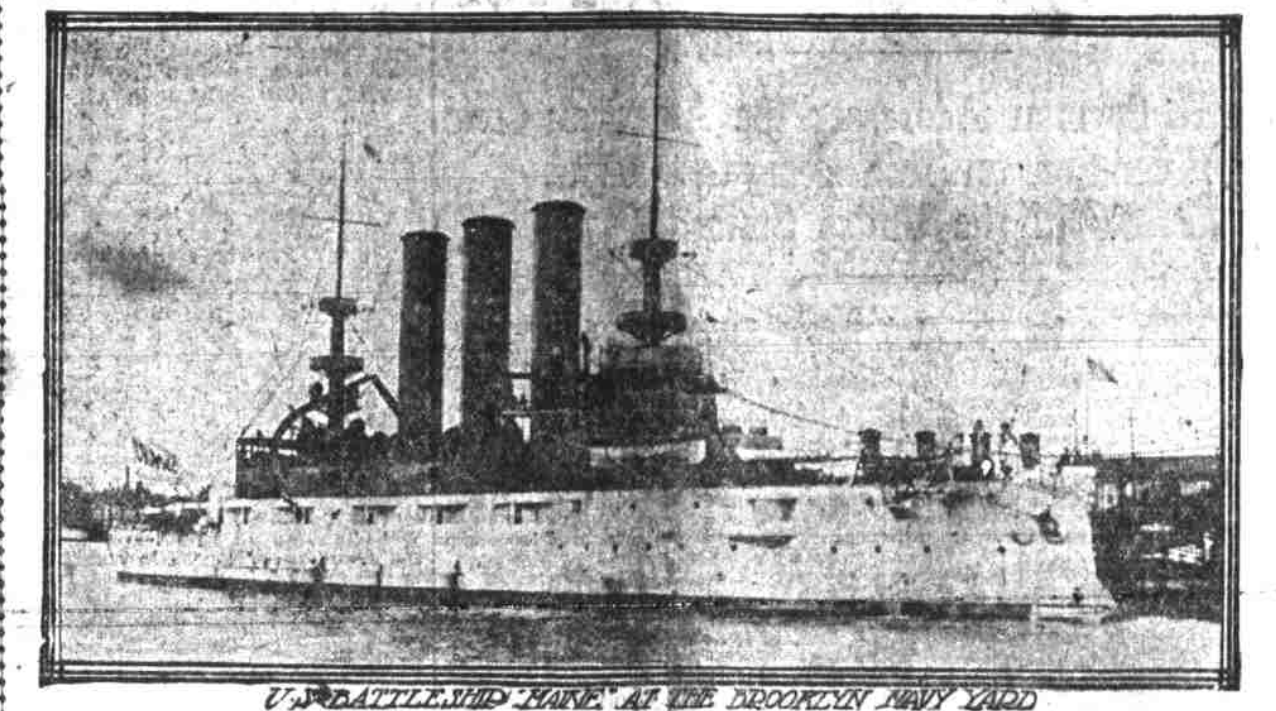
SUGAR UP ONCE MORE
Market Still Rising--A Rise of Almost \$1 in Short Time.
Sugar is still continuing to rise. The market report shows another advance in 20 cents making the price per sack, \$5.30. Where not so very long ago one could purchase sugar at \$4.35, today the price is almost one dollar higher and is still advancing. The consumer, of course, is the one to bear the burden, while the retailer makes very little if any profit in the sale of this commodity.

SWORE TO KILL KING OF ITALY

Anarchists Taken While Plotting to Murder Ruler--Fierce Fight With the Police--Were Caught Red-Handed.

ROME, Dec. 9.—Just as they had bared their breasts and had begun, upon the points of poniards, to swear a dreadful oath that they would kill Italy's king, thirteen Anarchists were surrounded by the police last night. The officers heard the men repeating the oath and they will probably be tried and executed. The police rushed them, each having a man to deal with, but in the melee that followed the lamp was overturned and a desperate fight in the darkness followed.

BIG WARSHIPS WILL GO TO COAST OF VENEZUELA



WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—It is certain that several of the stronger vessels now manuevering in the Caribbean will be detached from the fleet of Admiral Dewey and sent at once to the Venezuelan coast to look after American interests and prevent violation of the Monroe Doctrine during the present crisis between Germany and Britain on the one hand and the government of President Castro on the other.

IRON HEEL CRUSHING MR. CASTRO

Germany and Britain Will Not Recede From Their Present Strong, Stern Stand Regarding Venezuelan Payment.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A cabinet meeting was held today for discussion of the Venezuelan situation. Nothing definite has been given out. It is understood that vigorous action will be at once taken, as Britain has gone too far to stop with any half-way course.

CARACAS, Dec. 9.—There is consternation here. For the first time the people have begun to realize the serious situation in which the country has been placed and with glaring brown guns of the German and British warships frowning upon them they are in a position from which there is no such thing as advance or retreat. Completely within the power of the "foreign devils" they are doomed to make whatever peace-terms shall be dictated to them.

UP TO BIG GUNS.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—When the British and German representatives at Caracas had delivered the ultimatums of their countries they at once left Venezuelan soil and went on board their warships. That meant that anything that was to be said by Castro must be said by special envoy. After presenting the ultimatums it was in the hands of the government to which they had been delivered and anything that was to be done must emanate from that source. It would appear that whatever there is to be done must be done quickly or the matter will pass into a period when action on the part of Germany and Britain will have to be taken. It is admitted in diplomatic circles here that Castro is in a very tight box and it will be extremely difficult for him to squirm out of it. Appearances are that he must either pay or fight—and fighting is out of the question.

AT WASHINGTON.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—At the State Department this morning a long dispatch was received from Minister Bowen, at Caracas, the Venezuelan capital. This message confirms the heretofore unofficial statement that the German and British ultimatums have been presented to the Venezuelan government. It further announces that both the British and German ministers turned over their

SHE BALLED MR. DUFFY OUT

He Was on the Trucks and Happy--Portland Police His Enemy.

"My poor man, I sympathize with you. Take this gift, for you must be in sore need."
Mrs. J. C. Beals of Corvallis said this last night when the train was pulling out for Tacoma and Seattle.

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WORLD'S GREATEST FIGHTERS IN CITY

Champion J. J. Jeffries and Robert Fitzsimmons Will Spar Tonight--Some Talk of Their Future Plans.

Portland has for her guests today two men whose names are known in every section of the globe. The visitors are marvels in the field arena, and the greatest gladiators of the present decade. The men are James J. Jeffries, the mighty brawler, and Robert Fitzsimmons, the braver smith. They have, by the exercise of grit, science and perseverance, worked themselves to the top of their profession, and stand ready to defend their titles as the greatest boxers on earth.

JEFFRIES' POSITION.
Champion Jeffries, in conversation with The Journal, stated: "My plans for the future are uncertain. I don't know what day some one may call upon me to defend the championship title. At present there seems to be no immediate prospect of fighting. A few fights among the lesser boxers may develop a man who is entitled to meet me. The champion I think that the time is not far distant when from some section of the globe a big, strong man will be brought out, who will make an effort to gain supremacy in the sport."

FAVOR STATES

Telegrams From Different Sections Presented to Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Two telegrams were laid before the Senate this morning, urging adoption of the omnibus statehood bill and opposing the single admission of Oklahoma. One of these was from the Commercial Club of Kansas City, and the other was from the Chamber of Commerce and prominent citizens of Guthrie, Oklahoma.

BRITISH COW PONIES.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9.—The question of restocking Transvaal farms has again brought Great Britain to the American market in search of mules and horses. The cow ponies of the West will be shipped from this port in large numbers during the coming Spring.

FIRE IN ATLANTA BURNS SIX PEOPLE

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 9.—A fire which originated in the main business portion of the city early this morning completely destroyed an immense furniture establishment, the largest in the South, and caused other damage and the probable loss of half a dozen lives. The total loss is estimated at fully \$1,000,000. In the very center of the area that was swept over by the fire stood a cheap hotel which is always well patronized. The firemen struggled through the flames and smoke and did their best to arouse the sleepers. Many came staggering out through the intense heat and reached safety, but six are still missing and it is believed they were strangled by the smoke and perished in the flames.

BIG EXPLOSION IN A COAL MINE

Five Are Dead and Many More Hurt.

WILKESBARE, Pa., Dec. 9.—Falling several hundred feet down a mine shaft and striking the hard floor of the tunnel, a box of dynamite exploded this morning and created havoc in the Lehigh colliery. Although it is not possible as yet to determine the extent of the damage, it is feared that five men have been killed and many more injured.

WHEAT MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Wheat.—73 1/2 @ 76c.

EXCURSION TO CHICAGO.

A circular has been issued by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company giving the reduced round-trip rates from points on the Coast to Chicago during the exhibition of the National Livestock Association, which will be held in that city next month. The rates are as follows: From Portland, Puget Sound and common points, \$60; from Spokane, Pendleton, Lewiston, intermediate and common points, \$55. Stations west of Umatilla, double local rate is added to the rate from Spokane, not to exceed rate from Portland.

GERAT PERIL TO COAL MINERS

They Must Endure It or Starve.

SCRANTON, Dec. 9.—There was something out of the ordinary this morning to break the routine of proceedings before the coal strike settlement committee in the announcement of the death of Dr. Rice, one of the independent operators. When the news was given out, President Gray, of the commission, paid a high tribute to the memory of this man and expressed the sincere regret of the entire membership of the board at his untimely death. Dr. Rice was one of the most liberal of the independent operators.

HE WALKED OUT.

Rather than place himself in the threatening danger he quit his job. Shortly thereafter he was evicted from his home, and together with the members of his family, turned into the world without a house to live in or remunerative employment.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

Tatum & Bowen, E. C. Atkins & Co. and George Ansell & Co., creditors of the St. Helens Lumber Company, filed a petition in the United States Court this morning requesting the court to declare the latter firm bankrupt. William T. Muir appears as attorney for the creditors.

FIRST MESSAGE OVER CABLE

The first message sent over the new cable from Victoria, B. C., to Australia has been received in this city by the Portland Flouring Mills Company. The message was from a firm in the Fiji Islands and was for a large order for flour and feed. It cost 55 cents a word, a reduction of nearly half of the charge before the cable was finished.