

GENERAL STRIKE IN ROME TODAY

(Journal Special Service.)
ROME, April 8.—Notwithstanding the fact that a general strike is ordered for today many shops are open and doing business. Public conveyances are idle. The food question may become serious. There is a general exodus of foreign tourists today and wealthy residents are leaving the city.

Ten additional battalions of artillery were ordered to report for duty in anticipation of trouble tonight.
The strike took on a more serious aspect as the day advanced, the strikers attempting to cut the city gas and water supply and stop work on the electric light plants. Soldiers in one portion of the city were compelled to open on several rioters. A number were wounded. The king, who is at a shooting box, has been advised not to return to the city until the disturbances are over.

SWORD IS HERE ADMIRAL IS NOT

Clark Testimonial Committee Does Not Know How to Present It.

The Admiral Clark Testimonial Committee has a very perplexing problem to solve. The sword for the ex-commander of the battleship Oregon is in the city, yet there is no way of getting it to him. It was first supposed that the Admiral would be one of President Roosevelt's party, and that the sword would be presented to him on his arrival in May. This plan fell through when word was received that Admiral Clark would not be a member of the party.

Col. R. W. Mitchell, secretary of the committee, received a letter from the Admiral stating that he could not leave Washington for a month yet, because of pressing business engagements. This communication will be read at a meeting of the committee to be held Friday morning in the office of the United States National Bank, when the matter will be fully discussed. The following are the members of the committee: J. C. Ainsworth, W. M. Ladd, R. W. Mitchell, A. W. Lamb, L. L. Hawkins, David M. Dunne, N. N. Fleischer, Paul Vessinger, F. H. Hopkins, R. C. Bowers and E. M. Bramble.

PRESIDENT JONES IS HONORED

Nominated by Cigar Men for International Office.

A. W. Jones was nominated last night by the Cigar makers' Union as seventh vice-president of the International organization to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of C. W. Stone of Denver. Each local union in the United States has been asked to make a nomination, and the action of the union last night is in response to this invitation. Mr. Jones is president of the local organization.

The union made a donation to the central labor body at Racine, Wis., to assist a strike now being waged there, and also to the street car men of Waterbury, Conn., for the same purpose. At the request of the Musicians' Association it was decided not to patronize Parsons Hall, where an unfair orchestra is employed. H. A. Duke and A. W. Jones were elected delegates to the state labor convention, which meets at La Grande on May 1.

WILL CONDEMN FOR DRY DOCK

Port of Portland Will Acquire More St. John's Land.

The Port of Portland Commission, exercising the right of eminent domain, has brought condemnation proceedings in the State Circuit Court against certain property holders of St. Johns. Two weeks ago the Commission purchased 1,400 feet of water frontage at St. Johns as a site for the new drydock in course of construction at Vancouver. At the meeting when the sale was consummated it was decided to condemn 500 more feet of water front property adjoining the land purchased.

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ARBITRATORS AT WORK

SEATTLE, April 8.—The arbitration committee empowered to settle the differences between street railway employees and the company has been in session all day. The whole time is devoted to wrangling as to the scope of the inquiry. Employees insist in bringing in ancient history of the attitude of the company toward the union. This claim is a part of the controversy, and had a bearing on the action of the men in declaring a strike. The company contends that nothing anterior to the strike should be considered. A decision is promised some time after 2 o'clock.

STEAMER ALLIANCE OFF BEACH

Word was received here this morning that the steamer Alliance had been pulled off the beach near Point Gorda and was proceeding to San Francisco under her own steam. The steamer is expected to reach the Golden Gate city some time this evening. The passengers were sent to San Francisco soon after the vessel was beached, but the cargo was left aboard. Another coast liner is to be put on in place of the Alliance, which will be laid up for repairs.

F. G. DONALDSON GOES TO TACOMA

Will Work for Burlington After a Decade on N. P.

After having spent ten years in the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, the last two years serving in the capacity of chief tariff and rate clerk for that company in this city, F. G. Donaldson has accepted a position with the Burlington, and will go to Tacoma as traveling freight and passenger agent. He will assume his new duties on April 15. Mr. Donaldson's successor with the Northern Pacific has not yet been chosen, but it is expected the appointment will be announced within a few days. Mr. Donaldson is known all over the Northwest as a thoroughly competent and excellently informed railroad man.

EUGENE NOW THE CENTER

(Continued from First Page.)

Benton County's convention and the preference of the delegates that were to be selected today. Benton County is to select eight delegates that were included in the Hermann list of 77.

L. T. Harris talked.
L. T. Harris was asked today: "Are you a candidate?"
He replied epigrammatically, "I am not a candidate," and then proceeded to descend upon the commercial strength of Eugene, and the glory of Lane County as the banner county of the Willamette Valley.

RESIGNS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. L. Mills too Busy to Continue in City's Service.

A. L. Mills' resignation from the Executive Board has been received by the City Council and Rodney A. Gilman has been appointed by the Mayor to fill the vacancy.

Mills has been a member of the Executive Board since the charter went into effect January 1.
Since the death of Hon. Henry W. Corbett, Mr. Mills has been acting president of the First National Bank, as well as president of the Security Savings & Trust Company and his resignation was due to the fact that he is too busy to continue in the city's service.

Mr. Gilman, the new member of the board, is a prominent attorney of this city, and was formerly a member of the City Council.

COURT NOTES.

William Scholz filed suit in the State Circuit Court today against G. G. Carhart for damages alleged to have been caused from a sewer being constructed by defendant across his property in the Multnomah Addition.

William Macbeth, trustee for the Kaupisch Creamery Company, bankrupt, has filed suit in the State Circuit Court against M. C. Banfield et al., to collect certain sums of money alleged to be due on stock of the defunct concern.

In the case of E. W. Baughman et al., versus Hannah M. Taylor, the motion to strike from complaint was denied this morning by Judge Sears, and the motion to release homestead from attachment was allowed.

The motion in the case of Ed. C. Haynes versus W. S. Buchanan to strike from the files, or strike out parts thereof, was allowed in the first count, and denied in the second.

In the automobile case of Dr. E. A. Lawbaugh versus A. C. Harker, the demurrer to answer was overruled this morning by Judge Sears.

The motion to strike amended complaint from files in the case of George B. Best et al., versus Frank Boutin, was denied today by Judge Sears.

INDRAPURA IS LOADED.

The Asiatic liner Indrapura finished her cargo this afternoon and will drop down the river tomorrow morning. The liner has a very heavy cargo and she will be pushed across the Pacific in record-breaking time. Captain Hollingsworth was two days late on the last homeward passage, having been retarded by strong head winds, but he hopes to more than make up for it on his outward trip.

The cargo is composed chiefly of flour, lumber and tobacco. The latter is consigned to Japanese ports, while the flour and lumber is shipped to various cities in both China and Japan. The liner will reach Yokohama about April 20.

BOYS' BRIGADE EXHIBITION.

The annual exhibition of the Third Portland company of the Boys' Brigade will be held in the Trinity Parish House, Fifth and Oak streets, next Saturday. The exhibition will begin promptly at 7:45 p. m. The Boys' Brigade is a worldwide organization, instituted for promoting "all that tends toward a true Christian manliness" in boys.

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SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY BROUGHT ABOUT PARDON FOR FLORENCE MAYBRICK



MRS. FLORENCE MAYBRICK.

Arsenic Forms Part of the Human Body and This Proves Woman Innocent.

The pardon of Mrs. Maybrick is now said, was brought about directly by one of the late discoveries of science. The fact, now thoroughly established, that arsenic forms part of the human body, has proved the innocence of Mrs. Maybrick. She was convicted on the testimony of an autopsy surgeon that her husband's body contained a small quantity of arsenic and the theory of the prosecution was that she had administered the poison in small doses.

When the famous French physiologist, Professor A. Gautier, announced, some three years ago, that arsenic formed an integral part of the human and animal constitution, the disclosure, though of the greatest possible importance to criminal jurisprudence, was given no consideration by the Home Secretary, the official person deciding upon pardons in the United Kingdom.

At that time, however, the Paris scientist himself admitted that his investigations were not fully matured, and as is often the case, many of his unsuccessful colleagues at once began to ridicule his efforts.

Chance in Criminal Proceedings.
But of late Gautier had reiterated his arsenic-in-the-human-body theory in the official bulletin of the French Academy of Medicine, backed it up with so formidable an array of facts as to disarm his critics.

At the same time Professor Houdin, in Vienna, and Professor Cerny, in Prague—names carrying great weight in the medical world—announced that their own independent investigations of the subject, broached by Gautier, had led to the same results, or practically the same results, as his—the finding of arsenic in the healthy human body.

And, to cap the climax, the French Academy of Sciences now comes out with the statement that Professors Bertrand and Lacombe, having been retarded by strong head winds, but he hopes to more than make up for it on his outward trip.

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This latter the King would be willing to grant freely, it is understood, for common with many Englishmen and American public opinion he has always held that the evidence against Mrs. Maybrick was not sufficiently strong to justify conviction.

Professor Gautier's investigations and discoveries strengthened this belief, and suggested to the King conclusions in accordance with Lombroso's argument. The presence of arsenic in Mrs. Maybrick's body may have been perfectly natural, Mrs. Maybrick's admissions, recorded at the trial may have been hysterical outbursts after all. King Edward, as everybody knows, is a kind-hearted and just man, and will see to it that the investigation by the Home Secretary into the new scientific aspects of the case will be thorough and the results convincing.

The author of the arsenic-in-the-body theory was seen recently at the office of the Bulletin de l'Academie de Medicine in Paris.

There is no doubt in his mind," said Professor Gautier, "that thousands of persons have been wrongfully convicted of arsenic poisoning, even within the short space of time since criminal statistics were methodically prepared."

I saw some eminent colleagues of mine have discovered that arsenic forms an integral part of the human system, and that fish and plants, serving as human food, contain a certain amount of arsenic. So much being established, it is a most dangerous thing to declare that a person died from arsenic simply because arsenic was found in his stomach, bones, membranes, etc.

Many Human Lives Sacrificed.
"I have before me the records of trials resulting in the execution of some helpless human beings because a certain quantity of arsenic was found in a relative's body, and circumstances seemed to point down to him having administered the fatal dose. What is termed the 'body of the dead person by want of section, the usual channels for discharging unnecessary arsenic being closed, the man or woman may have eaten turnips, potatoes, grain, all of which contain more or less arsenic, he may have eaten too much of a certain fish pregnant with the poison. There are a dozen different reasons why involuntary self-poisoning may be surmised, yet another human being is ordered to follow him into the grave just because arsenic has been discovered in the body of the human, animal and plant worlds up to now."

"When I discovered the first individual portion of arsenic in a person, who clearly had not died of arsenic poisoning and who, to my certain knowledge, had never taken the drug in any form, manner or shape, I was struck by the importance of the fact for criminal jurisprudence, and resolved to devote my life to the attempt of calling a halt to certain monstrous proceedings demanding the sacrifice of human lives year after year."

"Speaking of America," continued the professor, "there is, according to statistics, no city of any size in the United States that has not had one or more famous arsenic poisoning cases, resulting in the execution of some person or persons charged with a crime that may never have been committed, which, in truth, may have constituted no more, no less, than a freak of nature."

A Storage House For Poison.
"In Syria and Tyrol arsenic eaters are far more numerous than snuff-takers in my country. There men as well as women indulge in the poisonous drug, and for years and years, often for generations, they have been eating it, and people know very well in those parts—experience no discomfort whatever. What does that prove? That nature craves arsenic, in some people more, in others less. The Tyrolians and Syrians, habitually drinking water heavily charged with arsenic, must have the lead stuff, and as much as six grains every two days. Who knows but that certain of our countrymen thought to have been murdered were arsenic cravers, like the men and women in the provinces mentioned? They may not have taken the pure drug, but, as pointed out, there are plenty of

GIRL SOLE STAY OF STRICKEN FAMILY

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NEW YORK, April 8.—One frail girl of 13 years, with the fatigue of constant anxiety and constant effort, is all that stands between the family of Luke Corbellano and starvation. Up to yesterday that family consisted of nine children and the father and mother, and but for the fact that illness has put several charges out of her reach the patient Jeannette would still be stitching for all.

The Corbellanos, who live at No. 97 Macdougall street, came from Italy three years ago. Though Luke, the father, who is a druggist, succeeded in getting employment almost immediately, three of their children have sickened and died. A few weeks ago Corbellano lost his position, and since then Jeannette's scanty wage of \$6 a week, earned in a tailor shop, has supported the family.

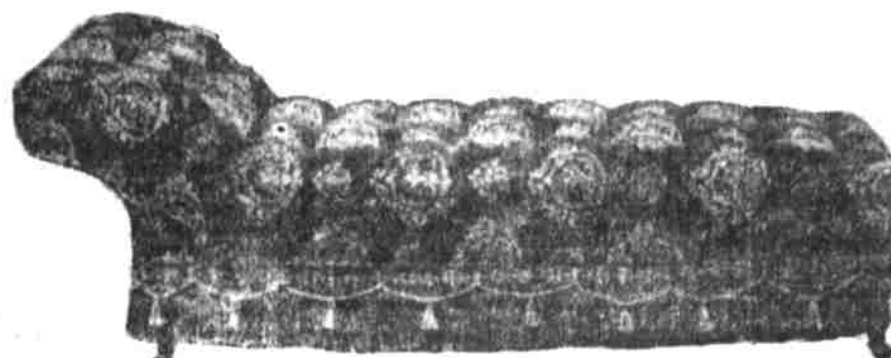
Alphonse, the eldest son, lives at No. 4, Avenue C, Bayonne. When, 10 days ago, he was taken ill, he sent for his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Corbellano went there to find him stricken with scarlet fever, and were promptly quarantined with him by the authorities.

Jeannette, who had not heard from her parents, grew anxious and sent Joseph, aged 14, to find out what was the matter. Though neighbors helped with the baby, Leonardo, 11 months old, and the others did what they were able, her cares were growing beyond her strength. Joseph, who in some manner managed to elude the health board alouche, returned with his news, and the unfortunate Jeannette staggered on under her burden as best she could.

At last one of the neighbors notified the police of the family's plight.

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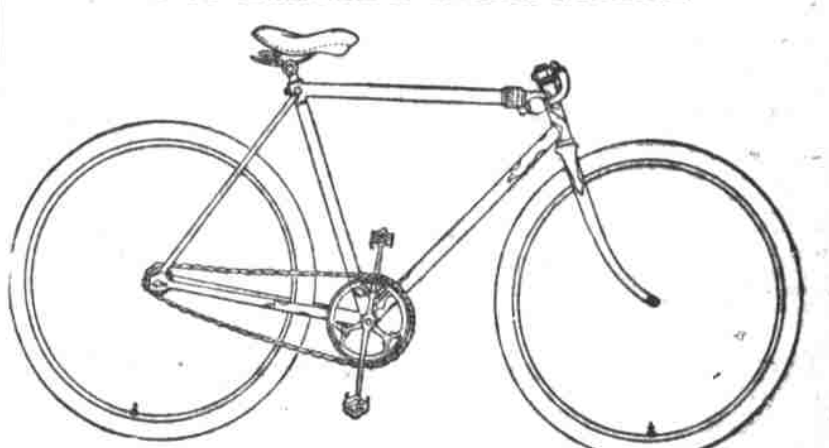
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The Auditor has been authorized to advertise for bids for the lighting of streets, parks, avenues, public grounds, and places, with arc lights of 3,000 candle-power each, the contract to run for a term of five years.
The bids will be opened June 15, and proposals in excess of \$5.00 per light a month will be considered. The successful bidder must agree to be ready to furnish the lights within 15 days after the contract is awarded.

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