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# TO MAYOR WILLIAMS

Railroad Men Accuse Goddard of the Executive Board of Turning City Shipments Over to His Line.

Mayor Williams Has Power to Remove if Charges Are Proved, but That the Shipment in Question Was Private.

of 4,000,000 pounds of material for the tract for the supply of labor or ma-Morrison street bridge over the Burlington and the Northern Pacific is increas ing in fury. H. W. Goddard, assistant general agent of the Burlington is credited with securing the shipment for his line. As he is a member of the executive board, railroad men are accus ing him of using his place to help his

Railroad men are today considering the form of the letter to be submitted to the mayor protesting against Goddard's alleged discrimination. Several letters have been prepared and discussed, but as yet the precise form of the communication has not been agreed upon.

Practically every interested freight man in the city is joining hands with his fellow to discover whether any redress can be had in the present case and whether future business controlled by the city will go the same way.

The railroad men declare that as they pay taxes they should get a share of the city's business.

It is known, and letters are on file in local railway offices, to show that six weeks ago this shipment was discussed by the head officials of roads having Portland offices. Agents of certain local lines assert that from no less an authority than the president of the Pacific Construction company at San Francisco came the statement early in December that the shipment would be routed over the Burlington, as Mr. God-dard, the representative of the Burling-ton road, was a member of the executive board.

Harriman at Work.

It is generally understood that the Harriman interests New York end of the fight, and that through their eastern head officials are Chicago, Burlington Quincy exactly what must be done to avoid a rate war or retaliatory discrimination. The O. R. & N. is not mingling

in the local skirmish. "The ten or more lines represented in Portland who have been shut out in this division of freight," said an agent of a Chicago-Omaha road today, "have considerable power. As long as I have a ticket to sell, I am going to sell it over some other connecting line than the Burlington, and the rest of the fei-lows are in the same boat. I don't think the system will gain anything by its work in this case, and even a \$35,000 shipment may prove a costly luxury."

The Mayor's View. "The city had nothing to do with it, and has no influence over the way this freight shall be shipped," said Mayor Williams, when asked concerning the case this morning. "I never knew anythe papers, and the question of freight routing was not broached in the execu-tive board. We have no power over the way the Pacific Construction company shall send their freight, and we cannot change or modify this private

"Should it be proved that Mr. Goddard, through his influence as a member of the executive board and a member of the judiciary committee, changed the route of the freight to his own road, thereby gaining 4,000,000 pounds of freight and a long haul for his line, would the city charter confer the power to you or the board to act in the mat-

was asked. "I do not wish to give a statement on that subject at this time," replied the "I will probably pass on the case as final authority, and any state-ment on this subject at this time might be taken as indicating bias, or prejudicing the case. Let us wait until the side of Mr. Goddard has been heard and he can make a statement, then when the evidence is in we can form our conclusion and act on the matter."

Mr. Goddard is expected to return to the city tonight. His office stated today that he would probably arrive this evening from the sound, his visit in the North being curtailed, as he was not expected to return to Portland before Sunday night.

Charter Requirements. The city charter says:

officer or employe of the city shall be or with the Northern Pacific and regards become directly or indirectly interested that line as a natural ally.

The storm aroused over the shipment | in or in the performance of any conterial for the city. any article, the price or consideration of which is payable from the city treasury, or in the purchase, or lease, of any real estate, or any other property belonging or to be taken by the city or which shall be sold for taxes or assessments, or by virtue of legal process at the suit of the city. And in case any officer or employe of the city shall be interested personally as a promoter or stockholder, or shareholder in any firm, or corporation in any grant or privilege or franchise sought by himself, or his associates, or such firm or corporation from the city of Portland, or any public utility which is sought to be acquired or duplicated by the city, or which is offered for sale or lease by the city, such officer or employe shall be ncapacitated to take any part in the negotiations or proceedings connected with the giving or granting of such grants, privilege or franchise, but all such negotiations and proceedings and icts as would otherwise be conducted by such officer or employe shall be conducted and done on behalf of the city of Portland by such officer and employe as would have done and conducted the same in the absence of such interested officer and employe.

"If any officer or persons, in this ection designated, shall violate the provisions of this section, he shall forfeit his office and such contracts, grants privileges and franchises in the hands of others than purchasers, without notice for value shall be void."

Mr. Butler's Story. "It is a damned lie!" said F. M. Butler made against himself and Mr. Goddard. Mr. Butler is the local representative of the Pacific Construction company, who secured the routing of the material for lington and Northern Pacific railroads.
"I did not see Mr. Goddard before the

contract was let," said Mr. Butler, "and I did not know him any better than any other member of the executive board. I came here from San Francisco to get this contract and I got it. We routed the material the way we did because it was convenient for us to do so. We thought over the matter and weighed the question of dividing the shipment between several roads, but for the sake of convenience decided to give the freight to one company, or rather two, and awarded the traffic to the Northern Pacific and Burington. If we had given it to the O. R. & N. or any other road, there would have been just as big a howl, and the only way we could have escaped this talk would have been to divide the shipment up, and this would not have suited us as well as to send the material in one lot.

"A Boar Anyway." "There would have been a roar anyway, I suppose," said Mr. Butler when told of railroad comment on the routing of the bridge material, "but I did not think of it at the time. I suppose it would have come anyway, but I don't see as the public is interested in the matter. Our position, you understand, is simply We routed the material as we did ecause it suited our convenience."

"No, not because it was necessarily the best route," replied Mr. Butler, when asked if the Burlington and Northern Pacific saved his company anything, "but merely because it was convenient."

As to Other Material. "Some think it peculiar that the ma-terial for the Marquam-gulch bridge is come the same way," was ven-Mr. Butler smiled and said: That don't concern me, you know;

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road, was quoted in the interview yes-terday, published under the syposium of railroad men on the Morrison bridge material shipment as saying that the O. R. & N. was the natural gateway and would have usually received the greatest proportion of the shipment. This statement was made by another local freight man and not by Mr. Sisler. The relations of Mr. Sisler's line

the Burlington is lucky, I guess."
H. L. Sisler, general agent of the The city charter says:
to the Northern Pacific are friendly and "Section 136—No councilman or other the Omaha road is a direct connection



PARK SCHOOL, DESTROYED BY FIRE LAST NIGHT.

TIP-TOES

Subjects of the Mikado

Anxiously Await the

Reply From Russia.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Tekio, Jan. 29.—Russia's response is sagerly awaited this afternoon, and

should it prove unsatisfactory to Japan

an immediate declaration of war seems unavoidable. The Japanese feel that

the entire responsibility of the out-

come rests with Russia. Some doubt is expressed that Russia appreciates the determination and temper of the Jap-

anese' people, but it seems incredible

rectly inform his government in St.

Petersburg of the real situation.

Japan has been busy perfecting her

financial program, and it was announced

at noon that a plan had been promul-

gated to issue bonds and increase tax-

approval, but some objections have been made to the proposed method of

procedure, as well as to the redemption

will be settled soon, probably before

Marquis Ito, Matsukata and General

Yamogaia, members of the imperial household and finance council, had an

audience with the emperor this morn

ing, at which it was decided that the

imperial household would subscribe lib-

erally to the government's emergency bonds should they be issued. It was

undecided, however, what amount would be taken. This will make the emperor

a personal subscriber to the proposed

bonds. The government is receiving

many offers for the bonds, and it is ex-

pected that the issue will be oversub

SERIOUS COUNCIL MEETS.

St. Petersburg, January 29. — At the special meeting of the council

of state, under the presidency of Grand

Duke Alexis, the members considered

the subject of war for an hour and a

half yesterday, and they reached the

ment; Admiral Abazza, executive chief

of the committee of the Far East; Gen-

eral Sakharoff, chief of the army staff, and Gen. M. Hartwig, chief of the

Asiatic division. Grand Duke Alevis

will draft the report, which, it is be-

presented to the czar tomorrow.

scribed several times.

midnight.

This meets with great popular

that Baron De Rosen has failed to cor

### CHICAGOANS IN AN AWFUL FEAR OF FIRE

curred in the building adjoining the Masonic Temple this morn-ing, the result of an explosion of chemicals. Miss Mary Varva, a young woman, was fatally hurt. Chemist Rudolph was seriously and several others slightly in-

The flames gutted the fifth and sixth floors, occupied by the Gas Mantle factory. Thirty thousand dollars will be the damage. The sensitiveness of Chicagoans to fire was again demonstrated when thousands blocked the streets, making them impassable. Police efforts to clear the streets were futile.

The continued outbreaking of fire in this district seem a strange fatality. The Iroquois is still fresh in the memory of all, and the breaking out of a fire causes the people to become greatly excited and beyond the control of the police, while prior to the late disaster a fire alarm would attract only casual notice, now the whole populace rushes out in an uncontrollable mass.

Every precaution is being taken in all of the large buildings to prevent fire, but they seem to burn in spite of this. Every alarm of fire brings fear to persons in every section of this big

# DISGRACE

Harry Egbert Pays the **Penalty for His Crimes** on the Scaffold.

#### **GIVES WORDS OF ADVICE**

Without an Outward Sign of Fear a Double Murderer Is Hanged at Salem — First Execution Under New Law.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Jan. 29 .- "My friends, take me s an example. If you have children, remember me and bring them up so that they will not follow in my steps. My heart aches for them. Keep them in at night away from the saloons and out of bad company Bad raising and bad company brought me here. I repent of my sins and am ready to die. It is not true that I have any hatred for the woman I I still love her with all my heart and die true to her. My heart is too full to say anything more.

With farewell address to those assen bled to witness the first legal execution at the state penitentiary, Harry D. Egbert, or John H. Frost swung into eter-nity at 12:42 o'clock this afternoon. The drop was seven feet. At 12:52 Dr. J. D. Shaw, prison physician, and Dr. E. A. Pierce, member of the state health board, pronounced that the heart had ceased beating. Death was caused by the disloeation of the neck.

As the doomed man stood on the tran door no finer built man ever faced death He bore the ordeal with military forti-tude, and as he faced the witnesses, scarcely a tremor went through his strong physique. Robust and athletic, he was at the threshhold of another world, all ready to die.

March from the Cell.

The march from the cell begun at 12:35. Just prior to this Superintendent C. W. James announced that all was ready and produced the death warrant. Egbert waived its reading. Suthe spiritual adviser, led the procession while supporting the condemned man were Warden Frank Curtis and Assistant J. D. Smith.

They had to wait a moment until the prisoner rolled a last cigarette. This he smoked nonchalantly on his way to the scaffold.

His last request to Warden Curtis that he be not shackled was granted, and like a soldier he marched to meet his doom. Guard Warren Cyrus, to whom Eghert took so great a liking, was with him during the last few min-

stepped to the front to deliver his part-ing address. Placing his hand on the railing he spoke in a clear distinct voice During the speech he bowed his head and it was feared he was BATED WITH THE PLOWERS- break down. But he recovered in a second and resumed.

As he finished, his voice was filled with emotion and tears welled to his

The minister read the well known verse of John 3:xvi as the mask was adjusted and Curtis placed the noose

#### over Egbert's head. Last Solemn Rites.

"Father unto Thy keeping I commit my spirit," said Rev. St. Pierre and the body dropped to death. The black cap was disarranged, but did not expose the features. cigarettes. The cell where the murderer had been closely guarded for six

# CARNATION DAY AT WHITE HOUSE utes in the cell. Without assistance Egbert mounted the steps of the scaffold Spectators removed their hats and the prisoner removed to the front to deliver his part-

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND MEM-BERS OF THE HOUSE ARE DECO-EULOGY ON PRESIDENT M'KIN-LEY BY CHAPLAIN.

Washington, Jan. 29.-At the White House today was observed Carnation day. President Roosevelt and Secretary Fire broke out a few minutes after; The burning of the Garfield hotel Loeb were immense bouquets and gave

The house members today are nearly the block bounded by West Park, Tenth, shed in the southeast corner of the all wearing carnations. The chaplain Madison and Jefferson streets. The fire building. While a chimney from the delivered a prayer in which he eulogized is believed to have been incendiary. The kitchen passed near the spot, there had the late President McKinley. In the loss is estimated at \$65,900, on which not been a fire in the stove for hours.

dred pupils attending the school will due to fortunate circumstances. The have a holiday until next Monday, when building was a three-story one and built the president be requested to inform

### EACH ENGINEER TO HANDLE ONE ENGINE

sleeping in the rear of his place of engineer and fireman individual engines sins. Before noon he was shaved in the haps one-third of the furniture, books, business, which was directly in front and holding each responsible for their chapel. Then he dressed neatly in a maps and other articles were saved, of the kitchen. The first warning he condition. The pooling system now in dark blue suit and roll collar and black though a good deal of the property taken had was when a stick of burning tim-from the burning building was scorched ber tumbled from the celling upon the company, as too many men handle the same engines. The return to the in-

Physicians held the body counting the heart beats. In 10 minutes the man was rad and the law had been fully satisfied. The rope was removed and the corpse laid in a plain pine coffin Superintendent James summoned the following citizens to certify to the fact that the hanging had been legally carried out: J. E. Roberts, Melton Hamilton, H. D. Patton, Earl Race, H. G. Meyer, James Linn, Frank W. Dunbar, J. A. Simpson, Oscar Johnson, D. V. Vaughn, Henry Downing, A. O. Disque. The dean of Willamette University requested the body, but the superintendent will hold it until satisfied the relatives will not claim it. From 10 o'clock Bakersfield, Cal., Jan. 29.-It is re- when Egbert rose and dressed, the minported here that the Southern Phcific ister was with him, listening to his prowill return to old method of giving every fessing religion and repenting for his use is unsatisfactory to both men and necktle. He constantly found solace in

(Continued on Page Five.)

# LAKE MICHIGAN SOLID WITH ICE

(Journal Special Service.) end, is stretched as motionies. Chicago, Jan. 29.—Lake Michigan is prairie under the silence of ice and shore to shore today. This snow. One could start across the lake frozen from shore to shore today. This condition, almost unheard of, is the cumulative result of the continuous cold side.

weather, the temperature in December Along the city's waterfront, espeand January having been lower than cially near the mouth of the river, the any winter since 1876. It is the first the lake has been entirely covered

snow. One could start across the lake today and arrive dry shod on the other

ice is particularly heavy. Wind and waves have piled it against numerous with ice in many scores of years. Even obstructions and into the semblance of in the most severe winters a strip of glacial bergs. Solid ice reaching from blue water usually remains unfrozen in the bottom to 20 feet above the surthe middle of the lake. For weeks this strip has been growing narrower, and the cold weather of today bridged it the Arctic. Windrows of ice 15 feet over, and Lake Michigan, from end to high are often half a mile long.

Paris, Jan. 29.—Ten persons were killed and five seriously injured in an explosion of acetaline gas in a village over, and Lake Michigan, from end to high are often half a mile long.

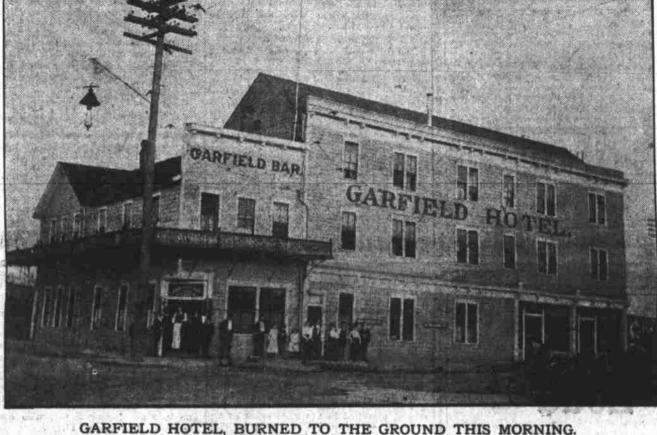
received here today informing the Russian authorities that the mobilization of Japan's army continues. The effect of for dispatching troops already ordered panies. to the north but whose departure was delayed owing to the peaceful aspect of though war is inevitable. CONCESSIONS PROM JAPAN.

WAR SEEMS SURE.

London, Jan. 29.—The Contral News today says it is authoritatively informed that Japan is not anxious to deprive Arthur and Dalny, Japan is ready recognize Russia's special interests in those places and also Manchuria.

REPLY YET DELAYED. London, Jan. 29.—Haysshi today said the Russian reply had not yet left St. Petersburg and not the slightest inkling of its contents would be given out.

TEN PERSONS KILLED.



GARFIELD HOTEL, BURNED TO THE GROUND THIS MORNING

## TWO FIRES CAUSE It is expected that final details LOSS OF \$85,000

Lives Menaced in Destruction of Garfield Hotel-Park School Totally Destroyed---800 Pupils Have a Holiday Until Monday.

conclusions which will be drafted and there is \$22,000 insurance. Eight hundred pupils attending the school will due to fortunate circumstances. submission to be made to the czar for his final approval. Among those present were Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, War Minister Kuropatkin, Vice Admiral

lieved, will receive the signatures of all members of the council, and will be Frank Rigler, superintendent of city of the place. The final conclusions reached by schools, estimates the loss at \$65,000. He reckons the value of the contents the same official assurances were given that the subject was considered in a of the building at \$5,000, although the original cost was much greater. pacific spirit, and with a determination this item there is \$2,000 insurance. Perto do all possible to preserve peace and haps one-third of the furniture, books, to successfully terminate the negotia-Port Arthur, Jan. 29 .- A telegram was or damaged by water.

one of the largest frame school houses in the city, he places at \$60,000. The to get some other valuables, but found the telegram was to renew preparations insurance is placed among these com- the place filled with smoke and flames.

school amounted to \$22,000, of which affairs. Authorities here today act as \$20,000 was on the building and \$2,000 action a number of fatalities would unon its contents. The insurance was doubtedly have occurred, as some placed among the following companies: Hartford-Connecticut, \$1,500; \$1,000; Queen, \$3,000; American of Phil-adelphia, \$1,250; Westchester, \$2,000; American of Newark, \$1,000; Phoenix of Russia of access to warm water seas and Brooklyn. \$1,000; London & Lancashire, thing, and a number of them left withdoes not ask the evacuation of Port \$2,000; United States, \$1,000; Pennsyl- out clothes, not having time to get them to vania, \$1,000; N. B. & Mercantile, \$2,-in 000; Phoenix of London, \$1,250; Nisgara, \$2,000; Northern Assurance, \$2,000, on

10 o'clock last night and within two this morning was due to the work of a each visitor a boutonnierre. hours destroyed Park school, occupying firebug. The flames started in a wood-That loss of life was avoided is only the chaplain were the flower.

they will be distributed among other of wood. There were but two front the senate whether all the correspondnce schools. At a special meeting of the exits, one on Savier street and the from Colombia over the Panama affair school board tomorrow steps will be other on Fourteenth street, near Savier. had been sent to the senate and, if not, taken toward rebuilding the structure. This necessitated the occupants in the that all be sent unless incompatible with Fire Chief Campbell and Chief of Po- south part of the house going as far as public interest. gation of the cause of the fire. Neigh-bors asserted that a gang of young fire started in the front of the house the rowdles has been making the building only salvation for the roomers would a night rendezvous, insuiting passers- have been to jump from the windows or grope to the narrow stairs in the rear

Scene of Confusion.

The first man routed out by the flames was J. C. Johnson, who runs the grocery store, and lost \$1,000. He was or damaged by water.

The loss on the building, which was the front door, dragging his trunk after dividual system will be welcomed by the He at once rushed up stairs, shouting caped only by a narrow margin of time.

Some Lost Their Clothes. There were 66 persons in the build-ing, the majority of whom lost everyour clothes, not having time to get them before escaping. When the alarm bewith a confused mass of people rushing with a confused mass of people rushing in every direction. But for the cools ness of a number of the men present a panic would have ensued, the narrow stairs jammed with those rushing to escape, and a miniature Iroquois horror date. The cruiser is one of the finest of the constructed at these constructed and not noticed any further sinking, and had not noticed any further sinking.

# The total insurance on the Park the alarm and pounding on the doors to amounted to \$22,000, of which the alarm and pounding on the doors to awake on the building and \$2,000 was on the building and \$2,000 awake the sleepers. But for his prompt SLOWLY SINKING

(Journal Special Service.) Providing for Pupils.

Attending the school were about 800 pupils. They had no studies today, but the school board has already formed plans to provide for them temporarily until a new building is erected. They will be accommodated at other schools until temporary structures can be fin an in an inch, wedges were driven under the constructed on Page Two.)

In every almost of the men present a panic would have ensued, the narrow with the launching of the vessel, which was to have taken place at an early date. The cruiser is one of the finest of the big, swift vessels for the navy and the iron works beeple are very much works beeple are very much works beeple are very much works one of the finest of the big, swift vessels for the navy substantial boats in the dining-room of the place, had a room in the front part of the house. She rushed to the street with no-clothing the school work are already formed plans to provide for them temporarily until a new building is erected. They will be accommodated at other schools until temporary structures can be the dining-room of the place, had a room in the front part of the house. She rushed to the street with no-clothing the school was to have taken place at an early date. The cruiser is one of the finest of the big, swift vessels for the navy much works beeple are very much was to have taken place without fear of damage with the launching of the vessel, which was to have taken place at an early date. The cruiser is one of the finest of the big, swift vessels for the navy was to have taken place at an early date. The cruiser is one of the finest of the big, swift vessels for the navy was to have taken place without fear of damage with the launching of the vessel, which was to have taken place without fear of the many was to have taken place without fear of the finest of the big, swift vesse

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—The ways un-der the cruiser California, now build- Constructor Adams said today that he