

# PORTLAND WELCOMES DELEGATES TO MINING CONGRESS WHILE OREGON OFFERS THEM VAST OPPORTUNITIES

## CONGRESS CONVENES

Annual Assembly of the  
Nation's Mine Operators  
Begins Work.

## FACES BIG PROBLEMS

Chief One Is How to Secure Federal  
Aid—Hard Fight Promised Over  
Location of Headquarters—  
The Day's Program.

Tomorrow the real business of the congress will be taken up, when the resolutions committee is ready to report. Action is regarded probable then on the department of mines and minerals, and it is barely possible that the experiment stations discussed before will be recommended or discontinued. As several topics assigned the speakers have immediate and vital bearing upon the mining industry, some of the remarks delivered may give birth to new resolutions and recommendations on the part of the congress, especially the speech of Senator J. H. Mitchell in regard to a branch mint in Portland. It is not feared, however, that the meeting place for the following year nor selection of permanent headquarters will be taken up until nearer the close of the congress.

From every state in the Union, where mining is an industry, came the delegates who gathered this morning for the seventh annual session of the American Mining Congress, which convened in the big banner-decked drill hall of the Third Regiment armory. From Montana and from far-away Maine, from California and Colorado and Utah and Texas and a score of other states came enthusiastic delegations, all bent upon the common purpose of advancing the mining interests of the continent.

The scene within the congress was called to order by President J. H. Richards was a brilliant one. Flags of all nations draped the walls of the hall, the stars and stripes predominating, and the platform was adorned with a profusion of flowers and foliage. Immediately in front of the platform sat the delegates, each decorated with his badge of membership and each wearing in his button-hole a beautiful rose, presented by the women of the Portland Rose association.

Rival Delegations.  
Conspicuous among the delegates were the representatives from Salt Lake and Denver, warm rivals in the contest to secure the permanent headquarters of the congress for their respective cities, and the enthusiastic boomers from El Paso, who are making a determined fight to capture the congress of 1906.

Back of the delegates and in the gallery were seated the spectators and the rear of the hall was occupied with diversified exhibits largely from the rich mining districts of southern Oregon. A feature of the program was the music of the Royal Italian band, which generously gave its services for the occasion.

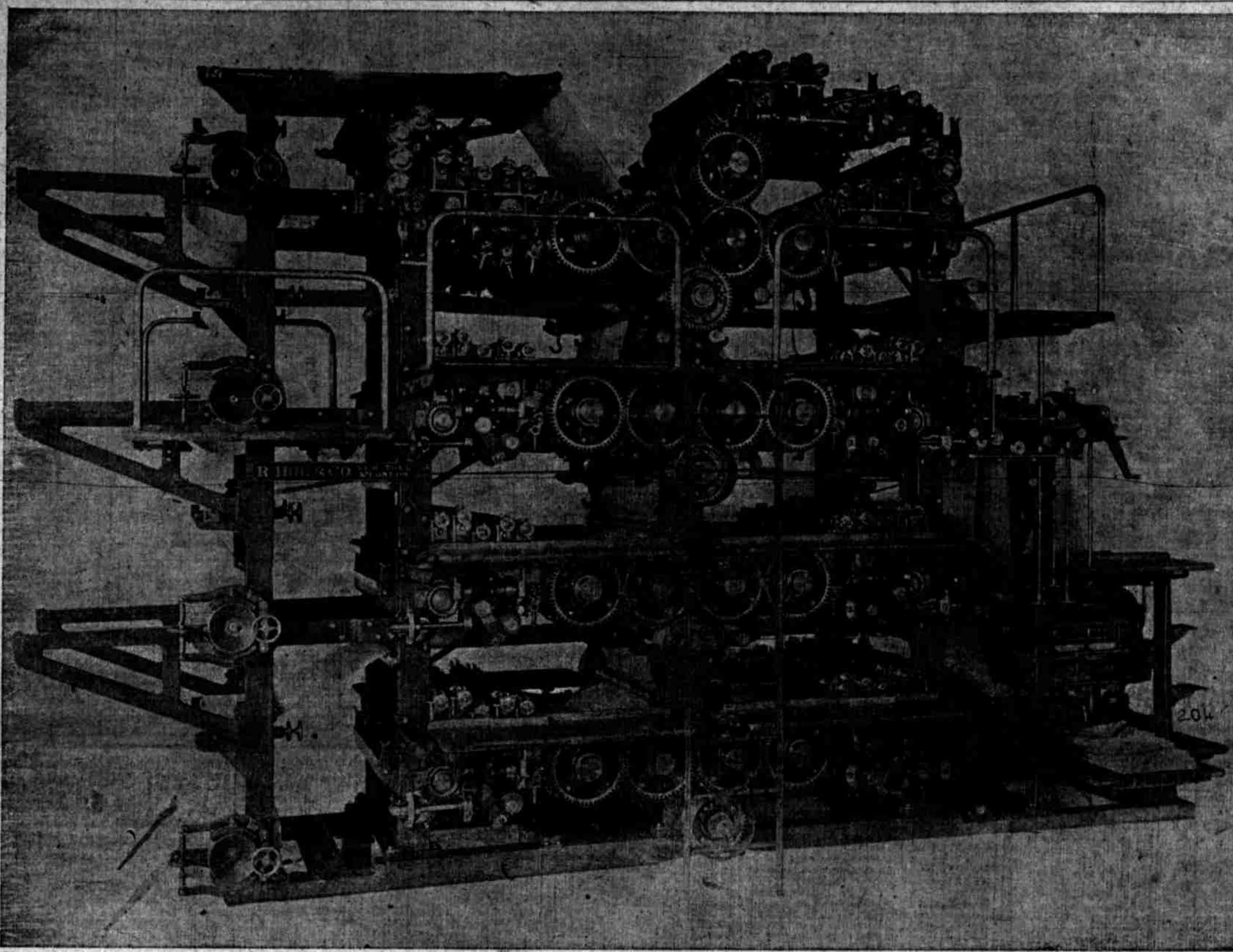
Today's program was devoted almost entirely to addresses, which are pre-

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## SHIP MINNESOTA IS GIVEN A RECEPTION

New York, Aug. 22.—A large number of persons prominent in the world of commerce and industry, guests today of the Great Northern Steamship company aboard the new steamship Minnesota, which arrived last night from the yards at New London, Conn.

After the ship had been inspected a luncheon was served which was followed by several short addresses extolling the enterprise of the company and its president, James J. Hill. The Minnesota is the largest American-built vessel afloat and will ply between Seattle, Tacoma and the far east.



THE JOURNAL'S GIANT FIVE-STORY RAINBOW PRESS

One of the superb pieces of mechanism the eye could rest on is the new five-story rainbow press which has just been installed at The Journal office. It is in reality four distinct presses in one with a superimposed deck capable of printing in four colors. This means that the press will print 22 complete pages with a single impression, that it will print 24,000 complete 16-page papers every hour and that it will print in all

the colors employed by any of the great Sunday newspapers of the United States. This magnificent machine is the product of R. Hoe & Co.'s great New York establishment. It is known as a quadruple, straight-line Hoe perfecting press. It stands 14½ feet above the floor level and extends three feet below the level of the press room floor, thus giving an actual altitude of 17½ feet. It is 20 feet in length and requires 50 horse-power to drive it at speed. It

consists of more than 20,000 separate pieces and to see them scattered about in what seems the utmost confusion and from that confusion to see the machine itself evolved as accurate and unerring as the machine itself does its allotted work, is to give a profound opinion not only of the capacity of the men who produce the machine but of the man who assembles the parts and puts them together. There are 17 big printing cylinders and all the correlative devices

and 72 composition rollers for the distribution of the ink. In a single hour's run the great press eats up 100 pounds of ink; 1,200 pounds of stereotype metal is required daily to supply it with casts of printing plates. In one hour's run it prints, cuts, pastes, folds and delivers 33 1-3 miles of paper 33 inches wide.

The machine worked without a jar or hitch from the moment it was set up. The work of setting up the machine was done by Paul Exanoff, who came here directly from the Hoe factory in New York for that purpose. Everything proceeded like clockwork under his supervision and the result is everything that could be desired.

The big machine, which is incomparably the finest in Oregon, is now ready for inspection. It may be seen on the Yamhill side of The Journal building, where hundreds have already inspected it and where the public is cordially invited to see it in motion.

## PACKERS' STRIKE GROWS DEADLY

(Journal Special Service.)  
Chicago, Aug. 22.—In the discovery this morning of the body of a working man, with his head beaten to a pulp, on the prairie near the stockyards, the police believe they have found a victim of strike violence.

Fearing worse violence than heretofore, the police this morning strengthened their lines in the strike district and adopted stringent measures. Thomas Stroker, business agent of the Meat Cutters union, was arrested while endeavoring to prevent non-union men from entering the yards.

Practically every striker went on duty as a picket today, all working under a

thoroughly organized plan; to combat this plan a similar organization of police was effected.

It is estimated that fully 1,000 strike-breakers who went out Saturday failed to return this morning.

MILLION HEAD LESS.  
(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, Aug. 22.—The effect of the packinghouse strike is shown in the comparative reports of livestock for July of this year and last. The five principal western markets as reported to the department of commerce and labor, show a decrease in July under last year's receipts of 1,065,636 head.

## ROOSEVELT EMULATES PARKER BY SWIMMING

(Journal Special Service.)  
Oyster Bay, Aug. 22.—President Roosevelt and his clerical force resumed their routine work this morning and the executive offices were opened at an early hour. The president and Secretary Loeb ground out a large number of letters after which the president played tennis with his boys.

This afternoon he took a swim after which he worked a little on his letter of acceptance and then went horseback riding with Mrs. Roosevelt.

CONGRESS OF NEGROES.  
(Journal Special Service.)  
Natchez, Miss., Aug. 22.—The Negro Young People's Christian Educational Congress, which was launched in Atlanta two years ago with an attendance of 1,500, began a week's session in this city today. The object of the organization is to follow out Booker Washington's teachings by encouraging the young members of the race to high ideals of right living, socially, morally, religiously and industrially.

## SCHUMANN-HEINK HAS APPENDICITIS ATTACK

(Journal Special Service.)  
Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Sickened and compelled Mrs. Schumann-Heink to cancel a concert engagement at the town hall here last night. She was confined to her room in the Grand Union hotel suffering great pain, and left for New York on a special car. The house physician diagnosed the prima donna's illness as appendicitis.

## CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 22.—The annual state fair of the California Agricultural society opened here today under auspices of a most favorable character. Many visitors are already here and the attendance promises to eclipse all records of former years. All departments are well filled with exhibits which strikingly illustrate the vast industrial and agricultural resources of the state. A good program of harness races will be pulled off in connection with the fair.

## POLICE BELIEVE MORSE IS DEAD

From Latest Evidence Officers Are  
Convinced That Thugs Killed and  
Robbed Him Wednesday.

The police believe that E. C. Morse was murdered by thugs Wednesday night somewhere between East Twenty-eighth and Gilman streets and his home, one mile distant. This afternoon Deputy City License Inspector Hutchinson and his brother, accompanied by some friends, are scouring the brush along the road that leads through Ladd's field and to the Morse home.

Information imparted today by ex-Captain of Police Cox is that he saw Morse on an Ankeny street car shortly after 6 o'clock Wednesday night, accompanied by a strange man. This man is believed by the police to have been one of a pair of thugs who knew

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## Mining Stock Quotations

May be found daily on the market page of The Journal. In view of the large number of visitors interested in mining who are now in Portland, the Journal wishes to call attention to the fact that it publishes daily the mining stock reports from Boston, Colorado Springs and San Francisco. The quotations are printed on page 8 of today's issue.

## AMERICA BECOMES FACTOR IN WAR

(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, Aug. 22.—A dispatch to the state department from Consul-General Goodnow at Shanghai, confirms the Scripps News association dispatches relative to the entrance of the harbor by an American war vessel, the Chauncey, and details the part played by that vessel in preserving the neutrality of the port.

According to the dispatches a Japanese torpedo boat, stripped for action, sailed in threateningly to attack the Russian warships which had sought refuge therein. The Chauncey steamed in and placed herself between the Japanese torpedo boat and the Askold, which had been docked at docks belonging to a British company. Next to the dock are properties owned by German, Dutch and American interests and close by are the \$1,000,000 warehouses of the Standard Oil company.

No announcement as to the action of the Chauncey has been made, but it was unquestionably her intention to so place herself that the immense American interests should not be endangered by a battle without a protest. Had the Japanese torpedo boat opened fire on the Askold the Standard Oil warehouses would almost certainly have been destroyed.

The Russian consul still refuses to comply with the order that the Russian warships must dismantle or leave the harbor.

Acting Secretary of State Adee and Acting Secretary of the Navy Darling

were at noon holding a conference on the subjects presented in the dispatch.

## CONSULS DISCUSS SITUATION.

Askold Cannot Leave Harbor on Account of Low Water.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Shanghai, Aug. 22.—A meeting of the foreign consuls in the city this morning resulted in the preparation of a statement to establish the facts regarding the Russian warships in the harbor. The consuls will hold another meeting this afternoon, but no preliminary announcement has come from them.

The Tao Tai has given the Askold and Groszov until noon tomorrow to leave the port. No repairs to the vessels will be permitted. The Askold, however, cannot cross the bar this week owing to low tides, which will naturally act as an unavoidable stay of departure.

## ITALY INDONES AMERICA.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Rome, Aug. 22.—It is announced today that the Italian squadron in the far east has been ordered to co-operate with America to maintain the neutrality of China.

The government heartily indorses America's action in the Shanghai incident, and believes that her prompt action prevented the Japanese boat assuming the offensive against the helpless Russian cruiser Askold.

## TAXES ON OLD BASIS

County Assessor Will  
Value Property at  
50 Per Cent.

## FEARS COUNCIL ACTION

Would Use 70 Per Cent Valuation  
Were He Sure Taxes Would Not  
Be Raised in the Same  
Proportion.

No change will be made in the basis of tax valuations in this county for the current year. County Assessor C. E. McDowell has definitely decided to adhere to the plan followed in the past, of making tax valuations upon the basis of 50 per cent of the market value of the property.

The consequence of this decision is that the assessment roll of the city of Portland will be increased this year only by the natural growth of values, and by the added tax on personal property, resulting from the abolition of tax exemption by the last legislature. The increase from these two sources will raise the city roll from \$46,000,000 to something over \$51,000,000.

Assessor McDowell's decision was reached after consultation with a large number of property-owners and officials of the city and county. His original idea was to raise the valuation of all property in the county from the present rate of 50 per cent of the market value to 70 per cent. There were strong reasons in favor of such a change. Objection was made, however, that with an increased valuation city taxes might be raised, and this excited considerable uneasiness among some of the larger property-owners.

"I found, after consulting many taxpayers," said the assessor, "that the consensus of opinion was against any change in the basis of assessment. Taxpayers are generally satisfied that the present city council would not take advantage of an increased assessment roll to levy a higher city tax, but they are afraid that the next council might not be so conservative. I am satisfied that the present council would act wisely in fixing the city levy, and I feel sure that if I had asked them for an assurance that the amount of the levy would not exceed a certain sum, at least a majority of the councilmen would have given it. But the uncertainty as to the action of future city officials makes many taxpayers averse to any change in the assessment, and I have decided to be guided by their views.

"Another thing that has influenced me is the fact that many small taxpayers, who own personal property, have hitherto been exempt from paying taxes upon it this year. The law was amended by the last legislature and the \$300 exemption of personal property was repealed. Many of these small property owners can ill afford to pay heavier taxes, and they would probably be opposed to an increase in valuations, even if assured that it would bring no heavier city taxes next year."

Much of the assessment work has already been done upon the supposition that values would be raised in accordance with the plan originally entertained by the assessor. It will be necessary to rewrite a part of the roll, but Assessor McDowell says that this can be done without additional expense to the county.

FIRES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.  
Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 22.—Destructive fires are still burning and it is estimated in official sources that the loss to date will aggregate \$2,600,000.

SLEEPS THROUGH ROBBERY.  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Rathdrum, Idaho, Aug. 22.—Mrs. May Dyer had \$18 stolen from her bed while asleep last night. The thief did not wake her, so quietly did he do his work.

## SAYS MRS. BOTKIN SHOULD BE EXECUTED

(Journal Special Service.)  
San Francisco, Aug. 22.—Cordeia Botkin was this morning denied a new trial for the murder of Mrs. John F. Danahy and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

In passing sentence, the court said the woman should have been sentenced to be hanged and that the jury erred in fixing the punishment at imprisonment for life.

While no announcement has been made, it is understood that an attempt will be made to carry the case to another trial in the federal court on the ground that two states are involved in the crime.