

GOOD EVENING.

THE WEATHER: Tonight and Friday, fair; cooler Friday; northeasterly winds.

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BOTH HORNS OF RUSSIAN CRESCENT ARE CRUMPLED, AND KUROKI IS STRIKING TO NORTH OF KUROPATKIN'S FORCES

Japanese Force Passage of Taitze River, and Russians Defending Liao Yang Run—Losses Exceed 25,000.

Mikado's Army Plainly Aiming to Strike Russian Line of Communication With Mukden—Storm Today Makes Fighting Very Difficult.

(Journal Special Service.) Tokyo, Sept. 1.—(Bulletin)—News reached here at 7 o'clock this evening that the Russian right center defending Liao Yang was retreating with the Japanese in full pursuit.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, Sept. 1.—(Bulletin)—The report that the Japanese under General Kuroki have crossed the Taitze river has been confirmed in an official dispatch from General Sakharoff.

(Journal Special Service.) London, Sept. 1.—(Bulletin)—The Exchange Telegraph reports that official confirmation has been received in London of the report that the Russian right center is in full retreat with Generals Oku and Nodzu in pursuit.

(Journal Special Service.) Mukden, Sept. 1.—(Bulletin)—It is reported here that 10,000 Japanese are advancing from the northeast of Mukden. The report can not, however, be confirmed.

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CAPT. CHARLES GLEN COLLINS AND HIS WIFE, WHO WAS MISS NATHALIE SCHENCK.

AMERICAN BRIDE DROPS CAPT. COLLINS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) New York, Sept. 1.—After a little more than four months of wedded life, Captain and Mrs. Charles Glen Collins have separated.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Mrs. Collins, a blond of most delicate beauty, one of the most popular and attractive young women in society.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Capt. Collins is at Monte Carlo, where fortune has often smiled on him—but more often frowned.

MURDERER STILL HIDES ON ISLAND

Accosted by a man named Henry, working in a wheat field on Seavies island this morning at an early hour, Bert Oakman, the murderer of Frank Bennett, turned and fled into the timber.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Yesterday once, but often—those same guns found themselves resting with silent, gaping mouths toward the enemy, every man who had been serving them being dead or wounded beneath their caissons.

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LOS ANGELES HEARS OF A MISSING BANKER

(Journal Special Service.) Cambridge, O., Sept. 1.—According to advices received by the chief of police, H. A. Barber of this city, vice-president and director of the Commercial bank of Cambridge, which failed June 14, has been staying at the Hollenbeck hotel in Los Angeles.

(Journal Special Service.) Boston, Sept. 1.—Senator Lodge is ill of bronchitis at his home at Napant, and will give up speech-making for at least a week.

MYSTERY OF HARMAN

Deserted His Wife and Family, Ran Away With Stenographer.

HIS FAMILY IN WANT

Prominent in Iowa Political and Business Circles Before Elopement—Sought a Refuge in Portland.

It is the story of a remarkable career and an awful undoing that the mysterious disappearance of John D. Harmer, who represented himself as a Chicago architect, with offices in the Commercial block, brings out.

Harmer was until a few years ago one of the leading sash and door manufacturers in the Mississippi valley, and the woman he lived with here as his wife, is a girl who was his stenographer in his palmy days.

Back at Burlington, Iowa, where Harmer began life as a carpenter, he arose to a position as one of the state's leading citizens. By industry and ability he became a contractor, then a manufacturer in a small way, and finally he succeeded in financing and constructing a great mill plant, known as the J. D. Harmer sash and door mill.

Not long afterward the business of the mill began showing signs of crumbling. Harmer was the center of a financial wave that swept away all the accumulation of his proprietor's long years of toil.

His whereabouts becoming known to his family back in Iowa, an effort was commenced by the deserted wife, to induce him to assist in the support of her children.

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STRIKE SITUATION NEARS A CRISIS

More Than 800 Police Are Distributed About Stockyards Today in Expectation of Trouble.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Sept. 1.—Following the decisive measures taken by the strike leaders yesterday in calling out the handlers of the livestock, and the order to close the independent firms down, the situation apparently resolved itself into a waiting game until this morning.

Throughout the night everything was quiet and, with the exception of a few minor incidents of no consequence, there was nothing to cause apprehension. With the opening of business hours this morning, however, more than 800 police were distributed about the yards in anticipation of trouble, which it is considered by many will be the inevitable end.

What causes the most apprehension on the part of the police is the fact that the livestock handlers compose a force numbering about 2,000 men. They are mostly brawny, reckless young men, who will not be balked in any undertaking that may appear to them to be on the side of right, and in the interest of the cause for which they gave up their places at the yards.

Rigid picketing by the strikers is in progress today and the order promulgated yesterday by the labor leaders that no one was to be allowed to enter into or come out from the stockyards will, it is understood, be enforced by them to the letter, if it is possible for their force of more than 12,000 pickets to do so.

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At a meeting held in the Mohawk building this afternoon the consolidation of the Portland Railway company and the City & Suburban Railway company was consummated. The name of the new corporation is Portland & Suburban Railway company. The capital stock authorized is \$5,000,000, of which \$4,000,000 is issued in payment for the properties of the old companies. Under the terms of division agreed upon, two thirds of the stock goes to the City & Suburban railroad company stockholders and one third to the owners of the Portland Railway company.

The vote on consolidation was unanimous. The stock of the Portland Railway company was voted by the Portland Traction company. The stockholders of the City & Suburban were present at the meeting and voted to consolidate. Practically all interested stockholders were in attendance and voting.

The consolidation conveys to the Portland & Suburban company approximately 100 miles of street railway, complete car shops and the equipment of two very large street railway systems, and it thus becomes one of the largest and heaviest street railway transactions in the history of the Pacific coast.

The election of officers for the new company was not reached by this afternoon's meeting, but it is assured that the management of the old companies will be in the hands of some of Portland's best business men, thoroughly familiar with the needs of the city and the operation of transportation lines. While no official announcement can be made today, it is understood that the combined interests have practically decided upon A. L. Mills for president. Prominent in the practical management will be C. F. Swigert of the City & Suburban, W. I. Fuller and J. O. Alsworth of the Portland Railway company. In the directorate of the new company the interests of the old companies are represented in proportion to their holdings. A decidedly progressive policy will dominate the new corporation.

Reasons of Consolidation. There were two paramount reasons that brought the stockholders of the two opposing companies together. The first was to put a stop to the threatened paralleling of their tracks in the struggle for control of the passenger carrying business in the main residence districts of Portland; and the second was to enable them to extend out into the growing suburbs with an assurance that the business sought would be permanent and profitable. The economy of operation was also an important but secondary factor in the situation. Both companies have established their own car building departments and large, commodious car barns. Those properties

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BRAVE WOMAN PUTS BURGLAR TO FLIGHT

With a heavy silver and ebony hair brush, Mrs. H. Erickson put a burglar to flight just before daylight this morning. She caught him crouching behind her bedroom door, attempting to open it, and she took careful aim, striking him a stinging blow over the head. Howling with pain, he jumped to his feet, crying: "Oh, don't kill me!" He then took to his heels and ran down stairs, disappearing down Union avenue.

"I was sleeping with my sister, and was awakened by the creaking of the door between the bedroom and the kitchen. I roused my sister, telling her some one was trying to get in. Together we got up and took the light lamp and went to the door. I had my hair brush, which is of heavy ebony, mounted with silver. We surprised the burglar and caught him crouching by the door, trying to

open it without making a noise. I took deliberate aim and brought the burglar down on his head with all my might. I guess he thought I had a revolver, and I'm sorry I did not. He jumped to his feet and dashed out through the kitchen, down the front stairs and away. I called Mr. Wright, the landlord, but when he got there it was too late.

"After the affair was over, sister and I nearly fainted, we were so weak from fright. But while the burglar was there we never thought of being afraid. The burglar got nothing for his trouble. Even had he ransacked the room he would not have been rewarded. I have my revolver ready now, for any future intruders, and will use it."

SHOOT'S HERSELF AND THEN SINGS HYMNS

Bleeding from a self-inflicted wound in her chest, Mrs. Carrie L. Cienaghen sang "Nearer My God to Thee" while her husband and neighbors were trying to stop the flow of blood. The wound was caused by a shot fired from a revolver about 4 o'clock this morning.

At this time Mrs. Cienaghen was suffering from a severe attack of general insanity. She is now lying at the Good Samaritan hospital. The doctors have little hope of her recovery.

About 4 o'clock this morning Mrs. Cienaghen arose and went out to the kitchen. Mr. Cienaghen was awakened by his wife passing through the room. Asking the reason for her being up so early, Mrs. Cienaghen informed him that she had to prepare some milk for the baby. He went back to sleep. In a few minutes he was again awakened, this time by the sound of a shot. Rushing to the kitchen, Mr. Cienaghen saw his wife standing up in the middle of the floor, her arms fixed as though preparing to strike a forward blow. Her nightgown was on fire, having caught from the pistol shot.

"I have shot myself," she calmly remarked as her husband rushed up to

IN EXCURSION BOAT DISASTER 25 DROWN

(Journal Special Service.) Athens, Sept. 1.—An excursion boat filled with people was caught in a gale near Volo today and 25 persons were drowned.

The boat attempted to turn after the full sweep of the gale had reached it, evidently in the hope of gaining shelter. It braced to, was struck by a sea and capsized.

WOODBURN DOCTOR FORFEITS HIS BOND

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Woodburn, Or., Sept. 1.—Dr. F. H. Williams, who was again arrested last night on a warrant charging him with practicing medicine without a license, failed to appear today after giving \$100 bond. Williams owned the prosecuting witnesses. It is said \$125.00 room rent. He pleaded guilty to the first offense last Saturday and paid \$100 fine, and then resumed his practice here again.

EARL GRAY GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA

(Journal Special Service.) London, Sept. 1.—Formal announcement was made today of the appointment of Earl Gray, formerly lord lieutenant of Northumberland, as governor general of Canada, to succeed Milne.

SENATOR LODGE ILL (Journal Special Service.) Boston, Sept. 1.—Senator Lodge is ill of bronchitis at his home at Napant, and will give up speech-making for at least a week.